

# *March 2026 Magazine*



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Cover Picture: A welcome sign of Spring with Lenten colours
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Dear All,

## **LENTEN EXERCISE**

*“I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 23)*



“What are you giving up for Lent?” It’s a question we hear asked all the time – even by people who have no proper idea about what the Christian season of Lent is. It can’t be all bad that there is something within that drops a hint to our consciences that the 40-day season has something to do with giving something up for our overall betterment, but there’s no reason why we should ignore what it’s really all about in favour of something more trivial.

During Lent Christians often decide to give something up during the 40 days leading up to Holy Week and Easter. This reflects the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. It’s also an opportunity to remove a distraction that may keep us from experiencing Jesus more fully.

Some of my friends this year have given up social media and television, which I suppose could in some way prevent us from experiencing Jesus more fully – which is the real aim of the period of abstinence. However, many use Lent as a sort of spiritual diet, giving up ice cream, chocolate or fast food. That isn’t a bad idea, but I’m not convinced how much of a distraction those food items are. Does anyone ever say, “This KitKat is really getting in the way of me following Jesus.”? The things we give up and what we replace them with should draw us closer to Jesus in some way.

I’ve noted before how we see people rush to the gym as part of their New Year resolutions, only to fall by the wayside by February. But for Christians going to the gym as part of a Lenten discipline might not be a bad idea – taking something up to improve ourselves physically and mentally in order to focus more on Christ.

Take the treadmill. I know a lot of people find it one of the most boring pieces of equipment in the gym – especially if, like me, you are told not to run on it but to walk to save your arthritic knees! In the same way people get tired of the treadmill as part of an exercise regime, Christians sometimes feel Lent itself is a treadmill – having to go on and on, not getting anywhere and feeling exhausted at the end.

Paul urges the Corinthians to “glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20) and John prays, “that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul” (3 John 1:2) so looking after ourselves physically is clearly important.

So if Lent has something to do with looking after ourselves spiritually might it not be a good time to look after our bodies too? Maybe those hours on the treadmill could be spent in prayer or reflection on a Bible text. Maybe instead of devouring chocolate or TV soap operas we could dare to spend a few extra minutes in prayer.

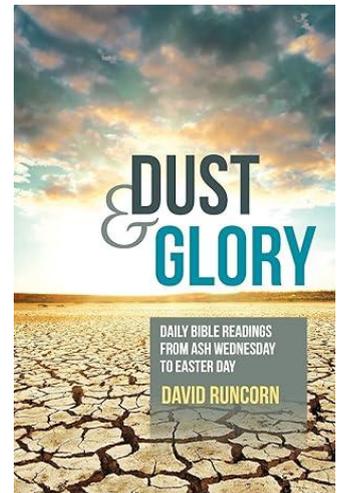
I’m convinced that looking after the whole being is the best exercise regime we could possibly have – during Lent and beyond.

*Revd David*

## **LENT AT ALL SAINTS**

Lent continues at All Saints with our usual weekly study group and Compline.

On Tuesday afternoons we are sharing in a Study Group with our friends from St Andrew’s, Milngavie. These have already begun and continue on **March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 2.00pm** and you are welcome to join us even if you have missed the first session on **February 24th**. This year we are using the book *Dust & Glory* by David Runcorn. It is a book of daily Bible readings from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, split up into the six weeks of Lent. The Church calls us in Lent to a special period of prayer, self-examination and teaching - and this book has been written



as an accompaniment through that period, a time of turning from winter to spring, from death to life. *Dust & Glory* ranges across the whole business of living and believing, where the questions are as important as the answers, and may call us to deep heart-searching.

You can find the book on Amazon with many sellers offering it cheap:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dust-Glory-David-Runcorn/dp/0857463578>

On Wednesday evenings once again we are offering Compline, a short reflective service of **Night Prayer in church at 7.00pm** and lasting around 15-20 minutes. This is the final prayer service of the day in the Christian tradition, offering a quiet, reflective liturgy focused on completion, confession, and entrustment to God's care before sleep. These services will be on **March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th and April 1st**. These Lenten activities lead us into Holy Week and Easter. On Palm Sunday (March 29th) we will be handing our palm crosses as usual and at our

10.30am Sung Communion there will be a reading of the Passion Gospel from Matthew. This, as always, will be a dramatic reading and Revd David would appreciate hearing from anybody willing to take part. **April 2nd** is Maundy Thursday, when there will be a special Communion, including foot washing, at 7.30pm as we begin what is known as the Easter Triduum, a three-day period from the evening of Maundy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, that commemorates the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. It represents the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year and is a single, continuous celebration unfolding the Paschal Mystery. The church will be open on **Good Friday (April 3rd)** from noon for those who like to mark the “last three hours” of Jesus on the Cross, with some brief guided prayer each half hour, ending at 2.00pm with a special Liturgy for Good Friday, including hymns, prayers and readings.

