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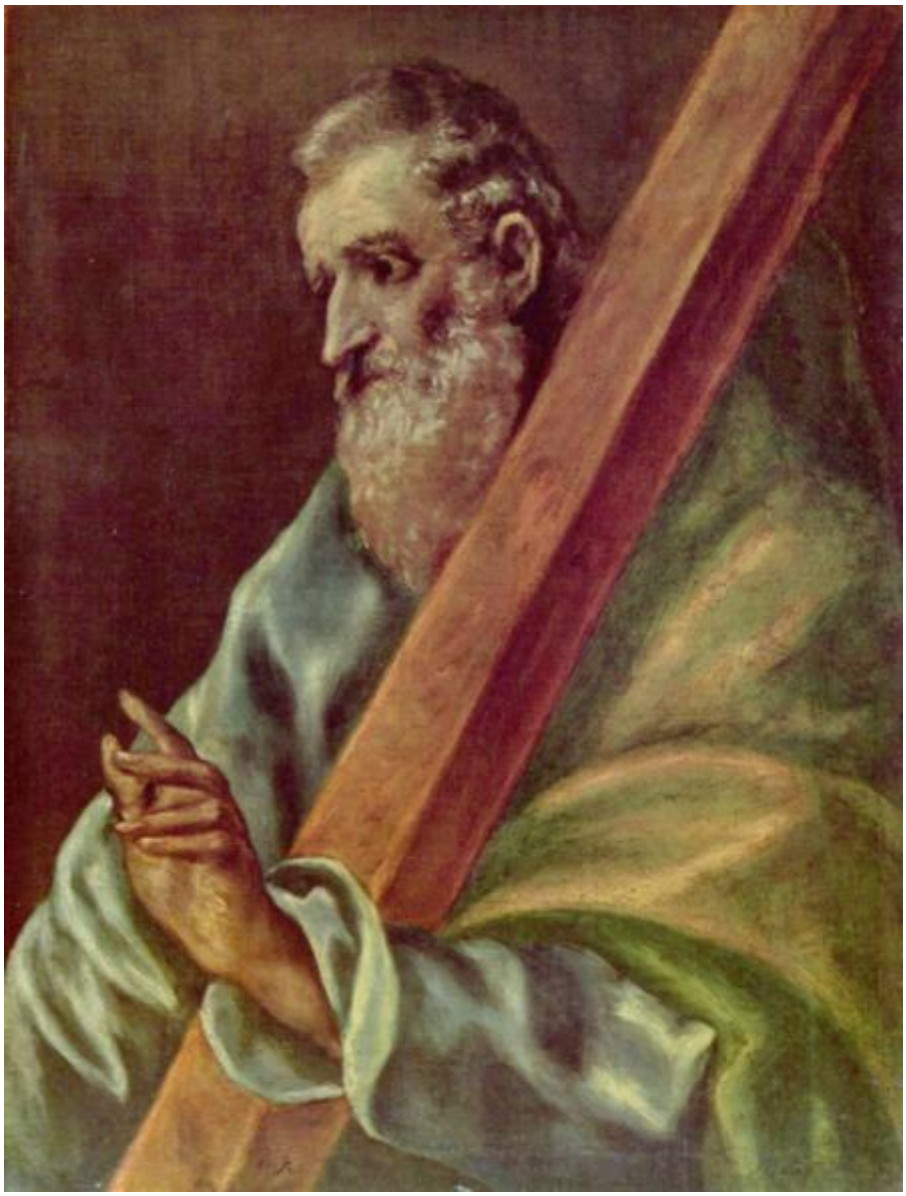

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Dear All,

Renewing Gratitude

Many will recognise that moment of waking up in bed and realising you can barely move and when you do you cry out in agony! A GP phone call diagnosis of "severe sciatica" was given when I experienced this recently with an immediate instruction not to work and to spend the next weeks resting, recovering and keeping mobile where possible.

The Bishop and Dean demanded that I ignored church matters and didn't even check emails (and in fact it was difficult to sit at my PC anyway) and I was grateful to Revd Kevin for arranging service cover and visiting with a couple more offering lifts for shopping trips to Stephen (who has himself been unwell).

After several weeks away from active church life due to these troublesome back problems, I very much hope as I write this to be back in some capacity with you all as this November magazine comes out.

It is a time of year when the Church's gaze is fixed firmly on memory, hope, and the great sweep of God's faithfulness across generations. It somehow seems strangely fitting. Convalescence has a way of slowing you down, forcing you to pay attention to what you might otherwise rush past. And as I step back into the rhythm of worship, I find All Saints and Remembrance speaking with a fresh clarity.

Our patronal festival of All Saints' Day on November 1st is, at heart, a celebration of the great company of the faithful — those whose names are known to the world and those known only to God. It reminds us that the Christian life is never a solitary endeavour. We are part of a vast communion, stretching across time and place, bound together not by achievement but by grace.

