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The cover picture: 'I pledge to care for you, the community that gathers in All Saints, Bearsden, to share with you the Word of God and the work of ministry and mission; to celebrate with you the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage you in your discipleship. Together, may we make All Saints a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world.'



All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church

Drymen Road Bearsden



July 2023

Dear All,

30 Years On

It was 30 years ago, on July 4th 1993, that I was ordained priest by Bishop Michael Baughen in Chester Cathedral, having been ordained as a deacon a year earlier. It was a great diocese to be in and I am pleased I made the move away from my Sussex home to begin my ministry somewhere completely different.

I was far younger, much slimmer, and my hair was more fulsome and less grey than it is now! It was an interesting group of us who were ordained together that day: all shades of churchmanship, very different backgrounds, but all called to serve and proud to be there.

I am often struck by what I see in many people who feel called to ordained ministry. Many feel that it involves hoop-jumping and check-lists, as if they just do these things they have to do then they will get it.

Others see it as something they attain or reach, like a finish line, when in fact there is no such thing. In fact it isn't something you attain or qualify for with good performance... it is just something you are called to and are made into by God's Grace. It doesn't make you any more special than the next person, it is just what you are called to do... to serve the Lord as a minister in His Church.

I remember when I asked people to pray for me on a prayer card I added a text: **2 Timothy 4: 1-5**. And those words have always been in my mind as I have continued to respond to God's call – not just as to where I may go next to work, but each and every day that I serve him and the people of the church in which I am working:

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage —with great patience and careful instruction... keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

It's been an amazing 30 years and I have been honoured to have been able to fulfil so many different tasks in the Lord's service: communications officer in three dioceses, radio presenter and producer, bishop's chaplain, theatre chaplain, as well as the variety of parishes I have had the privilege to work in, from urban priority area estate to Island life to rural ministry. Each post has been a blessing.

I don't know what comes next other than being confident that I am called here to work alongside you all as a congregation at All Saints, within and for the benefit of God's people in the church and beyond the doors into the wider community.

I can look back at a rich wealth of experience, both sacred and secular and I can reflect on some amazing encounters, some truly inspiring people, and a genuine sense of doing God's will wherever I have been called to.

On this, the 30th anniversary of being ordained priest, I continue to feel both deeply humbled and extraordinarily joyful in a calling I so imperfectly fulfil but so greatly love. Pray for me and pray for others responding to God's call in ordained ministry, lay ministry and so many other ways.

And as we celebrate this new chapter in the life of All Saints, let us celebrate my 30 years as a priest and wherever God is leading us with joy and thanksgiving.

Rev'd. David



THANKS FROM REVD DAVID

This is a small but very sincerely meant thank you to everyone for making my institution service on June 15th so memorable, warm and welcoming.

It was a joy to see so many friends, family, members of the congregation and other visitors joining us to celebrate this new phase in the life of All Saints and I hope it set the tone for the future - worship and fellowship in Christ's name, a touch of humour, and a real sense of togetherness.

The church had been prepared and decorated beautifully, all the organisation beforehand done perfectly (with help and guidance from the bishop's liturgical chaplain, Fr Matthew), the music led by Jeremy and the choir breathtaking, especially the anthem *Ave Regina Caelorum* by Kenneth Tay, and the food and drink afterwards varied and delicious!

Our thanks, too, for the cards, gifts and good wishes.

This also gives me the opportunity to thank the incredibly hard-working Vestry, who have done so much to keep the church active during the vacancy and have done such a lot at the Rectory and in the garden, helped by willing volunteers.

Our thanks to each and every one of you for making our arrival and early days so welcoming and memorable.

Revd David

THE SERVICE OF INSTITUTION

Wednesday the fifteenth of June finally saw our long-awaited day: the Institution of our new Rector, David Guest. Now, I have personally not been significantly involved in any of the preparations for this momentous day, unless you count the gardeners making sure the grass was cut and the gardens reasonably tidy. However, I have been long aware from conversations with friends with duties that a great deal of effort has been expended to make everything about the service as near perfect as could be.

