

# CYPRIAN *Life*



IS NOT this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house?

*Isaiah 58.6-7a*

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# Rector's Letter

*Dear Friends,*

**We have just heard from the Provincial Secretary that our request for the suspension of the St. Cyprian's incumbency has been granted by the College of Bishops. In addition, I have received my new license from the Primus to serve at the church. This means that we will not lose our status while we are trying to rebuild the church. An incumbency means that we are relatively free within the Scottish Episcopal Church, under the leadership of a Rector (Incumbent), to develop our own programme for St. Cyprian's.**

In the future we will be able, with the approval of the Bishop, to select our own Rector. However, we need to ensure that we use the two-year period of grace the Bishops have given us to reach a point where we are able to financially support a new Rector. This is a relatively short period of time to make the church financially viable.

What are the implications for us as members and supporters of St. Cyprian's? The need to meet the salary of a full-time Rector requires that we have a regular income, which not only covers the cost of the Rector's stipend but all the other ongoing expenses involved in running and maintaining the church. The regular membership of the church at present is relatively small. It is unlikely that our present



membership, many of whom are on fixed incomes, could provide the necessary increase in giving. Therefore, we need to attract new members who are willing to play their full part in the life of the church including its financial needs. This can only be done if under God's leading we are willing to invite people to our services and church events. Take the opportunity to invite your friends, neighbours, those who do not attend any church, to come and join us! The Vestry and I are trying to make our services as attractive to newcomers as we can.

There are some really hopeful signs that progress is being made. The Treasurer has recently informed us that we are about half-way to our financial goal. Recently there have been some new faces in our congregation and we have been delighted to welcome back some familiar friends. This has been a great encouragement to all of us on the Vestry.

Please continue to pray for St. Cyprian's that we meet the challenge of being an effective Christian witness in the Lenzie and Kirkintilloch communities.

May God Bless you all,

*Yours in Christ,*

*Geoff*

# Pathway to Prayer

## Saturday, 8th March

**PATHWAY to Prayer is an annual gathering of more than 150 people exploring their relationship with God through prayer.**

Participants choose up to three out of six workshops. Led by experienced leaders from different denominations, each has input, discussion and time for prayer. Workshops are:

- Exploring the Bible prayerfully and creatively (Rev Sheila Mitchell)
- Finding God in the paradoxes and ambiguities of our faith (Fr Stephen Moironi)
- Inner peace (Maria McMahon)
- Celebrating God's Kingdom - songs of love joy, peace and justice (Mairi Munro)
- Franciscan spirituality (Rev Colin Mylne)
- Celtic Christianity for the 21st century (Deaconess Chris King)

# 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.

The gathering takes place from 10-15am till 4.30pm at Portland and St Meddan's (CoS) Church halls in Troon. Registration is £7 (unwaged £5). Lunch provided (donation welcome). More details and booking form from Chris King (01563 851197).

*A number of us from St Cyprian's have been to previous gatherings and hope to go again this year. Please speak to Glennis Tavener or Paul or Pat Hindle.*

## The Link

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

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

## Magazine Deadline

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

Please pass notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by 17th February in order to give time for typesetting and printing. Electronic format is preferred since this is usually quicker and more accurate. This will be a two-month issue covering March and April. Thank you.

**Paul Hindle**

# Time for Preparation

**Goodness, can Lent really be upon us so soon? I am writing this with the needles from the Christmas tree scarcely brushed away and yet plans for Ash Wednesday have to be made already.**

Easter comes early this year – almost as early as it can be – and so there is not much time to get things in order. But that is what Lent is for, of course. It is a preparatory time – a time not only for getting the church ready for Easter and preparing the glorious festival but also for preparing our hearts for what is to come.

It used to be that Lent was the time when people were prepared for their initiation into the Christian faith. Baptism and First Communion went together and came at the Easter Vigil. Can we still keep the ceremonies if we don't have new people to induct into the faith?

By tradition, the Church has a Sunday in Lent when the discipline is relaxed a little. The fourth Sunday in Lent became known as Refreshment Sunday. It was also called Laetare

Sunday because in the middle ages the words of the main service began with the words *Laetare Jerusalem* – Rejoice Jerusalem.

Nowadays, most people keep that Sunday as Mothering Sunday.

However you keep it, you are warmly invited to St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow for some rejoicing in the evening. Choirs from around the diocese will be leading Choral Evensong at 6.30pm and everyone who can come is welcome. Joining our voices together in praise of God is one way to prepare ourselves for the emotional power of what is to come at the Feast of Feasts.

