

CYPRIAN *Life*



I pray that your love will keep on growing and that you will fully know and understand how to make the right choices. Then you will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns. And until that day, Jesus Christ will keep you busy doing good deeds that bring glory and praise to God.

Philippians 1.9-11

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Rector's Letter



Dear Friends,

Recently I preached a sermon about the calling of the Holy Spirit. Some of the material in that address should be available to all members of the church. Not just those at the service. I also think it would be appropriate for everyone to have a record of the points I made.

The Gospel for that Sunday was the visit of Nicodemus to Jesus (Jn. 3:1-17) where he told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again/from above. Jesus underlined this requirement later when He claimed that, “no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.” That comment reflects Jesus’ own experience. He was baptised by John the Baptist (born of water) and the Spirit descended on Him like a dove (born of the Spirit). He was then called by the Spirit into the wilderness to think and pray about His call. As He realised this meant His death on the cross, the Devil tempted Him to find an alternative way to fulfil God’s plan. Throughout His earthly ministry the Holy Spirit called/led/guided Jesus; in His dealings with people, His miraculous healings, and in His determination to fulfil the will of the Father.

Just like Jesus we are called by the Holy Spirit. First, we are called to follow Jesus: A new birth, a new beginning, we become a new person in Christ. Throughout our Christian

lives the Holy Spirit calls and guides us, in both big and smaller decisions e.g. deciding on a career, moving, responding to a need for help. Our calling is seen in the way we fulfil a given task as a Christian, not in the task itself.

We may be called to help in the church: as sidespersons, as servers, as gardeners, on the Vestry, in the various groups or sub-committees. Some people are called to help with the worship. When I first came to St. Cyprian’s Eric, Moira and Jean had been given permission by the Bishop to undertake the reserve sacrament. Although they had attended the service for lay ministry they had not received a license. They are now appropriately licensed; Moira and Eric as Pastoral assistants (because they were already involved in visiting people on behalf of the church); Jean and Glennis (who was beginning her training as a lay reader), as Eucharistic assistants.

It is now the policy of the Diocese that everyone who offers themselves for lay or ordained ministry should go through a process of “discernment”. The Bishop informed me that no one can take an upfront position in the worship without the full support of the congregation and the Vestry.

Recently Gavin Boyd has offered to help with the services. The Vestry has agreed that he should go through the formal discernment process. They have undertaken to enquire whether Gavin has the support of members of

Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday 27th April. The deadline for material is 13th April and the magazine will cover May and June.

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 magazine incorporates selected items from the Diocesan News. It is published ten times per year so there isn't always a *Cyprian Life* to coincide with its publication. 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. Click on the link on the left of the home page to access the current and earlier editions.

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: marilyndns@btinternet.com or by post 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.

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Paul Hindle

Rector's Letter

continued

the congregation for his calling.

The Vestry has also realised that some people are feeling on the periphery of our church. As a consequence, a Vestry member will be in contact with you over the next few weeks so that you can discuss any issues or concerns that are of significance to you.

We are called by Christ both as individuals and corporately as a church. Our focus is two-fold: our needs as members and our mission to those who are outside the church and seeking God. It is our responsibility to hear the call of the Holy Spirit to make St. Cyprian's a warm, inviting and pleasant place to begin a search for God.

One of the things we are trying at the moment is moving the Communion table in front of the screen so that we can more appropriately feel that we are sharing together in the service. Like every change, some people will appreciate this and others find it daunting and difficult. We have an experimental period during Lent so that we can make an appropriate judgement. The question is not only whether it appeals to us as members of the church, but will it be more attractive to newcomers? At services where there is a much larger congregation e.g. Christmas, Easter, Weddings, Funerals etc. we would need to revert to using the Sanctuary.

The calling of the Holy Spirit is different for each one of us and alters during different stages of our life. But He always challenges us to do the right thing and that may not always be the most comfortable thing!

May God Bless you all,

Yours in Christ,

Geoff

Love & Life are Stronger

There was, as usual, a lot of comment about the way that Christmas should be celebrated.

Representatives of non-Christian faiths encouraged the Church to get on with its celebration because that made room for all to celebrate. Churches were filled at Christmas services as folk remembered that Christ is the centre of it all.

At Easter, although the hot cross buns and chocolate eggs made their appearance in supermarkets in mid January, there probably will not be quite the same debate—or increase in worship attendance for that matter—that we experience at Christmas.

Yet Jesus remains the focus of Easter. The hot cross bun carries a pastry cross to remind us of Jesus' death on Calvary, commemorated on Good Friday each year. The eggs are a symbol of new life as Jesus rose from the dead the first Easter morning.

Those two events together give meaning to each other. Had Good Friday been the end, that would have told us one thing.

Had there been an Easter event without the

preceding Passion, that too would have changed the nature of how Christians experience and talk about God.

The fact is that they go together and give us the content of our proclamation that God is love—so completely love that there was no end to God's commitment; and also that it is the urging to a life of love that shall in the end overcome everything that tends towards death.

It is hard to grasp this shocking idea that, because of Jesus, there is life after death and that death-defying life is given in him.

