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The cover picture: The first anniversary of our Rector at All Saints (see pp4, 18)

July 2024

Dear All,

I WONDER AS I WANDER

Yes, it's still a long time until Christmas, but as I took myself off on a mini retreat/quiet day while on the Isle of Man recently the words of that beautiful carol came into my mind: *I wonder as I wander out under the sky...*

When we think of the word "wander" it can have negative connotations, or at least bring to mind thoughts of something aimless and somewhat vague.

Someone gave me a quote which they thought might be useful for my day: **"Not all those who wander are lost."** It's from *The Lord of the Rings* and was perfect as I went to Thie Dy Veá for the challenges and spiritual boost of the short stay and quiet day.

Thie Dy Veá means 'House of Life' in the Manx Gaelic language. It was a special start to our holiday for me as the retreat house used to be my aunt and uncle's house in Peel, and I visited at least once a year on holiday from 1968 to the early 1980s – interestingly I had always thought it would be great as a place for retreats with its 50 rooms and sense of peace and quiet! It was a thrill for me to see Ballawattleworth House transformed into Thie Dy Veá only very recently and it was a delight to be invited to stay and enjoy a mini retreat based in the very bedroom in which I used to stay during my holidays.



It's good to be reminded that it's perfectly ok to go on retreat, to pause in all the busyness of life and take a spiritual breath. All clergy are encouraged to go on retreat at least once a year (paid for by their church) for prayerful reflection, quality time with God, a chance to consider where we are and where we're going, and recharging the batteries. Anyone who has been on a quiet day or retreat will know that it's definitely not a time to take a rest!

That Tolkien quote suggests that there is real value in taking time out for spiritual recreation. I have enjoyed many retreats over the years in many different places – from the healing heart of Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre in East Sussex to the freshness of Iona and the rural tranquility of Launde Abbey in Leicestershire.

There is a purpose in taking a journey of exploration. As some of the early Desert Fathers found in Christian history, even when we know the destination it doesn't mean we don't make the best possible use of the journey; we are always seeking new revelations, new truths, new understandings, new vision.

It would be wonderful if we could arrange for this sort of activity as a church, perhaps spending a day together in some form of guided retreat. Who knows what God might have to say to us?!

In July one of the Sunday gospel readings from Mark includes the verse, *"And Jesus said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.'" (Mark 6: 31).*

It is the perfect invitation. We don't have to be super-holy or spiritual to do it but we do have to be open to gaining something from the experience. As we stride forward together as a church it would be so good to have as part of our journeying a time to wonder as we wander together.

Revd David

VESTRY NOTES - 3 JUNE 2024

- Prayer and Giving - £18,770 has been received much of which will be Gift-aided.
- Church magazine - the Vestry is considering the possibility of allowing advertising in the magazine. More copies of the magazine are being printed at the moment, so it has been decided to reduce the number by ten.
- 6 sanitisers and a large number of plastic aprons are left over from the pandemic, and the Vestry is looking for places where they may be of use.
- Hymn Books - there are probably five different sets of hymn books in the Church. These are being examined to check their usefulness.
- The stained-glass window - the external frame has been leaking and will be repaired. It is not in any danger.
- The bell-cote leaks occasionally when there is a very strong wind. Advice is being sought about possible repairs.
- Live-Stream - Revd. David has tested Facebook on several Sundays. It has the advantage over Zoom in that it can be watched live or later, and it is possible to count the number of people who have watched it.

Brenda Hadcroft

FACEBOOK FRIENDS

We have been testing the livestreaming of our Sunday 10.30am services via Facebook. This had an advantage over Zoom in that the broadcast remains on our church Facebook page and can be watched later if not seen live.

As a couple of people still use Zoom we have kept that going, mostly using Andrew Long's tablet though we have noticed problems with sound on that. For the Facebook livestream we have been using a laptop kindly loaned to us by David Hamblen, though if we are relying on the battery the service usually lasts longer than the battery and has been cutting out before the end. We hope to buy a new church laptop soon, for which we already have some grant money available, and are hunting around trying to find the best one to purchase.