One of the other things that we do in the Cathedral all through the year is to pray for the life of the diocese each day. We remember Bishop Idris each morning and call to mind through the diocesan cycle of prayer each of the congregations in turn. This year during Lent, we will be praying for each church as we all, as God's people, turn our hearts and minds back to God.

**Very Revd Kelvin Holdsworth**  
Provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow

## Fairtrade Status for Diocese

**Glasgow and Galloway is working towards becoming a Fairtrade Diocese, which requires more than half of its charges achieving Fairtrade Church Status.**

Revd Ian Barcroft, convener of the Church in Society network, says: "The requirements are very straightforward and an application form can be downloaded from [fairtrade.org.uk](http://fairtrade.org.uk)."

Before completing the application form, churches ready for Fairtrade status are asked to



email the network's secretary, Mrs Jennifer FitzGibbon ([j2fg@aol.com](mailto:j2fg@aol.com)) of St Columba's, Largs.



# A voice on the Provincial Finance Committee

**I sit as one diocesan representative among seven on the Provincial Finance Committee. The committee tackles a huge range of important business for the whole church with care and good humour.**

From the point of view of our vestries and congregations three areas of the Committee's work may be of most interest.

It awards grants quarterly from the Dunderdale Fund for the ongoing maintenance and repair of properties; and annually from the Maintenance and Development Fund for development of buildings, old and new.

It is my responsibility to argue for the grant applications to these funds submitted by our Property Committee.

I also advocate the diocesan bid for Grants for Ministry (previously known as Augmentation) once a year, another important aspect of the finance committee's work.

All of these procedures, and the many other aspects of the committee's work, in my experience, are conducted in a fair and transparent manner. Debate on the committee is open and vigorous, as it has to be at a time of considerable financial stringency at provincial level.

It is very ably chaired by Canon David Bayne. So, it is one of the committees of which the Dean can truly say that he enjoys his membership!

**The Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan**  
Dean

# Changes in Information and Communication

**THE past year has seen a few changes in the I&C Network line-up. Last spring we welcomed Dr James Currall, St Peter's, Dalry, as a new member of our group, and in the autumn we welcomed back Mrs June Gray, St Margaret's, Newlands, after a couple of years' sabbatical.**

After seven years as Diocesan News editor Marilyn Pope decided to step down last summer, although she remains an I&C member. As a group we kept DNS going through the autumn by producing a newsletter which was distributed by e-mail in Rich Text format only.

We are delighted that Susi Cormack Brown has accepted Bishop Idris' invitation to be the new DNS editor, and we also welcome her as a member of the I&C Network. Susi is a member at Holy Trinity, Ayr. Please remember to keep the information for DNS coming in.

Currently, in conjunction with the Bishop's Staff Group, we are undertaking an extensive review of Diocesan Communications.

The Diocesan website is going to be integrated with the Provincial website. Diocesan News will continue to be published on a monthly basis.

A presentation about diocesan communications in general and the new website in particular will be made at Synod on Saturday 8 March.

Anyone wishing to find out more or become involved with the I&C Network, please contact me on 0141 959 3730 or send me an e-mail at [ali@chezzie.myzen.co.uk](mailto:ali@chezzie.myzen.co.uk).

**Revd Ali Chesworth**  
Convenor

# Journey in Faith Grows

**THE Journey in Faith course is continuing in Paisley as well as Dalbeattie where the days and dates have been changed to help participants of Unit 1 who had difficulty with travelling conditions at night.**

Unit 1, covering Liturgy, Sacraments, the Bible and Prayer, has started in Hamilton.

Unit 2 will commence in Hamilton on 23 April, covering Doctrine, History and the Church now.

To gain the Bishop's certificate for any unit, participants must attend four of the six sessions. Certificates will be presented by the Bishop on Saturday 7 June at a Eucharist held at Holy Trinity and St. Barnabas, Paisley, at 11am, followed by lunch.

Units 3 and 4 of the course have now been planned and will commence in Ayr on Tuesday 1 April and in Paisley on Wednesday 2 April. Unit 4 will start after the summer on 16th/17th September.



These two units go more deeply into the topics covered by the previous units.

Certificates will be awarded by the Bishop on Saturday 25 October at a Eucharist in Paisley.

Each unit costs £10.

For further information contact Linda Whitby, of the Diocesan Education Network: 2 Hight Gardens, Irvine KA12 8RQ (01294 276838) [lindawhitby@btopenworld.com](mailto:lindawhitby@btopenworld.com)

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## Diocesan News

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

If you would like to read all the available news, please contact me. The news can also be downloaded from the diocesan website: [www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk](http://www.episcopalglasgow.org.uk). Click on the link on the left of the home page to access the current and earlier editions.