'Love is stronger than hate . . . life is stronger than death,' say the words of a prayer by Archbishop Tutu and this gives us cause to hope against hope that, in spite of the truly terrible hurts that people inflict on other people, in spite of the fact that our own human life is limited by physical death, there is a continuing reality in which the love of God is finally and ultimately expressed.

May God give to each of us that sense of trust in his love that we may find fulfilment in this life and, in the world to come, life everlasting.

†Idris

Pulling the wool

THE recent appeal for people to knit woolly hats for seafarers brought an enthusiastic response.

However, some knitters with limited retirement incomes find purchasing the wool a hardship.

Donations of double-knit or 4-ply wool or requests for knitting patterns, please, to:

Jenny Saunders,
33 Main Street, Port William DG8 9QH
(01988 700948)
j.saunders201@btinternet.com

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 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.

Sermon Discussion Group

Every fourth Sunday of the Month (except this March), Geoff invites us to discuss his sermon for the day over a light lunch (soup and a roll).

So far there have been two sessions during which we have explored our different experiences of how we have come to where we are in our Christian life and whether it really matters what we believe.

The discussion has been very interesting. So if you can spare an hour or so on a Sunday lunch-time, I thoroughly recommend you come along and join us.

Paul Hindle



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As westerners revel in designer lattes and cappuccinos, impoverished Ethiopian coffee growers suffer the bitter taste of injustice. In this eye-opening expose of the multi-billion dollar coffee industry, **Black Gold** traces one man's fight for a fair price.

The film will be shown on **Sunday 9th March at 2pm in Mugdock Park Theatre** (North of Milngavie).

A member of the East Dunbartonshire Fair-trade Steering Group will be on hand to let people know how to get involved in the local campaign.

To book your seat at the showing, please phone 0141 956 6100.



World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March 2008

Lenzie Union Church at 10am

St David's Memorial Park
Church, Kirkintilloch at 7.30pm



The theme of the service, chosen by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Guyana in South America, is “God’s Wisdom Provides New Understanding” and the main text is from Job 28:28: “The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.”

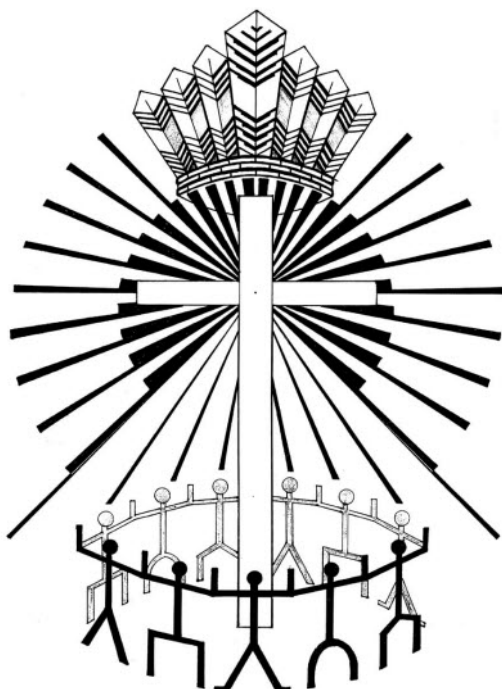
The WDP Committee of Guyana welcomes us to the marvels of God to be seen in the natural beauty of Guyana’s rivers, waterfalls

and ocean coast, its savannas and its exotic flowers and birds, its peoples of diverse cultures.

As the service develops, we are encouraged to develop our understanding of wisdom through the Book of Job and the distressing dilemma of suffering. Job does not find answers but rather gains a new depth of relationship, a keener awareness of God’s holiness



Guyana has the highest single drop waterfall in the world, Kaieteur Falls, nearly five times as high as the Niagara.



We are sent forth by taking up John 15: 9-17. This text is part of the great discourse Jesus makes at the last supper. This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. With Jesus, our relationship with God grows beyond our imagination. It is a relationship rooted in love of God and love of one another.

The graphic (left) with stick people of different appearances around the cross illustrates that we are all different but can unite around the cross.

For more information please contact Val Fallon (0141 776 2767) or visit www.wdpScotland.org.uk

Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod will be held at the Glyn-hill Hotel, Renfrew, on Saturday 8 March. The agenda includes:

- Diocesan accounts and budget
- Canons for Second Reading at General Synod in June: Canon 36: of incumbencies, joint incumbencies, and linked charges; Repeal of Canon 37; and consequential changes
- Motions:
 - ❑ “That this Synod approve the terms of the Covenant Partnership with St Andrew’s Church of Scotland, Irvine as proposed by St Andrew’s SEC congregation, and request its approval by the Inter-Church Relations Committee and General Synod in accordance with Canon 15, Resolution 1.”
 - ❑ “That this Synod consent to the Bishop declaring that St Columba’s, Clydebank, cease to be an Incumbency, in accordance with Canon 36.2”
- Information on the Bishop’s Lenten Appeal (Macmillan Cancer Support); the Lambeth Conference; the Provincial Personnel Committee.
- A talk by the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Officer.
- Diocesan inputs from: the Information & Communications Network; the Stewardship Network; the Provincial Personnel Committee; Christian Aid; the Ministry Advisory Group; the Church in Society Network; Mothers’ Union; Property Committee; visitors from Gothenburg.
- General Synod elections including Diocesan Representatives on the Provincial Faith & Order Board, the Provincial Admin Board, the Provincial I&C Board, and the Provincial Panel for Episcopal Elections.