It is also likely that the portable WiFi access we have isn't strong enough to give the best quality stream, though people watching the services afterwards say there is little evidence of cutting out or other problems on the recording even when the livestream is a little jumpy.

In the middle of June Facebook changed its rules meaning that we could only livestream if we had at least 100 followers of our church page (a real problem for smaller churches which rely on this). While we have a lot of visits to our page (**AllSaints_Bearsden**) we haven't had that many people liking/following us and discovered when we found about the rule change that we only had 28 followers!

The Rector immediately put a call out on our page and on his personal profile to ask if any friends or visitors would be willing to click "follow" to help us out. Thanks to friends rallying round, following and sharing the post within 24 hours we had 120 followers, allowing us to continue broadcasting services. We would like to thank all friends and also New Kilpatrick church for sharing the post and encouraging members of their congregation to follow our page! At the time of writing we have more than 150 page followers so a big thank you to all who came to our aid.

In due course we will also explore other ways of livestreaming (perhaps via YouTube) as this is proving popular. On our Facebook page some services have been watched by nearly 200 people! Do join our church Facebook community on <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090533958840> or by searching for "AllSaints_Bearsden"

Revd David

Remember that if you would like to read one of Revd. David's sermons, you can suggest it is put on All Saints website. <http://bearsden.church.scot/sermons>

THANKS FROM THE RECTOR

It can be all too easy to forget to say thank you and I don't want to miss the opportunity following a number of things which well deserve it recently.

First, a big thank you to all those who gave a donation as a result of our Prayer and Giving Day in May. There were some generous donations for the work of the church and also some kind offers of help in various aspects of our life together. There are still forms at the back of church if anyone would like to offer their time and talents – or enquire about what they might do.

Thank you too for all involved with our spectacular Flower Festival. We were disappointed that in the end Bearsden festival didn't take place, as we intended our event to be a part of this wider community activity, but we did a marvellous job in our own right, with the flower team (led by Ann Caie) going all out to fill the church with colour and creative beauty as they illustrated the theme "Celebrating the Hymns." Thank you to each and every flower arranger and to those who came and helped with refreshments and welcoming over the weekend, plus to all who helped with the raffle or donated prizes.

Revd David

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Very few members of the Congregation remembered the important date of the **15th June**, which, as well as the start of the Flower Festival, also marked the **First Anniversary of the Installation Service for David Guest** as our new Rector. Fortunately, one eagle-eyed member spotted this and was able to alert me before our Sunday Service on the 16th. This allowed me to express our sincere thanks from the Congregation for all he has done for us in just 12 months.

He has worked tirelessly to meet and get to know us all, as well as visiting those unable to leave their homes. In addition, he has developed links with our neighbouring Churches as well as conducting more joint activities with St. Andrews Milngavie at Christmas and Easter. Our spiritual life has been stimulated by his thoughtful sermons and the reintroduction of the early Sunday and mid-week Services.

After such a frantically busy year, he has been able to leave for two weeks of well-earned holiday, accompanied by a round of applause and a very large Thank -You Card from the Congregation. We promise to remember the date next Year!

David Hamblen. Alt. Lay Rep.

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL



'The Lord of Beauty, thine the splendour'
Gioia's eye-catching entrance display

How lovely to see the church so beautifully festive. What a joy with so much colour and thought and love. The theme of 'your favourite hymn' made each display so personal and each one was marvellous in its own way.

