

June 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 – Spring sunshine on Inchcailloch (visitscotland/Kenny Lam)

All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church

Drymen Road Bearsden



June 2022

Dear All,

On Saturday St Andrew's had an outing to Loch Lomond. Several of us boarded a boat across the loch to Inchcailloch. What a beautiful spot! In the sunshine we enjoyed our picnics and then wandered around the island enjoying the views, wildlife and spring colours.

It never ceases to amaze me what a beautiful country we live in! In a way spring is synonymous with amazement as each year the countryside comes alive with verdant new growth, lambs appear in the fields and hillsides while bird song is once again heard all around.

During the season of Easter our Sunday scripture includes readings from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

These readings too are synonymous with amazement as they remind us how important and essential those early apostles were in proclaiming The Gospel and beginning the early church.

It was astonishing how much they achieved. Through what can only be the power of the Holy Spirit, they transformed themselves from those fearful first days after the resurrection to courageous, faithful and inspired apostles.

The stories include the wonderful tale of the healing of Tabitha by Peter now a mature confident apostle. Previously we had heard the moving account of the risen Christ appearing to a faltering Peter by the lake of Tiberius where three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves him. Three times Peter confirms he does and in doing so reconciles the three denials before the crucifixion. Jesus then charges Peter to feed his lambs - to begin his ministry. And so here he is at the bedside of Tabitha restoring her to health, acting in faith and trust, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Once again, the courageous confident Peter that we first knew in the gospels.

This image of the Good Shepherd also reminds us that we need to be part of the flock, we can't really flourish on our own. We may have the assurance of a love that will pursue us if we go astray, but the intention is for us to be connected, to be part of the flock. So, we are urged to remain in the fellowship because it is here with others that we have the best chance to know the joy of God who loves us, plus it gives us the ability to remain calm in those moments when maybe we cannot hear the Shepherd's voice as clearly as we might like.

"My sheep hear my voice", Jesus said. "I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10: 27-28

Peter confidently heals Tabitha but with a confidence which comes from God and not by his own merits alone. Before Peter speaks to Tabitha – he prays. It was not his own power on which Peter called, it was the power of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we can be in danger of thinking too much of what we can do on our own and too little of what Christ can do through us.

The extraordinary success of the early church was down to one thing. At Pentecost, as Christ promised, God sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This Holy Spirit worked amongst them inspiring them, transforming them into confident and courageous disciples keen to spread the Good News of Christ and the hope of salvation to all people. Against all the odds the News spread worldwide!

Today we may think we are up against the odds: with increasing secularisation, diminishing churches, and the world generally in a state of angst - the people of Ukraine central to our thoughts. Like the apostles immediately after Christ's crucifixion we may well feel despair, hopeless and uncertainty. But they didn't give up - through the power of the Holy Spirit they achieved the unachievable.

This is huge inspiration for us!

My prayers and blessings to you all

Andrea

Inchcailloch

According to legend, Saint Kentigerna, an Irish princess and the mother of St Fillan, set up a nunnery there 1,300 years ago. Although the modern meaning of Inchcailloch is the island of the old woman, an old meaning of cailloch is a cowled woman - a nun. Centuries later a church was built there and dedicated to her but it fell into ruin when farming ended, though the cemetery continued to be used.

VESTRY NOTES – MEETING OF MAY 5TH

Covid Recovery

Most of the restrictions due to Covid have now been removed. Please see page 14. The Vestry will continue to monitor the situation at subsequent meetings.

Vacancy Progress

All the documentation has been now sent to the diocese. The Vestry recorded their thanks to everyone who had been involved in this very considerable task.

The Rectory

- The Rectory roof is now watertight. We are still looking for external painters and a joiner to repair the window sills. The new attic ladder is expected shortly.
- Mairi and her garden team have started work on the Rectory garden. It is already greatly improved. The Vestry would like to thank Mairi and everyone else involved with the garden for their very hard work.

