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The cover picture: Pentecost Sunday June 8th. Act 2:1-4

‘Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them’

Dear All,

TIMES OF REFRESHING

Some of you may have experienced the situation where a Bible verse keeps coming into your mind, or you keep seeing it in studies and the like. For a few weeks now Acts 3: 19-20 has challenged and inspired me:

“Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.”

Most obviously it has been in my mind in the run-up to the Pentecost period (this year Pentecost/Whit Sunday is on June 8th) – the pouring out of God’s Holy Spirit certainly refreshed many in the early Church. But it has also come into my mind at some of our post-Easter services in church, while praying for healing and wholeness for people in the congregation and friends further away, while I have been thinking and praying about the future of the charge and diocese, when I led a quiet day, and indeed when I was enjoying time away in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Peter’s speech in Acts comes just after the healing of the lame beggar and it is his second big address following the Day of Pentecost. He calls on those listening to repent (to turn around and begin again), that they may be refreshed and restored.

This is true in so many churches as well as individual lives. Many of us need to be refreshed. We need a new desire for God’s Word, we need power, we need the Holy Spirit, we need recharging. Maybe it’s because we are just in a rut, or we feel tired and worn out. Maybe this verse can speak to us – to you – right now; perhaps it is time to allow God to refresh and revive you.

And we all need to be restored. Individually and as a body we need God to restore our dreams, our souls, our joy, our health, our wealth, our comfort, and the Spirit! We needn’t feel guilty for wanting it – we need to be open and ready to receive it.

It can be hard to understand, this idea of “times of refreshing.” It can sound like something that only happens if you are super-spiritual. Just think what you find refreshing – perhaps it’s a cool drink on a hot day, relaxing on a sandy beach, taking a walk in beautiful countryside, listening to chill-out music, taking a nap during a busy day, stroking a purring cat, or walking an appreciative dog. The Bible suggests among other things that we might find rest and refreshment by keeping

the Sabbath day holy, by drinking cool water after strenuous activity, by calming music, or by being encouraged by fellowship.

Peter's words promise a more lasting sense of refreshment and restoration. When we experience it we may feel ready to take on something new, we may feel we are more ready to listen to what God is saying and respond, we may have a sense of fresh vision and energy for mission.

When we draw near to God, our minds are refreshed and our strength is renewed. We are somehow given renewed impetus and strength for our journey – we may even see the road ahead more clearly.

My prayer, as we look to new things in our church and diocesan life, especially with Bishop Nick now at the helm, is that we may all be truly refreshed, restored, forgiven, enriched, and empowered to do the things God calls us to do.

Revd David

VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Our livestreaming of services on Facebook continues to be popular, with a usual audience of 70-80 or more for our weekly videos.

Facebook has decided not to “store” the videos in future, so they will only be available on our page for a month. We have decided to try livestreaming on YouTube, where the videos can be saved, we hope can be watched in “landscape” format and can even be uploaded to our Facebook page after the service.

However we need at least 50 subscribers to our YouTube channel before we can do this. So we are asking if you and family/friends would be willing to visit our channel, subscribe and perhaps occasionally view or at least like the videos to allow us to proceed with this idea. The channel is

<http://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsBearsden>

At the moment we are uploading our existing Facebook videos to YouTube before they are deleted and will endeavour to put them back on Facebook in due course.

Rev David

PRAYER AND GIVING DAY (THY KINGDOM COME)



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know.

We hope many at All Saints will wish to join in these 10 days of prayer, which coincides as last year with a special **prayer and giving day we will be holding on June 7th** based on our *Generous Giving, Generous Living* initiative. The church will be open from **9.30am to 4.00pm** for private prayer, with short prayers each hour led from the front. At 9.30am there will be a short form of Morning Prayer and at 3.45pm the day will end with a short form of Evening Prayer. A box will be available for any financial donations to the church or for offering your own gifts and time to our work.

What started as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. This year is the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, with 85 denominations from all over the world taking part. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 10 days (May 29th – June 8th this year) in their own way.