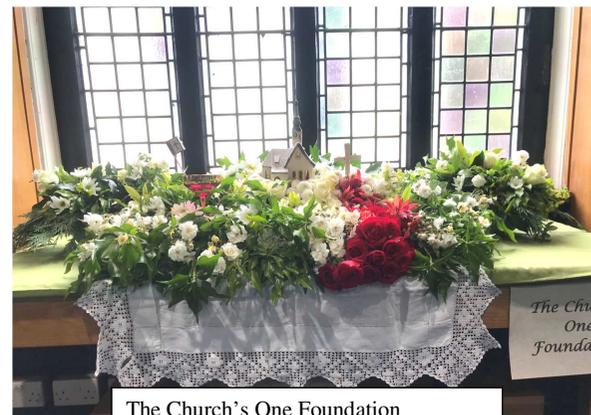
The 'extra' more than beautiful flowers that were used was made possible by Sheila Benson's bequest to us. It was so fitting that the beautiful and dramatic pedestal arranged by Susan Gray was dedicated to Sheila.

Well done to the flower group under the wonderful leadership of Ann. You are indeed a blessing to the church. May you continue to blossom!

A warm and heartfelt thankyou to Celia and the team for hours manning the refreshment table at the flower festival. A most welcome and refreshing tea and coffee and the usual All Saints scrumptious cakes were really appreciated by our visitors and those of us who brought along friends to view.

Sheena MacDonald

The photos following do not do justice to the wonderful displays in the church, but are a reminder of the chosen hymns and their imaginative representation.

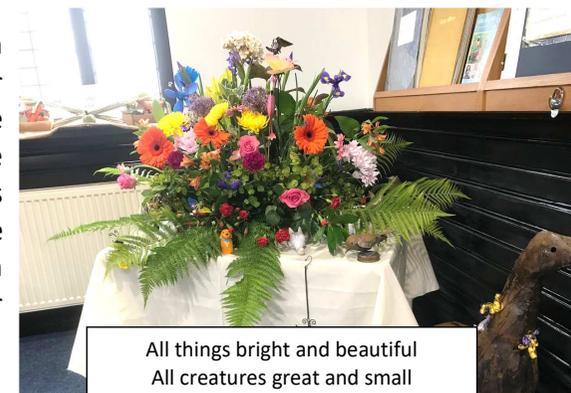


The Church's One Foundation
By Ailsa, Sheena and Sharon

Samuel John Stone, a young curate in Windsor, wrote the words in 1863 as a contribution to a famous theological controversy of the period in which a South African bishop was accused of preaching heresy. Stone was outraged that a bishop should question the fundamentals of Christian belief and wrote a hymn for each of the twelve articles of the Creed, defending the traditional view. The ninth article is

"I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints" and it is this on which this hymn is based.

Cecil Frances Alexander began writing hymns when one of her godchildren complained that he found difficulty in learning the catechism. She wrote 'All things bright and beautiful' to illustrate the line of the creed "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."



All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small



Priscilla Owens, from Baltimore, was a schoolteacher who led a Sunday School class for over 50 years. She wrote '*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life*' for a youth service based on the sea – and indeed even today it's a hymn often sung on Sea Sunday, the 2nd Sunday in July. It was later brought to Britain and became the song of the Boys Brigade, linked to their anchor badge.

By Susan Gray



"The Summons" also called "Will You Come and Follow Me" was written by **John L. Bell** in 1987 after being accepted into the Iona Community in 1980. The hymn is set to the tune of Kelvingrove, a traditional Scottish melody and its text contains thirteen questions asked by Jesus – the first four verses with the questions are in Jesus' voice, and the fifth is the singer's response to them. The hymn is based on a passage in Mark 1 in which Jesus calls his disciples to follow him.

by Louise

Our next hymn was written in 1923 by a man who started out as a teacher, then became a journalist, then trained for Methodist ministry until hit by ill health, then became an insurance salesman. **Thomas Chisholm's** faith never faltered and he wrote 1200 poems; this was one of many hymns he wrote. It reached Britain in 1962 when included in the Baptist Hymn Book. It is based on Lamentations 3: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning – great is your faithfulness."

By Gillian



Fishing, ferns and frolicking around the dance floor were the passions of **William Walsham How**, the author of 'For all the Saints'. **How** was the Rector of Whittington in Shrewsbury for 28 years and he was one of three editors working with Sir Arthur Sullivan on the 1871 SPCK hymnbook. How used the traditional Te Deum as the basis for his hymn -one we love singing here at All Saints using Vaughan Williams' stirring tune!

