

# CYPRIAN Life



His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

*Matthew 25:21 (New International Version)*

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# Rector's Letter

*Dear Friends,*



**As I write this letter, my mind is focused on the Gospel for the coming Sunday, Luke 18 vv1-8. In this passage, Jesus is teaching about persistence in prayer. Prayer is such a vital part of the Christian life and yet we can only ever scratch the surface of its meaning and incredible power to comfort and to change.**

It is worth saying at the onset that prayer is for every Christian, no matter what your talents, skills, or circumstances. It should be our first and last resource not only in times of trouble but in our daily living. However, like many aspects of our Christian faith, we are asked to act without fully understanding why God wants us to operate in this particular way.

In Luke's Gospel passage Jesus tells the story of the Unjust Judge and the Persistent Widow. The judge has no interest, or concern, about the widow's case but because of her persistence he gives her justice to get her off his back. How much more, Jesus says, will God, who is interested and concerned about us, give justice quickly to His people.

The parable seems fairly straightforward until we ask ourselves what our persistent prayer is meant to achieve? Is God not paying attention to our plight? Is He not interested in the problems we face? Do we need to keep on

asking in order to get a response? There is a resounding 'No!' to all these questions. So what is the answer? Trying to understand the point of the parable takes us to the more general question, why do we need to pray at all? After all God knows our needs, God knows what He is going to do, He doesn't need us to tell Him what needs to be done.

Luke's introduction to this parable may give us a clue. He says Jesus told them the parable about "their need to pray always and not to lose heart." In other words, prayer is for us, not for God. God does not need our prayers, but praying helps us!! We often claim that prayer changes things. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that prayer changes us and then we change things. After all, we are God's body in the world.

So what happens when we pray? The major factor is that as we pray we are focused on God and our priorities begin to change; we are better able to reflect God's love for the world. As we focus on Him, we also begin to see more clearly the needs of those around us and begin to pray more effectively for them. Prayer enables us to put our problems and difficulties into perspective. In this way, the psychological stress we suffer is relieved as we are enabled to resolve hurts, conflicts and problems. Prayer changes our attitude to what is worrying us so that we can cope. Other people notice the change in us and this *continued overleaf*

*from previous page* results in a change in them and their attitude. This is for me the way God works in the world, through the prayer life of an individual.

I have not addressed the question of how our prayers affect God. But I don't think we will know that until we are with Him in heaven. Our task is simply to keep praying and to watch as God changes the world through our prayers.

Finally, may I thank all those who unanimously registered their support for me to continue at St Cyprians at the Congregational meeting. I was delighted with the outcome. The Vestry Secretary has written to the Bishop and we now await his reply.

Yours in Christ,

*Geoff*

## Monthly Prayer Corner

**During November please pray especially for:**

- Revd David Wostenholm and the congregation of St Matthew, Possilpark, as he begins his ministry there.
- For all families in our local communities affected by war and conflict, as we approach Remembrance Sunday on 11th November.
- For our Anglican Communion and the preparations for the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 2008, remembering especially Bishop Idris who will represent our Episcopal Church as Primus.

## Pastoral Care

**One of the important purposes of Christ's church is to provide the love and care we all need.**

If you, or anyone you know, would like a visit from a priest or the opportunity for a confidential chat and a prayer, please contact the Rector, Revd. Geoff Scobie, who will be happy to help in any way he can.

St. Cyprian's also has a number of people who are authorised to visit and simply be a trusted friend who can be there to listen if you wish. Geoff can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone Geoff on 0141-772 2907.

## Magazine Deadline

**The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday 2nd December.**

Please pass notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by 18th November in order to give time for typesetting and printing. Electronic format is preferred since this is usually quicker and more accurate. This will be a two-month issue. Thank you.

**Paul Hindle**

## The Link

**For the latest information about events at St Cyprian's, please check the *Link* each week in Church or on our web site, [www.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://www.stcyprianslenzie.com) .**

The Link in Word format and this magazine in pdf format can be downloaded by clicking on the links on the Publications page. If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to [link@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:link@stcyprianslenzie.com) or phone Kathryn Potts on 0141 578 0734.

# St John's Dumfries on New Ecumenical Journey

**On the afternoon of Sunday 30th September 2007 a Covenant was signed in St John's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumfries, between the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and the Glasgow Circuit of the Methodist Church in Scotland.**

The words of the Covenant include the following: We shall seek to widen our Ecumenical Partnership to invite and include all other Churches in Dumfries, wherever possible, so that our working together may be as wide as possible and our diversity not hindered by ongoing dis-union and rivalry.

In this spirit, it was signed during a 'Big Sing' of Charles Wesley's hymns (to celebrate his tercentenary) to which singers from all the Christian churches in the Dumfries area were invited. Over 400 people witnessed the covenant signing and I certainly thought the roof would be lifted off as the first hymn "O for a thousand tongues to sing" resounded through the church.

