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The cover picture: Memorial Windows in Queen's Park Church, Glasgow, commemorating Jane Haining, now included in the SEC Calendar of Saints and Heroes, See p11
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Dear All,

GOING SOMEWHERE

It's new car time at the Rectory. My finance agreement means that I have a car for a certain amount of time then I can exchange it for something different or newer. Having last done this a few months before we moved to Scotland I knew it was time to think about what would I have next – while keeping my personalised registration number, of course.

I didn't really like the colour of my last car and to be honest it had lots of bells and whistles that I didn't ever use, so I knew this one would require a bit more thought than the usual, "It's time to change and here's the latest model..."

I do remember when I got my first car my training incumbent suggested I might hang up a Bible verse in it: "The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame." (Isaiah 58:11) It wasn't an entirely serious suggestion but it's not completely inappropriate!

Most of us know the feeling of getting a new car — whether it's brand-new or simply new-to-us. There's excitement, possibility, maybe even a bit of nervousness. A new car represents movement, direction, and change. It says: you're going somewhere.

I suppose in many ways the Christian life is not so different.

When you get a new car, the first thing you do is check the owner's manual. You want to know how it works, what the warning lights mean, what to do if something goes wrong. This is particularly important if you get a newer version of the same model as things may be very different even if you think you've got more or less the same as you've been driving and you know it all. There are always developments and tweaks and upgrades so it's important to think about what you're driving rather than just assuming all is exactly the same as it was, or that you don't need a reminder.

In faith, Scripture is our manual — not a book of rules to trap us, but a guide that helps us travel well, avoid danger, and understand the signs God places on the road ahead.

It's always worth coming to Scripture with fresh eyes, which is why I so often recommend using daily Bible study notes. Even the most familiar verses and passages have hidden treasures and could guide us in a new way. In my last parish

the ministry team decided among ourselves that we would ALWAYS try to find something new in a Bible text before preaching on it, which led to some amazing discoveries!

The next thing you do with your new car is fill the tank (or plug in the electric charger). A car without fuel or electrical power is just a shiny ornament. In the same way, we cannot run on empty. Prayer, worship, and the Eucharist are the fuel of the Christian journey. Without them, we stall. With them, we move with purpose.

You also set your destination. A car is pointless if you don't know where you're going. Jesus gives us that destination: "Follow me." Not a map with every detail, but a direction — towards love, mercy, forgiveness, and the Kingdom of God.

And finally, when you get a new car, you eventually have to trust it. You turn the key, pull out of the driveway, and commit to the journey. Faith is the same. At some point, we stop analysing and start moving. We trust that Christ goes ahead of us, that the Spirit travels with us, and that the Father welcomes us home.

Whether or not you've ever bought a new car, you can still hear the invitation: God is ready to take you somewhere new. The engine is running. The road is open. The journey begins when you say yes.

Revd David

REVIEWING CHURCH ROLLS

An important part of who we are at All Saints is having a record of our "members." Numbers who attend our services and who are "signed up" members have to be given to the diocese as part of our annual returns and these numbers are sometimes requested by others in connection with churches being charities.

The existing rolls were prepared some time ago but are updated annually. Occasionally it is sensible to review these records completely and this is a year when we are going to do just that so we can be absolutely certain that we have proper details if we have new members or if someone has moved or changed phone number or email, etc.

You will find in the magazine and in church A5 forms which we invite you to return to Revd David as soon as possible. The forms tell us that you wish to be included on the communicants' roll. Most of you are already on existing lists but we ask this year that you return these forms afresh as a matter of urgency.

Signing up to the communicants' roll enables you to attend and vote at our general meetings and shows that you are someone who attends the church and

can receive Communion. This list is kept by the Rector, which is of course helpful in having a proper up-to-date contact for all congregation members, and it could also be seen by the Vestry and the Scottish Episcopal Church for purposes of administration, though such use of the data is likely to be rare.

This information is also used on a congregational list, which is not accessible outside the ministry team and Vestry.

The forms give you the chance to tick a box if you prefer your data to be used only in the local church context at All Saints, but please be assured that details on either list are rarely asked for beyond the charge and are only held by the Rector. With thanks for your help.

Revd David

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our Harvest Festival will be held as usual on the first **Sunday of October** (this year the **4th**). This is the Sunday when we ask that you bring back your (filled!) Sunshine bags as well as items that we can pass on to the Drumchapel Foodbank.



Bishop Nick will be joining us to preach and preside at our 10.30am Eucharist on the last **Sunday of October** (25th, Bible Sunday). It has been decided to hold our “Harvest lunch” on this Sunday instead (just three weeks later) so we can have a special meal together for the Bishop’s visit and it is also a week before All Saints’ Day, which gives us another reason to celebrate. We are asking for those who would normally help with the Harvest lunch to assist on the 25th instead.

