

# November 2024 Magazine

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The cover picture: The church window above the altar, see p. 4 and p13

*All Saints Scottish Episcopal  
Church*

*Drymen Road, Bearsden*



Dear All,

## **ALL SAINTS TODAY**

As the shops fill with reminders of Christmas and the need to buy and organise NOW, it's easy to forget that this time of the Church year is in itself a time for celebration, as we remember with joy the lives and examples and witness of the saints throughout the centuries - and of commemoration, recalling the lives of all those who have died in the faith of Christ, who have influenced, inspired, and encouraged us personally on our own Christian journeys.

Some are uncomfortable when it comes to keeping saints' days or even commemorating the faithful departed. I understand that discomfort, but suggest that these Church festivals give us all the chance to remember, reflect, and give thanks.

On All Saints Day (November 1<sup>st</sup> – we keep All Saints Sunday on November 3<sup>rd</sup>) we remember holy people, those who have lived lives of faith and are thought to be of special significance by the worldwide Church. The saints we recall were people with hearts on fire – on fire with love of God, and that fire shone in courage and gentleness and patience. And to the very end of their lives on earth the saints remained God's own true friends. So when we think about the saints we remember all those who have lived throughout the centuries and through their lives and examples have somehow pointed us to God.

And as we commemorate All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, maybe we think of those closer to home, those who have helped us in our pilgrimage somehow. Not necessarily the great names of history, but the lives of all those who lived lives of faith and obedience, who had confidence and hope in the heavenly country promised to all faithful departed.

Further into November we also have Remembrance Sunday, when we recollect the lives of those who died that we might live.

Remembering is never about simply looking back to past glories or even follies; rather, it is about looking to the past that we might stride purposefully into the future.

I hope that message is one we can all take to heart as we move towards the end of another Church year and begin another in our charge. We have much to be grateful for in the past, much that can inform and guide us, but we are called to move

forwards, being faithful as God's people today to ensure our faith, life and witness remains relevant into the future.

We should set out to be 'all saints' today, holy and called apart to be God's people. And remember, faith is more clearly expressed in the way people live than in what they claim to believe - probably the most important message for Christians today in a largely unbelieving world.

*Revd David*

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday, **November 10th** this year.

Revd David is leading the civic service of remembrance at Bearsden Cross, beginning with a procession from Drymen Hall at around 10.45am. This will be followed by a short service at the memorial culminating in the two minutes' silence at 11.00am and the laying of wreaths.

In church as last year from 10.30am there will be the opportunity to pray silently using specially produced resources. No later than 11.15am we will hold our usual Communion service, starting with the "second hymn" and going into two Bible readings, a short sermon and the rest of the service as normal.

## **VESTRY NOTES**

The meeting due on 6 October was postponed until 21 October. Vestry notes for that meeting will be in the next magazine.

## **AGM NOTICE**

### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH**

Our Annual Meeting will be held this year on Sunday, November 24th (the feast of Christ the King) following the 10.30am service.

It has been decided to revert to the more traditional time for holding our annual general meeting (it was shifted slightly during Covid and in the vacancy), on a date which is widely kept by other churches throughout the Province. It also links to the day where we must take numbers attending services as part of our annual return to the diocese.

At the AGM, as well as the reports of activity during the past year, we hold elections for the Vestry for the forthcoming year. This year we have at least four places to fill on the Vestry so we are looking for people who might be willing to consider standing for this important role in our church life.

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 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.

Revd David

## ADVENT STUDY COURSE

Our Advent study course this year will be using the Archbishop of York's recommended book, **Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear** by Rachel Mann.

*'Waiting can be beautiful and, at least sometimes, it takes us to the heart of the Holy.'*

Rachel Mann writes with disarming verve of something we all experience – waiting. It may seem unlikely when you're stuck on a train, or nervously anticipating hospital treatment, or simply fearful of an uncertain future, that there is treasure to be found in the waiting. Yet the Psalmist says,

*'I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.'*

These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming – bidden or unbidden – to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy... Most of all they remind us that Jesus Christ comes into the world as one long waited for; as the servant who waits on others; as the one on whom we are, adoringly, called to wait.

