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The cover picture: Coffee beans in an Ethiopian harvest - see p 11
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Dear All,

THANK THE LORD

There is a particular warmth to Harvest season in the life of a church. It arrives not with the exuberance of Easter or the anticipation of Advent, but with a quieter, steadier grace. Harvest invites us to pause, to look around, and to recognise the abundance that surrounds us, often unnoticed, often taken for granted. This year we celebrate Harvest at the beginning of the month then we end October with a visit from the Bishop on Bible Sunday which also serves as a moment of re-dedication in our church's life. So that Harvest invitation feels especially timely.

Harvest, at its heart, is about gratitude. Not the polite, surface-level gratitude we sometimes muster out of habit, but the deeper kind—the gratitude that grows when we recognise how profoundly dependent we are on God's generosity and on one another. In an age when so much of our food arrives pre-packaged, processed, and far removed from the soil, it is easy to forget the miracle that lies behind every loaf of bread and every piece of fruit. Seed, soil, sun, rain, labour, patience, hope: all these come together in a symphony that none of us conducts. Harvest reminds us that life is a gift.

But Harvest is not only about giving thanks for what we have received. It is also about sharing. The biblical vision of harvest is never one of private abundance; it is communal. The gleaning laws of the Old Testament ensured that the poor and the stranger had access to food. The early church shared resources so that "there was not a needy person among them." And Jesus himself teaches that true discipleship is revealed in how we care for the hungry, the thirsty, and the vulnerable. Our Harvest collections, our donations to Drumchapel foodbank, our support for local and international charities—these are not optional extras: they are expressions of the Gospel.

This month, our Harvest celebration also looks ahead to a visit from Bishop Nick on October 25th, which we are also treating as a moment of dedication and re-dedication. Dedication is a word that carries weight. It speaks of commitment, of setting something apart for God's purposes, of offering not just things but ourselves. Whether we are dedicating a refurbished space, a new ministry, rededicating our magnificent church organ, or simply renewing our shared sense of purpose, dedication is always an act of trust.

It says: “Lord, take what we offer—our time, our gifts, our resources, our hopes—and use them for your glory.” This is something we all need to take seriously throughout the year.

Harvest and dedication belong together more naturally than we might first imagine. Harvest teaches us to recognise God’s generosity; dedication teaches us to respond to it. Harvest opens our eyes to abundance; dedication opens our hands in offering. Harvest reminds us that everything we have is a gift; dedication reminds us that everything we have can become blessing.

As a church, we stand at an important moment, which both myself and Kevin have been talking and writing about a lot recently. The world around us continues to shift—economically, socially, spiritually. Many people are struggling. Many are searching. Many are longing for community, meaning, and hope. Our church cannot solve every problem, but we can be a place where God’s abundance is recognised and shared. We can be a community where dedication is not a one-off ceremony but a way of life.

So as we celebrate Harvest, I invite you to take time to notice the gifts in your own life: the people who support you, the opportunities you have been given, the beauty of creation, the quiet moments of grace. And as we mark our dedication, I invite you to consider how you might offer yourself anew—your prayers, your presence, your creativity, your compassion.

May this season be one in which gratitude deepens, generosity grows, and our church of All Saints continues to flourish in faith, hope, and love. And may we discover, as countless generations have before us, that when we offer our lives to God, God multiplies what we give in ways we could never have imagined.

*Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest, our humble thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

Revd David

BISHOP TO VISIT ALL SAINTS

We are delighted that Bishop Nick will be joining us on **Sunday, October 25th**, to celebrate and preach at our 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

This day is Bible Sunday but we are also taking the opportunity to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the installation of our Sauer organ and the Bishop will rededicate it on that day.

This service will be followed in the hall by a **Bring And Share Lunch**, to which all are welcome.



INTRODUCING STEPHEN, OUR NEW CURATE

What, I wonder, would the good folks of All Saints wish to know about someone coming to be a curate with them?

