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<p>The cover picture: The Sea of Galilee. The setting for the Gospel reading on Harvest Sunday: John 6:25-35 '<i>I am the bread of life</i>'</p>
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September 2025

Dear All,

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

It was an enormous shock to us all when the church was broken into at the end of July. We are fortunate that very little was stolen, although there was a lot of damage and mess, and it was distressing to hear that other churches in the area had suffered similarly over the subsequent days.

A suspect was arrested attempting a break-in at a church in Great Western Road a couple of days after our incident. A week before we had read of other church break-ins, thefts and damage in Clydebank.

We were enormously grateful for an enormous outpouring of support, prayers and words of comfort from other churches in the area and across the diocese, from Bishop Nick, and from the wider community, all shocked by the news. Hard work was put in on the night of the incident and subsequent follow-up by myself, David and Gill Hamblen, John Brooker, Robert Johnston, Celia Fisher and others, all trying to deal with practicalities and to try and get us all back to “normal.”

In many ways the experience reminded us that we are not just a congregation, but a family, and the incident perhaps left us wounded, shaken, but not broken. Speaking to people over the past few weeks and reading comments sent personally or left online the incident left us with many emotions: sadness, anger, confusion. It's natural to feel these things. But it's also an opportunity to remember who we are, and whose we are.

Our church is more than bricks and mortar. It's a sanctuary—a place where we meet God, where we find peace, where we lift each other up. When that peace is disturbed, it can feel deeply personal. But let us remember: even in the darkest moments, God is with us.

Psalms 34:18 says, *“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”* It is good to be reminded that we are not alone.

It's tempting to respond with anger or vengeance. But Jesus calls us to something different. In Matthew 5:44, He says, *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* This is not easy. But it is powerful.

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting or ignoring wrongdoing—it means choosing not to let bitterness take root. It means trusting that God's justice is greater than ours.

This break-in may have damaged property, but it cannot damage our spirit. We will rebuild—not just the physical space, but our sense of unity and purpose. Let this be a time where we come together, support one another, and renew our commitment to being a light in this community.

It is why it felt important to rededicate the church and ourselves at the first services we held in church after the break-in.

*Gracious and Almighty God, we gather in this sacred space
with hearts full of gratitude and reverence.*

*Today, we rededicate this church building to Your glory,
Your service, and Your mission.*

Let us not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Let this incident be a spark—not of despair, but of revival. Let it remind us of our mission: to be a beacon of hope, a voice of love, and a home for all who seek God.

As we move forward, let us pray for the person who committed this act. Let us pray for healing, for justice, and for peace. And let us recommit ourselves to being the church—not just in this building, but in our hearts, our homes, and our community.

May God bless us with strength, grace, and unwavering hope.

Revd David

PRAYER AFTER THE BREAK-IN

Following the break-in at the church we received this message and prayer from Bishop Nick: *I'm so terribly sorry to hear about the break in. It looks like it was quite a destructive ransacking of our sacred space. I've adapted a prayer that you might use. God bless, +Nick*

Holy and gracious God,
we bring before you the pain of this experience—
the violation of this sacred space,
the shock of broken things,
the sadness of what has been damaged.

But this is your house, O Lord,
and we now re-consecrate it in our hearts.

May every crack and scar now speak
not only of harm, but of hope.

Let this church be a place where healing rises from hurt,
and light is not overcome by darkness.

We give thanks for David, our Rector,
and for the Vestry and all who care for this community.
Strengthen them in their calling,
bless them in their faithfulness,
and renew their spirits with peace.

And we pray too for the one who broke in—
not with vengeance but with compassion.
For whatever pain or despair led to such an act,
we ask for your mercy and your justice,
and, in time, redemption.

Let this house, your house,
remain always a place of welcome,
a shelter for the soul,
and a beacon of your generous love. Amen.

VESTRY NOTES

An extraordinary meeting of the Vestry was held on **August 4th** following the church break-in. Matters of security, insurance and the incident itself were discussed.