Rachel Mann is a priest, poet, writer and broadcaster. She has written over a dozen books, including the Michael Ramsey Prize shortlisted *Fierce Imaginings* and *A Kingdom of Love*. She wrote the bestselling Lent course, *From Now On*, as well as the bestselling Advent Book, *In the Bleak Midwinter* and writes a regular column for *The Christian Century*. She regularly contributes to programmes on Radio 4, including 'Thought for the Day' on the *Today* Programme, as well as 'Pause for Thought' on Radio 2. Ordained into the Church of England in 2005, Rachel is

Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton. She is also a member of the General Synod, and Chair of the House of Clergy in Manchester Diocesan Synod. Between October 2009 and September 2017 she was Poet-in-Residence and Minor Canon at Manchester Cathedral.

You can buy the book on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Do-Not-Be-Afraid-Archbishop/dp/0281090017>

This year our sessions will be held on **TUESDAY** afternoons, from 3.00 – 4.00pm. The four weekly sessions will be November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

- For your diaries, *Compline (Night Prayer)* will again be held in church on Monday evenings during Advent – 7.00pm, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

## PROPERTY GROUP

Just a quick update on two of the matters that we have been working on:

**1. Stained Glass Memorial Window:** The timber frame is severely damaged and leaks. Equally the leading on the window is showing its age and the damage can be viewed from the Chancel and the main aisle. The Vestry have approved a contractor who will remove the timber frame and the window itself on Thursday 24 October. This date has just been confirmed. The 'gap' left will be covered by a wood panel and will remain until the work is completed and the window is re-installed. You will hear more about this work and its funding in the near future and after next Vestry Meeting.

**2. Car Park:** Thanks to the 'anonymous driver' who hit the car park gates beside the Garden of Remembrance knocking it out of alignment, both gates have been removed. Some further work will require to be done on the affected post. The Vestry agreed that we should also place a Disclaimer Notice in the Car Park. This can be viewed from the outside of the Glenburn Hall window. A permanent notice will be sourced and erected in the car park. The Disclaimer Notice states that:

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH CAR PARK

Users of this Car Park do so at their own risk.

The Church will not accept any responsibility for any damage, accidents or losses.

The Property Group will update the Congregation as things progress.

Susan Gray

## ALL SAINTS QUIZ NIGHT

### Fund raising for Tearfund and Mission Support

We will be holding a quiz night in the Drymen Hall on **Saturday 16th November 2024**. We plan to start at **5pm** with a quiz prepared by Tearfund, followed by a meal with a choice of a chilli or chicken casserole (vegetarian choice will be available, please ask in advance).



Bring your own drinks ....and most importantly yourselves and your friends! Admission is **£10** per person.

We will need to know the numbers for catering by Sunday **10th** November please.

Notes of interest to either *Rev David Guest, Celia or Louise*.

Come along and let's have a good fun evening!

## ABC (ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Our meeting in early September saw us welcome the new Baptist minister, Roland Cohen who has come from South Africa with his family. We decided various dates which you may like to note:

**Saturday 14th December:** Carol Singing at Asda in aid of local charities tbc.

Our singing slot is **11.00- 12.00**, and we need three or four singers.

Please contact Celia/Penny if you can come.

**Saturday 8th February 2025** Unity Lunch at Killermont Church. This year we have decided to push the date back a little. Tickets will be £10 and will be on sale nearer the time.

**Friday 7th March at 2.00pm** 2025 World Day of Prayer at St Andrew's RC Church. Theme is Cook Islands.

Celia

## CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Christian Aid this year. I recently received the accounts for the Bearsden Branch to June 2024 and can report the following:

House to House collections raised **£7828.30** which is less than half the approximate **£22,000** raised in 2014 but up on last year by almost £1200.

