

# November 2022 Magazine

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The cover picture: one of the many floral displays in All Saints for Remembrance Day, November 2018, commemorating the centenary of the end of World War 1

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*Drymen Road Bearsden*



November 2022

Dear All,

Last week we spent a lovely time in Glen Clova. This is a place we have visited many times, enjoying walking, relaxing and absorbing the beauty and drama of the glen. Always we look out for eagles, desperate to catch a glimpse of one of these magnificent birds. So far, we have only achieved a distant glimpse but this year our persistence paid off and we were awarded an amazing close up view as directly over head of us there it was – hovering, majestic and menacing!

As a child we were encouraged to pray every night. I can remember producing before God my wish list of desires with absolute reverence, believing with childlike simplicity that, if I prayed enough, eventually they would all be granted. I can't remember if any of them ever were, but it was certainly a good exercise in perseverance and faith.

This reminds me of a scene in the film Shawshank Redemption when Andy Dufresne, the protagonist, is put in charge of the prison library. He decides to improve the library's decaying collection. He does this by writing a letter to the state government asking for funds. He is told he is wasting his time as they won't respond. But Andy replies by saying he will write a letter every day until they do. And so, he does. He writes a letter every day for the next five years and then one day a large consignment of books arrives. The authorities, tired of his daily letter, had finally conceded.

In the Bible Jesus encourages perseverance, the need to pray and not to lose heart. The parable of the judge and the widow has this theme at its heart (Luke 18:1-8). Jesus is saying that some things can only be achieved by faithful, dogged persistence, so prayer becomes more than just a passing whim, it becomes a real vocation. The widow in the parable had come to the judge many times and she didn't take "no" for an answer. Instead, every time court was in session, there she would be asking for - demanding - the justice which she was owed. And she proves right, the judge does give in. He decides to grant her what she was due - just to get rid of her. But the point of this parable is that if an unjust, selfish judge will see that justice is done in response to persistent requests, how much more will the just God bring justice to his own beloved people who pray constantly to him?

In Mathew's gospel we are told in chapter 6 "When you pray do not keep on babbling.....for your father knows what you need before you ask him" but here in Luke we are being encouraged to articulate our cares and concerns to God - not just once but persistently!

Dark times comes to our world, as we know, and to all of us at times. Sometimes through our own foolishness but often from circumstances beyond our control. In our contemporary world with mass media and communications we are easily brought in touch with tragedies and disasters of all kinds, personally, locally, nationally and globally - daily we keep on praying for justice, peace and hope. Just how many prayers have been said over the years for the Middle East? And now we pray for Ukraine.

The world needs our prayers. and it certainly needs them now as we face political upheaval and uncertainty.

And so, we must persevere with our conversations with God, be persistent in our prayer life and never feel tempted to give up.

In the words of the hymn writer Percy Dearmer:

"We'll go on with thee beside us  
And with joy will persevere"

*Many blessings to you all*

*Andrea*

## VESTRY NOTES - MEETING ON 6 OCTOBER 2022

- **Harvest Festival** - The Vestry thanked Ann and her team for stunning arrangements of flowers in the Church at Harvest Festival.
- **New Fall for the Credence Table** - The Vestry thanked Susan Gray for all her very hard work and skill in making a beautiful new fall for the Credence Table, and covers for the altar.
- **Update on Rectory** -The interior decoration at the Rectory is now complete, and we can now proceed to the recarpeting of the stairs and the hall. It was agreed that a new shed would be purchased. The Vestry thanked David Hamblen for all his very hard work over many months.
- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church** - A new tree will be purchased to mark the occasion.
- **The defibrillator** on the wall of the main hall is now working again.

- **Annual General Meeting, 30 October** - There are two vacancies for the Vestry. Copies of the agenda and minutes of the last AGM, together with Vestry proposal sheets will be prepared for the meeting.

Brenda Hadcroft

## **FURTHER PROGRESS WITH FILLING OUR RECTORIAL VACANCY**

As this report is being composed, the deadline for the submission of applications for the All Saints Rectorship has just passed, with a significant number of applications having been received. The short-listing meeting will be held in the final week of October with the first set of interviews (on Zoom) following in the first week of November. Thereafter the preferred candidate will be invited to Bearsden to meet Church members and look at our facilities. Hopefully news of an appointment having been made will be announced shortly thereafter.