It is the movement's hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, the movement invites each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. You can read the booklets online by visiting: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>

There will also be hard copies of the booklets in church which can be taken away and kept. Our church daily prayer sheet for your personal use has been revised and is available with this magazine and in church.

Revd David

VESTRY NOTES FROM MEETING OF MAY 12TH 2025

1. **Vestry membership** - the diocese recommends that the quorum for Vestry meetings for all charges should be three. This can be changed formally on the constitution at the next annual meeting. One person has offered to stand for Vestry membership and a congregational meeting will be held soon to formalise this. More members are still urgently needed.
2. A check has been made with the Diocesan Property Committee concerning memorials in church and it has been confirmed that new memorials of any kind are not permitted in any church in the diocese.
3. Papers relating to the Vestry and church (some of which were being held by Andrew Long) are now all in the meeting room filing cabinet and will need to be examined and sorted in due course.
4. The Rectory has been examined in connection with Energy Performance Certificates, which are required for all diocesan properties as part of the provincial net zero plan. The diocese is paying for these checks across all Rectories.
5. Some urgent work is required at the Rectory (on the building and in the garden) and it is hoped work can be arranged as soon as possible.
6. Finance: the target for the Stained Glass window appeal has been reached – thanks to all who contributed so generously. The Bank of Scotland is changing its accounts and we are looking at the best options for us.
7. As part of developing a new provincial strategy each charge has been asked to complete a survey about the life of the church and vision for the future.
8. Bishop Nick attended the 10.30 service on 10 May. A formal invitation is to be extended to him to lead a Sunday service sometime.
9. Next meeting: 16 June at 19.30

ASCENSION DAY

A reminder of the regional joint service for Ascension Day. This will be held on **Thursday, 29th May at 7pm** in **All Saints Church, Jordanhill**. with a joint regional choir. The Celebrant will be Bishop Nick

THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP

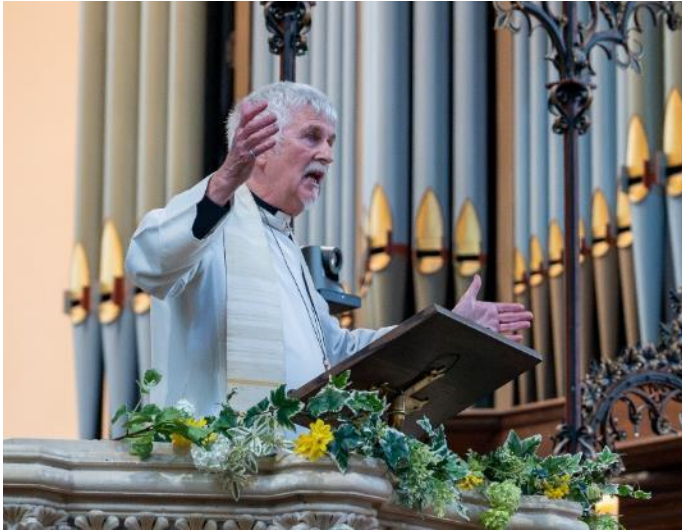


The interval between the selection of the new Bishop in January and his Consecration on the 3rd May was commendably short. The period between the announcement and the Service in St. Mary's Cathedral must have seen frantic activity in the Diocesan Office, but the result was a flawless organisation of this memorable event.

Serving Clergy and Lay Reps were entitled to attend, but I was lucky enough to be offered a ticket which arrived in the form of a bookmark with a coloured tassel to allow Stewards to direct the holder to the appropriate area in the Church. I arrived early and was able to occupy a seat with an unobstructed view, where I was joined by David Simmons and other faces I recognised from neighbouring Churches. Before the formal commencement of the Service the Cathedral appeared full, but any remaining space was soon filled by the entry of a large procession of Clergy, including our Rector and Andrea from St. Andrews. This was followed by a more colourfully attired group of the Chapter, Choir, Dean, Provost, visiting dignitaries and the College of Bishops.

The Primus welcomed the Congregation and conducted the first part of what was a very long Holy Communion Service. The accompanying music from the Organist and Cathedral Choir was of the usual high standard, including four hymns for the Congregation, including one of my own personal favourites, 'For All The Saints'. After the Bible readings from Acts and St John's Gospel, a very stimulating and

entertaining Sermon (worth viewing on You Tube) was delivered by The Rev. Dr.



