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Don't miss Him!

Celebrate the Coming of the Lord Jesus
and have a very Blessed Christmas

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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

Ursula Fanthorpe is probably one of the greatest British poets of the 20th Century, winning many awards, and finally working as professor of poetry at Oxford. She died in 2009 aged 79. It is considered that the only reason she never became Poet Laureate was because of her personal life and relationships. She is perhaps best known for her Christmas poems – each year from 1974 to her death she wrote a poem which she used on her Christmas cards and greetings to friends. They are now collected in various books. One of her poems is on page 5 – a poem I love.

I love the poem because somehow it understands not the grandness, but the ordinariness of Christmas. We think of Angel choirs singing praises, with shepherds responding and charging about Bethlehem looking for the baby. We think of huge trains of camels carrying grandly dressed men with extravagant gifts seeking for a child, following a startlingly bright star. (An image which comes from the idea of them being not wisemen but kings, an image that arises from some sort of mis-translation somewhere in history.) We think of parents and child, with haloes around their heads in a beautiful

glowing starlit stable so beloved of Christmas card artists. Somehow Ursula Fanthorpe captures the sense not of the grandness, but of the total ordinariness of the event.

For me I want to celebrate Christmas, an invitation to celebrate which is reflected in the glorious pictures that we have of the Christmas story. However, I also want to remember and ponder on the ordinary events that happened 2000 years ago, and the significance of the ordinary birth in a lowly stable.

Why do I need that picture of the ordinariness of Christmas? I think it is this: If Christmas is all about a baby born in the midst of kings, angels, light, haloes, rich gifts, then somehow Jesus becomes part of that – a very special baby of palaces and riches, where even the stable is special. However, if Jesus is the baby born in the ordinary then he is a baby for those whose lives are ordinary, common, lowly, like you and me, perhaps.

Christmas is not telling us that this special Son of God, adored by parents, worshipped by angels, attractive to shepherds, visited by royalty is the Jesus who came. Christmas is telling us that this ordinary baby has come for ordinary people like us. He was one of us. Born as one of us. Living as one of us. Unnoticed by most of the world, just like us.

Jesus is not the man of palaces and the
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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday 25th January 2015. The deadline for material is 11th January and the magazine will cover February and March 2015.

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.

The Diocese has now stopped producing the regular Diocesan News Service. The July/August 2014 issue was the last one. It and many of the previous issues can still be downloaded from the diocesan website: www.glasgow.anglican.org. Click on the link on the right hand side of the home page to access them. I can arrange to print copies for those who don't have internet access, though some copies are still available at the back of the church. There's also a link there to the news pages of the website, which continue to be updated regularly.

We are asked to keep sharing our news with everyone in the diocese by sending articles to the diocesan secretary, Chris Zochowski, who will arrange for them to be published by email and/or online. Email Chris at diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org or post to c/o Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH.

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Paul Hindle

From the Rector

important. Jesus is the man for all of us, the ordinary. And it is this that is reflected in Ursula Fanthorpe's poem.

Of course she doesn't leave it there, she finished with the most profound thought of all. Those people who came at that very ordinary moment, came to Jesus. Those people walked straight into the kingdom of God. We come to this ordinary moment, and see the ordinary birth of 2000 years ago? If we walk into that ordinary stable, then we too walk haphazard by starlight straight into the kingdom of heaven. Have an "ordinary," but fantastic Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

LES

Cover Photo

The photo shows the church decorated for Christmas last year. A major feature was the 'wackiest nativity scene of all time'!!

Now as we start the season of Advent, we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus — while wondering what will be the Rector's next challenge to our senses!

No matter the challenges in your own life, may you be able to look forward to Christmas with joy and peace. We wish you a very Happy New Year too.

BC:AD

by Ursula Fanthorpe

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect.
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

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.