The Covenant commits each tradition to developing the already shared ministry at St John's and to continue to provide a place of worship for those seeking not only to witness in the Episcopal but also in the Methodist tradition and to forge stronger ties between them. As part of the arrangement the Rector of St John's will become an Associate Methodist Minister and St John's will be listed in both the Methodist and Scottish Episcopal directories.

Part of the celebrations included the dedication of St John's new porch windows and glass doors engraved by David Gulland, a glass artist and member of St John's congregation. The doors display engraved logos of the respective churches below traditional symbols of the Christian faith.

It was great to be part of this celebration in Dumfries where such a model of local ecumenical partnership can show the way forward to other churches in Scotland who are seeking closer links.

**Revd Sandy Montgomerie  
Ecumenical Relations Coordinator**

## Action Group for Spirituality Advent Quiet Day

**Saturday 8th December 2007  
10am for 10.30am - 4pm approx**

A quiet day is to be held in each of the seven regions of the Diocese at the same time. The one for our region, Glasgow North-East will be held at St Matthew's, Possilpark in Balmore Road, Glasgow.

**GLASGOW CHAMBER CHOIR  
November concert  
Saturday 24th November 2007  
7.30pm**  
**St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral,  
Great Western Road, Glasgow**

We shall explore the glorious world of the court of Louis XIV, coupled with moving works by Parisian masters of the twentieth century, Poulenc and Durufl.

For information and for tickets, please visit [www.glasgowchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.glasgowchamberchoir.org.uk).

# Signs & Symbols

A group of eight Christians visited the church in India recently and learned something about church floors.

When they arrived at the church where Sunday worship was to be held, they decided to take off their shoes. We'd got it into our heads that as you take off your shoes to enter peoples houses because of hygiene and the condition of the roads that one walks upon that we'd take our shoes off to enter the church.

This idea was reinforced when the Bishop from the Diocese they were visiting, took his shoes off and left them at the door. So we followed him and left our shoes at the door and in the eight of us went. The local people coming in behind us did the same. But halfway down the aisle the Bishop said "No, no, put on your shoes."

So back the English went to their shoes, and put them on. Seeing that, the local people went and retrieved theirs also.

Then the Bishop spoke to the one ordained English clergywoman there and said: "No, no, take off your shoes." At her bewilderment, he

explained: "Those who go in the sanctuary take off their shoes. everyone else keeps theirs on."

Aaagh. Simple really. To accentuate the Importance of the sanctuary area, it was the only part of the building with a carpet. Everywhere else was a painted concrete floor.

"I must say, I've never preached in my socks before!" she confessed later. "It really did make me think differently about where I walk. The feel of the floor under my feet, the temperature. the bumps and indentations, the potential hazards, and so on."

We often think of God as "ground"; Moses stood on "Holy Ground" when God spoke to him; we talk about Christ as our "Sure Foundation"; we say that Jesus is "The rock on which I stand"

This month, have a think about what you stand on. What holds up your life? Perhaps have a look at the reality of the floor in your church building and see what it may say to you about God and where you walk.

**Revd. Jo White**

*Contributed by Vivienne Provan*



For 20 years, HOST has been linking international students at British

dred more had to be disappointed and none more so than the many who were hoping for invitations in Scotland.

If you think you might be able to offer an invitation this Christmas, please look at [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org), or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser: Anne-Marie Ringler on 01698 386100. HOST is a registered charity, founded by the British Council and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to promote international friendship and understanding.

universities with volunteer hosts, for short, enjoyable and mutually beneficial visits. Last year, several hundred adults, from all over the world, enjoyed discovering Christmas in private homes across the UK. Sadly, several hun-

# Stop Human Trafficking

**From 2-6 p.m. on Saturday 8th September, George Square rang with the sound of Christian bands and solo artists. The event was staged to highlight the problems of human trafficking in Glasgow. The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church opened with prayer. Baillie Catherine McMaster spoke on behalf of the Glasgow City Council.**

This was the first time Christians from different denominations and churches had staged such an event in George Square.

The programme included the Korean and Perth choirs who were memorable followed by rappers whose enthusiasm held the youngsters' attention in the crowd. There were bands and solo artists. There were about 200 people standing or sitting and listening at any one time.

The speakers were very eloquent. They explained how trafficking was a form of modern day slavery: The need for society to be-

come aware that trafficking was happening in cities all over the UK, including Glasgow.

Speakers included a Bishop from Kenya, the Salvation Army, the Methodist Glasgow Cir-

cuit, the Baptist Union, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Free Church of Scotland, the Mothers' Union and the Evangelical Alliance. Thirty stewards in their bright Freedom for All T-



shirts circulated and collected 1,500 signatures for the petition.

