

# October 2022 Magazine

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The cover picture – A Baker's shop window for Harvest in Mittenwald, Germany

## *All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church*

*Drymen Road Bearsden*



September 2022

Dear All,

As I write I have just returned from a very enjoyable Cake Walk. A large group of us from All Saints and St Andrew's completed a walk from Mugdock to Mairi and Neil's house at Easter Carbeth. The weather was dry and bright with a hint of autumn in the breeze. At our destination we all enjoyed an elaborate and delicious tea! Much fun was had by all including the dogs! Thank you Mairi and Neil plus all the helpers and organisers. It was wonderful to be out and about exchanging news with one another and catching up on events over the summer. What a week of news it has been as the nation has reflected with sadness, gratitude and thankfulness over the reign of our departed monarch whilst welcoming a new king!

There have been many stories told of encounters with our late Queen. I first saw the Queen when I was 18 years old; I had just started my nurse's training at The London Hospital, my name had been pulled out of a hat and as a result I lined the corridor as the Queen walked past to open the new casualty department, talking to people as she walked by.

My next glimpse of Her Highness came years later as we attended the Braemar Gathering in the company of the royal family, there was further glimpse one summer as the family attended church at Crathie. Stephen claimed he spied the Queen as we were driving into London on the M4, coming up behind us in the fast lane, just after the Queen Mother had died.

The last time I should have seen the Queen was four years ago when Stephen and I were invited to the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood but given my height and the Queen's and the sheer number of people no sighting was forthcoming.

There have been many, many, such accounts relayed all week by so many people. One that I felt stood out was the very moving account from the war surgeon David Nott. He recalled at a lunch at Buckingham Palace how the Queen helped him overcome the trauma he was suffering days after he returned from Syria by allowing him to pet her corgis. He remembers how, in his distress, he was unable to reply when the queen asked him about his experience at Aleppo. Sensing his distress, the Queen asked a courtier to produce a silver dish of dog biscuits and so the rest of the meal was spent feeding the dogs under the table while the Queen chatted gently to him discussing her dogs and telling him all their names. For many of us a glimpse of her majesty is all we have been afforded, but that possibly is all that is required to prove that she was real, that she was present and that she cared.

Perhaps it's the same with God – we only ever receive glimpses of the divine. Sure, we attend church regularly and receive the sacrament weekly, and as a result our daily lives are upheld and enriched by the Holy Spirit but moments of really deep engagement and of transforming spiritual enlightenment are perhaps, few and far between - but the fact is the glimpses are there affirming the presence and love of our Lord.

On 19 September we gather as a nation and throughout many parts of the world to bid farewell to our beloved Queen Elizabeth whose long reign was sustained by the Holy Spirit through a great faith. Throughout all her moments of national and personal dramas to the everyday tasks and duties in calmer times the Queen embodied what it is to live in the witness of Christ.

Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians

“For now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” 1 Corinthians 13:12-13  
May her soul rest in peace and rise to glory!

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*Many blessings to you all*

*Andrea*

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER EVENTS

**Sunday October 2nd** Harvest Festival service at 10.30am. Note that this will not be followed by a Harvest Lunch because of the proximity of the next event.

**Sunday October 16th** 125th Anniversary of All Saints. Thanksgiving Service followed by Lunch in the Halls.

**Sunday October 30th** Patronal Festival followed by Annual General Meeting.

## VESTRY NOTES - MEETING ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### 1 Vacancy Progress

There was discussion of the form of the advert for the new priest and process for advertisement. It was agreed that members of the Vestry would produce possible questions in preparation for the interviews.

### 2 Rectory Report

- All alarms and safety devices are now working, and certificates will be provided.
- Work on the en-suite bathroom and the kitchen is now finished.

- Interior decorating will start shortly.
- The Vestry would like to record its thanks to the Gardening Group for all their very hard work.

**3 Finance:** Andrew proposed that shares belonging to the Church should be sold. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

**4 Weekly Warm Day:** it was suggested that All Saints should offer one day weekly for local people to meet and keep warm in the hall during the autumn and winter. The Vestry agreed and advised that we should liaise with the other churches in Bearsden so that a daily programme could be offered.

