

# May 2022 Magazine

Rector Vacancy     *The Revd. Andrea Hagenbuch has been appointed as Interim Priest and can be contacted for pastoral emergencies on 0141 942 0029*

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The cover picture – All Saints Church taken just after our Easter Service

## *All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church*

*Drymen Road Bearsden*



May 2022

Dear All,

This week we have spent a few days in Glen Clova, the stamping ground of my childhood. What a wonderful time we had! The glen was looking spectacular in the glorious weather reminding us of what a special place this is. For a time, we were able to forget the cares and concerns of the world and our lives.

But it seems there is always something to worry about.....

I remember a wise colleague of mine saying once "The trouble with life is, it's just one damn thing after another!"

I'm sure most of us can resonate with this. Evidence, as if we need it, is the last few years. No sooner had a deal for Brexit finally been agreed then Covid struck, just as we were emerging from that ordeal Putin invades Ukraine. But I sense it has been ever thus! Since the time of Adam and Eve there has been good and bad in the world. Human nature has always been complexed, inherently loving and giving on the one hand but selfish and greedy on the other.

However, God understands the human condition. He understands our frailties and vulnerabilities, but above all he understands our insecurities and fear. Consequently, he came and lived among us shared our earthly existence as the person of Jesus Christ. He taught us how to love and forgive. He performed miracles of compassion and finally suffered death at the hands of his opposers. But most extraordinarily that wasn't the end! On Easter Day we gathered to celebrate his great victory over death - The Resurrection!

Most of the Gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus are surrounded understandably by amazement, terror, fear and confusion. St Mark tells us that Mary Magdalene, with other women, came early to the tomb. They were amazed and frightened when the young man had told them that Jesus was not there because he had risen, and they went away trembling with fear.

In St Matthew's gospel the first words of the angel to the women are 'Do not be afraid'. But they are afraid and run away. When Jesus appears to them later in the upper room, still locked in fear of the authorities, they are startled and terrified as they think they are seeing a ghost.

In the account from St John's Gospel the Beloved Disciple hesitates before going into the tomb as he fears what he will find. Then we hear of Mary crying by the tomb. "Do not be afraid", says the angel. "Do not be afraid", says Jesus. But of course, they are.

Earlier in his gospel St Matthew records the moment when Peter walks across the Sea of Galilee towards Jesus and suddenly his faith fails him, and he begins to sink. He cries out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

There are good reasons in this life to doubt, to be of little faith, and good reasons to be afraid. We fear for the people of Ukraine, we fear war in Europe, and we fear for ourselves. We all face the future with uncertainty.

Fear has been a common dominator for all people since time began. But into the reality of this fear and suffering, we hear the words of Jesus. "Do not be afraid." The Jesus who speaks these words to us today speaks with authority as he has faced his own fear. 'Father, let this cup pass me by. Yet not my will but yours be done.' This is the apparently defeated and dejected Jesus who was betrayed and denied, flogged and mocked, nailed to the Cross. This same Jesus, who suffered and died, is the Jesus whose resurrection from the dead we celebrate at Easter.

In the resurrection love overcame death and fear on the cross. God's love is so intense, so powerful, so creative and so mysterious. It's the love that makes new beginnings possible in the most extraordinary and astonishing way.

St Paul affirms this in his letter to the Romans when he says,

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

So, do not be afraid!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Many Easter blessings to you all

Andrea

There will be a service at St Andrew's Milngavie at **10am on Thursday 26th May** to celebrate **Ascension Day**. Please do join us for this service.

## VESTRY NOTES – MEETING OF 7 APRIL

### Recovery From Covid

It is no longer a requirement to wear masks for services in the Church, although it is appreciated that some people may wish to continue to wear them and this will be respected. People may sit where they wish, but it is assumed that those who do not want to wear a mask will keep a distance from those who do. Masks will continue to be worn for Communion. For the moment wine will not be offered.