Trafficking is big business - £4 million a year. It requires a political will, backed up by public concern to rescue the victims and jail the traffickers. That is why we are asking people to sign a petition which we will present to the Scottish Government at the end of November. We are also asking churches to have a retiring collection to help us continue to fund the event and the petition. Trafficking and traffickers prey on vulnerable women and children, suffering poverty and adversity. Their nightmare is on a scale we cannot imagine.

**Enid Scobie**



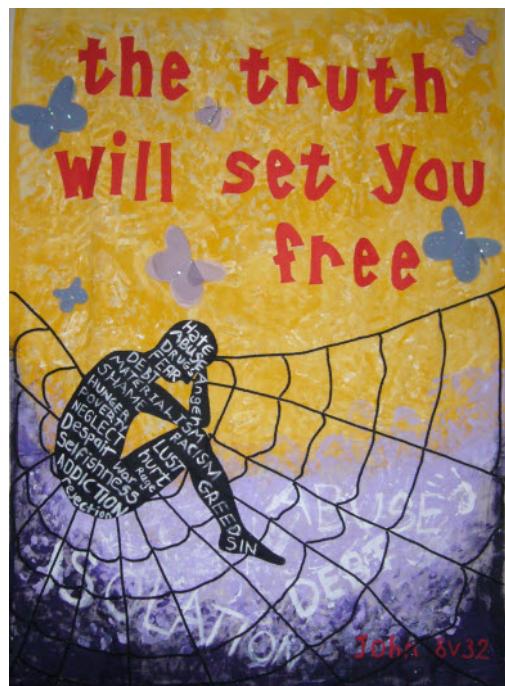
# acts Service

Thursday, 11th October 2007  
Kirkintilloch Baptist Church

This provided a great opportunity to experience the new Baptist Church in action. With over a hundred in the congregation and good representation from all the affiliated churches, we explored more of the horrendous information and statistics regarding human trafficking throughout the world with special reference to the problems in Glasgow.

We were shown two DVDs and Geoff gave a powerful presentation all drawing our attention to the size of the problem within our midst. Father Hurley led the evening thoughtfully in prayer. This was a poignant last official duty for the Lenzie and Kirkintilloch ACTS Group as he retires from St Ninian's on 21st October. Rousing music was led by the Baptist Group with keyboard, drums, guitar and young singers (*below*).

Following her move to Drumchapel five weeks ago, Audrey Jamieson, who has steered the ACTS group with immense enthusiasm over the last couple of years, returned to read the Bible text. Geoff presented her with a leav-



ing gift and thanked her for all her efforts and inspiration (*below*).

Concordia (*opposite page right*) sang the spiritual “Deep River” to lead into the Message that was given by Iain Whyte (*opposite page left*) who has been consultant to the National ACTS working group in 2007 and was former secretary to





Christian Aid. His highly informed sermon traced the history of slavery through the years, putting today's problems in a long term perspective and drawing attention to key events along the way.

Finally, representatives from the local churches came forward to participate in Intercessions that addressed those in the community trapped and enslaved by problems of modern day existence (*above*). They were depicted on a very profoundly moving banner created by the young people of the Friday Night Live youth group of KBC (*left*). We sought forgiveness and release from the shackles of these evils that included, abuse, greed, depression, poverty, racism, hatred, anger and addiction. We prayed for freedom through the love of Christ and that people could be freed from these and all other elements that distort and seek to destroy our lives. It was a very mean-

**WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?**

- They run recruitment agencies
- They are family members or friends
- They pretend to be 'boyfriends'
- Small groups who see it as profitable
- Large scale organisations which may, or may not, be connected to organised crime



ingful act of prayer for everyone and there was a strong feeling of unity amongst all present.

As a final act, those who had not signed the petition seeking government action in this area, were invited to record their support.

Altogether, it proved a powerful and successful ecumenical exercise. It highlighted the very strong message that in the 200 years since the official abolition of slavery, it remained a major problem and concern within our community today.

**Mary Boyd**  
**Hon Secretary**  
**Kirkintilloch & Lenzie ACTS Group**



# **St Cyprian's Christmas Fayre**

## **Saturday 24th November 2007**

### **10am - 3pm**

### **Lenzie Public Hall**

This is our big fundraiser of the year and we need your help to make it a success. The help required and the timing are illustrated opposite. In particular we need extra help to move things from the Church Hall on Friday and to clear the Public Hall on Saturday afternoon. Also the stall-holders need help with donations (see adjacent panels for particular appeals), setting up and clearing up (the 'suspects' are shown overleaf).

## **Crafts Wanted**

### **Finished or Unfinished**

**The Craft Stall team is making a plea for crafts especially knitting**

They are also very happy to receive half finished items provided they are handed in early enough for them to be finished in time for the Fayre.

Many thanks from the craft 'team' Pam Bentley, Mary Stephens, Prim Parry and Glennis Tavener.

It is Glennis who is willing to finish items.

## **Jewellery Wanted**

The Jewellery Stall at the Christmas Fayre is looking for any unwanted items of jewellery—beads, necklaces, bangles, bracelets, earrings, brooches, rings, watches etc. plus unwanted jewellery and watch boxes.