Same-Sex Marriage & The Scottish Episcopal Church

From the 1st January 1915, same-sex couples will legally be allowed to get married in Scotland. Many people on both sides of the argument for or against have expressed concern or uncertainty about how this may affect us in The Scottish Episcopal Church. This is simply to let everyone know the legal position at the moment.

Firstly, we will NOT be allowed to carry out same-sex marriages for the time being. The law clearly says that no church of any denomination will be able to carry out such marriages unless the ruling body of that denomination has decided in favour, and approached the Scottish Parliament for permission. Our ruling body – the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church has NOT as yet made a decision either way.

Secondly the Scottish Episcopal Church at the last General Synod (which meets once a

year) agreed to set in place as wide a consultation process as possible on views within the Scottish Episcopal Church. This process is likely to continue to the General Synod next year. It is possible that the General Synod in 2015 will make recommendations one way or the other, probably with conscience clauses for those who feel strongly on one side of the issue or the other, for further discussion within the formal structures of the Scottish Episcopal Church. This means that the recommendations will be discussed further within diocese, particularly within the context of diocesan synods – which also happen once a year! The results of those discussions will then be referred back to the Diocesan Synod the following year for final decision.

What does this mean? It means that the earliest likely date the Scottish Episcopal Church might make a final decision is in the summer of 2017. However, if there is uncertainty about which direction the church should go in, it is possible – perhaps even likely, that decisions may be deferred for further consultation, or further discussion, and it could be years before a final decision is made. So – the earliest likely decision is in 2017. Some would suggest that it may be a number of years after that.

At the moment if a same-sex couple requests a marriage in our church, whatever we may believe, the Registrar simply will not issue the Schedule for that marriage to take place. At some stage in the future, probably a minimum of 2 years, the Scottish Episcopal Church could make a final decision. Any final decision will be surrounded by conscience clauses in an attempt to protect and support who may feel strongly on either side of the debate.

Afternoon Service Revived

Following my health problems at the beginning of the year, we had to cancel the Communion service we held at the church on the third Sunday of each month.

I know there are people who have really missed that service. Now my health problems are hopefully history, we will be starting up the services again in January. So on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm we will be having a communion service to which everyone is welcome. We'll have some sort of refreshments after as well.

Bishop's Christmas Message 2014

In 1951, I was told many years ago, for my first birthday I was given a set of what were then called Fairy Lights, for the Christmas tree. I grew up with these lovely things and enjoyed them well into my teens – what happened to them, I don't really know. They were larger than modern lights, spherical, in delicate colours and they cast a beautiful soft light through the fragrant greenery of the tree – every Christmas I see them in my mind's eye and wish I still had them. I've never been able to find anything remotely like them. Their memory is important to me, they are iconic, really, of Christmas past for me, iconic of a very special and precious kind of light.

But not just of Christmas past. I wonder if you share with me a sense of an ever-darkening world, of really dark things happening at home and abroad. The darkness of fear – fear for the future, fear of the other, fear of sudden terror and murderous violence, fear of what may still be revealed of abuse at

all levels of our society – all of these and many more dark things, gather around us and in us and stalk our world, God's world. So that when at Christmas we hear again the words of St John proclaiming Christ as the light that the darkness can never overcome – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (1.5) - we are challenged once more to hold fast to the hope that in the end the light will have it, the light will have it.

But not simply at the end – now as well. The light has some of it now, too. Not all is dark and not all is bad news, not at all. People still seek what is just and true and beautiful, people still reach out across barriers of hatred and fear, people still do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with their God. People of many faiths and people of none. But some of them do all these things for they know the Light that shines in the darkness and they love that Light above all else and all others. And they hope, even know, that the Light will have it in the end and is having it now in their struggles and commitments. And the Light will draw all other lights to Himself. Christmas is, above all, their time, their celebration.

+Gregor

On Remembrance Sunday, the Rector had pleasure in presenting an embroidered plaque featuring red poppies in recognition on behalf of the church of her service to the Poppy Appeal.



