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The cover picture: St Francis of Assisi See p1, the Rector's pastoral letter.

October 2023

Dear All,

For the beauty of the earth

One service I always enjoyed organising and leading in churches where I've ministered that have held them was the Pets Service. In East Sussex we regularly had dogs and sheep joining the congregation for our outdoor service (as well as some hymn-loving guinea fowl and pheasants making their presence felt) while in south west London I blessed some very curious but cute terrapins, rabbits and hamsters.

It was fascinating to see how calm all the animals were, and indeed they seemed most interested in everything that was going on and responded well to being blessed. I think you have held such services at All Saints in the past and it would be lovely to have them again sometime.

One of the joys of living in Heathfield all those years ago and being a part of this community now is that you can look out of your bedroom window and see fields, cattle and hills and from Bearsden you don't have to travel far to experience beautiful, awesome and inspiring scenery.

Such views and visits to beautiful parts of Scotland bring God and his creation to the front of my mind. I am reminded that St Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is kept by the Church on October 4th) used to preach to the birds – but he also allowed them to preach to him.

The whole world has a sermon to preach: whether that be about trees and plants through the seasons saying something about death and resurrection; the echo we hear back when in the mountains which make it seem as though the mountains are singing back to us; the birds of the air teaching us not to worry; the flowers reminding us of the variety and beauty of God's creative hand; the sight of our planet from the air reminding us of the wonder of creation and how everything has its place and purpose.

Jesus says ... if you let the birds and wildflowers preach to you, you'll realise that what makes sense is not to strive for more stuff, worry about more power, stress for more status, angle for more market share, become addicted to latest poll numbers. No. The only life that makes sense is to seek first the kingdom of God.

We need to be re-arranged and put back in our right place, in relationship to God, our neighbour, stranger, and enemy - and in relation to all God's creation. We need to find our place not in humanity's artificial systems, but in God's sacred ecosystem.

These are important things to ponder as we reach Harvest season and come to God in thanksgiving for all his good gifts.

I hope you have been able to use the resources provided by the diocese during the so-called Season of Creation through September and up to Harvest, which urges us not only to admire and appreciate the environment but to do something practical to honour and save the world in which we live as the wise stewards God commands us to be.

I am so grateful for things like pet services, days out to sparkling lochs, walks in the country, rainbows after storms and all those things that give us pause to reflect on the creation. The problem of the environment isn't that we don't care - it's that we don't really know and we can rarely be bothered to find out.

If we knew the bog turtle and the swallow-tailed kite, if we knew the llama and the gray treefrog, if we knew the hooded warbler and the Scots pine, if we knew the chimpanzee and the elephant ... we would love them and want to save them, because we would know that St Francis wasn't just being cute or poetic, he was being profoundly theological: they are our younger brothers and sisters, we are their older brothers and sisters, and we have a responsibility to love them and save them, because we have the same Source, the same creator, the same heavenly Father.

In the words of the great theologian Bob Dylan (!) the voice of God is coming to us, blowing on the wind, and in every grain of sand.

Rev'd David

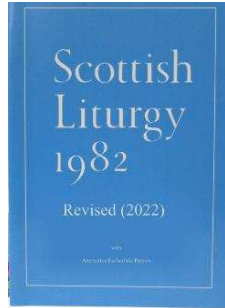
LIVESTREAMING OF SERVICES

At the moment we are happy to offer a livestreaming of our 10.30am Sunday service on Zoom. Even though we don't have great numbers watching it is important that this is available. We are going to explore the possibility of streaming on our church Facebook page as this may be easier to find and also gives the opportunity to watch a service after it has taken place, rather than having to watch it live.

We will let you know if we are able to set this up, but in the meantime it's useful if you can visit and *like* our page and even share it (AllSaints_Bearsden) as the more followers/likes the more we are able to do. We often add news and other information, so it's worth following! And why not tell friends and family to *like* or *follow* us as well – they don't have to do anything or commit themselves to anything, but it helps raise our profile.

SERVICE BOOKS

Many will be aware of (and several have commented on) the state of the blue service books we use for our 10.30am Communion. The Vestry has decided to buy new copies – but the version available is now the slightly revised and updated version produced last year.



This gives us the advantage of using the most up to date liturgy produced by the Scottish Episcopal Church in addition to having books that are not falling apart! The biggest noticeable change is in a few parts the language is more “inclusive” and there is a small change in the Creed – which has been used in the Church of England’s Common Worship publications for a while. It also includes more options for the Eucharistic Prayer.

We will be using the new booklets from October 1st, which is our Harvest Festival.