Other fund raising events by all the churches, such as Harvest and Christmas special collections, sponsored events, musical events, raised £9007. So, in total Bearsden churches were able to send £16,836 to Christian Aid,

Our recent Harvest Lunch Collection raised **£60.00** for which grateful thanks again.

Celia Fisher

## DRUMCHAPEL FOODBANK

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of delivering fourteen heavy carrier bags of foodstuffs, the "haul" from last Sunday's Harvest Festival service, to the Drumchapel Foodbank. This was no great deal or effort for me but it very soon became a real pleasure when I saw the delight and amazement on the faces of those working there.

The delight was mingled with relief too, as I was very quickly made aware that the shelves were getting bare! I understand that this is by no means an isolated event but unfortunately an all too regular occurrence and I am very conscious that stocks need to be replenished on frequent occasions, not just at harvest-time.

The array of non-perishable foodstuffs donated was amazing and I am very grateful to all who added to the collection. There were toiletries too, and these are greatly appreciated. Louise and Anne have supplied pet foods in the past and these are also much appreciated. When it's difficult to feed yourself or your family, just imagine how difficult it must be to provide for the needs of a much-loved pet that provides companionship and company during times of hardship, a situation that I have no experience of and find difficult to imagine.

Please keep donating to the foodbank. Your actions mean so much to those in need and enable us to maintain our long-established links with the Drumchapel community.

The workers at the foodbank send their heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes to everyone at All Saints.

John Brooker

*A great effort, John. Very many thanks.*



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Sunday 29 September 2024

The Rector preached a splendid sermon on St Michael and other angels. The whole sermon is on the All Saints website: <https://bearsden.church.scot/sermons/>.

Rev. David began:

'Mention angels and it's a fair bet that most people will start to think of beings in glittering white robes, with silver wings and playing golden harps.'....

and continued later with:

'But it's not quite so simple when we come to Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, Uriel or any of those other strange heavenly beings called angels. Which is odd really because the Bible speaks of angels continually. From the first book, Genesis, where we see an angel guarding the garden of Eden, right the way through to the Revelation to St John, where an angel is sent to show God's servant what must happen, there are plentiful references to angels. The actual story of St Michael the Archangel is very dramatic in the book of Revelation.'.....

*You can read the sermon again on the website.*

My daughter, who was listening from her home, is now in a quandary about how to dress her two children for a Christmas Eve service!

Janet



### WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP – Events to Come

The new season of the Wednesday Lunch Group is now well and truly launched. By the time you read this article we will already have enjoyed two illustrated talks, from Robbie Morrison on the work of Tearfund, and from the groups of travellers from All Saints who were in Sicily in September.

However, we have had to make one important change to the schedule for the first session, up until Christmas. We had originally scheduled this to finish on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> with the Christmas Party. However when this was announced we heard from a number of our regular lunchers that having the party on the 18<sup>th</sup> was inconveniently close to the holiday and that they would not be able to attend. So we have rescheduled the Christmas Party for **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and cancelled the lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We have also decided on the dates for the popular

additional events in the run up to Christmas. The Christmas sale will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**; more details about this will be announced nearer the time. On **4<sup>th</sup> December**, the week before the Christmas Party, we will be holding our popular Christmas Decoration event, which will concentrate on making floral decorations for the festival, with all materials provided. Again more details later on.

Do come along and join us if you are free on a Wednesday, for good food and convivial conversation, with the occasional surprise. Even better, bring a friend. If you are attending the prayer group and/or the Wednesday morning service, we will be serving coffee between the end of the service and lunchtime, so feel free to come along. Better still, after your first cup of coffee, stay around and enjoy the lunch afterwards.

Brenda Hadcroft & Andrew Long

### HARVEST FAIR TRADE SALE

Many thanks for supporting us at the Fair Trade sale on Harvest Sunday, and special thanks to Celia for letting us take up a corner of the room during the delicious post-service lunch!

We took in **£76**, all of which goes to Gavin's Mill, which supplied the goods. Every time I visit the shop there seems to be a new range of goods, all ethically traded, so it deserves as much support as we can give.