Inspiration – Johnny Hart



My guess is the majority of people may never have heard of Johnny Hart, but in his field he was one of the greats. His field? He wrote strip cartoons.

The first series of Johnny Hart cartoons I came across was called “The Wizard of Id.” It featured an obscure “Arthurian” type kingdom, featuring the king who was only two and a half feet tall and the wily wizard, henpecked by his enormous wife. Rodney the cowardly knight, the duke, and a host of other weird but appropriate characters also appear. In total we ended up with about 6 or 7 books of the cartoons. His cartoons did feature in newspapers, but mainly in the USA.

After discovering “The Wizard of Id”, we discovered his perhaps even more successful series – “BC”, cartoons set in the Stone Age, but often a very astute commentary on American society.

Johnny Hart was born in New York State in 1931, and began his cartoon drawings as a conscript in the Korean War. He started his “BC” strip in 1957, and his “Wizard of Id” strip in 1964, the Wizard of Id being in collaboration with Brant Parker. He continued drawing the cartoons to his death in 2007, cartoons which featured in over 1000 newspapers throughout the world.

What impressed me most about Johnny Hart was his Christian faith. He was a man of real faith, and used his faith in his cartoons. Each year he would produce an Easter cartoon, as well as overtly Christian cartoons at other times of the year. Two of his cartoons were considered extremely controversial. One he drew at Easter 2001 – which most Christians would agree with – caused great offence in the Jewish Community. Another in autumn 2003 caused huge offence in the Muslim community. The effect of both was for many papers to withdraw his cartoons – in the amoral world of the press it often seems like you can say what you want about Christians, but they get panicked when other faiths take offence. At the same time, as well as having a



national impact, he taught Sunday Classes at his local church right up to his death.

I'm an admirer of Johnny Hart for a number of reasons.

Firstly he was really funny. His cartoons are brilliant and remain in the absolute top drawer of cartoon creating.

Secondly he stood confident and resolute in his faith, in a world where the Christian faith was at best seen as irrelevant, at worst seen as the enemy, to be lampooned, mocked, ridiculed. His resoluteness clearly affected his status as a cartoonist – many papers would not use his cartoons because of his faith. In an age when many are waiting to take offence, and

seeking the opportunity to take offence, Johnny Hart would not let his faith be compromised.

Thirdly, he used his cartoons affectionately. There was no offensiveness in his work. They are simply a joy to read.

Fourthly, he stood firm for his faith, even when everyone wanted him to climb down, apologise, withdraw, in the face of people waiting to take offence.

Johnny Hart was a master of his craft, but a craft which was both inspired and infused by his deep Christian faith. I love his cartoons, admire the man, and am inspired by his legacy.

Les

B.C.

by Johnny Hart



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Watch out in anticipation for spring to come – we planted bulbs and wild flower seeds in the grounds of the church at our November meeting. Let's hope they give a real display of colour in the New Year.

Our December meeting on the 10th will be in the Choir Vestry at 1.30pm where we are planning a Christmas Quiz as well as partaking of mince pies and some mulled wine. You don't have to be a member to join us – come along for a chat and some fun, especially if you like quizzes.

January sees the start another year and our meeting on the 14th will be our Annual General Meeting where we review the past year, and elect new office bearers. We will also be

Next Meetings

10 th December 2014	1.30pm
in the Choir Vestry	
14 th January 2015	7.30pm
in the Hall	

making plans for our Valentine Afternoon Tea in February

A White Ribbon Campaign to End Male Violence To Women is a focus of the local MU Branches. We have badges to sell - £2 each from Maxine. If you would like to read more on the campaign have a look at www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk

Merry Christmas to everyone and all are welcome at any of our meetings.

Maxine Gow
Branch Leader

Woodilee Remembrance



St Cyprian's again took part in the annual remembrance service at the war memorial in Woodilee.

Les compiled the service and brought along holly leaves, symbolising the beauty and the pain that often goes with remembrance, for us to use in our own acts of remembrance.



