

June 2023 Magazine



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The cover picture: **Trinity Sunday June 4th**. The love shared by the three person of the Holy Trinity radiates the love of God in the life of the church. The Father created, the Son redeemed, and the Spirit sanctifies. One God in three persons.

*All Saints Scottish Episcopal
Church*

Drymen Road Bearsden



June 2023

Dear All,

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Many years ago I borrowed a library book entitled "2010," a children's book that guessed how we would be living in 2010 – then about 40 years into the future. There were plenty of flying cars, communities on the Moon, and other developments that even now remain firmly embedded in an episode of *Star Trek*.

As I prepare to join you as your new Rector I reflect on our lives 13 years on from that fanciful book, maybe 50 years after it was written. I'm guessing that even four years ago none of us could have anticipated how things would work out with the impact of COVID-19 and its many consequences. Even now many still struggle in the aftermath of the pandemic and things around us have changed in so many ways.

As the Church some of the changes and moving forwards we're asked to make can seem like giant leaps into hyperspace. Yet so many changes even in the past 100 years are now an established part of our lives - new Bible translations, new hymns and songs, new prayer books, new worship experiences – so many fresh expressions of who we are as Christ's followers.

The Christian Church faces many challenges and opportunities, not least in the present climate, and it would be foolish not to be willing to embrace them and try to find new ways of proclaiming the gospel in our present day. The great characters of the Bible and the saints throughout the centuries all dared to have faith and take steps into a great unknown, confident of the Lord's guidance and strength.

Here in Bearsden we need to build on the past and explore ways of moving onwards in faith to ensure that the church built by our forebears is not left to die out. We need to find ways of respecting our traditions at the same time as being open to new ways of telling that old, old story to the present generation.

Even when visiting to look around I was excited by so many signs of growth here and I look forward to opportunities to go and meet people wherever they are in every part of Bearsden life.

We cannot stand still, we are called ever onwards. In the words of Jeremiah the prophet: "'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" We can read that verse as words to us, words of promise and confidence.

Let us pray that we may respond to that promise and together achieve marvellous things in God's name. Let us rejoice in the truth that the Christ who walked on Earth 2000 years ago lives among us still, inspiring us, encouraging us, empowering us and loving us in all that we are and do.

Into your hand, Lord, we place this new beginning, and thank you that in your strength this may be a fresh start that begins and continues with you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

David

The installation of the Revd. David Guest will be held in All Saints on **Thursday 15th June at 6pm**. There will be refreshments after the service.

VESTRY NOTES 18 MAY 2023

- **Communication with the Congregation** - The Vestry continued the discussion about communication with the Congregation in respect of recent legislation. Information will be passed to the Congregation for discussion as soon as possible.
- **The Institution of the new Rector** - plans are well underway for the Institution:
 - the hymns have been chosen.
 - members of the University Chapel choir have agreed to supplement our own choir.
 - Celia and Tracey are already organising the refreshments. All offers of help will be very welcome.
 - The various duties needed for the ceremony have been allocated to members of the Vestry.
- **The Rectory** - the refurbishment of the Rectory is now almost complete in preparation for the arrival of Mr Guest at the beginning of June:
 - the carpets and blinds are done.
 - the curtains have been ordered.
 - the shed has been erected in the garden.
 - the shelves in the study will be fitted in the next 2 weeks.
 - Broadband will be put in shortly.

Brenda Hadcroft

RECTORY REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

The pace of refurbishment at the Rectory has increased to match the updated arrival time of our new Rector. David Guest has intimated that the date of his removal to Bearsden will be June 2nd, nearly two weeks ahead of the Installation on Thursday 15th June.

Internally the carpets have now all been laid, window blinds fitted and the curtains ordered but not yet delivered. The downstairs Study is still to be fitted with sufficient wall shelving to accommodate his large collection of books. The planning for this installation has allowed Andrew Long to revisit his latent knowledge of Physics to calculate the load bearing required based on the average size, weight and density of the volumes.