My recent spell of incapacity reminded me how much I rely on others, especially as it first hit when I was alone in the house: colleagues who stepped in, friends and church members who prayed, those who checked in. The saints are not remote figures carved in stone; they are the people who quietly hold us up when we falter.

Then comes Remembrance. The tone shifts, but the thread of gratitude remains. We pause to honour those who gave their lives in conflict, acknowledging the cost of peace and the weight of sacrifice. It is a solemn act, but not a hopeless one. Remembrance invites us to look honestly at the past while committing ourselves

to a future shaped by justice, compassion, and reconciliation. It is about memory, yes—but also about responsibility.

Towards the end of Shakespeare's play *The Tempest* Prospero says, "Let us not burden our remembrances with a heaviness that's gone." He is advising that memories of past wrongs should not be allowed to weigh heavily on the heart or mind and recommends that we release emotional burdens, forgive, and embrace the present and future without being trapped by past mistakes or misdeeds.

Returning to work after illness, I have found these themes intertwining. All Saints teaches us that we stand on the shoulders of others. Remembrance teaches us that the choices we make today shape the world future generations will inherit. Prospero emphasises the need to move beyond past grievances to achieve peace and harmony.

My own recent pause has reminded me that ministry is not about constant motion; it is about attentiveness—to God, to people, and to the quiet movements of grace in everyday life.

There is something profoundly humbling about being temporarily unable to do what you normally take for granted. Yet humility is not a bad companion for this season. It helps us recognise the fragility of life, the gift of community, and the importance of living with intention. I hope I am able to return to duties with renewed gratitude: for the saints who inspire us, for the fallen whom we honour, and for the living community who embody Christ's love in countless small ways.

My hope is that this season will encourage all of us to pause, to remember, and to give thanks. Not only for those who have gone before, but for the people who walk beside us now. In doing so, we may discover that God's grace is most visible not in grand gestures, but in the steady faithfulness of ordinary lives — ours included.

Revd David

Evensong and Memorial Service for All Saints and All Souls



We are once again holding a joint Evensong service with New Kilpatrick and St Andrew's, Milngavie, on **All Saints' Sunday, November 1st.** 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. Our curate, Revd Stephen Parratt, will be preaching.

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday falls on **Sunday, November 8th** this year. A civic service of remembrance is held at Bearsden Cross, beginning with a procession from Drymen Hall at around 10.45am. This will be followed by a short service at the memorial culminating in the two minutes' silence at 11.00am and the laying of wreaths.

In church as last year from **10.30am** there will be the opportunity to pray silently. At around 10.55am there will be a short led act of remembrance for those unable to attend the outside service.

No later than **11.15am** we will hold our usual Communion service, starting with the "second hymn" and going into two Bible readings, a short sermon and the rest of the service as normal.

We will also be marking the two minutes' silence at the end of our Wednesday morning **10.30am** Communion (**November 11th** itself) as this should coincide with 11.00am.

Annual Meeting Notice

Sunday November 22nd

Our Annual Meeting will be held this year on Sunday, November 22nd (the feast of Christ the King) following the 10.30am service. This is a date which is widely kept by other churches throughout the Province. It also links to the day where we must take numbers attending services as part of our annual return to the diocese.

At the Annual Meeting, as well as receiving the reports of activity during the past year (please let us have these as soon as possible for inclusion), we hold elections for the Vestry for the forthcoming year. We are looking for people who might be willing to consider standing for this important role in our church life. We have struggled during the past year, sometimes only just managing to be quorate, and this is far from ideal when the Vestry are the people making important decisions about church life. We need at least four new members so All Saints can carry on its affairs properly.

A Vestry plays an important part in the life of a congregation, working with the clergy in all matters relating to the spiritual welfare of the congregation, plus having responsibility with them for the management of the temporal affairs of the charge. Clergy and laity both have vital though different leadership roles in a

congregation and this collaboration is key in helping the church to flourish, both as a place of worship and spiritual growth, and reaching beyond the walls to the people and needs of our community. We hope that people will feel able to come forward as Vestry members or else vital work will not happen. Do have a word with me or other Vestry members if you would like to know more without committing yourselves or if you feel called to this important role. Brenda will have papers for vestry nominations.

Charges are also supposed to have a Rector's and a People's Warden (who have similar roles to churchwardens in the Church of England). There have been people in these roles before at All Saints and we need to reinstate these. The Rector is able to choose their warden while the congregation can pick theirs – so get thinking about who you would like to fill this important role on your behalf as well as encouraging new Vestry members!