On **Easter Sunday** there will be a 9.00am Said Communion and 10.30am Sung Communion to celebrate the Resurrection, with a blessing of our new Easter candle.

Revd David

## **STRAWBERRY TEA AND TABLE TOP SALE**

**Saturday April 25th**

The social group are planning a delicious, extremely bad-for-you tea at the end of April. We would like to combine it with a table top sale of items to raise more funds. So, could you start keeping any unwanted/new gifts rather than hand them into a charity shop? Nearer the time we will put a box at the back of the church for you to put them in.



Please pencil the date in your diary as it is always a busy time of year and we would love a really good turnout. Unfortunately, it is the only date all the social committee can make in April and May, and Rev David has told us he will be away. So sorry David!

Pauline, Janet, Louise and Celia

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 6TH MARCH 2026**

**11am at All Saints**

The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. It is a worldwide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. More than 120 countries participate, and it brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions

sharing God's word and worship. Through World Day of Prayer, Christians around the world affirm their faith in Jesus, and share their hopes, fears joys, sorrows, opportunities and needs. The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world. These activities remain related to:

- Concern for women and children
- The role of prayer in mission work
- A vision of Christian unity
- Biblical study as everyone's responsibility
- Social issues and working with immigrants
- Linking world peace with world mission

Each year **The World Day of Prayer worship service** has a special annual theme and women from a different country produce a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. It is hoped that through participation in this, we can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them. Hopefully we can experience the richness of the Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

For **2026**, women in **Nigeria** have created a service that focuses on our need for peace and solace. The theme is **“I will give you rest”** (Matthew 11:28-30)

“At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God. Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.”

This year **All Saints is hosting the World Day of Prayer on behalf of the ABC churches**. We have adapted and added to material produced for the service theme "I will give you rest". Using elements of the original material, we have made it very much a time of prayer, readings and reflection which won't last more than 25 minutes. If you possibly can, please come and give a warm welcome to worshippers from all the different denominations in Bearsden. There will be refreshments afterwards if you would like to stay for them.

For more information about World Day of Prayer in England, Wales & Northern Ireland visit: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

Celia and Penny

## **ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES (ABC)**

January usually brings the **ABC Unity Lunch** but the committee felt we were trying to sell tickets when minds were focused on the Christmas season so it was decided to hold the 2026 lunch at the beginning of February. The event was held in **New Kilpatrick Church's** beautifully light and airy hall where we were made very welcome. The lunch of soup, sandwiches, cake and tablet was provided by Café Crème and enjoyed by 82 diners representing all the Bearsden churches. A very friendly, chatty, sociable event.

The lunch was followed by a presentation by **Maureen Burke of Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**. Maureen is the CAP West Glasgow Debt Centre Manager. She told us that debt is rarely a single issue and relationships, jobs and mental health can also be involved. CAP is a UK wide organisation founded by John Kirkby in Bradford in 1996 to provide free services in partnership with local churches. These include practical help to become debt free, money coaching to control finances, job clubs to develop skills and provide support to find a job, and life skills to live well on a low income. An offer to pray with clients is part of the support offered. CAP's website is <https://capuk.org/>

Celia and Penny

## **DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION MEETING IN CHURCH**

The Diocesan Mothers' Union Spring meeting will be held at **All Saints** on **Saturday 21st March**. This is a rearranged date following the postponement of the Autumn meeting in October owing to bad weather.

The day will commence with a Eucharist at **11.30am** which, in the current absence of a Diocesan Chaplain, will be led by Revd David, who is a member of MU. All are very welcome to attend this service, especially perhaps those who used to be members of the church MU branch, which closed several years ago, although the banner is still proudly displayed in church!