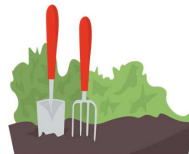
Externally, the main achievement has been the erection of a new wooden garden shed. This was prefabricated, but like all building kits required much more time to assemble than the makers specified. The accompanying picture shows the finished product with the triumphant Trio of builders. Not so much *Three Men in a Boat*, but *Three Men and a Hut*. The combined efforts of Andrew L (Applied Mathematics), David H (Fracture surgery on wood) and John McK (Expert D.I.Y.) eventually proving successful. Meanwhile the back garden has become overgrown from the sudden surge of Spring growth and will require further efforts by the Gardening Team, who would welcome more volunteers to help with the task.



David Hamblen

A huge amount of time by a few hard working people has gone into refurbishing the Rectory. The congregation are very grateful to this small team for their effort.

The Gardening Group are about to Spring into action!



WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

It is amazing to think that this is the last magazine of the vacancy period at All Saints (and simultaneously the first of the new era: A very big Welcome, David!). I think that all of us agree that it seems an awfully long time since we had our own Rector. At least now we know why Kirstin's announcement came as such a surprise for us all: because of the policy to have simultaneous announcements in both concerned congregations once the appointment process is complete.

Anyhow, it behooves me, as your representative, to thank the many people who have helped us through this vacancy period. First and foremost, we have to thank our Vestry and its associates, our hard-working Treasurer and our successive Property Convenors. It is an understatement to say that it has been a lot of work to, not only, keep the church running smoothly but also oversee the refurbishment of the Rectory and organise the appointment of our new Rector. Whilst my own contribution has largely been limited to chairing vestry meetings and sending the odd e-mail, others have put in serious numbers of hours to achieve the necessary tasks, and we should all be very grateful for that. I don't think any of us were quite prepared for the sheer number of jobs to keep on top of: Who orders the candles? Who chooses the hymns each week? Who should compile the notices? Whilst there have been a few moments of stress for all of us, most of this has been achieved in a spirit of good humour and fellowship which, as chair, I am also very grateful for.

We must also, of course, thank Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch for the way in which she has kept us all going spiritually during the vacancy. In particular, Andrea has sensitively handled the funerals of (too large!) a number of much-loved church members over the last 18 months. We have all benefited from a supportive word or visit from her, for which we are thankful.

Next, I would like to mention the many priests from the Diocese who have covered our services on Sunday mornings. Particularly frequent visitors have been Rev. Prof. John Riches, Rev. Moira Jameson, Fr. David Cameron and Rev. Sally Gorton, but we sincerely thank every single one. Sally has also had the rather onerous task of organising the rota which she has done diligently each month. Unfortunately (for Sally) her work goes on as other vacancies arise in the Diocese.

Finally, I would like to thank the Dean, Bishop Kevin and members of the Diocesan Office who have responded amicably to our many queries during the vacancy and helped us dot the i's and cross the t's in our appointment process.

In other news, I unfortunately have missed most of the meetings and services I should have attended in the last few weeks, including Diocesan Council, North-

West Regional Council (NWRC) and the joint service on Ascension Day. Reports on these will have to wait until a later date when the minutes become available. I shall be attending General Synod (for the last time in my current tenure) in Edinburgh next month, just before our new Rector's installation. You can check out the agenda and papers online here: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-general-synod/> and even follow the whole thing live if you want, from the morning of Thursday, 8th June. It looks as though the main discussion points this year will again be climate change and discussions about electing Bishops (Canon IV).

Finally, although there are several reminders elsewhere in the magazine, please do not miss the installation of the Rev. David Guest as our new Rector on Thursday, 15th June at 6pm!

David Simmons

CELEBRATING THE CORONATION

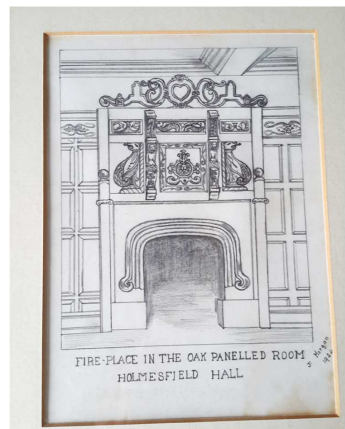
Members of the coffee group thoughtfully provided coronation cakes for after the church service on Sunday 7th May.