Meanwhile, you can celebrate at a midweek Harvest lunch on **October 7th** when the **Wednesday Lunch Group** invite you to their annual celebration at noon.

We are also planning a **Quiz Night** sometime in the autumn, probably in November, and will give full details once we know more.

SONGS OF PRAISE

A summer Songs of Praise service will be held in All Saints on **Sunday, August 23rd**, at **5.00pm**.

We would like this to include YOUR favourite hymns and readings so a sheet will be left at the back of church for you to write suggestions and we will put together a service featuring as many as we can. If you choose a suitable Bible (or other) reading it would be lovely if you would also be willing to read it that afternoon,

or ask someone nicely to do it for you! Please let us know your favourites by the beginning of August. Revd David will link the hymns with stories about their composition and some seasonal prayers.

The service will be suitable for all, so please do let people know about it and invite your friends. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the service.

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue border. At the top, a vibrant rainbow arches across a blue sky with soft white clouds. On the left, a treble clef and several musical notes float upwards. In the center, a circular logo contains a black silhouette of a church with a cross on its roof, with the text 'All Saints BEARSDEN' below it. The main title 'SONGS OF PRAISE' is written in a large, bold, dark blue serif font. Below it, the word 'at' is in a smaller, italicized gold font. The church name 'ALL SAINTS, BEARSDEN' is in a bold, dark blue serif font. A dark blue banner with gold borders contains the text 'On SUNDAY AUGUST 23RD, 5.00PM' in white serif font. Below the banner, a white box with a gold border contains the text 'Favourite hymns and readings for a summer evening.' in a dark blue serif font, followed by 'Followed by refreshments in the hall.' in a smaller dark blue serif font. The background of the lower half of the poster shows a half-timbered church building with a red brick base, surrounded by greenery and flowers. In the bottom right corner, an open hymn book is shown, with the title 'Praise the Lord' visible on the left page. The bottom of the poster features a dark blue banner with the text 'ALL WELCOME' in a white serif font, flanked by gold leaf motifs.

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VESTRY NOTES

June Meeting

- **Mission Support**

The Vestry reviewed arrangements for Mission Support funding. While £4,750 has been raised so far this year through fundraising and donations, only £2,057 is currently available for distribution, plus Gift Aid. With the church projecting a deficit this year, it was agreed that reserve funds should not normally be used for charitable giving, as they are intended to safeguard the church's future. Revd David and Tracey will take this matter forward and discuss with the congregation.

- **Archives**

Progress on transferring material to the Diocesan Centre has been delayed by parking difficulties. This is being addressed.

- **Service Streaming**

Positive feedback has been received regarding the camera being directed towards the Cross during Holy Communion.

- **Wednesday Worship**

Although attendance at Morning Prayer remains small, Revd David and Revd Kevin will continue to offer Morning Prayer before the Wednesday Said Eucharist.

- **Fundraising**

The Prayer & Giving Day raised £2,515, an increase of £570 on last year. Total fundraising for the year now stands at £4,457.35, including £1,457.35 for Mission Support. The Wednesday Lunch Group has also donated £600 towards Mission Support, which is appreciated.

- **Property Matters**

Work continues on repairs to the bellcote and front doors. Quotes are also being sought for solar panels as part of the church's Net Zero ambitions, with possible grant funding available. Preparations are underway for the quinquennial inspection of the Church, Hall and Rectory.

- **Community Links**

Maxholme Nursery School will hold a graduation service in the church on 19 June and plans to return in December for a Nativity service. Members of the congregation will be warmly welcome at both events.

- **Looking Ahead**

- A summer *Songs of Praise* service is planned for late August.
- Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on 4 October.
- A Harvest/All Saints lunch is planned for 25 October, when the Bishop will be preaching
- A quiz evening may also be organised during the autumn.

- **Church Membership and Ministry**

Work is underway to update the communicants' roll, with further information to follow.

Dolina Dowling

SAD NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

It is with sadness that I have relinquished my place in All Saints' choir. Unfortunately I can no longer make out the words or music of the hymns and anthems, even with Amazon's most powerful illuminating magnifying glass.

I've had a wonderful time for more than thirty years with the choir, singing our glorious musical heritage, with so many others, the two Franks, Callon, Bryan, John; the beautiful tenor voices of Alex, Eric, and David, the brilliant sopranos and altos, Angela, Nessie, Susan, Gill, Moira and Ann. And the children, Kemp children, Stack children, MacKenzie children, Luffingham children and even a Mulherron. We have sung in Muthill, Auchterarder, and Inveraray. We have frozen in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, loved singing in the Cathedral of the Isles, and in Paisley Abbey in the Triennial Festival, where the music was so overwhelmingly beautiful that I couldn't sing for crying.

