

CYPRIAN *Life*



*A Very Blessed Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year to All*

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 8.9 (NIV)

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Rector's Letter



Dear Friends,

My thoughts have been focused recently on the story of the Dying Thief (Lk. 23:34-43). What caught my attention was how very little the thief asked and yet he received the promise that “today you will be with me in paradise”. This must have been the first example of death bed confession in Christianity. Yet it was not a confession at all! The usual pattern, or even requirement, is that the person needs to confess their sins, ask for forgiveness and turn to Christ.

There is no suggestion in the text that the thief followed this sequence. All he asked was “remember me when you come into your kingdom”. There was no request for him to say or do anything else; he received the promise, “today you will be with me in paradise”. Perhaps Jesus knew his heart and that was all that was required. But there are some clues about what was going on in thief’s mind. For example, he recognised that he was being justly punished, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. He saw that Jesus was a King and He was going to His heavenly Kingdom: not an earthly one, for they were all about to die. These conclusions may be drawn from the words of the

thief.

But where did the thief learn these things? It is unlikely that he was a religious man, after all he was a criminal being executed for his misdeeds. There is no suggestion that he was a follower of Jesus, in any sense. All that can be said is that Holy Spirit opened his heart and mind so that he made a simple request and received an unbelievable promise:— “today you will be with me in paradise.”

Is that true for us? Do we not have to do anything but ask to be remembered in order to receive the same promise? In many respects this is true, it ties in with what Paul tells us (Romans Ch. 3 and 4) and became Luther’s watchword, “we are justified by faith alone and not by works lest anyone should boast”. However, there is a cautionary note; the thief was not in a position to do very much: he was dying on a cross, within hours his life would end.

On the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King), the gospel reading was the parable of the sheep and the goats, which is about doing things as part of our service to Christ. How do we resolve the apparent contradiction between salvations through faith alone and the role of ‘works’?

The parable was about the last judgement when Jesus (the Son of Man) will gather all

Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday 1st February. The deadline for material is 18th January and the magazine will cover February and March.

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.

This issue includes selected items from Diocesan News in *Cyprian Life*. The full Diocesan News can be downloaded from the diocesan website:

www.scotland.anglican.org/diocese/glasgow/

Click on the link on the home page to access the current and earlier editions. If you don't have Internet access, but would like to read DNS, please let me know and I shall print you a copy.

Diocesan News is published ten times per year. If you have items that would be of interest across the Diocese, please send them to the Diocesan News editor, Susi Cormack Brown, e-mail: dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk or by post to c/o Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH ☎ 0141 221 5720/2694. The deadline for the next issue will be Monday 11th January 2009.

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Paul Hindle

Rector's Letter

nations and separate people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Jesus commends the faithful in terms of all the kindnesses they have done for Him and condemns the others for their failure to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked etc. Both groups respond in the same way: they do not remember caring for Christ. He replies that doing/not doing to others was the same as doing/not doing something for Him.

What points do we need to take from this story? There are several...

1. They were commended or condemned for activities related to Jesus. Not the things they did, or did not do, for needy others.
2. There was a relationship between Jesus and the people they helped or failed to help, "these my brethren" or "the least of these..." We are not sure what this means, or whether it restricts the people that we can help in order for it to be counted as doing it for Him. It is probably safer to think it applies to any needy individual.
3. There was a lasting consequence for their behaviour i.e. eternal life or eternal punishment. Jesus was not talking about rewards, or no rewards, but eternal life or death.

Cover Photo

St Cyprian's Christmas Fayre held on 29th November was a great success with proceeds of £2,750, a substantial increase in takings over last year. The picture shows a general view of the main hall.

There are more pictures on the centre pages. A **big thank you** to all who contributed in any way to the success.

4. Eternal life seems to be related to what people did (cf. not like the thief who just asked to be remembered). This is the comment that causes most concern. The question that needs to be addressed concerns the reason that the faithful had for doing the helpful things they did. It looks as if it is related to their faith which is why it is deemed to be “doing it for Christ”. So this ties in with what James indicates in his epistle, works are a sign of a living faith. So it means that the good works, even in this case, are related to faith. It is faith that leads to eternal life, not the works themselves.

The thief was justified by faith, although he never lived the life of faith. How we live our life, our relationships, and our actions testify to our salvation and the reality of our commitment to Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

This is an important point to remember at this time of year. Christmas is a very busy time, perhaps the busiest time of the year. There is so much to do, presents to buy, cards to write, meals to plan and food to cook; we hardly have time to think. The challenge is to ask ourselves, “What of all we are doing is for Christ?”. If it is very little and we are mainly responding to the commercial and cultural pressures, perhaps its time to say “NO!” and retire from the hassle and health hazard.

May God strengthen your faith so you may do the things that count for the Kingdom of God. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Geoff

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 in Word format and the colour version of this magazine in pdf format can be downloaded by clicking on the links on the Publications page.

If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to link@stcyprianslenzie.com or phone Kathryn Potts on 0141 578 0734.

Pastoral Care

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

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

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

Radio Lent Studies Focus on Senses

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) will again partner BBC Radio 4 and BBC Local Radio on a worship and prayer resource for Lent.