Perhaps all my favourite saints? Ignatius of Loyola, Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Teresa of Avila, Francis of Assisi; or some of the uncanonised saints of the faith ancient and more modern: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Henri Nouwen, CS Lewis, GK Chesterton, Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, William Barry, SJ.

Or maybe my areas of special interest and enjoyment? Music (all varieties from classical to rock and blues, with current favourites being the sublime acapella brilliance of Voces8); sport (rugby, cricket); reading (spy thrillers, crime fiction, historical fiction); photography; being by the sea; roses...

Perhaps other things and people which nourish my inner life? Silence, icons, Celtic spirituality, spiritual reading; the poetry of TS Eliot, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Wendell Berry, Malcolm Guite.

Random things in this glorious yet marred, God created and God-bathed world, which bring joy: dolphins, a child's first laugh, sitting in the sun, ice cream, shepherd's pie, pear cider (0%)

But maybe what you really want to know is that I am privileged to have been married to Fiona for over 40 years, that we are hugely blessed to have 4 children - Sharon, Ailsa, Kirsty, Seamus; and five grandchildren – Alice, Ollie, Leon, Matilda and Henry, each of whom brings joy to our lives.

Or that I have spent most of my life in Scotland, in Bearsden or Milngavie or St Andrews (university), but have lived in various other countries also, Nigeria, Hungary, Switzerland.

Or might it even be that the saints of All Saints are interested in some of what I have done over my life? Bookshop management, teaching (in the UK and Hungary), pastoral ministry (within the Baptist tradition), spiritual

accompaniment/direction (in the Ignatian tradition), accompanying people in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.

Or what most fundamentally makes me who I am? My relationship with the Trinity, whose invitation to life in all its fullness through Jesus is at the core of all I am and do, and whose love and grace it is which sustain each and every moment of my life.

All of these with much else combine to make me the person I am and inspire me towards the person God created me to be and to pursue God's dream for this one unique life, living out a Christ-shaped life of love in my specific body and being. For when all else is said and done, *"the most important thing in your life is the person you are becoming"* (Dallas Willard) and *"for me to be a saint is to be myself"* (Thomas Merton).

I look forward to being part of the All Saints community over the coming year and getting to know you all. Thank you for allowing me to join you.

May God bless each of you abundantly.

Stephen/Steve Parratt

(I answer to either and both, whichever you prefer)

Note: Stephen will be joining All Saints on **Sunday October 11th** at the 10.30 service when we will give him a very warm welcome.

VESTRY NOTES

Meeting on September 14th, 2026

1. Stephen Parratt will be ordained on 27/09 at St Andrew's, Milngavie and will serve the first year of his curacy at All Saints. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend the ordination service at 7pm. Revd. David will be his training incumbent, and Revd. Robin will be his mentor. A working agreement will be arranged in due course.
2. There has been a surplus in the church accounts of £20,168 for the third quarter of the financial year because of monies received from the Prayer and Giving Day, the Strawberry Tea, fundraising and a legacy from the estate of Andrew Long.
3. The recent Quinquennial Inspection indicated no repairs to the church, the halls and the Rectory are urgent, but many are considered to be essential with

others desirable: the estimate for essential repairs requiring treatment within 3-5 years is £21,000, the estimate for desirable repairs is £44,500. The Quinquennial Report will be made available to members of the congregation.

4. The faulty external light outside the hall has been repaired. Five failed lamps in the spotlight arrays in church have been replaced.
5. The possibility of installing solar panels on the halls is being investigated.
6. The organ tuner attended on 15/09.
7. Any remaining completed Natural Church Development forms will be sent to Revd Canon Dawn Matthew, and we will receive a 'story' which draws out the strengths and weaknesses of our church. We will be guided through the process as it continues.
8. Revd. David thanked all those who organised the 'Bring and Share Lunch' when the Canon Missioner visited to help us through completion of the questionnaires.
There will be a Bring and Share Lunch after the service on 25th October when the Bishop visits to preach on Bible Sunday and the organ is rededicated on its 30th anniversary.
A quiz night is being planned for Saturday November 28th
9. Members of the church are reminded that no one should be carrying out work which requires ladders as this could be dangerous.