John Bell, the well-known Hymn writer, Broadcaster and Presbyterian Minister from the Ionia Community. He recounted, with much humour, the chaotic events and public fighting that followed the installation of a Rector in a Kilmarnock church by a 19th Century Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway with the hope that these events would not recur if this Bishop were to visit the good people of Holy Trinity Kilmarnock.

He emphasised the important role of lay people in the church as illustrated by the readings from Acts. He also referred to the text from John's Gospel when Jesus Christ, as an unrecognised stranger, walks on water towards the frightened disciples on a boat in a storm. Jesus reassures the disciples that it is Jesus, himself, who is approaching, not a terrifying stranger. He encouraged us to welcome into our Churches strangers and more of the young people who are increasingly aware of their spirituality. The sermon by John Bell can be watched on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyNpdK3Y39Q>

The Sermon was followed by a pivotal moment in the Service when the Bishop Elect was presented to the Primus. He prayerfully described the duties expected of a Bishop and charged him to accept these, which he duly did. Finally, the Congregation was asked to give their assent to the appointment.

After prayers the College of Bishops came forward to lay hands of blessing on Bishop Nicholas and invested him with his Mitre, Staff, Bible, and Ring. The Provost of the Cathedral conducted him to his Throne and Presented him to the People. The new Bishop then led the remainder of the Communion Service, which despite the large number of worshippers, was skilfully conducted with the assistance of other Senior Clergy. The traffic management by the Cathedral staff was excellent and





we were soon back in our correct seats. The remainder of the Service was a joyous musical celebration before the Blessing and Dismissal.

Following the Service there was a very informal Reception in Kelvingrove Museum, which two of the three All Saints Davids reached by a long walk

across the Park and Clyde Bridge. Unfortunately, sore knees prevented Rector David from joining us for the very welcome liquid refreshments, canape and cake on offer. This was also an opportunity to meet and congratulate Bishop Nick in person with photo recording.



POSTSCRIPT



There was a happy and unexpected ending to this story. A week later at our Sunday morning 10.30 Service, a new member clad in purple appeared at the back of the Church. It was Bishop Nick, now living with his wife, Rachel, in Bearsden and hoping to join us in the future when his other busy commitments permit. It was also an opportunity for him to be photographed finally with all three of the Davids!

David Hamblen. Alt. Lay Rep.

PPS: Watch out for a fourth David joining All Saints!

THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOP NICK

A Personal View

It was such a pleasure to attend the consecration service of Bishop Nick, at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3rd May. It was a glorious sunny day, which seemed to bode well for the future. As I walked along Great Western Road towards the cathedral the bells were ringing and it felt like there was a wedding happening! The relative cool of the cathedral was welcome after the heat of my short walk from Kelvinbridge station. Our old friend Irene Ballantyne was one of the welcomers and she told me that David Hamblen was already in place in one of the "green" zones (we were given bookmarks as tickets and the colour of the tassle indicated where you were to sit). David H. and I chatted while waiting for the service to start. When it did there seemed like an endless procession of choir followed by clergy, including the great and good of the Province as well as the Diocese and invited guests from other churches and denominations.

How fantastic to be in a full church with the congregation all singing at the tops of their voices! The Ministry of the Word was followed by a sermon from the Rev John Bell. As many of you will know, John is an old friend of Bishop Nick's and was a partner in the "Beyond Inclusion" videos which were pivotal in publicising the new message of inclusion in the aftermath of the death of Lizzie Lowe (see <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/8-june/news/uk/it-took-this-death-to-end-silence-on-inclusion-says-priest-of-teenager-who-took-her-own-life>) . I had not heard John preach since an event in 2000, and what a joy it was: both funny and thought-provoking. You can hear the whole thing, as well as see the consecration service in full, on the cathedral's Youtube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Jx2McfIF6k>.

