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**A Blessed and
Peaceful
Christmas to
You All**



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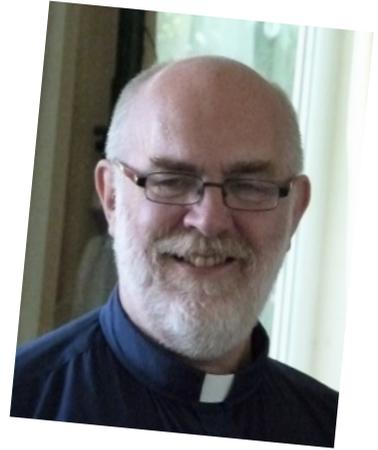
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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

How we answer questions often reveals how we act, what we make happen, and the difference we might make. Let me give you some examples!

If I ask you what is your favourite ice cream, you might say “Rum and Raisin,” but by answering the question you might think – mmmm, I fancy some rum and raisin ice cream, so off to the ice cream shop, get some rum and raisin You probably wouldn’t have thought about if I hadn’t asked the question!!

But it can be a bit more than that. Sometimes resolving a question in our minds can show us something about the way we behave, the way we speak, the difference we might be making. Let me give you an example. Sometimes I might ask someone something like “What do you think will happen to the church in the future?” or “What difference do you think the church makes today?” How we answer also reveals something about how we act. If we say “I think the church is dying out, and doesn’t make much difference to our country” then we will be half-hearted about our church, and not have any real motivation or interest sharing what we have with others. If on the other hand we say “It is a place where we encounter God, a place which

gives a spiritual heart to our country, a place where I find peace,” or something like that, something positive, then how we talk to others about our church, our faith, will be much more positive, and they will realise we are offering them something special: others will want to be part of who we are. Too often our response is somewhere nearer the former rather than the latter!

We could ask a similar question about Christmas, which comes up in the near future. “What do you think of Christmas?”

STOP!!! don’t just whiz on through this letter – try answering the question!!!!!!

On the whole, when people are faced with that question, the answer might have answers at either end of the spectrum.

On the one end, the answer might be something like: “It’s just an over-commercialised festival, where the big companies are just trying to make a quick buck. Comes around much too early every year! Seems to take over everything!” If that is our answer, then our overall feeling towards Christmas will be lukewarm, our overall invitation to others will be lukewarm, our feelings about the birth of Christ, the saviour of the world, will be half-hearted.

On the other end of the spectrum we might

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday, 26th January 2020. The deadline for material is Sunday 19th January, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for February and March 2020.

Please pass notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by the deadline in order to give time for typesetting and printing. Electronic format is preferred since this is usually quicker and more accurate.

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. Thank you.

I incorporate items into this magazine from the Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News that I hope might interest members of the congregation. You can subscribe to receive the monthly news email from the diocese by going to glasgow.anglican.org, the diocesan home page, and entering your email address in the box at the bottom of the page. The email newsletter takes the form of brief paragraphs with links to fuller articles on the diocesan website and, where appropriate, other sites. The diocese is also on Facebook—search ‘Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway’.

We are encouraged to contribute by sending any items for the email newsletter to news@glasgow.anglican.org. There’s no stated deadline, but they need to be in a few days before the email comes out (usually on the second last Friday of the month).

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Paul Hindle
Magazine Editor

From the Rector

answer something like: “I love Christmas, all the carols, and the decorations, and families coming together, just to celebrate the birth of Jesus, in a stable.” If that is our answer, then our overall feelings towards Christmas and the birth of Jesus will be so much more positive,



Cover Picture

Over recent years we have had an “Advent” activity at St. Cyprian’s, creating often unusual additions to our church’s Christmas decorations. The cover picture is a portion of last year’s artistic creation. You can see the full picture across the bottom of pages 10 and 11.

This year we will be doing something again on Monday afternoons (2nd 9th 16th December), 1 – 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. There is always tea, plenty of laughs and chance to be creative. What are we going to do this year? I have an idea

and we will want others to come and share and understand how wonderful it was that Jesus came to us.

I do believe there are wrong and right answers here. It is not just “a matter of opinion.” And if we are open to grasping the right answers, it will profoundly affect the way we are, the way we feel, the way we behave.

I believe the right answer for us as Christians to the question about the church is, or should be, “It is a place where we encounter God”

I believe the right answer for us as Christians to the question about Christmas is, or should be “I love Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus, in a stable.”

And if we look, see, grasp the positive answers it will affect the way we are for the better: we will feel better, we will act as if we are lifted up. We will reach out our hand in invitation to others outside of our church family to come and share with us week by week to encounter the living God. We will

celebrate Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the son of God to bring salvation to our world.