The choir was augmented; rehearsals, not just of music, but also of those with a role in the liturgy were held. I witnessed the efforts of the flowers team on Tuesday, who were filling the church with their wonderful displays while we gardeners mowed and weeded and trimmed. Not only did they do a wonderful job, they even shared their refreshments with us!

The service itself was flawlessly carried out, and impressive and memorable. We had an interesting sermon from the Bishop, delivered with great passion, about our ideas of God, and the need to accept that we cannot fully have understanding of the truths of our faith, this side of Heaven.

The music was excellent. The ritual and liturgy was very impressive; indeed I was irresistibly reminded of another recent service I'm sure most of us watched, carried out in Westminster Abbey. Not quite so much gorgeous bling at All Saints perhaps, but I did half expect a crown to be produced!

One of the more memorable moments was at the end when a bubble machine was suddenly produced by our new rector and accompanied the (numerous) clergy with streams of bubbles as they left the building. It provided considerable entertainment, though I think half the congregation promptly lost their place in the hymn.

After the service we all headed out for the supper. As is always the case, the refreshments were delicious and plentiful, so many thanks to all the team and organisers for that. My own feeling is that the cakes were the highlight on this occasion – certainly I enjoyed the one I tried! A special thanks must go to whoever arranged the weather. As we only had access to Glenburn Hall, we had to spill out

into the grounds, and really needed there to be warm sunshine, and we got it in spades!

So: well done to all involved, and of course, a special **thank you and welcome** to our new Rector.

David, I hope that life in Bearsden suits you and that All Saints can provide you with a happy and fulfilling spiritual home. We eagerly look forward to your leading us in our worship and church lives.

Mairi Ross

What a wonderful excuse for an All Saints Party: the sun shone, summer finery in abundance and the clergy adorned. We were supported on all sides by the Bishop, Andrea, our interim priest, our friends from the Diocese, our sister churches in Bearsden, our loyal members and Jeremy and his lovely musical friends, and family and friends of our new rector, David, some of whom had travelled a long way to support him. How happy we were to see Kenneth worshipping with us again.

An uplifting service full of hope for our future.

We warmly welcome David to our midst and look forward with anticipation to a future “bubbling” with joy and happy happenings, underpinning our service and Christian worship.

This would not be complete without thanks to ALL of those behind the scenes: the vestry, choir, party organisers and flower group and all supporting church members.

How wonderful to have such a successful and happy church occasion!

Sheena MacDonald

A Choir Member Wrote

How fortunate we were to have our own choir augmented by 8 delightful members of Glasgow University Chapel Choir. Our thanks go to them for giving up their time, and to Jeremy, our organist, for arranging this much needed support for this very special service.

The musical highlight for us was to sing the anthem Ave Regina Caelorum composed by Kenneth Tay. Kenneth is a young Singaporean PhD student who is studying composing at Glasgow University and this was the third performance of his lovely piece. He is now in the process of writing a Cantata, so we look forward to hearing that at some point in the future.

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

The Scottish Episcopal Church holds a profound and meaningful Service of Institution when a new rector is appointed to a charge. This service marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the congregation and, as we witnessed, is a joyous occasion filled with hope and anticipation, bringing together clergy, laypeople, and members of the wider community to witness the formal induction of a new spiritual leader. Photos on the next pages show some of these moments.

The ceremony is led by the Bishop, accompanied by fellow priests. The liturgy contributes to the solemnity and significance of the occasion.