Notes from the Vestry meeting held on August 18th:

1. Some ashes which have been stored in the Sacristy for six years were touched and the container damaged during the break-in. The family has been informed and hopes to bury the ashes in the church memorial garden soon.
2. A plan has been drawn up to deal with old records and registers kept in the meeting room. These have been added to significantly following Andrew Long's death. The Vestry will assess what needs to be kept and Dean Reuben has said that it should be possible to store important records at the diocesan office.
3. There have been a number of enquiries regarding the burial of ashes in the memorial garden from families who have existing relations interred there. The lack of full records makes it difficult to bury ashes with or near existing buried cremains. The Vestry is still interested to know more details about the history of the memorial garden which, according to the records we have, would seem to have been in use since the early 1960s though possibly not formalised until later.

4. Energy performance surveys have been made on all clergy housing in the diocese. The Rectory has been given a rating of “D” with the potential of it rising to “C.” The report says the main issues are due to lack of insulation.
5. A suspect has been charged and is in custody following the break-in. The Rector and David and Gill Hamblen have been notified that they may have to give evidence in court though this is thought unlikely given the DNA and camera footage evidence. The Vestry is in the process of obtaining a certificate from the Information Commissioner’s Office for using a security camera in the church. After receiving police security advice it is possible that we will add a second camera in the building to cover the area of the chancel and sanctuary.
6. Andrew Roach has been appointed as our Data Protection Officer.
7. It had been necessary to change the church locks after it appeared that a general entry key may have been left in the church and taken by the burglar. These new locks were temporary and we are awaiting a visit from the company approved by our insurers to replace locks which will require keys similar to those previously in use.
8. The Rectory will benefit from smaller fire extinguishers to replace large appliances which take up a lot of space. The council has painted a white access protection bar across the Rectory driveway in the hope of dissuading the number of cars which park across it and block access.
9. Planned repairs to the church bellcote should go ahead soon. Grants are being sought and any donations towards the work will be welcomed. We received more money than the required target for the work on the stained glass window and donors and bequests affected have been asked if they are happy for the money to go the bellcote repair instead.
10. The next meeting of North-West Regional Council is on Wednesday, 24th September at St. Michael’s Helensburgh.
11. The future of the Wednesday Lunch Group was discussed and appreciation expressed to Brenda for her work running the club with Andrew for the past eight years. There have been various discussions held about what happens next and Brenda offered to co-ordinate the activity on its current basis as long as more volunteers could be found to help.
12. Bearsden Festival will be held on October 4th. It was noted that this had become more of a “traders event” and that the date clashed with a long-arranged diocesan Mothers’ Union service and a meeting at All Saints.
13. Next meeting: Monday, September 15th at 7.30pm

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

This is a slightly edited version of the Rector's sermon, July 6th 2025

At this time of the year when we pray for all those being deaconed and priested it is worth remembering that vocation isn't all about being called to ordained ministry in the Church – it is about responding to God's call and seeing where that call leads and how it works out. This moment in the gospel is a powerful reminder that the mission of God is not reserved for a few, but shared with many. These disciples were ordinary people, yet they were entrusted with an extraordinary task: to prepare the way for the Lord.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few," remarks Jesus. There is urgency and abundance in this image. The world is ripe for the message of the Kingdom, but the labourers are few. Jesus doesn't just send them—he sends them with a purpose: to proclaim peace, heal the sick, and announce that the Kingdom of God has come near.

Jesus instructs them to travel light—no purse, bag, or sandals. This is a call to radical trust in God's provision and the hospitality of others. They are to bring peace to homes and accept what is offered to them.

The disciples are to heal and proclaim, but also to be clear: if a town rejects them, they are to shake the dust off their feet. This isn't about condemnation—it's about clarity. The message of the Kingdom is too important to be diluted or ignored.

Jesus also says, *"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me."* This verse is both empowering and sobering. As Christ's ambassadors, we carry his presence. Our words and actions reflect him. This gives dignity to our mission and reminds us of the responsibility we bear.

The seventy-two return rejoicing, but Jesus redirects their joy—not to the power they wielded, but to the fact that their names are written in heaven.

Again and again Luke has a special focus on the outsider, the outcast, the people who don't fit in. Jesus' ministry is seen by Luke as one of integration, bringing outsiders into the centre of the community, breaking down boundaries and restoring communities to wholeness.

