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The New Normal?

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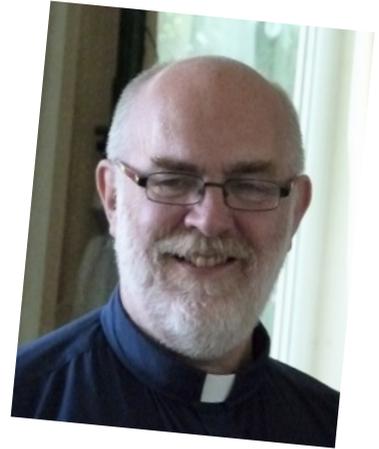
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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

I hope you are well, and that you have coped and are coping with the Lockdown. I know the virus has affected people in all sorts of different ways, and our hope is that through these difficult times you have found God walking with you and helping you.

One of the most important things for a church (and any other organisations) is communications, and that is particularly so through a time like this. We work hard to communicate well, but things can always be improved. We have worked hard during the lockdown period to communicate, but again know there are failures, and improvements I can make, and I apologise for those who feel the communications have not been good enough. I'm particularly concerned for those who are not on the Internet because communications with those people have been difficult. We phone, we send out this magazine, but I know they will be missing much of the life of the church. Again, I apologise to those who feel we have not communicated well.

There is no doubt communication has changed during this period, and as a church we are using new ways to communicate. We now communicate widely on Facebook particularly

providing information about our services to several thousand people each week. We also use Twitter to do the same. Again, we know this doesn't help those who are not on the Internet, or not comfortable with the Internet.

When people talk about communications, I am always left with a question. Do I want to be communicated with? Do I want to hear or read the communications that come my way? And I suspect for some of us the answer is sometimes!

We all get lots of communications, and as a minister I get lots of newsletters. From all sorts of different groups. Do I read them all through? Um No! On a bad day I delete them. On an average day I read the headlines through the newsletter. On a good day I read those bits which sound interesting and/or relevant!

It's not just a question to ask when talking about communications in church life – do I want to be communicated with – but is also a question I have to ask when talking about God, and Jesus, about the Holy Spirit. It is important because we follow a God who communicates to us. So we have to ask the question – do we want God to communicate with us? Do we allow God to communicate with us? Do we seek to hear what God may say to us? When

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 25th October 2020. The deadline for material is Sunday 18th October, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for November 2020 only.

Please email 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. For the time being, electronic format is likely to be the only option.

Please let me know about what is important to you, especially if you have tips for coping with the Covid-19 situation.

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

we “hear” something, are we happy to ask – is this God saying something to me? Are we geared up to ask – is this God saying something to me?

There is a sense that God’s way of communicating with us is different from the way we communicate with each other. Or at least if you drew a Venn diagram, there would be areas of overlap, and areas where we as people and where God communicates in unique ways.

God communicates through words – as in the bible. This is perhaps the most important and central way God communicates.

God communicates through other people. God uses – inspires - other people to say what we need to hear.

God communicates through our experience, and the help of His Spirit to help us to make sense of our experience.

God communicates through his creation, either those things built into creation, or through one off moments within creation.

Cover Pictures

The pictures show some of the precautions being taken now that the church is open again for worship.

The inset picture shows how the pews have been moved to ensure that there is at least two metres between the people in front and behind. We also have restrictions that mean no more than two people can occupy an available pew.

The main picture shows the hand cleaning station that greets us on arrival (with masks on hand for those who forgot). You can see another example of Les’s ‘Pallet Art’ in the new holder for the hand sanitizer dispenser. Looks good!!

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Sometimes God speaks directly to us, in our thoughts, in a dream, although these really have to be checked out – too often we think God says the things we want to hear!!!

I'm happy to talk about how God speaks, but I want to go to the fundamental question – do we want God to communicate with us at all?

It's always good to end a Rector's letter with a question! It's a question I know I face constantly – do I want God to communicate with me? Really ?

Best wishes,

Les

**Creating and loving God
You know the potential
Lying within each of us:
Unfinished symphonies
Waiting to be completed,
Clay waiting to be shaped
And stories yet to unfold.
Open our eyes and hearts
That we might embrace
This vision that you have
Of the people we could be,
And give us the courage
To let you begin that work.**

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).

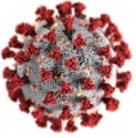
If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to link@stcyprianslenzie.com or phone the Rector on 0141-776 3866.

Pastoral Care

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

In the current circumstances, we are having to change the way we work. Nonetheless, our Rector, the Revd. Les Ireland, is still available on the phone for a confidential chat and a prayer, please contact him. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

Other members of St. Cyprian's are also available to talk to 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.



Lost and found

The Corona Virus Experience

We all, I suspect, feel we have lost something, maybe a lot, during the Corona Virus crisis, which has now dragged on for several months. Sometimes it is good to name what we have lost, just so that sense of loss doesn't just eat us up, and churn us up inside.