Church Grounds

- **Garden Wall:** We now have a builder who will rebuild the wall between the garden and 1 Colquhoun Drive.
- **Remembrance Garden:** We are hoping to move the Remembrance Garden sign so it can be seen on entering the garden, but it is necessary to contact relatives about the need to change the position of the bird bath.
- **Carpark:** The Vestry is intending to have the car park resurfaced to make access safer and easier especially for wheelchair users. More information will follow shortly

The Platinum Jubilee Tea will take place on Wednesday, 1 June at 2.00pm. Everyone is invited to come and bring friend too. If you are intending to come, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church so that we can cater for the correct number of people.

Tree Planting - a tree will be planted in the garden to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Details will be available shortly.(p16)

The next Vestry meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 June at 7.30pm

Brenda Hadcroft

A LIFE WELL LIVED

(A shortened version of the moving eulogy given by Alasdair at the service of celebration for Alexander Stirling on Wednesday 18th May 2020.)

My task is to summarise dear Dad in 1000 words, an essay task he might have set as a teacher. In the many messages we received are consistent themes of kindness, friendliness, fun, intelligence, thoughtfulness, respectfulness, inquisitiveness and most of all generosity. In the family, church and in education he gave freely of his time, wisdom, knowledge. He has made huge positive influences on us all.

So, what formed Alex?

He was born in Coatbridge and 'made' in Clydebank and Dalmuir West. He was born into a family of shipbuilders. During the Clydebank Blitz, Dad and his pals collected the shrapnel while still hot. A much-loved family story is of Dad running into the kitchen on the first day of the second world war to tell his mother, Margaret, that the Germans were at Bowling. Nana's cool reply was "I think you mean Poland".

Dad and his elder brother Robert and late elder sister Ellen were a close family. Their parents were ambitious for them and determined that they would not go into the shipyards. They all became teachers and enriched the lives of generations of pupils.

After school in Dumbarton, where Dad was inspired by his classics teacher, he read History with Classics at Glasgow University and graduated Master of Arts with High Honours. Although awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Indiana, family economics meant that he had to earn and so he completed teacher training.

His formative teaching experiences were at Woodside Secondary where he introduced homework classes so that children from deprived households could have a safe space to study. By many accounts he was an inspiring teacher and insistent on standards, resulting in graffiti on the school wall declaring "Stirling Must Go"! At Jordanhill College he taught history and modern studies to students



from the UK and Commonwealth. Dad's major contribution came as the first educational advisor in modern studies for Glasgow and Strathclyde Regional Council. He was a member of a pioneering team that created the curriculum, text books and teaching materials for Modern Studies, resulting in a happy celebration when Modern Studies Higher was accepted for university entrance. He was delighted to be named "Mr Modern Studies" on his retirement.

Alex was a very good footballer and a member of an amateur team that won a Scottish Cup, attracting interest from professional teams. While doing a refereeing course he met the love of his life Jean at the dancing in the university union.

Alex and Jean were a great team complementing each other well. Dad's position was secured by mum's great friend's father declaring "that Jean should hang on to him because he is good one" Great wisdom! Mum was a huge pillar of support through over 61 years of a very happy marriage.

Ruth, Hilary and I were brought up in a loving household where we were 'made' by the wisdom, values, encouragement and practical support of Mum and Dad. They enjoyed having fun and their hospitality was warm including Dad's legendary measures of liquid hospitality. We had happy holidays usually involving ploutring in burns, or swimming where dad always stretched the truth by declaring that "it's lovely once you are in." When sightseeing he was a walking talking guide book. Alex was delighted as the family grew. He loved being a grampa playing and encouraging, tirelessly. Bedtime requests were always for stories "out of your mouth please", which is how we learned of Greek heroes and mythology.

During about 60 years at All Saints, Alex served in many roles including as a Sunday school teacher and chorister. Singing in the choir was the main thing that Dad and I did together, opening up a wonderful world of music and poetry. He also sang in the Bearsden Burgh Choir. His other interests were literature, hill walking, cricket, rugby, gardening, history, and fine art. But NOT DIY and NOT cooking!!