Formal elements of the service included:

1. The moment when Louise Benson and myself presented David to the Bishop as “worthy to serve God and God’s people” in the office of our Rector.
2. The Deed of Institution was read to make clear that the Bishop is giving the new Rector all the rights and duties as the Rector and that no one can interfere in the running of the Charge except with their permission and that the supreme authority is with the Bishop.
3. The symbols are those of priestly ministry and then those of having Cure of Souls as the Bishop shares that with the newly instituted Rector e.g. the handing over of keys and then the Bishop presenting the Deed of Institution.
4. The priestly symbols are common to the Licensing Service of a Priest-in-Charge: a **bible** to preach and teach the Word of God, **holy oil** to reconcile, hear confessions and anoint the sick, a **Daily Prayer** as a priest is bound to say Morning and Evening Prayer each day, and then the **bread and wine** as the priest who is to celebrate the Eucharist in the Charge. The **stole** is the symbol of Priestly office in the life of the church and symbolizes their presence in the community as the priest.

The key moment in the service is when the Bishop formally presents the new rector to the congregation (you’ll remember Bishop Kevin “seating” David in the appropriate place). This act symbolizes the passing of the torch of leadership and entrusts the care of the charge to the appointed individual. The Bishop then hands over symbolic



objects (see above) and the Deed of Institution, as a tangible reminder of the responsibilities and authority bestowed upon the new rector.

The newly Instituted priest starts their ministry by leading the intercessions as a person called to pray in and for the Charge, for its individual members and the corporate life of the Charge. Note that this was a Diocesan Service, hence all the clergy of the diocese were invited to witness the Institution of a new Rector, and not a Charge Service, as the Bishop comes to hand over the Deed of Institution, hear the Oaths (done in private) and 'show' the Charge the priest who has been selected by the Vestry to be their new Rector.

One detail that you may not be privy to is that Graham Caie and myself were the witnesses to David’s oaths just before the institution service, which was quite a privilege!

David Simmons (with help from Dean Reuben Preston and ChatGPT)



Philippians 2:5-11 read beautifully by Imogen Roach



Intercessions led by the Rector

A FURTHER SELECTION OF PHOTOS

(There will be more on the website and facebook)



Receiving the Bible from David Hamblen
"I invite you all to join with me in
proclaiming the gospel of hope and justice"



Receiving the Bread and Wine from Hanan Ayoub
"I invite you all to join with me in celebrating the
Eucharist"



Receiving the Keys to the Churches from
Andrew Long
"I invite you all to join with me in welcoming
others to the fellowship pf God's Church
and to share in God's mission"



Rev. Roddy Hamilton welcomes David
"David, I invite you to join with all who
minister in Christ's name in our
community"



Bishop Kevin, Stephen, David's 100 year old uncle Ken Guest and cousin Peter Guest

CHURCH FLOWERS



The Flower Group did an amazing job as always. Many thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm, encouraged and led by Ann Caie. A small selction of photos is here but many appreciated all the wonderful arrangements around the church, which added to the atmosphere of a very special service.



OUR RECTOR'S FIRST SUNDAY

As many regular worshippers were on holiday and missed this service, it seems a good idea to include David's sermon, giving his reflections for us at All Saints on the Gospel reading.

Matthew 9.35-10.8 The Mission of the Twelve Disciples

Our gospel today couldn't be more appropriate as someone begins a new ministry at a church. It reminds us that it is Jesus who sends us out to do his work, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, healing and gathering the harvest. And it's a reminder to congregations that church work isn't a one-man band – everyone is called and sent out to do God's work.

In the Church of England dioceses where I have worshipped and in which I've served we've always been encouraged to develop what are usually called Mission Action Plans – ideas and strategy for work in parish communities. In my last Diocese of Rochester the initiative was known as Called to Grow when I arrived, but a new bishop preferred the strapline Change – Serve – Grow. In my previous Diocese of Southwark the motto was Walking – Welcoming – Growing.

Many churches had real difficulty with this, as they just didn't know where they wanted to be now let alone work towards something in the future. Yet it's an important matter for all churches: sharing a vision, working out ways to engage with communities, as Bishop Kevin said on Thursday helping people to see Jesus in their midst out there where we live and work as well as within our churches.

In this morning's Gospel passage we see Jesus sending out his 12 disciples, commissioning them to follow his example of preaching, teaching, healing, and praying. Jesus is engaging others in carrying out the work of passing along His gift of peace, His healing touch, and the assurance that God's kingdom was at hand – a pretty good Mission Action Plan, in fact!