However this leaves Ann as the sole alto, and I'm sure she would love some help. So if anyone is out there hiding their singing light under a bushel, now is the time to step forward. You will never regret it.

Thanks to all the choir masters and mistresses, who must occasionally feel like tearing their hair out when too many of us are otherwise engaged at the same time. Thank you All Saints for a most joyous experience.

Amanda MacKenzie

Editor: We look forward to Amanda joining the congregation, when she can, to enhance the singing from the pews. She may make a guest appearance in the choir at Christmas.

WHERE DID THE TIME GO?

This is a question we frequently ask ourselves in our busy lives and it was one that our Rector, David, quoted at the beginning of his sermon last Sunday. He reflected on the fact that three years seem to have passed so quickly since he gave his first Sermon in All Saints following his installation in June 2023. He felt that the time had flown.



The same feeling has been experienced by the Congregation as so much has been achieved in the time he has ministered to our spiritual needs. One of the many highlights of his Ministry has been the quality of his sermons, always delivered with clarity and often a light touch of humour, when appropriate. These have undoubtedly attracted a wider audience

to our streamed Sunday services on Facebook and on YouTube. Clearly his early life as a journalist has shaped and polished his monthly Pastoral Letters in our magazine. Another of his skills, which he obviously enjoys using, is the thespian talents on display when he participates in and writes our Christmas Pantomimes.

On a more serious note, he has undoubtedly enriched our spirituality with reading guidance and participation in the study groups at Advent and Lent. His untiring efforts to network in the Diocese and with our local Bearsden Church Community has resulted in a growing number of linked services with New Kilpatrick, Saint Andrew's Milngavie and the other charges in the Northwest Regional Council. The numbers worshipping in our congregation have stabilised and slightly increased since his arrival.

Perhaps his own major disappointment is the continued lack of any young people or children attending regularly, though when they do at Christmas and Easter, he ensures that they are included in the worship. The most telling fact that speaks to his success in making the time seem to pass too quickly is the feeling of spiritual uplift expressed by so many of our Congregation at the end of our Sunday services. Long may we continue to enjoy and support his efforts and guidance.

David Hamblen Alt Lay Rep.

THURSDAY HOUSE GROUP

The Annual House Group Croquet Match took place, as usual, in the wonderful setting of Ross Priory on the shores of Loch Lomond.



The forecast for heavy rain was not promising, but undeterred, our intrepid group sallied forth clad in waterproofs from head to toe. On arrival in the walled garden we discovered that the lawns had not been cut due to the recent spell of continuous rain. This only added to the excitement of the afternoon as the croquet ball was continually deflected in the long grass, making it literally a hit and a miss! It

has to be said however that some fared better than others!

All good things have to come to an end, and sadly time had to be called after only two games for each team rather than the usual four.

Even the most stoical amongst us had to admit defeat when the rain reached biblical proportions. Tables and refreshments were cleared from the relative comfort of the greenhouse and we



repaired to the house to change our sodden clothing and enjoy some warmth. Spirits were quickly revived after a hot drink for some and a wee toddy for others. The day concluded with an excellent meal provided by the Ross Priory staff, lots of chat, and applause for the Prizewinners.

The afternoon could be summed up by the use of two good Scottish words: Dreich (weather) and Droukit (us!) Despite it all we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in the company of friends, knowing that in true British style we had soldiered on in the face of adversity!





Once again a huge thank you to Gillian and Richard Kingslake for their hospitality and superb organisation. It was a memorable day.

Gill

Editor's comment: you may notice that there are no photos of us playing croquet - it was too wet to take a camera or phone outside, BUT we did play with our usual competitive spirit!

HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Why not pass on any novels you have found pleasure in reading for someone else to enjoy. The Book Stall is looking for donations of paper-back fiction in good condition. Please leave your donations under the book table in the hall so we can integrate them into the existing reads.

Many thanks, Jane and Jenny.

Editor: Why not write a short review or recommendation of any book you've enjoyed and donated.

COVER PICTURE

The two windows are a memorial to Jane Haining in Queen's Park Church Glasgow to commemorate her inclusion in the Scottish Episcopal Church list of **Saints and Commemorations**. **July 17th** is her day of celebration as **Missionary and Martyr**.

The inscription under the first window is:

"In memory of JANE HAINING Matron of the Scottish Mission School, Budapest who gave her life in the service of others 17 July 1944."

And the second window:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Jane Mathison Haining (1897–1944) is remembered as one of Scotland's most courageous modern martyrs—a woman whose steadfast compassion led her to remain with the Jewish girls in her care during the darkest years of the Second World War.