Revd. David

VESTRY NOTES

- The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 1 October after which there will be a ‘bring and share’ lunch which is being organised by Janet Stack. There will also be a collection of non-perishable food items which will be delivered to areas of need. Donations can be left at the back of the Church at any time prior to the Harvest Festival.
- The Lunch Group will start again on Wednesday, 20 September. Everyone is invited to come for lunch, and new friends will be very welcome. The timetable for volunteers is on the notice board in the main hall.
- New guidance has been issued by the Dean about Remembrance Gardens. The Vestry would like to thank Alexander Roach for volunteering to prepare the site at the recent interment of ashes.
- There will be an early morning service on the first and third Sundays of the month.
- New service books have arrived to replace the existing books which have looking rather tired for some time.
- Next vestry meeting in on Monday October 9th.

Brenda Hadcroft

AGM NOTICE

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

The AGM will be held following the 10.30am service. At the AGM, as well as the reports of activity during the past year, we hold elections for the Vestry for the forthcoming year.

Revd. David writes:

“As your new Rector I already value the role of the Vestry in church affairs and have been grateful for the support, encouragement and hard work shown since my arrival, as well as all the work that went on during the vacancy. A Vestry plays an important part in the life of a congregation, working with the clergy in all matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the congregation, plus having responsibility with them for the management of the temporal affairs of the charge. Clergy and laity both have vital though different leadership roles in a congregation and this collaboration is key in helping the church to flourish, both as a place of worship and spiritual growth, and reaching beyond the walls to the people and needs of our community. We are at an exciting stage in the ongoing journey of All Saints and I sincerely hope that people will feel able to come forward as Vestry members or else vital work will not happen. Do have a word with me or other Vestry members if you would like to know more without committing yourselves or if you feel called to this important role.”

Brenda will have papers for vestry nominations. Details of vacancies will follow.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Communion in church but are able to watch our livestreamed service, you might like to use this while we are receiving the bread and wine in person so you can be a part of our sharing together:

As we receive Communion be still and aware that God is in you, with you, knowing you as you are. Like two people who know each other well, just sit with God who knew you before you were even born. In your mind sit looking at God who always looks at you with love. You are invited to make your spiritual communion with Christ and with one another wherever you may be, then say the following:

Loving Lord, we know that your risen presence is with us wherever we are. Since we cannot at this moment receive you in the bread and wine of the Eucharist together, we ask you to come to us by your Spirit to speak your words of peace and to fill our hearts and our lives with your love and with all the strength we need for the week ahead. May we know that though we are for a time separated from one another, we can never be separated from you. Amen



HARVEST LUNCH

There will be a Bring and Share Lunch following the service on October 1st. Offers of cold savoury or sweet dishes welcomed, but most importantly do come and bring your family and friends too. Wine, soft drinks, coffee and teas will be provided. We plan a great party for our Rector's first Harvest Festival at All Saints.

All will be very welcome.

Some suggestions for savoury dishes, but please feel free to bring your own choice: quiches, cold chicken dishes such as coronation chicken (any version!), rice/pasta salads, sausage rolls, sausages, potato salads etc etc.

Please see Janet Stack or Jane Lewis for further advice and offers of help.

At our Harvest Festival this year (Sunday, October 1st) we will be collecting donations for the Drumchapel Foodbank.

They write: "It takes a lot to keep up with the demand. More people than ever are using our services. **1,287** emergency food parcels were distributed in June 2023 alone.

With **14,547** emergency food parcels provided to people in crisis in 2022, volunteers, partners, supporters and staff are always going the extra mile to fulfil an ever-growing demand."

Please bring anything you can to either the 9am or 10.30am services that day, or let us have items beforehand.

The foodbank is in particular need of the following but would welcome any non-perishable goods:

- UHT Milk
- Tinned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Mandarins etc)
- Meals In A Can (Chilli Con Carne, Curry, Minced Beef etc)
- Tinned Soup (All)
- Tea Bags
- Tinned/Jarred Hot Dogs
- Tinned Meatballs
- Jarred Pasta/Curry Sauce
- "Pasta 'n' Sauce"
- Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Potatoes etc)



There is also great demand from the food bank for items for baby care such as nappies, soap and toilet rolls, etc.

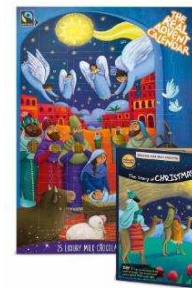
FAIR TRADE SALE SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Please come and support our sale on the Sunday after Harvest. It's pot luck what we'll have available, but hopefully there'll be something to tempt you! Please contact Pauline Waugh (by email: paulinewaugh@hotmail.co.uk, or telephone: 0141 942 8819) if you have any special requests.

Pauline also hopes to arrange the sale of Real Advent Calendars (see message below) from Gavin's Mill.

Pauline, Elaine and Fiona

SUPPORT THE 2023 REAL ADVENT CALENDAR



The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and which supports charitable causes.