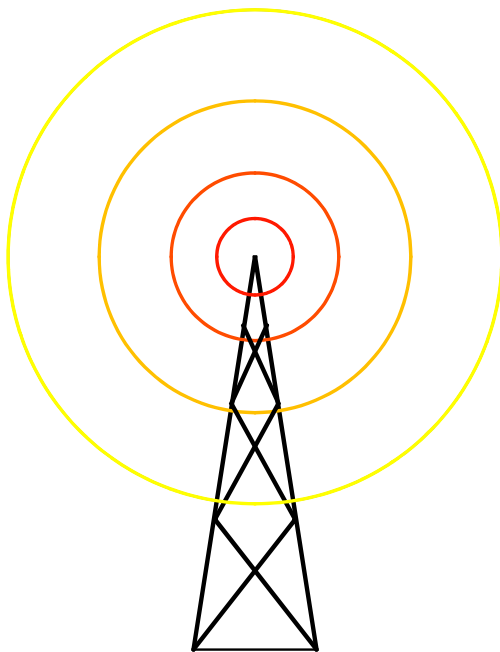
This year it is Sense Making Faith, by Anne Richards, helping people to make their Lenten journey with worship, prayer and reflections prompted by the senses. Anne says: "In meeting Jesus through the senses we will find that we are drawn to the feast with him, to respond to him, to become involved in acts of love, to worship."

Details and resources will be on a website that goes live on 1 January:

www.sensemakingfaith.org.uk

The first Sunday Worship programme in the series will go out on 1 March (St David's Day and the first Sunday in Lent).

Each week, an invited preacher will reflect on a story of Jesus in which a sense, or the lack of it, plays a key role.



EDUCATION ACTION MUSIC DAY

Tunes, Chants and Choices

Education Action Network will host a music day on Saturday 31 January called 'Tunes, Chants and Choices'.

It will be held at St John's Greenock starting 9.30am and finishing about 3.30pm.

The plan is to cover such diverse subjects as choosing hymns, getting children to sing and enjoy it, and how the Episcopal Church uses music in liturgy.

As usual, there will be a free lunch but the organisers need to know how many people are going to attend. If fewer than 30, the day will



be cancelled. So please let Linda Whitby know your intentions by 23 January (01294 276838 or lindawhitby@btpenworld.com).

Meet the New Ministry Development Officer

I AM looking forward immensely to taking up post in January as the ministry development officer in the Diocese.

Let me tell you a bit about myself and then about the role.

I am a Deacon (the permanent sort, that is) and since ordination 15 years ago have worked in TISEC (the Theological Institute of the SEC), training people for Readership and Ordination, and subsequently in the field of congregational education for mission across the Province.

Both jobs have convinced me that it is important to:

- ◆ see theological formation and education as a lifelong process, and one available to the whole people of God;
- ◆ ensure the kind of training people receive is fit for purpose, in other words is appropriate to the jobs they have to carry out, as changed times call for changed ways, new forms of leadership and so on;
- ◆ work collaboratively, whether within congregations, between neighbouring congregations, in regional groupings and ecumenically.

I am married to Fred, a priest in the Diocese of Edinburgh, and have a 22-year-old daughter studying politics in the USA.

The SEC has been my home since infancy, and I delight in its exceptionally beautiful liturgies, its thoughtfulness and its size, all of which make it a hospitable place to encounter God.

I am excited by the task ahead because it is clear to me that the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway is committed to working hard in this vital area of its life.

You have committed a sizeable sum of money to this post which speaks of the high

value you place upon supporting those in post and those in training for ordained and diaconal ministries.

You have a great team of people already dedicated to this area of work, who between them have set up excellent systems for training, evaluation, review, CMD and so on.

My job is to support them in this role and so enable the diocese of Glasgow & Galloway to continue to develop a 'culture of learning' of which it and the rest of the Province may be rightly proud. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead as together we grow in faith and understanding in the service of God.

Anne Tomlinson

Holy City Centre

HOLY City's monthly worship and workshop evenings, Subways, continue to explore the demands, delights and dilemmas of discipleship. Aided by the Iona Community's Wild Goose Resource Group, each event looks at one aspect of the vocation of discipleship.

Running till May, Subways takes place on the last Sunday of the month (second-last in December) at Renfield St Stephen's, Bath Street, Glasgow, 7-10pm.

The event on 21st December asks 'do we have to change?'. Love is the theme on 25th January. And healing is explored on 22nd February.

For people interested in running similar events in their own area, Holy City Centre is a weekend exploring the mechanics: 20-22 February.

Visit holycity-glasgow.co.uk or call 0141-332 6343.

Exciting Ecumenism

Once again it has been an exciting year for ecumenical relations, both at home and abroad. There are some interesting developments both now and in the future for our diocese.

In Dumfries the Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with the Methodist Church in Scotland has been signed and Revd. Canon Robin Paisley, of St John's, has been accepted as an Associate Minister in the Glasgow Circuit of the Methodist Church. Now the local Church of Scotland has expressed an interest in joining the Partnership, so we hope for more news on this in the near future.

In Irvine the Partnership has been agreed by the Kirk and the SEC. As the Church of Scotland now has called a new minister, we look forward to the signing of the covenant and the commitment to closer ecumenical links between the two congregations.

The churches in Newton Stewart and Minnigaff have ecumenical services called 'Fifth Sunday Services' where they worship together every fifth Sunday evening in the month.

Conversations between the SEC, Methodist Church and United Reformed Church in Scotland have reached a stage where it is hoped we can agree on a Statement of Partnership between each other.

Many of us will be participating in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in our own areas. The dates are 18-25 January, when the week will be rooted in the experience of the churches in Korea. In their context of national division the churches have turned for inspiration to the prophet Ezekiel, who also lived in a tragically divided nation and longed for the unity of his people. Copies of the material can be downloaded from: ctbi.org.uk/349.