Revd David

Vestry Notes October 5th 2026

- **Notice Boards**: The replacement of the Notice Boards is pending a Council decision. Replacement of the church's official signage (i.e. the "pub sign") is also awaiting action.
- **Organ:** The organ tuner inspected the organ on 19 September and identified the need for minor repairs.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The church accounts for the quarter from July to September 2026 circulated by Tracey on 4 October were noted. There was a deficit of £5,962, bringing the surplus for the full year to £17,383. However that annual surplus includes a legacy income of £18,000, as well as £2,000 received from the Benefact Trust for the bellcote repairs which have not yet taken place. When those items are excluded, the deficit for the year is £2,617.

  Actual items to note in the quarter include:
  - Other income of £800 from the Diocese towards the cost of the Quinquennial inspection
  - Property costs include the £1,963 cost of the Quinquennial inspection
  - Mission Support: Tracey will respond to the letter regarding the mission support. *(see p.21)*

- **Property Report:**
    - It was agreed that the replacement alarms would be stand-alone battery-operated wireless units together with a carbon monoxide detector at a cost of £270.The standalone batteries will be second of two options.
    - Funding will be applied for to replace the church's front storm doors.
    - The Quinquennial Report was discussed and a plan for implementing the essential repairs was formulated.
- **Rector's Items:** Revd David's health continues to improve, albeit slowly. He hopes to return for the service on 25 October.* The Vestry expressed its gratitude to Revd Kevin for stepping in at short notice and covering services and other events.

    Other items:
    - Rev. Stephen Parratt, our new curate, will preach for the first time at the service on 11th October.
    - Owing to Revd David's ill health, it has not yet been possible to arrange a meeting with him and Robin to discuss the working agreement and related matters.
    - The Eucharistic Assistants' agreements were renewed and new licences were issued at a special service at St. Margaret's Newlands, on 3 October. All but one of these agreements have been signed by Revd David, with the outstanding agreement awaiting return.
    - Concerns regarding the microphones were raised. John Harrington has arranged for the fault to be investigated with repairs to follow as necessary.
    - It was agreed that a new altar cloth would be purchased and protective covers provided for use during cleaning.
- **Lay Representative Report** :The North-West Regional Meeting was held at St Michael's Helensburgh on 23 September. David S reported the following:
    - The Diocesan Office has undergone restructuring involving a redistributing of responsibilities and the removal of an administrative post as well as the Treasurer's Office.
    - A brief report was given about Stephen's ordination at St Andrew's Milngavie
    - The need to establish a Risk Register was raised.
- **Safeguarding:** There were no matters to report.
- **Health and Safety:** No issues were reported. It was noted, however, that the need for a risk register discussed earlier, and suggested the need for a dedicated Health and Safety convenor to monitor these matters.

- **ACM Report**: Reports to be submitted to Brenda by 25 October.
- **Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme:** Wednesday Lunch Group will be collecting toys for Glasgow Holiday Group by 6 December.
- **The Bearsden Festival** was discussed and it was agreed that the matter would be included on the agenda for the ACM.
- A request to use the Hall for a Remembrance Day event on 8 November had been approved.
- **The ACM will be held on 22 November.**

The next vestry meeting: 9th November

David Simmons

*The Rector has since been advised to delay his return until November

New Photo Album
for
Sauer Organ and Halls Projects 1996-1999

This year being the thirtieth anniversary of the installation of our Sauer Organ, and Revd. David suggesting a rededication of the instrument by Bishop Nick, I thought this an ideal time to see if I could repair the photo-album. The old one which documented the congregational work during 1995-6 had become damaged over the years, sadly it was beyond repair due to getting wet at some point so I purchased a replacement.



I was talking to David Hamblen about my plans and he mentioned that it had been pointed out to him that there was no similar album for the New Halls project which took place shortly after in 1997-9.

When the new Album arrived it was obvious that there would be sufficient room to include something for the Halls as well. The only problem was, I didn't have any photos about the building of the Halls. After a few phone calls I remembered that Michael Graham was always around with his camera, so I phoned Mike who said that when he left the church he had put a quantity of photos in the sacristy.

David Hamblen searched and found them exactly as stated by Mike. I was delighted that Mike had been so careful not only to date each photo but also to write up the subject matter and what occasion it referred to, making my job of creating a time-line relatively easy. **Thank you Mike**.

For some reason that Michael can't remember, his photos didn't include the progress of Stage 2, the Glenburn Hall, but I hope you will agree with me, his meticulous work with the progress of the Drymen Hall (Stage 1) is enough detail to suffice for the whole project.



Another thanks go out to Fiona Hynd/Crighton who was heavily involved with the massive fund raising exercise needed. I initially phoned her hoping that she had photos of the opening of the Drymen Hall. She didn't, but had a list of the fund raising activities that she was able to send along with a memorable note:

"the list of fund raising activities included concerts, with handbell ringers, you yourself, local schools, a floral art demonstration, a sale of the century which I note shows we raised £2500, a Daffodil Coffee morning and a Fete. All of these gave money for the builds. We also gave out "talents" (namely a five pound note I think) and asked everyone who took one to increase the sum returning the cash at a special thanksgiving service.

