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Curate's Corner



Dear Friends,

As I write this, Geoff and Enid will be in sunny Australia on their trip visiting families involved in M.U. I am sure we wish them all good health on their trip and a safe journey home.

Geoff's last service with us on Sunday 11th October, which was also our Harvest Festival, was well attended and the farewell meal afterwards in the hall was enjoyed by all. I received an email from Geoff and Enid thanking everyone for their kindness in the gifts that were presented to them that Sunday and for the support and friendship they enjoyed with us at St. Cyprian's.

During the vacancy I have been asked to look after the day to day running of the church with the support of the Reverend Shelley Marsh from Bishopbriggs who is supervising me during my two years as Curate. I will also have the support of our Dean, the Very Reverend Dr. Gregor Duncan, who will oversee the running of St. Cyprian's. I am sure I will have your full support during this time.

One of the things that the Vestry have been looking at and discussing since our Vestry Away Day is the kind of person we are looking for to lead us into the next phase of our church life together. This is not just a Vestry task, it is the task of the whole church and I would be

happy to hear the views of all the members of our congregation. I would ask you to pray about the kind of person you think would be right to lead us forward in our faith. Perhaps someone who would help us to grow spiritually and encourage us to invite people into our church to become a part of the fellowship of Christ's body, which is what we, as disciples of Christ are asked to do.

The Vestry are still looking at the possibility of calling a half-time priest who is both skilled in pastoral work and in helping us to reach out into the community, who may be what is termed as a Mission Priest or indeed someone from the Church Army. However, it may be that the person we are looking for might be an Anglican Priest who has some skills in reaching out to young people and families

Our Old Testament readings this past month have been on the Book of Job and have looked at the way in which Job's faith was tested by God. Despite being stripped of all his possessions and being separated from his family and friends, Job never gave up. His wife wanted him to just curse God and be done with it, but Job was having none of it. Instead he railed at God, he questioned him and expected answers. Have you ever had a time

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available in Church on Sunday 29th November 2009. The deadline for material is 15th November and the magazine will cover December and January.

Please pass notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by the deadline in order to give time for typesetting and printing. Electronic format is preferred since this is usually quicker and more accurate.

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

This issue includes selected items from the last issue of Diocesan News. The full Diocesan News can be downloaded from the diocesan website: www.glasgow.anglican.org

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

Diocesan News is published ten times per year. If you have items that would be of interest across the Diocese, please send them to the Diocesan News editor, Susi Cormack Brown, e-mail: dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk or by post to c/o Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH. Please send in prose text, i.e. not leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs. The deadline for the December and January issue will be Monday 14th September 2009.

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Paul Hindle

Curate's Corner

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when you were so angry about something, some injustice in the world, and you railed at God or questioned why bad things were happening? I'm sure that most of us have - or at least we have wanted to and it made us feel had

This piece of Wisdom Literature shows us, through the example of Job, that it's actually okay to question God, but we shouldn't expect to get the answer that we want every time. We also shouldn't expect that we can just sit back and ask God to sort things out for us. We need to open our eyes to God and be pro-active in our world, and above all, like Job, never lose faith. Job also misunderstood the power of God in creation and in what he could do, but in the end Jobs eyes are opened and he begins to understand.

The final chapter of Job, where Job has everything restored to him two-fold, can sometimes look as if it is a disconnected addition to the story, a fairytale ending in which everyone "lives happily ever after." The story began with God making a deal with Satan to test the course of Job's faith, in the way that you would kick the tyres on a used car to test them, to make sure they are strong enough for the job. (Excuse the pun).

Remembering that this is indeed a piece of Wisdom Literature, reading this fairytale ending can make us wonder why we are being told

Cover Picture

The picture shows part of the presentation to Geoff and Enid on their retirement from St Cyprian's.