We have conducted our first mini-review of the Gothenburg Link after a year, and all agreed that it has been exciting and fulfilling

for many people.

Delegates from Gothenburg attended the Diocesan Synod on 8 March and were welcomed to the three-day Leading Your Church into Growth course organised by our Ministry Advisory Group the following week.

We asked Revd Donald Reid to represent us at an interfaith seminar in Gothenburg.

An MU visit last year offered a useful contact point for women in Gothenburg and three delegates arrived to visit our diocese from their Women's Association this year.

The Youth Camp at Glenalmond welcomed two young women from Gothenburg in August, and three of our young people had a great time at the All Saints weekend in Gothenburg.

The Dean and Canon Jeanette Jenkins joined the celebrations at Gothenburg in September marking the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in Sweden.

Parish links have also been active.

St Ninian's Troon have had exchange visits with Dalstorp Parish. St Mark's East Kilbride had a visit from Klövedal Parish and hope for a return visit. St Margaret's Newlands have been in contact with a parish in Gothenburg city. And St John's Dumfries and St Mary's Hamilton continue planning their contact with parishes in Gothenburg.

Overall it has been a good year and progress has been positive in many areas of ecumenical relations. If you have any news you want to share or need any information please do make contact with me:

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Sandy Montgomerie

Ecumenical Relations Coordinator
Ecumenical Relations Action Network

Letter from Gothenburg

This month (December), Bishop Carl Axel, Bishop of our linked Diocese of Gothenburg will attend the Porvoo Interfaith Consultation in Edinburgh hosted by Bishop Idris.

There will be the opportunity to discuss a Porvoo response to 'A Common Word' and to share it with Muslim neighbours.

Rev. Shelley Marsh visited the Diocese of Gothenburg in October, sharing the experience of lay ministry.

At Gothenburg's Museum of Röhsska, Lena Forsberg has designed Biblical figures illustrating common stories, images and liturgy of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The exhibition runs till September.

The exchange of priests, deacons and lay people that started this year between Gothen-

burg Diocese and its partner diocese in southern Africa, ELCSA-ED (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa—Eastern Diocese), is set to be repeated in 2009.

A deacon and a priest will stay in ELCSA-ED for two months and the Diocese of Gothenburg will receive two guests for two months in the autumn.

November saw the Archbishop of the Church of Sweden set to welcome participants from all major world religions as well as the interested public to a climate change meeting in Uppsala.

Gothenburg Interfaith Council is hosting a seminar on local food production as a way for folk with different cultures to live together and take responsibility for sustainable development.

Peter Andersson

Christmas Decorating

**The Church will be decorated
for the Christmas Festival
on Tuesday 23rd December
2008 at 9.30 am.**

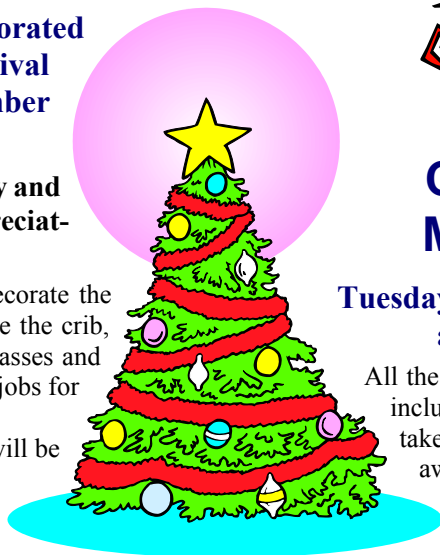
**Donations of flowers, holly and
ivy would be much appreciated.**

Help will be needed to decorate the church, put up the tree, arrange the crib, make coffee and tea, clean brasses and tidy up, so there are plenty of jobs for everyone.

Please come along. You will be most welcome.

Many thanks.

Anne Carswell



Clear-up Morning

**Tuesday 6th January 2009
at 10.00am**

All the Christmas decorations, including the tree need to be taken down and packed away.

Please come and help.

Many thanks

Anne Carswell

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Dads Run Parenting Classes While Mums Lead Business Start-Ups

PARENTING classes backed by the Mothers' Union have been taking off in three African countries, participants at last month's Union Overseas Day in Largs learned.

Many men are leading the classes and find they are really bonding with their children.

One, Peter from Malawi, said: "I am grateful to the Mothers' Union for initiating this programme irrespective of any age, religion and sex. This is because many programmes have come up that only cater for women or mothers and leave men behind."

Women, meantime, are leading the way in building small businesses (as noted in a recent IBM study into business in Africa), encouraged and supported by Mothers' Union Workers.

There are 350 Mothers' Union Workers working with grassroots communities throughout the world. All of these Workers are local women who speak the language of the communities among who they work and understand the culture and customs. These Workers address the needs and challenges faced by families on a daily basis, reaching out to support and care for vulnerable and isolated people.

Men are realising that women have some value in a family when they can read and count (the Mothers' Union literacy and development programme has been funded by Comic Relief



for the last three years). This empowers women and gives them great self esteem.

All donations on the day were sent to the Mothers' Union Overseas Fund and Relief Fund. More information from:

www.themothersunion.org.

MOVING messages to strangers in jail were gathered when the Mothers' Union held a two-day stall at Glasgow University's Freshers Week.

The MU members invited students to sign a Christmas card for a Kilmarnock Prison inmate, with the target of collecting 650 signed cards.

Some wrote words such as. 'Be encouraged in knowing that God is with you at all times, whether you feel it or not. He is with you. Remain blessed, signed, Precious'.