The sermon was followed by the formal episcopal consecration, which reminded me a bit of an adult baptism in that Bishop Nick was asked a series of questions, which he assented to, then the congregation was also asked to contribute (the "assent of the people"). Towards the end of this section of the service the primus and other bishops present laid hands on Bishop Nick and prayed for him, after which he was vested, given a bible, his pastoral staff ("Bishop's Crook" to you and me!) and ring, then led by the Provost to his throne. The Bishop then led us in the Creed. This was followed by a very touching moment. Bishop Nick, now





fully dressed in robes and mitre and holding his staff, was led back to the front of the altar and presented to the congregation by the Provost. There was a tumultuous round of applause. In what I'm beginning to think is true Bishop Nick style, he then took the opportunity to thank everyone for coming, to thank all those who had worked to put the service on and then re-committed his Episcopacy, and our church, to truly be a church for everyone. Again, please watch this moment on Youtube so you can get a flavour of it.

We then went onto the administration (which took a while, given the number of people present!) and then adjourned to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum for the reception. David H. and I walked over and then dispersed to sample the

hors-d'oeuvres and wine. I knew lots of people at the reception (mainly my friends from across the Diocese) and had a particularly interesting chat with the Rev. Alison Hudson, priest-in-charge at Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse of Fleet, where, funnily enough, I happen to be writing this article, while staying with our old friends the Duncan family. There were also people present from Bishop Nick's former charge in Manchester who were full of interesting stories about him. David H. and I managed also to have a chat with Rachel, Bishop Nick's wife, and talk to her a bit about living in Bearsden, and we did get a photo with the new Bishop, although I haven't seen this yet because it was taken by the official photographer. Bishop Nick gave another short speech (which I recorded on my phone if anyone wants to see it), emphasising again his message of inclusion as well as thanks. We all had a piece of the enormous cake and then said our farewells.

On my way back to Partick station, I met with a former member of Bishop Nick's Manchester congregation who told me how Nick had "saved his faith," as he put it, after he had experienced discrimination from other "Christians". I couldn't think of a better way to finish off, or bring home the message, of a wonderful day. I really look forward to working with Bishop Nick to put these inspiring words into practice, and make our church truly welcoming for EVERYONE.

Other Lay Rep Business

The next meeting of the North-West Regional Council has been put back to the 18th June at St. Andrew's, Milngavie, after the next meeting of Diocesan Council. A reminder of the regional joint service for Ascension Day. This will be held on **Thursday, 29th May at 7pm in All Saints Church, Jordanhill**. This will be a great opportunity to connect with our friends from across the region and promises to be a joyful service with a joint regional choir, and Bishop Nick celebrating, so please make an effort to come.

Finally, the usual personal updates:

1. Thanks to those of you who sponsored Ed and I on the Kiltwalk which took place on Sunday, 26th April. We have already raised more than our target, but more contributions are welcome which you can make here:



At the end -foot sore but cheery

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thesportingaceskiltwalk2025>

We were thankful, for the first time ever, not to suffer from any blisters, although we were both a bit sore after the 15-mile walk (we went to the wrong starting point so added half a mile or so to the distance!).

2. Another reminder that the next concert of Cathures, the chamber choir that I sing in, will be on the evening of **Thursday, 17th June at Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church on Observatory Road** in the West End, starting at **7.30pm**. The concert is called *Windows of Wonder* and will be “a musical journey inspired by the architecture and outstanding stained glass windows” of the host church. The music itself will be an eclectic mix of *Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Stainer* and *Mealor*, among others. I can assure you, having now practised all of these works, that it is both a beautiful and surprising mix. The concert will, as usual last about an hour followed by refreshments and entrance is by donation (suggested at £10, cash preferred by card machine available).

David Simmons

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NICK

Dear Clergy and Lay Reader Friends

I just wanted to send a simple hello at the start of this new chapter. It's been one week for me as your new bishop, and as you can imagine, I'm still learning names, finding my way around the diocesan office (and remembering which key opens which door - metaphorically as well!), and beginning to pray my way into this new life with you. Thank you for your warm and generous welcome. It means the world to me.