Please hand to Anne Carswell or leave in the Choir Vestry. Thank you.

## **Home Baking**

Lots of home baking is needed for the Home Baking Stall and for the Tearoom. Please see Val Fallon and Avril Critchlow for details of what is needed and how it should be prepared for use on the stall or in the tearoom.

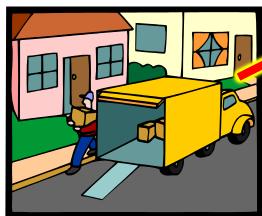
The home baking stall can also sell jams and sweets,

**Many thanks.**

# Friday



Church Hall opens 10am  
for collection of tables,  
crockery, donations, etc.



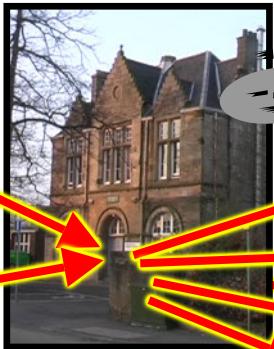
Gill Inglis' garage  
at 10.30am for  
collection of books.

# Help!

Lenzie Public Hall ready  
for stall-holders to start  
setting up 11.15am. Hall  
open till 4pm and then  
from 6.45pm till 9pm.

# Saturday

Public Hall opens at 9am for final setting up.  
10am to 3pm Christmas Fayre in full swing!



2.30pm

strong helpers  
arrive to assist with  
clearing.



# St Cyprian's "

Aileen in the Kitchen with the tongs



Glennis in the Sewing Room with the needle

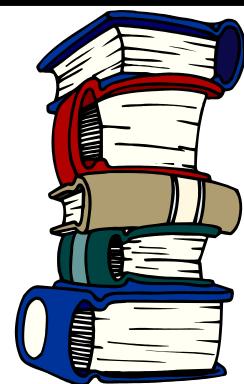


Daphne the Ballroom with the candlesticks or tree



**Saturday  
24 Nov 2007  
9am onwards**

Jane in the orangery with the wreath



Avril in the Conservatory with the teapot



Val in the Morning Room the Cake s

# Who dun it?"

Come and join  
the fun!

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Gill in the Library  
with the  
encyclopaedia

Anne in the  
Study with  
the diamond  
encrusted  
hat-pin



Pat & Paul  
in the  
Games room  
with the  
Bottle of  
poisoned  
wine



Mike in  
the Hall  
with the  
Bag of  
money



Kathryn in  
the Nursery  
with the  
Teddy



# 2007 Poppy Appeal

This year's appeal comes at a crucial time for The Royal British Legion. Once again, events in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown us the very high human cost of conflict, and it is clear that the work of The Royal British Legion is needed now more than ever.

It is just weeks since we launched our Honour the Covenant campaign, lobbying for improved conditions for the Service community and clearly there is much still to be done to achieve this.

Our annual Poppy Appeal is the Legion's major fundraising campaign and our aim this year is to raise an unprecedented £27.5 million allowing us to continue the work that means so much to the thousands of serving and ex-Servicemen and their families who approach The Royal British Legion every year for help.

Last year the Appeal raised a record total of £26 million and yet this only accounts for a third of the £75.5 million required to carry out the Legion's work. Much of this money goes to fund Poppy Support, the Legion's range of welfare services set up to support those who have served and continue to serve in the British Armed Forces. This year we have added new Poppy Support services to increase the range and breadth of ways in which we are able to support the ex-Service community.

## Advance Notice **Christmas Decorating**

The church will be decorated for the Christmas Festival on Saturday 22nd December at 9am.

Donations of flowers, holly and ivy would be much appreciated.

Many thanks  
Anne Carswell



It's not just older people who benefit from Poppy Support. The Legion helps people of all ages, providing financial, social and emotional help to all those who have been affected by conflict and increasingly we see younger people coming to us for help. Beneficiaries range from children to widows, from single mothers to pensioners, in fact anyone who finds themselves in need. Some 10.5 million people – that's one in six of the UK population – are eligible to approach us for help.

The 2007 Poppy Appeal campaign highlights the following stark facts about those in need of assistance from The Royal British Legion.

- 900,000 ex-Service people with a disability
- 180,000 ex-Service people without visitors
- 40,000 families who need our support

Over the last year the number of beneficiaries of our work aged 35 or under has increased by 30%. This strongly points to a growing need for our services among younger serving and ex-Service people.

With British Service people on active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq and in many other parts of the world, a large proportion of whom are currently under 30, the Legion's role of safeguarding the welfare and interests of serving and ex-Service people will be needed for many years to come.

More than 16,000 British Service men and women have been killed or injured on active service since 1945 in conflicts up to the present day, including Bosnia, the Falklands, Afghanistan and Iraq.