Next meeting: **5th October**

Please note that in the Vestry notes in the last magazine it was stated that the church and halls had "passed" the Quinquennial Inspection. This is incorrect. The five-yearly inspection examines the buildings and provides a general record on their condition, identifies the detailed condition of certain parts, details necessary works in order of priority, and makes recommendations on maintenance and on areas requiring further detailed investigation.

Brenda Long

SUNSHINE BAGS - REMINDER



We have certainly not had the heat that has been so prevalent in the South this summer but we have had some good spells of weather and hopefully, people have had happy experiences too.

This should mean that you have all been filling up your sunshine bags, ready to return them on Harvest Sunday, which is on **4th**

October. There will be a basket at the back of the Church to receive the bags and they will be taken up to the Altar along with the collection.

If you do not have a bag but would like to participate, there are spare bags at the back of the Church. Please pick one up or speak to the steward on duty. If you are unable to come to Church on Harvest Sunday, the basket will remain ready to receive your contribution for a couple of Sundays after that.

Thank you all.

Ann Caie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, October 4th: Harvest Festival. Said Eucharist at 9.00am and Sung Eucharist at 10.30am. Please bring suitable Harvest items for Drumchapel Foodbank to either.

Wednesday October 7th WLG Harvest Lunch

Sunday, October 25th: Bishop Nick celebrates and preaches at 10.30am Eucharist for Bible Sunday, followed by bring and share lunch in hall.

Sunday, November 1st: All Saints Day. Said Eucharist at 9.00am and Sung Eucharist at 10.30am plus Festal Evensong at 5.00pm

Sunday, November 8th: Remembrance Sunday. 10.50am Act of Remembrance at Bearsden Cross; 10.55am short act of Remembrance in church for those who prefer a service inside; 11.15am, Sung Eucharist

Wednesday, November 11th: Remembrance Day. Short act of Remembrance at 11.00am after usual Said Eucharist

Sunday, November 22nd: Annual Church Meeting after 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Saturday, November 28th: Parish Quiz Night and dinner (details to follow)

Sunday, November 29th: Advent Sunday. Sung Eucharist at 10.30am and Advent Carol Service at 5.00pm



At our Harvest Festival this year (Sunday, October 4th) we will again be collecting donations for the Drumchapel Foodbank.

Please bring anything you can to either the 9am or 10.30am services that day, or let us have items beforehand. The foodbank is in particular need of the following:

- Baked Beans
- Tinned Soups
- Cereals/Porridge
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Pasta
- Rice
- Noodles
- Cooking Sauces
- Tinned Tomatoes
- "Pasta 'n' Sauce"
- Tinned Meats
- Long Life Milk
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Mac & Cheese
- Tinned Curry
- Tinned Stew
- Tinned Spaghetti /Spaghetti Hoops
- Meals in a can
- Tinned Hotdogs
- Tinned Meatballs
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned beans & Sausages
- Tinned Tuna
- Deodorants
- Shower Gels
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Female Hygiene Products
- Baby Food
- Nappies - SIZE 1, 6 and 7 ONLY
- Pet Food / Packaged Treats (Cat & Dog)
- Washing Powder
- Toilet Rolls
- Baby Wipes
- Crisps/Sweets

NO: Alcohol, razors or anything harmful; raw/chilled meats; fresh produce that requires storage; frozen food; out of date items; non dated items; open items

CREATION-TIDE AND HARVEST

On agriculture today: some thoughts for creation-tide.

What kind of images come to mind when we say 'agriculture'?

Large prairies with wheat fields stretching as far as the eye can see, harvested by an unmanned, satellite-controlled combine harvester?

A woman after harvest, walking barefoot along a stony track with a 50 kg sack of rice on her head?