Naming something is a bit of a way of getting something under control. However, I wonder what we have found through the crisis? Sometimes, what we have found can be much more than we lose. But, to be honest, that is something very rare for most of us at this time. Perhaps more often what we find is seeds of something that can grow and come to fruition in the future, or at least enhance our lives as things start to return to some sort of new normal.

I suppose there are other ways of looking at

this. I don't believe God sends pandemics. However, I do believe God can work through times like these, and maybe this is a time when God can be working. We often come with fixed ideas, things we have been used to all our lives, ways of doing things that we like. Sometimes we are not very good at change or allowing new things to come into our lives, particularly in terms of our relationship with God. What the crisis has done is made us look at what we do, and open us to new things without us becoming resentful. And in that we can see God working as he says – look, there is sadness at what we may have lost, or have set aside through this time, but look, seek, find seeds of new things that will add to our walk with God.

Through this magazine there are a number of bits where I have reflected on what we may have lost, but also reflected on the seeds of new things we might be finding

Needle in a Balloon Stack

A wise teacher once brought balloons to school, told her pupils to blow them up and write their name on one. After the children tossed their balloons into the hall, the teacher moved through the hall mixing them all up.

The kids were given five minutes to find the balloon with their name on it, but though they searched frantically, no one found their own balloon.

Then the teacher told them to take the balloon closest to them and give it to the person whose name was on it. In less than two minutes, everyone was holding their own balloon.



The teacher said to the children, “These balloons are like happiness. We won't find it when we're only searching for our own. But if we care about someone else's happiness . . . it will ultimately help us find our own.”

Glory to God

One thing that has remained consistent in our worship throughout the Corona Virus pandemic has been the Gloria – we have had it in every service, both streamed and real, both the words and our own unique musical version, the music played as we have read it. Where does the Gloria come from?

Well, its history is ancient, but not too well known.

The Gloria is part of a group of hymns called psalmi idiotici: “private psalms” – hymns written by individuals in imitation of the psalms. (The other one we still use today is the *Te Deum*.) They were very popular in “Eastern” Christianity in the 2nd - 4th Century. It is based on the song the angels sang to the Shepherds at the birth of Christ (Luke 2:13), but someone clearly took this verse as the launching point to create the hymn that has passed into our liturgy today. The emphasis is on “someone” - no-one knows who that someone was!

Eastern Christianity was based on Constantinople and all stations East, and generally reflects the churches that later became the Orthodox Church, and generally used Greek as its main language of liturgy and scripture. Western Christianity was based on Rome, and later generally became the Roman Catholic Church, and used Latin as its language of liturgy and scripture. In those early days, there was a lot of contact between the two centres of the Christian faith. Saint Hilary of Poitiers was from the west, but spent time in the east. It is thought he discovered the hymn (in Greek) and translated it into Latin, and brought it to the Western Church.

Since those days, it has become increasingly included in the liturgy of the churches, initially in the 4th Century in morning prayers, but increasingly in the Eucharist. It has also been through a lot of

revisions to come to the form it has today in our services.

The Gloria has also inspired a lot of music, with settings by composers such as Vivaldi, Handel, Walton, Poulenc, Rutter, and perhaps my favourite – Karl Jenkins.

Perhaps the most recent development has been the position it takes in the Eucharistic service. Traditionally, it was always right at the end of the service, and those who have been used to the Book of Common Prayer and the Scottish Prayer Book (published 1929) will remember it being there. However, in modern liturgy, it has moved to earlier in the service where we have it now.

Whatever the history, the Gloria has been very important through this time, and it is something I have treasured in lockdown.

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Statement on slavery and racism

At the end of June, the College of Bishops issued a statement in response to the recent outpouring of anger and hurt by people who are discriminated against because of their ethnicity. The College wishes to express solidarity with those affected by these issues, and also recognises that our church, like most historic UK institutions, must examine its own history in this regard. The following statement is offered both to the SEC's own diverse church community and as a contribution to the wider conversation:

“The Scottish Episcopal Church believes that all human beings are created in the image of God. We believe that slavery and racism are contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It pains us to recognise that neither the past nor the present life of our society is immune from the consequences of these evils.

“We acknowledge that the slave trade

brought wealth to Scotland in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and that our church, like many other institutions in this country, benefited from this wealth (notably in the foundation of a number of our church buildings). We further acknowledge that the attitudes which excused trade in human beings in the past continue to foster both overt and institutionalised racism in our own century. We seek to make ourselves aware of these attitudes, to repent of them and to apologise to all who continue to bear the consequences of slavery and racism.

“We also wish to make clear that modern day slavery in any form is wrong and we will seek to call it out. The gospel imperative is to love our neighbour, to privilege the poor and bind up the broken-hearted. We are called to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Therefore we commit ourselves to continue to work further with all people on existing and new initiatives to eradicate slavery, racism and other injustices in the world today.”

Another Fake Warning Circulating on Facebook!