*I have a note that the Fete included afternoon teas, a raffle, stalls including bottle, fancy goods, white elephant, cake & candy, books, comics & magazine, lucky dip, balloons were on sale, and there was face painting and an ice cream stall……**..it might give you some pleasure as it has me, just remembering how wonderfully well our congregation rose to the challenge!***

Wonderfully put Fiona! Indeed it brings back many happy memories.

John Harrington

Celebration of lay Ministries

The Eucharistic Assistants in all episcopalian churches require to have their authorisation officially renewed every few years by the Bishop.

So on **Saturday 3rd October** the Eucharistic Assistants of All Saints', Celia, Jenny, Louise and Graham (Ailsa was unable to join us), attended the Celebration of Lay Ministries with the Renewal of the Ministry of Eucharistic Assistants at the Church of St Margaret of Scotland in Newlands, Glasgow.

The Rt Rev Dr Nicholas Bundock, our bishop, officiated at this Holy Eucharist during which we received the official renewal of the ministry of Eucharistic Assistants; we later received certificates of renewal. It was a glorious occasion in the most impressive St Margaret's church, Newlands, with a large number of Eucharistic Assistants from all over the diocese attending; we spoke to some from Ayr and from Gretna Green, for example.

We enjoyed a full eucharistic service with an excellent sermon by the Bishop which had a theme of 'hands', as hands are what the assistant sees most prominently at the communion rail. We prayed that in the vocation and ministry of assistant that we might serve our Lord in holiness and truth; we then were asked to commit ourselves to work as Eucharistic Assistant in our local congregation, "serving God in all whom we meet."

The Bishop then gave us all "authority to assist in the administration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion."

The service was followed by a lunch at which we were able to meet members of other congregations.

Graham Caie

Land of lost content

Wednesday Lunch Talk by Revd. Kevin Francis

Thank you to Kevin for giving us such a lovely picture of the poem from A. E. Housman's "A Shropshire Lad". Kevin described his vision of the beautiful Shropshire hills from the motorway west of Bromsgrove which took me back to my idyllic childhood in the Lickey hills.

I was born there just 3 miles north of Bromsgrove at the top of quite a steep hill. In the winter, we children living there, were often allowed home early from school due to the heavy snow! Although we were quite elevated, we were not able to see the Chilterns as described by Kevin. The motorway was not built then

of course, as a result, I never glimpsed the Chilterns except when we went to Wales on holiday.
What we did see were the beautiful Malvern hills to the south which my mother got immense pleasure from each week as she walked home from the butchers. Thank you again Kevin, for bringing back so many happy memories.

Susan Harrington

WLG HARVEST LUNCH

On the Wednesday after Harvest Festival we had an extra special lunch with three courses. There was our usual delicious soup and this was followed by quiches, cold meats and salads and then an assortment of cakes which were all home-made. Many attended and all donations will go to the charity, The Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.

Some of the lunchers, who were not at the Harvest service, asked to see the splendid floral arrangements in the church, where they were greatly admired.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who support All Saints.

Mary Stott

Harvest Festival





As ever, the church looked wonderful for the Harvest Festival and added to the uplifting service conducted by the Rev. Kevin. Ann Caie and her enthusiastic team

excelled this year. Some of the examples are shown on these pages but others will be on the website soon.











Harvest Festival at All Saints



One of the specific delights of celebrations such as the Harvest Festival is that it provides the opportunity for the people of a church to come together as a *community* – one in which pretty much everyone has (*can* have) a part to play. And so it was again this year.

We celebrated Harvest Festival on Sunday 29th September this year and the first thing to say is how lovely, how florally abundant, the church looked. The floral displays, all put together on the Saturday, fully illumined our theme of Thanksgiving for all the Gifts of Creation. Our thanks from us all for the joy imparted by the flower team's labours!



Harvest Festival is also a time of giving. As has become our custom, food and other items of personal need were donated to the Drumchapel Food Bank. Our thanks must go to everyone who contributed to this and, which, having been blessed at the service, the many bags of food and other items were taken to the Foodbank during the following week.



Thank you everyone!

Our theme of Harvest Thanksgiving continued with the return of the Sunshine Bags (given out on Easter Sunday). Again, our thanks to all who have contributed to the church's funding in this (hopefully fun and painless (economically) way. Thank you. (And should there be any Sunshine Bags still to make their way home to us, there is still plenty of time …)





The excellent Harvest Festival Lunch provided by the Wednesday Lunch Group brought a delightful and most satisfying conclusion to our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving.