Over the course of my ministry, I've been guided by three little words. On one level they may sound simplistic, but they've served me well: *belonging, believing, and becoming*. They shape how I see the Church and my part in it. Now, as your bishop, I ask myself how I can help you belong and feel valued, grow in faith, and flourish in your giftedness. I don't yet know all the answers - but those are the questions that guide me.

Some of you I'll meet quite soon, others in time. But I hope you'll know from the start that I come with a deep desire to serve, to encourage, and to journey with you. And each morning, I offer a simple prayer of blessing for you, your charges, and the communities you serve.

If you need to talk, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I don't want to be remote, and I certainly don't want you to feel alone. Ministry can be lonely, but you're not alone, I'm here to support you and together we can reconnect with the great story that we will be telling in our churches and at our altars this very day. Thank you for all you are and all you do.

With every blessing,
+Nick

A message from Rev David

I sent Bishop Nick a card from the church and what I hoped was an appropriate moving in gift for someone coming to Scotland!



Nick said, "Please pass on my thanks to everyone at All Saints for the very welcome card and thoughtful gift of Scotch whiskies, which was an ideal present and which will be duly enjoyed."

A BALMACARA EASTER

Each year we like to have a week away in our beloved North West Highlands just after Easter. I tend to book the same week each year but last year I didn't check the dates, and we ended up going away on Easter Saturday this year, missing our All Saints celebration.

None-the-less, we enjoyed beautiful weather and went along to the local Episcopal Church of St. Donnan's, Nostie, Lochalsh, for our Easter Sunday service. St. Donnan's is not far from the Eilean Donan Castle that many of you may well know near Dornie.



We were given a very warm welcome by the small congregation and we were pleased to see a good Friday cross outside as we parked. The service was taken by the Revd. Jane Whittel who gave an excellent and uplifting sermon. The music was all recorded but it supported the small

congregation well and the whole service was lovely in their small church built about 1960. At the end of the service we were all invited to place a daffodil on the Easter cross, much as we do in All Saints, then back inside to socialise with tea/coffee and a chat. We learned that St. Donnan was a friend and disciple of St. Columba and that the Revd. Jane had been our new Bishop Nick's curate in his old parish; what a small world!

John Harrington

ALL SAINTS WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

During the 2024/5 season the Lunch Group raised from donations and stalls, the latter kindly arranged by Pauline Burns, a total of **£2410**. Of this sum £1000 was donated at our Christmas Party to the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. When this cheque was presented to Douglas Wilson by Andrew Long he indicated that further monies would follow at the end our season.

It was decided at Easter that we would donate the remaining funds 50/50 to the Holiday Scheme and All Saints projects. A cheque for **£700** has been sent to Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. It was intended that all the remaining monies would be given to the stained glass window appeal. However, because of generous donations, only £178 was required to fully fund this project. We are therefore holding the remaining monies until a suitable project is decided upon by Vestry. This will probably be to help finance the bell tower repairs.

Two factors have made the above possible. Firstly, the kind donations from those attending our lunches but also the generous help give by members of All Saints to put these lunches on. Many thanks to one and all.

Philip Thompson

AMY JANE PERRETT



Graham and I and our family would like to give our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful friends at All Saints for their cards, flowers, baking, sustenance, care and above all prayers after the loss of our beloved daughter Amy. We have felt surrounded by love.

A massive thank you also to Reverend David and Reverend Kevin. David for his caring prayers beforehand and kind wishes sent at Amy's funeral service and Kevin for helping us in the weeks before and then leading Amy's farewell on 22nd April in such a meaningful way. Many thanks to Esther for playing for us at the funeral. Many have commented

on the beautiful services.

Amy had died instantly at the scene of a road traffic accident in Aberdeenshire on 21st March. Her funeral was very appropriate for her personality attended by many in Church, at the Crematorium and afterwards at Kilmardinny House. As someone said it was as if she had organised it herself.

Our family and ourselves are coming to terms with this huge loss and going forward as best we can. Again one big thank you to all at All Saints. We could not have managed in the way we have without all the wonderful support from all.