### The Garden

We have finally managed to find a builder to rebuild the wall between the garden and the neighbouring house in Colquhoun Drive, and it is hoped the work will start very soon. (See plans on p5)

### Vacancy Documentation

Most of the documentation for the advertisement of the vacancy is now ready and will be submitted to the Diocese as soon as possible.

### Refurbishment of the Rectory

Work is continuing on the Rectory. The roof has been repaired and is now watertight. With the exception of the sitting room the carpets have been removed. New carpets have been chosen for the staircase and the hall, and the new incumbent will be able to choose the carpets for the other rooms.

### Platinum Jubilee

There will be a tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. Everyone is invited and details will be announced as soon as possible. (See the article on p5)

### Wednesday Lunch Group

This session's lunches ended on 6 April with a Celebration Lunch for everyone to give thanks for the happy times we have shared since the end of the lockdown. The proceeds of the lunches and the sale will be divided between the Church Flower Group and the Ukraine Appeal. The Vestry would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the lunches so successful.

The Wednesday Lunch Group will start again in September, and it is hoped there will be a day trip in the summer to which everyone is invited.

Brenda Hadcroft

## PROGRESS ON RECTOR VACANCY

It is now 6 months since Kirstin officially left her position as our Rector and the Congregation may be wondering why a replacement has not appeared. The short, or is it long, answer to the question is that the Vestry have been very active behind the scenes, but the procedures that must be completed are many.

Following our Meeting with the Bishop and Dean we have been putting together the necessary documentation they require before the vacancy can be advertised. These are a Profile of what we seek in a new Rector and a broader Parish Profile describing our history and who we are.

Using the valuable feedback from the Questionnaires, completed by many of you, this information has been put together and summarised by the efforts of Celia, Louise, and Tracey. This draft was then circulated and approved by the whole Vestry before forwarding to the Diocese. It is unlikely that this first draft will be accepted without change, but we await the response from the Bishop.

In parallel to this, a video has been scripted and recorded by Andrew Long with professional advice from Keith Waugh. This too is about to be forwarded to the Diocese to provide additional visual material.

Meanwhile efforts continue to repair and refurbish the Rectory in Stockiemuir Avenue, inevitably a slow process as we compete with the post-Covid demands on the building trades. It seems that everyone who has saved money during the lockdown is intent on spending it on improving or expanding their own property. Despite the delays, in part caused by the need to get three estimates for each job, we can report that the building is now weatherproof. David H and Andrew L were able to find a roofing firm between bigger jobs and in the space of a week, the roof was repaired, re-edged and provided with a new Velux window.

Internally, much remains to be done, but largely by the efforts of Anne MacDougall most of the existing very worn carpets have been lifted and removed by the firm that in due course will supply their replacements. Before that can be done, it will be necessary to get any internal renovation and redecoration completed, again a long wait for quotes and start dates from tradesmen.

Finally, with the improving weather, the Gardening Group led by Mairi and Brenda are planning to undertake some remedial work on the somewhat neglected gardens. Watch this space, or if you are able bodied, volunteer to help.

David Hamblen. Alt Lay Rep.

## RECTORY GARDEN

The church gardeners have been persuaded to offer their services for a little renovation of the rectory gardens, over the course of the Spring and Summer.

We are not aiming to be too ambitious, but will tidy up the lawns before they revert to meadowland, improve the shrubberies, add one new flower bed, restore the gravelled areas, and get some fresh colour in the various tubs and pots we have found in the garden. Actually, that does sound like quite an ambitious programme, but we think it can be done!



We are expecting to have two fairly big sessions to start with, the first being on Thursday the 5th May. We always welcome extra pairs of hands for gardening, and we're especially keen to have plenty of help for this project, as there will be a fair amount of digging and shovelling and carrying – for which many hands definitely make light work! You do not need to be an expert gardener.