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.



Coffee Morning

26th April 2008

Lenzie Old Parish Church Hall

10am to noon

St Cyprian's 3Cs Group

Spring Fair

**Saturday
26th April 2008**

10am - 1pm

**Park Centre,
Kerr St, Kirkintilloch**

**Tearoom and stalls
(White elephant,
cake and candy,
spring flowers, books)**

Children Welcome

Advance Notice

Strawberry Tea/Fayre

31st May 2008

Park Centre, Kirkintilloch

**For more information, please contact
Susan Frost.**

Pathway to Prayer Saturday, 8th March

The gathering takes place from 10am till 4.30pm at Portland and St Meddan's (CoS) Church halls in Troon. Registration is £7 (unwaged £5). Lunch provided. More details in the last *Cyprian Life* or from Chris King (01563 851197).

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 Macmillan 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, manage their symptoms and side effects, and find practical ways to live with their illness.

For more details visit macmillan.org.uk.

Lenten Lunch

The Lenten Lunch 2008 is on Sunday 9th March after the 10.30am service. Everybody is encouraged to attend this most convivial event to mark the end of Lent.

The easel will be at the back of the church for the next 2 weeks, with suggestions of food for donation.



Decorating for Easter Festival

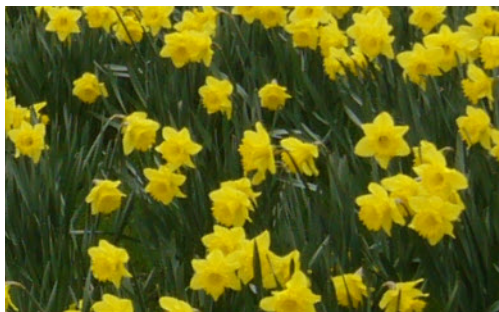
The Church will be decorated on Saturday 22nd of March 2008 at 9am.

Your help would be much appreciated to arrange flowers, clean the brasses, make coffee and tea and generally tidy up—so please come along. You will be most welcome.

Donations of flowers and greenery, and especially daffodils for the window sills would be appreciated. If you would like to donate money towards the Easter lilies and flowers, please hand to me, Vivienne or Geoff.

With grateful thanks.

Anne Carswell



Clear-up Day Friday 4th April 2008

The Easter Flower arrangements need to be removed and the vases and oasis packed away. Many hands make light work so please come along and help.

Thank you again

Anne

Glasgow City Mission



Easter Eggs

The tub for city mission donations is ready to fill again. There is a special appeal for donations of Easter Eggs as well as the usual toiletries and non-perishable foodstuffs with a long best before date.

Please leave items in the Choir Vestry or in the tub at the back of the church on or before Sunday 9th March. Thank you.



**11th - 17th
May 2008**



This was another great result and there's more coming in. I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way: those who helped on the day, those who donated items for sale and last but not least those who came along to spend their money.

The next big fund-raiser is the **Christian Aid Bridge Cross**. The three main bridges in the central belt, Erskine, Forth and Tay will all feature in the event to be held on **Saturday 26th April** starting at 2pm. People for the Lenzie churches usually take part in the Erskine Bridge cross. The organisers are looking for participants and stewards. Please see me or give me a ring for more details.

The following day, **Sunday 27th April**, there will be a **special service** for Christian Aid at St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch starting at 6.30pm. The speaker will be Gavin McClellan, the National Organiser for Christian Aid in Scotland. Music will be provided by the Kel-

Above: Eileen (centre) with some of the helpers on the white elephant stall.



vin Brass and Kirkintilloch Baptist Church children's choir, the Keynotes. It looks like a great event and all are welcome. Again please see me for more details.

Eileen Ferry
0141 775 0621



acts

in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie

Lent Study Groups

The groups following the BBC and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland “Pathways of Pray” theme will conclude with two meetings in March:

Thursday, March 6th

Lenzie Union Parish Church

Friday, March 14th

Harestanes Baptist Church
(Harestanes Community Centre)

All meetings will start at 7.30pm

**On Palm Sunday
March 16th
2008**

CONCORDIA

will sing

THE SAVIOUR

by

W. S. LLOYD WEBBER

in

**St.David's Memorial Park Parish
Church
Alexandra Street Kirkintilloch**

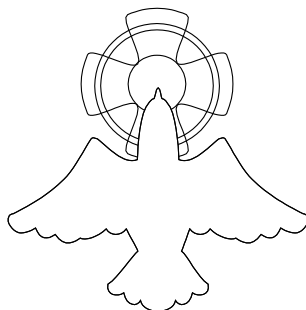
at

6.30pm

ALL WELCOME

If you cannot make it to the meetings, CTBI and BBC Radio 4 provide opportunities for individuals at home 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 follows the same theme. There is also plenty of study material on the CTBI website:
www.ctbi.org.uk/CGH/228/



GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

For those who would like
to walk from Lenzie:

Meet at
Lenzie Old Parish
at 10.15am then to
Lenzie Union and
St. Cyprian's travelling
along the footpath and
on to Kirkintilloch
gathering opposite
Freeland Place