## **125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALL SAINTS**



October the 16th marked the one hundred and twenty five years since All Saints Church opened its doors to Episcopalians in Bearsden. Previously, they had to travel to St. George's Church in Maryhill. The building of All Saints was a temporary building with the intention of replacing with a stone built church at a later date. As we all know the temporary building is still serving us after all these years and it is greatly loved.

To many of us, the last 25 years since our centenary have flown by and many of the congregation have been present for nearer to fifty years or more. Our service was taken by Father David Cameron, a priest, who with others has served us well during our interregnum. Father Cameron preached about the role of the building in which we worship in our spiritual lives.



The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The hymns chosen related to the dedication of the building and the choir led us in the singing of these hymns of which we were not overly familiar.

Gill Hamblen read the lessons and Sheena MacDonald led the intercessions, very appropriately recognising the importance of our fellowship at All Saints. The flowers on the altar and memorial table were in memory of Simon Lewis who died last December. He was a very active member of our congregation for many years and is remembered with much affection, as are many others whose names are recorded in the book of remembrance.

Mary Stott



Many thanks to members of the Flower Group who decorated the church so beautifully.



## The Lunch Party

It's not every day you are 125 years old so, on Sunday, October 16th, All Saints had a party. A delicious lunch of dishes prepared by the congregation was beautifully served in the church hall after morning service. We were delighted to have our birthday service celebrant, Rev David Cameron, with us and Andrea who just made it after a busy morning elsewhere. Equally lovely was the presence of some new members, recently arrived from afar, and some previous members who returned to join the celebration.



The usual warm, friendly atmosphere at All Saints was much in evidence. Inevitably, on these big birthdays, you look back on the road already travelled. A photographic display reminded us of events from the past, especially the building of the new halls and the installation of the Sauer organ. The vital contribution of former members is something we will always remember and be grateful for. Andrew reminded us of Charles Elliott's history of our church, entitled "A Temporary Building", that records the dedication service held in the newly constructed building on 14th October 1897, now transformed into a permanent church at the heart of Bearsden, and finally consecrated in 1998. Thanks are due to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes, stalwarts we rely on and to whom we owe so much. Special thanks go to our youthful kitchen staff who might well be around to celebrate our 150th birthday.

Joyce James

The Vestry would like to thank all those who contributed by their hard work to making such a success of the lunch, particularly those who set up the tables, those who laboured away in the kitchen in making tea and coffee and in washing dishes, and to those who cleared up so efficiently after the event.

Andrew Long

## DRUMCHAPEL SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

While the congregation at All Saints were celebrating the 125th Anniversary, a sadder occasion was taking place in Drumchapel where the small Episcopal congregation was experiencing their closing service after many years of devoted work in the community. The Church at Invercanny was dedicated in 1982 and All Saints were very involved with the Drumchapel Mission until the church became

a member of a partnership of churches in Drumchapel. Some of us remember setting up a Mother and Toddler Group in 1986 at Invercanny with Jean Kerr a leading light. One of its toddler members, now a mother of three, was at the service on October 16th. Drumchapel became a member of the team ministry in 1993, under the Revd. Kenneth Roach, with All Saints and St Andrew's Milngavie. More details of that period can be found in Charles Elliott's book "A Temporary Building".

The following articles are written by founder members of the Episcopal presence in Drumchapel.

*From Jackie Walls, Secretary/Treasurer, Drumchapel:*

On 16th October we had a bittersweet service. It was a celebration of 40 years in Drumchapel and also the last service for our congregation. Bishop Kevin and Dean Reuben conducted the service with Sue Brough assisting. The Bishop and Dean had planned and arranged the service and provided full service sheets. Our congregation had chosen the hymns and all the music was managed by the Dean via his mobile phone, a speaker and YouTube.

We were delighted to see how many friends were able to attend despite distance travelled and various health conditions. Several had not been seen for many years, others were more recent connections. Some time was spent after the service catching up with everyone, fortified with biscuits, cake and beverages. A photograph of some of the Drumchapel congregation was taken with the Bishop and Dean, including a baby aged 5 months (Jackie's youngest grandchild, Maisie)



We sorely missed Agnes as she had an unexpected medical emergency to attend to. The patient ended up having a small emergency operation but is now back in the family home much to everyone's relief. I would like to offer my thanks to

Bishop Kevin, Dean Reuben and Sue for all the arrangements. Also many thanks go to all those who assisted with setting up and clearing the hall as well as those who dispensed the refreshments.