The 2023 calendar has a new design. There is a Fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The

free book has a page for every day of Advent expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. No other calendar enables parents and children to experience the Christmas story for 24 days and be challenged to do some good in the season of Advent.

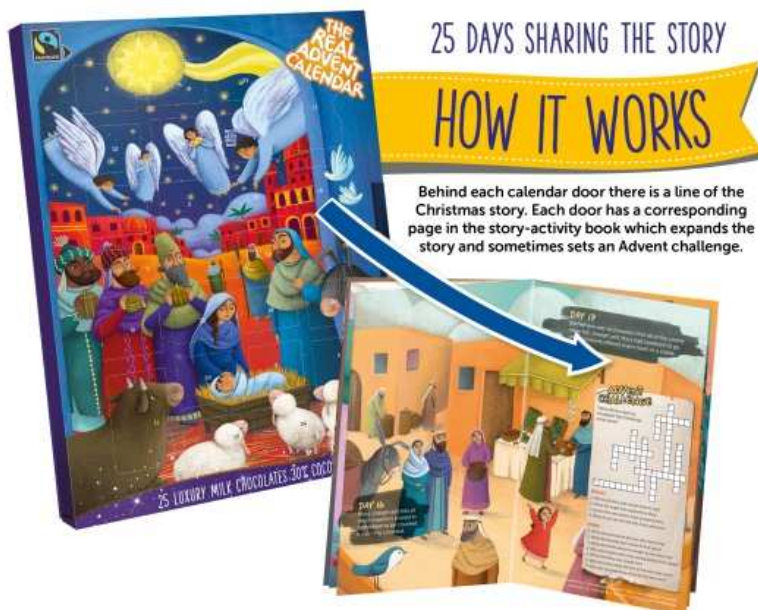
Why we need a Real Advent Calendar

The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 following surveys which showed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. In the same year 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. The calendar is a great way to reverse this tipping point and share the Christmas story.

Tastes good and does good

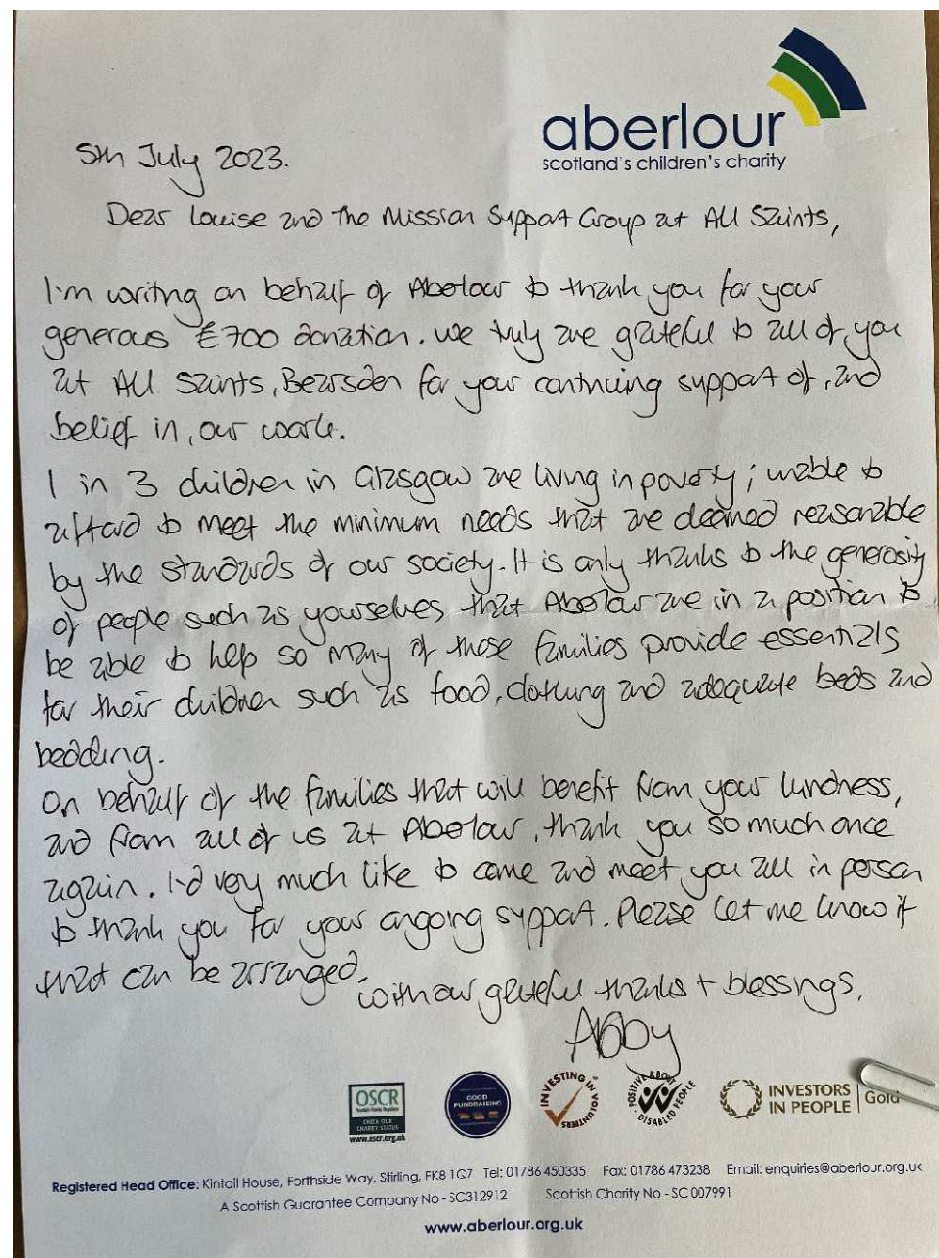
Money raised from the sale of this year's calendar will help Fairtrade farmers receive a fair price for their goods and a Fairtrade premium to spend on the priorities of their communities ranging from solar panels and fresh water to teaching resources. Profits will also help The Funzi and Bodo Trust provide care for mums and babies in Africa.