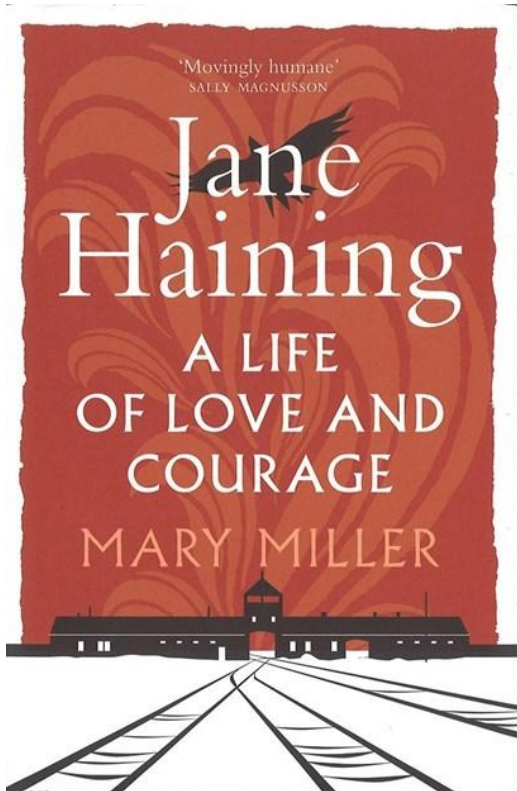
Born on a small farm near Dunscore in Dumfriesshire, she grew up in a devout Presbyterian household marked by discipline, faith, and a strong sense of duty. After excelling at school, she worked for a decade with the firm J. & P. Coats in Paisley, where she was known for her diligence and quiet strength. Yet she felt called to missionary service, and in 1932 she accepted the post of **matron at the Scottish Mission School in Budapest**, a school that welcomed both Christian and Jewish children.

Her vocation was one of daily, practical love: caring for the girls in the boarding house, mending clothes, teaching, comforting, and creating a home for children who often came from difficult circumstances. When war broke out, she was on leave in Scotland—but immediately returned to Budapest, refusing repeated instructions from the Church of Scotland to come home. Her place, she insisted, was with the children.

After the German occupation of Hungary in March 1944, the danger to Budapest's Jewish community intensified. She continued to protect and comfort the girls, even as anti-Jewish laws tightened around them. In April 1944 she was arrested by the Gestapo on charges that included working among Jews and listening to the BBC. She did not deny them.

Deported to **Auschwitz-Birkenau** in May 1944, she died there on **17 July 1944**, aged 47. The exact circumstances of her death are unknown, but the witness of

her life is unmistakable: she chose solidarity over safety, love over self-preservation.



A well-researched and clearly written biography by Mary Miller pieces together the fragments of the life of Jane Haining. She follows Jane's development from a small Scottish village to a Presbyterian mission in Central Europe, and then on to a death in the most appalling circumstances in German-occupied Poland.

Mary Miller is married to Revd. John Miller who spent his entire ministry in Castlemilk East Parish Church, living there with his family and supporting the community in many ways.

In 2001 he was elected as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Miller Primary School in Castlemilk was named after John and Mary.

ANOTHER BOOK RECOMMENDATION

My favourite books are biographies and I especially like ones which are critical of the general opinion about the person concerned. This applies to a very large biography, because this person had a very long life, of King George the Third by Andrew Roberts entitled "**George the Third, the Life and Reign of Britain's Most Misunderstood Monarch**"

When discussing this with a friend of mine, who is an historian, she warned me that Roberts is a Tory and I agreed that he certainly dislikes the Whigs, but Roberts is critical of George as often being self-righteous. When one compares him with the other Georges he had much to commend him. He was a family man who was faithful to his wife and they had 14 children whom they loved. He treated his wife as a friend and equal and when he was in his right mind he displayed great wisdom and courage in his dealings with his government and when there were attempts on his life he was quite fearless.

Sadly he had bipolar disorder and had several episodes when he became delusional and violent. Fortunately he recovered in time for the outbreak of war with France during the time of Napoleon when Britain was beset by not only the

French but the Irish and Americans who took their opportunity to cause trouble. He had a very able Prime minister in William Pitt the younger, although Pitt was a heavy drinker and this damaged his health.

His final lapse into insanity in the last 16 years of his life destroyed his relationship with the Queen and his Family and led to his son acting as Prince Regent. I am still reading the book which has 680 pages as I have frequently to consult the Oxford dictionary as Roberts vocabulary is much greater than mine!