Our thanks and blessings to everyone. *Revd David and Revd Kevin*



Autumn in full flow at All Saints

ALL SAINTS LUNCH GROUP



We would like to thank all who attended our September/early October lunches.

In particular many thanks to Rev Kevin for his very interesting talk entitled "Land of Lost Content". We would also like to give our thanks to all of the ladies who helped to prepare our Harvest Lunch.

Turning to future events, on **4th November** there will be a simple picture quiz entitled "Well Known Scots".

On **18th November** Pauline will be holding her popular annual Christmas Stall. If you have any items that you wish to donate to the stall please let Pauline have them.



Further into the future we have two lunches in December. These will be on **2nd and 9th.** The latter date will be our Christmas Party.

All the surplus funds from these lunches plus the profits from the Christmas Stall will be donated to the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.

We are once again collecting toys and other gifts for the GCHS Christmas Appeal. We would welcome donations this year which Douglas will be collecting at the beginning of December. A box will be placed, as usual, at the back of the Church.

Douglas is always very pleased with All Saints support as are the recipients of our gifts.

These are two of the feedback comments following last year's distribution of gifts.

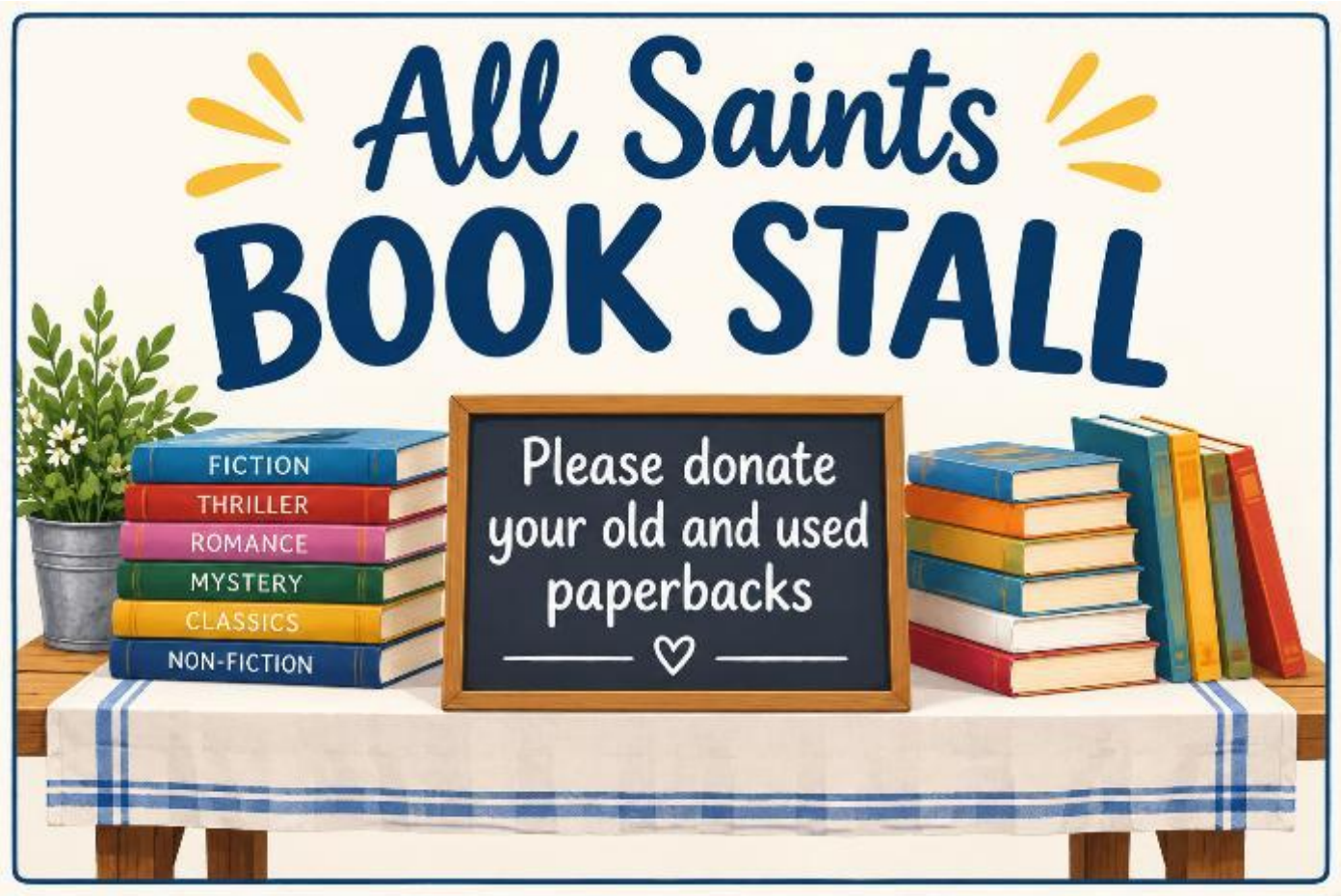
> "Thank you very much for this kind gift. It will be a great help to the family as I have been ill and will be having heart surgery in January. God bless you for thinking of our family"

> "Thank you so much for your gift it was an absolute godsend. This time of year is full of worry and stress and so I really appreciate the thoughts and help".