I understand that there are times when we can find Christmas hard, when things feel tough at church. But if we do remember and grasp that Jesus is in the middle – both of Christmas, and the life of our church – then how we feel individually will be transformed, and our church will be transformed.

This Christmas lets put aside the negative stuff and feelings, and put Christ in the middle. As we do, lets invite our family, friends to come and join us in celebration of the greatest event of history – Jesus, the Son of God Came.

Best wishes,

Les

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

The Link and the colour version of this magazine can be downloaded in PDF format by clicking on the links on the Publications page (older copies of the Link are in Word format).

If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to link@stcyprianslenzie.com or phone the Rector on 0141-776 3866.

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 Revd. Les Ireland, 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. Les can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone Les on 0141-776 3866.

The Amazing Story of a Great

Each Christmas, I think that most of us love to sing carols. However, there are also amazing bits of Christmas music that are generally more limited to choirs, or solo performances. Perhaps one of the most well known is the song/hymn “O Holy Night.” I love it (some don’t!), a great example of 19th Century romanticism!

Originally it was a French song. In 1847, the local church in Roquemaure, a small town near Avignon in the South of France, had recently had the organ renovated, and the local priest - M. l’abbé Petitjean - wanted a poem to celebrate. He asked the local wine merchant and amateur poet – Placide Cappeau - to write one. Shortly after Cappeau travelled by coach to Paris, and, poring over Luke chapter two, had the poem written by the time he got out of the coach at the other end!

Later in the year Cappeau felt the poem lacked something – a tune. He approached, at the suggestion of the local priest, Adolphe Charles Adam, who had studied music at the Paris Conservatoire and composed music for orchestras and ballets all over the world. He did compose the music, completing it just three weeks before the Christmas mass that year.

The hymn became hugely popular very quickly, spreading throughout France. However, it just as quickly fell out of favour in the church, not because of the music, but because of the composers. Shortly after writing the poem Cappeau abandoned whatever links he had with the church and joined the atheistic socialist movement. Even more significantly, it was discovered that Adam, composer of the music, was Jewish. Church leaders quickly moved to ban and suppress the song. Within the church they were successful. Outside of the church people



still loved it, and it continued to be sung.

Legend says that by 1871 the song had been banned in the church for two decades. However, this was the time of the Franco-Prussian war. It is said that in a pause in the fighting on Christmas Eve an unarmed French Soldier stood on the top of the trenches and sang the song at top of his voice across no man’s land. After singing it all the way through, a German Soldier stood on the top of his trench and sang – in German – Luther’s hymn “From Heaven above to earth I come.” From this came a 24 hour cease fire.

The hymn, however, took a different route to fame.

A reclusive American Unitarian hymn-writer and music critic – John Sullivan Dwight – heard it in around 1860, and introduced it to America. Dwight had heard the hymn as a result of the French taking the hymn to Canada. He translated it, with a bit of poetic license, into English. As well as loving the music, something else was important for Dwight. He was an ardent abolitionist, and felt the third verse expressed his views. It spoke ►

Christian Song

► strongly against slavery. It was a song for its time – its popularity took off through the American Civil War, particularly in the North. After that its popularity never flagged.

The song, however, had one more significant moment in history. On Christmas Eve 1906.

Reginald Fessenden – a 33 year old university professor and former worker for Thomas Eddison made the first radio broadcast – Ever. He read the nativity story from Luke’s gospel, then played O Holy Night on his

violin. That was the first ever radio broadcast, and this song was part of it. From that moment, radio became one of the most revolutionary inventions in the course of history.

Since those radio days, the song has been recorded hundreds of times, including Celine Dion, Nat King Cole, Andrea Bocelli, Edward Caruso and many more Remarkably, what has become one of the great Christmas songs today was written by an atheist and a Jew!

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour’s birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
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At our November meeting, we had a well-known face talking about his trip to the Mothers Union Worldwide Council in Rwanda earlier this year. Paul (Hindle), who represents the MU Province of Scotland on the Worldwide Board explained that this meeting had been truly representative of the international aspect of our organisation with over 30 Countries taking part in the conference.

Although the spiritual and social time spent at the event were important, it was the workshops that will have a lasting effect on the future of the Branches throughout the world and we all look forward to seeing more of these findings – although we have a ‘peek’ at what they are. Paul’s talk and photos were inspirational and showed us just how we fit into this worldwide organisation.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December (7.30pm in the hall) and we have Anne Carswell coming to show us how to make either a Christmas door wreath or table centre decoration. As always you are welcome to our meeting although on this occasion it would be good to know if you are coming so that we have enough equipment for everyone. Please let Anne or me know.

January will see your AGM on the 14th when we will also have a talk by David Taylor about life at Glasgow Vet School, which I know will be very interesting.

One of the fundraising activities run by MU’s head office is to sell raffle tickets at Christmas. Each MU member has some and they are £1 each, if you are interested. £1,000 first prize!