Facebook can be fun, but it can also feed you lots of falsehoods - and they are not all obvious. Often they circulate for a while and are then deleted only to resurface and circulate again. Some Facebook users seem to enjoy frightening folk with nonsense.

The latest one that has reemerged after a couple of years away is this:

The police say someone had their bank account emptied after they paid a taxi driver with a debit card. They had wanted to pay with their credit card, but the taxi asked for another method of payment because he didn't want to pay the 4% visa fee.

Police advise that whenever you are asked to pay by a debit card instead of a credit card for whatever reason, enter the wrong PIN. If it is a counterfeit machine it will pretend to process the payment and issue a receipt. An authentic machine will reject the PIN and request that you “try again.”

Please let others know – police are saying that this type of fraud is becoming increasingly common.

The truth is that card skimming is a problem and you will not be able to defeat it using the wrong PIN, because it happens through attachments to genuine card readers. They are often hard to spot, but it is worth having a look at a cash machine or card reader

St Cyprian – Who?

September 15th is St. Cyprian's Day. It's a Tuesday this year. Who is St. Cyprian? What did he do? Why did our church get attached to him?

My guess is most of us have a vague inkling of who he was, when he lived – roughly – and a little about his life. This year, I thought we would have a special “St. Cyprian's evening – on Zoom!” To give people a bit of a chance to find out more about him. We'll do it from 8 – 9pm. I'll circulate the details to get in to the Zoom later on.

It won't be a “heavy” evening, just a chance to find out a bit more Your diary is likely to be a bit emptier than normal – here's something to put in it!!!!

Not mine - Ed!!

For those who thought, like me, that St Cyprian's day is 13th September, you are right! St Cyprian can be celebrated on 13th or 15th in Anglican churches and he is marked on three other days by other denominations. With the

13th being a Sunday and Monday being Holy Cross Day, his festival would be transferred to the 15th in any case this year. - Ed



By Paul Hindle

to see if it has been interfered with.

If someone does get your card details, your best protection is to have two factor authentication for larger amounts (that's where you need to have access to your smart phone or to provide a supplementary password) and always keep a close eye on your statements to check you recognise every debit made.

If your card is used fraudulently, unless you have been grossly negligent, you will get your money back. It doesn't matter whether it's a debit or credit card.

A genuine issue to watch for is someone asking you to transfer money to their account instead of paying by card or someone claiming to have detected fraud on your account and

asking you to transfer your money to a new account. Until very recently, you were completely on your own if you complied. Even now, the protection is pretty weak, so don't risk it. Your money will always be safer in the existing account, because the bank will suspend all transactions if they suspect fraudulent activity. Any transaction paid without your authorisation will always be refunded, though it might take some time.

And if you think you'll be safer with cash, bear in mind that around 1 in 5000 UK bank notes is a forgery. If you are unlucky, you could be in serious trouble if you try to pass a forgery to someone else and once you have accepted it you have no recourse.

The Rev'd Beryl Scott, R.I.P.

Beryl died on the 6th August
at the age of 92

Beryl Scott was the wife of former Rector John Scott, who was Rector for a mere four years, from 1986 – 90, when John sadly died of cancer. In those four years John and Beryl made a huge impact on St. Cyprian's Church.

Both had an “interesting” past! John had been an organ builder. Beryl had trained as a scientist. John and Beryl had, at one time, lived on Hestan Island off the coast of Galloway for four years, looking after the lighthouse, with no water or electricity – an experience Beryl wrote about in the book “On a Galloway Island” which is still available on Amazon. After the time on the Island they spent many years working together in the Organ building Company, living down in Dalbeattie before John moved to ordination, eventually ending up in Lenzie. They also spent a while working in Israel.

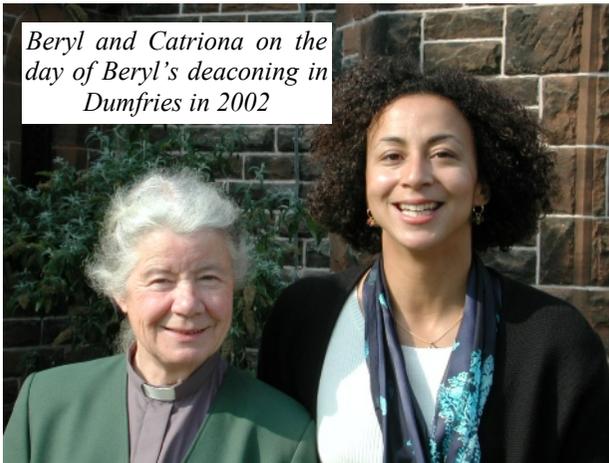
Beryl was always a strong character with firm views on how the church should work, but at the same time showing huge compassion and care to people within the church. For example, Beryl set up a Mum's and Toddler's



group which “morphed” into the Wednesday Group, members of which still meet.