By Jenny



John Ellerton was a prolific Victorian hymn writer. He wrote 'The day thou gavest' in 1870 as a hymn to be used in a liturgy for missionary meetings and its worldwide mission message also prompted Queen Victoria to choose it for her Diamond Jubilee service in St Paul's Cathedral as she thought it was a perfect hymn to celebrate the British Empire! (see v5) It is certainly true that this favourite hymn reflected on the growing worldwide church of Jesus and its unceasing, unbroken offering of worship to God, giving us a marvellous sense of fellowship with Christians all around the world.

By Mary





Lord the light of your love is shining

Many of our hymns this evening have been more traditional, but we're going to end with a rousing worship song written in 1987 by **Graham Kendrick**, with words that inspired Jean Stirling's display in our flower festival. Graham Kendrick is the son of a Baptist minister and was inspired by the music of The Beatles and other groups in the 60s and 70s. He trained as a teacher but felt called to full-time ministry, which has seen him perform in concerts and evangelistic events, serving as musical director for British Youth for Christ, working from St Michael le Belfry church in York, joining the Ichthus Christian fellowship in London, and founding March for Jesus.

Shine Jesus Shine or Lord the light of your love is shining has been chosen in the top 10 of all hymns by Songs of Praise TV viewers and also described as the most loathed happy clappy contemporary

worship song! I hope we can persuade you to dismiss the negative views as we close with it this evening – and we're going to do something I've always done in my churches when this is sung: fling open the church doors so everyone else can hear us praising God and sending us out with joy!

And so ended a moving and joyful Songs of Praise for the Flower Festival. The words beside the photos are taken from our Rector's imaginative and informative service script, which can be read in full on the All Saints website. The service was live streamed can be viewed on Facebook. Search for 'AllSaints_Bearsden'

SONGS OF PRAISE, SUNDAY 16 JUNE

An appreciation

The All Saints flower festival concluded with a selection of the hymns celebrated in bloom in the displays. With a choir, the Sauer organ and forty strong congregation all in good voice, we were able to see out the weekend in some style. There were nine hymns and David provided helpful biographical notes on the composers. It did not come as a huge surprise that William Walsham How (1823-97), composer of 'For all the saints' was a supporter of the Oxford movement and worked among the Victorian slums, nor even that Priscilla Owens

(1829-1907), 'Will your anchor hold?' was a Sunday school teacher in Baltimore, Maryland, but I was impressed that Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) wrote 'Great is thy faithfulness' while working as a life insurance agent. I like to think he was between calls one morning.

The nineteenth century was well represented, but there were some notable contributions from the twentieth, such as John Bell's (b.1949) 'Will you Come and Follow me' and he's *that* John Bell who turns up on BBC Radio 4, giving 'Thought for the Day'. The last hymn was 'Lord, the Light of your Love was Shining' a.k.a 'Shine, Jesus, shine' written by Graham Kendrick, a Baptist minister, in 1987. David informed us that there are in fact, people on earth who dislike this hymn, something quite incomprehensible in our household.

Three readings interspersed the singing, all beautifully read: I particularly liked the extract from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's *Story of a Soul* which brought together flowers and people. It was nice to emerge from an evening service into daylight. This was a superb mid-summer celebration. Huge thanks to everyone involved in organising it.

Andrew Roach

JOHNNY APPLESEED

From the Rector's sermon on June 16th based on Mark 4: 26-34

When I was at school (and that's a very long time ago!) we used to perform something at the end of term, much like schools do today – perhaps a play, or a show containing different things from singing to dancing to magic.

One year we performed a jolly musical called Johnny Appleseed – perhaps some here might know it, or maybe some here have even heard of Johnny Appleseed, because the musical was about a real person who lived in America.