After the service there will be lunch, tea/coffee in the hall before the business meeting and anyone is welcome to join members for these refreshments – a case of bringing your own packed lunch and sharing tea, coffee and cake provided by diocesan members. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Union and several events are being planned around the diocese to mark the occasion.

Revd. David

## **LOOKING AT MATTHEW**

In our three-year cycle of Sunday readings set out in the Revised Common Lectionary, we are now in “Year A” when the Gospel passage is usually from Matthew.

It is quickly clear that Matthew is trying to persuade Jewish readers that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the authoritative teacher, and the King who inaugurates God's new covenant, transforming lives and establishing his eternal kingdom.

Matthew presents us with one of the earliest official accounts of Jesus. While the book itself is anonymous, the earliest reliable tradition links it to Matthew the tax collector, one of the twelve apostles that Jesus appointed, and who appears in the book himself (Matt. 9:9; Matt. 10:3).

It is hard to be precise about when Matthew wrote his Gospel: scholars have suggested a range of dates in the second half of the first century. Many believe that Matthew made use of Mark's Gospel, which would date his Gospel after the composition of Mark. Unfortunately, the dating of Mark is also uncertain, so we must be satisfied with a general dating between 60-100 AD. The text seems to have been used by the Didache, an early Christian document, and by Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, who wrote around 110 AD.

Matthew's Gospel summarizes Jesus's life, ministry, death, and resurrection, and presents him as the longed for Jewish Messiah, a new Moses, and the King of the coming Kingdom of Heaven, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. It highlights Jesus's teachings in five major blocks, emphasizing His authority, contrasting Him with proud religious leaders, and portraying Him as "God with us" (Immanuel) who brings salvation.

It can seem puzzling that Matthew doesn't tell us about the birth of Jesus in the way that Luke does, but concentrates on the visit of the Magi. Matthew is setting the life of Jesus in the context of Old Testament Scriptures so opens with a genealogy of Jesus that highlights him as the messianic son of David and the son of Abraham who will bring God's blessing to all of the nations.

He then moves into Jesus' birth and how it fulfilled the prophetic promises about the nations coming to honour the Messiah who was born in Bethlehem. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and he was named Immanuel, which amounts to a claim that Jesus is no mere human. He is God with us, the God of Israel embodied as a human.

It will be noticed how often Matthew makes reference to the Jewish tradition. Early on Jesus takes his followers to a mountain and delivers his first block of

teaching, traditionally called the Sermon on the Mount, in which he explores what it looks like to follow him and live in God's Kingdom. It's an upside-down Kingdom where there are no privileged members—everyone is invited to turn and follow Jesus and join his new family. Jesus makes clear that he's not here to set aside the commands of the Torah but rather to fulfil them through his teachings. Matthew places this account on a mountain, unlike Luke, who places the same teaching on the level place or plain, because Luke's readers (largely Gentiles, a non-Jewish audience) do not need the reference to those in the Old Testament who received the word of God on the mountaintop.

Not only is there important teaching about the Kingdom from the start but this flows through the whole Gospel, with Jesus telling "Parables of the Kingdom," and explaining that you can only enter the Kingdom by following him and doing his work.

Matthew also shows the response people have to Jesus as Messiah, such as the tension between Jesus and Israel's leaders and the reaction to Jesus' teaching and healing miracles. Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah though he really has the wrong idea causing Jesus again to speak about God's kingdom turning the world on its head.

Finally there is a clash between God's Kingdom and that promoted by Israel's leaders, who reject it, and this leads to Jesus' death. For Matthew Jesus' death was not a failure but rather the fulfilment of prophecy. Jesus came as the servant Messiah who was rejected by his own people. But instead of judging them, he is judged on their behalf and bears the consequences of their sin.



The Gospel ends with a surprising twist when the disciples discover that the tomb is empty on Sunday morning and the book concludes with the risen Jesus, now the true King of the world, sending the disciples to all nations with the good news that Jesus is Lord. Anyone can join his Kingdom by being baptized and following his teachings.

Echoing all the way back to the first chapter with his name, Immanuel, or "God with us," Jesus' last words to his disciples are, "**I will be with you.**"

It's a promise of Jesus' personal presence that will be with his followers until he finally returns to rejoin heaven and earth in God's Kingdom.