After John died, Beryl moved down south to Lichfield to be nearer to family. Beryl had a great dream to be ordained, but found that the Church of England had restrictions on age of candidates which Beryl fell foul of. As a result, Beryl returned to Scotland where she was accepted for training, ending up as Non-Stipendiary Assistant at Christ Church, Dalbeattie where she has remained ever since, again playing a significant part in the life of the church right up to recent times, until ill-health made that impossible.

John and Beryl had a daughter and son, Catriona and Stephen, and I'm sure our prayers are with them. Her funeral was a small event affected by the Covid-19 Crisis. Hopefully, at some stage in the future, there will be a memorial service for her, and we will pass on information when we have it.



Beryl and Catriona on the day of Beryl's deaconing in Dumfries in 2002

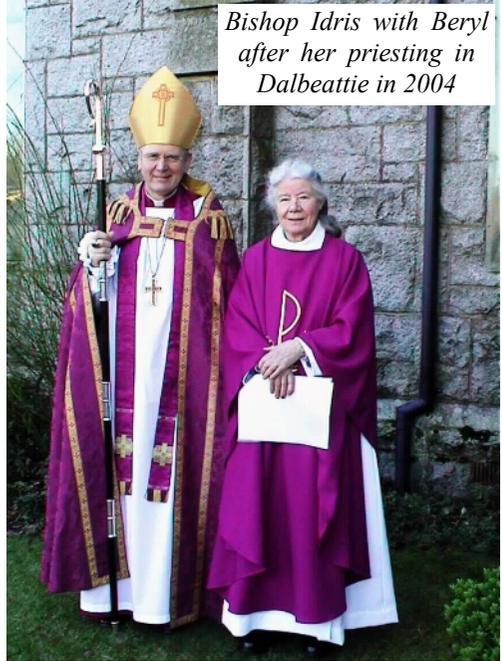
A Tribute from Our Bishop

Holiness is a word that frightens most of us. Nobody wants to be thought of as ‘Holier than Thou.’ The Holiness that Beryl lived and sought all her life, was the Holiness that the psalmist and the prophets spoke of, but the word we would use today, is integrity.

Integrity, wholeness, holiness – Beryl lived them out because in every aspect of her life she recognised God in the love she shared with John, with her two children, and her love of creation, of islands and fields and walks and so many people. Beryl recognised that God is love and we know God in the love of family and of friends who make God’s love real to us, no matter how inadequate or frustrating that may be at times. The love we share is a pale reflection of God’s love, that is what the story of our Lord Jesus Christ is all about. God is with us in the pain and the disappointment as much as he is with us when the sun on your skin reminds you of how warmth and affection make life worthwhile. That is the Holiness that made Beryl constantly seek God in creation and in and for those to whom she ministered as a priest.

While staying on the island of Cumbrae, Beryl and I had long conversations about what it is to seek God. Cumbrae reminded her of her Galloway island, especially when she walked round it at 5 in the morning. She did the walking – I talked with her later in the mornings!

And if you need proof of the resurrection, then there it is in our memories. Beryl has died, but our memories of her as mother, friend, priest, those memories live. Now all the irritations of the past, are seen for what they are – nothing to the love, warmth, kindness and affection she gave to each one of us. There is resurrection – love lives and grows.



The Holy Spirit of God’s love now allows us to remember Beryl and recognise a soul seeking, knowing, showing true Holiness.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Alleluia, Amen.

Bishop Kevin
Glasgow and Galloway



Most of our MU members have kept in touch over the summer – by attending the ‘coffee times’ on Thursdays, our virtual Sunday service and by simple phone calls. Planning for our 2020/21 season of meetings was put on hold, but now, as the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown is slowly beginning to ease we will be able to think ahead more easily.

Our September meeting is normally a joint service with our sister Branches from Bishopbriggs and Cumbernauld. This year we will hold that service via Zoom as face to face services – although allowed - would prove problematic for many of our members who are in the shielding group. Not everyone is comfortable using the virtual platform of Zoom, but it has proved both secure and invaluable over the last few months as we have started to use it more frequently and will probably continue to do so for a while yet. The service (and chat) will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 4pm via Zoom. Les will send out a link nearer the time and everyone is welcome to join – it would be great to see you.

At present (nearly the end of August) no other plans have been made for our programme, but that will change as time goes on! Meetings will be announced via the weekly Link and in future magazines.

David and I managed to meet up with our two older sons this summer, and on our way home visited Durham Cathedral, a truly beautiful place. Dedicated to St Cuthbert, I particularly liked his prayer which was written about him.

Almighty God, who didst call thy servant, Cuthbert, from keeping sheep to follow thy Son and to be a shepherd of thy people, mercifully grant that we, following his example and caring for those who are lost, may bring them home to thy fold, through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Take care, keep safe and hope to see you on the 9th September at 4pm

Maxine Gow
Branch Leader

Hall Improvements

As lockdown eased, but before anyone started using the Hall and Choir Vestry, we took the opportunity to repair a few things and improve safety.

The photo shows the new wainscoting and radiator guards in the Hall. The curtains have also been cleaned.