We hope to have a Christmas sale on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Meantime please do remember they sell at Gavin's Mill a good selection of Christmas cards and gifts worth perusing. Thanks again.

Pauline, Elaine and Fiona

### HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

#### Harvest Festival Flowers

What a lovely display we had on entering the church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Such a wonderful use of flowers, seedheads, fruits and leaves, creating a splendidly colourful and joyous atmosphere for our service of Thanksgiving.

**A very big vote of thanks!** to all the talented flower ladies, for both your skills and care with which you gladden our hearts time after time.

Susan Harrington

A selection of the wonderful arrangements follows, though this doesn't do justice to the overall effect.



### More praise

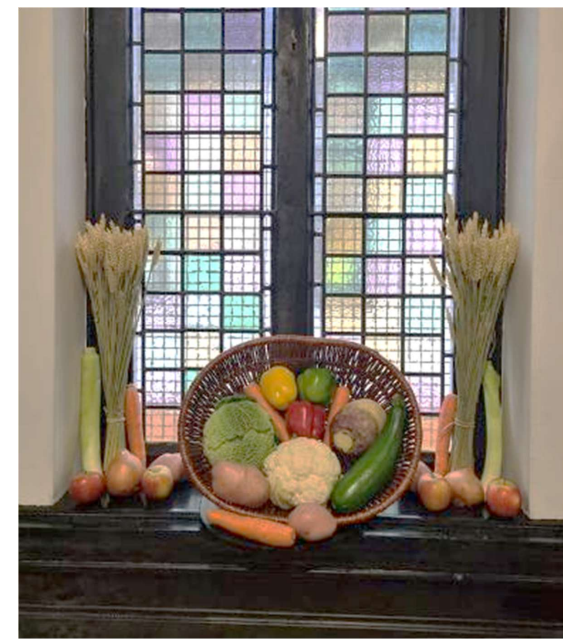
Each time the flower group get together they seem to be able to produce an even better display, and what a colourful and beautiful display was on display for Harvest Sunday. Autumn colours predominated with sunflowers, dahlias, chrysanthemums,



and dried leaves but with accents of red and purple too. The font had a wonderful display with grapes and apples. Every corner was decorated, and as a 'textile person' I especially enjoyed the baskets of fabric vegetables on the back windowsill.

Also, huge thanks to Celia and her gang of helpers for organising such a lovely lunch after the service. Special thanks to those who help to set up the tables and do the clearing and washing up. A wonderful job!

Kate Ross



Work in progress. Each swag was different!



## TARTE PROVENCALE

*By special request*, this is Kate's recipe for Harvest Lunch. It vanished in seconds! Equally good hot or cold and freezes well. Pastry easy too! Enjoy.

- 1 quantity of provencale pastry\*
- 2 level tbsp dijon mustard
- 275g aubergine, very thinly sliced
- 1 small green pepper, cored and seeded
- 3 free range egg yolks
- 350ml cream/ creme fraiche
- 1 small garlic clove, crushed
- 150g cheddar cheese , grated
- 2 large tomatoes
- Chopped fresh herbs, eg parsley, marjoram, basil

Roll out pastry and line 11 inch loose bottomed flan tin. Spread mustard over base and chill while preparing the filling.

Slice pepper thinly and sprinkle over aubergine. Brush with olive oil, and bake at 200°C for 20mins.

Beat together egg yolks, cream, garlic and cheese. Slice tomatoes thickly, discarding seeds.

Arrange tomato slices in pastry case, top with aubergine and pepper slices. Pour custard mixture over the vegetables, and bake in oven (200°C)for 30 mins.

Sprinkle with herbs and cook for further 15 mins.

### \*Provençal pastry

225g plain white flour, large pinch salt, 1 egg beaten, 4 tbsp olive oil, 2-3 tbsp tepid water

Put flour and salt in bowl, make a well and add liquids, mixing with fork to combine. Knead lightly, and rest for 30 mins before rolling out

## THE ALTAR AT HARVEST



As you have read in the property report, the window above the altar is about to be removed for repair. It will be strange not to see the familiar stained glass but I wonder how many people know its history.