They were very much enjoyed and not a crumb was left.

Sheena MacDonald



CELEBRATING AN EARLIER KING CHARLES



During the English Civil War in the 17th Century, the occupants of our Family home were fervent supporters of Charles the First. So much so that they had a carving of him in oak over a fireplace. My Father, who grew up there, spent his leisure hours, of which he had few, in drawing and attached is a photograph of one he made of the aforementioned overmantel. I can verify that it is very accurate as I recently saw a photograph of it when the house was on the market last summer. Mary Stott

ORGAN NOTES

Following on from our work on the Sauer instrument over the last two months, I have been asked how it is that we at All Saints have a German instrument? My answer was considered to have been interesting enough that perhaps more of you would like to know.

Our organ was originally built in Ballater Free Kirk in 1914. That statement in itself is fascinating, since Ballater is not exactly a metropolis; Free Kirks didn't usually have organs and we were not on the best of terms with Germany in 1914! When we did the work on putting the instrument in All Saints back in 1996, I did research the conundrum to the best of my ability. I discovered a book written by Sheila Sedgwick (the local archivist) called "The Curious Years" which was all about the church life of the three parishes of Glenmuick, Tullich and Glengain which are of the Ballater area. In it I discovered that the Free Kirk was set as an independent church in 1843 in the parish of Glenmuick, and that the main church in Ballater installed an organ in 1889. They considered organ firms from Hull, Sheffield, Manchester, Durham and London; eventually opting for a Forster and Andrews from Hull. Later, not to be outdone, the Free Kirk commissioned our organ from Wilhelm Sauer of Frankfurt (Oder) in 1895. WHY?

The architect of the Free Kirk building was one Charles Duguid. We know that he was friendly with Prince Albert along the road at Balmoral and since Sauer had been awarded the position of "Master Organ Builder to the Royal Court of Prussia" in 1884, it seems likely that Prince Albert's recommendation must have been influential in securing this order. Albert died in 1861 which is thirty years before the organ was proposed but that influence must have still been there possibly via Victoria, otherwise there is no other plausible reason for a small Kirk in Ballater to even consider bringing an instrument from Germany.

Unfortunately all the archives from the Free Kirk were requisitioned by the government during WW2 as there was a shortage of paper. I have checked to see if there are any archives existing from the Sauer firm but the WW2 is responsible for that as well, since the archives were destroyed by our bombers!



There may be something to be found in Royal papers but that would indeed be a long shot.

Most of Sauer's organs are very large as can be seen by the photo of the instrument in Berlin Cathedral which, at the time it was built, was the largest instrument in the world.

After the Free Kirk closed, the organ was sold to Uphall Church near Edinburgh in 1943 for £150, then eventually it went into storage before coming as a gift to All Saints. SOME GIFT!

On another matter, I went along to hear Jeremy Wan and Jonathan Smith at a lunchtime duo recital in the University Chapel on 3rd May. Their playing was wonderful, especially their last piece, the Mother Goose suite by Ravel. The different orchestral colours were superbly executed on that amazing instrument. You can hear the performance on-line at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B40d9GEmmEc>

Treat yourself to 35 minutes of lovely music.

John Harrington

Editor: I've been to services in Berliner Dom with my son, Graham, who lives close by, and have heard the grand Sauer organ there. The Cathedral was badly damaged during the WW2 and only gradually restored, finally completed in 1993, four years after the Berlin Wall fell. I believe the organ was fortunately not damaged. Before the fall of the Wall the Cathedral was in East Berlin and although services were permitted there the congregation was small. West Berliners had no access to their Cathedral during that period.

MUSIC IN THE DARK BY SALLY MAGNUSSON

The following is about our visit to the Fraser Centre in Milngavie to hear about Sally Magnusson's latest book.

Following a recommendation by Rev. John Riches, several of us went to listen to the talk by Sally Magnusson at the launch of her new book, **Music in the Dark**. We were all rather relieved when she arrived as she had been on Reporting Scotland prior to her talk!!