Mary Stott

GARDENS AND GARDENING



A surprise in my garden

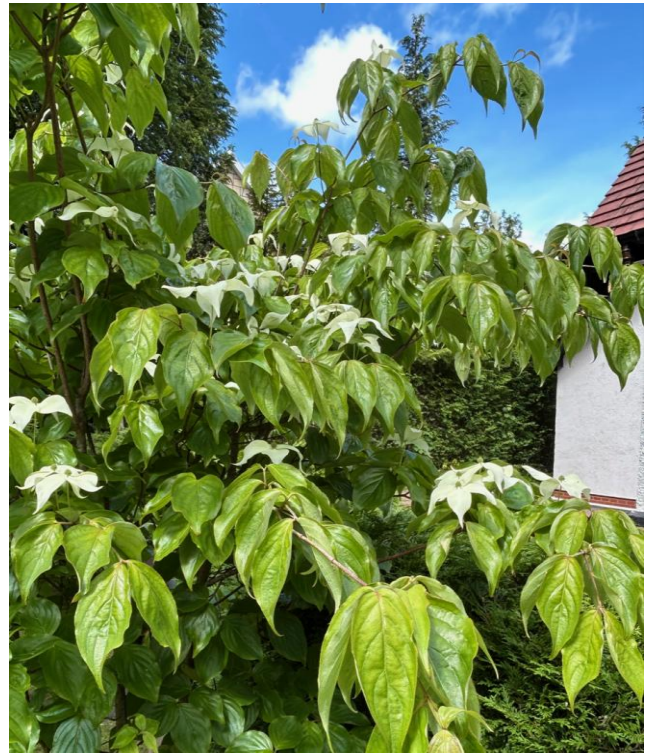
In May two years ago, Keith and I had a most enjoyable holiday walking, and Keith diving, in north-west Mallorca. A highlight was the walk in the Tramuntana mountains from Valldemossa, at 400m, up the Archduke's Path to Puig Gros, at 938m. Grand views from the summit.

Right at the rather exposed top there was a lot more vegetation than I expected, the most striking being the large numbers of flowering bushes, all no more than a foot high and really pretty, with small white flowers (about 3 cm) with yellow centres. I've since discovered they were called rockrose (cistus) and a feature of the area. Later in the year I was able to purchase a bush in D.....s which looked identical - perfect for a low-profile addition to my small rockery, I thought. However this one is not turning out to be a dainty 1 foot small plant at all - this year it has shot up to 2 ½ feet and is very content, with lots of new white flowers appearing every day. I wonder how tall it will grow eventually? There has to be a moral or a sermon in there somewhere!

I'm supposed to be writing about our church garden: our small, dedicated group meets every fortnight or so. With all this rain the grass, plants and weeds are thriving and we do our best to keep them under control. As a child I used to watch my father cutting the daisies - a family joke, as our garden grew more daisies than grass. So, recently I have enjoyed doing exactly the same at church, stirring memories from the past. I forgot how pretty they are, and they do cover bare patches in the grass. The group usually meet in afternoons these days, and any extra help at all would be much appreciated. Maybe I should buy a rockrose to fill a gap?

Pauline Waugh

Some of the beautiful flowers in the church garden



WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

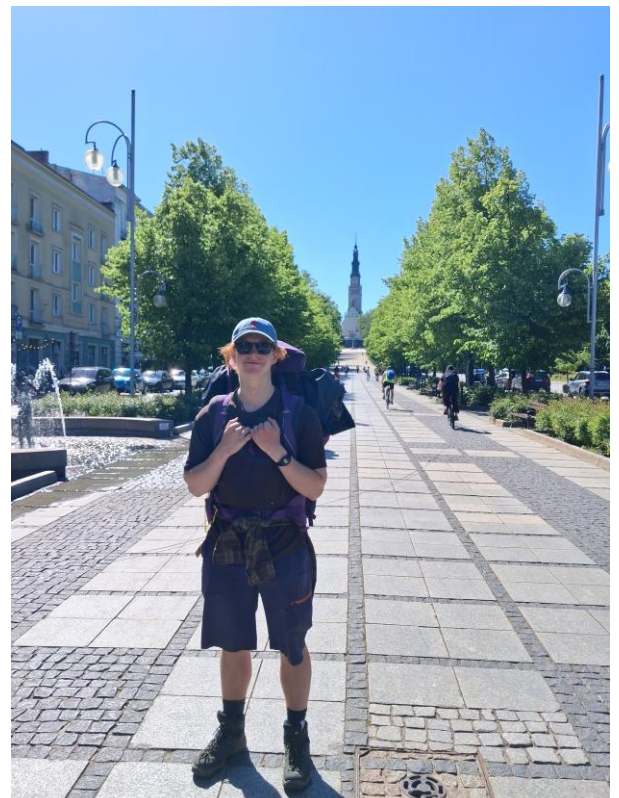
The lunches will restart on September 9th, fortnightly as last year. More details will follow in the September magazine.