The toilets have had various holes in the walls filled and a repaint.

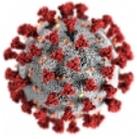
Whilst watching an Australian cooking show, the audience started clapping when the chef made meringue. Odd I thought, Australians normally boo meringue.



I wish I had paid attention to what my Father told me when I was young.

“What did he tell you?”

“I don’t know...”



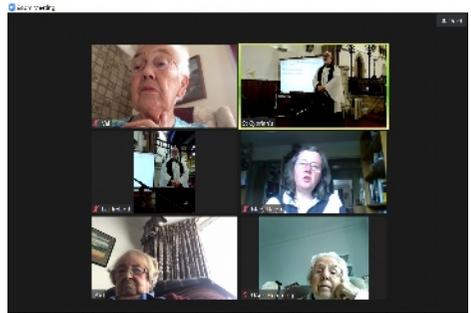
Lost and found

The Corona Virus Experience

Perhaps the biggest loss for all God's people has been collective worship. Collective worship is something very special – and a lot of things bundled into one. There is the encounter with God, the bringing of worship, praise and thanksgiving, the sharing together in our wonder at God, and what he did for us through Jesus.

There is also that loss of being together, being the family of God. I'm not sure I am quite thankful yet, but we are beginning to get together again for worship, even if it is still a shadow of what it was before the current crisis. Of course, in time, worship will be "in all its fullness," but for the time being we struggle forward. But we have found something! I don't think it compensates for the loss, but it begins to. We have discovered Zoom! I'd never heard of it before the crisis, but now it is part of life, and if nothing else, I wish I had shares in the company!!!!

With Zoom we have discovered a way of worshipping together, and a way of meeting together. Everything like Zoom has its



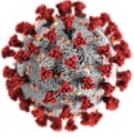
limitations, but it has become part of life for many of us, from worship, to meetings to family chat.

The one thing Zoom has done is allow us to get together, in ways we haven't before. There have been folk who have joined in our Zoom times who haven't managed to join us physically for some time. Sadly, there are others not on the Internet who haven't been able to make use of it. Many of us have discovered or developed skills we didn't have before, using the Internet.

And at St. Cyprian's, we now have "mixed mode" worship. Some in the church gathered, others gathered with us at the same time on line. And it allows more of us to gather.

I think we have found something special for the future, when we are back to some sort of normal. Zoom will still be part of our life, people sharing in worship with those at home. Those at home being fed by the worship we have together. It may be possible that people will be able to watch our concerts even if they can't make it to the building. Zoom has the potential to enhance our life and worship considerably into the future. And that has got to be good, and to the glory of our God.





Lockdown Bard . . . FALSE ALARM?

Our Lockdown Bard continues to write. Here is one of his more recent works:

Maggie and Shug are awa' galavantin'
Gie'n up oan the idea o' balcony campin'
Ther' doon in the south west in a fine hotel
Haein' a few days jist livin' like swells
When sittin' in the lounge haein' efternin tea
Did they no meet Sadie and Mrs
McGlumphy!
But the two ladies looked really awfy
distressed.
As they explained tae Shug they were in a bit
o'a mess
They had jist arrived and freshened up wi'a
shower
But had been oan a big search for nearly an
hour
An a' because o' a sad misadventure
Wi Sadie mislayin' her guid' set o'dentures
Tragedy, calamity, whit a heartbreak
Noo how could she eat her dinner time steak?
"Calm doon" says Shug " ahm sure they'll be
found

Maggie an' I wull help yese hae a look
around"

So aff they went wi a new search plan
Gaun about each wee corner wan by wan
Then Maggie cam' tae a drawer an' asked
"Whit's in this yin?"

Mrs McGlumphy replied " No much at a' just
wur boattle o'gin

We hid it in ther' wi' twa glesses ye'll see"
Weel Shug says "there's somethin in wan
o'them peerin' at me"

Crivvens, jings an'michty it wis beyond belief
Fur lookin'oot fae a gless wur Sadie's false
teeth!

Slipped awa' in a panic when the hoosekeeper
cam' in

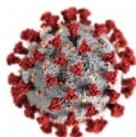
An caught up in ither stuff while hidin' the
gin.....

Says Maggie "Sadie wur gled ye've got yer
teeth back again

An' we'll no tell a soul about yer secret booze
den!"

Odd questions:

- How do dragons blow out candles?
- Why is the time when traffic is at it's slowest called the rush hour?
- What colour is a mirror?
- Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one of them?
- When sign-writers go on strike, are their placards blank.....?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- If our legs bent the other way, what would a chair look like?
- If your in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn the headlights on?
- How do you know when it is time to tune your bagpipes?
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?



Lost and found The Corona Virus Experience

No longer just a club! There is always the temptation in any church to be a group of people together, who know and care for each other and worship together. Often we can't envisage anyone outside of our group wanting to be part of our worship and fellowship together.