#### 5 Church News

- Trees in Drymen Road have been cut as they were taking the light from the pavement. A dead tree has been removed.
- The Vestry recorded its thanks to those who took part in a very successful cleaning of the halls and the kitchen.

*Brenda Hadcroft*

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

The Wednesday Lunch Group started again on Wednesday 21st September. At the first meeting the video prepared for candidates for our Rector's post was shown. Other special events are planned during the next few weeks. The first of these will be an illustrated talk on the Oberammergau Passion Play – six Church members attended this over the course of the summer. Please come along to any or all the meetings between now and Christmas, for home-made soup, rolls and cakes, and the convivial company of friends. Bring along your own friends as well. You will all be most welcome. More details of the new programme will be circulated as they become available.

*Brenda Hadcroft & Andrew Long*

## PLANS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In the September magazine we announced several forthcoming events. Here are some updates on these plans :

**Sunday October 2nd. Harvest Festival service at 10.30am.** This will not be followed as usual by a Harvest Lunch, because of the next event.

**Sunday October 16th. 125th Anniversary of All Saints.** A Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10.30 am followed by a lunch in the Halls starting around noon. This will be a “bring and share” lunch on the well-established All Saints pattern. Bringing hot dishes to consume in the Hall is discouraged by Health and Safety regulations, so we should be grateful if those with surnames between A and M would bring cold savoury dishes if they are able, and those with surnames from N to Z would bring sweets. Wine and soft drinks will be provided, as will coffee or tea to drink after the lunch.

#### **Sunday October 30th - Patronal Festival followed by Annual General Meeting.**

At the AGM, as well as the reports of activity during the past year, we hold elections for the Vestry for the forthcoming year. Currently we have six ordinary members on the Vestry, and our constitution enables us to have nine such members serving 3-year terms, with the expectation that three will be replaced every year. Consequently there are three vacancies for ordinary members to serve on the Vestry for the forthcoming period. If you would like to serve our Church in what should be a momentous period or are prepared to twist the arms of someone else who might be willing to do so, nomination forms will be available at the beginning of October.

## PROGRESS WITH FILLING OUR RECTORIAL VACANCY

Members will be pleased to hear that there has been considerable progress in the process of filling the vacancy for the Rector of our Church. Developments have been reported in recent editions of the Vestry Notes, including those in this edition. However since the last Vestry meeting there has been rapid progress in setting the timetable for advertising and interviewing for this post. The main advert was placed in the Church Times on Friday 16th September, with a closing date of Friday 21st October for applications to reach our secretary. The short list will be prepared in the following days and Zoom interviews with chosen candidates will then commence on 3rd November.

The appointment process is in two stages: the first stage is a presentation on Zoom by each candidate to all Vestry members. Then a Zoom interview with each of them will be conducted by the four Vestry members on the Formal Interview Panel (FIP), chaired by the Dean, after which the candidates will have the opportunity to question the FIP. In the second stage, after a “discernment meeting” led by the Bishop, the preferred candidate will be invited to visit Bearsden for a two-day meeting to look around, during which s(he) will meet with both the Bishop and the Dean. If the Vestry are happy that the appointment be made, the Bishop will make the offer, which will be subject to PVG clearance.

The Vestry has prepared a profile of All Saints, a summary of what we are looking for in a future Rector to send to each candidate, and a short video showing the Church buildings, our worship, our service to the community, the rectory we provide for the incumbent, and helpful information about Bearsden. These documents and a link to the video are available on the Diocesan website.

*Andrew Long*

## **SOME WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE**

The main event I attended as your lay representative recently was the meeting of North-West Region Council (NWRC) at All Saints, Jordanhill, on 7<sup>th</sup> September. At NWRC we receive reports about Diocesan events and share news from charges across the region. Unfortunately I had missed the previous Diocesan Council, which normally forms the focus of our discussions, so we relied on a report received from the Diocesan secretary. It is pleasing to hear that some charges in the Diocese have been blessed with new Rectors, these being St. John's Stranraer/St. Ninian's, Portpatrick (Rev. Dr Elizabeth Breakey) and St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Rev Verity Joy Brown). Both new rectors have come from outside the Diocese, which is very welcome. However, yet another charge, St. Bride's, Hyndland, has gone into vacancy due to the retirement of Rev. Dr. Kevin Francis. Our friends at St. Bride's are already busily working on their vacancy documentation. I hope this means that my friend Kevin may be on our rota for a while at All Saints! Another Kevin who is leaving the region is Kevin Boak, a long serving lay reader at St. Michael's, Helensburgh, former warden of lay readers and a good friend of our former lay reader Mike Graham. Kevin and his wife, Joy, are leaving Scotland to be nearer their family in Scarborough.