As you might expect, when All Saints gardeners are active, there will be food and drink in abundance, and on this occasion, that is likely to include morning coffee, lunch and even afternoon tea!

It will definitely be helpful to know in advance who can come, so if you would like to help, whether or not you are a regular with the gardening team, please let me know, or anyone on the regular gardening team.

Mairi Ross

## PLATINUM JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

**Wednesday June 1st , 2pm , Drymen Hall**

We have decided that it would be a good and fun thing to have an afternoon tea to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** on Wednesday June 1st, and we hope that as many as possible will join us and bring a friend/s.

The Drymen Hall promises to be attired to suit the Platinum Jubilee theme!

We are however looking for help with the following items:

- small / bitesize cupcakes
- small / bitesize scones
- small pieces of tray bakes



If you are able to help with any of the items above please let us know ( the list of people to contact are noted below).

We are also appealing for:

- loans of fine bone china
- tea pots and cafetière

Please bear in mind that accidents can happen, so we would rather not have your family treasures or very special china.

There will be a form at the back of the Church, or at coffee after the service, to sign if you would like to attend and the numbers you would like to bring, if any. Unfortunately the Drymen Hall has a capacity limit so we will need to know the numbers before the event.

Please join us if you can and help to make this a special afternoon.

Anne ( MacDougall) , Brenda, Celia and Louise

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 MAY

Christian Aid is one of the UK's largest aid agencies, carrying out vital work in areas of the world which depend on aid because of disasters, famine, drought or war. However, this year, once again, there will be almost no house-to-house collections but, although we won't be knocking on doors, or indeed holding a coffee morning, there are still lots of ways people can donate to Christian Aid.

I will be leaving envelopes (and Christian Aid information leaflets) in pews in the church, and a basket at the back for the return of envelopes. However, if possible, I would welcome online giving (link below) as it doesn't require counting and banking. If you live in certain streets in Bearsden you might receive a Christian Aid leaflet anyway, outlining their work and how important it is.

I'm hoping to organise a Kiltwalk with some of the other Bearsden churches in October. Last year, Tracey, Laura and myself raised a surprising amount doing this and had great fun. If you feel tempted to join us, please let me know.

Thank you to all of you who are delivering CA leaflets around Bearsden. It's so important to get the message out there that although Covid has curtailed activities, Christian Aid is still alive and very much kicking. Thank you for your anticipated support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bearsden-christian-aid>

Celia

## ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES (ABC)

Although several interdenominational services were provided by the churches in Bearsden during Holy Week, two services were planned by the ABC specifically to acknowledge the impact of covid on our communities.

On Passion Sunday a commemorative service, held in New Kilpatrick Parish Church, reflected on the losses felt over the pandemic, particularly those whose funerals could only be attended by very limited numbers of family or friends. Each member of the congregation was provided with a piece of card containing wild flower seeds. During a time of quiet reflection, the congregation was invited to acknowledge their pain or loss by writing the names of those they wished to remember on their card which they would then take with them to plant, signifying new life and providing a lasting memorial.

The second service, held in Westerton Fairley Memorial Parish Church, was a celebratory Songs of Praise. This service was organised by the ABC lay representatives. The hymns chosen by the reps, in the case of All Saints with the assistance of our young people, were introduced by the clergy of the ABC or their representatives. The introduction to the opening hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", was particularly thought provoking, questioning whether disbelief in the resurrection is compatible with being a Christian.

An interesting presentation from the Bearsden Baptist Church's Children and Families Worker described the challenges of her job during lock down and how she had overcome them by providing outdoor activities for children in the church grounds which soon developed to include a meeting place for their parents. We also heard from a student assistant who travels from Greenock and suffers from an obsession to be early for everything.

After the service, Westerton church kindly provided the congregation with some excellent cakes, eating of which was made compulsory by the minister, and a chance to socialise. The service was widely considered to have been an inspirational end to Easter Day with a good atmosphere, many smiling faces and a suggestion it should become a regular feature in the ABC calendar.