Dad provided advice to the next generation:

- ~ Be sure to give of your best and work with your colleagues in a good team spirit.
- ~ I found much happiness in trying to be a diligent and collaborative member of a team.
- ~ Avoid hasty judgements and ill-considered personal comments.
- ~ Be slow to anger as the Proverb has it.

When asked how he would like to be remembered Dad stated:

- ~ I would hope that some virtues have overcome my many failures and sins of omission.
- ~ I would like to have made a contribution to the happiness of family and friends.
- ~ I would hope also that I have tried to eschew conflict and, instead tried to live in peace and concord with family, friends and neighbours.

Dad, you succeeded greatly. A life well lived INDEED.

Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

An Appreciation

Alex's funeral last Wednesday was very sad of course, lots of tears, but also a wonderful, joyful occasion celebrating his life. The music and service conducted by Andrea Hagenbuch was thoughtful and special, and All Saints was full to overflowing.

Alasdair's eulogy was a fitting tribute and certainly had me needing a hanky. Quite riveting. Hilary and Ruth read some poetry from Gray's Elegy, special to Alex.

A short committal service followed at Clydebank Crematorium.

Lunch at Kilmardinny House, a perfect venue, was a warm, friendly occasion with more chat, memories of Alex, and lovely photos displayed. Sunshine too. Jean and her family made us all feel welcome and loved.

So a superb and fitting 'send off' for Alex, but we would expect nothing less for such a well loved gentleman.

Elaine Perrett

Thank you from Jean

I have been overwhelmed by all the letters, cards and flowers I have received and the kindness given to me during the period when Alex was so ill. Thanks to you all who came to the church service, beautifully conducted by Andrea.

Alex would have been so pleased with it, as he had organised it himself, even down to the tunes for the hymns. It was a fitting celebration of a life well lived. He will be missed by us all.

MORE MISSION SUPPORT THANKS



Thank you for encouraging people across the world by giving them their own Bible, in a language they can understand, with your kind gift of £100.00 from All Saints Bearsden Mission Support Group. Please pass on our thanks to the group members, the congregation and the elders.

You are helping to reach more people with God's life-changing Word so that they can know of his love for them. People like Alicia*, who listened to Christian radio programmes in secret and gave her life to Jesus. Alicia communicated with someone at the radio station for many years, the two of them trying to plan how she could obtain Scriptures in her predominantly Muslim country, so great was her desire for the Word of God.

Because of you, people can receive a desperately wanted Bible so they can deepen their faith and learn to live their new lives in Christ. People like a family of new believers in Algeria who risked going to a Catholic church, only allowed to serve the foreign community, in search of a Bible. The priest feared he would be expelled from the country if he helped them, but was able to discreetly refer them to the Bible Society, where they were able to get the Bible they so longed for.

Thank you for enabling Bible Societies around the world to connect with and bring the Word of God to many more people, enabling them to encounter the love of God through the Scriptures.

With warm Christian greetings,

Elaine M Duncan
Chief Executive

*name changed to protect identity

The Scottish Bible Society seeks, under God, to put the Bible into people's hands and hearts.

We work so that all people can have the Bible in a language they understand, a form they can access, and at an affordable price, to aid genuine encounters with God.

Our Vision is to see lives transformed through the Bible.



30th March 2022

To All Saints Episcopal Church - Mission Support Group,

Thank you, on behalf of all of us here at Self Help Africa, for your generous donation of £500. Your gift is an expression of commitment and solidarity to the families we work with every day; it will have a real and lasting impact.

Donations like yours mean we can continue to make a real difference to the lives of smallholder farmers across sub-Saharan Africa - helping them to grow more food, feed their families, and earn a living.

You're providing quality seed, tools and livestock - alongside training in climate-smart techniques, nutrition education and business skills.

Because of you, farmers like Alamenesh in Ethiopia can grow more and earn more from their land, improve their nutrition, and build more resilient livelihoods.

'After the nutrition training, we improved our food production and our family meals. Now we grow different crops on the home garden to feed our families and to sell at market' says Alamenesh.

'We used to boil potato as the main daily food, but now we include fruit and beans. We have a more balanced diet and are feeling better and doing well.'