Brenda and Philip

THE EAGLES' NEST TRAIL

(Szlak Orlich Gniazd)

On the 23rd of May I set out from Kraków with tent, sleeping bag, and a goal. Five and a half days later I arrived 101 miles (165km) away in Częstochowa; a little lighter and a little surer. Part tourist attraction, part pilgrimage route and part endurance test, the Eagles' Nest Trail takes you from Kraków, the ancient capital of Poland to the monastery of Jasna Góra, the home of the medieval Icon of the Virgin Mary via 15 medieval castles. Częstochowa is designed as a pilgrimage landscape, so in the final stages of my path there was a victory mile



of a shaded avenue of trees, benches, stalls and statues which stretched up to the basilica. It is a sight worthy of a hundred miles.

My travels themselves mainly consisted of walking through forest, road and village. Mornings were when my enthusiasm was at its highest. Each day I ate a breakfast of bread, fruit and whatever the nearest town had in terms of pastries. From my year of language lessons I knew that the Polish for doughnuts is *pączki* and it was among my commonly used words alongside 'please' (*proszę*), thank you (*dziękuję*) and sausage (*kiełbasa*). For lunch I had bread and smoked cheese and realise how much a good cheese mattered on the road. In the evenings I cooked pasta and sausage.



Częstochowa at night

The people of Poland are sociable, patient and industrious. On Saturday, I passed a multitude

of cement layers and builders' bums and on Sunday I ambled past closed shops and fine Sunday lunches using produce from well cared for plots of land that grew vegetables and herbs alike. The chatter that saturated every little village store I went into is a sign of a wonderful sense of community and the fondness for well-behaved campers is so obvious that even tour guides note that most Polish folk look kindly on wild campers and give tap water and directions. Often I was asked about my travels by delighted old men who very much approved of the map and compass that I had strapped in plain view at all times. The fact that barely any of them spoke a lick of English and even fewer had more than one visible tooth was not a deterrent. In the evenings I learned to set up camp just outside a village so



as to assure supplies in the morning and a peaceful night. On the first night after I left Kraków I was plagued with the barking of what were most likely hunting dogs, the snuffles of wild boar, the unsociableness of a stag screaming into the night and worst of all, three distinct gunshots, most likely from hunters and footsteps which passed my little tent over a dozen times in the night.

Suffice it to say I slept little and left at 4am the next morning.

The castles on my route were a mixture from stony ruined keeps to large windowed palace like fortifications that lay above their towns like ancient bones. I stopped at those I could and of the 25 on route I saw about 15 and went into 5. They made fascinating lunch spots.

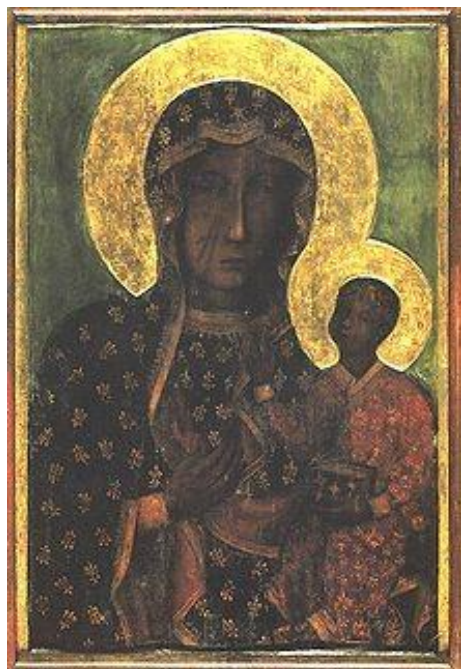


If I were to hike like that again I think I would go slower. I would take 7 or 8 days so as to soak up the culture more, devote time to the new country I walked through and to think a bit more spiritually about the journey. Even so, I can safely say I enjoyed Poland immensely and the hot European sun only let up once for the barest relief of rain. I highly recommend it as a wonderful country to visit. Thanks to Dad who gave ear to my worries and complaints and provided food which wasn't pasta and sausage at the end of the walk.

Alexander Roach

Historical Note

Jasna Góra is still a working monastery in Częstochowa run by the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit or Pauline Fathers, an order set up in Hungary in the thirteenth century and which spread rapidly in Central Europe, claiming inspiration from the fourth century hermit, Saint Paul of Thebes. The icon of the



Madonna is supposedly painted by Saint Luke on a table top from Joseph's workshop, but more probably was a twelfth century Byzantine icon brought to Poland from Constantinople. The icon is a popular pilgrimage destination in Poland and also a symbol of national resistance after it foiled attempts to remove it by Hussite heretics in the fifteenth century by immobilising their transport. The knight leading the Hussites was supposedly so infuriated that he attempted to destroy the painting and the icon does indeed show signs that it was once badly damaged. However, after the Hussites left it was found miraculously restored.