Before her talk pupils from Douglas Academy kept us entertained with their lovely music.



Sally was interviewed by her friends, Anne Balfour and Anne Johnson of the Herald, discussing various aspects of the book. Sally then read pieces from the book, which was a clever way of introducing us to it. The main theme was the Highland Clearances and the disgraceful way it was handled, and also about healing and redemption. It includes her grandmother having to move to Rutherglen where conditions were not good and many children died from malnutrition. A lot of research has gone into this book.

It sounds a great book and we can't wait to read it.

Jane Lowis

'An engrossing, beautifully written novel about the Highland Clearances and the long-term physical, emotional and psychological damage done to those who were forced from their homes and homeland. Like all good historical fiction, it both illuminates the past and speaks eloquently to the present'

James Robertson, author

ETERNITY

William Blake 1757-1827

He who binds to himself a joy,
Does the winged life destroy.
He who kisses the joy as it flies,
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

In this delightful little poem Blake reflects on our capacity to enjoy life to the full. In the first two lines he warns that fastening our minds to a particularly happy time, and allowing no other, can lead to sorrow, and spoil what time is given to us.

He sees life as a bird which soars high into the sky bringing joy, and then flies down to earth without it. This is the reality of life that just like the bird it has its highs and its lows, and the one of necessity follows the other.

In lines 3-4 he offers us the solution: he suggests that we kiss the bird as it flies up and open our minds to both the joys and sorrows of life. This is real living and assures us a place in eternity's sunrise which is the surest dawn of hope.

Brenda Hadcroft

WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP — THE ACCESSORIES SALE

The 2022-23 season of the Wednesday Lunch Group ended on 26 April with a Grand Accessories Sale before and after the soup and sandwiches. This was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The photograph shows the sale items in the foreground and the lunchers behind.

The sale raised £266 and added to the excess of donations over costs for the lunches since Christmas, we have been able to send a total of £771 to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal and to the Self-Help Africa Appeal for Cyclone Freddy Relief in Malawi. The unsold items were taken over the road to the Oxfam shop for them to sell.



The Wednesday Lunch Group will start again in September – details will be circulated nearer the time.

Brenda Hadcroft & Andrew Long

SUNG EUCHARIST FOR ASCENSION DAY

A service was held at St Andrew's Milngavie on Ascension Day, Thursday 18th May. This was organised for the N-W Regional Council of Churches by the Revd. Dom Ind of St Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh. The Revd Andrea Hagenbuch (St Andrew's) led the service with Canon Revd Paul Watson preaching.

The choir from St Michael's was joined by choir members of All Saints and St Andrew's, who filled the beautiful little church with magnificent sound.

Paul preached about the huge importance of the Ascension of Christ for our Christian faith, allowing the universality of Christ, and emphasising the importance of our witness in the world.

St Andrew's provided delicious refreshments following the service.

Janet Stack

A POST-SCRIPT TO JOHN'S ARTICLE ON OUR SAUR ORGAN

On our church website, there is an article about our historic organ, so I thought I'd draw attention to the website and add one or two facts to John's fascinating account.

Born at Schoenbeck bei Freidland (in Mecklenberg) Wilhelm Sauer (1831-1910) learnt the fundamental principles of organ building from his father, a village blacksmith. After touring through Germany, England, Switzerland & France to study organ building techniques, he set up the firm of W.Sauer in Frankfurt-on-Oder in 1857.

Around 1,000 organs (mainly large) were produced under his direction up to 1910 and his work was in demand worldwide. However, only two of his organs came to Britain, the first being to Ballater Free Church in 1914.(as John mentioned).

After the sale to Uphall, the organ needed major restoration and the decision was made to scrap it. Ian MacNaught, secretary of the Scottish Branch of the Cinema Organ Society learned of this decision and, impressed by the quality of workmanship, decided to rescue and store the instrument until a suitable church could be found to house it.

During 1995/1996, a team lead by John Harrington painstakingly re-assembled and installed the organ in All Saints where, amazingly, it fitted like a glove into the space available. It took a team of church members and musicians, led by John, a year to assemble and the organ was dedicated on 1 September 1996.