Have a joyful and peaceful Christmas everyone.

Maxine Gow
Branch Leader

AFIA Project – October 2019

When the Diocesan MU Trustees received a substantial donation in 2018, the donor’s request was that the money be spent on a project which mirrored the MU aims and objectives. The decision was finally made to work with the North Ayrshire Women’s Aid (WA) Group, with the aim of taking a small group of mums and children on an Away From It All (AFIA) holiday.

The Field Study Council Centre near Millport was an ideal venue for this project, and after a number of meetings with both the centre and the WA family workers, the holiday took place from 14th -16th October 2019.



A total of 7 mums and 14 very excited children – whose ages ranged from 3 to 15 – met at the ferry terminal at Largs to begin the adventure. After the ferry crossing, everyone piled onto the bus and headed round to the

More AFIA pictures available via muingsg.org.uk and click on Events.

FSC Centre. After settling in and having lunch, we spent the afternoon on team building activities and generally getting to know everyone. This was followed by a visit to the centre's museum which highlights the local wildlife both above and below the waves. The children then had the opportunity to touch and feel a starfish, a sea urchin and a hermit crab. After a substantial tea, we headed up to the back of the centre where everyone set a trap in the hope we would catch some small mammals.

The next morning dawned bright and clear. Our main meeting room had panoramic views over the Firth of Clyde with lots of binoculars to have a look and see what was there. There was great excitement when a



dolphin was seen jumping from the water beside one of the buoys well out into the Firth.

The traps we had set the previous night had produced one small mouse! This discovery was followed by shelter building, and then a trip to the beach to build fires and toast marshmallows. No matches here though, a flint and steel was used to light the fires. We managed to light a number of small fires but not enough heat was generated to actually melt the marshmallows! The afternoon was spent making bird and bat boxes. One of the 9 year old boys had a real interest in bats so was delighted to be making his very own box, which he planned to erect in his own garden. After tea, we headed along to the beach for a campfire. Again the fire was difficult to light, but we sang lots of songs, and clambering over the rocks in the dark was quite a challenge for the younger ones.

Our final morning saw us back at a different part of the beach to look under rocks



and in the many pools. Lots of sea anemones, crabs and sand hoppers were found here. The centre staff has created a video of our time with them which was very popular with the children as they saw themselves on the big screen. We ended with giving gifts to all of the mums

and the children which we had filled with goodies as a memento of our time together.

Everyone enjoyed the two days we spent together. The mums were able to relax, knowing that other people were there keeping an eye on their kids. They created a WhatsApp group and will support each other in the future. The kids made friends very quickly and those friendships will also hopefully continue. The centre staff were amazing and interacted with the children (and adults) really well. The food and accommodation was great. The Women's Aid workers were very supportive to both us as MU members and to mums and kids and they felt that they connected with these families very well. Ursula, the Mary Sumner house staff member who joined us on the second day, was impressed with everything she saw, and hopes that this model for AFIA holidays may be used elsewhere in the UK. Roll on the next one when Aileen Mundy and I hope to take part again.

Matthew's Gospel . . .

Each year, the readings in our services are based on one of the first three gospels, with readings at special times coming from John's Gospel. The year starts, in terms of the readings, on the first Sunday of Advent – this year the 1st of December. For this coming year, the readings are from “Year A” of the lectionary – the list of set readings – and the gospel featured is St. Matthew's Gospel. So lets introduce Mathew's Gospel – what should we look for through the readings?

The Gospel of Matthew is considered the most “Jewish” of the gospels. For a lot of the gospel, the writer grapples with the question of the relationship between Jesus and the Jewish faith, remembering that Jesus was born into a Jewish Community, and through his early days fulfilled Jewish rituals. He also notes that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who fulfilled many of the Old Testament prophecies, prophecies which were hotly argued over in the Jewish community when Jesus was born.

Within Jewish religious circles, there was

“Messiah Fever” when Jesus was born, with many different expectations and understandings of the nature of the Messiah, that many believed was about to come. Matthew wanted to emphasise that Jesus was this Messiah that the Jews were waiting for. We see this very much in Matthew's version of the birth of Jesus.

The second point, continuing from the first, that Matthew seems to make is that, despite being the Messiah the Jewish people were waiting for, the Jewish people themselves rejected him, a rejection which led to his death on the cross.

Having said that, Matthew wants people to know that Jesus is the Messiah the Jews had been waiting for, and also condemning them for rejecting him, Matthew at the same time wants to establish clearly the link between Jesus and what we now call the Old Testament, frequently quoting the Old Testament in talking about Jesus. For Matthew, there was a clear continuity and link between God's people – the church – after the death and resurrection of Christ, and the God and teaching of the Old Testament.