Advent Music

Through advent I plan to feature music, particularly at the lighting of the advent candles, which has been arranged by Ruth Elizabeth Schram. She is a composer/arranger who often takes well known hymns and re-arranges them by sometimes writing a new tune, or adapting the hymn to a well known piece of music, or by setting two hymns against each other in a sort of juxtaposition. Less often, she writes completely new music and songs. She writes for both adult and children's choirs. Who is she?

Ruth Elaine Schram, born in 1956 in Montrose, Pennsylvania, began to learn piano and music theory at the age of 5, and wrote her first song at the age of twelve. She studied

music at Lancaster Bible College and Millersville State College (both in Pennsylvania) and taught Elementary

Music in her home state for several years. Her first octavo was published in 1988. In 1992, she became a full-time composer and arranger and now has over 2,000 published works. In addition to her choral music for church and school choirs, her songs appear on thirty albums and numerous children's videos.

She now lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband, and they have two grown daughters.

You can find mp3 recordings and scores of her music on her website: choralmusic.com.

Les



Jack and the Beanstalk

This is the title of the Kirky Players Panto this season, which will be playing at Lenzie Academy in the second full week of January 2015.

I have purchased 15 tickets for the performance on Saturday 17th January at 6.30 pm, eight of which have already been taken.

If anyone would like tickets, please contact me as soon as possible because I may not be around at Christmas and the beginning of January and would like to get it all organised before I go away. Thanks.

Glennis

A Good Christmas Fair.....



So what do you need for a good Christmas Fair? And did we manage it at St. Cyprian's on the 22nd November?????

Well, first you need lots of volunteers offering their best, working hard, doing everything with good humour. Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!** In abundance!

Second you need lots of good stalls, with interesting things to buy, and activities to do. You need to cater for all ages. Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!**



Third you need lots of stuff. Cakes. Jams. Crafts. Jewellery. Collectibles. Toys. Books. Prizes for the tombola. Crafts. Christmas stuff..... You need people to donate generously..... Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!** We had a mountain of stuff!!!

Fourth you need lots of customers, from good advertising. From posters, to fliers, to adverts in the press. Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!**

Fifth, you need a good overview, which Susan Frost provided, and a good management of money, which Jacqui Stother provided. You need good leadership. Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!**

Sixth we need good, quick, effective clearing up afterwards. Did we have that? **Tick!!!!!!**





In fact, overall we had a great Christmas Fair this year. We had all the ingredients for a great Christmas Fair. We may not have had great weather, but who cares? We had good preparation beforehand, and good clearing up after.



However, for me, the icing on the cake was the chat. Somehow this year the chat with the visitors was really good, really effective, with a number of people wanting to know more about our church and what we do. It was a great opportunity, which we took with open arms, to show to those who came that we are a friendly, open, welcoming church. For me, it is that atmosphere, that building of

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Christmas Fair

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relationships, which is so important about events like these, and was so good at the Christmas Fair this year.



It was sad to mark that after 26 years of organising, Susan Frost has decided for personal reasons it is time for her to step down as organiser, and we thank her for all that she has done over the years for the Christmas Fair, and we were pleased to mark her contribution at the end of the Fair. I'm sure the Fair will continue, but her contribution will be very much missed.

And by the way, perhaps the least important bit of information from the day – we made about £2,600!

The Jewellery Stall

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who donated jewellery and boxes to make the jewellery stall such a success once again.

Every year Sheila and I are amazed at the amount of donations. We really enjoy sorting and presenting such a wonderful variety of jewels.

We now have many regular customers and it's always a pleasure to see them and thanks to you, going away very happy with their purchases.

Please keep the boxes and jewellery coming to continue the success of the stall. Donations are welcome throughout the year.

With grateful thanks and see you there next year.

Anne & Sheila & Helpers on the day

I'm sure every other stall holder would echo these sentiments and would wish to express their thanks for your support, I certainly do on behalf of the Tombola!

—Editor

King Wenceslas Who?