Too often a church appears a bit like a club! If we do have that mental picture of the church, then The Corona Virus Time has said – hold on, are you sure that's right? And hopefully the Crisis has helped us to lose that sense of being a “congregational” church, and become something much greater, much wider.

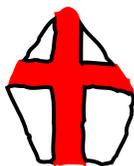
Evangelism is tough! Trying to draw people to our fellowship, to our God, can be very disheartening, as our attempts lead to rejection, sometimes mockery, often a sense of complete failure. It is hard! BUT

Through lock down we have been offering a couple of types of worship. There has been our worship streamed on a Sunday morning. However, we have also been offering a YouTube based worship. And the numbers watching that each week have settled around 50+ and we have a whole group of “Followers.” It suggests that about 30 people are watching our videos who are not members of our church! Who are they? I have no idea!

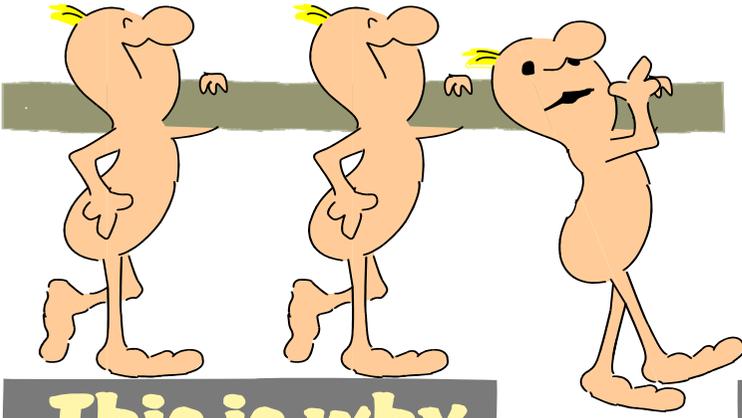
But we have found something! We have found there are people who want to share in our life and worship. Who want to receive what we have to offer. If nothing else, we have found encouragement. We may have to reach out differently, but there are people who want to share in our worship, our love for God and His Son Jesus. After the crisis I'm going to try to continue with these services – because it may be reaching people who share in our life and faith far beyond people we know!



How do two bishops maintain social distancing?
By staying two mitres apart

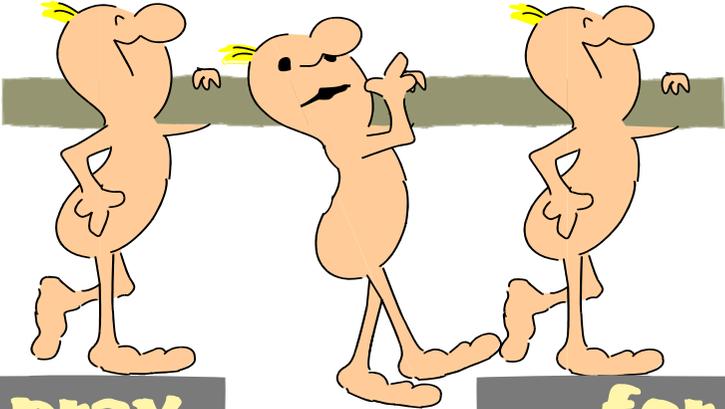


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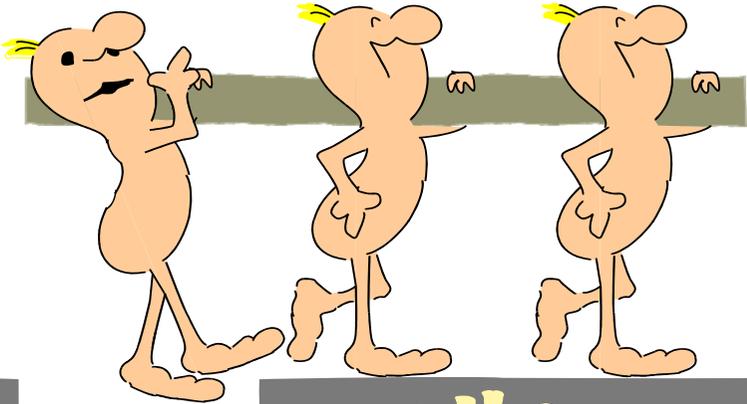
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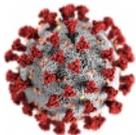
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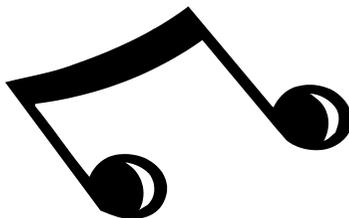
Lost and found

The Corona Virus Experience

Sometimes there are things we take for granted until we lose it. And perhaps the greatest loss through the Covid 19 crisis for our church, and for churches generally, is music.

For churches music can be the lifeblood of our worship, and for us at St. Cyprian's even more than that. Music is part of our social life as we share in the concerts we hold. Both music in worship and our concerts have pretty well been put on hold, although Mary has done a great job providing as much music as we can in our streamed services. It's a nuisance that "Zoom" doesn't appear to manage music too well.