*From Jean Kerr, a founder member:*

**‘Fear not little flock’ Luke 12:32**

Many thanks to all who came to the service. I am very sad we are closing but we hope to keep in touch with All Saints and I read your magazine from cover to cover every month.

Bishop Kevin led a beautiful, moving service, assisted by the Dean and Sue Brough. The Bishop preached words of comfort using the very appropriate text above. It was wonderful to see so many old friends including Nicky (Taylor), who was one of our community youth workers, also Liz and George Farrow, as well as a previous Bishop, Gregor Duncan, and several priests who have faithfully taken our services over the years, and many others.

We were delighted to have Bisop Kevin cutting our special cake, and even more delighted to see how much he enjoyed the tea and cakes at the party afterwards, even with his wife trying to restrain him!

## **OUR ORGANIST**

We at All Saints are privileged to have Jeremy Wan as our organist. You can tell how greatly appreciated he is by the number of people remaining to hear – and applaud -- his impressive voluntaries after the church service. He is also greatly appreciated by the choir as an exemplary choir master. Jeremy has now completed with the highest grade his Master's degree in music at the University of Glasgow. He'd like to stay in Glasgow to study for a doctorate, but, as he's still considered an overseas student, the fees are simply too high. He will however stay in Glasgow for a year if he is able to find employment here and this is how our congregation can help. So, do any of you know of any suitable opening for him, preferably in the music world? If so do let Jeremy or me know.

Graham Caie

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2022**

Thank you to all those who delivered leaflets and /or donated to Christian Aid. The amount we raised this year was as follows:

All Saints direct donations (i.e not via the Justgiving page amounted to £1126.20, the bulk of which was from Alex Stirling's funeral (£911.20)

The Bearsden area total via the online JustGiving page was just over £9000 which is amazing considering last year's Christian Aid Week raised about £6000 and suggests that people are happy to give online which is good news for the future.

Other monies raised via Harvest and Christmas collections, musical events and sponsored events, especially the Kiltwalk, raised a further £13,000. Thus, the total sent to Christian Aid for the year ending June 2022 was a little over £22, 300.

### **EDWR: Syrian Family in Kirkintilloch**

The EDWR group were delighted to finally welcome a family from Syria after about 18 months of fund raising and waiting for the Home Office to allocate us a family.

The family of three (one son aged 9yrs) arrived mid-July and since then have been settling into their Housing Association flat in the Hillhead area of Kirkintilloch. It has a lovely garden which the group restored (including a small vegetable garden) along with the house which needed a total renovation and refurbishment. By the time the family saw it, it looked great and very welcoming.

They are really happy to be here, love Kirkintilloch, the house and the weather! That is understandable as they were living near a motorway on the outskirts of Cairo which they said was extremely hot, noisy, and dusty. Their son has started school and is enjoying it on the whole. It helped that we managed to enrol him in a Snack and Play holiday scheme so by the time school started he was already familiar with the layout and grounds of the school. His English is coming on, as is his father's. Samah, his mother, has quite good English which she has learned exclusively from watching films!

It took seven weeks, but they finally have a bank account, universal credit, IT connections. Job Centre appointments and are enrolled in ESOL classes at the local college. A group of us are also supplementing with extra English "lessons". Thank you for all those who have donated items and asked how they are doing. Samah said to one of the group "It is like paradise" .

Celia Fisher

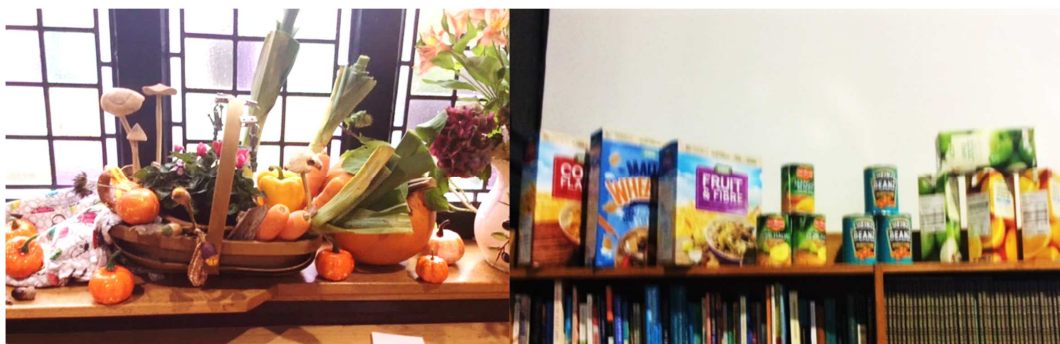
### **More Christian Aid news**

Harvest Collection – many thanks for your extremely generous contributions. I was able to send £1205 to them.