You may have heard this joke:

Question: How did King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

Answer: deep pan, crisp and even!

For the more cultured, the name Wenceslas may be known from Wenceslas Square in Prague. For all of us, we probably know Wenceslas from the Christmas Carol, when he looked out on the feast of Stephen, the 26th December, Boxing Day. Who was Wenceslas?

First he was never a king – he was the Duke of Bohemia, living probably from 907 – 935AD, becoming Duke on his eighteenth birthday in 925AD. He was also known as Vaclav the Good. He was made a sort of honorary king by Pope Otto 1st in the early years after his death, when he was also made a saint (Wenceslas is now the patron saint of the Czech lands.) Wenceslas was assassinated by his brother, known as Boleslaw the Cruel!

Wenceslas was brought up to be a devout catholic by his grandmother, although his mother was pagan, and he maintained his faith and piety right up to his death. His father died when he was 12 whereupon his mother acted as regent until Wenceslas became Duke at the age of 18. Little is known about the man himself although he was probably a good ruler. It is said he introduced an education system, and a just legal system. Wenceslas was considered unusual as he learnt to read and write – rare for anyone at that time. However, after his death his reputation soared. The chronicler Cosmas of Prague, writing in about the year 1119, states:

But his deeds I think you know better than I could tell you; for, as is read in his Passion, no one doubts that, rising every night from his noble bed, with bare feet and only one



X. Good King Wenceslas.

CHORUS.

Good King Wen - ces - las look'd out, On the Feast of Ste - phen,

When the snow lay round a - bout, Deep, and crisp and e - ven:

chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty, so much so that he was considered, not a prince, but the father of all the wretched.

The truth is, the story of the carol itself was not written until 1847 by Czech poet Vaclav Alois Svoboda, then came to the UK where J M Neale put an English version of the words to a 13th century tune in 1853.

The carol has, since writing, had mixed reviews. Some love it, others not! Me? I'm not sure – not sure why it is even considered a carol, except the action happens on Boxing day. The nativity is not even mentioned. Perhaps, for me, the song is best described as a good traditional moral folk song. Not really one I choose for worship . . .

Into Year B!

The Anglican Church Lectionary (the readings that are suggested for us) moves from Year A to Year B on Advent Sunday. How does the lectionary work?

Well, there are three years in the Lectionary – A, B & C, which go round and round. The main gospel readings in Year A are from Matthew's Gospel, in Year B from Mark's gospel, and in year C from Luke's gospel. The other readings – for the Old Testament and New Testament are fitted around those gospel readings, sometimes to match the theme of the gospel, more often to ensure we read through most of the Old and New testaments over the three year cycle. However, the gospel readings are not exclusively from the specific gospel given for the year. For example, over Christmas, gospel readings are likely to be from Luke, because Luke has the most explicit re-telling of the Christmas Story. Then, at special times of the year or to mark other special events, Part's of John's Gospel will be set as the gospel reading. So – most weeks the gospel reading will be from the given gospel –but not every week! The other readings are given as an attempt to cover as much of the bible as possible.

This coming year – Mark's gospel is the one set. Each gospel has its own characteristics, and themes to look out for. From Mark's Gospel it is worth looking out, over the coming year, for:

1) The "Messianic" secret. In Mark's Gospel Jesus is constantly telling people NOT to tell others he is the Messiah. In Mark's gospel, what matters is that people see what Jesus does and respond appropriately, not for people to think he is the Messiah and make him do what they think the Messiah should do. Mark's gospel has



proportionately more “miracle/healing stories” than any of the others.

- 2) The simplicity of the Gospel. It seems likely that Mark's gospel was the first written. The other gospels seem to use Mark's gospel as the basis of theirs, adding other stuff to it which they have heard at a later date or from elsewhere, particularly adding to it a lot of the teachings of Jesus.
- 3) The disciples presented as obtuse, fearful and uncomprehending, then God restoring and renewing and revealing through Jesus, constantly.
- 4) An emphasis on Jesus as the one who is to suffer. The gospel was likely written to Christians who were being persecuted and suffering – Mark's Gospel is saying that Jesus did the same, and suffered in the face of an antagonistic world, but through that suffering is the way of salvation.