Johnny Appleseed was not his real name. His real name was John Chapman. He was born in 1774 in the state of Massachusetts. When he was in his early twenties, John became a nurseryman, working with plants, trees, and shrubs. He especially loved apple trees and he planted them all around the town where he lived. But that wasn't enough for John, He wanted people everywhere to enjoy apples just as much as he did, so he travelled all around the country planting apple trees and giving away apple seeds (though I believe the apples he grew were more useful for making strong cider than putting in a pie).

Now John was a simple man. He travelled all around the country on foot, usually without shoes. He often wore a shirt which he made from a sack with holes cut in it for his head and arms. He had a beard and wore a tin hat. In fact, he often took

the tin hat off of his head and used it to eat his supper from. John Chapman was a kind and gentle man who was liked by everyone he met. He became well known and people began to call him Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny Appleseed's life wasn't easy, but he loved what he was doing. He never married, but he had more friends than he could count. He lived a long and happy life enjoying the great outdoors and the beauty of God's creation.

You may be asking, "What does the story of Johnny Appleseed have to do with our Bible lesson for today?"

Well, for starters John Chapman considered himself a missionary of the New Church, a Christian denomination that became established the late 18th century and preached that nature and God are intertwined. He spread these teachings wherever he planted his seeds. So in more than one way the story of Johnny Appleseed is a bit like the parable that Jesus told in our Bible reading for today. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he is asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but the man doesn't know how it happens."...

*(The whole sermon can be found on the website:
<https://bearsden.church.scot/sermons/>)*

This reminded me of the Grace we used to sing with friends and the children. Does anyone else remember it? A new one for Wednesday lunches maybe -plus choir!

The Lord is Good to Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is Good to Me'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'DAY. (WHISTLE) THE LORD IS GOOD TO ME, AND SO I THANK THE LORD FOR GIV - IN' ME THE THINGS I NEED, THE SUN AND RAIN, AND AN AP - PLE SEED, YES, HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME.' The score includes various chords such as F, F/A, Gm7, C7, F, Gm7, C7, F, FMAJ7, F7, Bb, Gm7b5, F/C, Gm9, C9, F, Gm7, and C7.

FLOWER FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of our Flower Festival raffle and a big thank you to all who bought tickets and donated prizes.

The winners were:

Hampers: David Simmons, Betty Neilson, Rosetta Welsh, Mary Hunter

Wine: Dorothy King, Jill Busby, David Stott, Jean Stirling

55BC voucher: Caroline Flanagan

Gioia Nails voucher: Pauline Waugh

The Festival made the grand sum of over £1000. Congratulations to Ann Caie and Celia Fisher who did an amazing job in organising the event and to all who participated in so many ways.

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

The Harringtons

Sunday evening the 16th June was the culmination of three days of the flower festival. Susan and I were staggered at the beautiful displays by so many talented flower arrangers. Susan had seen them on Friday but my diary was already filled for Friday and Saturday so this service was my chance to see and appreciate all the fantastic skill and work that had taken place. What a great idea to have this service, which gave us all the opportunity to sing all the hymns associated with the displays, and to have such wonderful introductions to each one by Revd. David. We got to hear a potted history of each of the authors plus the occasions leading to the writing of their hymn; fascinating!

We enjoyed the service immensely but were shocked by the occasion of a presentation to us of a bouquet of flowers which had been sitting by the window displaying information about our Sauer organ.

We want just to say a big **THANKYOU** to you all, for the thought and love behind that presentation, so I thought the best way was to show you this photo that I took at home, still reeling from the occasion and before we took off our coats

With love and thanks, Susan and John



NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS FRIENDS



Dear All Saints Friends

We attended the annual All Saints House Group Croquet match at Ross Priory at the end of June. I won the first prize for the first time in this fierce competition thanks to my distinguished teammate player Sheena! Yes, we are not at All Saints anymore, but Richard and Gillian very kindly invite us every year. We very much look forward to this annual event!