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be sent to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown,

e-mail: [marilyndns@btinternet.com](mailto:marilyndns@btinternet.com) (same address as last year) or posted to c/o Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow. G1 2DH ☎ 0141 221 5720/2694. The deadline is Monday 11th February 2008.

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

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

**Paul Hindle**

# Regional Advent Quiet Days draw bigger numbers

**An Advent Quiet Day arranged by the diocesan Action Group for Spirituality attracted 88 people around the diocese.**

ON A very wild, wintry and cold day, 8 December, the Spirituality Group hosted a Quiet Day in each of the seven regions of the diocese.

The theme was I am the Light of the World, and the groups used the Holman Hunt picture of that name as a common focus for the day.

Previously the Group has held a single event in one venue, attracting 25-30 participants on average. But with each region hosting its own Day this time, 88 people took the opportunity to set time apart to reflect. The Group is grateful to the charges that hosted the Day, and to the leaders who guided it.

The next Advent Quiet Day will be Saturday 29 November 2008, the ACTS National Quiet Day. If your charge would like to host the Day for your region, e-mail: [edith.thorp@virgin.net](mailto:edith.thorp@virgin.net).

**Edith Thorp**  
AGS Convenor



The picture above was taken at the quiet day in our region held at St Matthew's, Possilpark and led by the Rector there, Revd David Wostenholm. In the picture is the Holman Hunt work and spiral of rags used as part of the focus for the meditation.

This was a very good day with plenty of time for contemplation and with St Matthew's warm and generous hospitality much in evidence throughout.

**Paul Hindle**

  
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BIBLE SOCIETY  
*The Word for the world*

## Lenzie Branch

**Invite you to hear**

## Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir

Wednesday  
13th February, 2008  
at 7.30pm  
in

Lenzie Old Parish Church  
Tickets £3 including Tea



# CBE for Barbara

The day at the Palace was a wonderful occasion. The weather was beautiful with a bright blue sky and a heavy frost. Everything was meticulously planned by the palace. On arrival we were shown into an ante room, CBE's and knights in one room and MBE's and OBE's in another. There were 13 of us receiving CBE's and while we waited we were instructed on how to bow and curtsy and what to say.

Prince Charles was awarding the honours and spoke to each one of us. I was very impressed with his understanding of international health development and his knowledge of Tajikistan and the situation there. During the ceremony a military orchestra was playing in the background and with the beautiful surroundings in the throne room everyone I am sure felt as special as I did.

Following the ceremony we had formal photographs taken and then walking out of the palace a group of my family had gathered to cheer us, I think some of the tourists thought



we were famous. The rest of the family gathered during the day and we met for a formal dinner in the evening at a London Hotel. There were 24 of us in total including Dave, Simon (my Son) and most of my six brothers and three sisters and their wives/husbands and grownup children. It was a great family event. Those who lived at a distance stayed overnight in the same hotel and then Dave, Simon and I with a cousin of Dave's spent the next day sightseeing in London and going to the theatre. All together an experience to be remembered.

**Barbara Parfitt**





# 2008

## – A Year of Hope in 2008

**Hope 2008 is a new initiative that provides churches of all shapes and sizes throughout the UK with a fresh opportunity to work across their communities. It is relevant for urban and rural churches irrespective of tradition.**

On 31st December, a 'Hogmanay launch' took place in Glasgow Cathedral. Approximately five hundred people attended with participation by church leaders and others of all ages.

The initiative is gathering pace in Scotland, with many activities across the country.

The recognisable logo and the *Hope Scotland 08* web site give opportunity to publicise your current activities along with any new ones.

Above all this initiative needs our support in prayer. This declaration made in Glasgow Cathedral at Hogmanay and led by two young people from Firestarters should help to focus our prayer:

With God's help we affirm that in 2008 we intend to bring–

- Harmony in place of discord,
- Opportunities out of challenges
- Praise instead of criticism
- Encouragement to replace despair.

We affirm that in our churches 2008 will be a year of –

- Holiness and wholeness
- One purpose for many people
- Prayer that leads to action
- Everyone finding a place to belong.

We pray for our communities that 2008 will be a year of:–

- Healing for those who are broken
- Order where there is chaos
- Protection for the vulnerable
- Enterprise for all

We pray for our nation that 2008 will be a year of–

- Health of body and mind
- Open-hearted attitudes
- Passion for justice and mercy
- Expectations and visions.