We might not all be called to ordained ministry but we are all called to have a concern in our mission and ministry together for the healing and wholeness of individuals, for the healing of communities, for the restoring of harmony in places of deep division. Luke appreciates how Jesus does this sometimes with the skill of a surgeon – he cuts through the trickery and hypocrisy of the religious leaders

of his day and their obsession with boundaries and pecking orders, so that the people themselves can finally heal – be reconciled with one another, despite their differences, and with the God who made them all and loves them all.

It is the duty of every church and every church member to share St Luke's (and indeed Jesus's) concern for the poor, the sinner, the outcast, and his desire to show what reconciliation looks like in real life.

Practically we have to be welcoming perhaps most of all to any who find it hard to fit in. We need to welcome the pilgrim, the stranger, the outcast, and more. And don't forget, welcoming is a lot more than tolerating – it is embracing, understanding and appreciating others and all they are and all they bring.

Jesus speaks in the gospel passage we heard of taking a gift of peace to homes, and we must do the same, taking it not just for our own healing, but for the wholeness of those around us, and for the gradual mending of relationships, for the melting of old grudges, for the possibility of diversity in unity.

If we take Luke's account seriously then we need to think beyond this community, beyond the places where we ourselves live and work, and pray earnestly for that peace which the world cannot give to be given now to the world, and for the leaders of the nations and all who hold the future of this planet in their hands to be given the wisdom, humility and courage to reach out and grasp what God most desires to give us.

Perhaps Luke reminds us that commitment to Christ is about using our gifts well and in combination with each other and the gifts of others: so, writing if we write, painting if we paint, healing people if we have medical training, being a companion to other people and helping them fulfil their vocation, facing danger if necessary, sacrificing the longstanding choices we may have for our lives for the freedom to respond to a peripatetic lifestyle and sudden changes in plan, or of city life for the road. Our Christian vocation is not just about doing something religious, it is about finding ways to use our particular circumstances, gifts and skills in God's service wherever we are.

Jesus sends us out today to share the message of the kingdom of God among us, he gives us that same peace, for ourselves, for the people we meet and for the wider world. Whether it's in our own hearts, in our relationships, in our community, at work, in our dealings with people face to face or online, our interaction through commerce and comment with people we'll never meet, let us bring that peace, healing and wholeness with us, and may we let it be the very first thing we offer, wherever we are, and whatever we do.

Ask God where he is sending you. It might be across the world—or across the road. Go with peace, speak with boldness, and return with joy.

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES / GIFT AID RECORDS

The 2025-26 Free Will Offering envelopes will be available on 14th September in the church hall after the 10:30am service.

Issuing the new sets of envelopes seems a good time to update the Gift Aid records. If you allow the church to claim Gift Aid on your donations, please let me know if you have:

1. **Changed Address.** When the Gift Aid claim is made, the church must provide the Inland Revenue with the addresses of Gift Aid donors.
2. **Want to cancel your Gift Aid declaration.** You must pay as much Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as the total amount of Gift Aid which will be claimed on all the charity donation(s) you have made in that tax year. Gift Aid is claimed as 25% of a donation

Penny Inglis

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Many thanks to everyone who kindly delivered leaflets to houses during the week in May and to those who counted and banked our own church collection. We don't yet have a total for the amount raised via the Bearsden Just Giving page, or indeed nationally. However, our church pew collection raised £315 and our Harvest collection back in October raised £60. So, thank you to everyone for their generosity, and especially for filling in the fiddly Gift Aid form at the back of the envelope.

New Kilpatrick Christian Aid Committee are running a coffee morning to raise funds for Christian Aid and to mark its 80th year. It will be held on **Saturday 6th September, 10am - 12noon in NK church hall**. No ticket required just a donation at the door. It would be great if you could support this.



Celia

THANKS FROM SHEENA

To all friends at All Saints.

Many, many thanks for your cards, messages and visits during the last few weeks. I really appreciated all your good wishes and loving thoughts. Hopefully I am on the mend and will see you before too long

A special Thankyou to David for bringing me communion last week .

Love to all Sheena

We hope to see Sheena well again very soon.