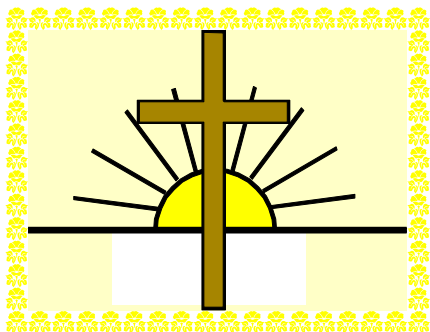


The Walk
will end with a
short service in
St. David's
Memorial Park Church
followed by a time of
Fellowship in the Hall
with tea and coffee

11.00am

Start at the Old Farmers Market opposite Freeland Place
FRIDAY March 21st 2008

EARLY EASTER MORNING



You are invited to
Meet in Hillhead Parish Church
Car Park at 8.00am
for a
Walk and a Time of Reflection
along the canal to St. Mary's

Communion Service at 8.50am
in St. Mary's
Followed by breakfast in the Hall



Will you marry me?

The MU had marriage as the theme of its first branch meeting. The evening was a mixture of fun and discussion on the topic of marriage. How relationships between spouses over the decades has changed, even our attitude to marriage itself.

On the Saturday following the meeting there was a display of wedding dresses, albums and photographs of the weddings of church members and their families. The oldest picture was of Glennis' grandmother in her wedding dress. It was a wonderful exhibition, the oldest wedding dress dating from the 1900s and the latest from 2007. Styles may change but the happiness of 'the day' was evident in every picture and the pleasure we all had in sharing family stories and reminiscences!

On Sunday Catherine and Fred Gunnee



(right) renewed their marriage vows during the morning service. It was a public acknowledgement of the way God has blessed and continues to bless their life together since they



took the plunge and said, "I do."

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who helped in so many ways to make these events such a success. Our thanks too, to everyone who contributed.



Mothers' Union Members go to Gaol!

With moves afoot to form a new charity to reduce re-offending by supporting prisoners' families and their home communities, an MU delegation went to Ayrshire to visit HMP Kilmarnock in January.

Eleven of us met at the visitor centre where we left our handbags in lockers, had photos and electronic fingerprints taken and were given badges.

We went through airport-style security scanners, then waited again to get through the doors into the first area we were going to see.

Once we got used to waiting to go through locked doors with the staff and walking a distance to get to some areas (there weren't any shortcuts) and not seeing the outside much as the outdoor walkways are covered, it really wasn't intimidating or claustrophobic.

All the prisoners were either working or in the educational centre during the day, so their cell wings were empty for us to see. Remand prisoners wore blue polo shirts; convicts wore grey shirts.

On each wing of about 100, they had their recreation area, a pool table and table for eating their dinners on. They seemed to do their own washing as there was a laundrette. Cells were small, with a loo and a TV. There were bunk beds in some larger ones. The prison was at its capacity with 650 prisoners. There are a lot of young men in prison.

We visited the education centre where many prisoners take SVQs, Open University courses, computer courses and art classes. Prisoner mentoring is encouraged.

Prisoners have a choice of work and/or educational work. We passed three large workshops for metalwork, woodwork and recycling. There were outdoor recreation areas, a soccer pitch and a gym.

The visitors' hall has a small play area for young children and a snack bar where families

can buy snacks to share when visiting. Both of these are run by volunteers. Remand prisoners are allowed 45 minutes' visiting every day and visits do not need to be booked.

Convicted prisoners get 1-3 visiting hours a week, depending on their record. Chairs and tables are fixed to the floor, but the hall is an open, airy room with a good atmosphere. The prison manages visits 7 days a week from 10am until 5pm, week days and until 10pm at the weekend.

We were shown around by very friendly informative staff members as well as Joyce Bush, a MU member from England who is hoping for our help to improve the life of the prisoners' families. By encouraging prisoners to take responsibility for their families, it is hoped that the re-offending rate might be improved.

We talked with the new prison director, Wendy Sinclair, and with deputy director Father Jim Green, who would love the side chapel off the main chapel room to become an Anglican chapel with our help. He joked about wanting altar frontals, altar linen and banners to decorate the main chapel space.

We need to discuss in our branches what help we can give. Over 1,000 Mothers' Union members work in 93 prisons and I would like us in Glasgow and Galloway to find something we can help with.

Suggestions include information packs for new visitors; toys; volunteers for the play area; gift packs for prisoners with new babies; Christmas and Easter cards to be sent to prisoners and cards for them to send to their loved ones; knitted teddies for young ones on leaving after a visit.

Look at the Mothers' Union website, themothersunion.org/communitywork.aspx for all the different things we could do in prison and contact me if you can help in any way: hilary.moran@btinternet.com (01475 686213).

Hilary Moran

You are especially invited to the

Lady Day Service

Monday 31st March

**St. Michael & All Angels,
Helensburgh**

**Service at 11.30 a.m.
followed by soup and rolls lunch in
the Hall.**

MU theme for 2008: Time for Relationships

Every year MU has a theme and this year it is Time for Relationships. What does this mean? It is based on the Shema, the summary of the 10 Commandments—love God and love your neighbour.