Jesus wasn't a Lone Ranger. He knew how to "delegate." He gave them a fairly detailed set of instructions as he sent them out and also, later in the passage, gave them fair warning – they were being sent out like lambs among wolves. He wanted them to go into the Big Bad World as defenceless and innocent as lambs.

They were to travel light with a specific purpose wherever they went. Jesus wanted them focused on their mission -- their mission of representing Him in these various places they were fanning out to. Their mission, this variety of individuals from very different backgrounds, was to represent the Master, called to pursue a common mission together.

This passage is seen similarly in Mark and Luke's gospels, so we know its significance. Jesus put it all in order for those disciples: They were representing Jesus, who sent them out into the world. Hard to imagine, isn't it? Ordinary people, being chosen to serve and to represent God in such an extraordinary fashion.

How would you have felt if you were one of the 12 whom Jesus sent out? Would you have felt excited about the new opportunity? Would you have been scared and felt inadequate to the task? Perhaps you are feeling uncertain now in this new phase of our life together, but I am here to tell you that we can do all things through Christ who sends us and strengthens us. We need hope and confidence and prayer to equip us in our task to walk, welcome, serve and grow.

Keeping in mind that the crucifixion and resurrection had yet to occur, a person might wonder just exactly what "gospel" or good news those disciples sent by Jesus were to preach as they travelled. They certainly couldn't preach about Christ having overcome sin and death on the cross, because in fact that had yet to occur. No, the Gospel they shared was just exactly what Jesus made so very clear with everyone He ever encountered. It is summed up in these words of assurance: "The Kingdom of God is near you." And the key for ministry is how people respond to those words.

We, too - as baptised Christians saved by His grace - are called to represent Christ in the world today. We are called to carry his blessing of peace and promise of hope in the coming Kingdom, and to bring His healing touch to those who need it so desperately.

Jesus always has a special focus on the outsider, the outcast, the people who don't fit in. Jesus' ministry is seen in the gospels as one of integration, bringing outsiders into the centre of the community, breaking down boundaries and restoring communities to wholeness and that is something we need to understand and follow.

There are many tasks before us as members of Christ's Church here in this local congregation of All Saints, Bearsden. But there is no task before us any greater than that of reaching out to others -- outside our own comfortable circle -- to touch people with God's love.


Your ministry and mine -- our ministry together -- is to represent Christ and His Church to the world, to bear witness to Him wherever we may be, according to the gifts we have received. God is calling all of us -- through the power His Son Jesus gives us -- to make a difference in the world we live in by practising our faith

day in and day out. Like the disciples of old, we, too, are forerunners of the coming Kingdom.

As I join you as your Rector we hear Jesus telling us where he wants us to be and what he wants us to do. Jesus sends us out today to share the message of the kingdom of God among us, he gives us that same peace, for ourselves, for the people we meet and for the wider world. Whether it's in our own hearts, in our relationships, in our community, at work, in our dealings with people face to face or online, let us bring that peace, healing and wholeness with us, and may we let it be the very first thing we offer, wherever we are, and whatever we do.

Let us pray: Father, we are forerunners of the coming Kingdom. We pray for the grace to be faithful, committed representatives of what we proclaim, assured in our personal witness, and confident of your ultimate victory. In the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A REFLECTION FROM THE ORGANISER OF EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS

And it came to pass —after 20 months — that the day arrived when we would welcome our new Rector, David Guest. The impressive ceremony of institution went smoothly. The church was beautifully decorated by the flower  group and the Bishop paid a special compliment to the ladies afterwards. The Bishop's chaplain was very efficient — and nice with it — getting us all lined up for various duties. There was a good show of clergy from the diocese and from neighbourhood churches; particularly good to see our own Kenneth Roach back again. A number of David's family and friends came to support him, travelling from afar.. Our choir was reinforced by members of Glasgow University Chapel Choir who came at Jeremy Wan's bidding, and the music was superb. The anthem, Ave Regina Caelorum, was written by one of the Chapel Choir members, Kenneth Tay, admirably conducted by Jeremy who played a very complex and impressive Toccata at the end of the service. The food provided was incredible. What a terrific spread, the result of much-appreciated work; we are all most grateful for all the work that went into the preparation of the food and drink, largely thanks to the organisation by Tracey and Celia. Much to my sadness there wasn't too much to take home at the end!