Time flies so quickly, in July this year 7 years will have passed since we left Bearden completely, which means our time in Dundee is now longer than that in Bearsden! In Dundee we became members of St Mary's Episcopal Church in Broughty Ferry. Our Rector, who was installed about a year ago, is an American who has Jewish heritage and his wife is Turkish and came from a Muslim family. It is a small congregation, but thanks to the active and lively priest and his wife, bit by bit the congregation is expanding. Iain is now retired and is a full-time organist there, which keeps him busy practising.

We are gradually making friends here in Dundee and in Broughty Ferry, which is the equivalent of Bearsden in Glasgow. We enjoy walking and cycling along the lovely newly constructed esplanade and enjoy the east coast dry weather very much. (Having said that, this year we also have been experiencing lots of wet weather.)

However, for Iain and me the time with All Saints means a lot to us in our lives. We have made many lasting friends and have so many fond memories of everyone! It is always a joy going to Bearsden as though we are going back to our hometown. Iain and I relish your welcome and catching up with your news. We'd also love to welcome you in Broughty Ferry! Please let us know whenever you happen to be near the east coast! We look forward to seeing you again before not so long!

With best wishes and lots of love, Kaoru

Dear All Saints Friends,

Peter and I were very sad to have missed the annual croquet event at Ross Priory due to last minute indisposition. We so enjoy getting back together with this lovely group of people whom we have known for many years. We have had an itinerant life and been members of various churches, but All Saints has always felt special, with a particularly friendly and supportive community. Thank you all.

Love, Joan and Peter

Joan and Peter Kemp and family were members of All Saints for many years, Peter as treasurer and Joan as Social Group organiser. Also they were long time members of the Monday/Thursday housegroup.

Kaoru and Iain were also very active in All Saints, with Iain playing the organ when necessary. They also participated enthusiastically in the housegroup. Kaoru was so thrilled at winning the valiantly fought croquet with Sheena, that she insisted on a photo with her prize!

We miss them all and send them our very best wishes.

Many thanks to the Kingslakes for organising a splendid day.

PROTESTANT MARTYRS

On a visit to the Vatican many years ago, I remember the guide pointing out to us the numerous Catholic martyrs of these islands. He told us that there were of course protestant martyrs but we wouldn't find them there.

On our lovely weekend in Wigtownshire with Elaine and Graham, we visited the Martyrs stone, which marks the spot where, on May 11th 1665, two women both named Margaret were tied to a stake in the Solway and left to drown as the tide came in and washed over them. It is said that they sang hymns as they awaited death. This occurred during the Killing Times as they became known. They were Covenanters and accepted no authority other than Christ.



Scotland widely became protestant in 1560 on the death of Mary of Guise, when her daughter, Mary was still Queen of France and they took the opportunity of a power vacuum of 14 months to take control. England also had just had Protestantism restored by Elizabeth on the death of Mary Tudor. Scotland and England were united on the death of Elizabeth when James VI was invited to take the English crown. He was a Protestant but Episcopalian and as we all know

we have Bishops to govern us. All the Stuart kings who succeeded him were Episcopalian or Catholic.

At the time of their martyrdom, when the two Margarets were put to death, James VII had ascended the throne and he was Catholic. Margaret Wilson, who was only 18, had Episcopalian parents, and would have been pardoned but she would not recant. There was clearly some generational disagreement.

Only three years later, James lost his throne when he was put into a boat and sent across the Channel together with his Catholic wife and newborn son and William of Orange arrived by invitation to take the throne with Mary, his Protestant Stuart wife. Both Scottish and English Protestants must have rejoiced at this Glorious Revolution which was peaceful and orderly and the killing times ended.

Mary Stott.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

1770- 1850

My Heart Leaps Up When I Behold

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is Father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

Wordsworth wrote this lovely, short poem on 26 March, 1802 when he was 31. It is another poem from my childhood and came to mind recently as the sun and the rain have given us so many lovely rainbows.

In the first line Wordsworth tells us his heart leaps with joy when he sees a rainbow in the sky. It was, he says, like this when he was a child, is so now, and he hopes it will be like this when he is old, but, if it isn't, he wants to die.