This debate about the nature of Christ, his relationship with the Jewish people, his relationship with the Old Testament is there all the way through the gospel of Matthew, and is seen as the whole nature of the gospel. However, for me, there is one more thought that I really like. And it starts in the Christmas story as told in the gospel.

The birth of Christ is told very much from a Jewish Viewpoint. For example, in Luke's version, Mary is the key figure. In Matthew's gospel it is Joseph. In Jewish culture, the man is key. Matthew makes Joseph the centre. In Matthew's version, we have Joseph's Genealogy – following his family tree back to King David and beyond. All confirming the issues around the Jewish roots of Christ. HOWEVER, the key story of Matthew's version of the nativity is the coming of the wise men. Not Jewish – probably Zoroastrian visitors from what is now Iran. It's a delightful story – and through it Matthew is happily condemning Herod – the “non-Jewish” king around at the time. But more important – people from outside the Jewish faith are coming to be blessed by Jesus and receive the



blessing. The door to the “gentiles” is being opened into the faith of God. And all through the gospel, there are hints of that door being opened. Hints which are worth watching out for, to help us understand our relationship with God.

For the next year, Matthew will be foremost in our gospel readings. It has a lot to show us about our own relationships with Christ, and with God his father, and about the roots of our faith, which stretch back through the Old Testament.



The Blessing of Pets . . .



St Cyprian's was alive to the sound of dogs singing along to the songs sung during our Pet Blessing Service on Saturday 23rd November.

It was a really happy occasion as you can see from the photo above. Zoe and Kevin brought along two guinea pigs as well. The more placid one is seen in Zoe's arms above and the energetic one in the picture to the left.

Doggie and human treats were enjoyed after the service!



Fair Trade

St Cyprian's is a Fair Trade Church and is therefore committed to using Fair Trade products. We also run a fair trade stall, but because so much Fair Trade produce can be purchased in our local shops and supermarkets, we have now reduced the frequency.

The next stall will be held on 8th and 15th December in the run up to Christmas.

Music at St Cyprian's

When I go to a concert I'm always looking for "the full package!" Great musicians. Varied and interesting programme. A good evening. And with Phil Gault, Katie Hull and Claire Haslin, we certainly got that!

Great musicians? Well Claire must be one of the most hard-working and talented accompanists around, "slaving" all evening over the piano. Katie is just great on the violin. Phil has an amazing voice, and a great talent for arranging music.

Varied and interesting programme? A wide range of music, featuring both classical and modern composers, composers both well known and less well known. The variety of music was tremendous.

Great evening? Well, it wasn't just the music. It was the manner in which it was played - the performers were enjoying it as much as the audience. They were engaging. Their introductions to music pieces were informative and entertaining. It was great that we had one of our largest audiences there to hear it!

Having said that, for me there were two stand-out pieces. I know it is sung and sung and sung again, but the song *My Love is Like a Red Red Rose* was sung stunningly by Phil, and sent shivers down the spine. And then it got better, when he sang *Sure on this Shining Night* by Morten Lauridsen – a leading American composer who I had never heard of! It was truly wonderful.

I know others will have their own favourites, but it was a great night, and we got the full package!

Les



2019-20 ENTERPRISE MUSIC SCOTLAND Music at St Cyprian's

1st February - A Soldier's Tale - McOpera Ensemble

14th March - Escocia Duo (violin/guitar)

18th April - Music for Winds with East Dunbartonshire Young Musicians and McOpera Outreach

Two Gentlemen

– recently arrived

At the end of October/beginning of November, we said farewell to two men, recently arrived who had shared in the life of St. Cyprian’s Church.

Firstly, Hugh Searle died at the end of October.

Hugh had been a priest for many years, ministering in the South of England. He had spent many years as a prison chaplain, before moving into parish ministry near Ely. After retirement, he had stayed in that area as a member of the congregation of Ely Cathedral, as well as covering services in local churches.

Hugh moved to Lenzie with his wife Lilo about three years ago, to live with his daughter off Marguerite Avenue. While in Lenzie, he shared his church life between St. Cyprian’s and the Cathedral, particularly as he felt at home in cathedral worship. Hugh was a strong character, but also someone of great compassion who enjoyed nothing more than a good conversation about church life and faith.

For Hugh, he struggled at times in Scotland, particularly with his health, and was clearly very ill when I saw him in hospital a few days before he died. His family will clearly miss him.

Secondly, a few days later Robert Hay died, following struggles with health over some time. Again, Robert had only moved to Lenzie a few years ago, and was a loyal member of our 9.15am congregation along with wife Olive.