This photo of the team, with a happy looking John centre stage, is from p88 of 'A Temporary Building', the History of All Saints until 1996. Some familiar faces!



Some of us remember seeing the organ pipes laid out on the stage in our old hall. We had no idea how anyone could possibly reassemble all the parts. What an achievement!

Janet Stack

A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION 'THE WAY WE WERE'



Ken and I had a lovely celebration lunch last month to celebrate our golden wedding. We were married in St.Fillans church in Kilmacolm on 29th April 1973. The rector was John Hopkins who eventually retired to Bearsden and worshipped at All Saints. It was a cold day in 1973 (it snowed !) and so it was in 2023, but didn't stop us having a lovely family weekend to mark the milestone in our lives.



The recent photo shows us with our granddaughter Isla who made and decorated our golden cake !

Many congratulations to Kate and Ken

Elaine Perrett sent this article from her friend, Barbara Tate who lives in Tonbridge not a stone's throw from where our new Rector is coming from. Singer was of such importance to Clydebank in days gone by and 'very much wove itself into the fabric of life in the town'.

Something special.

My treasured possession is not jewellery or books. It isn't valuable either. In fact it is large, heavy, cumbersome and not very beautiful, but it brings back lots of memories. From time to time I retrieve it from the cupboard under the stairs as it is still very useful.

When my parents got married before the 2nd world war my father bought my mother a Singer sewing machine. The latest electric model operated with a foot pedal. My mother learnt to sew and made all my childhood dresses. She couldn't bear to waste any fabric so any little scraps of material left over were used to make my doll clothes to match mine. I still have the doll and her green dressing gown and her red and white check dress with a white Peter Pan collar. The dresses she made for me and my sister were sent to her sister to be smocked.

When I began to learn to sew mother and I would visit the local department store to choose a fabric and pattern. I remember once choosing a plaid and looking at the instructions my mother declared "we can get it out of less fabric than that". This was her usual mantra and then hours would be spent with two and half yards of material instead of three flat out on the dining room floor trying to find the pattern match. To compound the problem the cat would walk in and sit down in the middle of it.

As a teenager I attempted to make a dress and remember tears of frustration as showing part of it to my mother for approval she gently pointed out that I had put the zip in upside down.
Later I made my own wedding dress and my bridesmaids dresses and saved a lot of money.

My father renewed the wiring on the machine for me about forty years ago and it is still in good condition. I have made lots of curtains and cushions over the years but do not dressmake any more.

My heirloom is not far off a century old. It has certainly given value for money and I wouldn't swop it for a new one. It isn't worth anything, just sentimental value. We've grown old together and from time to time my Singer sewing machine still proves very useful and reminds me so much of my childhood and many happy hours with my mother learning to sew.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am
Andrew Long will provide the log in details on request.
Please remember to mute yourself during the service.

| Date Sunday | 4 June Trinity Sunday (White) | 11 June Trinty 1 (Green) | 18 June Trinity 2 (Green) | 25 June Trinity 3 (Green) |
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| Celebrant | Rev David Cameron | Bishop Gregor Duncan | Rev David Guest | Rev David Guest |
| 10.30 Service | Sung Eucharist | Sung Eucharist | Sung Eucharist | Sung Eucharist |
| Stewards | Pauline Waugh | Andrew Long | Janet Stack | Brenda Hadcroft |
| Eucharistic Assistants | Catriona | Louise | Graham | Hanan |
| Readings | Isaiah 40:12-17, 27- end 2 Corinthians 13:11- end Matthew 28:16-end | Hosea 5:15-6:6 Romans 4:13-end Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 | Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35- 10:8 | Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39 |
| Reader | Gill Hamblen | Richard Kingslake | Janet Stack | Graham Caie |
| Intercessor | David Hamblen | Sheena MacDonald | David Simmons | Louise Benson |
| After-service Coffee | Gillain Fiona | Sheena Kate | Mairi Elaine | Brenda Jane |
| Other events | The installation of Revd. David Guest will be held on Thursday 15th June at 6pm in the church. Refreshments after the service. | | | |

The Editor for the July-August edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday 18th June, 2023.**