There follows one of his most famous and quoted lines: 'The Child is Father of the Man' which is generally taken to mean that what we learn or do as a child influences what we become and do as adults. And so he wants all his days as child, adult and old man to be bound together by 'natural piety' which suggests an almost religious belief in the wonders of nature.

Brenda Hadcroft

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

A new Bishop has been chosen in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, with the **Rev David Railton** elected to the position that has been vacant since the death of Bishop Keith Riglin in September 2023.

Revd. David Railton, the current Rector of the linked charges of Holy Trinity in Dunoon and St Paul's in Rothesay, becomes the second consecutive Rector from those charges to become a Bishop, following the election of Bishop Andrew Swift in Brechin in 2018.

Meanwhile, the **Rt Rev Kevin Pearson**, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, has given formal notice of his resignation to the Primus, following his announcement earlier this year that he will retire on 31 August this year.

A mandate to inaugurate the Electoral Process is expected to be issued within 21 days of the Diocese becoming vacant.

A DAY IN MONET'S GARDEN



At the end of May we enjoyed a short break to Paris. A highlight was a day in Monet's garden in Giverny. It was rose season, but wonderful blooms could be found in every flower bed as well as bowers of roses.



This quote from Dorothy Frances Gurney's poem came to mind:

"One is nearer to God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth"

Richard & Gillian Kingslake

DRUMCHAPEL FOODBANK

I recently made what I hope will be the first of many future deliveries to the Drumchapel Foodbank. It was a heartwarming experience and the thanks sent to all who contributed were sincere and fulsome.

Their needs grow by the week and the demands made on their unfortunately limited supplies are exhaustive. There are so many reasons why referrals to the Foodbank are made and who would ever have imagined that there would be such reliance on foodbanks in twenty-first century Britain?

Louise kindly donated a huge bag of "complete" dog food and numerous pouches of moist food in the hope that these could be used. There was absolutely no doubt that they could and would be! Well, I guess Buddy is getting to be an old man now but he would be the first to say that canine cousins in Drumchapel need to be fed too. The Foodbank were delighted with this donation and the large (hundredweight? It certainly felt like it when I carried it from my car) sack was divvied up in a number of smaller bags for the four-legged inhabitants of Drumchapel.

I was able to take along five boxes of tea bags; seven packs of noodles; five packets of biscuits; tins of salmon, rice pudding, pressed meat, beans, spaghetti, tuna, sweet corn, fruits in syrup/fruit juice, microwave rice, pasta sauce, instant porridge, breakfast cereal, three large jars of instant coffee, surface cleansing wipes, dish soap, lavatory rolls and even more. All were greatly appreciated and will certainly by now have been passed on to those in need of the Foodbank's assistance.

It was a pleasure to deliver these items on your behalf and the kind folk working at the Foodbank send their thanks and warmest regards. I hope, with your continued generosity, to be able to make a further donation soon.

John Brooker



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Of course, David's arrival at All Saints has had an effect on the congregation, both individually and as a whole, but one positive indicator of this effect has been the increase in numbers partaking of refreshments after the Sunday services. These numbers are a barometer, if you like, of the underlying mood of the congregation. I really feel that David has had a most positive influence on us and that there is a more united and cohesive feeling amongst our membership. Two small but vitally important words are also used much more frequently and with great appreciation. What are they? They are, quite simply, "Thank You"

So, David, I say
"Thank You" to you.

Happy 1st Anniversary to you David and to our amazing church family! Let's continue to spread our love and positivity in our community.



David now celebrating a successful first year with us, giving us such a happy and vibrant church, enjoying each other and our worship together.

May we continue to support him and his leadership in the furtherance of God's Kingdom among us.

May we echo his zeal, enthusiasm and stamina, helping to spread God's wonderful word and exciting way of Christian life.

Since David came to our church we have been uplifted and inspired by his preaching and deep spirituality. His communication and warmth of personality touches everyone he meets. We feel blessed to have such a wonderful Priest to guide and support us

Feels good leaving church with a head and heart brimming with joy and energising thoughts for the week and world ahead.