Another student wrote, 'Wish you a merry Christmas coming from someone you have never met, but yet wishing you health and much happiness to come'. Another said 'X a star for a star'.

Hilary Moran

Through Water and the Spirit

On the weekend 14th/15th Feb.2009 we are celebrating the Christian sacrament of Baptism. We intend inviting all those who have been baptised in St Cyprian's Lenzie over the past years. We require names and addresses of your children and grandchildren in order to invite them to this special weekend.

Saturday 14th Feb. 2009

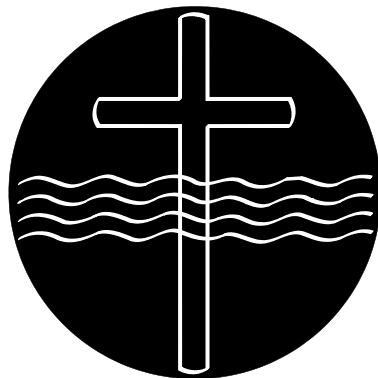
Sunday 15th Feb. 2009

Please pass details of the children to be invited to Eileen Ferry or me before 30th December to allow sufficient time for the invitations to be issued.

More information to follow.

Many thanks.

Catherine Gunnee
St Cyprian's Branch Leader



St John's, Dumfries was featured in the launch issue of the Mothers' Union's Families Worldwide magazine.

Over the past nine years MU members at St John's have supplied more than 700 toilet bags to Women's Aid refugees in Dumfries & Gallo-way.

Members make the bags and then fill them with six basics and a luxury item collected from congregation members who leave their donations in a basket at the back of the church.

St Cyprian's Mothers' Union

Christmas Carol Event & Party

Wednesday 10th December 2008

7.30pm

In the Hall

**New members always welcome
Please contact Catherine Gunnee
for more details**

News in Brief



Poverty and Homelessness Action Week runs from 31 January to 8 February, calling on churches to challenge the forces that push people to the edge of society.

Scottish Churches Housing Action can provide a list of groups in your area that might provide a speaker for a special service that week—info@churches-housing.org.

For more information, briefings and resources on the campaign, visit:

www.actionweek.org.uk.



Volunteers are wanted to join the Hogmanay Water Handout, giving out bottles of water to those who party in the city centre. You are asked to meet at 9pm at the Christian Centre, 348 Cathedral Street, Glasgow.

Bring a rucksack to carry the bottles. Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult.

More details online from Hope Alba (hope08scotland.org.uk).

A HOGMANAY Watchnight service takes place in Glasgow Cathedral at 11pm with Hope Alba. The theme is 'Bringing hope to Scotland in 2009'. Last year this service attracted around 700 people. For further details contact jim_mcnair@btinternet.com.



Churches are collecting for Glasgow City Mission this Christmas. Items required are hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear etc, plus toiletries such as shower gel, toothpaste, razors and shaving foam (but no soap). Also wanted for the Mission are children's selection boxes, chocolate biscuits, wrapping paper and gift bags.

Get Away from It All

ELSHIESHIELDS Cottage, near Lockerbie, is available for individual or small groups seeking peace and quiet. It is fully equipped for a self-catering break. Phone Ann on 01387 810280 or Louise on 07919 204300 or email: ann.shukman@virgin.net.

Joy from Africa

Momma Africa is a CD of joyful songs performed by 15 volunteers, service users and staff from Waverley Care's African Health projects. The music recalls their childhoods in Africa.

Proceeds from sales will be shared between HIV/AIDS projects in Scotland and Malawi. You can order by post from Milestone House, 113 Oxbgangs Road North, Edinburgh EH14 1EB or online from waverleycare.org/shop. The is price £9.50 including p&p.

Twin Grandchildren for David and Jenny

We send our congratulations to David and Jenny Proctor and their son and daughter-in-law, Robin and Sally, on the birth of twins, James and Ellie, who arrived on 10th October 2008. We're also grateful for Jenny's recovery from serious illness.

Jenny writes: Robin and Sally married on

3rd February 2007 in Athelhampton, Dorset near Dorchester.

They now live in 71 Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood, Hants., BH24 1PU.

Their family has just doubled in size! The babies were born by elective Caesarian Section 10th October 2008. Big brother (in age and size) was born first and James Andrew Campbell weighed 6lb 7oz. His sister Ellie

(Elizabeth) Catherine Iona was born two minutes later and weighed 4lb 11oz.

Sally and the babies are all doing well with James now over 10lbs and Ellie over 7lbs.

May I also add my thanks to so many members of the congregation and their families, friends and acquaintances who prayed for me particularly round the first week in December 2007 and afterwards. I had heard of the strength that can be given, but I had never expected to receive it. Very humbling. It certainly helped to pull me through when I had nothing left to keep on fighting. The prayers, cards, good wishes and visits all helped me keep patience through the 8½ months I was in Stobhill.

I am most grateful and wish everyone a peaceful and special Christmas this year as it will be at No.17

Jenny Proctor



Christmas Fayre Photo Feature





The Little Angel

The little Angel had lost her golden trumpet, the one she used on special occasions. The others were getting ready. She could hear the beat of a thousand wings. Then the great Archangel Michael was standing beside her. He took her hand, “Come” he said, “It is time.”

The whole of Heaven was filled with angels, their wings filled the sky. Above them the stars shone—a million diamonds against the dark.