You can see from these comments how much our help is needed and appreciated. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the remaining lunches of this year.

Brenda & Philip

Book Stall



And don't forget that if you give a book that you've really enjoyed, please write a few words about it in the magazine.

GAMES, QUIZ AND DINNER

Saturday 28th November 4.00 -7.00pm



Please come and support our games and quiz evening. Whether you are fiercely competitive or simply like to have fun, bring some friends and don't miss this night of entertainment. There will be a quiz, a **delicious two course meal** and some games, all for the bargain price of £10. (Please bring your own bottle)

We are starting early so people aren't worried about travelling home late. Money raised will go towards Tearfund. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets will be available nearer the date from the Social Committee.

Celia and Social Committee

Cakewalk 2026

This year's Cakewalk was on Saturday 26th September, and I'm told that it's nineteen years since the first!

It will not have escaped the notice of our regulars that some of us are no longer in any way describable as spring chickens. Once upon a time the walk was always (about) eight miles, and we would take picnic lunch to eat half way. We nowadays aim for about three miles, though we somehow always manage to put away an awesome quantity of cake, regardless. The other big change that has happened over the years – a wholly positive one – is that it is now very much a joint affair with St Andrews, giving many of us a welcome opportunity to catch up with old friends – while scoffing cake!

This year, despite some slightly last-minute planning, we risked a rather complex operation, with a main start point at Edenmill, and an optional half hour earlier start at my sister-in-law's house at Auchineden (adding about a mile and a half of rougher walking). I must confess to a sense of relief, or even surprise, when everyone who wanted to come, came, and no one got lost. This was particularly impressive when you allow for there being not just two starts, but also two routes for the last section, which took us to our destination at my house - Ardbeg. Habitual cakewalkers will be aware that there have been hiccups in the past!

The weather smiled upon us, dogs behaved themselves, and despite having about twenty seven people for the tea (twenty on the walk), no one had to sit on the floor, and we certainly didn't run out of cake.

Thanks to everyone for their company, their cake, and their contributions. Rather more than £220 will go to a cancer charity.

Mairi Ross

Editor: Well done, Mairi, and thanks to all the wonderful bakers and washing uppers. I do wonder if you should bring back **Indulgences –** a great way to ease guilty consciences as in bygone days!

Shetland and the Wigtown Book Festival



Graham and I have been fortunate to have had a very varied summer going from one end of Scotland to the other.

Firstly four days on Shetland with my relatives from Manila and a Spanish friend

of theirs from Valencia. A group of six. (Interesting)!! We had such a good time none of us having been before. The weather was favourable but wild at times especially when we visited the lighthouse at Eshaness. I didn't get out of the car but watched people trying to keep upright.



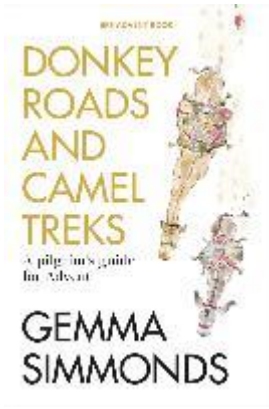
A fourteen hour ferry crossing each way which, despite many comments to the contrary, was absolutely no problem.

Then after our return home via Aberdeen and Haddington and the departure of our relatives, just the two of us this time we went to our bolt hole at the Isle of Whithorn for the Wigtown Book Festival. We had tickets for talks by Patrick Gale and Sophie Raworth, and one on archaeology by a contemporary of our son Guy. Graham and I were pretty tired by now so other than those talks we just relaxed in the sunshine, yes really, countryside and weather both gorgeous.

We have felt lucky to have had this summer, visiting different places, seeing family, hearing stories and staying in the UK.

Elaine Perrett

Advent at All Saints



For Advent this year we are offering our usual **weekly study course** with our friends from St Andrew's, Milngavie. We are going to use a highly recommended book as a springboard to our studies entitled **Donkey Roads and Camel Treks** (A pilgrim's guide for Advent) by Gemma Simmonds.

The book offers daily reflections over the four weeks of Advent, but we have found those attending prefer not to meet in Christmas week, so we will again run three sessions. In fact the book lends itself to the three sessions very neatly and this allows people to buy the book and fill in the last few days in the run-up to Christmas themselves.