Christian Aid are hosting a Talking Climate Justice Tour event at **St George's Tron Church of Scotland** (Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2JX) on Saturday 12th November at 7pm. They would be delighted if anyone from the Bearsden groups would like to go along. Climate change remains one of the leading drivers of poverty and Christian Aid is committed to calling for climate justice now and in the future. For more information and to sign up, please [visit the Eventbrite page.](#) (or you can **contact Celia** and she'll sign up for you)

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to Ann Caie for organising the decoration of the church for the Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. Below are some of the beautiful arrangements of flowers, fruit, vegetables and groceries, which have all been put to good use.



## HARVEST MEMORIES FROM SHEILA BENSON

A big thank you to the Flower Group for the beautiful arrangements in church for Harvest Sunday. It looked stunning. Harvest brought back memories of hot Harvest Suppers in the old hall, with choice of lasagne, shepherd's pie or chicken casserole. Each table hostess chose their menu and set the table. What noisy, happy times ensued thanks to the Social Group and all who attended!

*Editor adds:* Who remembers other years with the Harvest Hotpot recipe and 'hay boxes' to keep the casseroles hot? I still have my recipe!

## AN APPEAL FROM THE LIVINGSTONIA HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIP

Dear Supporter

I don't know what you think of when you hear the word 'cholera'. Thankfully, it has been consigned to history in the UK – the last indigenous case in England and Wales was reported in 1893. Unfortunately, it is still a threat in Malawi, where it normally strikes during the rainy season in approximately November to April. However, the staff at David Gordon Memorial Hospital (DGMH) emailed Livingstonia Hospital Partnership (LHP) on Monday 19th September as follows: - "Cholera outbreak has hit our catchment area and our health centers. Cumulatively we had 48 cases in our catchment area, 10 of these cases are still in our ward for treatment. Female ward is being temporarily used as a treatment ward for all cholera cases that come to DGMH. The other non cholera cases are temporarily being managed from the Paediatric ward. The cholera outbreak has come at an unexpected time and during our difficult times of inadequate drugs and medical supplies besides fuel scarcity challenges in the country."

We asked them what they needed to combat the cholera, whether it could be obtained locally and what it would cost. They replied: -

"What is need is support for procuring medical supplies and drugs and some fuel for collecting patients from some villages to our facility for treatment especially. Material can be found in some of the shops as I'm speaking. We already collected some IV fluids on credit due to critical situation we were in to manage some severe cases for rehydrations."

LHP have sent DGMH £3000.00 from our reserves – as you may know, we always try to ensure that our balance does not drop below the amount of the next quarterly payment. We would appreciate any assistance which our supporters can provide at this time.

### A further request

As you may know, Livingstonia Hospital Partnership is supporting Penjani Sichinga (former Clinical Officer in David Gordon Memorial Hospital) as he trains to become a doctor. He has now finished his studies and his internship is ongoing. He has submitted the following request to Livingstonia Hospital Partnership.

"I want to ask if you can help me in terms of some medical materials if you have chance to have a friend who is a medical doctor. **I'm looking for a diagnostic set and Littmann stethoscope.**"

If any of you are able to donate these items, or know someone who is, please let me know. Thanks in advance.

Graham Truesdale (Secretary)



## GARDENING

A jolly afternoon's gardening was very productive. Mairi arrived with pickaxe and other lethal instruments with which she proceeded to demolish the old garden shed. The contents and remains were carted to the skip, along with other garden rubbish cleared up by the rest of us. We left a much tidier garden for the winter period. Tea and chocolate biscuits were much enjoyed. Well done, Mairi!



The church garden has had a tidy too, with lawns cut and beech nuts gathered - though more to come. Do volunteer to help if you have any spare time and energy.