We really appreciate your kind words and generosity. It has been a challenging couple of years but it's thanks to the ongoing support of donors like you, that we've been able to continue with our work.

I've enclosed a certificate of appreciation, to share with the congregation.

Warm regards,

Steph Smith
Fundraising Executive

A letter of thanks from the Friends of Vellore was printed in the April Magazine. On the next page is a report from the Person -to-Person scheme that All Saints supports.

Dear Friend,

The Person-To-Person programme started around 50 years ago for CMC's poor patients. Three wise men, Dr. P. Zachariah, Rev. A.C. Oommen and Canon David Marriot, lovingly translated the relationship between donors, patients and CMC into Person-To-Person or 'PTP'. Over the decades, tens of thousand of people from all over the world have been linked through PTP. Generous individuals from Friends of Vellore (FOVs) in India, UK, Germany, Sweden, Australia, USA and many countries have supported patients from all over India, through the diligent care of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers at CMC. CMC is known not only for the best quality of care but also for the best education. And our patients are some of our most respected teachers.

From hand-written notes to typewritten applications and now paperless clicks on computers, PTP has evolved and grown over the years to meet emerging needs. The PTP office has been guided by the able leadership of our doctors and support by strong women – Susan, Geetha and Mary. Now, with Mary's retirement, the baton has been handed over to the Development Office. Their baptism by fire was a successfully organized 60-day campaign for PTP, raising over ₹50 Lakhs (\$65,000 or £50,000) from 466 generous friends! This will help over 800 patients admitted in the main hospital campus. My sincere thanks to you, PTP supporters, for your thoughtful generosity.

Dr. J. V. Peter
Director, CMC Vellore

PTP Report 1983

Your contribution to PTP helps families like Niraja's...



Niraja* is a 19-year-old girl from a small town near Vellore. After school, she did a six-months course in Home Nursing. Her parents were delighted when she got a job as a home nurse in Bangalore! Her father works as a gardener to support his family and the second family income was most welcome. Just as she was settling into her new life in Bangalore, she had an episode of fits and fainted. Her parents brought her back home for a few days of rest. She did not want to lose her job and went back to Bangalore. However, soon she had another episode of convulsions and fever.

This time her family brought her to CMC's main hospital. She was not able to move her left hand or leg. Her vision was also affected. Despite her troubles, she was very worried about her father – how would he support the family and pay her hospital bill? She was diagnosed with tuberculous meningitis and treated by our Neurology & Infectious Diseases Departments. CMC's charity schemes like PTP helped to cover her costs. She is better now, and visits CMC for regular checkups.

*patient details shared with consent & name changed to protect their privacy

THE BEARSDEN FLOWER CLUB



The Bearsden Flower Club Diamond Anniversary lunch was held at Kilmardinny House on Tuesday the 17th of May. A three course lunch was followed by a demonstration by Derek Armstrong entitled 'Celebrating in Style'.

The celebration cake was cut by Sheila Benson who is the oldest and longest standing member of the club. An excellent time was had by all at this well attended event.

Thanks to Jean Stirling for this article and photo

A WEEK IN THE WELSH MARCHES

(Shropshire Hills)

A late cancellation on Holiday Property Bond offered us the unexpected opportunity of a week's holiday in Shropshire at their property in Upper Norton. The well-furnished apartment had been adapted for disabled living, with a walk-in shower but no bath – a hardship for Gill. The development is reached by a somewhat challenging narrow single track country road and is about 4 miles from the nearest small town of Craven Arms.

This provided us with an ideal base to explore the beautiful countryside and hills of south Shropshire and we were able to enjoy spectacular walks along Wenlock Edge and the Long Mynd. As an alternative on less clement days, we visited the

historic castles at Stokesay and Ludlow dating from the 13th century. Ludlow has been described as the “the loveliest town in England” and it certainly lives up to that reputation with a wonderful collection of Georgian and half-timbered houses, inns and shops surrounding the castle ruins. In the centre is the large Church of St. Laurence, where we spent a fascinating half-day exploring the interior. This contains historic stained-glass windows and choir stalls with well-preserved medieval misericords.