It was donated in 1903, 6 years after the dedication of the church, by a member of the congregation called Mrs Stein in memory of her sister who had died at the age of 33. Mrs Stein, latterly known as the Mother of the church, lived in Station Road. There is a lovely description of this lady in the book 'A Temporary Building' a history of All Saints p35. written from the viewpoint of a 5 year old girl.

To a small child a rather formidable person was Mrs. Stein who lived in Station Road in the house now occupied by our Lay Reader, Dr. Coleman. It was in memory of her sister, Mrs. Seaman, that the East window was erected and one of the angels was intended to represent her, though the likeness was said not to be good. Mrs Stein had a strong voice and a dominating personality but she had a kind heart as I found out later when I was in bed after a tonsil operation. She knew our garden was new and somewhat scarce of flowers and she brought down a large bunch of roses from her lovely garden.

## A LETTER FROM ELLEN

Dear All Saints,

Hope this reaches you all well. I have been loving DC in October - it is still warm and 'fall' is truly about to begin.

I had the absolute privilege of attending a conference with Joe Biden's Chief of Staff. It was very interesting to hear about how he came into the job and what his day-to-day operations look like.

As I write this, it is only 16 days until the Presidential Election. It is very interesting and exciting watching the city prepare for the election and hear different perspectives and ideas. It is truly stimulating as a politics and history student.

I look forward again to writing to you all next month.



Ellen

## MY EXPERIENCE OF YEEK

This year, much like the last, was blessed with one truly fantastic week at Glenalmond College, near Perth. Yeek (Provincial Youth Week) being the name of the camp, is a place for young Christians to gather, discuss, mingle, socialise and have fun.

Over the course of the week, we were split into house groups in line with the theme of this year which was "Another Planet". My group, Krypton, consisted of 8 people in total, almost all of whom I knew from previous years. It's because of this that my favourite part of the week was always the group meeting. I immensely enjoy discussion, and to be able to talk with such a wide range of people was a treasured experience. The wide range of topics covered included sustainability, war, poverty, moral obligations, charity and much more.

But there were also the activities. Each day they were consistently intriguing and were usually completely new to me. Before I went to Yeek I had never before constructed a poem about a murder mystery, I had never had to teach the Macarena to ten people at once, I had never had so much fun playing 'Just Dance' with friends. The list goes on. Underlying everything there is this sense of



community, a bastion of kindness and companionship. I have never made so many friends that became so precious to me in such short a time. These are people I will hold dear to me heading into the future and look forward to meeting at large in the world.

Nothing like this could have even been possible if not for the leaders; A group of eager fantastic people who, every time I meet them, I am reminded how incredible people can be. With shrewdness, insight, kindness and passion they steer the good ship Yeek into the future, forging a group that is firm in their faith, ideals and community.

I am not capable of rendering in words how magnificent an experience Yeek was. All I can say is that it is marked down in the calendar for next year and I hope that as my final year, it will burn brightest in my memories. I am so grateful for the support from All Saints that has allowed me to attend.

Alexander Roach

## ST. NINIAN'S PRIORY WHITHORN

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

While Graham and I were at our bolt-hole at the Isle of Whithorn we attended



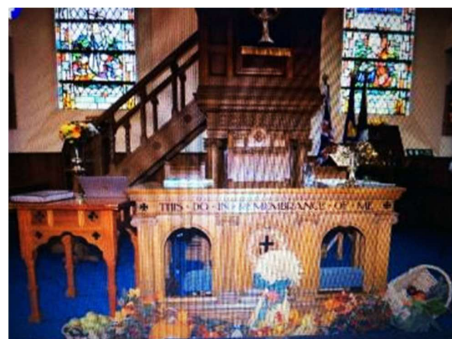
Harvest Festival on 6th October at St. Ninian's Priory, the parish church at Whithorn. I believe this to be the oldest Christian church in Scotland.