The Real Advent Calendar costs £4.50. Churches, schools and groups can buy direct from www.realadvent.co.uk and take advantage of a free delivery offer by coming together to buy a case.



SOME MORE MISSION SUPPORT THANKS

FROM ABERLOUR



WATERAID

Having seen small children and Grannies, who look older than me, in Ethiopia, walking miles for most of a day to collect water from a muddy stream, I am especially keen that we support WaterAid who do fantastic work.

Janet

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16/08/2023

Dear Janet,

Thank you so much to everyone at All Saints Episcopal Church - Bearsden for raising £1,000 for WaterAid. With your group's support, we can continue ensuring everyone, everywhere has a sustainable source of clean water.

Your churches generous donation will bring lasting change to communities like Busolwa in the Geita region of Tanzania, where health centres have been facing lack of access to clean water, as well as poor sanitation and hygiene facilities. Thanks to the support of groups like yours, Busolwa Health Centre now has clean water, decent toilets and medical waste management in place.

Adele (pictured), gave birth at the health centre, and said: **"I'm happy that there is reliable water in the hospital. I was able to keep my baby clean and healthy"**.

We are working together with local partners and actively involving local communities in the implementation of clean water, sanitation and hygiene services, so that these essential solutions will keep transforming lives for generations to come.



No one person can fix the water crisis alone. But with your group's support, we are one step closer. Thank you so much again.

With best wishes,



Judit Palotai,
Community Team - WaterAid | faith@wateraid.org | 020 7793 4594



MISSION SUPPORT- LIVINGSTONIA

Livingstonia Mission have sent their grateful thanks for our Donation of £700 to their work. They have sent their two Newsletters. Both too large for inclusion in the Magazine, Therefore copies are on the Notice Board in the Drymen Hall in the Mission Support Section.

Susan Gray

FREEDOM FROM TORTURE

To All Saints Episcopal Church,

I am writing on behalf of the clients and staff of Freedom from Torture to say thank you for the incredibly kind gift of £700. We are delighted that you have chosen Freedom from Torture to send donations to. We have also allocated your donation to the Glasgow Centre, as requested.

Donations such as this help people like Shorsh, a Kurdish human rights campaigner who was tortured and forced to flee to the UK. Shorsh has finally been able to get the expert support he needs to rebuild his life and begin to overcome the devastating effects of torture. Shorsh said:

"If I had the chance to speak to a supporter, I would tell them that they saved my life. And just like you saved my life, you saved many lives like mine."

We speak to people like Shorsh every day - people who have survived and escaped from unspeakable violence and have been forced to leave their country and loved ones behind.

It is only because of your generosity that we have been able to help Shorsh, and many more just like him. Your donation is of inestimable help in our work with survivors of torture and we are very grateful for your support.

On behalf of everyone at Freedom from Torture, thank you very much.

Kind regards

Poppy Barton-Topple (she/her)
Community and Local Groups Officer
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GLASGOW CITY MISSION

A letter has been received thanking us very much for our donation of £600. This Christian Mission performs invaluable work in caring for those affected by homelessness and poverty. Their outreach team connect with people who may be sleeping rough or begging. As they build trust they can help with housing and rehab, and invite them to come in to their building for food and advocacy.

MAXIE RICHARDS FOUNDATION

The number of people dying from drug misuse in Scotland during 2022 was 1051. Whilst this figure is down on the previous year it is still 3.7 times the 2000 figure and is the highest in Europe. The Scottish Drug Forum has warned that this situation could get even worse because of the emerging threat of Scotland being flooded with illegal synthetic opioids.