Elaine and Graham

HOUSE GROUP NEWS

E group

We are studying the book of James with the help of William Barclay's notes. The last session was about Taming the Tongue, James 3:1-18. We know only too well how the tongue is a fire ready to set things ablaze from the way the media trips up politicians etc one word out of place can ruin a career or bring down a government. We had a very lively discussion everybody had a story to tell.

We will be having a break during the summer period.

Jean Stirling

Thursday House Group

During wintertime, every second Thursday, a group of around 14 church members gathers in the welcoming home of Bryan and Janet Stack for a time of discussion and reflection on faith. Their hospitality is second to none, always

offering us delightful coffee and biscuits that set the tone for a relaxed and meaningful evening.

Last year, we ventured into something new, breaking away from our usual biblical approach, to study *Paradise Lost* by John Milton. This profound 17th-century poem was expertly guided by Graham Caie, whose deep knowledge of the text made every discussion engaging and enlightening. His familiarity with the poem was so remarkable that it felt as though he had memorized it entirely! Exploring Milton's depiction of faith and the fall of mankind allowed us to glimpse the beliefs and theological perspectives of centuries past. It was a fascinating study, and at times, we found ourselves absorbed in Milton's vision as though it were a direct account of events. We had moments of great hilarity and significant reflection in relation to modern day faith.

This year we turned our attention to the Bible, specifically the Gospel of Luke. Often regarded as the most accessible of the four gospels, Luke's account has provided us with rich material for discussion, strengthening our understanding of God's word. We examined each chapter in depth, drawing insights and sharing perspectives that deepened our appreciation of the text. For some of us the apparently "easy" and familiar text proved very challenging. Again, we enjoyed moments of great hilarity, as well as reflections on how a 2000-year-old text is appropriate for a modern world. Though we have nearly completed the gospel, a few chapters remain for future meetings—a continuation we eagerly anticipate! With many thanks to Graham and David H for guiding us in our discussions.

Each year, typically in June or July, the Kingslakes host an informal croquet party at Ross Priory, bringing together members of the house-group for an afternoon of fun and friendly rivalry. Former members are warmly welcomed to join the competition, making it a cherished tradition filled with camaraderie and excitement. We look forward to this summer's event.

For many of us, this house-group is an essential part of our faith journey and church life. It is a space for learning, reflection, and fellowship, and we would not miss it for the world. Once again, we express great thanks to Janet and Bryan for their hospitality and to Graham and David for leading us.

Gillian Kingslake

A sad note: we were greatly saddened this year by the loss of Andrew Long in March. Andrew was a long-time contributor to the house group. He managed to attend a meeting during February just before his final stay in hospital. He will be much missed.

Janet Stack

THE GARDEN GANG

Thanks to all who turned up last Thursday, and helped to smarten up the garden, and cut and strim the grass. It was lovely to have Kaoru with us too all the way from Broughty Ferry; when she made a dentist appointment in Bearsden little did she realise she'd be helping in the garden! Lucy enjoyed the attention too. Visitors on Sunday remarked on how well the garden was tended. Did we employ professionals?

Kate Ross



A welcome tea break on a very hot day



But there's hard work too

LETTER FROM ELLEN

Dear All Saints,

Well, I for one cannot quite believe that my time abroad in the United States of America is coming to an end. I have absolutely loved living in DC. I have made new friends from across the world. This has been an outstanding experience and opportunity for me! I have travelled far and wide across the US, embarking on trips to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Nashville and Memphis. They all have been wonderful and enjoyed every moment of them.

Kate, Noan, Nick and I enjoyed a trip to Boston for my 21st birthday. An early morning (3am start!) to head to the airport. A lovely walk around Harvard University and exploring the parks and the Freedom Trail. We had lunch at Charlie's Sandwich Shoppe. A famous sandwich shop from the jazz segregation period within the US. A definite recommendation if anyone is in Boston.

I really enjoyed my travels after the end of semester. California was absolutely incredible. I travelled with my friend Kate from Dublin. I loved San Francisco, we went over to Alcatraz and done a night tour. It was extremely interesting and enjoyed learning about different inmates and their stories. Kate and I then attended a San Francisco Giants baseball game which was so much fun!