Robert through his life played a huge part in civic life in Scotland, particularly in his role as a High Sheriff. For example, Robert oversaw the introduction of the employment tribunals service into Scotland, and had been High Sheriff for the West of Scotland when Nicola Sturgeon was beginning her career as a barrister! With work, Robert and Olive had moved around, settling in retirement in Cove. However, aware that his health was always a struggle, they moved to Lenzie to be near their daughter.

Robert was a man of great dignity and integrity. He will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew him.

Both men were recent “in-comers” to Lenzie, and I suspect only a few of us will have got to know them in their time here. However, both were very special, and both are a great loss to those who came to value them in their short time with us.

From the diocese:

We are delighted to announce that this year’s Bishop’s Lent Appeal for Malawi Association for Christian Support has raised a fantastic £11,206.91. The appeal was specifically to help in the building of a new operating suite at St Luke’s Hospital, Malosa, in Malawi. Thanks to the generosity of people across the Diocese, along with other money raised. the new operating theatre suite is nearing completion. Together, we are working to improve the lives of the people of Malawi. You can read more about the work of the Association on their website: www.malawimacs.org

Panto Time!!

Kirky Players present

Sleeping Beauty

Campsie Memorial Hall,
Lennoxton

Tuesday 14th January 2020
730pm

Please contact Glennis ASAP if you would like to go.

Christmas Services at St. Cyprian's

Sunday 15th December

6.30pm: Carol Service, when we welcome children's choirs from East Dunbartonshire to share with us.

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am: Holy Communion.

At this service we will pray for anyone that people would like us to remember – people who have perhaps died over the years, and we miss desperately at Christmas time. There will be a list in church for people to put names on to be remembered in the service.

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

6pm: Christingle Service, with refreshments after.

11.30pm: Midnight Communion service.

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.30am: Holy Communion.

Please note – there will be no service on Thursday – Boxing Day

Due to someone dropping out...

Are there any people who are interested in a free helicopter flight? (max. 8 people)



Will be leaving at 8.10am on December 12th from Glasgow and first fly direct to Manchester where we will have breakfast and an hour of shopping. Afterwards, we fly to Dublin to enjoy a lunch and a Guinness or two. Later on in the afternoon, we will then fly back to Edinburgh for an evening dining and entertainment before staying in a 5 star hotel in the centre of the city. Early the next morning, we depart Edinburgh to be back in Glasgow in good time for around 11am.

If you are interested, please PM me - preferably only someone with a helicopter, as that is the person who dropped out . . .



A wealthy mill owner was concerned at the number of stray dogs that were roaming around the German town where he lived, so he made provisions in his will for two of his mills to be converted into dog sanctuaries. One day, the mill owner passed away and his wishes were carried out. Stray dogs from all over town were rounded up and given new homes in the two mills where they could run about and bark as much as they wanted.

The next day, the newspaper headline was...

THE MILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE HOUNDS OF MUNICH...

No matter what's happening in our country, be like Isaiah: he looked up and God was still on the throne.

– John MacArthur

Malich's Dreams

All through his childhood, Malich had a dream. To build. Not just anything, but to build great buildings, like the ones he had seen in the capital, up on the hilltops. He could build a great temple. Or a palace. A castle. A mansion. A governors house. A stadium. Each year his family visited the capital; each year he was reminded of the dreams, the hopes. Dreams and hopes that never diminished. His family laughed at him, but admired his determination.

Malich's family helped him to fulfil his dream as much as they could. They didn't know anyone famous, or important. They didn't know any great builder. They could barely afford to visit the capital each year, even though it was only 10 miles away. But they wanted Malich to do it. Or at least have a chance to do it. Build!

The only person they knew was old Eli the builder. Well, he built barns, and small houses. He built bits of furniture. He wasn't very good at it! But he did take apprentices. And there was a vacancy this year. And maybe if Malich learnt with Eli, then he would get basic skills, and might be good, and might move on to better

Malich wasn't stupid! He knew Eli wasn't the best. But he was a builder. And Malich worked hard for him. He laboured – that was what apprentices do! And he learnt, watching Eli make furniture, and roof beams, and walls, and doors. He gradually got better, and could be allowed to do more. In the early years, he could only make things as good as Eli could teach him, but he worked, and learnt. Eli was kindly, and through quieter times he taught Malich to make cupboards. And tables. And stools. And fences. And feed troughs. And sheds. And beds. And

As they made things, they made them to order, or sold what they had created in the local town. Eli encouraged Malich, realised he was pretty good, and saw he may have a good future, and was thrilled he had a gifted apprentice. Together they worked, together they built. Together they created houses. And together they shared Malich's dreams of building great buildings that would be seen and remembered for ever

But it wasn't to be. Together Malich and Eli built the house for Seth. Eli had built the main house years before, but now they were making it bigger. Taking out a wall here. Extending the roof. Creating a new porch. They worked hard, were doing a good job, and carefully as he wasn't watching, Malich would



Christmas Festival

The Church Will Be Decorated for Christmas on Saturday 14th December 2019 from 9.30am

There will be lots to do—the tree to put up and decorate, the crib to organise, flowers to arrange, tea and coffee to make, so a little job for everyone.