There are huge inequalities in farming today. Contrast huge multinational companies controlling most of the world's grain with Sub-Saharan Africa with 75% of its population farming plots of less than 2 acres. There is a huge contrast between methods of production: intensive agriculture, using huge amounts of fertiliser, carbon heavy; small holder farming, still largely unmechanised, with restricted access to fertilisers, carbon light.

This a story of two worlds: one treating food as a commercial commodity; another where there is a vital bond between land and food and communities. One powerful and dominant: one largely ignored. Nevertheless, across the world, including small scale farmers here, around 25% of the world's population live lives closely tied to the land, dependent on soil fertility and climate.

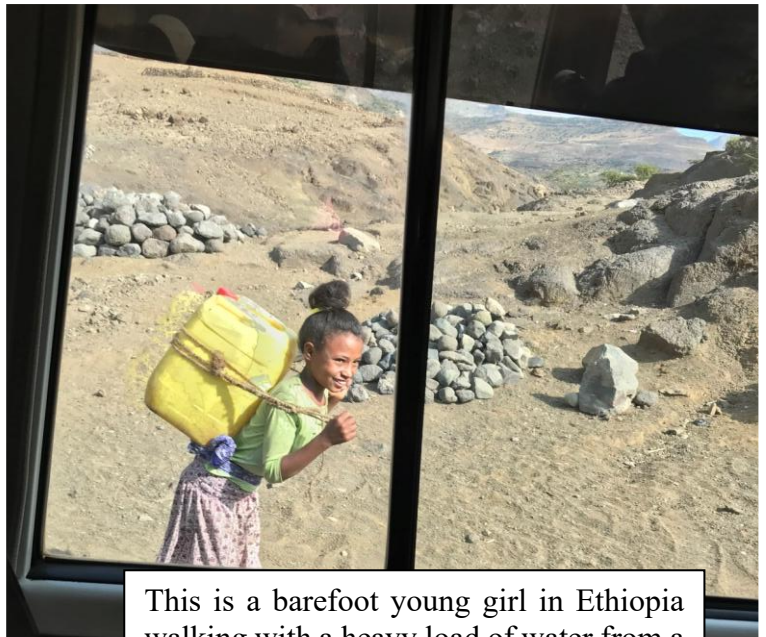
Not only are they forgotten: their lives are increasingly threatened: floods, droughts, land degradation, shortage of fertiliser and rising energy prices exacerbated by the Gulf War are having severe effects. The UN is forecasting 2.6 million people in **Malawi** will be experiencing food insecurity this winter.

Yet says St Paul: these are the very people God has chosen: the low born, the despised and rejected, the miserable of the earth, those who are nothing, to disempower, to displace those who think they are the real people. In God's restored creation, which Paul announces, they will be empowered by his Spirit of compassion and love.

And that, and not any quick fixes we can devise, is the good news in all this. It's a word of promise and a call to action. *What can we do?*

The woman walking the rocky path with the rice on her head probably tilled her fields (say a couple of football pitches) with a hoe, a heavy stick with a wide blade: back-breaking work in the African sun. For £50 one can buy (or could if one had that sort of money) a plough. With a plough you could not only plough your own fields but your neighbour's as well, earning some vital cash for family and farm.

And life can be further transformed for the woman walking home barefoot on a rocky path. Say she has grown 500 kgs and lives 2 miles away from her fields, she has to walk 40 miles, 20 of them with a 50kg sack on her head, to get her precious crop home to safety. With Scottish government help we were able to buy 50 ox-carts. Money from sales was recycled and over 200 oxcarts are now in use. They provide a communal service and have transformed local farms: not only getting the harvest back home, but bringing in fodder for farmyard animals, chickens, ducks, pigs.



This is a barefoot young girl in Ethiopia walking with a heavy load of water from a source many miles from her home.