So many people have invested so much time, effort and love into running the church in the interregnum. Two who stand out are David Hamblen and Andrew Long. They were always first to arrive and last to leave every Sunday and have done a sterling job in keeping the church functioning over a very long period.

Many others have contributed significantly, such as those who undertook the refurbishment of the Rectory and tackled its unruly garden. Too many to name.

It is so very good to have a permanent celebrant now. At least we now know how to run a church, how to buy wafers and wine, find the Christmas tree and change the altar and lectern ecclesiastic colours. I know that my fellow Eucharistic Assistants will be pleased not to have to ascertain every Sunday how the various celebrants want to prepare the Eucharist. I'm sure most of the congregation are unaware of the differences in the preparation of the Eucharist: should the reserved sacrament be in the aumbry (the box behind the altar) or not; how should the corporal (the cloth beneath the chalice) be folded, lectern on the left or right, how do you dispose of extra consecrated wine ... I could go on!

I had the privilege of being David's Eucharistic Assistant on Sunday and I was most impressed how he seamlessly fitted into our *modus operandi*. Very generously he stated that he would go along with exactly how we conduct our 10.30 service.

I initiated him into the mysteries of the Sacristy , e.g., what we keep in all the drawers and where the keys to the aumbry are hidden! It was as if he'd been in All Saints for ages. He is so very friendly and accommodating and nothing is any trouble. David was most generous at the beginning of the service to thank all who had contributed to the success of the Ceremony last Thursday and to thank those who have kept the church functioning in the past many months. I don't think we should now retreat and expect David to take over all the many jobs in the church — tempting though that prospect might be to folk like me! We are a church family and we will work harmoniously together.

So a hearty welcome to David and Stephen to our church family and we look forward very much indeed to working with David in the coming months and years.

Graham Caie

A MESSAGE FROM ANDREA

Dear All

I would like to say a very big thank you to you all for the wonderful farewell present you gave me so very kindly. I love pictures and especially seascapes of the West Coast. The picture is now up on the wall in pride of place next to a picture of a bay on the Isle Harris. It really was a very generous present and I was very touched. As I said on Sunday it has been a great pleasure and privilege to have had the opportunity to be your interim priest.

I have so enjoyed getting to know you all and being part of your church community. We have shared some very memorable times and I shall always recall my nearly two years with you with much love and affection.

I wish you all the best for the future with David as your new Rector.

I look forward to keeping in touch.

Many blessings, prayers and love to you all

Andrea



GARDENING

During the vacancy, not only the rectory needed upkeep and refurbishment, but also the rectory garden. A final push was made, just in the nick of time, as to our surprise David and Stephen arrived barely an hour after we finished a final tidy. The grass was cut to resemble a lawn, flower beds tidied and paths cleared as best we could. Kate and Mairi have been stalwarts in organising the rest of us and bribing us with splendid biscuits. The church garden also had a makeover in time for the service of institution. Many thanks to all helpers.



Janet Stack

OUR THANKS TO REVD. MOIRA JAMIESON



Moir always led our services with deep sincerity and warmth.

On Moira's final Sunday with us during the vacancy, Moira was presented with a small token of our appreciation for her great support and friendship.

We hold a special affection for Moira who did part of her training, many years ago, with us at All Saints.



Thank you to the gardening gang for all their hard work during the past few weeks at All Saints and the rectory. Ken and I are in Barra, the western isles, for the next two weeks but haven't exactly left the loppers behind. My mother planted a few wild roses around the fence to our property; well, she thought they were pretty! Now it is a major job to keep them under control but as you all know I enjoy lopping, especially in such idyllic weather and scenery. Few places are nearer to heaven than the Hebrides in a heatwave!