Below her the Little Angel saw a field. There were sheep with their shepherds. When



the shepherds saw the angels their eyes opened wide. The angels sounded their trumpets! The choir sang! The shepherds gazed in wonder.

But the Little Angel hid away. She had no little trumpet to play. A tear slid down her cheek.

Then the angels were flying on—over the great city of Jerusalem where God had His special house—over the palace of the king. Looking down the Little Angel could see the shepherds running after them! One was holding a little lamb. “Where are we going?” whispered the Little Angel to the Archangel Michael. He smiled. “Look!”, he whispered back, “See the Star over the stable.”

Inside the stable a mother was watching



her baby as he lay in a manger. A man stood beside her, his arm around her shoulders. Light filled the dark stable as the angels sang and played their golden trumpets. The Little Angel looked at the baby and said, “I am sorry, I cannot make music for you.” In the baby’s eyes was the blue of the sea and sky, the green of the earth, “Sing, Little Angel,” He seemed to say, and she began to sing.

Then they were all soaring above the little town. “Will they love Him all those people down below?” asked the Little Angel. She still could see the tiny manger. A shadow, like a cross, had fallen across the baby. The Archangel Michael was speaking to her; his eyes were sad, but she could not hear his words for the song of the angels filled the skies.

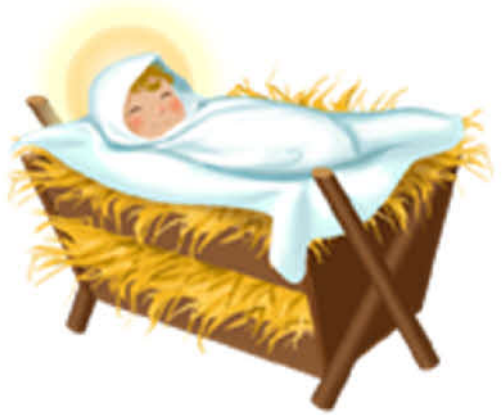
For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Enid Scobie

Christmas Quiz

1. C _ _ _ _ _
2. H _ _ _ _
3. R _ _ _
4. I _ _ _ _ _ _
5. S _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. T _ _ _ _ _
7. M _ _ _
8. A _ _ _ _ _
9. S _ _ _ _ _



Clues

1. A title for Jesus.
2. He killed the children under 2 years.
3. There was crying in this place.
4. One of the gifts given to the baby Jesus.
5. They came to see Jesus in the manger.
6. Mary and Joseph took Jesus there to make an offering.
7. Wisemen.
8. They sang to the shepherds.
9. The meaning of Jesus' name.

Where in the Bible will you find the stories of the birth of Jesus?

What were the names of the Wise Men or Magi?

Who else was expecting a baby?

(Small prize for the first one to give me the right answers! See Enid)

Vestry Notes

There has been one Vestry meeting to be reported in this issue of *Cyprian Life*. It took place on 22nd October. A further meeting took place on 3rd December, which was too late for notes to be included in this issue and it will therefore be reported later.

At the Vestry meeting on 22nd October 2008, the following business is worthy of note:

1. Further quotations were still awaited for the 'Quinquennial Report' and it was confirmed that Sandy Jamieson was empowered to proceed on the basis of the most appropriate quotation.
2. Objections had been voiced regarding the Rector's attempts to move the congregation nearer to the front of the church. After discussion, it was agreed that people should be encouraged to comply with the Rector's wishes but that they should not be denied the right to sit where they felt most comfortable. However, the original agreement that some seating at the back of the church be roped off and taken out of use for routine services should still proceed. It was agreed that Gavin Boyd should acquire cording for this purpose.
3. A report from the Lenzie Churches' Holiday Club had been circulated. It was agreed that the sum of £65.39 be paid as our contribution to meet the cost of the exercise.
4. A questionnaire had been received from ACTS Scotland seeking information regarding children in the church.
5. A letter of thanks had been received from Moira Jamieson thanking the vestry for its gift and for its support during her training.
6. The Secretary and the Child Protection Officer had received a letter from The Provincial Office with a questionnaire seeking information about any incidents of child abuse. It was confirmed that there had been none and that a nil return was appropriate. It was also noted that there had been amendments to the legislation and it was agreed that Kathryn Potts, in her role as the Child Protection Officer, be asked to explore what was needed for her to become registered as an authorised signatory to enable her to comply fully with the current legal requirements.
7. It was agreed that a contribution of £50 be made towards a gift for Bishop Idris as part of the celebrations of his 40 years in the Ministry.
8. The proposed list of Charity Donations for 2008/2009 was tabled and was approved.
9. An outline budget for 2008-2009 based on figures from the previous year was tabled. After discussion, it was agreed that this outline budget should be accepted as the initial move to allow the vestry to understand and control the financial position of the church, but that this should be referred to the Finance Group for further discussion and evaluation. The current financial climate has placed some of our investments under pressure, particularly the HBOS holding.
10. The vestry has decided to set up a Designated Property Fund to meet the cost of major expenditure on the buildings such as the changes to the link between the church and the hall. The finance committee recommended as set of criteria for this fund, which was approved by the vestry.

The vestry also heard that the application made to the General Synod Maintenance & Development Fund had been successful and the Church had been awarded a grant of £20,000 towards the Hall Refurbishment.