There's so much that can be done to support the farmers. Churches can provide a market for their produce: **True Origin** in Paisley supplies wonderfully tasting foods from Kenya, Malawi (Kilombero rice!!), Mozambique and South Africa (many on sale at **Gavin's Mill** Milngavie).

Just as importantly, we need to raise awareness of the plight of farmers across Africa. African states are becoming increasingly fragile as farmers' plots get smaller, water becomes scarcer, extreme weather events inflict damage on crops.

Years ago, during the time of apartheid, someone asked a visiting Namibian priest in Balmore what liberation theology meant for us in Scotland.

He replied:

'It's about the body of Christ. We are one body. When the feet are burning, then the mouth must speak. We are the feet; you are the mouth.'

John Riches

The Revd. Professor John Riches is the founder of Gavin's Mill, Milngavie. The charity is urgently looking for volunteers to join the management team.

Previously, John ran the shop, the Coach House, as part of his home in Balmore.

More information can be found at <https://www.gavinsmill.org/>

Editor's comment: Many will remember the talk given by Willan Kalinda in October 2025, only a year ago, when he described vividly the scene around Livingstonia, Malawi, where he lived and worked. He mentioned the desperate struggle for farmers in the area and the effect of poverty on the whole community. Willan is also the Country Director of Scottish-based **Bananabox Trust**, which has an enthusiastic team of youthful staff working to collect and transport medical supplies, clothing and educational materials to the Community of Northern Malawi. We promised to continue supporting Malawi through mission giving.

ETHIOPIAN COFFEE HARVEST

This year's Ethiopian coffee harvest is running later than usual, and overall volumes are lower than last season. In a country experiencing extremes of poverty, with conditions of drought and internal conflict affecting millions, the coffee harvest is of vital importance.

Coffee originated in Ethiopia, where its story stretches from ancient forest use to a central role in culture, trade, economy, and national identity.



Selling coffee in the market

Ethiopia is widely recognised as the birthplace of coffee arabica, and its people used coffee long before it became a global drink. Arabica coffee evolved naturally in the cool, misty forests of Kaffa, Sidama, and Jimma in southwestern Ethiopia. These forests still contain the world's richest genetic diversity of coffee, and every Arabica plant grown globally traces back to wild Ethiopian populations.

The legend of Kaldi the goatherd, whose goats became lively after eating red coffee cherries, (see front cover picture) captures how Ethiopians are said to have first noticed coffee's stimulating effects. Long before roasting and brewing became common, local communities used coffee in practical ways including

chewing fresh cherries for energy and boiling leaves and husks into a tea-like infusion, a practice still found in parts of the country today.

By the 15th century, coffee had crossed the Red Sea to Yemen, where Sufi mystics brewed it to stay awake during night prayers. From Yemen's port of Mocha, coffee spread through major centres including Mecca, Cairo, Istanbul, and eventually Europe.

Over time, Ethiopia became increasingly connected to global coffee trade. It is the only country where Arabica grows wild. Coffee is woven into daily life through the traditional coffee ceremony, a ritual of hospitality and community, almost a religious ceremony, that every visitor to a village is offered.

Coffee is therefore more than an important export crop. It is a cultural anchor, a symbol of welcome, and a living link to Ethiopia's ancestral landscapes.

Janet Stack

ALL SAINTS LUNCH GROUP

During October we will be holding two lunches. These are as follows:-

October 7th will be our Harvest Lunch. This is a "special" with three courses rather than the usual two so please come with a big appetite.

At our lunch on **October 21st** there will be a recording of an episode of the "Two Revs on a Bench" series. This is a casual video series of chats featuring Rev David and Rev Roddy having random thoughts, reflections and asides from benches around Bearsden. This is we believe is the first from an indoor setting. A must see!!



Looking further ahead, during November we have planned a picture quiz entitled "Well Know Scots" (**November 4th**) and Pauline's Christmas Sales Table (**November 18th**).

With regard to the sales table, Pauline will be pleased to receive any items you have to donate for this stall.