Kate Ross

GENERAL SYNOD 2023

I once again attended the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church from 8th-10th June at St. Paul's and St. George's ("Ps and Gs") church in Edinburgh. Sadly this will be my last for the time being, as my tenure as a Diocesan rep has come to an end. You can read news stories about the business of Synod via this link: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/category/news/> (together with photographic evidence that I was there!), so I will only give you my own personal highlights.

The synod began on a rather sombre note, as Bishop Mark, our Primus, talked about "mistakes made", and reflected on the sad absence of Bishop Anne from the synod, due to her current suspension. Whatever the rights and wrongs of this case, it has resulted in significant negative publicity for our church and is partly due to the need to update our "Canons" (the laws which govern our church) to bring them into line with modern practice and thinking, and also how they interact and align with charity law.

Indeed, much of the business of synod this year was updating Canons, like Canon IV (on how we elect Bishops), Canon 65 on safeguarding and Canons 15 and 16, on the relationship of our church to other denominations. This latter theme was brought into focus by the address to Synod by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, who spoke movingly about the need to break down barriers of all kinds between Christian denominations.

There was an emphasis on practical advice too. Much of the debate on Environmental issues, especially our target of achieving "net zero" by 2030 was on precisely how we can do it. A range of new materials from the Provincial Environmental Group (PEG) was introduced and Synod voted to use some of our church's (considerable) financial resources to fund some of the potentially large costs. Debate focused on the wisdom of spending so much money to reduce the carbon footprint of our under-used and "crumbling Victorian buildings." Some argued that we need to co-use churches with other denominations to reduce costs and increase usage. Our own Bishop Kevin sees a future with a small number of "worship centres" in each region rather than the larger number of smaller charges that we have now. There is much for our new Church Environmental Group (now fully populated, by the way!) to consider moving forward with our own local plans for achieving net zero.

Another interesting session focused on the "Season for Christian Life": an initiative to try to re-focus our attention on the things that *really* matter: things that aren't to do with church fabric, finances or congregation numbers. There was

some debate amongst synod delegates about precisely what this involved, but look out for materials soon on the Province's website.

Of course, Synod is about more than just the business. Joyful worship, fellowship with friends old and new from across the province and some rather nice food and drink were all important parts of the experience! There was controversy when the electronic voting system suggested we had 7, rather than 6, Bishops in attendance (!), and several inspiring calls to action from both the College of Bishops (at the beginning) and the Provincial Youth Group (at the end). I left Synod inspired, as usual, and will miss it next year. I hope this report gives you some of the flavour of the experience.

David Simmons

PROVINCIAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA

Young members of the Scottish Episcopal Church are being asked to put their names forward for the Youth Pilgrimage to Iona, which will take place in **October this year**. They will be given the opportunity to spend time with God and each other on the island of Iona, guided by Provincial Youth leaders. They will have a chance to experience for themselves the ancient practices of pilgrimage and retreat, in a beautiful place that connects them with the history of Christianity in Scotland. Please read the article on the provincial web-site for further information: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/provincial-youth-pilgrimage-to-iona-october-2023/>.

Note that the deadline for applications is **11th August**.



MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

We are delighted to report agreement was reached at a recent meeting of the Vestry that £7000 should be allocated to the mission support group. The funds will be distributed over the summer months to the charities noted below.

Most of the names will be known from previous years, but we have added a new charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) UK, which is a cause mentioned enthusiastically by John Riches in his sermons on a number of occasions. We will ensure that feedback is put in the magazine as it is received.