Every village in the area also seems to have their own little Church and two of these attracted our special attention. The family of Gill’s father, Edgar Bradley, came from this part of the County and for generations were farmers in the area. I had traced his 3rd Great Grandfather, John Bradley, to the village of Ditton Priors where he was born in 1781. We decided to visit the area which sits on the side of the Brown Clee Hill, one of the highest points in Shropshire.



The local Church of Saint John the Baptist is very historic with a tower dating from the 12th century. Our exploration of the churchyard failed to find John’s resting place, but we did discover the gravestone of his eldest son, Thomas Bradley, who died in 1861 at the age of 49.

We also found the gravestone of his wife, Ann Reynolds, who had been left to raise 7 children and manage the farm until her own death in 1903.

Later, on the last day of our holiday we made another family discovery, as I had traced the last of the farming

Bradleys to Gatacre Park Farm near Bridgnorth. With some directions from the local Pub we eventually found the farmhouse at the end of a long bumpy country road, but there was no one in sight to speak to.

As we were about to give up, a man drove up on a tractor and announced that he was indeed David Bradley. After comparing notes, it became clear that he was Gill’s unknown second cousin, another relative discovered!

On the Sunday of our week away we sought out the closest Church on the Anglican circuit, that now comprises six parishes. It was the turn of the small church in the estate of Acton Scott where we were given a very warm welcome, once we had found its whereabouts (not an easy task)!

The Service was inspired by Christian Aid and was conducted by two retired priests, Mark and Clare Sanders. The congregation of 12 included 3 children, who were tasked with cutting out and colouring paper leaves to mark the Tree of Life from the Book of Revelation.

The hymns were sung unaccompanied but were well known and well delivered. In chatting to this delightful husband and wife clergy team after the Service we discovered that Clare was originally from the Dundee area and had undertaken part of her training in Pollockshields. We also discovered that her Godfather had been Bishop John Taylor. What a small world we live in!



David and Gill Hamblen

SOME WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

I have quite a busy time over the next few weeks as your Lay Representative. At the time of writing I have just attended my first meeting as a Lay voting member of the newly constituted Diocesan Council. It is too early to give you any details about this meeting, but it was certainly educational as to the inner workings of the Diocese, and how they have changed (and also remained the same!) since I was last on Council a few years ago.

On 31st May we have the next meeting of North-West Regional Council and 9-11 June will be General Synod in Edinburgh. I have only just received the agenda, but, other than routine business, focus points would seem to be: (1) Lessons learned from the Pandemic; (2) Liturgical changes; (3) Changes to the Election of Bishops; (4) The situation in Ukraine; (5) Ethical Investment of Provincial Funds. If anyone has any questions or thoughts about these issues, or any other Synod business, do let me know.

RECOVERY FROM COVID

As far as vestry business is concerned, we have a meeting with Dean Reuben and Bishop Kevin tomorrow (Monday, 23rd May) to receive feedback on our vacancy documentation. We shall have a better idea after this of the timetable for advertising our vacancy. Meanwhile, your vestry is still working hard on your behalf to complete necessary refurbishments to the Rectory and to keep the church ticking over. I should also like to remind you that we are still trying to transmit our Sunday morning services via Zoom every week. As usual the Zoom code for this is: 913-382-1554 and the password is "Housegrp". Apologies that we

occasionally miss a Sunday. This is because only two of us (currently myself and Andrew Long) are able to operate zoom and if we are both away then there is nobody to do it. We are working on a solution to this problem. (See Andrew Long's article p14)

On a personal note, I should like to say a big thankyou to those of you who sponsored my son, Edward, for the Kiltwalk on Sunday, 24th April. Whilst I can't give you exact figures at this stage, Ed raised in the region of £300 himself and the whole group "The Sporting Aces" <https://www.thesportingaces.co.uk/> raised about £5000, which is absolutely amazing.