We then travelled down to Los Angeles, staying overnight. We toured Warner Bros Studios. Kate is a film student so she loved it and I enjoyed seeing how the same location has been in multiples shows and films. For example, the exterior for Central Perk in 'Friends' was used within the film 'The Greatest Showman'. We saw the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Hollywood sign.

Next, we ventured to San Diego where we met our friends Ethan and Heidi. We enjoyed an afternoon surfing and having fish tacos for lunch. Another day touring around the city and enjoy the warm weather. I loved the combination of city and beach within San Diego.

Next, my travels end in Tennessee with my friend Kennedy who studies in Glasgow. We have visited the city of Nashville with my friends Kate, Ethan, Keiko and Heidi. It has been wonderful.

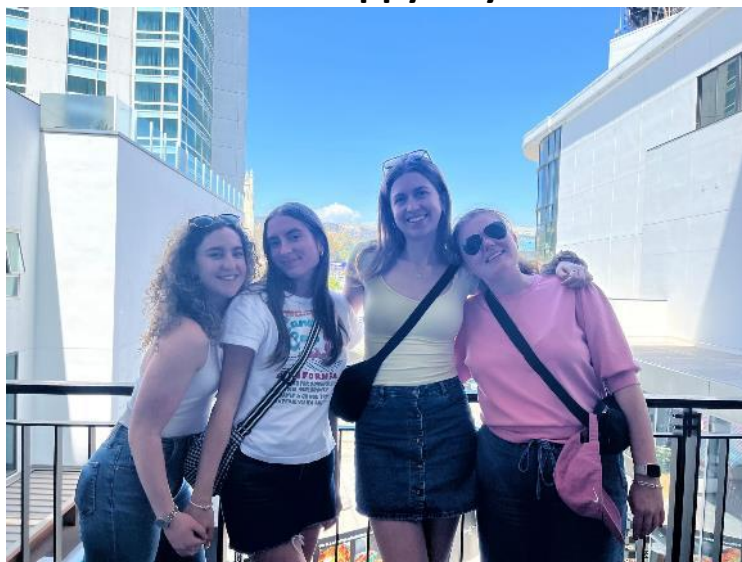
I leave on Saturday 24th (with a 2am start)! I return back to DC for a 14 hour visit to collect my luggage and belongings. Taking in the iconic sights of DC for a final time. DC for me has become a home away from home. A city I will miss dearly and always hold close to my heart! If any one of you decide to take a visit please let me know and I would love to give some recommendations.

I have absolutely loved writing every month sharing my stories and experiences. I am looking forward to returning home and getting to see my parents, family and friends (not forgetting the lovely congregation of All Saints)!

I will conclude my little magazine series with a massive thank you to all of you. Thank you for your kind words of support, guidance and prayers. I look forward to chatting with you all very soon. I have enjoyed receiving emails from you (especially from the lovely Elaine)!

Ellen

Happy Days!





Alexander Roach

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Available for small jobs this Summer

May – September 2025

For example.....

Do you need help clearing a Shed?

Do you need someone to paint a shed or fence?

Do you need someone to power wash your paths or drive?

Do you need help with the heavy lifting of gardening/grass cutting?

I am available this Summer to help with the above - anywhere within a 20 minute walk of the No 17 Bus route

Drop me a text or give me a call



SERVICES IN JUNE

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

Date Sunday	1 June Sunday after Ascension (White)	8 June Pentecost (Red)	15 June Trinity Sunday (White)	22 June Pentecost 2 Trinity 1 (Green)	29 June SS Peter and Paul (Red)
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	Celia	Kate	Pauline	Janet	Brenda
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Graham	Jenny	Hanan	Louise
Readings	Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26	Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15	Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39	Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10-14; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
Reader	David Hamblen	Bryan Stack	Sheena MacDonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen
Intercessor	David Hamblen	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Mary Stott
After-service Coffee	Mairi Elaine	Brenda Jane	John Joyce	Gioia Janet	Anne Pauline
Other events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. There is a 10.30am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, preceded by Morning Prayer and prayer group at 10.00am and followed by refreshments at 11.00am. 				

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