Revd David

## NEWS FROM ELAINE

We knew that last Christmas would be different but we were not expecting this. Graham tripped before Christmas, had surgery on shattered knee and broken patella and was eventually discharged on Christmas Day. He was taken straight to Roman Road, which was beyond the call of duty, but kindly son Guy and Lesley wanted our family to be together for part of Christmas Day. Then after our meal with help of the boys I brought Graham home.

Then on 4th January, trying to be clever, I took the bin out in a rush without putting my shoes on properly, and ended up in the clematis bush. A lesson. Then calling for help Andy and Graham found me in a heap. The ambulance came quickly. It was awful. Broken femur, surgery and hospital for fifteen nights. I had the most excellent care at the QEUH with staff on all levels.

What I really want to say is that I was in hospital on daughter *Amy's* birthday, 17th January. I had been moved ward and my first nurse there was called *Amy*, the night nurse was *Amy* and then on the 17th a lovely young nurse called , would you believe it, *AMY*, helped me get ready for family coming in. So I had the three *Amy's* from the ward looking after me on what would have been our *Amy's* 53rd birthday. This MUST have been a sign she was there with us. I found it very comforting and I am telling everyone!!

I am now having excellent care from physio, OT and district nurse and trying to rehab. Quite a haul for both of us.

A big thank you to the All Saints' Church Family, for visits, flowers, cards, messages, and other goodies and of course your prayers. Revd David for his visit. This all means more than I can say to Graham and myself.

With love ..... Elaine (Perrett)



... And the name *Amy* means LOVE

We all send our best wishes to Elaine and Graham and hope to see them back in church again soon.



We also send our prayers and best wishes to others in the congregation who are unwell at the moment. We miss you all.

# GLASGOW CITY MISSION BICENTENNIAL YEAR

For many years we at All Saints have supported this excellent charity which is firmly based on the Christian Faith. It was established by David Nasmith in 1826. Nasmith was moved by the severe and widespread poverty he saw in Glasgow's fast growing population. The population rose from approximately 77,000 in the 1801 census to roughly 180,000 in 1826.

The Mission from its beginnings offered Christian care to meet each person's physical, spiritual, emotional and practical needs. Nasmith developed a radical model for the time by uniting Christian denominations to work together for the good of the underprivileged of Glasgow. Ordinary people were appointed as "agents" to carry out the Mission's work in the community.

Although Glasgow was the world's first such Mission, Nasmith went on in a very few years to form similar missions across the UK, France, Canada and the United States. Nasmith died a poor man at the aged of 40.

The Mission gradually developed their range services and soon appointed Gaelic speaking "agents" to ensure that language was not a barrier for Glasgow's fast growing Highland population. In 1831, for example, they established chimney schools for child chimney sweeps, possibly giving these children their first access to education. Their "agents" also started prison visiting in an attempt to help prisoners rebuild their lives upon release from prison. Subsequently Relief Stations were established to support the fast growing levels of unemployed, providing much needed help in the form of coal and food. They also introduced them to employers needing labour. Mission Halls were developed in some of the poorest areas which provided education, recreation and fellowship.

By the 1930's, again a time of high levels of unemployment in Glasgow, clubs were developed to teach the young unemployed practical skills to enable employment opportunities to open up in such areas as shorthand, book-keeping and woodwork.

During the Second World War the Mission provided hostel facilities for soldiers on leave. 50000 servicemen used this service. This led, in due course, to further help being given to the homeless. This included the introduction of night patrols providing prayer, hot drinks and sandwiches to rough-sleepers. Twelve years ago an overnight shelter was started for those sleeping rough.

But what of today? **The Mission provides three key services:-**

- City Centre Drop-in Project.
- Overnight Welcome Centre
- Child and Family Centre.

The **City Centre Project** helps to support those experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction and isolation. They also help with asylum seekers. Their project is a drop-in service at which food and drinks are provided. One client stated that he had been, at one visit, given hot mince and tatties – the first hot food he had consumed in four months!!

As previously stated, the Mission has 12 years' experience of providing **overnight accommodation** for rough sleepers. Initially the service was held in large church halls etc. Accommodation is provided between December and March. Since covid (when the service had to be suspended) they operate the facility out of much improved accommodation in a city centre hotel. This enables men and women using this service to have a warm welcome and the dignity of their own room. Importantly they continue to follow guests when they move on from this facility to ensure they are supported in more stable and secure accommodation.