Finally, I should like to pay my personal tribute to our dear friend Alec Stirling. As I said after his funeral, Alec was one of the first people at the church we talked to when we first attended All Saints in 1996, and has been a constant well-wisher, supporter and cheerleader for our family in the last 26 years, from Ellen's first reading in the church to Edward's serving of soup in the Wednesday lunch group. Along with the much-missed Eric Horton we sang together as tenors in the church choir for many years and I have many fond memories of us struggling through anthems together, often helping each other out with the notes. Alec was also, of course, a stalwart of our church in many other ways and we shall miss him very much.

David Simmons

As part of its regular business, at its May 5 meeting, the Vestry worked through the list of remaining restrictions introduced during the Covid pandemic and decided how to proceed in removing or modifying them. The following paragraphs summarise these discussions for the information of congregational members.

- Use of the Common Cup. This is now allowed by the SEC, provided that those who retain apprehensions about it are able to continue to receive just the wafer. In discussion, quite a few members of the Vestry expressed continuing doubts about going back to the shared cup. The alternative, intinction, was then discussed. In the intinction procedure, the communicant takes the wafer from the celebrant as usual, but then moves along to the wine held in an open vessel by the Eucharistic Assistant. He/she then dips the wafer into the wine without touching the containing vessel or dipping fingers into the wine, and consumes the moistened wafer. Anyone who is not happy to perform this action, can step aside and consume the dry wafer alone. The Vestry liked this idea and decided to introduce it after consulting our regular celebrants. In the weeks since the Vestry meeting, Sally, Moira and John have all indicated that they are perfectly happy with this intinction process. It will therefore be introduced at the beginning of June. Sally made the important suggestion that an open bowl be used to contain the wine rather than a chalice, with only a shallow pool of wine in it, so that the danger of cross contamination is minimised.
- Masks. As we anticipated, leaving the wearing of masks in the service to personal choice has worked well. The Vestry decided to leave this in place and anticipated that mask use would drop gradually over the summer.
- Kneelers in pews. The Vestry decided that there was no reason not to replace kneelers on the hooks in the pews, and agreed that this should be done.
- Magazine. The Vestry agreed that it would continue to send out the magazine by second class post without any charge, though to help defray costs, members would be encouraged to put contributions into the box in the Church, at a rate of £1 per copy received. The possibility of continuing to send magazines to some members while allowing others to pick up their copies was discussed but rejected as too complex to administer effectively.
- Pew sheets. The Vestry decided against reintroducing these as it requires a person to type them each week, and is costly. We would continue to announce



forthcoming events in the magazine and verbally at the end of the Sunday service, after the blessing and before the final hymn.

- The plate collection around the congregation, and subsequent offertory. The Vestry decided, on the advice of the Treasurer, not to re-introduce this, as there were now rather few envelopes offered each week (typically 6 to 10), and he was happy to continue lodging the donations in the bank on a Monday. Also the mechanics of submitting the cash on a Sunday at the night safe in Milngavie were rather inconvenient, and not popular with stewards. Envelopes would continue to be collected in a plate at the back of the Church, but the offertory of the envelopes by a steward at the start of the offertory hymn would be resumed.
- Broadcasting services by Zoom. This was still valued by a few stalwarts, but imposed a considerable drain on the two Vestry members who had the equipment to do the job. Money had been received from the Diocese to purchase equipment for the Church to continue Zoom without using personal devices, and when this is in place it will be possible to draw up a larger rota for operating the Zoom.

Should members have further improvements to suggest, the Vestry would be delighted to hear from them.

Andrew Long

A REQUEST FROM LATVIA

Some of you may have noticed this article from the Diocese on All Saints web-site.

Greetings from St Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga! We have a huge favour to ask all of you: Each year in Latvia at the end of May we have a country-wide event called "Baznīcu nākts" (Night of Churches) where almost every church hosts concerts, lectures, discussions, etc, and visitors will visit multiple churches throughout the night.

Our church also usually displays different exhibitions of art done by our members, and one idea I had for this year would be a wall/display of postcards from many different churches throughout the Anglican world! That way, we would be able to represent not only ourselves on this special occasion, but our entire denomination and your church as well! It would be fantastic if your church could send us a postcard with a small message for St Saviour's or for Latvia in general written, preferably one with your church pictured if possible. If you don't have one with the church building visible, any postcard from your parish will do! We

will make sure to display them so both sides are visible and your messages are visible as well.