Amongst the other business discussed at NWRC, there was some concern about the Diocesan focus on environmental issues. Some were arguing that we should, instead, focus on preaching the gospel and mission work. Others argued that, whatever our personal feelings, the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) has agreed to these very challenging targets (for the SEC to be net zero on carbon emissions by 2030) and it is our duty to do our best to attain them. On a personal note, I would add that, as exemplified in our TearFund service on climate change last year, it is surely our duty as Christians to address this issue as best we can.

Another issue we discussed at NWRC was how best to include children in our worship. Few congregations in the region have children worshipping regularly, especially since St. Silas left the SEC. Bishop Kevin has quite strong views on this

issue, seeing children as our "now" rather than our future, and has voiced his disapproval of Sunday Schools, although it is unclear to me what alternatives he favours. I personally was rather sad that when we had two young children in our church a couple of weeks ago that there was nothing specific laid on for them, and they simply had to sit through our regular service. I expect we must wait for our new Rector to arrive before we can fully address this issue in our own church.

Another concern in our region that we discussed is the cost of living crisis and falling congregational numbers. Many charges are worried about the increasing costs of heating our churches and the effect of this crisis on congregational quality of life. All Saints, Jordanhill, are doing some sterling work in supporting local foodbanks, which is to be admired. Whilst we do organised foodbank donations ourselves and we also have our annual and ongoing contributions to local charities, I wonder if we could do a bit more to support those in need in our local community.

A final thing I have to report is the sad news that Drumchapel Church is closing soon. There will be a final service, led by Bishop Kevin, to mark this on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately this will clash with our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Many of us in the region (and the Diocese) are concerned at the number of closures recently and I shall certainly raise this issue at the next Diocesan Council meeting.

*David Simmons*

## **IN PRAISE OF THE NHS**



Elaine's first day out -  
to watch croquet.

On 8<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> I was booked in for cardiac surgery at the Golden Jubilee hospital, Clydebank. This started with PCR Covid test in the drive through tent and a three hour wait in car for mobile phone to ring with result. After a negative result and drive through to pick up paper work I was admitted to the ward. My surgery for the next day was then postponed due to an emergency heart transplant. This of course took precedence and was hugely important to the recipient. - a thirty-five-year-old young man. An 11plus hour operation through the night.

Fortunately I wasn't sent home - this had been a possibility. I was 'first' on the list the following morning. They said I had been slotted in - amazing when it was

a five-hour operation to replace the aortic valve. It has been very successful and I am full of thanks and admiration to all the staff at all levels at the Golden Jubilee for their expertise, kindness and care. After eight nights I was very pleased to come home to more care in a domestic scene and not give too many instructions!! Most of all thank you to everyone at All Saints for cards, 'phone calls, flowers, good wishes, friendship and Prayers. This means such a lot to me and Graham too. All I can say is a huge thank you to everyone.

*Elaine Perret*

## ALL SAINTS CAKEWALK 2022



Starting out

This year our annual Cake Walk was one with a difference, as we teamed up with members of St Andrew's Church Milngavie. 27 stalwarts and 3 dogs took part in a most successful, non-challenging 5 miles over Mugdock Moors. It was a particular pleasure to be able to enjoy the company of friends old and new from what was once our sister church.

Our walk began at Easterton Stables car park and continued on to the moor where we found a perfect spot for our picnic lunch. The lichen covered rocks provided comfortable seating, although rising from them proved more difficult for some! Our further

progression across the moor was without incident until we encountered a group of extremely excitable young bullocks, resulting in an enforced detour being made by some!

Our final destination, the home of Niall and Mairi Ross, was reached a short while later where we were greeted by the non-walkers and tables groaning with a sumptuous array. Now 40 in number, we were soon tucking in to a delicious selection of cakes, scones and strawberries and cream, with much laughter



Lunch stop

and chatter in evidence. Our final challenge was a walk up the garden to view Mairi's amazing Chapel, still under construction but looking very impressive.