That is why it is pleasing to note that All Saints has for many years provided donations to Maxie's Foundation. They certainly do valuable work in helping people "kick" the drug habit. This year our donation was £400. When I have spoken to their Project Manager, Patrick White, he always says how grateful they are of our support over the years. Patrick is one of the Foundation's success stories having been weaned off drugs with Maxie's help.

Since 1994 the Foundation has worked tirelessly to provide a refuge and recovery centre for those who are attempting to overcome drug addiction. The aim being to help those who are battling such an addiction to rebuild their lives with faith, abstinence and good fellowship.

Initially Maxie used her home in Westerton for her work but in 2003 she founded Kings Court, Tighnabruach. This tranquil environment provided an ideal base to continue her work.

Residents usually stay at Kings Court for six months but in some circumstances up to a year. Until recently there was space for five residents who are supported to develop a new way of living in an abstinent environment which is removed from the pressures of their previous lifestyles and associations in their home areas. Over the past year they have helped 20 addicts. Their programme is based on well-developed addiction recovery formulas and promotes a Christian ethos. They do however accept people of all faiths and beliefs, but they all must have a sincere desire to address their addiction and live in abstinence.

Each resident at Kings Court has a self-contained flat, allowing them to be self-sufficient and also help them to be self-reliant. In addition there are various communal areas which residents are encouraged to use including games and fitness rooms, together with a garden. There is a shared kitchen/dining room. Residents take turns to cook for the group, thereby assisting in fostering a sense of family and help build life skills. Residents have weekly one-to-one sessions with their key worker, plus group meetings which focus on addiction awareness and group therapy.

In the past the Foundation has encountered financial difficulties but in recent times the position has considerably improved. The Board now consists mainly of

local businessmen who have helped transform their financial position/outlook. Earlier this year the Foundation was given funding of £468500 by the Scottish Government, which will enable them to achieve a small increase in capacity plus provide a new office, a family room and a new training room.

In addition to the main role of the Foundation they also provide drug awareness education in schools. This year they took on a new project providing a "meals on wheels" service for the elderly in the Tighnabruach area, as well as regularly providing a two-course meal at a local church hall for the elderly who are fit enough to attend.

Given the sterling work the Foundation undertakes, I believe, this is a charity very well worthy of our continued support, particularly as Maxie was an active member of All Saints for many years prior to going to live in Westerton Care Home. Let us hope that they continue to have successes. Their achievements could be considered small when compared to the overall problem, but in this difficult field, every little helps to assist in the goal of substantially reducing drug related deaths, which is such a blight on Scottish society.

Philip Thompson

FROM SELF HELP AFRICA

Self Help Africa's mission is to alleviate hunger, poverty, social inequality and the impact of climate change. They do this through community-led, market based and enterprise focused approaches to agricultural development. Read more on their website.

Thank you so much to you and all of the Mission Support Group at All Saints Episcopal Bearsden for your generous donation of £700. This was received safely at our London office today.

Your donation is timely as we continue to focus on the challenges of hunger and food insecurity in a changing climate. Please do continue to follow our latest updates at www.selfhelpafrica.org and on social media (@selfhelpafrica).

With grateful thanks for your support.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL HOSPITAL, VELLORE

The Christian Hospital, Vellore, India have sent a report on their Person to Person scheme, with thanks for our donation of £700. See September magazine for their letter of thanks. The following report details a case history of a patient, and a list of all patients helped with our donation. The report will be on the Hall notice board.



43-year-old Jivan* (name changed) is from Salem. His wife, son and two daughters live in a large joint family. For more than 20 years, Jivan worked as a craftsman carving idols out of metal for a living. A few years ago, he found wounds on parts of his body. These developed into ulcers and skin lesions. Visits to local hospitals gave him temporary relief. However, the wounds were recurrent. Three years ago, the skin lesions spread all over his face and his body. This made it very difficult for Jivan to work. He decided come to CMC Vellore for treatment.

The Department of Dermatology treated his wounds and referred him for a Haematology consultation where he was diagnosed with Mycosis Fungoides - a type of blood cancer. The diagnosis shook him. He was treated with chemotherapy and radiation therapy by the Departments of Haematology and Radiation Oncology. Jivan never missed an appointment. Even though finances were strained, he would always arrive promptly for his treatment. CMC subsidized most of his treatment costs. Jivan's health has improved and he looks much better at his most recent visit to CMC. In spite of the illness, Jivan made sure that his children get good education.

Patients like Jivan are supported through their course of treatment by the generous contributions of friends like you. The PTP fund, along with subsidies from the Department of Radiation Oncology enabled Jivan get back to normal life.

SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW ALL WELCOME!