Thank you New Kilpatrick and Westerton for hosting these special services and to everyone involved in their organisation.

Celia and Penny

## ALL SAINTS EASTER CELEBRATION

Once again, after a gap of two years due to Covid, Ann Caie and her talented team decorated the church most beautifully this Easter. Many thanks to all the helpers. This is a small selection of the flower arrangements that added to the Easter festival. The choir, accompanied by Jeremy our organist, sang with great gusto – as did the congregation. Many thanks to Revd. Sally Gorton for leading a joyful celebration.



### An Appreciation from Mary Stott

I would like to say how good it was to be in Church this Easter Day with the Church filled with spring flowers and so many members of our congregation attending. What made it so special was the large number of children present! Would that we could have them with us every week, but I realize that most were visiting their grandparents for Easter. We are so fortunate to have Sally Gorton, Moira Jamieson and John Riches to take the services during the interregnum. I also noticed that one little girl, still a baby, is taking after her Great Granny and I hope she will be a flower arranger in the future, or like her Granny a member of the choir!



## MISSION SUPPORT THANKS

### St Francis Hospital Katete

#### An update on the work of this valuable resource to the local community

Thank you for your email. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my reply. I can confirm that the hospital has received your generous donation and it is noted you wish the money to be used in connection with the Sandy Logie clinic.

After two and half years of fund raising by the Friends of St Francis Katete, for equipment acquisition and installation, the hospital now has a fully functioning Oxygen Plant that during the day is fully powered by Solar.

It was so impressive to visit the hospital in November/December 2021 and to see that all the plans, so careful in their making, have all come together.

The oxygen plant was acquired through Mulilo Gases (Zambia) Ltd and purchased through Inmatec of Germany.

The solar power plant was designed, engineered, supplied and installed by YouGo Ltd based in Lusaka. Muntanga Munkombwe was the main Independent consultant who during the whole process has been invaluable to the solar project. His work has been exemplary.

At last, the hospital will no longer have to reply upon to a round trip to Kafue of just less than 1,100 kms to fill oxygen cylinders. The hospital is now providing oxygen to other medical institutions from Nyimba to Lundazi. It has already saved many lives.

As the oxygen plant, for its operation during the day, has been using solar power alone, the hospital's carbon footprint has been reduced by 2.25 tons over the last 3 weeks (to 27th December 2021).

Due to financial constraints in the solar plant's initial installation, we are now trying to raise more funds to acquire more batteries for extended backup use. It is hoped that the once the additional batteries are connected, there will sufficient capacity to power the oxygen plant, all four theatres, ICU, SCBU, labour wards and the children's ward for up to 5 hours in emergencies. For the remainder of the night, we will have to rely on power from ZESCO or diesel gensets that are ailing having had them serve for more than 20 years.

One the of the big plusses in the way the solar system has been set up is that as funding allows, we will be able to add more PV panels, inverters, batteries etc. The long-term dream would be for the hospital to be energy self-sufficient.

Best Wishes, Andrew Cairns Hon Treasurer/Trustee

Friends of St. Francis Katete Charitable Trust. Charity Regd no: 284717



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

22nd March 2022.



Dear Louise and everyone involved with the All Saints  
Episcopal Church Bearsden Mission Support Group,

I'm writing on behalf of Aberlour to say an enormous thank you to  
you all for your generous £600 donation, and for your ongoing support  
of our work.

The combination of rising poverty levels in Scotland, anxiety, isolation and  
uncertainty about the future is pushing families to breaking point.  
Aberlour are only in the position to be able to help these families so  
quickly thanks to the support and generosity of people such as yourselves  
at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Too many of Scotland's children haven't had the best start in life.  
Aberlour are determined to be there for them, for as long as it takes  
because every child should have the opportunity to thrive and have hopes  
for a better future.

On behalf of the children, young people and families benefitting from your  
continuing kindness, and from all of us at Aberlour, thank you so  
much once again. Your support really is making a difference.