## African Evening Friday 16th November, 2007 7.30pm

Rev Dr Lukas Njenga will speak about his life in Kenya, and his work in Glasgow. There will also be an opportunity to learn about MU projects in that country.

There will be an African Singing Group and African music.

African food will be served.

Promises to be a great evening.

**All Welcome**

## Diocesan News

This magazine incorporates selected items from the Diocesan News. Those articles have the heading style of this item. It is published ten times per year by the Scottish Episcopal Church, United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

If you would like to read all the available news, please contact me. Normally, the news can be downloaded from the diocesan website: [www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk](http://www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk), but at the time of writing, the recent issues are not on-line.

The DNS Editor role is being covered by the Revd Ali Chesworth, Convenor of the Diocesan Information and Communications Group, ☎ 0141 959 3730 or e-mail:

## Advent Reflections

**Advent Sunday**

**2nd December 2007**  
**6.30pm**

**St. David's Memorial  
Park Church**

Kirkintilloch

**An evening of music and verse  
with Concordia**

**All Welcome**

dns@allsaints-holycross.com or c/o Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow. G1 2DH ☎ 0141 221 5720/2694. Any copy for the next issue should be sent to Ali. The deadline is Monday 12th November 2007.

Please let me know about what is important to you. It is great to be able to report family events and things happening in our local community.

The views expressed in Cyprian Life and the Diocesan News are not necessarily those of the Editor of either publication or the Diocesan Information and Communications Group.

**Paul Hindle**

# Report on the Bishop's Staff Group 2006-2007

**Under the diocesan constitution, the Bishop's Staff Group is responsible to the Diocesan Council for the day-to-day management of the Diocese and its resources. It accounts for its actions and decisions at each Council meeting.**

In addition it reports after each meeting to each Region, Diocesan Council member, and through DNS to the diocese.

It currently consists of the Bishop, the Dean, the Provost, the Synod Clerk (as one of the diocesan trustees), the Diocesan Treasurer and the Diocesan Secretary

Over the past year the Staff Group has dealt with the following matters:

- Proposed Diocesan Festival, subsequently dropped due to lack of support
- Vacancies at: South Ayrshire, Bishopbriggs, King's Park, Possilpark, Lenzie, Kilmarnock, Renfrew & Johnstone, Cambuslang& Uddingston, Cumbernauld, Cathedral, Kirkcudbright & Gatehouse of Fleet, Gourock, Clarkston
- Further development and support of the Drumchapel Partnership
- Construction project at St Mark's, East Kilbride
- Management committee of the St George's Building
- Gothenburg Diocesan Partnership
- Arrangement for the purchase of new flat for the Cathedral
- Fees for Funerals, etc
- Winding up the diocesan Special Projects Fund
- Obtaining successors for the outgoing Diocesan Treasurer, and Surveyor
- New developments in Scottish Charities legislation
- Support for a book on Glasgow - Medieval City
- Monitoring Child Protection compliance
- Ministry to young people
- Dissolution of St George's, Maryhill
- Arrangements for Diocesan Synod and Special Synod
- Arrangements for and reporting to Diocesan Council meetings
- Conveners for Interfaith and Education
- Guidance of vestry treasurers
- St Matthew Centre
- Compliance with Health and Safety legislation
- the Chathouse and Heart of the City
- the Diocesan loan to the cathedral
- Cathedral Support Grant
- Negotiations with Argyle Energy to supply power to charges and rectories
- Consultations on the draft Anglican Covenant
- Administrative support for the Human Trafficking Rally
- Diocesan information and communications
- Monitoring management accounts
- General Synod pre-meeting
- Monitoring the work of the Property Committee

The Staff Group is also responsible for the operation of the Diocesan Centre under the

# Group Retreats—Isle of Cumbrae

‘The Cathedral of The Isles’ is offering the following group retreats in the early part of 2008:

## February 22nd-28th: ‘A Celtic Monastic Experience’

Prayer, plainsong, calligraphy, walking meditations, community activities, a visit to a Celtic monastery, ‘lectio divina’, personal spiritual guidance and the Daily Office. For a few days come and be part of a Celtic, monastic community.

## March 10th-13th: ‘Life Through Imprisonment’

A study of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Readings and lectures to discover how confinement can be creative.

## April 6th-10th: ‘Jesus the Jew’

An exploration of the religious background of Jesus ministry tracing his path through a Jewish childhood, his liturgy and his life as an adult practising Jew.

## April 25th-30th: ‘Celtic Art and Poetry’

An examination of the history of the Celts through manuscripts, artwork, poetry and the monastic life including a visit to carved stones and a Celtic monastery.

For details of further group retreats led by Helen Hamilton and ‘Music breaks’ led by Alastair Chisholm, please view our website: [www.island-retreats.org](http://www.island-retreats.org)

Helen Hamilton trained as a teacher, worked as a prison governor and became an Anglican religious before reading for degrees in Jewish/Christian liturgy at London and Cambridge. She has been Warden of The Cathedral and College, Isle of Cumbrae since 2006 and offers individual guided retreats, spiritual guidance and counselling to guests.