And of course a challenge! The gospels were probably written to be read through in one go. Try it! Read Mark's gospel in one sitting! It will only take a few minutes. See what impact the whole gospel has on you. More! The gospels were written to be read aloud! Performed out loud! Why not try that – in front of a mirror, probably when there is no-one else at home!!! By reading it all the way through in one go we are doing what they did 2000 years ago. And as we do, we can see the whole story in a completely new sort of way.

Les

They Missed Him

They were looking for a lion,
He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.
They were looking for a warrior,
He came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.
They were looking for a king,
He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.
They were looking for liberation from Rome,
He submitted to the Roman stake, and they missed Him.
They were looking for a fit to their mould,
He was the mould maker, and they missed Him.
What are you looking for? Lion? Warrior? King? Liberator?
What are you looking for?
They were looking for their temporal needs to be met,
He came to meet their eternal need, and they missed Him.

He came as a Lamb to be sacrificed for your sin.
Will you miss Him?
He came to make peace between God and man.
Will you miss Him?
He came to model servant hood for all mankind.
Will you miss Him?
He came that we might have true liberty.
Will you miss Him?
He came to give you eternal life.
Will you miss Him?

When we submit to the Lamb, we will meet the Lion.
Join with the Peacemaker, and we will meet the Warrior.
Work with the Servant, and we will meet the King.
Walk with the Submitted, and we will meet the Liberator.
Concern ourselves with the eternal, and we will have the temporal.
If Jesus is not fitting into the mould you have,
then come to the mould maker and get a new one.
Submit to His plan for your life and you will see the eternal need met first;
then all the other things you have need of will be taken care of as well.

Anonymous

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

DECEMBER 2014

Daily Prayers

- 1st For all those living with HIV and AIDS
- 2nd Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 3rd The rejection of discrimination and stigmatisation
- 4th The North East Regional Council
- 5th Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child
- 6th The People of Finland (National Independence Day)

Sunday 7th December Second Sunday of Advent

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Kinkiizi (Uganda): The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka

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St Silas', Glasgow (Vacancy, Chris Brett, Michael Reader-Harris)

Daily Prayers

- 8th "Women's Aid", helping those affected by domestic abuse
- 9th Those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment
- 10th St Cyprian's Mother's Union
- 11th Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime
- 12th The National Meningitis Trust
- 13th Our preparations for the Christmas Festival

Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent

ANGLICAN

Kitgum (Uganda): The Rt Revd Benjamin Ojwang

DIOCESAN

All Saints', Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland, Graeme Hely).

Daily Prayers

- 15th For oppressed & persecuted Christians and martyrs
- 16th Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 17th Diocesan Child Protection Coordinator Anne Jones
- 18th Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer
- 19th For all those exploring new aspects of Christian life
- 20th Safety for those travelling over the holiday period

Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent

ANGLICAN

Kontagora (Lokoja, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim

DIOCESAN

All Saints', Bearsden; St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Kirstin Freeman, Fraser Gold, Mike Graham); Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership

Daily Prayers

- 22nd Effective mission and expansion of congregations
- 23rd Those who are struggling with doubts
- 24th Peace throughout the world
- 25th Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 26th Love for God and our neighbours
- 27th Children in distress and despair

& Daily Intentions

Sunday 28th December Christmas 1

ANGLICAN

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East: The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Paul Romano, Eamonn Rodgers); St Oswald's, Kings Park (Vacancy)

Daily Prayers

- 29th The Ascension Trust – training Street Pastors
- 30th Street Pastors, keeping our young “clubbers” safe
- 31st Thanksgiving for the year at an end

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- 1st Thanksgiving for every new beginning
- 2nd All the peoples of the world
- 3rd The work of Deaf-blind Scotland