If you can bring holly and ivy or would like

to make a donation towards the flowers, that would be much appreciated.

Please come along—it's fun and you will be most welcome.

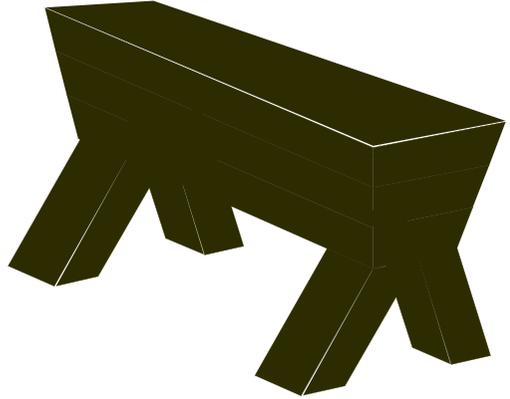
Many thanks

Anne

correct, and reinforce old Eli's work. The trouble was – the original house had been built by Eli in the first place. With all his limitations. It stood fine. But only just. But then remove a wall Malich took out the final beam, and the noise was deafening. The dust was horrendous. The shock was appalling. And worst of all. Malich was underneath.

Malich's parents, Isa and Leah, were heart-broken. Their oldest son, killed before he reached twenty. All his dreams unfulfilled. He would never now build a significant building. Or create a temple. They continued for years, living life as best they could, hearts broken. Their other children all did well, supported them, and Isa and Leah loved as good parents do. But always in their heart – their oldest son, and all the dreams and hopes were lost and unfulfilled.

Many years later the local inn was closing, selling off everything. The community loved these sorts of events, and gathered for the auction. Malich's parents could afford little, but wanted one item, to feed their animals. They were amazed no-one else wanted it – a feed trough. They put in the first bid, and bought it! Somehow it was considered unlucky, or something. There was even a story that a baby had been born in it once. Whatever



– they bought the trough.

The parents carried the trough between them. It was easier to carry upside down. It was then that the mother noticed the scratched mark on the bottom of the trough. MH. The mother dropped it and screamed. She knew – Malich had always scratched that on anything he made. He had made it.

The feed trough was in pride of place at the front of the house, where the animals fed. Malich's mother told everyone how her son had made the trough, and how she had got it back. Then one day an old lady stopped by her house. The lady was in tears.

"I just had to see it." The old lady spoke slowly. "My son was born in that trough. He taught. And died. And rose again. It's as humble as I remember it. Amazing. To think, that trough is where it started. Already it has built a new people"

**Clear up Morning
Thursday 9th January 2020
10.45am.**

All the Christmas arrangements, the tree and crib need to be taken down and packed away, so please come along to lend a hand.

Your help is much appreciated.

Thank you again

Anne

Advent Book

Many people find it helpful to use an "Advent" book as a build up to Christmas in their personal prayers, a book with thoughts for each day of Advent.

This year the Rector has written one called "The Faces in the Crowd," reflecting on many people he has met at church at Christmas, and the life that has led them to worship on Christmas Day.

It costs £3, and is available in Church.

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday 1st December **Advent Sunday**

ANGLICAN

Mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

DIOCESAN

St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (*Greyfriars*), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett)

Daily Prayers

- 2nd For all those living with HIV and AIDS
- 3rd Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 4th The rejection of discrimination and stigmatisation
- 5th The People of Finland (National Independence Day)
- 6th The continuing refugee crisis
- 7th East Dunbartonshire "Spirit of Christmas"

Sunday 8th December **The Second Sunday of Advent**

ANGLICAN

The work of the Mothers' Union around the world: Sheran Harper, Worldwide President & Bev Jullien, Chief Executive

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Douglas Allison, Alan Rumble).
Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, Richard Stephens).

Daily Prayers

- 9th "Women's Aid", helping those affected by domestic abuse
- 10th Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime
- 11th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union

- 12th The National Meningitis Trust
- 13th Those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment
- 14th Our preparations for the Christmas Festival

Sunday 15th December **The Third Sunday of Advent**

ANGLICAN

Sokoto (Nigeria): The Rt Revd Augustin Omole; El Salvador (Central America): The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, John Simmons, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey).

St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Pam Swift).

Daily Prayers

- 16th For oppressed and persecuted Christians and martyrs
- 17th Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 18th Diocesan Child Protection Coordinator Anne Jones
- 19th Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer
- 20th For all those exploring new aspects of Christian life
- 21st Safety for those travelling over the holiday period

Sunday 22nd December **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

ANGLICAN

Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement:
His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

& Daily Intentions

His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches
Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council

The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

DIOCESAN

East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleston (Jim Benton-Evans, Lucy Ireland).