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management of Mrs Jean Graham. The staff here carry out a wide range of duties including:

- Maintaining diocesan accounts
- Arranging deputising cover for charges affected by transition and illness
- Providing administrative and office support for the Bishop and Primus
- PAYE on behalf of charges who require such help
- Dealing with queries from within and outside with the diocese
- Liaison with the General Synod Office
- Custody of title deeds and other documents
- Office support for action networks and diocesan committees
- Providing all logistical and administrative services for Synods
- Maintaining records as required by the Canons, Charities law, and other legislation

**Gib FitzGibbon**  
**Diocesan Secretary**

# Vestry Notes

**There have been two vestry meetings since the summer break, held on 15th August and 26th September respectively.**

The Vestry have considered and supported a range of different items, including

- The formation of a new Mothers Union branch at St Cyprian's
- Creating a new office in the church for administration
- The SEC booklet on "Protecting Vulnerable Adults", which provides helpful guidance on good practice in this area
- A report on the very successful anti Slavery event held on Saturday 8th September in George Square, which went very well, and the proposed subsequent petition, and discussion with government, seeking improved facilities for rescued women.

## Property

Various property matters have been discussed and a number of repairs and upgrades, such as the new sound system, notice boards, repairs to lighting, gutter clearance etc have been actioned in the church and hall. The Vestry have considered the various storage and container options, and after looking at planning requirements, have agreed that the best way forward will be to purchase a metal storage shed. The Property group will look at the possibility of organising a team to repaint in the church, under the heaters.

## Rector Appointment

The Vestry have also considered, at length, the various potential options, for the appointment of a Rector, in advance of the Congregational meeting held on 30 September. The Vestry were very pleased that Rev Dr Scobie indicated that he would be happy to continue

as Rector, if this was the wish of the Vestry and the congregation as a whole, and both he and the Vestry members all

agreed that the most desirable outcome would be to have the Rector appointed as an incumbent. They also agreed that it would be appropriate for the issues of where to have the Peace in the service, to be raised at the meeting,



## Stewardship

Glennis Tavener has been co-opted as a new member on the Vestry, and will be able to advise specifically on this area, as she is the North East Regional Council representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee.

## Financial

Various letters of thanks have been received for donations from St Cyprian's. The Treasurer has reported on issues regarding fire inspection and fire equipment training, copyright renewal, the Rectory letting and the impact of the new charity legislation.

He has prepared the draft accounts, which were discussed fully with the Vestry at the October meeting, prior to the AGM. He also confirmed that David Calder, Treasurer of Lenzie Old Church, had kindly agreed to be the Independent Examiner. The Vestry were happy to approve this appointment, which will, of course, require to be ratified by the congregation at the AGM.

## Church groups

The Vestry received reports from a number of church groups:

- The Marketing Group, who have worked with the new website, produced an information leaflet and is looking at other promotional resources.

# Invitation

The Coach House, Balmore, 14th November, 10.30am-5pm

Bearsden Public Hall, 28th November, 10am

Each year, The Balmore Coach House dedicates part of its profits on one day to help The Caledonian Award. This is an ideal time to go along and have a coffee or a meal and to buy cards and gifts as well as Traidcraft and other fair trade goods. So please go along on Wednesday the 14th. You'll be able to support two good causes at the same time. The Coach House is located at the cross-roads in Balmore, on the A807 one mile west of Torrance.



*The Balmore Trust*



The Caledonian Award's annual awards ceremony takes place on Wednesday 28th November. Everyone is invited to attend, but please let Susan Frost, the Award Director know by Monday 12th November so she can organize the catering etc. Here office number is 0141 931 5678 or 0141 943 1445, email: mail@thecaledonianaward.org.uk, fax 0141 942 9562. The ceremony takes place at Bearsden Public Hall, 69 Drymen Road, Bearsden, G61 3QT, which is also the Award's postal address.

- The Constitutional Group, who have produced a report and a draft constitution with several proposed changes, following the Cormack report, and the recent changes in charity law.
- The Pastoral Group, who are undertaking visits to members on the congregational list.
- The Social Group, who have held a number of events recently, such as the very successful beetle drive.
- The 3Cs group, who organised the recent jumble sale and are busy planning other community and fund raising activities
- The Music Group, which will be extended to include one or two member of the congregation on this group to help with suggestions for the church music.

Sally Pitches  
Vestry Secretary

## Girlguiding Award for Sally

Our Vestry Secretary, Sally Pitches, who is Executive Director of Girlguiding Scotland, has received the Scottish Chief Commissioner's Award for her contribution to guiding locally, nationally and internally both as a staff member of the organisation and as volunteer.

We send our congratulations to Sally and thank her for all she is doing for St Cyprian's as a volunteer here too.