We pray the God of all Hope will give us the faith and courage to live lives that will release HOPE this year. We make this declaration and pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.  
Amen

Individual churches are encouraged to sign up and get involved in their local area. Information about Hope08 Scotland, ideas of how you can get involved plus much more can be found on the Hope08Scotland web site:  
[hope08scotland.org.uk](http://hope08scotland.org.uk)





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in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie

## Lent Study Groups

**This year there will be five study groups during Lent following the same pattern as last year. The pattern is as follows:**

Monday, February 11th	Holy Family & St. Ninian's, Union St Kirkintilloch
Tuesday, February 19th	TBC.(Kirkintilloch Baptist proposed) at 7.30
Wednesday, February 27th	St. Cyprian's
Thursday, March 6th	TBC (Lenzie Union proposed)
Friday, March 14th	Harestanes Baptist Church (Harestanes Community Centre)

**All meetings will start at 7.30pm**

We will be using the *Pathways of Prayer* study material, which was developed by CTBI (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) and BBC Radio 4 to provide opportunities for people to explore and reflect on Christian spirituality during this important season in Christian calendar.

The Sunday Worship programme on BBC Radio 4 at 8.15am each Sunday in Lent will also be following the same theme. There is also plenty of study material on the CTBI website: [www.ctbi.org.uk/CGH/228/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CGH/228/)

## Holy Week and Easter

### —Dates for Your Diary

**Palm Sunday** (16th March) at 6.30pm

Concordia will sing *The Saviour* by William Lloyd Webber in St. David's Memorial Park Church.

**Good Friday** (21st March)

A walk of Witness will start at Lenzie Old at 10.15am and at the venue of the old Farmers Market, opposite Freeland Place at 11am

**Easter Sunday** (23rd March)

There will also be an early morning service starting at 8am. See next issue for details.

**Mary Boyd**

Secretary Kirkintilloch & Lenzie ACTS



**Christian Action  
Resource and Education**

**CARE is a well-established mainstream Christian charity with 100,000 supporters, which provides resources and helps to bring Christian insight and experience to matters of public policy and practical caring initiatives.**

CARE is represented in the UK Parliaments and Assemblies, at the EU in Brussels and the UN in Geneva and New York.

It has just produced three new pages for church magazine editors on topical issues from its particular viewpoint (*not one I can support 100%-Ed*). There was not enough room to produce them in this magazine, but they are available on the CARE web site for those who are interested. Type this into your browser: [www.care.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=86999](http://www.care.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=86999).

They are on: the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill; why Christians should be involved in politics; CARE for Scotland's next training day for Christian teachers.

**A new branch of MU was inaugurated at St Cyprian's Church on Sunday 20th January 2008 during the morning Eucharist.**

## **St Cyprian's Branch Inaugurated**

Sixteen new members were enrolled, with two transferring from another branch. The picture on the front cover of this issue of *Cyprian Life* shows most of the branch members and was taken immediately after the inaugural service.

We were supported by members from neighbouring MU branches of Bearsden, Bish-  
opbriggs, Cumbernauld and Helensburgh. We

## **Don't Say It with Flowers — Say It with Trees**

**PEOPLE in Britain spend a staggering £2.4billion on flowers and plants for Mothering Sunday.**

But there's another way to give Mum a tribute to treasure, and it's longer-lasting too.

Mothers' Union raised over £120,000 with last year's launch of its Make a Mother's Day campaign gifts. Now the 2008 catalogue is available with virtual gifts priced £6-£150.

Among the choices are tree saplings, goats, hens, literacy and health training, and business skills training to help families improve their standard of living. Other gifts include training for marriage support group facilitators, equipment for children's play centres, and disaster relief kits.

Said an MU spokesman: "Working in 78 countries around the world to support mothers and grandmothers caring for young families, Mothers' Union members see first-hand the inequality of a world in which so many mothers struggle to feed, clothe and educate their families.

"Against that, lovely though they are, floral tributes lose some of their glamour."

Order by 18 February to receive a card with details of your gift before 2 March. You can also buy a gift in memory of a mum as a homage to a lifetime of caring.

There is also a Make a Mother's Day church resource pack for Mothering Sunday, with prayers and liturgy, as well as reflections and resource materials for speakers.

### **Practical**

With stories of Christians around the world living out their faith by serving their own communities, the pack celebrates family and the nurturing love of God, seen in the practical faith of MU members, programmes and beneficiaries worldwide.

Children's materials around biblical themes of mothering and nurturing will also be available. Stickers, ribbon for flower posies, and other goodies will help you make Mothering Sunday really special.