SUNSHINE BAGS

The weather has been rather mixed this summer and sometimes it looked as if we should have windbags instead of sunshine bags. Still, I hope that everyone has found a reason to put some money in their sunshine bag over the summer. In line with tradition, sunshine bags should be returned on Harvest Sunday which would normally be the first Sunday in October. This year, however, Harvest Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 21 September to coincide with the Bishop's visit to All Saints. As usual, there will be a basket at the back of the Church to receive the bags which will be taken up to the Altar along with the collection. If you are unable to be at Church on Harvest Sunday, please bring your contributions as soon thereafter as possible.



If you do not have a sunshine bag and would still like to take part, there are some spare bags at the back of the Church. Please take one or speak to a steward.

We are hoping for a bumper harvest!

Ann Caie

A COUPLE OF UPDATES FROM BISHOP NICK

1. **Together**, our new diocesan communication, will be published monthly around the middle of each month. It's a soft-news and human-interest eNews sharing stories from across the diocese, including a monthly contribution from me. This initiative will evolve over time, and I'm delighted that David Guest and Petko Marinov are joining me in this venture. If you haven't yet subscribed, you can do so at the bottom of the diocesan website homepage [[HERE](#)], if you are reading this on-line. *See p17 also.*
2. **A brief roadmap ahead:** I've invited the Bishop's Core Group and the Diocesan Council to participate in a two-day strategy and visioning session on October 2nd and 3rd. Sandra Cobbin, who brings extensive experience working with the Church, will facilitate these discussions. Immediately following this, at the Clergy Conference from 6th to 8th October, I'll be sharing our initial thoughts and inviting feedback. I'd also like to invite the Cathedral Chapter to help finesse the final plan before we communicate it more broadly across our diocesan family. Your prayers for this significant process would be very much appreciated; we have an important opportunity before us, and I would love us to undergird it in prayer and mutual support.

Thank you all for making me feel so loved and welcome. This really is a wonderful place.

God bless and best wishes, +Nick

THE RECTOR'S JUNE VISIT TO ABBOTSFORD HOUSE



A visit to Abbotsford House Care Home for a service to celebrate the summer, with hymns, Shakespeare and prayers for more sun. As ever Benjamin the praying bunny was a welcome assistant!

THURSDAY HOUSE GROUP

The Annual Housegroup Croquet Match was held on July 6th in the walled garden at Ross Priory. The afternoon events were, as usual, superbly organised by Gillian and Richard Kingslake, all our needs were supplied, including liquid refreshment and the vital midge repellent. Despite the somewhat inclement weather the teams were undeterred, donning waterproofs and shunning the relative comfort of the adjoining greenhouse!

This competition always brings out the best (or worst!) in the housegroup members as they wield their croquet mallets and roquet their opponents' balls to the outer corners of the lawn.

A fierce competitive spirit being evident in some of the players, it was essential to have an unbiased view of proceedings. Richard was ably assisted in this by the sudden Guest appearance of our Rector who assumed the role of Scorer, leaving Richard to ensure that the rules were being loosely followed!

As in previous years we were fortunate to be joined by Fiona Stack and four previous Housegroup members, Kaoru and Ian Stewart, Joan Kemp and Mike Graham. It was lovely to see them all and catch up with their news. The day concluded with a delicious meal provided by Ross Priory and the excitement of prizes being awarded. A big thank you once again to the organisers for a most enjoyable occasion.

Gill

Undeterred by midges and damp



but then the sun shone



THE E-GROUP

We had a wonderful summer gathering at the lovely Jean's house. We enjoyed some delicious fizz, nibbles, and great conversation. The group, as am I, is looking forward to another year of meetings and meaningful discussions.

We were also joined by some guests, my friends from the US, Kate and Heidi, who were staying with us and came along to the gathering. I can definitely say that they loved chatting with the E-Group ladies!

Ellen and E-group

MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOW

This is a last call to those who very kindly donated to the Stained Glass Window restoration fund in memory of a loved one - if you would like to have some words about your loved one in the **Memorial Book** then please forward your submission to either Susan or Louise before the end of September. The Memorial Book will thereafter be sent for printing.