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

## Daily Prayers:-

### NOVEMBER

- 1st Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 2nd The departed
- 3rd Those who mourn

## Sunday 4th November

### ANGLICAN

The people of the diocese of Ukwa in the Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria, and their Bishop The Rt Revd Kelechi

### DIOCESAN

The Church of St Francis of Assisi, Kirkcudbright and St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet where there is a vacancy with the Revd Tony Mann acting as Interim Priest

## Daily Prayers:-

- 5th The work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, Scotland
- 6th The people of the Sudan
- 7th The Scottish Poppy Appeal and Gill Inglis
- 8th For those who died in war and their families
- 9th For all ex-service men and women, incapacitated by war
- 10th For the Erskine Hospital and nursing home in Renfrew

## Sunday 11th November

### ANGLICAN

The diocese of Vanuatu in Melanesia and their Bishop The Rt Revd James Marvin Ligo

### DIOCESAN

The churches of St John the Evangelist in Dumfries with Revd Robin Paisley; and Christ Church in Dalbeattie with the Revds Kenneth Stephen, Beryl Scott and Richard Stephens

## Daily Prayers:-

- 12th The National Meningitis Trust (21 years old today)
- 13th Staff and patients in hospitals, hospices

and nursing homes

- 14th For hospital chaplains and the ministry of healing.
- 15th For relief from the continued struggles of the African peoples
- 16th For the poor and the orphaned (Margaret of Scotland; BBC Children in Need)
- 17th For St Cyprian's congregation, Vestry and Geoff, our Interim Priest as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting tomorrow

## Sunday 18th November

### ANGLICAN

The diocese of Waiapu in New Zealand and Bishop John William Bluck

### DIOCESAN

The churches of St James-the-Less in Bishopbriggs with the Revds Shelley Marsh and Bryan Owen; and St Matthew's in Possilpark with the Revd David Wostenholm.

## Daily Prayers:-

- 19th For wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service
- 20th For the Diocesan Centre Staff; Jean Graham and Christine Hughes
- 21st Remembering Hiroshima: for a world free from nuclear weapons
- 22nd For the people of the Church of Ireland
- 23rd For the 3C Group as we preparation for the Christmas Fayre
- 24th For love, fellowship and happiness at our Christmas Fayre

## Sunday 25th November

### ANGLICAN

The diocese of Wellington in New Zealand and their Bishop The Rt Revd Dr Thomas John Brown

## DIOCESAN

The Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin in Glasgow (St Mary's Cathedral), Provost Kelvin Holdsworth, the Revds Caroline McKillop and John Riches, and the Cathedral Chapter

### Daily Prayers:-

- 26th For the Scottish Episcopal Church and +Idris, our Diocesan Bishop & Primus
- 27th For the Diocesan Information and Communication Group; Ali Chesworth and Ian Ansdell
- 28th For all at the Caledonian Award Presentation in Bearsden; Susan Frost and Jenny Proctor
- 29th For the Park Centre and others like it, nationwide
- 30th For the people of Scotland and the Scottish Government (Andrew)

## DECEMBER

- 1st For all suffering with AIDS and for those infected with HIV

## Sunday 2nd December

### ANGLICAN

The diocese of West Texas in Province VII of the USA and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Gary Lillbridge also for The Rt Revd David Mitchell Reed

### DIOCESAN

The churches in the East End Team: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; and St Serf's, Shettleston with the Revd Clive Wylie and John Woodley