Order a catalogue from your local Mothers' Union representative, telephone 020 7222 5533, email [marketing@themothersunion.org](mailto:marketing@themothersunion.org) or visit the website: [themothersunion.org](http://themothersunion.org).





member (left). (There was also a small presentation (right) to Catherine for all her hard work in establishing the branch - Ed.)



also received messages of good wishes from the Primus and our Provincial President, Sheila Redwood.

A cake to celebrate this special day was duly cut by Vera—our longest serving MU

Then we ended this special day, sharing fellowship over an excellent buffet lunch.

## Events During February

Our first meeting is on **Wednesday, 13th February** at which we are hoping to enrol another five new members. The evening is entitled 'Will you marry me?' We would welcome donations of wedding dresses, albums etc. for exhibiting on that evening.

The following **Saturday, 16th February**, we intend to produce a display 'Marriage through the Decades' in the Church Hall, from 10am until 1pm. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Donation £1.

On **Sunday, 17th February**, during the morning Eucharist, couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. Please speak to Geoff if you are interested.

**Catherine Gunnee**  
Branch Leader





# Christian Aid Spring Fair

The next Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Christian Aid event is the Spring Fair to be held at St Mary's Church Hall, Cowgate, Kirkintilloch on Saturday 23 February from 10.30am till 1.30pm. Your help is very much needed in making this a success.

## Please

Can you provide things to sell. We are looking for:

- All kinds of groceries (within sell-by date!)
- Household items
- Jewellery
- Good books
- CD's and DVD's
- Toys (in good condition and safe)
- Toiletries (unused and still sealed!)
- "Antiques"

.....and last but far from least....

- Lots and lots of **home baking**

Home baking is needed for selling on the stall and for the tearoom. It would be great if some items were prepared ready for each use since there is very limited time to set up on the morning of the fair.

If you need any items uplifted you can contact me on 0141 775 0621 or speak to me at church, preferably well before the fair.

## Help

I would be very grateful for your help in manning the stalls and the tearoom. The more people who help the less there is for each of us to do.

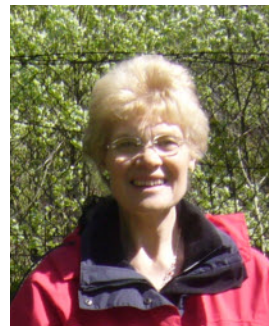
Also help with setting-up and clearing away would be much appreciated. As I mentioned earlier, there is a very limited time to set-up. We get into the hall at 9am and have to be ready to open at 10.30am. There is a great deal to do sorting out the donations and setting out an attractive display on each stall.

The clearing away is not quite so rushed, but we shall be very grateful for help especially from those who were not able to make it earlier and are therefore fresher.

This is a great ecumenical event in support of Christian Aid. Christian Aid works to relieve poverty and suffering all over the world. Every item that you can spare will help to reduce the plight of someone suffering in the poorest parts of the world.

## Thank you

for your help.



Eileen Ferry



We believe in life before death



# **SPRING FAIR**



*St Mary's Parish Church Halls*  
*Saturday*

**23rd February 2008**  
**10.30am to 1.30pm**



**Stalls, Tombola**  
**Tearoom**

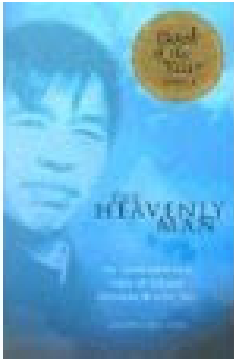
**Admission**  
**including Tea:**

**Adults £1 Children 50p**

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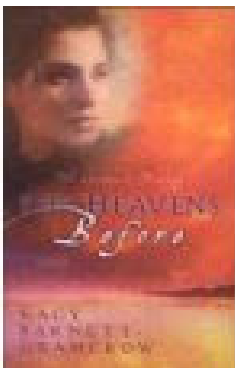
# Book Reviews



- Publisher: Monarch Books (1 Jan 2002)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 185424597X
- ISBN-13: 978-1854245977

**The Heavenly Man is a harrowing but inspiring true story of Brother Yun, brought to faith by his mother, who read the Bible to him in a country where Christians are persecuted for even possessing a Bible.**

Brother Yun's life is a powerful witness to the power of God working in the lives of people, and the power of prayer. This book has received mixed reviews because of the unbelievable miracles that happen to Brother



- Publisher: Moody Publishers (Jan 2004)
- Language English
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**The Heavens Before is powerful trilogy (The Genesis Trilogy) by Christian fiction writer Kacy Barnett-Gramckow.**

This first book parallels the story of Noah and the Flood with wonderful descriptions of what life before the flood may have been like. It introduces the reader to Annah, who lives with her 'doubter' family in a settlement close to the ancient tree of Havah. The tale unfolds when Annah meets Shem who is a believer and who lives with his family on the other side of the river. This book pulls you into the story and won't let you go until the last full stop!