Susan Gray and Louise Benson.

SOCIAL GROUP

Harvest Lunch

Our Bring and Share Harvest lunch will be held this year after the morning service on **Sunday 21st September**.

A list will be placed at the back of the church for you to add your names and what you plan to bring to the lunch. It will be very helpful for us to know what will be on offer for eating on the day - we can then fill in any gaps!

Red and white wine, fruit juices and water will be available.

We hope that as many people as possible can join us for lunch to meet the Bishop and help celebrate Harvest.

Games Night

A date for your diary! We are going to roll back the clock and hold a Bingo and Beetle Drive night on **Saturday 1st November, 5pm-8pm**. These evening were great fun in years gone by!

A selection of pizzas and salad will be provided. BYOB.

Tickets £10 per person (children free). Tickets available in October - please buy in advance to help us with the catering.

Janet Shields , Pauline Burns , Mary Stott , Celia , Louise and Rev David

FAIRTRADE SALE OCTOBER 5TH

Since it's the season of harvest it seems appropriate that we should have a sale after church of harvested goods and manufactured goods and a few gifts from around the world. Let's support farmers, wherever they are! We'll be selling products from Gavin's Mill, Milngavie as usual, which is open 6 days a week at present. The shop's policy is to sell only items that are fair trade, sustainable or local in the shop, and there is a commitment to have zero waste wherever possible (lots more information in their website). Sorry, we're only geared up for cash payment, but IOUs are possible!

Thanks in advance Pauline, Fiona and Elaine

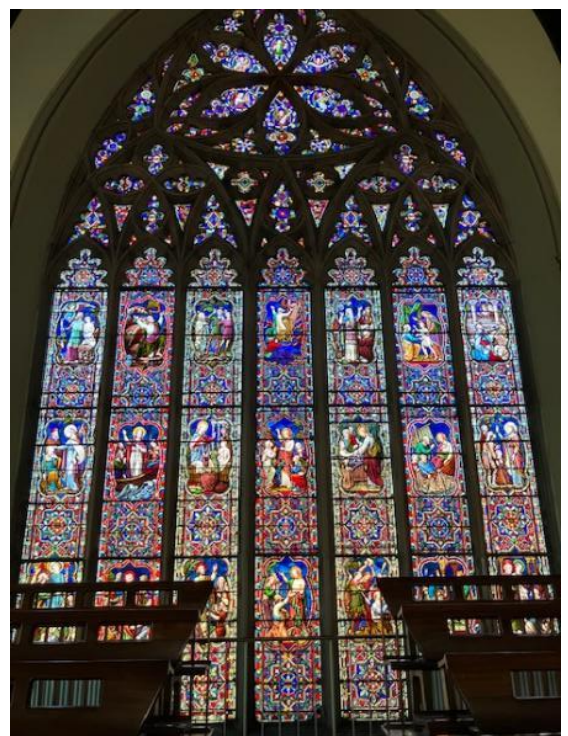
YEEK 25

This year's Yeek was all about the deep ocean and deep questions and their meanings. It was a phenomenal journey from Saturday to the following Sunday that included a deep sea themed murder mystery and a Ceilidh which I will remember for years to come. The insightful and creative services that were put on by the other groups and leaders involved far more walking than I'd ever thought needed in a service but none the less engaging and creative. From origami boats to paper aeroplane, prayers and a thoughtful swimming session, Yeek never fails to delight. As the eldest house group it was the task of me and my friends to plan the final service and host the talent show that takes place. This and orchestrating the boys' floor into singing "Under the sea" from the little mermaid are my proudest accomplishments. It felt unlike anything else to present and host in front of fifty other people each of whom would eventually be where I was. It's a sad place to leave as, to those who go, it's an unspoken fact that there will never be an environment like the one at Yeek. Never will I find a place more open or welcoming than on that camp - until I return as a leader. My grateful thanks to All Saints for the support given to me for YEEK over the years

Alexander Roach

*Editor's note: for the uninitiated, Yeek is the Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Youth Week, held annually at Glenalmond College, Perthshire. The website states: **Venture into the Deep this summer at Yeek25: Dive into a week of odyssey, connection and discovery with other young people from across the country, exploring the depths of faith, friendship and fun.***

From Alexander's account it has fulfilled expectation and been a huge success.