If you are so kind as to send us one, we will send you one back as well! Thank you so much in advance, and we look forward to sending you greetings!

Blessings,

Joe Horgan, Churchwarden at St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga

Editor's note: As I visited Latvia a year or so ago and have very happy memories, I have sent a card from All Saints with a lovely photo and with our good wishes. Latvia borders Russia and Belarus, as well as Estonia and Lithuania. Along the extensive Baltic coast are several ex-Soviet holiday places.

GARDENS

Church:The vestry suggested that we should plant a tree for the Queen's upcoming Jubilee. The garden group enthusiastically endorsed this idea, and immediately chose a spot, near the gate at the corner of Drymen and Glenburn Roads. With unusual speed and efficiency, two of the group were having lunch at Oakwood Garden Centre and spotted a really lovely little tree, a weeping crab apple, called (if memory serves, which it usually doesn't where plants are concerned!) Crimson Cascade. It was the only example in the centre, and they



Next year?

would not be able to get any more until autumn (and a little online research indicated it would be similarly difficult to source elsewhere), so we reserved it and applied to the vestry for permission to proceed. As soon as this was forthcoming, I went back and purchased the tree, and we planted it at our gardening session on Tuesday 17th.



Louise Benson has told me she can organise a suitable plaque, and presumably that will be in place fairly soon. We hope you like the results of our efforts! And please note, generally, requests for innovations, plantings, or other unusual garden activities, take a little longer to organise.

Rectory: We had a good turnout for our first session renovating the Rectory gardens a few weeks ago. Many thanks to all the hard working volunteers. We plan to have another go on May 31st, and once again, we welcome all who would like to come and help. This one should be rather more fun, as we'll aim to plant some stuff!

At home: Meanwhile, in my own garden, my shed/church is coming along at a good pace. I have nearly finished the structure of the tower porch and am confident that I can achieve what I intended with that. I am developing ideas for the immediate surroundings, and am trying out notions in my head for the interior – which at present remains a shed, full of materials and tools! I may have some photos for the next thrilling instalment.

Mairi Ross

STOP PRESS

UPDATE ON VIDEO MEETING WITH BISHOP & DEAN

The available seven members of the Vestry had a virtual on-line meeting with the Bishop and the Dean on 23rd May to discuss progress on filling our Vacancy. Both felt we had made a reasonable start with the recruitment Video and the written Profiles for the Congregation and a new Rector.

However, they did give us a lot of constructive criticism in their feedback, that your vestry will now need to act on. Despite the holiday season now approaching, we hope that this can be quickly achieved, and we plan to let the Congregation see and comment on the final drafts at a short post-Service Meeting.

There is also a need to accelerate the remedial changes to the Rectory, though this is dependant on the availability of suitable Tradesmen. We may need to seek further help from the Congregation with general cleaning and gardening in the near future.

David Hamblen

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

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

Date Sunday	5 June Pentecost White	12 June Trinity Sunday White	19 June Pentecost 3 Green	26 June Pentecost 4 Green
Celebrant	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev John Riches	Rev Moira Jamieson	TBA
10.30 Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Pauline Waugh Celia Fisher	Kate Ross Brenda Hadcroft	Pauline Waugh Joyce James	David Hamblen Andrew Long
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny	Celia	Catriona	Andrew
Readings	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17	Proverbs 8:1-4 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-end Luke 8:26-39	1 Kings 19:5-16, 19-end Galatians 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-end
Reader	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Mary Stott	Andrew Long
Intercessor	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson
After-service Coffee	Pauline Waugh Tracey Conway	Gillian Kinglake Elaine Perrett	Sheena MacDonald Kate Ross	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis
Other events	There will be a said Eucharist on Wednesday June 1st 11.30am Jubilee Tea Wednesday June 1st at 2pm			

The Editor for the July-August edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday 19th June, 2022.**