Our love for God and our service to Him spills over into our relationships with those around us. Unbelievably, as Christians we can love our enemies and show kindness to those who hurt or irritate us. There is no weapon that can defeat love. Love transforms people and situations.

This year MU is looking at making time to 'walk with God' and to 'walk with our neighbour' in their need.

Enid Scobie

Future Meetings

**Wednesday, 9th April 2008
at 7.30pm in the hall**

Projects - Faith in Action

Speakers, literature etc. and refreshments.

**Wednesday, 14th May 2008
at 7.30pm in the hall**

Flower Arranging

Demonstration and practice; and refreshments.

**Advance notice!
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**Would you like a day out with friends?
Do you prefer visiting historic buildings
or shopping? Would you like to find out
what makes MU tick?**

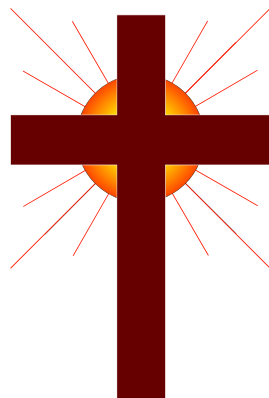
On Wednesday 25th June 2008 we are arranging a coach trip to Stirling for the day. More information later, but put the date in your diary!!!

Theatre Group

The group has been established to allow those who like the theatre to go to shows in the company of other like-minded members of the congregation.

Please phone Val Fallon on 776 2767, or Audrey Groom if you are interested in the following:- "Fiddler on the Roof"; "West Side Story"; "Half a Sixpence"; "South Pacific"; and "She Stoops to Conquer".

Faith and Order Work is exciting and wide-ranging



THE Faith and Order Board is one of four Provincial Boards of the Church—the others being Mission and Ministry, Information and Communication and the Administration Board.

The Faith and Order Board considers questions of Church government and organisation, as well as relations with the Anglican Communion and other churches.

The Board is chaired by the Primus and its large membership includes all seven of our diocesan bishops, a clerical and a lay member from each diocese, as well as the convenors of the Board's four Pendant Committees:

- ❖ The Committee on Canons
- ❖ The Doctrine Committee
- ❖ The Inter Church Relations Committee
- ❖ The Liturgy Committee.

The Board meets about three times a year, including one overnight residential meeting usually held in the spring.

The task of the Faith and Order Board at these meetings is mainly to work with the Pendant Committees as they carry out pieces of work at the request of the Board or of General Synod. Members of the Board also have membership of one of these Pendant Committees.

In relation to the Committee on Canons our recent work has involved preparation for the revision of Canon 35—relating to congregational status; also on the grievance procedure for clergy and bishops' regulations.

The Board has heard from the Doctrine Committee regarding the topic for the next Grosvenor Essay—the fifth to be produced—as well as the Scottish Episcopal Church's response to World Council of Churches documents 'Called to be one Church' and 'The Nature and Mission of the Church'.

From the Inter-Church Relations Committee, we have recently been informed of progress in the development of links with other Churches within the Porvoo agreement as well as being updated on talks between the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

In relation to the Anglican Communion, a Pre-Lambeth Task Group has been established in preparation for this year's Lambeth Conference and a response has been made, based on feedback from around the Province, by the Scottish Episcopal Church to the draft Anglican Covenant document.

The Liturgy Committee has recently been involved in the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation which met to discuss Pastoral Rites concentrating on Funeral Rites.

Another major piece of work for this committee is the promotion of Liturgical Formation both within TISEC and the wider Church membership.

It is difficult in a short DNS article to do justice to the breadth of the work of this Board but, hopefully, you will sense something of it.

As you can see, the remit of the Provincial Faith and Order Board is both an exiting and a wide one. It is a Board that touches on so much that is central to who we are as Episcopalians and where it is we see ourselves going as a Scottish Church.

Revd Gordon B. Fyfe

Glasgow & Galloway Clerical member
of The Faith & Order Board

The Clydebank Years

The Dean, Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan, celebrated the final Eucharist at St Columba's, Clydebank, on Sunday 20 January, thus bringing to an end 120 years of unbroken service in the town and diocese.

The first priest in charge at Clydebank was Revd Malcom McColl who held the first Evensong of a new mission on Whitsunday 1888. The church of St. Columba was begun in 1895—the first service being held there on 8 December of that year. The church was formally dedicated on 27 June 1896.

Mission work was started from St. Columba's across the Clyde in Renfrew, where in 1900 St. Margaret's Mission was founded.

On 18 November 1917 the charge became an incumbency and the church was consecrated.

During the last half of the 19th Century and the first half of the 20th, Clydebank was at the heart of Scotland's industrial revolution and Clydebuilt ships could be found in every port in the world. During these years the church and the congregation grew and flourished.

However, the devastation of the town by the Clydebank blitz in March 1941 and the

subsequent post-war development led to the scattering of the congregation and the increasing isolation of the church building. Although the congregation struggled on for many years their church remained on the periphery of Clydebank life and in 1996 it was decided to close the original building.

For the next 12 years the small but faithful congregation continued to worship in the Rectory, a fine sandstone building which had served as the incumbent's residence for over 70 years—first with Revd Robert Haslam who oversaw the move, then with Revd Darren McFarland and for the last six years with the Revd Allan Gray Boyd. Unfortunately with a dwindling and aged congregation, the decision finally had to be taken to close the charge.