We all enjoyed sharing our day with our friends from St Andrew's and hope that there may be many similar occasions in the future. A big thank you must go to everyone involved in the organisation of the day, from providing food to serving teas and coffees and laying out and washing up numerous dishes, a mammoth task. In particular, an enormous thank you to John Harrington, Mairi and Niall for researching the walk and being such generous hosts. They even organised the weather!

*Gill Hamblen*

## MONDAY HOUSEGROUP'S ANNUAL CROQUET MATCH



The Monday Housegroup usually has a croquet match in June to mark the end of the season. This year Covid problems meant a postponement, so it became the start of the next season!

Many thanks to Richard and Gillian for organising the croquet



tournament again. It was such fun especially for those of us who had no idea what we were meant to do. I would call it up market putting with hoops!! The rain arrived but it didn't dampen our spirits. The supper in Ross Priory was excellent and gave us a chance to have a chat with everybody. It was good to have Elaine as a spectator after her operation, her first social outing.

The prizegiving was full surprises too Andrew and I were first with Ann and Graham second. We look forward to next year Thanks again

*Jean Stirling*

## OBERAMMERGAU

We have just returned from a long-planned and memorable holiday in Bavaria with our daughter and son-in-law, Nicola and Sam (they married in all Saints 33 years ago!).

Our focus was to attend the Oberammergau passion play, but before that we enjoyed a wonderful few days in picture post-card Austrian Tyrol – Alpine pastures, cow bells tinkling, blue/green lakes and perfect weather – what a joy.



A painted house showing the passion story

Then on to Oberammergau: we were incredibly impressed by the way a small village welcomed almost 5000 visitors each day, organised accommodation, transport and two dinners with no fuss, no obvious pressure, and no crowding! The play itself – all 5 hours of performance in two halves was a totally memorable experience. A huge ensemble of

The main stage



orchestra, choir and actors tell the well-known story, but its impact is hard to describe. We are all so familiar with the biblical texts, re told beautifully in churches, surrounded by lovely flowers and great music that it can be almost sanitised. Seeing it told with real people, undergoing the political and religious turmoil of the times as they unfolded gives a huge opportunity to rethink one’s own approach to the story. The angst of Judas, the dilemma of Caiaphas, the stoicism of Jesus, the wavering crowds and the brutality of the Roman occupation are vividly portrayed. All can be applied to modern politics and religious movements and leave much food for thought. The experience will linger with us for a long time.



Our holiday concluded with a few days in the delightful village of Mittenwald. Painted houses, lovely shops, and incredible scenery from the Karwendalbahn cable-car made the visit special. The highlight for Nicola (a cellist) was the violin museum, documenting the making of stringed instruments in the area for centuries.

We now return to normal life as autumn sets in, replete with special memories.

*Gillian Kingslake*

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am  
 Zoom Meeting Number 913-382-1554 Password *Housegrp*  
 Please remember to mute yourself during the service.

Date Sunday	2 October Trinity 16 Green	9 October Trinity 17 Green	16 October Trinity 18 Green	23 October Trinity 19 Green	30 October Trinity 20 Red or Green
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. David Cameron	TBA	Rev. David Cameron	Rev. John Riches	TBA
<b>10.30 Service</b>	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>Stewards</b>	Pauline Waugh	Andrew Long	Janet Stack	Brenda Hadcroft	Joyce James
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Hanan	Louise	Graham	Celia	Jenny
<b>Readings</b>	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Isaiah 1:10-18 2 Thessalonians 1 Luke 19:1-10
<b>Reader</b>	Sheena Macdonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake	Janet Stack
<b>Intercessor</b>	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	Sheena Macdonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson
<b>After-service Coffee</b>	<b>Gioia Whitmore</b> Janet Stack	<b>Tracey Conway</b> Pauline Waugh	<b>Fiona Hempel</b> Gillian Kingslake	<b>Kate Ross</b> Sheena Macdonald	<b>Jane Lewis</b> Brenda Hadcroft
<b>Other events</b>	<b>The Church AGM will be held after the service on 30th October</b>				

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