The lectionary readings for Advent speak of making a straight path towards God, but many of us find our own route decidedly winding. Biblical characters in the story of the incarnation are called to set out on the road to discipleship using any means of carriage they can. This book offers user-friendly encouragement (with the occasional spur onwards) to explore what helps and what hinders us in this journey to deeper encounter with the flesh and blood God whom we find in scripture, in our lived experience and in the least of his sisters and brothers.

Gemma Simmonds is a Roman Catholic theologian and sister of the Congregation of Jesus. An ecumenical canon of the Church in Wales, she has trained candidates for religious life and ordination in the Catholic and Anglican churches, working as a spiritual director and retreat giver for over 30 years. She is a regular broadcaster on religious matters on the BBC and other radio and television networks, and speaks internationally.

Availability of the small hall means we will keep to Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm and the sessions will be on **December 1st, 8th and 15th** .

The book is widely available, and you are likely to find it cheap on Amazon Marketplace. A paperback version is available on the BRF website (https://www.brfresources.org.uk/products/donkey-roads-and-camel-treks-a-pilgrims-guide-for-advent) or on the main Amazon site

(https://www.amazon.co.uk/Donkey-Roads-Camel-Treks-pilgrims/dp/1800393474), so it is worth a quick hunt around.

Owing to a range of other activities taking place we will again have to hold our short **Advent Compline** services on Wednesday evenings in church at 7.00pm on December 2nd, 9th and 16th. We appreciate it makes Wednesdays busy but this is

to avoid other events. We will use the Advent study book for our reflections at these services.

Other events taking place during Advent include our **Advent Carol Service** in church on November 29th at 5.00pm, a **Nativity** in church with Maxholme preschool nursery on the afternoon of Friday, December 11th, a **combined Carol Service** at New Kilpatrick church on Sunday December 20th, a **Crib Service** in church on December 24th at 4.00pm, and a joint **Watchnight Service** at New Kilpatrick on December 24th at 11.30pm.

November Dates for your Diary

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/Games Night and dinner

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

St Andrew

There are so many occasions and services during November that poor St Andrew gets a little over looked! In the Gospels he is eclipsed by his brother Simon Peter, so I felt we should give him an honourable mention in our magazine, along with his portrait by El Greco on the cover.

Andrew was born in Bethsaida, a fishing village on the Sea of Galilee, where he worked as a fisherman alongside his brother Simon Peter. Originally a follower of John the Baptist, according the St John's Gospel, Andrew recognised Jesus as the Messiah and brought Peter to him, earning the traditional title "Protokletos" — the First-Called. Andrew appears throughout the Gospels as a quiet, perceptive presence: bringing the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus, guiding seekers to him, and acting as a bridge between people and Christ. After the Resurrection, early

tradition says he travelled widely in mission, preaching in Greece and along the Black Sea. In countries such as Greece, Romania, Ukraine, Georgia, Russia and more he is greatly celebrated. He was martyred in Patras, Greece, crucified on an X-shaped cross — now known as the Saltire.

St Andrew is commemorated in the Scottish Episcopal Church on 30 November, kept as a Festival of an Apostle and the Patron Saint of Scotland. By the Middle Ages, Andrew became deeply associated with Scotland after his relics were said to have been brought to Kilrymont, later called St Andrews, by St Rule, who journeyed from Greece. According to medieval tradition, St Rule (Regulus) lived in Patras, Greece, where St Andrew was believed to have been martyred. Legend tells that around **AD 345**, an angelic vision warned him that the emperor intended to move Andrew's relics to Constantinople. Rule was instructed to take as many relics as possible "to the ends of the earth" for safekeeping.

He set sail westward with followers and was either shipwrecked or divinely guided to land at Kilrymont, the Pictish settlement that later became St Andrews. The legend tells that he brought three fingers of St Andrew's right hand, an arm, a kneecap and a tooth!

Andrew is honoured as one of the Twelve Apostles and as Scotland's patron saint, a role formalised historically through the **Declaration of Arbroath (1320)**, which named him as the nation's protector.

Recently, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh hosted major St Andrew's Day services, including the signing of the **Saint Andrew Declaration**, a formal commitment to cooperation between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church of Scotland.



I have always had a great soft spot for St Andrew since, during school days in the town of St Andrews, my study desk looked across the Pends into the ruins of the Cathedral and St Rule's Tower – a wonderful view and on a dark evening a very atmospheric one, that compensated for tedious homework! My school house was named St Rule, though I don't believe anyone told us the legend of St Rule!

Janet Stack

Ordination of Stephen Parratt.



I was fortunate to be one of the members from All Saints Church to attend the Ordination of Stephen Parratt in St Andrews, Milngavie on Sunday 27th September.