All surplus funds raised from these lunches will be donated to the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. We look forward to seeing you.

Brenda & Philip

E GROUP SUMMER PARTY



On 28th August Celia kindly hosted our e group summer party. There were six of us, including Louise who took the photo above. We began by toasting our other members who weren't able to come.

We had all brought something for the table, such a variety, a feast. It was so nice sitting in such beautiful surroundings and with a view of the garden and among friends. There was no lull in the conversation, we touched on lots of subjects. It was such a happy atmosphere on a lovely late summer evening.

When it came to depart we all felt we could have carried on chatting but all good occasions come to an end. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. Thank you Celia.

On a more serious note we are still studying - "How To Pray" by Pete Grieg. Our next meeting is on 1st October, 7.30 at Jean Stirling's. If anyone would like to join us they are most welcome. It is an informal friendly gathering.

Elaine Perrett

THURSDAY HOUSE GROUP

Our first meeting this autumn will be on **October 1st** 7.30pm at 8 West Chapelton Crescent.

We made a start on our next book before the summer but, as some were on holiday, we will be discussing the first two chapters again on October 1st. We are using a book "**Jesus' Call to Discipleship**" by Professor James D G Dunn, who was a graduate of Glasgow University, later becoming Professor of Divinity at Durham

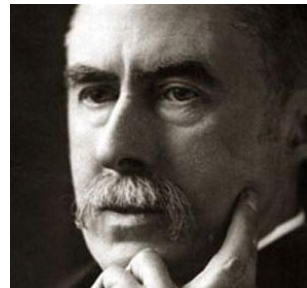
University. It is a book, written for group discussion, in the series *Understanding Jesus Today* and although written in 1992 is still very relevant. We meet about every two weeks and plan to cover the four remaining chapters before Advent. Please do get in touch with me if you are interested. We love having new members.

Janet Stack

HOUSMAN AND THE LAND OF LOST CONTENT

Into my heart an air that kills
From yon far country blows:
What are those blue remembered hills,
What spires, what farms are those?

That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The happy highways where I went
And cannot come again.



AE Housman (1859-1936): *A Shropshire Lad*: poem XL

Housman's collection of poems, *A Shropshire Lad*, is well-known – but only in part. The song settings form a much-loved part of the repertoire. But Housman's poems read in full make for melancholy and even grim reading. The 'land of lost content' itself deserves a place in the canon of utopian literature, a nostalgic longing for what has been lost: a place that seems to symbolise the contentment of childhood.

Yet Housman himself was not a Shropshire Lad but had been born and raised in Bromsgrove on the western edge of Worcestershire. So why Shropshire? Clee Hill lay just under 30 miles to the west of Bromsgrove and on a clear day was visible from Housman's home town. Shropshire thus became the poet's other land, the repository of his dreams and speculations. It was the one place in which he could repose and release his emotions.

The *land of lost content* is no simple arcadia; it may seem to be a place of innocence but the reality is different. Contentedness may have been lost from the outset. *Et in arcadia ego*: even in the most innocent of rural idylls, the serpent crawls and vice appears. The lads and lasses of Shropshire, under Housman's pen, suffer all the temptations and consequences that life too easily seems to offer.

Housman had lost his faith at Oxford; and poem after poem emphasises the need for stoic acceptance in the face of an uncaring universe. There can, of course, be a certain nobility in this and Housman offers it. Yet there is something more, something closer – in places – to the sense of the mystical. This is not quite the Dark Night of the Soul; but the work's continued popularity speaks to the ability of Housman's *tone* to capture something beyond our everyday lives.

A Shropshire Lad gained poignant resonance during the Great War; but the work was first published in 1896, in the aftermath of the Second Boer War. Most of it, however, had been written before that war and so carries a visionary quality.