The saying "He who sings prays twice" has been attributed (probably wrongly) to St. Augustine of Hippo. However, the loss of music has felt like a blow to our worship, and the guidelines that forbid singing at this time have made an impact on our worship together. My dream is that when it comes we will be



able to sing the great Christmas Carols that we love so much, but that has to be under threat at the moment.

I heard someone say once that a university lecture was the most efficient way of getting notes from the lecturer's notes to the student's notes without going through the mind of either!!! I sometimes wonder whether singing hymns is the most efficient way of getting things from the page into sound without going through the mind!!!! My prayer is that as we rediscover music – perhaps in the new year – we will discover something new – a new vision of what we are singing, and the beauty of the music we are using to carry the words. Then we can say – I'm singing, so I'm praying twice!!!



Donald MacDonald went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit.

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother." He replied. "They're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald. How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes"

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Cycle of Prayer now includes congregations and clergy in the Diocese of Argyll & The Isles, the former diocese of our new Bishop (in post from 1st July 2020). Please pray for him too.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Daily Prayers

- 1st Strength in faith and commitment to our Lord
- 2nd All those living with, and in remission from cancer
- 3rd Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- 4th All those who are physically and mentally challenged
- 5th All mothers and primary carers

Sunday 6th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa: The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa

DIOCESAN

Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).

St Paul's, Rothesay, Isle of Bute (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

Daily Prayers

- 7th Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- 8th Strength in our faith and commitment to our Lord
- 9th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union as we begin our new season

- 10th Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- 11th Congregational administrators and treasurers
- 12th St Cyprian's congregation, vestry and clergy

Sunday 13th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of South America: The Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

DIOCESAN

St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston)

St Peter's, Stornoway and St Moluag's, Eoropaidh, Isle of Lewis (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles)

Daily Prayers

- 14th Wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service
- 15th Those who clean and maintain our church and grounds
- 16th The work of the Park Centre
- 17th Strength to carry our faith to others in worship
- 18th Strength and stamina in carrying out God's work
- 19th "Fairtrade" producers in Africa and elsewhere

Sunday 20th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

& Daily Intentions

DIOCESAN

St Bartholomew's, Gourrock (Vacant).

St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

The Episcopal Congregation from the Isles of Easdale, Seil and Luing meeting at Kilbrandon, Isle of Seil (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

Daily Prayers

- 21st The North East Regional Council
- 22nd Prison officers and governors
- 23rd Strength to make personal sacrifice to follow our Lord
- 24th Peace and understanding between different beliefs
- 25th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.
- 26th Senior Citizens at Abbeyfield and Lillyburn

Sunday 27th September

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan: The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

DIOCESAN

Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacollm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (David Gifford, Heller Gonzalez, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown)

The Chapel of St Columba, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles)

Daily Prayers

- 28th Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to the earth
- 29th Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart)
- 30th Prisoners of the state

OCTOBER 2019

- 1st All students at Universities and Colleges
- 2nd Digital Missioner (Petko Marinov)
- 3rd All small animals and birds

Sunday 4th October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Tanzania: The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Richard Kilgour, Charles Sargent)
The Episcopal Church on the Isles of Skye and Raasay: St Columba's, Portree, St Michael and All Angels, Raasay, St Mary's, Sleat (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles)

Daily Prayers

- 5th All Christian voluntary workers throughout the world
- 6th Members of the police force and judiciary
- 7th A growth in the knowledge of God's love for us
- 8th A growth in the knowledge of God's love for all creation
- 9th Farmers and all in the Agricultural Industry
- 10th The work of nch Scotland (National Children's Homes)

Sunday 11th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Uganda: The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba, Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

DIOCESAN

St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher)

Episcopalians of Tighnabruaich, Kames and West Cowal (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

Daily Prayers

12th Strife-torn countries and countries at war

13th The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, consecrated this day in 2007

14th Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to our church

15th The work of Amnesty International

16th Thanksgiving for the wisdom our senior citizens bring

17th All in post-retiral ministry

Sunday 18th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Episcopal Church of the USA: The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop

DIOCESAN

St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little)

Episcopalians on the isles of Coll, Colonsay and Tiree, and Muck, Eigg and Rum (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles)

Daily Prayers

19th The work going on with young people in our community

20th The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, consecrated this day in 2018

21st The Fire Service and Safety Officers

22nd Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

23rd Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).

24th The medical profession at home and abroad

Sunday 25th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

ANGLICAN

The Church in Wales: The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

DIOCESAN

Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).