Sunday 4th January Christmas 2

ANGLICAN

Lagos West (Lagos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd James Odedeji; Lagos Mainland (Lagos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Adebayo Akinde

DIOCESAN

St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Scott Robertson, Maggs McTernan, Charlotte Methuen)

Daily Prayers

- 5th Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 6th For teachers and children returning to school
- 7th For ‘Big Issue’ sellers and all trying to make a fresh start
- 8th The Church of Sweden (Torben

Clemmenson)

- 9th The work of “Hart for the City” and Lukas Njenga
- 10th Ministers of the Sacrament and Pastoral Visitors

Sunday 11th January Epiphany 1

ANGLICAN

Langtang (Jos, Nigeria): The Rt Revd Stanley Fube

DIOCESAN

Good Shepherd and Ascension, Hillington (Christian Okeke); St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor)

Daily Prayers

- 12th Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 13th Bearsden and Kirkintilloch Baptist Churches
- 14th The people and the city of Glasgow
- 15th All Bible Study groups and Prayer groups
- 16th Pope Benedict XVI and the church of Rome
- 17th The Ministry Advisory Group for Christian Unity

Sunday 18th January Epiphany 2

ANGLICAN

London (Canterbury): The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard John Carew Chartres; Edmonton: The Rt Revd Peter William Wheatley; Fulham: The Rt Revd Jonathan Mark Richard Baker; Kensington: The Rt Revd Paul Gavin Williams; Stepney: The Rt Revd Adrian Newman; Willesden: The Rt Revd Peter Allan Broadbent

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

continued

DIOCESAN

Christ Church, Lanark (Dan Gafvert, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans)

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 25th January Epiphany 3

ANGLICAN

Long Island (Province II, USA) The Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano

DIOCESAN

St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Lorna Mortis)

Daily Prayers

- 26th The National Health Service
- 27th Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI
- 28th All writers and communicators
- 29th Eastern Orthodox Churches
- 30th Respect and understanding for people of different faiths
- 31st For Christian Stewardship

Sunday 1st February Epiphany 4

ANGLICAN

Luwero (Uganda): The Rt Revd Evans Kisekka

DIOCESAN

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



Fair Trade

Fair Trade stalls are held in the Hall usually on the second and third Sundays of each month after 10.30am and 3pm services. The rota for December is as follows:

14th/21st December Anne Carswell
No stall in January, back in February

Altar Guild

7 th December	Val Fallon *
14 th & 21 st December	Anne Carswell *
*Advent — Brasses only	
28 th December & 4 th January	Anne Carswell
11 th January	Jackie Stother
25 th January & 1 st February	Maxine Gow & Kathryn Potts

Sunday & Christmas Readings

Advent 2

7th December 2014

Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalms 85.1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

Advent 3

14th December 2014

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

John 1.6-8,19-28

Advent 4

21st December 2014

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Psalms 89.1-4,19-26

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

Christmas Day

*Thurs 25th December 2014
(Midnight and Morning)*

Isaiah 62.6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3.4-7

Luke 2.(1-7) 8-20

Christmas 1

28th December 2014

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.22-40

Christmas 2

4th January 2015

Jeremiah 31.7-14

Psalms 147.13-21

Ephesians 1.3-14

John 1.(1-9)10-18

Epiphany 1

(The Baptism of the Lord)

11th January 2015

Genesis 1.1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

Epiphany 2

18th January 2015

1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20)

Psalms 139.1-5,12-17

1 Corinthians 6.12-20

John 1.43-51

Epiphany 3

25th January 2015

Jonah 3.1-5,10

Psalms 62.6-14

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Mark 1.14-20

Epiphany 4

1st February 2015

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8.1-13

Mark 1.21-28

Decorating for the Christmas Festival

The Church will be decorated for the Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Festival on

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 9.30AM.

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

Lots of help will be needed with the flower arranging, the Christmas tree, the crib, brass polishing and generally tidying up so please come along.