To end this very sad occasion on an optimistic note, as the Dean remarked in his address, the congregation will be welcomed into other local Episcopalian churches where they will be able to carry on the dedicated service that they have demonstrated so magnificently for so many years.

Graeme Hely

Lay Representative
All Saints, Jordanhill

Response to 'National Conversation'

IN response to the 'National Conversation' on Scotland's future, which was launched by the First Minister last autumn, the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office (SCPO) has produced some material to help congregations and groups play their part in this conversation.

SCPO aims to hold a national conference this spring to gather reports from local groups.

Groups can also feed directly into the national conversation online at:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/a-national-conversation/Tell-us

All churches are being encouraged to participate.

Contact SCPO (0131 558 8137 or graham@actsparl.org) for more information. For a copy of the discussion material, go to www.actsparl.org/natconv.htm, or phone the SCPO.

Vestry Notes

There has been one Vestry meeting since the last report in the February Edition of *Cyprian Life* and there are only a few new items to add.

Following earlier discussions and the Bishop's advice that, for the sake of his health, we limit the work we expect the Rector to do, the Vestry has agreed that the Rector's Commitment will amount to 20% of that of a full time incumbent. A small group, made up of the Treasurer, David Parfitt, Gavin Boyd, the Lay Representative and the Vestry Secretary, will work with him to agree how the use of this time will be prioritised. They will ascertain what responsibilities are felt essential to be undertaken by the Rector personally and those that can and should be delegated to others within the church.

The Vestry agreed that, for a trial period during Lent, the portable altar be moved from the Choir Vestry to a position in front of the rood screen from where the services will be conducted. Relevant feed-back after this trial period will be welcomed.

The Vestry has agreed to establish a simple Investment Policy to meet the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

The various Church Groups dealing with Music, Pastoral matters, Social events, 3Cs and the Constitution have met and reported back to the Vestry. Mary Boyd has been asked to act as convener of the Marketing group and a meeting will be held soon.

David Jamieson intimated that he is likely to be leaving the district to take up a new employment opportunity in the near future so that his involvement in Youth Activities will lapse.

The Constitution Group has produced a revised draft Constitution taking into account comments received from members of the con-



gregation. This has now been referred to the Diocesan Authorities for review.

The Vestry has studied a sketch plan for refurbishing the entrance area to the Church hall and a more detailed plan has been commissioned to permit a more detailed costing of the project. It is anticipated that the new storage facility will be in place soon.

Sally Pitches
Vestry Secretary

Jenny Proctor Hospital Visiting

Jenny is still progressing well, but is still in Ward 5 at Stobhill. 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 her. She would be delighted to have a chat and 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

Stewardship studies

CHARIS is the Scottish Episcopal Church's resource for stewardship. One section of Charis (say 'carries' with a soft S at the end) 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. The first three have appeared in *Diocesan News*. Here is the fourth.

Luke 12:13-21 Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'

¹⁹ 'And I'll say to myself, You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who



stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." *New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized) Cambridge University Press*

QUESTIONS

1. What jumps off the page at you?
2. List all the characteristics and roles of human beings and God that you see in this passage.
3. What does this passage tell us about: (a) Jesus' attitude to material possessions / wealth? (b) Jesus' vision of being rich in the sight of God?
4. (a) What do you think of the choice made by the rich man in this parable? (b) How do you think the 'man in the crowd' felt about Jesus' response to his question?
5. What kind of choices are people today making about 'possessions' and 'eternity'?
6. How might we, the Christian community, respond to the challenges of this passage in ways that are more in tune with Jesus' teaching?

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

MARCH

Daily Prayers:-

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

13th Christian writers

14th A forgiving spirit

15th The staff and volunteers of Community Centres

Sunday 2nd March

Lent 4—Mothering Sunday

ANGLICAN

The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most Revd Martin de Jesus Barahona, Primate and Bishop of El Salvador

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers:-

- 3rd All mothers of young and grown children
4th For generosity in Bishop's Lent Appeal
5th The Lusitanian Church of Portugal
6th All involved in marketing of Fairtrade goods
7th For all those following the ACTS Lent Study course
8th The Diocesan Synod at the Glynnhill Hotel, Renfrew

Sunday 9th March

Lent 5

ANGLICAN

The L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Dr. Dirokpa Balufuga Fidèle Archbishop of Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa & Bukavu

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Alan Wylie)

Daily Prayers:-

- 10th The Diocesan Stewardship Group (Jamie Hill)
11th African church leaders
12th An end to terrorism

Sunday 16th March

Palm Sunday

ANGLICAN

The Bishop of Jerusalem, The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani

DIOCESAN

St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary's, Bridge of Weir (Colum McGranaghan)

Daily Prayers:-

- 17th The People of Ireland (St Patrick)
18th For lasting peace in Ireland
19th Teachers of the Faith
20th Thanks for the Eucharist
Maundy Thursday
21th Those persecuted for their faith
Good Friday
22th Faithfulness in adversity
Holy Saturday

Sunday 23rd March

Easter Day

ANGLICAN

Bukavu - (Congo) The Rt Revd Sylvestre Bali-Busane Bahati; Bukedi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Nicodemus Engwalas-Okille