UK

Scottish Bible Society	£300
Glasgow City Mission	£600
Aberlour Children's Charity	£700
Maxie Richards Foundation	£400
Christians Against Poverty	£500
Freedom From Torture	£700

Overseas

Self Help Africa	£700
David Gordon Memorial Hospital, Livingstonia, Malawi	£700
St Francis Mission Hospital, Katete, Zambia	£700
Christian Medical Hospital, Vellore, India - PTP (person-to-person scheme)	£700
Wateraid	£1000

Celia Fisher, Susan Gray, Janet Stack, Philip Thompson and Louise Benson

A CHARITY WALK

On Sunday 13 August Alexander, Imogen and I will be doing the Lyke Wake Walk, the supposed route of coffins to the churchyard across the North Yorkshire moors in the middle ages (I don't believe a word of it!). It's 40 miles which you have to complete in 24 hours and we are doing it as part of a team called 'Good mourning all'. We are hoping to raise money for UNICEF and the Alzheimer's Society and there is a Just Giving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/goodmourningall>

I will give an account of pain and blisters in a later issue.

Andrew Roach

MONDAY HOUSE GROUP CROQUET PARTY



Once again, the Monday group gathered at Ross Priory for their Croquet Party, hosted by Richard and Gillian Kingslake. We were delighted that several previous members joined us on one of the most beautiful days of summer to take part in this fiercely competitive tournament. In the boiling sun, games were won or lost but friendships survived and afterwards we all enjoyed a splendid supper in Ross Priory. Many thanks to the Kinglakes for organising the party.



The sunset over Loch Lomond as we made our way home.
The two gentlemen in the front seem in need of a seat after a hard fought game.
Janet Stack

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 - 21 MAY

A big thank you to all those involved in Christian Aid Week this year. While I was off in sunny Corfu many of the usual loyal collectors delivered leaflets in the Mosshead area and a few new people were kind enough to offer help too.

The final total on the Bearsden online JustGiving page, including Gift Aid, is **£2432.75**.

The church collection which Susan, Jenny and Philip organised and counted, raised a huge **£1415.00** which was wonderful.

Thank you all for your generosity in terms of time and money. Christian Aid and the communities they support are extremely grateful.

Celia Fisher



David, receive this stole and be a servant of God's people in our church



David, Use this oil and be among us to heal and reconcile

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight

Emily Bronte

1818-1848

Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair;
The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers
A lovely form is laid;
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers
Wave gently round her head.

Emily Bronte (writing as Ellis Bell) is world famous for her only novel 'Wuthering Heights'. She is less well known for more than 200 poems of which 'Moonlight, Summer Moonlight' is one of the loveliest and most romantic. In it the speaker is evokes for us a special time of the day - the solemn hour of midnight. She describes the softness and the stillness of the moonlit air, and the gentle movement of the trees, before focussing in the last stanza on a beautiful woman who is lying in the calm of the night with grass and flowers waving gently about her head.

Brenda Hadcroft

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

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	2 July Trinity 4 (Green)	9 July Trinity 5 (Green)	16 July Trinity 6 (Green)	23 July Trinity 7 (Green)	30 July Trinity 8 (Green)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		
10.30 Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Joyce James	David Hamblen	Tracey Conway	Celia Fisher	Kate Ross
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny	Celia	Catriona	Louise	Graham
Readings	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-end Matthew 10:40-end	Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Reader	David Simmons	Mary Stott	Andrew Long	David Hamblen	Bryan Stack
Intercessor	Andrew Long	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons
After-service Coffee	John Joyce	Gioia Janet	Tracey Pauline	Fiona Gillian	Kate Sheena
Other events	The 9am Said Eucharist will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays on a trial basis. There will be an 11.30 Said Eucharist on the 1st Wednesday of July and August				

SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST

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	6 August Trinity 9 The Transfiguration of our Lord (White)	13 August Trinity 10 (Green)	20 August Trinity 11 (Green)	27 August Trinity 12 (Green)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)	
10.30 Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Pauline Waugh	Andrew Long	Janet Stack	Brenda Hadcroft
Eucharistic Assistants	Hanan	Jenny	Celia	Catriona
Readings	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
Reader	Sheena MacDonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake
Intercessor	Louise Benson	Andrew Long	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen
After-service Coffee	Elaine Mairi	Jane Brenda	Joyce John	Janet Gioia
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