NEWS FROM ELLEN

Dear All Saints

It has been lovely to see and chat with you since I have come home.

I have been very fortunate to have spent the vast majority of my summer in



Europe from city breaks, holidays and visiting my friends. It has been an excellent summer. Firstly, Mum and I visited Sicily at the end of June, staying in a little village called Marina di Ragusa. The village was on the Southern Coast of Sicily, with gorgeous beaches and sunsets. We both had a fabulous time playing cards, relaxing, and also enjoying some amazing meals.

I then visited my friend Kate (who some might remember her name from previous magazine entries) who lives in Dublin. I was also very fortunate to do some work experience with her Dad in Castlebar, County Mayo where he works as the State Prosecutor. I sat in on some very interesting and thought-provoking cases. After my week in Castlebar I spent the weekend in Dublin, where I toured the city and watched some Hurley.

Next, my Dad and I visited Berlin for a couple of nights. Berlin is a lovely city filled with many interesting sights, artwork and scenery. I found very interesting how they approached the broadcasting the historical aspect of the Nazis. It's presented in a way that doesn't glorify the events but still emphasises that they happened and should be acknowledged. As a history student, I found this particularly fascinating.



Finally, my summer travels ended in Bordeaux with my friends (Jean-Murat, Noan, Marie, Ethan, and Theo) from my time at American University. We were very lucky to stay with Theo at his home. We celebrated his birthday alongside his family at a pool party and dinner. It was lovely to spend some quality time together. Bordeaux is a gorgeous city, and I hope to return again.

Jean, Elaine, Mum and I had a wonderful afternoon in Fintry one Sunday after coffee following church. We had a lovely lunch at the Courtyard Cafe. I really enjoyed hearing stories from Jean and Elaine.



Jean shared the story about Alex and how he created the subject Modern Studies (which was my favourite subject in school). Elaine told a lovely story of how she and Graham met at a party one night.

The return journey was spectacular, as Jean and Elaine showed us the Crow Road, and the views were stunning. The sun was shining as we enjoyed our lunch outside.

I had a ball this summer, but now it is time to sit down and start my dissertation.

Ellen

YORKSHIRE CALLING: NEWS FROM THE SMITHS

It is now over eight years since we left Bearsden, and six since we headed south of the Border to Yorkshire and Addingham, a small village on the River Wharfe, three miles from Ilkley. How time flies! Village life is suiting us both well.

We are now members of St Peters church (there has been Christian worship here since the 9th century when Bishop Wulfhere fled from York to escape from the invading Vikings) and indeed we are both on the PCC (Vestry by any other name) with Christine acting as the secretary – nothing changes.

There is also an active Civic Society with an Environment Group, which we support during the summer in joining the teams bashing Himalayan Balsom



along the becks and river. Rob is also part of the Heritage Group and recently co-led a local village Heritage walk as part of the Bradford UK City of Culture events. The moors and dales of course are excellent in providing many wonderful walks from our doorstep – something that kept us sane during lockdowns in the covid pandemic. We still enjoy the hills, as you can see from the photo above taken a few weeks ago when we were on holiday in Keswick.

Rob has also started running again, and in fact has a place in the Great North Run half marathon on September 7th. He is running in aid of Self Help Africa (previously Harvest Help, supported by All Saints for many years) which now works in over 10 African countries, including Malawi, in supporting many excellent rural extension schemes. His sponsorship page with more details can be reached [here](#). All donations gratefully received to help him on the day.

We have many good memories of our nearly 30 years at All Saints and enjoy receiving news of what is happening at the church. We send our greetings to you all, especially those who still remember us.

Rob and Christine

Good Luck, Rob! Good to hear from you both.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

We're so pleased that we can all meet in the hall for coffee after church. However, I also really like the fact that we can pass on any extra donations to **Action Aid** UK, which is focusing on improving the lives of women and girls everywhere, <https://www.actionaid.org.uk/>. Here is the summary that the charity provides on its website:

"**ActionAid** is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. Our dedicated local staff are changing the world with women and girls. We are ending violence and fighting poverty so that all women and girls, everywhere, can create the future they want. We understand the deep-rooted problems facing women and girls and work alongside whole communities to find solutions. We make sure women and girls are safe from harm, able to earn a living and to claim their rights, and we prioritise their rights and leadership during times of crisis."