With best wishes,

*Abby*

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Argyll Addiction Rehabilitation

Hi Philip

All Saints Church has been close to Maxie's and the Foundation's heart throughout the  
years. Maxie helped save my life, and the lives of thousands like me, turning me into the  
man I am today. Your donation and letter brought a massive smile to my face, as I have  
fond memories of attending and working at your church.

If you would ever like us to speak at church or events you may have on about the work  
MRF is continuing to do, please don't hesitate to ask.

Please keep Maxie and organisation in your prayers and once again thank you for your  
generosity.

Kind regards

*Patrick White*

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Mr P Thompson  
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15 March 2022

Dear Philip

Thank you to All Saints Church Bearsden for your kind donation of £500.00 that will help us hugely with our work with the most vulnerable people in Glasgow.



We are very excited about many new areas of work that benefit our guests, such as the sewing and ESOL classes at our Child and Family Centre that we mentioned in our latest Connect magazine.

We also reported in our news section about an Upcycle furniture class at our ladies' Drop-in. This has been a great success with one of our guests, Jackie saying, "I have enjoyed painting and upcycling my piece of furniture. I am going to give my mum my piece of furniture for Mother's Day as a personal gift and paint it green which she asked for."

Another guest, Caroline commented, "I like coming to the women's group for company and to see my friends. It's fantastic creating old furniture and making it new and designing it myself."

We could not give our guests new opportunities without your support, so thank you once again to All Saints Church Bearsden for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Geddes  
Marketing and Fundraising Manager



Scottish Charity 50091499



## EDWR

### (EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE WELCOMES REFUGEES)

So much has happened in last 6 weeks with regards welcoming a refugee family to Kirkintilloch, things are moving quickly at last which is really exciting. We finally had our application officially approved by the Home Office which means that they will assign us a family in the next month or so. Consequently, the group have done loads of wallpaper stripping, painting, clearing of the garden to make the flat in Hillhead area of Kirkintilloch welcoming. The lead person for the flat has amazing powers of persuasion so we have had offers of free blinds, tiling and flooring. The Housing Association have also been helpful with regards essential repairs.

A lot of people have donated furniture, but there are still some items we are looking for:

Toaster, Microwave

TV

Tall bookcase

Saucepans (new if at all possible)

If you can help please phone me so I can check that the item hasn't been obtained – I'm writing this on 20<sup>th</sup> April, approximately 2 weeks before you are likely to read this.

Celia -0141 570 0903 or 07914 099205

### A BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Mairi was wearing a lovely red silk jacket on Easter morning and it reminded me of a book I had recently read: **'The Girl Who Wrote in Silk'** by Kelli Estes.

It is set between the present time and the 1880s in north east America and starts with the period when all of the Chinese living in Seattle were expelled. It focuses on one family and in particular what happens to the young daughter who manages to escape and ends up on one of the San Juan islands.

The modern strand of the story is about a young woman who has inherited an old house on the same island and wants to turn it into a hotel. The link between the two stories is an embroidered sleeve from a silk jacket which she finds hidden in the house. This of course has the Chinese girls story embroidered on it.

It brings up the issues of racism and also family loyalty and the never ending problems of emigration. Some things never change, but a good read about a bit of history I knew nothing about.

Kate Ross



## OUR TRIP TO DEANSCALES, CUMBRIA

Mary and Graham share a birthday, 16th March and for some years before the pandemic stopped us, we would get together to celebrate this day. This year, Mary and David were going to be at their cottage in Deanscales so an arrangement was made for us to have a few days with them in that area.

Graham and I booked into the Old Posting House near Meadow View Cottage, Mary and David's aptly named three hundred year old home in Deanscales, which has a direct view towards Skiddaw.