This was a Diocesan Service led by our Bishop Nick accompanied by his Chaplain, the Dean, and several other members of the Clergy from the Diocese. His Ordination as a Deacon allows him to undertake the duties of a Curate which include Preaching, assisting at Communion including administering the Reserved Sacrament and general care of the Congregation and Community. He will act as a Curate in All Saints for the next twelve months prior to his planned ordination to the Priesthood. In the intervening period he will be able to gain an in-depth knowledge of the ways that the Scottish Episcopal Church functions and worships. This will differ in some respects from his previous experience in the Baptist Church, though as the Bishop pointed out this requires the same qualities of discipleship and humility.

The ceremony of Ordination formed part of a Service of Holy Communion. At the beginning Stephen was presented to the Bishop by Canon Paul Watson and Mrs Helen Paisley who confirmed that he was prepared for the post. After this a public declaration was made by Stephen to the Bishop that he would fulfil the solemn duties of a Deacon and this received the assent of the Congregation.



The Bishop then laid his hands on Stephen's head to bless him with the Holy Spirit and called on him to serve

in the Order of Deacons. He was then vested with a Stole and a Bible before being congratulated by the other Deacons present. The Service included five well -known hymns which the Congregation sang with enthusiasm.

At the completion of the Service there was the customary substantial hospitality from St Andrews with abundant refreshments to restore us all while we socialised with our new Curate and his family and friends. Stephen is no stranger to Bearsden having lived for some time with his family in Russell Drive in 1978. At that time his Father was Professor of Pharmacology and Physiology in the University of Strathclyde. We all hope he will enjoy his time with us at All Saints and wish him every Blessing in his new Post.

David Hamblen.

Thanks from Susan Gray

Susan and the family send their thanks to everyone who sent cards, letters messages and flowers on the occasion of Sam's passing. Also thanks for attendance at the funeral on Monday 5 October. The family felt supported and comforted by your attendance and the singing of the hymns made particular impact as one of our nephews remarked everyone knew and enjoyed singing them. Also thank you to Kevin for taking the Service and for his help, advice and support both before and after the Service.

Unfortunately I took unwell a few days after the funeral and will be unable to thank you personally for some time. Thank you.

Susan

Editor: Best wishes to Susan and hoping to have her back with us soon. Susan spoke very movingly about Sam and their work together with the Boys Brigade. It was amazing to hear that Jean Kerr's son, Billy, was a 'Golden Award' boy in Sam and Susan's BB company and delightful that Billy, who has 'retired' recently as Professor of Chemistry at Strathclyde University, attended the funeral, along with Jean.

We all enjoyed singing BB hymn.

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

A Message from the Treasurer

As you are aware, this year there has been a £5,000 fundraising target specifically to fund Mission Support payments. By the end of the financial year (30 September), a total of £2,335 had been raised towards that target.

If anyone would like to add to this by making a contribution towards Mission Support, please either put the donation on the collection plate in an envelope marked "**Mission Support**" or, you can make a transfer to the bank details below, again marked **Mission Support** in the description.

Bank: Bank of Scotland
Bank account name: Vestry of All Saints Church Bearsden
Bank sort code 80 05 57
Bank account number 00910893

Tracey Conway Treasurer

Together – Be Part of our Story

Our next edition of Together, the Bishop's eNewsletter, is being prepared for **Tuesday 17th November**. We would love to hear from you! 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.

Services in November

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

Date Sunday	**1 November ALL SAINTS** (White)	**8 November Remembrance Sunday** (Red)	**15 November 2nd before Advent** (Red)	**22 November Christ the King** (Red)	**29 November Advent Sunday** (Purple)	**6 December Advent 2** (Purple)
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)			Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	*Remembrance Service at Bearsden Cross at 10.50am followed by Sung Eucharist in church*	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
5.00pm services	Evensong *Preacher: Rev Stephen Parratt*				Advent Carol Service	
Stewards	Pauline	Tracey	Brenda	John	Dolina	David
Eucharistic Assistants	Louise	Celia	Graham	Jenny	Ailsa	Louise
Readings	***Morning:*** Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 ***Evening:*** Isaiah 65:17-25; Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2	Amos 5: 18-24 Matthew 25:1-13	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12- 18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1- 11; Matthew 25: 14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24- 37	Isaiah 40: 11; 2 Peter 3: 8- 15a; Mark 1:1-8
Reader	David Simmons	Mary Stott	David Hamblen	Bryan Stack	Daphne Farquharson	Gillian Kingslake
Intercessor	David Hamblen	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher	David Hamblen
After-service Coffee	**Pauline** Anne	**Gillian** Fiona	**Kate** Susan	**Mairi** Elaine	**Daphne** Jane	**Brenda** Dolina
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 From Wednesday December 2nd there is 7.00pm Night Prayer					

The Editor for the December/January edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to janet.stack@btinternet.com by **Sunday 29th November.** The magazine will be available by **December 6th.**

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