St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (PJ O'Maoil Mheana)

Episcopalians on the Isles of Uist, Barra and Harris: Chapel of the Holy Cross and Chapel of St Brendan the Navigator (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles)

Daily Prayers

26th That our lives may express Christ's love

27th The work of CHAS (Children's Hospice Assoc. Scotland)

28th Wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service

29th Recovery in areas of urban deprivation

30th The work of Age Concern and Help the Aged

31st Give thanks for our congregation in our worship and work

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Day

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of West Africa: The Most Revd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa;

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Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia

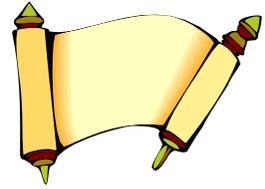
DIOCESAN

Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce

Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kevin Francis)

Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country

Sunday Readings



Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

6th September 2020

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

27th September 2020

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

18th October 2020

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 2020

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Harvest Festival (Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

4th October 2020

Joel 2:21-28

Psalms 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Matthew 13:1-9

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

25th October 2020

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

20th September 2020

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11th October 2020

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

All Saints' Day

1st November 2020

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Kalendar

SEPTEMBER 2020

Thu 3rd 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

Sun 6th **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see back page)
from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

Tue 8th **The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord**

Wed 9th 4pm Mothers Union joint opening meeting via Zoom (see page 12)

Thu 10th 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

Sun 13th **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see back page)
from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

Mon 14th **Holy Cross Day**

Tue 15th **St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr**
8pm A meeting on Zoom to find out more about our Patron Saint

Wed 16th **Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, Sixth Century (Ember Day)**

Thu 17th 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

Fri 18th **Ember Day**

Sat 19th **Ember Day**

Sun 20th **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see back page)
from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

Mon 21st **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Thu 24th 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

Sun 27th **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see back page)
from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube

Tue 29th **Michael and All Angels**

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Thu 1st 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

The Kalendar reflects the current expectations for services and events over the next two months. If there are any changes during the currency of this magazine, we'll update our website and advise those who receive the Link by email of changes to the Kalendar. The Link can be downloaded from: link.stcyprianslenzie.com.

Sun 4th Harvest Festival (Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)
 anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
 10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see overleaf)
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
Thu 8th 10am Coffee Time chat and prayer via Zoom (see overleaf)

Sun 11th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
 anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
 10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see overleaf)
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
Wed 14th 7.30pm Mothers Union meeting via Zoom
Thu 15th 10am Coffee Time chat and prayer via Zoom (see overleaf)

Sun 18th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
 anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
 10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see overleaf)
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
Mon 19th Luke, Evangelist
Thu 22nd 10am Coffee Time chat and prayer via Zoom (see overleaf)
Fri 23rd James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62

Sun 25th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
 anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
 10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see overleaf)
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
Wed 28th Simon and Jude, Apostles
Thu 29th 10am Coffee Time chat and prayer via Zoom (see overleaf)

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun 1st All Saints' Day
 anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les
 10.30am **Said Eucharist** in Church and via Zoom (see overleaf)
 from 11am SEC Provincial Service on Facebook and YouTube
Mon 2nd All Souls
Thu 5th 10am Coffee Time chat and prayer via Zoom (see overleaf)

10.30 am Eucharist to Resume

In August, we resumed worship in our church building with a weekly service of the word. There are always teething problems with this sort of thing, but hopefully most of these are sorted out. We now believe it is time to introduce communion, and the service on the 6th September will be a Eucharistic service.

The service will be a bit different. Firstly as the priest in the service, there are lots of hygiene rules I will have to keep, but that's the way it is!

People will only be able to receive in "one kind," i.e. only receive the bread. For this, I will stand at the foot of the chancel steps and give the bread to members. We will come forward to receive a pew at a time. The idea –

come forward, receive and then immediately step to the side before returning to the pew. We will give plenty of guidance through the service.

Please note – we will continue to stream the service for those who choose not to come to church. We will change the order of service on the projector, on the website and will try to E.mail out a version of the order. If anyone wants a "paper" version of the order, please let me know.

Finally, we welcome feedback, particularly from those on Zoom – we don't know how it is coming across online. There may be reasons for what we are doing or what is happening, but any issues we can sort out, we will try our best to do so.

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Date	Reader	Intercessor
6 Sep	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy
13 Sep	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd
20 Sep	Sally Hadden	Jacqui Stother
27 Sep	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh
4 Oct	Jill Taylor	Maxine Gow
11 Oct	Mary Boyd	Glennis Tavener
18 Oct	Mary Haigh	Jackie Fenton
25 Oct	David Taylor	Aileen Mundy
1 Nov	Kevin Wilbraham	Gavin Boyd

Coffee Time

While we are back in church for worship, we are not able to have social gatherings in person. Coffee Time fills the gap by providing an opportunity to join in a chat and prayer time every Thursday morning from 10 via Zoom.

If you are subscribed to the Link email (sign-up at stcyprianslenzie.com), you will receive invitations to Coffee Time (as well as the Sunday Service if you are not able to or comfortable with coming in person).

Usually the emails go out one or two days before. All you need to do to take part is to click on the link in the email and follow the prompts on the screen to download the Zoom App (if you haven't already got it) and then join the meeting. If you haven't got a suitable device, you can also join in sound only by phone. If you need any help, please phone the Rector or Paul Hindle.