**Moiria Jamieson**

# Notes from Diocesan Council

**The Diocesan Council met on Saturday, 26th January 2008 at St. Margaret's, Oxford Rd, Renfrew. The following items were discussed.**

## **1. Potential conflicts between Canons and Charities legislation**

Might arise when congregations merge as this would involve merging of two separate charities. The Diocese and congregations would have a role to play while the Charity Regulator would have an overall view. Any conflict i.e. a solvent /insolvent church, would be resolved at the point of merger. For linked but separate charges charity law is not involved.

A Trustee is a person who plays a significant part in the management of the charity. Whether they are elected or co-opted is not the test but what they do.

Any questions should first be directed to Gib Fitzgibbon the Diocesan Secretary who will pass them onto the Registrar.

Vulnerable adults (April 07) no disclosures at this point, enough to sign declaration form.

## **2. Draft Synod agenda.**

## **3. Bishop's Report**

Very busy schedule, thanked Dean for his support. Eastriggs is now the community church (the only church) for the area and is seeing congregational growth. Emphasised the importance of the Cathedral in the life of the Diocese. Three prospective ordinands.

## **4. Dean's Report**

Vacancies at Cumbernauld and Clarkston. Cumbernauld has produced profile and job description. Clarkston should have these items by end February. St. Columba's Clydebank has closed and congregation dispersed.

## **5. Provost's Report**

Cathedral celebrating centenary this year

- International Music competition, for first weekend in September. Invitation to Mothering Sunday evensong at 6.30 p.m.

## **6. Treasurer's Report with accounts.**

The accounts are roughly in balance, although it does not appear to be the case because of the expenditure involved in the building at East Kilbride.

## **7. Information & Communications - Rev. Ali Chesworth.**

Diocesan website integrated into Provincial website. Advantage, opens up running site to more than one web master. Hoping for greater contributions and deepening of content. There will be help in setting up church websites.

## **8. Regions**

They gave their reports of meetings and activities.

## **9. Next Meetings**

Saturday 10th May 08 and Saturday 30th August 08.

**Enid Scobie**

## **Jenny Proctor Hospital Visiting**

If you have a little time on a Tuesday evening or in the afternoon during the week, except Tuesdays, would you like to go and see Jenny Proctor on Ward 5 at Stobhill Hospital? She is progressing very well and may not be in as long as we originally thought, but she is still there for some time. If you would like to go and have a chat, she would love to be kept up to date on life in Lenzie and Kirkintilloch. Would you please contact me 0141 775 2895 before you go as I'm keeping the diary to make sure people do not all go on the same day! Thanks.

**Glennis Tavener**

# Vestry Notes

## Vestry Meetings

**There have been two vestry meetings since the last magazine report. In addition to the new members elected to the Vestry at the AGM, the following members have been co-opted:**

- ❖ David Jamieson, who brings a youth perspective to the vestry,
- ❖ Glennis Tavener, who will be especially helpful in stewardship matters
- ❖ Maxine Gow, who will be vice treasurer, working with Eric Parry for the next year
- ❖ Moira Jamieson, as an ordinand.
- ❖ Enid Scobie, who will be able to give support to the Rector.

The Vestry were very pleased to note that the College of Bishops had provided the appropriate technical approval, which effectively preserves the incumbency status for the future, but also allows Rev Dr Scobie to continue at St Cyprian's under the current arrangement agreed with the Vestry.

Various property repairs have been noted, and several property matters have been considered, particularly the proposed upgrade to the church hall entrance area, with improved kitchen and WC facilities, and arrangements for the new external metal storage for the mower etc. are also progressing.

The Vestry have also received various financial, insurance and legal reports and information, and have received information from the Diocese on Trustee responsibilities /declarations and food safety, both of which will be circulated as required.

They have received update reports from the various church groups dealing with music, pastoral matters, social and the 3Cs. There have been no recent marketing or constitution group meetings, although the latter will be



meeting shortly to consider questions and suggestions from the congregation on the draft proposals for changes to the current constitution, copies of which draft have been available for comment.

A youth activities report is also now being presented at each Vestry meeting, and the vestry are very pleased to support the new MU branch, and their forthcoming programme of activities.

The Vestry have also been pleased to support the Rector and the staff in team in their continuing ministry, and in new areas, such as a chaplaincy at the new surgery in Kirkintilloch.