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Darren McFarland, Judy Page)

Daily Prayers:-

- 24th Rejoice in the free gift of salvation in Jesus
25th Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
26th Youth Action Network (Paul Fletcher)
27th Pastoral Assistants and Eucharistic Assistants in the diocese
28th Geoff, Eric, Moira and Glennis

& Daily Intentions

29th Peace and justice in the world

Sunday 30th March

First Sunday after Easter (2)

ANGLICAN

The Church of England The Most Revd Rowan Douglas Williams Archbishop of Canterbury

DIOCESAN

St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Stephen Barrett); St Margaret's, Renfrew; St John's, Johnstone (vacancy)

Daily Prayers:-

31st Gentleness and a loving spirit

APRIL

- 1st Wisdom for world leaders
- 2nd The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark
- 3rd Thanks for the new spring growth
- 4th Growth in prayer
- 5th Those addicted to drugs or alcohol

Sunday 6th April

Second Sunday after Easter (3)

ANGLICAN

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Hong Kong Island and The Most Revd Paul Kwong

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Greenock; St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Drew Sheridan, Donald Orr)

Daily Prayers:-

- 7th The world-wide mission of the church
- 8th Lay Representatives and Alternate Lay Representatives
- 9th Barbara Parfitt and Glennis Tavener
- 10th Members of Regional Councils
- 11th The Salvation Army
- 12th SEC: Those in training for ordination and as Readers

Sunday 13th April

Third Sunday after Easter (4)

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and the Most Revd Gerald James (Ian) Ernest Archbishop & Bishop of Mauritius

DIOCESAN

North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Scott Robertson, Ian Boffey, Jeanette Jenkins, Sandy Montgomerie)

Daily Prayers:-

- 14th Commitment to the truth
- 15th The Bishop's Action Group for Spirituality and Edith Thorp
- 16th The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- 17th Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce
- 18th Hospices and the terminally ill
- 19th Those alienated from the church

Sunday 20th April

Fourth Sunday after Easter

ANGLICAN

The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Alan Edwin Thomas Harper Primate of All Ireland & Archbishop of Armagh

DIOCESAN

South Ayrshire Team: Holy Trinity, Ayr; St John's, Girvan; St Oswald's, Maybole (Ian Meredith)

Daily Prayers:-

- 21st Prisoners of conscience
- 22nd The Bishop's Staff Group
- 23rd The people of England (St George)
- 24th The St Cyprian's 3C group
- 25th Missionaries and evangelists (Mark)
- 26th Thanks for the Gospels

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

continued

Sunday 27th April

Fifth Sunday after Easter

ANGLICAN

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers:-

- 28th Help in living out the Gospel
- 29th The Church of Sweden
- 30th For migrant workers and travelling people

MAY

- 1st Those who inspire us
Ascension Day
- 2nd Schoolchildren about to sit exams
(Philip and James, Apostles)

Altar Guild	
2nd March	Val Fallon *
9th March	Pat Hindle *
16th March	Anne Carswell *
23rd March Easter Festival	3 C's & Helpers
30th March	Anne Carswell
6th & 13th April	Audrey Groom & Friend
20th April	Anne Carswell
27th April & 4th May	M. Gow & K. Potts
* Lent - brasses only	

3rd The work of the Christian Aid movement (New Life; the Spirit)

Sunday 4th May

Sunday after Ascension

ANGLICAN

Chicago - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee; Assisting Bishop of Chicago - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Victor Alfonso Scantlebury

DIOCESAN

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

Traidcraft Rota

Second Sunday in the month

9 March	Kathryn Potts
13 April	Enid Scobie
11 May	Audrey Groom
8 June	Vivienne Provan

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

March 2nd, 2008

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Dave Parfitt

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

Eric Parry

John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

March 9th 2008

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gavin Boyd

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

Mary Boyd

John 11:1-45

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion

March 16th, 2008

(for Palm Sunday - Matthew
21:1-11)