The **Children and Family Centre**, which is based in Govan, supports vulnerable families to break the cycle of poverty and give children a far better start in life. Parents can receive help to develop the essential parenting skills to bring up children. In a safe environment they provide a pre-school nursery, parent and toddler group plus family support classes. They also run holiday and after-school clubs.

You may well ask, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, why **Glasgow City Mission** is still providing the essential services mentioned above. Surely, with what is believed to be in the UK a fully developed Welfare State this should not be necessary. Alas, we do not live in a perfect world and there are always those who miss out or fall by the wayside for whatever reason and need a helping hand. Glasgow City Mission help in many ways to fill this void.

Charles Maasz, the Mission's Chief Executive, put it very well when he wrote the following:-

“From its earliest days, Glasgow City Mission has been marked by Gospel action; lifting broken people out of destitution through spiritual renewal. Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and standing alongside those pushed to the margins have always been central to our ministry.”

As long as the Mission is needed we should pray that they can continue to help those in unfortunate circumstances in Glasgow.

*See also p12*

Philip Thompson

# THE GOSPEL FOR GLASGOW



“Lord, let Glasgow flourish through the preaching  
of thy word and praising thy name”

## **Glasgow City Motto**

What if 2026 was a year in which the people of Glasgow encountered God through the Bible?

This year, the **Scottish Bible Society** is inviting churches to participate in a year long, city-wide initiative to share the Bible with Glasgow.

Across Scotland, there is a remarkable and noticeable change in spiritual openness. Research shows increasing numbers, particularly among young people, exploring Christian faith and many are already picking up the Bible for themselves.

This year marks the **200th anniversary of the founding of the Glasgow City Mission**. We are delighted to have partnered with the Mission to produce a special edition of Luke-Acts, The Gospel for Glasgow. Featuring an attention-grabbing cover, this Glasgow-themed scripture portion introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ through Luke’s gospel and then tells the story of how the followers of Jesus share the good news about Jesus in Luke’s second book, Acts.

The year ahead offers myriad opportunities to share the Bible with Glasgow, including the return of the Commonwealth Games to the city this Summer. Would you consider partnering with the Scottish Bible Society and other churches across the city, to share the good news of Jesus with Glasgow in 2026?

See the Scottish Bible Society website <https://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/> for more details or email [info@scottishbiblesociety.org](mailto:info@scottishbiblesociety.org)

## IN MEMORY OF MY SISTER

All Saints supports St Francis' Hospital in Zambia where my sister, Dr Dorothy Logie, worked. Dorothy died a few weeks ago and Ann and I were at her funeral on 7 February in Melrose where she finally lived.

We celebrated at the funeral her life and her extraordinary contribution to humanity in her medical career in Scotland, the Gambia, Zambia and Uganda. St Francis' is the only hospital in a community of 200,000, mainly poor rural farmers, and is supported by the Anglican/Catholic church.

We visited St Francis' Hospital with her in 2016 and heard from many of the invaluable humanitarian work that she and her husband, Dr Sandy Logie, accomplished in the community; we witnessed there the affection, love and gratefulness all at the hospital had for them both. At the height of the AIDS epidemic Sandy was the only doctor treating AIDS patients and tragically was infected himself after a needlestick injury, dying a few years later. The HIV/AIDS clinic in the hospital bears the Logie name and the Logie Legacy still raises funds for the hospital -- much needed as essential drugs and medical supplies cannot be procured, staff salaries are in arrears and there is poor water supply. All Saints' contribution is greatly appreciated.

Dorothy worked for some years as a GP in the Borders while caring for her three children and intermittently returned to St Francis' hospital to work. After her husband's death she was involved in research and evaluations related to palliative care in Sub-Saharan Africa, with projects funded by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, and worked on evaluating morphine public health programmes for cancer and AIDS pain relief in Africa, specifically in countries like Uganda and Zambia.

A remarkable career of caring. She is sorely missed.

Graham Caie

*All Saints supports St Francis Hospital through our Mission Giving.*



Saint Francis' is a 490-bed hospital in rural Zambia, providing medical and surgical care to the people of Katete District (population 200,000), as well as accepting referrals from the whole of Eastern Province (population 1.7 million). The hospital employs and trains Zambian doctors, nurses, midwives

and support staff, but due to the shortage of health workers in sub-Saharan Africa, it is always looking for volunteers from overseas to help us in our work.