**Sally Pitches**  
Vestry Secretary

## Smithstone House Courses and Retreats

**Smithstone House, the ecumenical conference and retreat centre near Kilwinning, has published its programme for 2008.**

The next course is Listening ear - for all interested in pastoral visiting. (7.30-9pm, Wednesdays 14, 21 & 28 February).

One-night themed retreats and two-night relaxing mid-week breaks are also of offer from 15 February. Call Fr Stephen Motroni (01563 851197) for a programme.



# Stewardship studies

**CHARIS** is the Scottish Episcopal Church's resource for stewardship. One section of Charis contains six biblical texts with guidance for further reflection and study.

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee hopes that these texts and study tips will stimulate thought and discussion. Two studies appeared last year; here is the third. The final three will be published in future issues of *Diocesan News*.

## Mark 10:17-27

### - The rich young man

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

"Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good - except God alone.

<sup>19</sup> "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him.

"One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words.

But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!



<sup>25</sup> "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

## QUESTIONS

1. What jumps off the page at you?
2. Think of this scene like a film. (a) Identify all the individual scenes / moments in this incident. (b) What sorts of emotions might you associate with each scene / moment?
3. What might this particular incident tell us about Jesus' views on wealth and possession?
4. Why might this man be unwilling to part with his possessions?
5. In responding to Jesus today, in what ways do wealth and possessions hold us back (a) in our personal context, (b) in the Christian community?
6. What challenges and affirmations are we faced with from this passage as we explore Charis and our concern for the stewardship of our resources?

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Daily Prayers:-**

- 1st For Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI
- 2nd For Christian Stewardship

## **Sunday 3rd February**

### **ANGLICAN**

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Most Revd Mauricio José Araújo de Andrade Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia

### **DIOCESAN**

The churches of The Good Shepherd and Ascension in Hillington with the Revd John Lyon; and St Aidan's in Clarkston with the Revd Paul Fletcher and the Revd Colin Curtis

### **Daily Prayers:-**

- 4th The recently formed MU Branch at St Cyprian's
- 5th Christian homes and family life
- 6th For respect and understanding between people of different faiths
- 7th Thanksgiving for companions on the journey of faith
- 8th For TheAberlour Child Care Trust
- 9th The Diocesan Overseas Group (vacancy)

## **Sunday 10th February**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana

### **DIOCESAN**

Christ Church, Lanark (vacancy, John Pelham)

### **Daily Prayers:-**

- 11th Safety for all young adults, exploring the world at home and abroad
- 12th The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland
- 13th For sincerity, truth and growing love in our relationships

14th For purity in all our loving relationships

15th All young couples on their journey through life together

16th The recently appointed Diocesan Surveyor, Mr Elliot Glen-Esk

## **Sunday 17th February**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick J Hiltz Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

### **DIOCESAN**

St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Gordon Fyfe)

### **Daily Prayers:-**

- 18th For all whose ministry is expressed in the healing professions
- 19th For Health Visitors and District Nurses
- 20th For all "Maggie's" Cancer Care centres throughout Scotland
- 21st The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- 22nd The Diocesan Property Committee and the V Rev Dr Gregor Duncan
- 23rd All those involved in the Social Care of the elderly and disabled

## **Sunday 24th February**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Bernard Amos Malango Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Upper Shire

### **DIOCESAN**

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

### **Daily Prayers:-**

- 25th SEC: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards
- 26th The Fairtrade Foundation and Harriet

# & Daily Intentions

Lamb (Director)

27th The work of Quarriers Homes in  
Bridge of Weir

28th The Diocesan Treasurer (Terry Lillie)

29th For all whose ministry is in the voluntary sector

## MARCH

### Daily Prayers:-

1st The spirit of St David and the people  
of Wales

## Sunday 2nd March

### ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de  
America The Most Revd Martin de Jesus Bara-  
hona Primate of IARCA & Bishop of El Salva-  
dor

### DIOCESAN

St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton (Ian Barcroft,  
David Jasper, John McLeod)

## Bishop's 2008 Lent appeal

**The Bishop's 2008 Lent appeal will  
raise funds for Macmillan Cancer  
Support.**

The charity provides practical, health-  
care, emotional and financial support, as  
well as campaigning for better cancer care.

It has now funded nearly 4,000 Macmil-  
lan health and social care professionals  
across the UK, all specialists in their area of  
cancer care and leaders in their field.

They use their expert knowledge to help  
people understand more about cancer, man-  
age their symptoms and side effects, and  
find practical ways to live with their illness.

For more details visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk).