11. The Diocesan Liturgy Committee has sought information about the use of the liturgy in all churches in our diocese. It was agreed that the Staff Group should respond.
12. The Rector reported that the singing group's contribution to the Harvest Festival was much appreciated and he thanked Mary Boyd for bringing the group together.
13. The Rector received request to join the CMS "Share the Light" scheme in an attempt to attract more people to the church. This was agreed (see page 27 for more about this scheme).
14. Draft minutes of the AGM held on 18.11.08 and a draft of the Trustees Report by the Vestry for the year ending 31st August 2008 were discussed and approved subject to minor amendments.
15. The Rector and vestry has been concerned about the decline in numbers of regular attenders at services. There wasn't time to discuss this issue in detail, but the Rector's research suggested that:
 - Most people had a reason for not being present (e.g. on holiday, another competing commitment)
 - The average proportion of the congregation attending church each Sunday had fallen from 56% in 2006 to 46% in 2007 and to 40% currently.



- Three main reasons for decline appear to be: an aging congregation, very few new members and perhaps general apathy or lack of motivation.

No decision was reached as how this problem should be addressed, but it is something the vestry will be keeping under review. The Marketing Group has also been considering the matter and tabled a paper prepared at its last meeting identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (a 'SWOT' analysis). It is hoped this will be helpful as a basis for future discussion of this difficult subject.

16. The reports from the Music Group and the Marketing Group prompted some discussion about the requirement for a long-term strategy for music in the church. The vestry agreed to accept Kevin Wilbraham's offer to produce a document to enable further discussion at a future vestry meeting.

Sally Pitches
Vestry Secretary

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

DECEMBER

Daily Prayers

- 1st For the people of Scotland and the Scottish Government
- 2nd For all AIDS victims and those infected with HIV
- 3rd For Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child
- 4th For the Jewish People as Hanukkah begins
- 5th For all those working in the postal and courier services
- 6th For the People of Finland (National Independence Day)

Sunday 7th, Advent 2

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Kolhapur in North India and The Rt Revd Bathuel Ramchandra Tiwade

DIOCESAN

Bishop John Taylor, Honorary Assistant Bishop. All retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry (Loloma Balfour, David Balfour, David Batson, Bertie Collie, Nigel Newton, Joyce Pow).

Daily Prayers

- 8th For the North East Regional Council
- 9th For Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime
- 10th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union and Catherine Gunnee
- 11th The Anglican Consultative Council and John Stuart
- 12th The Liturgy Group and Darren McFarland
- 13th Thanksgiving for music and choristers

Sunday 14th, Advent 3

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Kumi in Uganda and The Rt Revd Thomas Edison Irigei

DIOCESAN

St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Vacant) and St Mark's, East Kilbride (Kirstin Freeman).

Daily Prayers

- 15th For all those exploring new aspects of Christian life
- 16th For "Women's Aid", helping those affected by domestic abuse
- 17th Diocesan Child Protection Coordinator, Brian Woodburn
- 18th For those who are alone at Christmas
- 19th Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 20th Thomas, For those who are struggling with doubts

Sunday 21st, Advent 4

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Lagos in Nigeria and The Most Revd Ephraim Adebola Ademowo

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Peter Douglas) and St Columba's, Largs (Vacant).

Daily Prayers

- 22nd Safety for those travelling over the holiday period
- 23rd Our preparations for Christmas
- 24th Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer
- 25th Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 26th Stephen; for oppressed and persecuted Christians and martyrs

& Daily Intentions

27th John; Love for God and our neighbours

Sunday 28th, Christmas 1

ANGLICAN

Anglican The diocese of Lebombo in South Africa and The Rt Revd Dinis Salomao Sengulane

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Troon (David Mungavin) and St Ninian's, Prestwick (Philip Noble).

Daily Prayers

- 29th Holy Innocents; for children, especially those who suffer
- 30th The Church of Sweden (Torben Clemenson).
- 31st Thanksgiving for the year about to end

JANUARY 2009

- 1st Thanksgiving for every new beginning
- 2nd For 'Big Issue' sellers, for all trying to make a fresh start
- 3rd The National Health Service

Sunday 4th, Christmas 2

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Lincoln and The Rt Revd John Charles Saxbee; Lincoln/Grantham and The Rt Revd Timothy William Ellis; Lincoln/Grimsby and The Rt Revd David Douglas James Rossdale all in Canterbury, England.

DIOCESAN

Annandale Group: St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints', Gretna; All Saints', Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Martin Callaghan, Michael Bands, John Higgins).

Daily Prayers

- 5th For teachers and children about to re-

turn to school

- 6th For our Diocesan Registrar, David Balantine
- 7th For the Ministry Advisory Group and Rev Peter Potter
- 8th For the work of Deafblind Scotland
- 9th For those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment
- 10th For migrant workers and travelling people

Sunday 11th, Epiphany 1

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Los Angeles in Province VIII, USA, The Rt Revd Joseph Jon Bruno and The Rt Revd Chester L Talton

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (David Bayne) and St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (John Repath).

Daily Prayers

- 12th Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 13th The Mission Core Group and Congregational Development
- 14th Kentigern—For the people of Glasgow
- 15th For the work of "Hart for the City" and Lukas Njenga
- 16th For Ministers of the Sacrament and Pastoral Visitors
- 17th For our Diocesan Secretary

Sunday 18th, Epiphany 2

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Lweru in Tanzania and The Rt Revd Jackton Jeremiah Lugumira

DIOCESAN

All Saints', Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship (Christine Mylne); St John the Evan-

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
& Daily Intentions

Continued

gelist, Stranraer and St Ninian’s, Portpatrick (Beth Tugwell).