The Anglican Chaplaincy at the University of Glasgow, as part of the university's vibrant Interfaith Chaplaincy, is offering a transformative series of ten special services during the upcoming 2023-2024 academic term. These services, led by clergy from St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, and sung by the gifted musicians of the University of Glasgow Chapel Choir, offer an extraordinary and enriching experience. Read more about them at www.ugac.online.

Some key highlights of the Anglican Chaplaincy's offerings include: **Diverse Spiritual Exploration** These evening events, each lasting approximately one hour, provide a space to delve into Scripture, explore spirituality, and embrace music's evocative power. It's an excellent opportunity to engage with faith and religion in an academic setting.

Inclusive Community The Anglican Chaplaincy warmly welcomes everyone, regardless of their background, religious affiliation, or connection with the University. These services are open to all, not just university students.

Opportunities for Connection Beyond the services, the chaplaincy offers a community where individuals can meet other curious people, foster meaningful connections, and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

Please encourage those interested in staying informed about upcoming events and activities to sign up for the Chaplaincy's mailing list and reach out to the chaplains for meetups and further inquiries.

AUTUMN

Emily Dickinson 1830-1886

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.
The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.

In this jaunty little poem Dickinson is observing the changes in nature as it goes from summer to autumn. Her first comment that autumn mornings are gentler than they were in the summer seems strange to us, but then she lived in

Massachusetts where the summer sun is very strong, and Americans tend not to like it so much as we do!

In the rest of the poem she concentrates on the visible changes of autumn: the nuts are going brown and the berries are bigger, the rose, she laughs, is missing: it's left town! At this point she is amusingly personifying what she sees: the maple tree is wearing a brightly coloured scarf, and the field has turned up in a scarlet dress - it is as though they are conspiring to make a show! She ends by telling us she is not going to miss out or be old-fashioned, so will join in and wear a little piece of jewellery.

Brenda Hadcroft

THE CAKEWALK



Saturday 9th September was the date set for this years cakewalk, and the weather held up as we set off from St. Andrews along the West Highland Way towards Easter Carbeth. Rev David and Andrea were there to see us off and greeted us on our return at Mairi's house.

While very familiar to most of us there's always something new to learn, and as we passed the Carbeth Huts, Janet led us down a path which took us along the edge of Carbeth Loch. It by-passed a section of road-walking and I had no idea it was there! In early May the path is surrounded by banks of bluebells. Another



lesson learned was to keep the lid on your sandwich box when sharing a picnic spot with a couple of labradors! Poor Ken's sandwich disappeared in a flash!

Luckily there was a abundance of delicious baking to fill him, and everyone else, on arrival at Mairi's house. I think the numbers doubled for the

tea so maybe it's time to reintroduce the payments for the sins of sloth and gluttony!

The rain caught up with us on arrival at Mairi's but we still managed to admire the labyrinth and the wonderful little chapel in her garden. What a gem! Thanks to Mairi and John for your hospitality and organisation.

Kate Ross



A DAY ON ST KILDA



At the end of June we left Oban on the MS Hebridean Sky, a small ship with 105 passengers and a crew of some 70 in number. We sailed via the Hebrides, the Faroes and finally the Shetlands and Orkney, in lieu of Fair Isle, to Aberdeen. We spent 10 nights aboard on seas varying from calm as a millpond to very very rough. We thought it our best holiday ever ! No waiting for a flight at an airport and we used public transport to return home, by electrically powered buses.

After visits to Colonsay and Iona on the first day, we then encountered unfavourable seas, so we were unable to land on Rhum but instead we had a morning of talks on the geology and the wild life, being mainly birds, by two experts on the expedition team. We did visit Loch Skavaig during the afternoon and saw rather a lot of it because the outboard motor on our zodiac failed and we had to await the arrival of another, while drifting very close to an island occupied by seals. We felt we saw quite enough of each other.

Overnight we sailed to St. Kilda and the sea was very calm and the weather warm and sunny as we anchored in Village Bay. We were soon onshore via the zodiacs and spent a lovely morning there visiting the deserted cottages, the museum, the schoolroom and the church and the interesting constructions of stone with turf roofs where the islanders formally stored their food which was preserved by drying. They lived entirely on the flesh of seabirds, the fulmar being the most important. We heard a great deal about their fascinating way of life which seemed to keep them healthy. The dates on the gravestones in the cemetery showed many living to be old. They had soay sheep on the island which are still there, although they show no interest in humans at all (unlike the seals.)

The St. Kildans' could collect the wool from these and used it to make all their clothes. The sheep are never shorn but shed their fleece naturally and they remain there to this day as completely wild animals, giving birth to lambs without the aid of a shepherd. The factor visited the island once a year to collect rent, which was paid in kind, with fulmar feathers and some of the sheep, whose flesh belonged to the landowner. Orders were taken for goods from the outside world and would be delivered a year later when he next visited. Mail order the old way.