The 'eagle's nests' mainly refer to the chain of castles built by Casimir the Great (1333-70) to defend his realm from his southern neighbours in Hungary and Bohemia. They culminate in the great royal fortress in Kraków itself, Wawel.

Andrew Roach

MAXHOLME GRADUATION DAY



On Friday 19th June Maxholme Nursery held their graduation showcase at All Saints Church for their preschool children who will be starting school in August 2026. Friends and family gathered to celebrate this important milestone for the children with a showcase and refreshments. We are very grateful to the church for allowing us to use the building and we look forward to our nativity in December.

Kind Regards, Samantha Arthur, Deputy Manager, Maxholme Nursery School



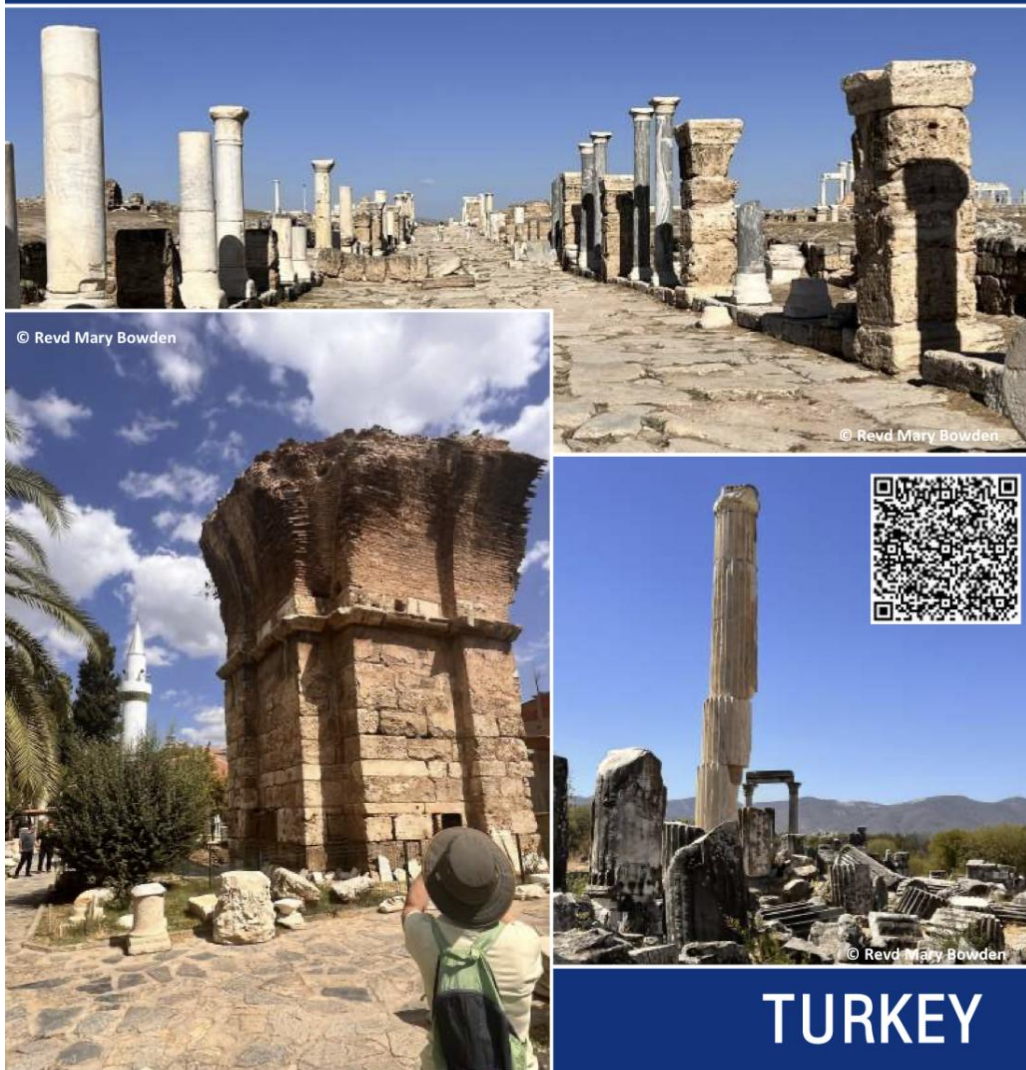
Seven Churches of Revelation



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with The Rt Rev'd Nick Bundock
Rev'd John L. Bell

Monday 3 - Monday 10 May 2027



TURKEY

Rev Mary Bowden, Rev Dr John Bell and Bishop Nick are leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor (from the Book of Revelation) in May 2027: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea - as well as other important classical and Christian sites. The cost is £2,640 per person, with a limited number of single rooms available at a supplementary cost.