# Sunday Readings and Readers

## Trinity 22

*Nov 4, 2007*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*Eric Parry*

Psalm 119:137-144

II Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12

*Kathryn Potts*

Luke 19:1-10

## Trinity 24

*Nov 18, 2007*

Isaiah 65:17-25

*David Parfitt*

Psalm 98

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Gordon Moore*

Luke 21:5-19

## Advent 1

*Dec 2, 2007*

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Enid Scobie*

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

*Moira Jamieson*

Matthew 24:36-44

## Sunday before Advent

*Nov 25, 2007*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

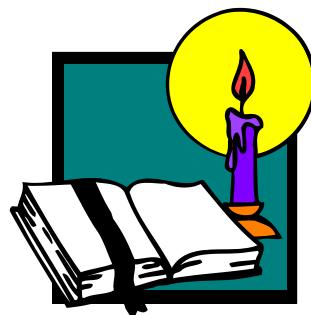
*Vera Petzold*

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

*Glennis Tavener*

Luke 23:33-43



# Kalendar

1 Nov (Thu)	<b>All Saints Day</b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
2 Nov (Fri)	<b>All Souls Day</b>	
4 Nov	<b>Trinity 22 (4th before Advent)</b>	9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn 6.30pm Evening Service
8 Nov (Thu)		10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
11 Nov	<b>Trinity 23 (3rd before Advent) <i>Remembrance Day</i></b>	9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance 6.30pm Evening Service
14 Nov (Wed)		<b>Caledonian Award Day</b> , Balmore Coach House
15 Nov (Thu)	<b>(Margaret (16th))</b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
16 Nov (Fri)	<b>Margaret of Scotland (1093)</b>	African Evening in the Hall with Revd Dr Lukas Njenga
18 Nov	<b>Trinity 24 (2nd before Advent)</b>	9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12noon (approx) <b>Annual General Meeting</b> in the Church Hall (after the 10.30am service) 6.30pm Evening Service
22 Nov (Thu)		10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
23 Nov (Fri)		Preparation for Christmas Fayre
24 Nov (Sat)		10am - 3pm <b>Christmas Fayre</b> in Lenzie Public Hall
25 Nov	<b>Last Sunday of Trinity (Sunday before Advent)</b>	9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3pm <b>Old People's Service</b> 6.30pm Evening Service
28 Nov (Wed)		Caledonian Award Presentation in Bearsden Public Hall
29 Nov (Thu)	<b>(Andrew (30th))</b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
30 Nov (Fri)	<b>Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</b>	

**Please see the Link for changes to the Kalendar. If you missed getting a copy at Church, it can be downloaded from the website.**

1 Dec (Sat)	<b>World Aids Day</b>
2 Dec	<b>First Sunday in Advent (Advent 1)</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm <b>Advent Reflections</b> with Concordia at St David's Memorial Park Church, Kirkintilloch <i>Note:</i> Lillyburn Service transferred to 9 Dec
6 Dec (Thu)	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

## Altar Guild

4th, 11th & 18th November	Pam Bently Avril Critchlow Vivienne Provan
25th November	Vivienne Provan
2nd & 9th December	Prim Parry & Eileen Ferry *
16th December	Gill Inglis *
* Advent - brasses only	
22nd December <b>Decorating for Christmas</b>	3Cs Group and helpers
30th December & 6th January	Anne Carswell

## Traidcraft Rota

### Second Sunday in the month

<b>11 November</b>	Jean Kinnon
<b>9 December</b>	Anne Carswell
<b>13 January</b>	Avril Critchlow
<b>10 February</b>	Glennis Tavener
<b>9 March</b>	Kathryn Potts
<b>13 April</b>	Enid Scobie
<b>11 May</b>	Audrey Groom
<b>8 June</b>	Vivienne Provan

## Rotas - for you?

**Volunteers are the life-blood of all churches. St Cyprian's currently needs more because many tasks are being undertaken by a very small number of people. The Sidesperson Rota, the Coffee Rota, and the Altar Guild is in particular need.**

The contact people for these rotas are:

**Sidesperson:** Dave Parfitt ☎ 0141 776 0543

**Coffee:** Val Fallon ☎ 0141 776 2767

**Altar Guild:** Anne Carswell ☎ 0141 776 3354

Your help will be very much appreciated and volunteering is a good way to get to know other members of the congregation better.

# Sunday Duty Rota

Date	10.30am						Counting	
	Server	Crucifer	Server	Administrators	Old Testament	New Testament	Sides Persons	Coffee
4 Nov	Moira Jamieson	Aileen Mundy	Paul Hindle	Servers	Eric Parry	Kathryn Potts	Moira Jamieson	Anne & George Carswell
11 Nov	Adrian Clark	Catherine Gunnee	Eric Parry	Servers	Catherine Gunnee	Vivienne Provan	Andy Robb & Val Fallon	Paul & Pat Hindle
18 Nov	Moira Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Adrian Clark	Servers	David Parfitt	Gordon Moore	Gavin Boyd	Kevin & Fiona Wilbraham
25 Nov	Adrian Clark	Moira Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Servers	Vera Petzold	Glennis Tavener	Barbara Parfitt	Dave & Barbara Parfitt
2 Dec	Moira Jamieson	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Servers	Enid Scobie	Moira Jamieson	Jean Kinnon & Glennis Tavener	Audrey Groom & Glennis Tavener
9 Dec	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Paul Hindle	Servers	Barbara Parfitt	David Parfitt	Glennis Tavener	Val Fallon & Sandy Jamieson
16 Dec	Moira Jamieson	Paul Hindle	Aileen Mundy	Servers	Gordon Moore	Gavin Boyd	Kathryn Potts	Andy Robb & Enid Scobie
23 Dec	Adrian Clark	Catherine Gunnee	Eric Parry	Servers	Eric Parry	Catherine Gunnee	Moira Jamieson	Glennis Tavener & Val Fallon
30 Dec	Moira Jamieson	Moira Jamieson	Adrian Clark	Servers	Vivienne Provan	Vera Petzold	Eric Parry	Dave Parfitt & Jean Kinnon
6 Jan	Adrian Clark	Sally Pitches	Catherine Gunnee	Servers	to be advised	to be advised	to be advised	Volunteers please
								Val Fallon & Helen Kerr

If you change duty with another person, please update the rotas posted in the Choir Vestry and at the back of the Church