On leaving Bearsden on 15th we arrived in time to meet for lunch in Keswick. There was an arts and book festival at the Theatre by the Lake overlooking Derwent Water. David had booked tickets for us to go to an excellent presentation by writer and historian Alison Weir on her latest book - 'In The Shadow of Queens'. - Tales from the Tudor Court. Mary and I each purchased a copy and had it signed.



After settling in at the Old Posting House we later joined Mary and David at their cottage for supper and to make arrangements for the next day. So on a rather wet day we headed to Maryport where Graham was keen to see the harbour and marina. There were lots of boats but very little activity. Then a brief trip to Cockermouth for supplies and a visit to a book shop where I could have spent hours.

Mary had then booked us for a birthday lunch at the Royal Yew in the small hamlet of Dean. Named after the enormous, ancient yew tree outside, taking up a lot of the frontage. A very good lunch in comfortable surroundings. After a brief rest at the Posting House Graham and I returned to Meadow View cottage for another happy evening with supper and chatting by a lovely log

fire. A nice way to finish birthdays, until leaving when our car doors were frozen shut. We did of course get in eventually.

On the following morning, which was bright and sunny, we said our goodbyes and headed back to Glasgow after a very enjoyable time with pleasant company, beautiful countryside and feeling refreshed.

Thank you Mary and David for your hospitality and the opportunity to be over the border after two and a half years!

Elaine Perrett



## SPREAD THE NEWS IN SOUND

The Bearsden and Milngavie Talking Newspaper Association – BEAM-was started in 1990 by the then Bearsden South Church with support from other churches in the area and with continuing community support restarted its service last November after a shutdown at the height of the covid pandemic.

The blind and visually impaired in the local communities of Bearsden, Milngavie and beyond, are sent recordings each week of the Milngavie and Bearsden Herald and extracts from the Community News all of which helps to keep them in touch with what is going on in the local community. Stories from the likes of the Scottish Book Trust are added to give a bit of lighthearted interest to BEAM's recordings.

Free boom boxes help our listeners access our recordings and the Post Office's free postal service for the blind allows BEAM to provide this service to all our listeners without charge.

Our teams of volunteers who work away week by week in Bearsden Cross Church are keen to reach as many as possible in the community who could enjoy our output.

BEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP to reach members of your family, friends or neighbours who might be interested in having BEAM's service. There is no need for anyone to be registered blind or visually impaired to have our service. Think about anyone you know and have a chat with them about this opportunity. If they would like to try BEAM's service for a few weeks that would be great, just let me know.

Many thanks  
Alisdair Meldrum  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am  
Zoom Meeting Number 913-382-1554 Password Housegrp

Date Sunday	1 May Easter 3 White	8 May Easter 4 White	15 May Easter 5 White	22 May Easter 6 White	29 May Sunday after Ascension White
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev Barnabas Oguguo	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev Sally Gorton	Rev John Riches	Rev Sally Gorton
<b>10.30 Service</b>	Sung Eucharist	Said Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet Stack Celia Fisher	Kate Ross Brenda Hadcroft	Pauline Waugh Joyce James	David Hamblen Andrew Long	Tracey Conway Andrew Long
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Catriona	Andrew	Louise	Graham	Hanan
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 9:1-6 Revelation 5:11-end John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-end Revelation 7:9-end John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26
<b>Reader</b>	Janet Stack	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kinglake	Sheena MacDonald
<b>Intercessor</b>	Andrew Long	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Sheena MacDonald	Celia Fisher
<b>After-service Coffee</b>	<b>Elaine Perrett</b> Gillian Kingslake	<b>Kate Ross</b> Sheena MacDonald	<b>Jane Lowis</b> Brenda Hadcroft	<b>Joyce James</b> John Brooker	<b>Janet Stack</b> Gioia Whitmore
<b>Other events</b>	<b>There will be a said Eucharist on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 11.30pm</b>				

The Editor for the June edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to [janet.stack@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.stack@btinternet.com) by **Sunday 22 May, 2022.**