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

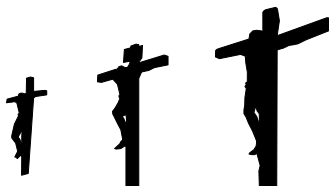
Glennis Tavener

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

David Parfitt

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Mat-
thew 27:11-54



EASTER WEEK

Easter Day

March 23, 2008

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah
31:1-6

Catherine Gunnee

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts
10:34-43

Mary Boyd

John 20:1-18 or Matthew
28:1-10

Easter 2

March 30th 2008

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Glennis Tavener

Psalms 16

I Peter 1:3-9

Kathryn Potts

John 20:19-31

Easter 3

April 6th 2008

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Vera Petzold

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I Peter 1:17-23

Vivienne Provan

Luke 24:13-35

Easter 4

April 13th 2008

Acts 2:42-47

Catherine Gunnee

Psalms 23

I Peter 2:19-25

Eric Parry

John 10:1-10

Easter 5

April 20th 2008

Acts 7:55-60

Vivienne Provan

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

I Peter 2:2-10

Kathryn Potts

John 14:1-14

Easter 6

April 27th 2008

Acts 17:22-31

Eric Parry

Psalms 66:8-20

I Peter 3:13-22

Mary Boyd

John 14:15-21

Sunday after Ascension

May 4th 2008

Acts 1:6-14

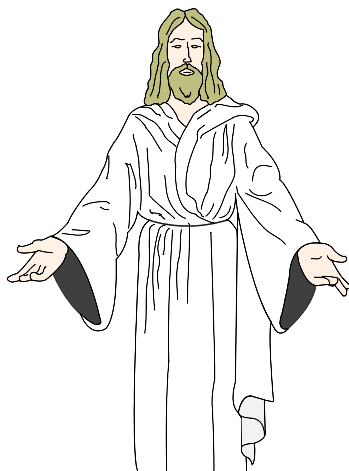
Dave Parfitt

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Enid Scobie

John 17:1-11



Kalendar

MARCH

Sun 2nd Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn

Thur 6th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
7.30pm ACTS Lent Study led by Dan Carmichael
in Dean House (LUPC)

Sun 9th Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by **Lent Lunch**

Thur 13th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Fri 14th 7.30pm ACTS Lent Study led by Geoff in
Harestanes Community Centre

HOLY WEEK

Sun 16th Palm Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Mon 17th Monday in Holy Week (Patrick of Ireland)

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Tues 18th Tuesday in Holy Week

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Wed 19th Wednesday in Holy Week

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thur 20th Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion followed by
Stripping of the Altar and Watch of the Passion

Fri 21st Good Friday

10.15am ACTS Walk of Witness starting at Lenzie Old
(to Farmers Market for 11am)
2-3pm Service of the Last Hour
7.30pm United Service at Lenzie Old Parish Church

Sat 22nd Holy Saturday

7.30pm Festival of Light

Sun 23rd Easter Day

8am ACTS - Early Morning Service
9.15am Holy Communion (said)
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thur 27th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

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

Sun 30th First Sunday after Easter

9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist

Mon 31st The Annunciation of the Lord

APRIL

Wed 2nd Joseph of Nazareth

Thur 3rd 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 6th	Second Sunday after Easter
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
	3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn

Wed 9th 7.30pm **MU Projects - Faith in Action in hall**

Thur 10th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 13th Third Sunday after Easter

9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist

Thur 17th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sun 20th Fourth Sunday after Easter
 9.15am Holy Communion (said)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thur 24th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Fri 25th Mark, Evangelist

Sat 26th 10am - 1pm **St Cyprian's 3C's "Spring Fair"** in the Park Centre,
Kerr St., Kirkintilloch

Sun 27th Fifth Sunday after Easter

9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist followed by Sermon Discussion

MAY

Thur 1st Ascension Day
10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Fri 2nd Philip and James, Apostles

Sat 3rd New Life; the Spirit

Sun 4th	Sunday after Ascension
	9.15am Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
	3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn

Sunday Duty Rota

Date	9.15 am	10.30am							Counting
		Crucifer	Server	Old Testament	New Testament	Intercessions	Sides Persons	Coffee	
2 Mar	Adrian Clark	Moir a Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Dave Parfitt	Eric Parry	Enid Scobie	Dave Parfitt & Enid Scobie	Audrey Groom & Val Fallon	Andy Robb
9 Mar	Moir a Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Moir a Jamieson	Gavin Boyd	Mary Boyd	Eric Parry	Glenn is Tavener & Val Fallon	Jean Kinnon & Eileen Ferry	Barbara Parfitt
16 Mar	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Catherine Gunnee	Glenn is Tavener	Dave Parfitt	Glenn is Tavener	Dave Parfitt & Jean Kinnon	Avril Critchlow & Jean McConnell	Eric Parry
23 Mar	Moir a Jamieson	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Catherine Gunnee	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	Enid Scobie & Glenn is Tavener	Fred & Catherine Gunnee	Dave Parfitt
30 Mar	Adrian Clark	Aileen Mundy	Adrian Clark	Glenn is Tavener	Kathryn Potts	Glenn is Tavener	Val Fallon & Sandy Jamieson	Sandy & Moira Jamieson	Kathryn Potts
6 Apr	Moir a Jamieson	Catherine Gunnee	Aileen Mundy	Vera Petzold	Vivienne Provan	Enid Scobie	Andy Robb & Val Fallon	Kathryn Potts & Maxine Gow	Kevin Wilbraham & Andy Robb
13 Apr	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Moir a Jamieson	Catherine Gunnee	Eric Parry	Barbara Parfitt	Kevin Wilbraham & Jean Kinnon	George & Anne Carswell	Dave Parfitt & Gavin Boyd
20 Apr	Moir a Jamieson	Sally Pitches	Adrian Clark	Vivienne Provan	Kathryn Potts	Eric Parry	Dave Parfitt & Andy Robb	Paul & Pat Hindle	Kathryn Potts & Maxine Gow
27 Apr	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Sally Pitches	Eric Parry	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	Val Fallon & Enid Scobie	Kevin & Fiona Wilbraham	Catherine Gunnee & Sally Pitches
4 May	Moir a Jamieson	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Dave Parfitt	Enid Scobie	Barbara Parfitt	Kevin Wilbraham & Glenn is Tavener	Dave & Barbara Parfitt	Paul Hindle & Sandy Jamieson

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