I find it hard to believe that a year has passed since David arrived in Bearsden - a busy and happy time in the life of All Saints. Thank you

Wasn't sure what would happen after the vacancy, so pleased it was David.

Friends remark "it's nice to see your "minister" and how welcome he makes us feel"

David enjoys a chat and cuppa with the Flower Group when we are working in church. His support is appreciated.

We have come together as congregation again. We enjoy our chat and catch ups in church or at coffee in the hall.

David has made this first year an easy one of transition and new acquaintanceship. We appreciate his cheerful, welcoming presence, his Christian commitment and thought provoking sermons. The future looks promising

Since his arrival, David Guest has revitalised our worship, loyally supported all that we were previously doing as well as introducing promising new initiatives, and established good personal relationships with all our members. New members, of which there have been several, have said that they greatly value the content of our services and the excellence of his leadership. We have been lucky to attract such an outstanding Rector, and greatly look forward to the next period of his ministry with us.



A year's flown by, it's been the best. A big thank you to David Guest. He's worked so hard, enthusiasm plus to the benefit of all of us.

We've enjoyed your stimulating sermons, always well crafted with the aim of stirring us to greater action.

We do try to live up to your guidance and expectations!

Thank for a very encouraging year and all good wishes for more to come.



THE RAMBLING RECTOR ROSE



There is no connection to the previous pages – it really is the name of this beautiful rose in Sheena's lovely garden!

FROM INSPIRES ONLINE

the monthly newsletter of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church called on politicians to work urgently for a just peace in Israel-Palestine and an end to military action, to help prevent the effects of famine taking an even greater toll on those who are suffering.

The politics of this Israel-Gaza conflict are becoming even more complex, with global powers taking political positions for home and international reasons: but innocents are suffering in the violence. The College of Bishops urges all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church to pray for those innocents who are suffering in Gaza and in Israel, to lobby their elected representatives to work for a just peace in Israel-Palestine and to support the charities working to bring relief to those suffering.

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/>

SERVICES IN JULY

Services are held in Church, on our Facebook page and on Zoom at 10.30am
 Andrew Long will provide the Zoom log in details on request.
 Please remember to mute yourself during the service.

Date Sunday	7 July Pentecost 7 Trinity 6 (Green)	14 July Pentecost 8 Trinity 7 (Green)	21 July Pentecost 9 Trinity 8 (Green)	28 July Pentecost 10 Trinity 9 (Green)
Celebrant	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
Stewards	Brenda Hadcroft	Joyce James	David Hamblen	Tracey Conway
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Jenny	Hanan	Louise
Readings	Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13	Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
Reader	Andrew Long	Graham Caie	Mary Stott	Janet Stack
Intercessor	Louise Benson	Andrew Long	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen
After-service Coffee	Sheena Kate	Mairi Elaine	Brenda Jane	John Joyce
Other events	A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 10.00am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings , preceded by a prayer group at 9.30am.			

SERVICES IN AUGUST

Services are held in Church, on our Facebook page and on Zoom at 10.30am
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Date Sunday	4 August Pentecost 11 Trinity 10 (Green)	11 August Pentecost 12 Trinity 11 (Green)	18 August Pentecost 13 Trinity 12 (Green)	25 August Pentecost 14 Trinity 13 (Green)
Celebrant	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
Stewards	Celia Fisher	Kate Ross	Pauline Waugh	Andrew Long
Eucharistic Assistants	Graham	Celia	Jenny	Hanan
Readings	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
Reader	David Hamblen	Bryan Stack	Sheena MacDonald	Gillian Kingslake
Intercessor	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Andrew Long
After-service Coffee	Gioia Janet	Anne Pauline	Fiona Gillian	Kate Sheena
Other events	A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 10.00am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, preceded by a prayer group at 9.30am.			

The Editor for the September edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday, 18th August 2024**.

The Rector's usual days off each week are Thursdays and Fridays. One of these may occasionally change depending on other work demands.