Daily Prayers

- 19th For all Study and Prayer groups
- 20th For Christian Unity (week of prayer, 18-25)
- 21st Protestant Churches
- 22nd Roman Catholic Churches
- 23rd Baptist Churches
- 24th Lutheran and Reformed Churches

Sunday 25th, Epiphany 3

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Maine in Province I, USA and The Rt Revd Chilton Abbie Richardson Knudsen, Bishop Coadjutor elect, and The Revd Canon Stephen Taylor Lane

DIOCESAN

St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars) in Kirkcudbright and St Mary’s in Gatehouse of Fleet with the Revd Roger Cutler

Daily Prayers

- 26th All Christian charities and aid agencies
- 27th Eastern Orthodox Churches
- 28th All writers and communicators
- 29th The Diocesan Supernumerary and Shona Lillie
- 30th The SEC General Synod Office and John Stuart
- 31st Worldwide action for human rights

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st, Epiphany 4

ANGLICAN

The diocese of Manicaland in Central Africa, where there is a vacancy

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist in Dumfries (Robin Paisley, Andrew MacKenzie) and Christ Church in Dalbeattie (Kenneth Stephen, Beryl Scott)

Altar Guild	
7 th December	Val Fallon Advent—Brasses only
14 th & 21 st December	Gill Inglis Advent—Brasses only
28 th December & 4 th January	Anne Carswell
11 th & 18 th January	Eileen Ferry & Audrey Groome
25 th January & 1 st February	Enid Scobie & Catherine Gunnee

Rotas: for you?

St Cyprian’s currently needs more volunteers in all departments because many tasks are being undertaken by a very small number of people. Please don’t wait to be asked, just speak to the Rector or to those who organise the rotas:

- Readings & Sidesperson: Gavin Boyd ☎ 0141 776 2812
- Coffee: Val Fallon ☎ 0141 776 2767
- Altar Guild: Anne Carswell ☎ 0141 776 3354

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

Sunday Readings and Readers

Advent 2

7th December 2008

Isaiah 40.1-11

Anne Carswell

Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Vivienne Provan

Mark 1.1-8

Advent 3

14th December 2008

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

Enid Scobie

Canticle: Luke 1.46b-55

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Kevin Wilbraham

John 1.6-8, 19-28

Advent 4

21st December 2008

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

Audrey Groome

Psalms 89.1-4, 19-26

Romans 16.25-27

Sandy Jamieson

Luke 1.26-38

Christmas

(Midnight and Morning)

Wednesday 24th and

Thursday 25th December 2008

Isaiah 62.6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3.4-7

Luke 2.1-7) 8-20

Christmas 1

(Holy Innocents)

28th December 2008

Jeremiah 31.15-17

Dave Parfitt

Psalms 124

1 Corinthians 1.26-29

Jacqui Stother

Matthew 2.13-18

Christmas 2

(Epiphany)

4th January 2009

Isaiah 60.1-6

Barbara Parfitt

Psalms 72

Ephesians 3.1-12

Maxine Gow

Matthew 2.1-12

Epiphany 1

(Baptism of the Lord)

11th January 2009

Genesis 1.1-5

Kathryn Potts

Psalms 29

Acts 19.1-7

Enid Scobie

Mark 1.4-11

Epiphany 2

18th January 2009

1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20)

Sally Pitches

Psalms 139.1-5, 12-17

Revelation 5.1-10

Anne Carswell

John 1.43-51

Epiphany 3

(Conversion of Paul)

25th January 2009

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Vivienne Provan

Psalms 67

Acts 9.1-22

or Galatians 1.11-16a

Amanda MacKenzie

Matthew 19.27-end

Epiphany 4

Presentation of Christ

1st February 2009

Malachi 3.1-5

Sandy Jamieson

Psalms 24

Hebrews 2.14-end

Maxine Gow

Luke 2.22-40



Kalendar

DECEMBER 2008

Mon 1st World Aids Day

Thurs 4th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
 7.30pm **Advent Study** in the Choir Vestry

Sun 7th Second Sunday in Advent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist—**Special Service of Healing**
 3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn

Mon 8th Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Tue 9th 7.00pm **Christingle Service** with The Holy Family School Choir

Wed 10th 7.30pm **MU Christmas Carol Event & Party**

Thurs 11th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
 7.30pm **Advent Study** in the Choir Vestry

Sun 14th Third Sunday of Advent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 3.00pm Service and afternoon tea in hall

Thurs 18th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
 7.30pm **Advent Study** in the Choir Vestry

Sun 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Tue 23rd 9.30am Decorating the Church for Christmas

Wed 24th Christmas Eve

11.15pm Carols around the tree
 11.45pm **Festal Eucharist**

Thurs 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Family Eucharist

Fri 26th Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Sat 27th John, Apostle and Evangelist

Sun 28th First Sunday after Christmas (The Holy Innocents)

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

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

	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Mon 29th		The Holy Innocents
Wed 31st		Hogmany
	9.00pm	Watch Night Party in the hall
	11.45pm	Watch Night Service

JANUARY 2009

Thurs 1st **The Naming of Jesus, *New Year's Day***

Sun 4th		Second Sunday after Christmas
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	3pm	Holy Communion at Lillyburn
Tue 6th		The Epiphany
	10am	Clearing the Church of Christmas decoration
Thur 8th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 11th		First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of the Lord
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Tue 13th		Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603
Thur 15th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 18th		Second Sunday after Epiphany
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Thur 22nd	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 25th		Third Sunday after Epiphany
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Mon 26th		The Conversion of Paul, Apostle
Thur 29th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

FEBRUARY 2009

Sun 1st	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist— Special Service of Thanksgiving
	3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn
Mon 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord
Thur 5th	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry



All are invited to come along to St Cyprian's for the ACTS Advent Study.