Accidents and injuries are common, and account for the largest proportion of admissions, with Malaria and HIV/AIDS following close behind. There are around 22,608 Admissions a year (62 per day) – reaching a peak during the malaria season (February to April), when an average of 30 children are admitted every day.

More information can be found on <https://www.saintfrancishospital.net/>

## **THE AYOUB SISTERS AT THE CITY HALL**

I'm sure many of us remember watching Sarah and Laura Ayoub growing up in Bearsden, attending All Saints with their parents while developing their musical talent. After leaving school they both continued their studies - Sarah at the Conservatoire here in Glasgow, and Laura at the Royal College of Music in London. Since then they have composed and performed together as a duo,



increasingly focused on cross-over music, giving Egyptian and other Arabic themes a classical and joyful slant.

Ashraf and Hanan must have been so proud watching them last week (23rd January) as they performed at the City Hall. The concert was part of the Celtic Connections music

festival, and they were accompanied by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. I was delighted to have an opportunity to see the girls "live", having only ever listened to their CDs before then. During the first half of the concert we heard transcriptions for violin (Laura) and cello (Sarah) and orchestra of music from their Arabesque CD, with a super-fast rendition, "rogue" version of Mozart's "Rondo alla Turca" as encore! During the concert's second half we were treated to their newly composed Arabic Symphony - four movements, each telling a different story, played by the orchestra with Sarah and Laura watching in the audience. The girls and the orchestra played their hearts out - such a joyful evening which received the loudest cheering and applause I think I've ever heard!

Pauline Waugh

## **A VISIT TO PITLOCHRY**

Whenever I am in Pitlochry I like to visit this lovely Church with its stained glass windows and its substantial congregation.

At Candlemas I arrived in good time for the service and was welcomed by all.

The church holds fewer



people than All Saints so it is generally full. I was surprised, however, to see that the Church had two large Christmas trees covered in coloured lights but the Layperson who took the service explained that as it was only the 1st February, the day before Candlemas day, February 2nd, the Church was still in its Christmas finery.

People of many nationalities attended including a number of Australians who were there to look up their ancestry. Usually I am there in summer when there are also visitors, but many people have retired and moved from Edinburgh and other major cities. There are always new people joining. In this very wet winter the burn which flows down from the Black Spout has eroded part of the Church path but has not flooded the Church for which thanks were given at the intercessions.

Mary Stott

## **STAMPS FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH**

Thank you to all who have given me or left stamps at back of church recently. I have received them. They have been put in two A4 pre-paid envelopes which BCRT send me and a friend has posted them. I seem to have had more this year. I will still be collecting throughout the year so thank you in advance for more if you can save them in the same way.

Bone Cancer Research Trust sell these by the kilo for very welcome and much needed funds. Big thank you from them.

Elaine Perrett

# APPOINTMENT OF THE BISHOP OF EDINBURGH



The Diocese of Edinburgh has chosen a new Bishop, following the election on 14 February of the Rt Rev Dr Dagmar Winter.

The Bishop-Elect of Edinburgh is the current Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon, and will be translated to her new post later in the year.

**Bishop Dagmar** was ordained priest in 1997 in the Diocese of Rochester, Church of England, serving there and in the Diocese of Newcastle, and was made a Canon of Newcastle Cathedral in 2011. She was consecrated Bishop of Huntingdon in the Diocese of Ely in 2019. She also served as Acting Bishop of Ely in between 2023 and January 2026.

Bishop Dagmar, who is of British and Swiss-German descent, studied at the Universities of Erlangen, Aberdeen and Heidelberg.

She is Vice-President of the Conference of European Churches which runs a number of projects, especially *Pathways to Peace*, a coordinated response of the European church fellowship to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. With a particular interest in New Testament scholarship, she has contributed to a number of English and German books and journals.

Please keep Bishop Dagmar in your prayers as she moves to new beginnings in Scotland.

# THE DAISY PROJECT

Bishop Nick's chosen charity this year is the DAISY Project.

**DAISY:** Supporting Women and Children to Heal and Thrive

DAISY is a domestic abuse support and advocacy service that has operated in Glasgow for over 25 years. We are a trusted, community-based organisation with a strong grassroots ethos, working alongside women and children at every stage of their journey away from abuse. Our model is flexible, relational and survivor-led, allowing us to meet people where they are and walk with them for as long as support is needed.