We were made very welcome by the minister Alex. Currie who incidentally has relatives in Milngavie. He knows All Saints and said what a pretty church it is. The members of the congregation of all ages

were also very welcoming and spoke with us. Families seemed to have come, apart from Whithorn itself, from farms and out-lying villages for the Harvest Festival Service.

There was a talk by the minister's wife, (fruits of the vine), lessons read by children, and of course collection of goods to be distributed where necessary.

After the uplifting service people gathered for coffee and chat. Graham and I were really pleased to have attended this friendly, happy service.



Elaine Perrett

## FAIFLEY UPCYCLING

This upcycling project is run by, and held at Faifley Parish Church, 164 Faifley Road - only ten minutes along the road from Bearsden. Every Tuesday 10am - 12 midday. Donations are accepted during this time which include electrical items and bedding/cushions. Larger items can be collected by them. Everyone is welcome and everything is free.

It is run by a team of volunteers and last time I was there I was shown how this project operates by the Church of Scotland Minister - Gregor McIntyre. There are many refugees and asylum seekers in the Faifley area who are struggling, and are very grateful for any help. It also acts as a community hub.

I have left leaflets at the back of the church with details and they can also be found by googling Faifley Upcycling. Thank you for reading this and helping if, and when you can.

Elaine Perrett

## WANTED

### PLEASE All Kinds of USED STAMPS in aid of BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST

I have continued throughout the year to collect used stamps for the above. The agency helps to fund life-saving research by getting up to £20 for every kilogram of stamps I send.

You may be receiving more mail during the next few months so I would be very grateful if you felt you could save any stamps for me. Just leave a small border when cutting off. They could either be given to me or I would collect if they were left at back of church.

Thank you in advance and to my brother and sister for helping when I was in need. Many thanks too to those who have given me stamps through the year - they have been forwarded.

Elaine

## **IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

John McCrae

1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae was a Canadian doctor and poet who fought in the First World War, and was a surgeon at the second battle of Ypres. He died of pneumonia and meningitis in January, 1918. He wrote this much loved poem in the summer of 1917, writing as one of the dead. He describes the crosses where they lie in the fields of poppies with the larks still singing amid the sounds of the guns. They are dead, he says, but were so recently people just like those who still live.

He warns those of us who come after to hold the torch of remembrance high, for if we do not the dead will not sleep in their graves even though the poppies, as nature's memorial, will continue to grow. The poem is well known for this

colourful image of poppies which have become a lasting symbol of bravery and death in war.

The poppy is associated with violent and cruel deaths especially of heroes who did not deserve to die. It is found in the Roman and Greek poets of antiquity as far back as Homer's Iliad in the 6th/7th century BC. The Latin poet Virgil (70-19 BC) in Book 9 of his great poem, the Aeneid, describes the death of a young hero called Euryalus who is fighting for his country and to save the life of his close friend:

'He rolled on the ground in death, the blood flowed over his beautiful body, his neck grew limp and his head drooped on his shoulders, like a scarlet flower languishing and dying when its stem has been cut by the plough, or like poppies bowing their heads when the rain burdens them and their necks grow weary.'

On a lighter note, in Greek mythology, Demeter, goddess of crops and flowers, was said to have created the poppy to console herself after Hades, god of the underworld, snatched away her daughter, Persephone, to be his queen. The Greek word for poppy is 'mekon', which also means opium!

Brenda Hadcroft

## **THE GARVELLACH ISLES ...UNDERWATER!**

As the nights grow longer towards winter, the opportunities for a long day out with the Clydebank Sub Aqua Club's boat become fewer. It was with relief that our Diving Club Chairman John Kerr, noted that the weather forecast for 21st September and the tides would be ideal for 5 members of our Diving Club to take our 5.4 metres rigid hulled inflatable boat to Craobh Haven and head out through the Grey Dog Race, separating Scarba from Lunga and head west towards the Garvellach Isles. This island chain is a favourite location for many of us in Clydebank Sub Aqua Club. Those of you sail will probably be familiar with the islands. They are quite spectacular and when you are close in to shore, as we are when diving, the cliffs look quite daunting and perhaps a little menacing! However, in calm conditions the cliffs and reefs look amazing.