Housman was working in London when the poems were written. His great love from Oxford, Moses Jackson, had rejected him. Where was consolation to be found? It is not totally fanciful to imagine that he could sense - taste, smell, *feel* - the air which *From yon far country blows*: for even in Glasgow, when the wind is from the east, one can taste and smell, *feel*, the North Sea and its coastlands. Nostalgia for the imaginary worlds of our youth can be so very powerful, as Marcel Proust was to share on tasting once more a *madeleine* dipped in tea. But for Housman this is an air *that kills*! The sense of innocent contentment is lost and is *not* regathered in pleasing memory. The pain of that loss overwhelms any pleasure that memories might otherwise have brought. It is not a poem of mere reminiscence, of nostalgia, nor is it a poem simply of loss: it is a poem of sorrow, of grief. Unlike a traditional elegy the lament for what is lost finds no resolution, no comfort, but is bitter in its conclusion:

The happy highways where I went / And cannot come again.

In these eight short lines Housman captures the near-universal sense of sorrow, loss and grief. It is an emotion that is known by and binds so many of us in a church community. But whereas Housman was an atheist we have the joy of the Good News of God's healing love to sustain us, no matter our sense of loss. In that sense this poem is a Good Friday poem, expressing a seemingly irretrievable loss. But we are Easter people and we know the hope and the truth of the Resurrection.

The Land of Lost Content may indeed be gone; but the Land of God's Eternal Love is with us, even now.

Revd Kevin

(from his September talk to the Wednesday Lunch Group)

Many thanks to Kevin for this moving article.

OCTOBER WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Just a few things to share with you this month. In terms of the Diocese, we now have a new member of the Diocesan Team as **Rev. Sean McEwan** (Priest-in-Charge, St. Columba's, Largs) has been appointed as the Bishop's new Liturgical Chaplain, following on from **Rev Canon Matthew Little**'s promotion to Dean (see <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/new-liturgical-chaplain-appointed/> for more details).

Thanks to those of you who responded to our call to attend the Service and Bring-and-Share lunch to complete their "Natural Church Development" questionnaires. A particular thankyou to Louise Benson and her team for organising the catering! We are hopeful that by the time you read this we will have reached our target for 50 completed questionnaires, which will make the exercise worthwhile. Please contact Rev. David if you have yet to fill yours in and we shall see if it can be added to the pile. We realise that not everyone was happy with the questionnaire itself. Our understanding is that the Diocese is going to amend the questionnaire to make it more suitable for use in our churches, but thank you again for bearing with this version and we look forward to hearing what the consequent recommendations will be.

The next North-West Regional Council (NWRC) meeting is on Wednesday, 23rd September at St. Michael's Helensburgh. I imagine that experiences of the NCD questionnaire will be high on the agenda!

Finally a big THANKYOU to those of you who sponsored Ed and myself for the Edinburgh Kiltwalk on Sunday, 13th September for the Sporting Aces (<https://www.thesportingaces.co.uk>).

You can see some lovely photos of our day on the Sporting Aces' Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/TheSportingAces>) but here also is picture of myself and Ed holding our completion medals (see attached photo)



If you still want to do this, please visit our "Justgiving" page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thesportingaceskiltwalk2026>.

David Simmons

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS COMMEMORATIONS

This year All Saints Day falls on **Sunday November 1st** and we will be celebrating our patronal festival as usual. In the morning there will be a 9.00am Said Eucharist and a 10.30am Sung Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints.

Then we are once again holding a joint Evensong service with New Kilpatrick and St Andrew's, Milngavie. The service at **5.00pm** uses the traditional Scottish Prayer Book Evensong and will include time to light candles and remember loved ones who have died as we also think of **All Souls Day** on **November 2nd**.



TOGETHER - BE PART OF OUR STORY!

We would love to hear from you! Our next edition of Together, the Bishop's eNewsletter, is being prepared for **Tuesday 17th November**. We welcome submissions and feedback! If you have a story from your community or from your ministry in the Church or the wider world, please email it to co-editor, Revd David Guest, at together@glasgow.anglican.org. We would also be happy to help you shape it, if you need support.