## HOUSE GROUPS THIS AUTUMN

Great to be back with the ladies



The **E group** stands for exploring our faith. We are a group of 8 to 10 people who meet monthly in somebody's home. Last session we discussed the Lord's Prayer

and the problem with forgiveness. It was an excellent session which we all enjoyed. We had a pot luck supper in October and will meet in November with our next book for study. Contact Jean Stirling for more details.

The **Monday** group has been meeting fortnightly, led by David Wheatley, based on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land undertaken by some of the group, looking at the influences on early Christianity. Contact Janet Stack for more details.

Both groups welcome new members.

## DISASTER EMERGENCY (DEC) APPEAL

In the last few weeks, strikes across **Ukraine** have had devastating consequences for civilians, hitting vital infrastructure, including power and water supplies, painfully demonstrating the lasting impact this conflict will have.

Zhenia Mudrak works for HIA, a local partner of DEC member **charity Christian Aid**, who are giving small grants to community-based organisations in western Ukraine providing shelter and other essential services for families displaced by the conflict. She was in Lviv when the recent strikes hit.

"It was unexpected, because everything changed in a moment. We had no electricity, no network, no internet. You can't call your colleagues, you can't call your relatives. I was in the middle of my way to work. I was in the tram. Local transport stopped working, so you just need to leave it and go somewhere to a shelter."

Right now, despite the latest strikes, DEC charities and their local partners continue to provide aid in Ukraine as well as in neighbouring countries, adapting to people's changing needs as the situation evolves.

The DEC Ukraine Appeal has now raised over £380 million. Thanks to your incredible generosity, DEC charities and their local partners are able to continue to provide much needed food, water, medicines, medical equipment and trauma care. You can find out more about the many ways your donations are helping on our website <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

What will happen next in Ukraine is unclear, but thanks to your support, we will continue to be there to help the people affected by the conflict in the months and years to come.

Thank you

## THE GIFT?

The Gift we were given shortly into 2020  
 The Gift, is it a nice present?  
 The Gift this time turned out to be terrible, tragic  
 Though no-one knew then how much  
 We, our Worldwide Community, came to be presented with 'A Gift'  
 An infectious disease  
 Not just touching a small part of our Universe but Everyone  
 Wrapped up in 'The Gift' we were presented with  
 Not going out  
 Shopping with masks on  
 Rationed stock  
 Limited social interaction with society  
 Traffic not touching the roads  
 Hearing about people dying  
 The Gift gave us tension edginess isolation and fear of life lost  
 Finding new ways to activate the hours of daylight  
 without catching Covid and spreading invisible bugs about  
 A passport is not much use during a pandemic  
 To bottom of Garden and back up  
 Sweeping leaves or composting manure  
 The Gift that year could not be left unwrapped  
 as it appeared on the Television daily until  
 Government medical management team turned up with vaccine jags  
 A Star Wars type weapon against Real Human Mass Destruction  
 which so far has worked and we pray with patience  
 we will win the war and conquer all. Amen to that!

*By Fiona Stack*

Fiona was delighted to receive this message from **Interfaith Scotland:**

"I am delighted to inform you that we have selected your poem for our interfaith anthology. We will be having a **launch for the anthology on Sunday 13th November from 6 - 8pm** at the Scottish Storytelling Centre at 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh and we would be delighted if you were able to attend the event. The launch of the anthology is taking place during the launch of Scottish Interfaith Week which is on the theme of 'Storytelling'. Thank you again for your submission and we hope to meet you in person or online during Scottish Interfaith Week! "

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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	6 November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent Green/Red	13 November Remembrance Sunday Red	20 November Sunday before Advent Christ the King Red/Green	27 November Advent Sunday Purple
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev David Cameron	Rev Mary Bowden	Rev David Cameron	Bishop Gregor Duncan
<b>10.30 Service</b>	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>Stewards</b>	David Hamblen	Tracey Conway	Celia Fisher	Janet Stack
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Celia	Catriona	Graham	Louise
<b>Readings</b>	Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-end Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21:5-19 ( <i>may be changed</i> )	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
<b>Reader</b>	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Mary Stott	Andrew Long
<b>Intercessor</b>	Andrew Long	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald
<b>After- service Coffee</b>	<b>Joyce James</b> John Brooker	<b>Janet Stack</b> Gioia Whitmore	<b>Pauline Waugh</b> Tracy Conway	<b>Gillian Kingslake</b> Fiona Hempel
<b>Other events</b>	There will be a said Eucharist on Wednesday November 2nd 11.30am			

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