Perhaps you have wondered what the terrain is like below the waves? "*Unbelievable*" is the only word to describe the underwater scenery. Our first dive at the Garvellachs is usually on the north-west side of the most southerly reef of Sgeirean Dubha group, south of Eileach an Naoimh. I have dived this site 12 times over the years. The cliff wall below the waterline drops vertically to around 35 metres and then less steep to goodness knows what!? The walls are covered in soft corals, anemones and sponges, with red seaweeds closer to the surface.

Underwater visibility is often 15-20 metres, which is great for Scotland, but can be poor, at only 4-5 metres, as it was on this last trip to the site! We can usually manage a dive duration of around 40 minutes. Any more than that and most of us start to become a little bit chilled even though we use dry suits.

Our 2nd dive on this trip was at a site we call "Eagle Drop". Why? We once saw a Sea Eagle high up on the cliffs above the dive site! This site is located on the north-west side of Garbh Eileach at the obvious inlet.



We enter the water at the reefs and the wall drops fairly steeply to about 10 metres and then becomes a 45° rock and boulder slope down to around 30 metres. A short distance further the seabed then drops away to around 85 metres, but we don't venture out there!!

The bouldery nature of the steep slope provides plenty nooks and crannies for fish life, mainly Ballan wrasse, Cuckoo wrasse, Goldsinny wrasse, Pollock, plus the odd lobster or even a Crayfish. On this last trip, one of our group described the scene as like being inside an aquarium! Once again, the visibility can be around 15 metres horizontally, though on this dive it was only around 7-8 metres, but that is still quite reasonable for Scotland.



The water temperature at this time of year is about 17°C near the surface and around 13°C at depth. Having enjoyed 2 very good dives in gloriously calm sea and weather conditions, it was my turn to drive the club boat the 13 miles back to

Craobh Haven and through the "character building" Grey Dog Tidal Race, but that's another story!



Keith Waugh

*Editor's note:* Keith was describing this dive at the Harvest Lunch and was persuaded to write an article for the magazine. We've often sailed to the Garvellachs, but (luckily?) not seen below the surface of the water, however Keith's photos are amazing. He has many to show of corals, anemones and more...Wednesday lunch talk?



Anemones

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Communion in church but are able to watch our livestreamed service on Facebook, 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

Autumn colours just before Storm Ashley arrived



## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Our 10.30am services will be held both in Church and on Facebook  
It is also possible to watch services on our Facebook page afterwards

Date Sunday	3 November All Saints' Sunday (White)	10 November Remembrance Sunday (Red)	17 November 2nd before Advent Pentecost 26 (Red)	24 November Christ the King (Red)
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
<b>9.00am Service</b>	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)	
<b>10.30am Service</b>	Sung Eucharist	Remembrance Service at Bearsden Cross at 10.50am fol- lowed by shortened Sung Eucharist in church	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>6.00pm Service</b>	Evensong: <i>Joint service at AS with Milngavie and New Kilpatrick</i>			
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet Stack	Brenda Hadcroft	Joyce James	David Hamblen
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Hanan	Louise	Graham	Celia
<b>Readings</b>	Morning: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 Evening: Isaiah 65:17- 25; Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2	Isaiah 2:2-5; Matthew 5:1-12	Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11- 25; Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9-10, 13- 14; Revelation 1: 4b - 8; John 18:33-37
<b>Reader</b>	Sheena Macdonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake
<b>Intercessor</b>	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Andrew Long	Celia Fisher
<b>After-service Coffee</b>	<b>Brenda</b> Jane	<b>John</b> Joyce	<b>Gioia</b> Janet	<b>Anne</b> Pauline
<b>Other events</b>	A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 11.00am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, preceded by a prayer group at 10.30am.			

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