The newsletter ends with:

Let's close together with a prayer.

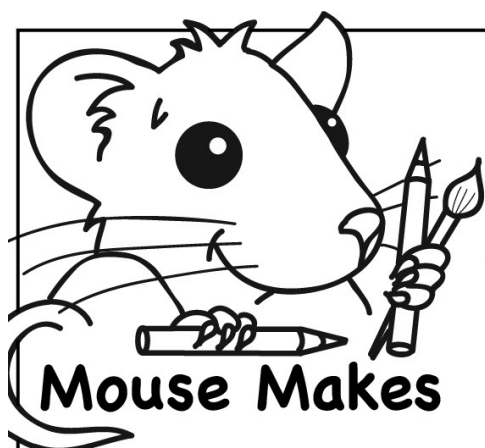
Faithful God,
thank you for the life we share
and for the people who help us recognise your love.

As the seasons turn,
give us courage for the next step
and patience when the way is unclear.
Keep us attentive to our neighbours,
and make our churches places of welcome and hope.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+Nick



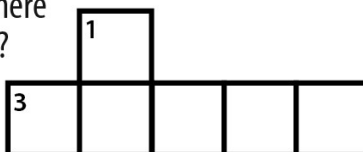
The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?



3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

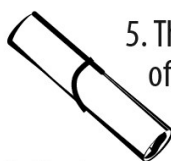
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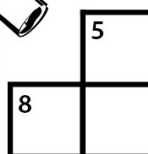
4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

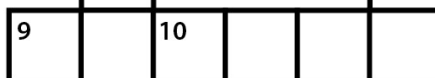


6. God's word is like? A _____ and a _____ Psalm 119:105

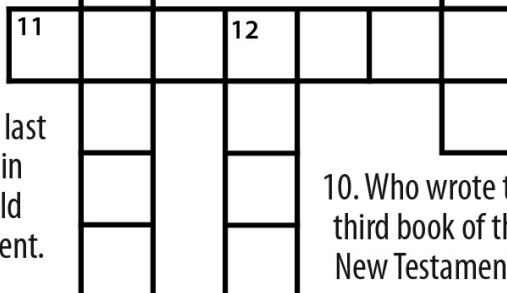
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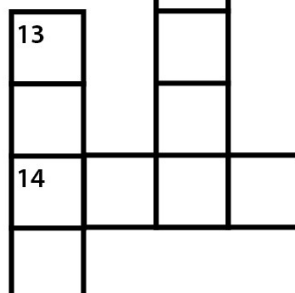
9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.



11. The last book in the Old Testament.



10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?



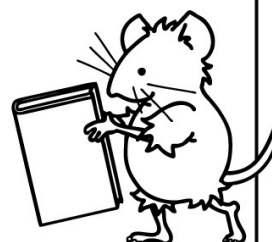
12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

of God. Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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	4 October Harvest Festival <i>Pentecost 19</i> (Green)	11 October Pentecost 20 <i>Trinity 19</i> (Green)	18 October Luke the Evangelist <i>Pentecost 21</i> (Red)	25 October Bible Sunday <i>Last after Pentecost</i> (Green)
Celebrant Preacher	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest Rev Stephen Parratt (10.30)	Rev David Guest Rev Dr Kevin Francis	Rt Revd Nicholas Bundock
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)	
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	David	Janet	Celia	Kate
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Graham	Jenny	<i>Clergy</i>
Readings	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12:26-30	Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14	Isaiah 35:3-6; 2 Timothy 4:5-17; Luke 10:1-9	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12; Colossians 3: 12-17; Matthew 24: 30-35
Reader	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake	Janet Stack	Graham Caie
Intercessor	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher
After-service Coffee	Jane Daphne	Dolina Brenda	Joyce John	Janet Gioia
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 Rector's usual days off each week are Thursdays and Fridays. One of these may occasionally change depending on other work demands.

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