Please do have a look if you think this might be a pilgrimage you would like to join. The cost is basically all in - you only need to provide your own lunches and drinks! The full brochure and booking link can be found [HERE](#), if you are reading this online, or email marybowden753@gmail.com

KYIV PECHERSK LAVRA

This is the monastery complex that was hit by Russian drones on June 14th 2026.



Known as the **Kyiv Monastery of the Caves**, it is a historic lavra or large monastery complex of Eastern Christianity that gave its name to the Pecherskyi District where it is located in Kyiv. Since its foundation as the cave monastery in 1051, the Lavra has been a pre-eminent centre of Eastern Christianity in Eastern Europe.

It has a long history at the heart of Ukrainian national identity, since its founding in the 11C. It has been plundered several times over the years but in the 17C it contributed to Kyiv as a capital of Eastern Orthodoxy, though at times Russian language and tradition were imposed on the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

During the Communist era the monastery was disbanded and a museum was opened within its territory. In 1941 the main cathedral was blown up by Soviet forces. However, the reconstructed cathedral was reopened in 2000.

The monastery resumed activity as part of the Russian Orthodox Church after WW2 with over 100 monks living in its premises. The tussle between the Russian Patriarchate and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, under the Constantinople Patriarchate, as to governance of the monastery complex continued until recently.

Included in the Lavra is a large museum complex showing many historic articles of Ukrainian culture. It also provides tours of the extensive catacombs which contain skeletons of many Eastern Orthodox saints and their relics. A truly strange but awe-inspiring sight. But it is tragic that so much is yet again being destroyed as well as so much loss of life.

Joyce James and I visited Kyiv nearly twenty years ago staying with son Graham, his wife Jeannine and granddaughter Anna aged 4, who were living there for a year or so. Russian as well as Ukrainian was spoken a great deal at that time, so Joyce was in her element. Graham, who always spoke Russian with a Scottish accent, declared Joyce's accent perfect! We visited the Lavra complex and especially the museum and catacombs.

Joyce has mixed emotions about that visit:

I left part of myself behind in this famous monastery - *my umbrella*.

It was an attractive item with the word "RAIN" written all over it in many different colours and, more importantly, in our Roman alphabet.

Knowing how delighted I would be to sport an umbrella decorated with the word for "RAIN" in the Cyrillic alphabet, I've always hoped my lost broolly would give its new Ukrainian owner much joy"

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Janet and Joyce

The best I can do for Joyce!



A NEW CAR



Read again the Rector's Letter!

Just in case there is a wet day over the summer, for young and not so young, enjoy a word search!

Jonah and the Whale Word Find

VNJKGTWSTNFIVOR
TCNROYEHYBFJDE
IWXDDXRHVIOWTIP
GXEODERZPEPJHIE
LHEVENINLOSYAXN
WWVDDSXADERXNLT
POAMNOHSAIIPDA
AYLCWSSTORMZJRN
SKDQFPNETSGAKKC
GXGQOKWSYQFCEE

repentance

whale

God

Jonah

prophet

storm

Nineveh

three days

sea

ship

SERVICES IN JULY

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	5 July Pentecost 6 Trinity 5 (Green)	12 July Pentecost 7 Trinity 6 (Green)	19 July Pentecost 8 Trinity 7 (Green)	26 July* Pentecost 9 Trinity 8 (Green)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)	
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Kate	Brenda	John	Dolina
Eucharistic Assistants	Jenny	Ailsa	Louise	Celia
Readings	Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Isaiah 40:25-31; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Luke 13:22-30
Reader	Bryan Stack	Daphne Farquharson	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen
Intercessor	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	David Simmons
After-service Coffee	Janet Gioia	Pauline Anne	Gillian Fiona	Kate Susan
Other events	- A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy. - There is a 10.30am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings preceded at 10.00am by Morning Prayer			

**The service on July 26th will have a "Summer of Sport" theme*

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

SERVICES IN AUGUST

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Date Sunday	2 August Pentecost 10 <i>Trinity 9</i> (Green)	9 August Pentecost 11 <i>Trinity 10</i> (Green)	16 August Pentecost 12 <i>Trinity 11</i> (Green)	23 August Pentecost 13 <i>Trinity 12</i> (Green)	30 August Pentecost 14 <i>Trinity 13</i> (Green)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev Kevin Francis	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	David	Tracey	Celia	Kate	Pauline
Eucharistic Assistants	Graham	Jenny	Ailsa	Louise	Celia
Readings	Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:13-21	1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14:22-33	Isaiah 56: 1,6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28	Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16:13-20	Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
Reader	Richard Kingslake	Janet Stack	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Mary Stott
Intercessor	Louise Benson	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen	David Simmons
After-service Coffee	Mairi Elaine	Daphne Jane	Brenda Dolina	John Joyce	Gioia Janet
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