Daily Prayers

- 23rd Effective mission and expansion of congregations
- 24th Hope for those who are struggling with doubts
- 25th Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 26th Peace throughout the world
- 27th The Ascension Trust – training Street Pastors
- 28th Street Pastors, keeping our young “clubbers” safe

Sunday 29th December

The First Sunday after Christmas

ANGLICAN

Gahini (Rwanda): The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo & The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima; Gambia (West Africa): The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico

DIOCESAN

St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser, Geoff Scobie).
St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland).

Daily Prayers

- 30th All the peoples of the world

31st Thanksgiving for the year at an end

JANUARY 2020

- 1st Thanksgiving for every new beginning
- 2nd Love for God and our neighbour
- 3rd For ‘Big Issue’ sellers and all trying to make a fresh start
- 4th Families, especially those facing problems or divisions

Sunday 5th January

The Second Sunday after Christmas

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: The Most Revd Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; The Most Revd Don Tamihere, Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate; The Most Revd Fereimi Cama, Bishop of Polynesia and Primate

DIOCESAN

Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Vacancy, Ray Gascoigne).

St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stewart Wood).

Daily Prayers

- 6th Children and young people in distress and despair
- 7th The work of Deafblind Scotland
- 8th For teachers and children returning to school
- 9th The Church of Sweden (Torben Clemmenson)
- 10th The work of “Heart for the City”
- 11th Ministers of the Sacrament and Pastoral Visitors



Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

continued

Sunday 12th January

The First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Australia: The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

DIOCESAN

St Bride's, Hyndland (Kevin Francis, Gregor Duncan); St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

Daily Prayers

- 13th Those who are bedridden and housebound
- 14th Bearsden and Kirkintilloch Baptist Churches
- 15th The people and the city of Glasgow
- 16th All Bible Study and Prayer groups
- 17th Pope Francis and the Church of Rome
- 18th The Ministry Advisory Group for Christian Unity

Sunday 19th January

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

The United Church of Bangladesh: The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator & Bishop of Kushtia

DIOCESAN

Cathedral Chapter.

St Mary's Cathedral (Kelvin Holdsworth, John Riches, Matthew Little, Ellen Barrett).

Daily Prayers

- 20th Worldwide action for human rights
- 21st The established Church in Scotland
- 22nd Lutheran and Reformed Churches

23rd The Diocesan Supernumerary

24th The SEC General Synod Office

25th All Christian charities and aid agencies

Sunday 26th January

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil: The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

DIOCESAN

St Mungo's, Alexandria (Vacancy).

St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Vacancy).

Daily Prayers

- 27th The National Health Service
- 28th Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI
- 29th All writers and communicators
- 30th Eastern Orthodox Churches
- 31st Respect and understanding for people of different faiths

FEBRUARY 2020

- 1st For Christian Stewardship

Sunday 2nd February

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany The Presentation of the Lord

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

DIOCESAN

All Saints', Bearsden (Kirstin Freeman).

St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Kevin Boak, Pat Smith).

Sunday & Christmas Readings

Advent Sunday

(Start of Year A)

1st December 2019

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

Advent 2

8th December 2019

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Advent 3

15th December 2019

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalms 146.4-9 or

Canticle: Luke 1.46b-55

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Advent 4

22nd December 2019

Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalms 80.1-7, 16-18

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

Christmas Festival

(Tues Midnight/Wed am)

24/25th December 2019

Isaiah 9.2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-14 (15-20)

Christmas 1

29th December 2019

Isaiah 63.7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2.10-18

Matthew 2.13-23

Christmas 2

5th January 2020

Jeremiah 31.7-14

or Sirach 24.1-12

Psalms 147.13-21 or

Wisdom 10.15-21

Ephesians 1.3-14

Epiphany 1 Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2020

Isaiah 42.1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-17

Epiphany 2

19th January 2020

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-12

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

Epiphany 3

26th January 2020

Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalms 27.1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-23

Epiphany 4 The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2020

Micah 6.1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

Matthew 5.1-12

Altar Guild

1 st December	Anne Carswell <i>Advent Wreath</i>
8 th December	Jill Taylor <i>Brasses only</i>
15 th December	Decorating Team
22 nd & 29 th December	Anne Carswell
5 th & 12 th January 2020	Anne Carswell
19 th January	Eileen Ferry
26 th January & 2 nd February	Glennis Tavener