Although this is an ecumenical study, all the meetings this year are taking place in St Cyprian's Choir Vestry.

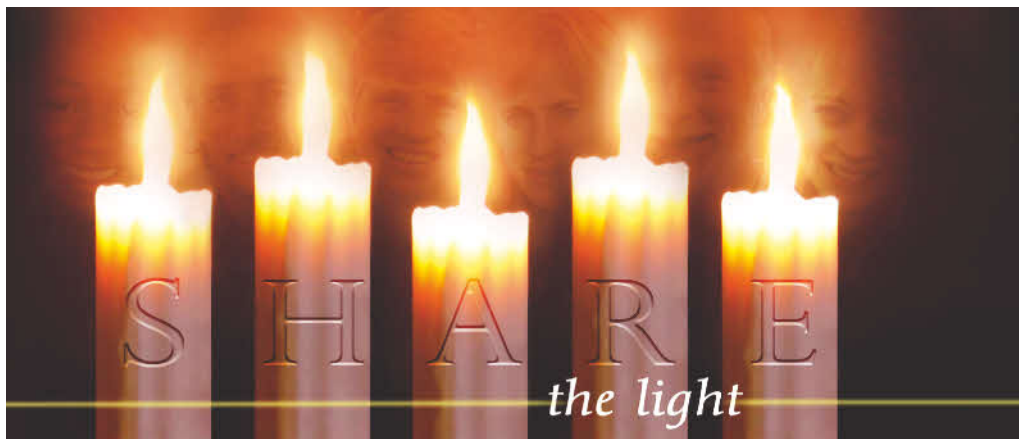
The remaining meetings will be held on Thursdays 11th and 18th December at 7.30pm.

Each meeting is self-contained so please come along even if you haven't made it to any of the previous meetings.



*Advent
is not just for
Christmas*

*Reflections
Through
Advent*



Why “do Advent” when you can do mission this Advent?

Advent: for many it’s a time of peace and joy, parties and excitement. For others, the run-up to Christmas is a time of loneliness, stress or even deep sadness.

Advent is the perfect time to offer hope to those around us.

CMS is inviting churches including St Cyprian’s to offer hope this Advent by taking part in an exciting new Advent mission programme called Share the Light .

Share the Light gives church members the chance to grow closer while also helping them to make an ongoing difference in the lives of people in our local community – a difference that will continue far beyond Christmas.

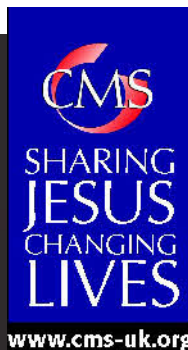
What’s involved?

Share the Light is based on one simple yet powerful belief: **Prayer Changes Lives.**

Share the Light challenges us to commit to praying for someone we know for a year. Once we’ve selected someone, we give that person or family a beautiful presentation candle, explaining how they will be praying for them over the next twelve months.

Candle recipients are also invited to a special candlelit Advent carol service at church on 21st December.

Candles were distributed at St Cyprian’s on 30th November. If you missed out please speak to Moira Jamieson as soon as possible.



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	Aileen Mundy	Sally Pitches	Anne Carswell	Vivienne Provan	Eric Parry	Sandy Jamieson & David Parfitt	Anne & George Carswell	Gavin Boyd & Kathryn Potts
14 Dec	Sally Pitches	Sally Pitches	Paul Hindle	Enid Scobie	Kevin Wilbraham	Moira Jamieson	Gavin Boyd & Glennis Tavener	Pat & Paul Hindle	Eric Parry & Sandy Jamieson
21 Dec	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Eric Parry	Audrey Groom	Sandy Jamieson	Enid Scobie	Val Fallon & Andy Robb	Dave & Barbara Parfitt	Barbara Parfitt & Kevin Wilbraham
28 Dec	Aileen Mundy	Catherine Gunnee	Adrian Clark	Dave Parfitt	Jacqui Stother	Glennis Tavener	Enid Scobie & Jean Kinnon	Kevin & Fiona Wilbraham	Andy Robb & Sally Pitches
4 Jan	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Moira Jamieson	Barbara Parfitt	Maxine Gow	Barbara Parfitt	David Parfitt & Glennis Tavener	Avril Critchlow & Jean McConnell	Maxine Gow & Paul Hindle
11 Jan	Moira Jamieson	Moira Jamieson	Aileen Mundy	Kathryn Potts	Enid Scobie	Eric Parry	Sandy Jamieson & Enid Scobie	Kathryn Potts & Maxine Gow	Sandy Jamieson & Kathryn Potts
18 Jan	Sally Pitches	Sally Pitches	Catherine Gunnee	Sally Pitches	Anne Carswell	Moira Jamieson	David Parfitt & Kevin Wilbraham	Audrey Groom & Val Fallon	Sally Pitches & Gavin Boyd
25 Jan	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Paul Hindle	Vivienne Provan	Amanda MacKenzie	Enid Scobie	Andy Robb & Sandy Jamieson	Jean Kinnon & Eileen Ferry	Eric Parry & Maxine Gow
1 Feb	Aileen Mundy	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Sandy Jamieson	Maxine Gow	Gavin Boyd	Glennis Tavener & Gavin Boyd	Fred & Catherine Gunnee	Barbara Parfitt & Kevin Wilbraham

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