# Sunday Readings and Readers

## Last Sunday before

### Lent (Quinquagesima)

*Feb 3, 2008*

Exodus 24:12-18

*Eric Parry*

Psalms 2 II

Peter 1:16-21

*Gavin Boyd*

Matthew 17:1-9

### Second Sunday in Lent

*February 17, 2008*

Genesis 12:1-4a

*Enid Scobie*

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Catherine Gunnee*

John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

*March 2, 2008*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Dave Parfitt*

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Eric Parry*

John 9:1-41

## First Sunday in Lent

*February 10, 2008*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Kathryn Potts*

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

*Mary Boyd*

Matthew 4:1-11

## Third Sunday in Lent

*February 24, 2008*

Exodus 17:1-7

*Vera Petzold*

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

*Vivienne Provan*

John 4:5-42



# Annual Service in Celebration of Authorised Ministry

**TO CELEBRATE** and affirm the ministry of all those involved in licensed and authorised ministry in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, all lay readers and those in authorised ministry - eucharistic assistants, worship leaders and pastoral assistants - are invited to attend along with those who wish to support them.

The Bishop regards this service as a significant event in the life of our Church and encourages attendance wherever possible and practical.

If you have any queries about the service, or about authorised ministry, please contact Revd Shelley Marsh, diocesan adviser for diaconal ministries. She can be contacted via email at: [dma@episcopalglasgow.org.uk](mailto:dma@episcopalglasgow.org.uk), or phone on: 0141 585 5845.

<b>10 February</b>	Glennis Tavener
<b>9 March</b>	Kathryn Potts
<b>13 April</b>	Enid Scobie
<b>11 May</b>	Audrey Groom
<b>8 June</b>	Vivienne Provan

# Kalendar

## FEBRUARY

<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Preparation for Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> <b>10am-1pm Coffee Morning in the Park Centre</b> .....
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Last Sunday before Lent (<i>Quinquagesima</i>)</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)</i>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7.30pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry .....
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm <b>ACTS Lent Study</b> St Ninian's (see p11)
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm <b>Scottish Bible Society Event</b> , Lenzie Old (see p8) 7.30pm <b>MU Meeting</b> (see p13)
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10am <b>Marriage through the Decades</b> in Church Hall (see p13) .....
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist with renewal of Marriage Vows
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm <b>ACTS Lent Study</b> Location TBC (see p11)
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30am <b>Christian Aid Spring Fair</b> St Mary's Hall (see pp14-15) .....
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm <b>ACTS Lent Study</b> St Cyprian's (see p11)
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry .....

## MARCH

<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn
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**Please see the Link for changes to the Kalendar. If you missed getting a copy at Church, it can be downloaded from the website.**



# Sunday Duty Rota

Date	9.15 am	10.30am							Counting
		Crucifer	Server	Admin-istrants	Old Testament	New Testament	Interces-sions	Sides Persons	
3 Feb	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Eric Parry	Servers	Eric Parry	Gavin Boyd	Moira Jamieson	Andy Robb & Dave Parfitt	Sally Pitches
10 Feb	Moira Jamieson	Catherine Gunnee	Adrian Clark	Servers	Kathryn Potts	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	Sandy Jamieson & Andy Robb	Paul Hindle
17 Feb	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Catherine Gunnee	Servers	Enid Scobie	Catherine Gunnee	Eric Parry	Kevin Wilbraham & Val Fallon	Gavin Boyd
24 Feb	Moira Jamieson	Eric Parry	Paul Hindle	Servers	Vera Petzold	Vivienne Provan	Glennis Tavener	Glennis Tavener & Jean Kinnon	Sandy Jamieson
2 Mar	Adrian Clark	Moira Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Servers	Dave Parfitt	Eric Parry	Enid Scobie	Dave Parfitt & Enid Scobie	Andy Robb
9 Mar	Moira Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Moira Jamieson	Servers	Gavin Boyd	Mary Boyd	Eric Parry	Glennis Tavener & Val Fallon	Barbara Parfitt
16 Mar	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Catherine Gunnee	Servers	Glennis Tavener	Dave Parfitt	Glennis Tavener	Dave Parfitt & Jean Kinnon	Eric Parry
23 Mar	Moira Jamieson	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Servers	Catherine Gunnee	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	Enid Scobie & Glennis Tavener	Dave Parfitt
30 Mar	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Adrian Clark	Servers	Glennis Tavener	Kathryn Potts	Glennis Tavener	Val Fallon & Sandy Jamieson	Kathryn Potts
6 Apr	Moira Jamieson	Catherine Gunnee	Aileen Mundy	Servers	Vera Petzold	Vivienne Provan	Enid Scobie	Andy Robb & Val Fallon	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**