Kalendar

DECEMBER 2019

Sun 1st	Advent Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
		3pm	Service at Lillyburn
		7pm	Concordia Advent Praise at St David's Memorial Park Church
Mon 2nd		1-3pm	Advent Activity in the Vestry
		7pm	Concordia Advent Praise at Carmelite Convent Waterside Rd.
Wed 4th		7.30pm	Mothers' Union with Anne Carswell (see page 8) in the Hall
Thu 5th		10am	Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sun 8th	The Second Sunday of Advent	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Fair Trade stall in Hall afterwards)
		12noon (approx)	Annual General Meeting of the Congregation
Mon 9th	The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord	1-3pm	Advent Activity in the Vestry
Thu 12th		10am	Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sun 15th	The Third Sunday of Advent	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Fair Trade stall in Hall afterwards)
		3pm	Afternoon Service
		6.30pm	Carol Service
Mon 16th		1-3pm	Advent Activity in the Vestry
Wed 18th	Ember Day		
Thu 19th		10am	Holy Communion in the Vestry
Fri 20th & Sat 21st	Ember Days		
Sat 21st	Thomas, Apostle		

Sun 22nd	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Tue 24th	Christmas Eve	6pm	Christingle Service with refreshments after
		11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Wed 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	10am	Holy Communion
Thu 26th	Stephen, Deacon and Martyr		
Fri 27th	John, Apostle and Evangelist		
Sat 28th	The Holy Innocents		

Please see the [Link](#) for changes to the [Kalendar](#). If you missed getting a copy at Church, it can be downloaded from: link.stcyprianslenzie.com.

Sun 29th The First Sunday after Christmas
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

1ANUARY 2020

Wed 1st The Naming of Jesus

Thu 2nd 10am Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sun 5th The Second Sunday after Christmas
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
3pm Service at Lillyburn

Mon 6th The Epiphany

Thu 9th 10am Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sun 12th The First Sunday after Epiphany — The Baptism of the Lord
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Mon 13th Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop

Thu 16th 10am Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sat 18th Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (look out for ACTS service in Link)

Sun 19th The Second Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
3pm Afternoon Service

Thu 23rd 10am Holy Communion in the Vestry

Sat 25th The Conversion of Paul, Apostle

Sun 26th The Third Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Mon 27th 1pm Craft and Chat in the vestry

Thu 30th 10am Holy Communion in the Vestry

FEBRUARY 2020

Sat 1st 7.30pm **Concert – A Soldier’s Tale**

Sun 2nd The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany — The Presentation of the Lord
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
3pm Service at Lillyburn

Sunday & Christmas Duty Rota

Date	10.30am										Counting
	9.15 am Server	Crucifer	Server	Old Testament	New Testament	Interces- sions	Sides Persons	Coffee			
1 Dec		Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	Anne Carswell	Maxine Gow	Gavin Boyd & Kevin Wilbraham	Janet Faughey	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd & Jacqui Stother	
8 Dec	Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Ian Stother	Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry & Ian Stother	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Paul Hindle & Aileen Mundy	
15 Dec		Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy	Kathrn Potts	Jacqui Stother	Jacqui Stother	Andy Robb & David Taylor	Jill Taylor	Jill Taylor	Jill Taylor & Janet Faughey	
22 Dec		Paul Hindle	Mary Haigh	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy	Kevin Wilbraham & Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow	Jacqui Stother & Judith Beastall	
24 Dec <i>Midnight</i>		Aileen Mundy	Sally Hadden	Janet Faughey	Jill Taylor	Gavin Boyd	Gavin Boyd & Jill Taylor				
25 Dec <i>10.30am</i>			Jackie Fenton	Mary Boyd	Eileen Ferry	Jacqui Stother					
29 Dec		Jackie Fenton	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	David Taylor	Aileen Mundy	David Taylor & Andy Robb	Judith Beastall	Judith Beastall	Maxine Gow & Gavin Boyd	
5 Jan		Paul Hindle	Aileen Mundy	Jill Taylor	Anne Carswell	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow & Jill Taylor	Kathryn Potts	Kathryn Potts	Paul Hindle & Janet Faughey	
12 Jan		Jackie Fenton	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Diana Furnell	Mary Haigh	Tony Furnell & Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy & Jacqui Stother	
19 Jan		Aileen Mundy	Paul Hindle	Judith Beastall	Jacqui Stother	Gavin Boyd	Jill Taylor & Kevin Wilbraham	Janet Faughey	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd & Maxine Gow	
26 Jan		Mary Haigh	Paul Hindle	Kevin Wilbraham	Kathryn Potts	Jacqui Stother	Andy Robb & Eileen Ferry	Pat & Paul Hindle	Pat & Paul Hindle	Jill Taylor & Paul Hindle	
2 Feb		Aileen Mundy	Paul Hindle	Jacqui Stother	Janet Faughey	Aileen Mundy	David Taylor & Maxine Gow	Anne & George Carswell	Anne & George Carswell	Janet Faughey & Gavin Boyd	

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