However, we heard of a tragic event in the early 18th century when smallpox was rife in the other islands. One man left the island to visit Harris and while there he contracted the disease and died. On the next visit, his clothes were returned and this spread the disease to the community which resulted in the death of all but a few. Meanwhile, 3 men and 8 boys were on Stac Lea collecting birds for the winter and when they had sufficient they signalled that they were ready to be picked up but no boat came for them. They were marooned on this seastack for nine months and survived on the birds and rain water until they could be rescued the next spring. But they were spared the smallpox.

We heard this story later in the day when we sailed past StacLea enroute to the Faroes. It was a warm, dry afternoon and we were served Afternoon Tea on the Lido deck, with delicate sandwiches, scones and cream and bowls of stawberries and cakes, and I think we all counted our Blessings as we thought of the hard lives lived in past St Kilda. Geologically it is a sunken Caldera* and is not really that old being around 50 million years old.

Mary Stott

* A Caldera is the remains of a volcanic crater, where the inner part has collapsed into the Magma chamber. Village bay possibly covers this area with the rest of St Kilda, which comes from the Norse word Skilda which means a shield, forming the the rim of the old volcano.

SOME MORE WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Since my last report I have attended meetings of Diocesan Council (26th August) and North-West Regional Council (NWRC; 12th September, at St. Andrew's Milngavie). Given that the business of both overlapped I shall talk about both simultaneously. There were two main foci of discussion. The first was the effort to fill the large (and growing) number of vacancies in the Diocese. In the North-West region only St. Bride's, Hyndland, is currently in vacancy, but others nearby include St. Cyprian's, Lenzie, and Holy Trinity, Motherwell. To try to partially resolve this crisis, the Diocese had the rather clever idea of placing an

advertisement in the "Church Times," primarily aimed at Church of England clergy, inviting them to think about coming up north to the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. This initiative has been quite successful, with 17 potential candidates involved in a series of initial meetings and 12 of these following up afterwards. The idea is that this will provide a "bank" of candidates which the Bishop can recommend to charges in vacancy which might speed up the process of making an appointment by circumventing the need for the first round of advertisements and interviews. We shall see how successful the initiative has been over the next year.

The second major topic of discussion was the plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions for the Scottish Episcopal Church by 2030. The Canon Missioner, Rev. Canon Audrey O'Brien Stewart, recently formed the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) which has produced the excellent leaflets which Rev. David has been publicising each Sunday. At Diocesan Council, Canon Audrey pointed out that the DEG felt that the Diocese was yet to get all members on board with the net zero initiative, and that targets of reducing the carbon emissions from old, rarely used, leaky buildings was somewhat daunting. Consequently, they have embarked on a campaign to try to point out the little things – "quick wins", if you like – that individuals can achieve by themselves as well as underscoring the biblical mandate for action on environmental matters. It will be interested to see what has been achieved by this campaign when the "Season of Creation" has finished.

A couple of other items of news from Diocesan Council. Rev. Willi Nesbitt (St. John's, Greenock) will shortly be made a Canon of the Cathedral and Rev. Canon Mark Watson (St. James-the-less, Bishopbriggs) will join the Bishop's Core Group (the Diocese's management team).

At NWRC we also remembered Hugh Waterfield. Hugh was a member of the Council as the lay rep of All Saints, Jordanhill, although some of you may remember him as a former member of our congregation. As many of you know, Hugh unfortunately died quite suddenly recently following an accident in his garden. He was an active contributor to NWRC meetings and was particularly passionate about active Christian witness for those worse off than ourselves. He will be much missed from the Council as well as the congregation of All Saints, Jordanhill.

Finally, the NWRC is looking forward to more joint services following on from the success of our recent joint choral evensongs. It was also a pleasure to welcome Rev. David to his first NWRC meeting. Thankfully there was cake!

David Simmons

A VISIT FROM THE ROBINSON FAMILY

September is a month that has always brought our Robinson family back to All Saints. Mum, Joyce Robinson, died in September 1989 and after our Dad, Keith Robinson, left Glasgow and All Saints in 1991, he returned every year at the end of September to remember Joyce. This annual visit has become something of a family pilgrimage over the years and last September we were able to inter Dad's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance in September, a final resting place for Dad with Mum's and our sister Christine's ashes. Christine died very suddenly aged 15 in September 1973, fifty years ago this month.

Our pilgrimage this year was the Sunday service on September 17th to particularly remember Christine, but also Mum and Dad. The warmth we receive from old family friends touches Helen, Pat and I deeply and maintaining a connection with All Saints is important to all of us. Time collapses as you sit in the pews and look at the beautiful stained glass and it seems no time at all since we were confirmed, enjoying the Youth Fellowship and trying to stay focused during Dad's Bible class.