You will be most welcome.

There will be mince pies, coffee, tea and plenty of chat.

Clear up Morning

**THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015
after the 10am Service (approx 10.45am)**

All the Christmas arrangements, tree and crib need to be packed away. Many hands make light work so please come and help.

With grateful thanks,

Anne

Kalendar

DECEMBER 2014

Mon 1st	Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (Transferred from 30 th November)
	7pm Concordia Advent Service at the Carmelite Monastery, Waterside Rd, Kirkintilloch
Thu 4th	10am Holy Communion (said) in the Choir Vestry
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Sun 7th	Second Sunday of Advent
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Wed 10th	1.30pm MU Advent Challenge
Thu 11th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sun 14th	Third Sunday of Advent
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Thu 18th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sun 21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols
Mon 22nd	Thomas, Apostle
Wed 24th	Christmas Eve
	11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
Thu 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
	10.30am Holy Communion
Fri 26th	Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
Sat 27th	John, Apostle and Evangelist
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Sun 28th	Christmas 1
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Mon 29th	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.steyprianslenzie.com.

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Thu 1st	The Naming of Jesus
	10am Holy Communion (said)

Sun 4th	Christmas 2
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist

Tue 6th	The Epiphany
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Thu 8th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sun 11th	Epiphany 1 (The Baptism of the Lord)
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist

Mon 12th	Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603
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Wed 14th	1.30pm MU AGM in the hall
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Thu 15th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sun 18th	Epiphany 2
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
	3pm Afternoon Communion (in the Hall)

Thu 22nd	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sat 24th	The Conversion of Paul, Apostle
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Sun 25th	Epiphany 3
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thu 29th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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FEBRUARY 2015

Sun 1st	Epiphany 4
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thu 5th	10am Holy Communion (said)
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Sunday Duty Rota

Date	9.15 am	10.30am							Counting
	Server	Crucifer	Server	Old Testament	New Testament	Intercessions	Sides Persons	Coffee	
7 Dec	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden	Kathryn Potts	Sally Hadden	Glennis Tavener	Andy Robb & Kevin Wilbraham	Avril Critchlow	Jill Taylor & Jacqui Stother
14 Dec	Sally Hadden	Adrian Clark	Mary Haigh	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow	David Taylor & Eileen Ferry	Eileen Ferry	Kevin Wilbraham & Paul Hindle
21 Dec	Bill Watt	Sally Hadden	Adrian Clark	David Taylor	Maxine Gow	Jacqui Stother	Kevin Wilbraham & Maxine Gow	Kathryn Potts	Aileen Mundy & Eileen Ferry
28 Dec	Adrian Clark		Sally Hadden	Mary Boyd	Vivienne Parry	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd & Andy Robb	Maxine Gow	Adrian Clark & Jackie Barker
4 Jan	Sally Hadden		Adrian Clark	Adrian Clark	Kevin Wilbraham	Gavin Boyd	Maxine Gow & David Taylor	Aileen Mundy	Jacqui Stother & Jill Taylor
11 Jan	Bill Watt	Mary Haigh	Adrian Clark	Jill Taylor	Jacqui Stother	Mary Haigh	Jill Taylor & Kevin Wilbraham	Pat & Paul Hindle	Paul Hindle & Aileen Mundy
18 Jan	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden	Eileen Ferry	Kathryn Potts	Aileen Mundy	Eileen Ferry & Gavin Boyd	Jackie Barker	Avril Critchlow & Kevin Wilbraham
25 Jan	Sally Hadden	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	David Taylor	Maxine Gow	Glennis Tavener	Andy Robb & Jill Taylor	Anne & George Carswell	Gavin Boyd & Eileen Ferry
1 Feb	Bill Watt	Sally Hadden	Adrian Clark	Sally Hadden	Mary Boyd	Maxine Gow	David Taylor & Maxine Gow	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Adrian Clark & Paul Hindle

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