Many thanks for all your support for this charity over the years - a very worthwhile cause!

Pauline and coffee group members

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

We are happy to announce that the Wednesday Lunch Group will start again on **Wednesday, 1 October** and we are very much looking forward to seeing our many friends after the summer break.



This year we are going to do things in a slightly different way: the Lunch Group will take place every second Wednesday rather than every week, but it promises to be just as good. Do please put the date in your diary, and be sure to tell any of our friends who haven't heard the news.

We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon and please remember that you are very welcome to bring someone new.

Dates in October will be 1st, 15th, 29th; followed by November 12th, 26th.

If you would like to help in anyway please contact Brenda.

As ever all are welcome.

Brenda and WLG

INTRODUCING...

As promised in the previous magazine, here is news of another Kevin:

Margaret and Kevin Haskins have been coming to All Saints on Sunday mornings since June. We live in Bearsden during the summer. We usually spend time in Portugal during the winter. In Portugal we like to go on a Sunday morning to St Vincents Anglican Church in Praia da Luz.

Margaret grew up in Clydebank. Her father worked at John Brown's. Kevin grew up in Bristol and got to know the Anglican Church through his uncle, who was a vicar in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

We are very grateful to the people at All Saints for being so friendly and welcoming over the last few months.

Best wishes, Kevin

It's delightful to have Margaret and Kevin join us at All Saints. We shall be envying them warmer weather during the winter months.

The funeral of Dr Barrie Beadsworth will take place at All Saints on Thursday 11 th September at 12 noon.
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BISHOP NICK'S NEWSLETTER

As mentioned earlier in this magazine, p8, there is now a monthly eNewsletter sharing stories across the diocese with contributions from the Bishop. You can sign up to receive this newsletter by email from the diocesan website <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/> . Below is Bishop Nick's introduction

Dear friends,

As I write, I have just returned from my Southern Tour—thirteen churches in three days, travelling through the beautiful and varied landscapes of Galloway. In every charge, I found the same deep love for Christ and commitment to serving the communities we are called to bless.

One highlight was the special service in New Galloway for the appointment of the Rev Dr Elizabeth Breakey as Rural Dean. This role will give the south of our Diocese a stronger voice, recognising that each part of Glasgow and Galloway has its own unique gifts to offer. We are not called to be identical, but to be “together”—a body where difference enriches, rather than divides.

In Mark 10:17–31, which we had at Elizabeth's service, Jesus speaks to a man who longs to inherit eternal life. He is invited to lay down what he treasures most and follow. The road of discipleship is never simply about preserving what we have; it is also about letting go, trusting God, and discovering that we are richer together than we could ever be alone.

I hope you enjoy this month's offering of '*Together*' news, there are some great stories for you to read and share with your friends and family. +Nick



The Hamblen Clan 'what we did on our summer holiday'

We managed to assemble 16 members of our family in a beautiful villa near Perugia in Northern Italy. We're enjoying the scenery, the sunshine, the food and the rare experience of the whole family together, including those from Australia.

Happy Birthday to David on Sunday 31st August!

More contributions for the October magazine please!

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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	7 September Pentecost 13 <i>Trinity 12</i> (Green)	14 September Holy Cross Day (Green)	21 September Harvest Festival (Green)	28 September Pentecost 16 <i>Trinity 15</i> (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 Preacher: Bishop Nick	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	John Brooker	Dolina Dowling	David Hamblen	Tracey Conway
Eucharistic Assistants	Louise	Celia	Graham	Jenny
Readings	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33	Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35	Amons 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
Reader	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake	Janet Stack	Graham Caie
Intercessor	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher
After-service Coffee	Mairi Elaine	Brenda Jane	John Joyce	Gioia Janet
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. Our preacher at Harvest Festival at 10.30am on September 21st is Bishop Nick 			

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