We are grateful for the sight of many familiar faces and shared memories and many thanks go to Louise Benson, Andrew Long, Janet Stack and Jean Stirling for making our visits so special. We all enjoyed the service very much, the focus on the theme of forgiveness and the lovely organ playing and music.

It was our first service led by the new Rector, Reverend David Guest, and he brought a lot of joy and genuine warmth to the service. He gave an engaging and very thought-provoking sermon and we can only imagine that All Saints is in very good and enthusiastic hands with his ministry. We look forward to our future visits and experiencing this exciting new phase for All Saints.

Ruth Robinson



"Net Zero" Environmental Group News

We have all been a bit busy with the start of the academic year and (for one of us!) upcoming 60th birthday celebrations, but we hope to make some progress locally soon to follow up the Diocesan campaign during the season of Creation.

David Simmons

NEWS OF JEREMY

Sent from Guildford Cathedral

Meet Jeremy our Organ Scholar for Academic Year 2023 - 2024

Last week, we welcomed Jeremy to the Cathedral Team, and we introduce him here.

About Jeremy

Jeremy is an organist, saxophonist and composer. He recently graduated from the



University of Glasgow with a distinction in Musicology (MMus) under the supervision of John Butt. During his time in Glasgow, Jeremy studied under Kevin Bowyer whilst serving as an organ scholar, accompanying the University Chapel Choir in regular services, broadcasts (Radio 4) and tours.

He was also the Director of Music at All Saints, Bearsden. As an accompanist, Jeremy has worked with the Scottish Opera, Glasgow Cathedral Choral Society, and the University Choral Society. He also appears regularly as a recitalist and has performed in many venues, including the Kelvingrove Art Gallery. Jeremy is active as a composer and has worked with artists such as Lucia Ronchetti and cellist Rohan de Saram.

Jeremy's thoughts on his first week at Guildford

"It's been a pleasure getting to know the wonderful singers of Guildford Cathedral Singers (GCS) last week. Accompanying the choir within the Cathedral's large acoustic space presents certain difficulties - for instance, one has to account for the delays between the organ and choir. I am looking forward to overcoming these challenges in the upcoming year!"

The congregation and choir of All Saints are delighted to know that Jeremy is well and happy in his new position and wish him every success

MONDAY HOUSE GROUP

The Monday Group is restarting in October, only we will now be called the Thursday Group as we are moving back to a Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Vestry meetings are now on Mondays and it became impossible to find other Monday dates during the Autumn period. We hope this will be suitable for most members and are very sorry for those who may not be able to join us again.

Graham Caie has kindly offered to lead the group for the meetings until Christmas. We will complete our study of the Old Testament Apocrypha by reading Sirach and Ecclesiasticus. It deals with everyday living and issues concerning children, humility, commonsense, choice of friends, women ('never dine with another man's wife...!'), handling wealth, etiquette and (very important for our group) honouring physicians!

Following that, Graham has suggested we look at Paradise Lost. Graham is THE specialist on that topic, so I am sure we will have fun and some serious thinking, reflecting on our own beliefs as well as Milton's on God, Heaven, Hell and not least of all Satan.

The first meeting will be at 8 West Chapelton Crescent on Thursday September 28th at 7.30pm. All are very welcome. Please see either Janet or Graham if you would like more details.

Janet Stack

THE E GROUP

The next meeting of the E Group will be on October 4th at the home of Jean Stirling, 21 Kelvin Crescent, Bearsden. The group have begun a new study called Faith in the Making by Lyndall Bywater, which is proving to be a thought provoking study. Please contact Celia or Jean for further information.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Wednesday lunches will be held every week at 12 noon. Do come and bring your friends. Soup, delicious rolls and cakes will be served. There will be a service of said communion in the church at 11.30am preceding the lunch on the first Wednesday of each month. Come to either or both and you will be very welcome!

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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	1 October Harvest (Green)	8 October Trinity 18 (Green)	15 October Trinity 19 (Green)	22 October Trinity 20 (Green)	29 October Bible Sunday (Green)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Kate	Pauline	Andrew	Janet	Brenda
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Louise	Louise	Hanan	Jenny
Readings	Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:26-30	Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22	Nehemiah 8: 1-12; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 24:30-35
Reader	Andrew Long	David Hamblen	Bryan Stack	Sheena MacDonald	Gillian Kingslake
Intercessor	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson
After-service Coffee	Brenda Jane	John Joyce	Gioia Janet	Anne Pauline	Fiona Gillian
Other events	A 9.00am Said Eucharist will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. There will be an 11.30am Said Eucharist on the 1st Wednesday of the month. All of these services use the 1970 liturgy. Our Annual Meeting will be held on October 29th after the 10.30am service.				

The Editor for the November edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday 22nd October 2023**.