We are privileged to receive core funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund and the National Lottery. This funding enables us to deliver the formal and statutory elements of our service, including running costs, risk assessment and safety planning. Many of the women and children we support face immense challenges: reporting abuse to the police, giving evidence in court, homelessness, and the trauma of being uprooted from friends, family and familiar communities. **DAISY** provides short-, medium-, and long-term support, often over many years, to ensure families are not left to face these challenges alone.

One woman we supported describes the impact of **DAISY** far better than we can: “Whenever things got to breaking point, DAISY was there. Even when I pulled away because of what was happening to me, I was always welcomed back with open arms. DAISY supported me through reporting to the police, helped build me up as a person, and even provided security for my home, including a Ring doorbell, which gave me peace of mind. DAISY made me and my family feel safe.”

The families we work with often experience multiple layers of disadvantage. Many women have been subjected to financial abuse and are left struggling to meet even the most basic needs. Donations allow us to deliver our vital recovery strand of work—support that statutory funding cannot cover. This includes emergency help with electricity, nappies, food, and essential household items for families who have fled abuse and are starting again with very little. Being able to respond quickly and compassionately at moments of crisis makes a profound difference.

Trauma recovery is central to DAISY's work. Once families reach a place of safety, we focus on rebuilding confidence, resilience and independence. We believe that

positive experiences, creativity and connection are powerful tools for healing. Activities such as yoga, glass art, family days out and community-based learning help create joyful memories, strengthen relationships and promote wellbeing. A parent recently shared this reflection after one such activity:

“He had such an amazing time. The picture he drew was of himself lying on the grass after scoring a goal, sunshine in the corner. He was so proud and still talking about it hours later. It was wonderful to see him reflecting so positively about his day. Thank you for a day to remember.”

**DAISY** is committed to ensuring women and children not only survive domestic abuse but are supported to heal and thrive within their local communities. We warmly welcome the support of churches and faith groups who share our values of compassion, dignity and justice, and who wish to help us continue this life-changing work.

*Boxes are available for you to collect money at home and we'll ask for these to be returned after Easter.*

Find out more on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2026-the-daisy-project/>

## **USE OF THE CHURCH HALLS**

I have been notified recently that on two separate occasions a church member has walked into the hall to look at the notice board during a class. On being asked by the user to wait until the end of the class they said they wouldn't be long and couldn't wait until the class finished.

Can I please remind everyone that people pay to use our halls and they provide an absolutely vital source of income for All Saints? Users have the right to expect privacy during classes and should not be disturbed.

Thank you.

Celia

## **A CORRECTION FROM THE RECTOR**

In the February edition, Revd David was credited with writing a reflection about the Christmas story, read by the three church leaders at the joint Carol Service at New Kilpatrick in December.

In fact this excellent “trialogue” was written by Revd Roddy Hamilton. Roddy has written a good number of these meditations, poetry, prayers and the like over the years – indeed we have used several ourselves at joint services held at All Saints, including the Advent and Good Friday services.

If you're interested you can find some other examples from past years at <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy>

# SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH

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 March Lent 2 (Purple)	8 March Lent 3 (Purple)	15 March Mothering Sunday (Purple)	22 March Lent 5 (Purple)	29 March Palm Sunday (Red)
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev David Guest	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	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet	Brenda	John	Dolina	David
<b>Eucharistic Assistants</b>	Louise	Celia	Graham	Jenny	Ailsa
<b>Readings</b>	Genesis 12: 1-4a; Romans 4: 1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17	Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35	Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11:1-45	(i) Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; (ii) Matthew 24:14 - 27:66
<b>Reader</b>	Bryan Stack	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake	Janet Stack; Passion Gospel readers
<b>Intercessor</b>	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Mary Stott
<b>After-service Coffee</b>	<b>Dolina</b> Brenda	<b>Joyce</b> John	<b>Janet</b> Gioia	<b>Pauline</b> Anne	<b>Gillian</b> Fiona
<b>Other events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Night Prayer is on Wednesdays in Lent at 7.00pm</li> </ul>				

The Editor for the April edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to [janet.stack@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.stack@btinternet.com) by **Sunday, 22 March 2026**.

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