There are more pictures on page 12

this tale of two-fold restoration? Yes we have all probably heard stories of those who are down on their luck and who manage to pick themselves up again and find that their old lives are restored to them. But what about all those people who cannot recover from bankruptcy or from terminal illness? How do we reconcile these things with the story of Job receiving all that he had taken from him, in double measure?

I don't have all the answers; such is the mystery of God's Almighty power.

There is no clear answer to Satan's original challenge. "But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." How difficult is it to love God for his sake alone rather than loving for hope of reward? But our challenge, especially during this vacancy, is to be like Job who even in the face of deep despair, never gave up and kept his faith in God.

May God Bless you all in this coming season of Advent.



Amnesty International Glasgow West group needs new members.

The group meets on the second Thursday of each month in Woodlands Methodist Church (opposite Uisge Beatha pub) at 7.30 pm.

The Link

For the latest information about events at St Cyprian's, please check the *Link* each week in Church or on our web site:

www.stcyprianslenzie.com.

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

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

Pastoral Care

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

If you, or anyone you know, would like a visit from a priest or the opportunity for a confidential chat and a prayer, please contact the Curate, Revd. Moira Jamieson, who will be happy to help in any way she 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. Moira can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone Moira on 0141-775 1161

Tackling Income Inequality in

This is the title of a conference jointly organised by Action for Churches Together in Scotland and the STUC.

It takes place on Friday 6 November at the Easter Road Conference Centre, Edinburgh.

The keynote address is by Richard Wilkinson, professor of medical epidemiology at

Scotland

Nottingham University, and author of The Spirit Level-why more equal societies almost always do better.

Further details from Tom Moyes, Action for Churches Together (tommoyes@acts-scotland.org, 01259 222363).

What's So Amazing about Grace?

We all talk about the Grace of God and we often say the Grace at the end of a church service or meeting, but do we really understand Grace? Philip Yancey has written a book that explores what God's grace really means and what amazing power it has in the world if we would only be receptive to it.

We have started a monthly study group to explore God's Grace in detail. We are using the DVD based study programme developed from the concepts in the book. So far, we have only covered the first study, so you can join now without missing out too much on the benefits of the study. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th November between 7.30 and 9pm. The accompanying participants' guide costs about £5 (available from Amazon), but it is not essential to have it.

To find out more, speak to us at church or give us a ring on 776 3237. If this time doesn't suit, it would be possible to run additional sessions at different times.

Paul & Pat Hindle

Chalk and Cheese?

Theology and spirituality - chalk and cheese? is a series of informal seminars run by Glasgow University's department of Theology and Religious Studies with the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Sessions are relaxed and convivial, combining theological input and discussion over a glass or two of wine, starting 5.30pm and lasting until 7pm.

The final speaker for this term, on Thursday 26 November, will be Revd Dr Ian Meredith.

His topic is 'Were all Episcopalians Jacobites in the 17th and 18th centuries?'

These seminars are opportunities for clergy and laity in the diocese to share their expertise and areas of theological interest, both as seminar leaders and as group participants, and to be inspired into fresh thought and reading by others' theological passions.

Meetings are held in 4 The Square, University of Glasgow G12 8QQ. All are welcome. For more information contact Revd Dr Scott Robertson or Anne Tomlinson, ministry development officer, via the diocesan office 0141 221 5720.

Finding a new bishop - what happens next?

THE process of finding a new Bishop is now under way, after the Preliminary Meeting of the Electoral Synod on 19 September.

The Primus, Most Revd David Chillingworth, outlined the steps in the process, saying that, due to the confidentiality of the initial stages, it might now appear that nothing is happening.

Below the surface, however, a lot will be going on as the Preparatory Committee, comprising representatives from other dioceses and the House of Bishops as well as six people from our own diocese, receives nominations and produces a shortlist of candidates, which it must do by the end of this year.

It will seem very quiet until the shortlist is produced and the Electoral Synod takes over, with the election taking place in January. These are the key dates:

- Invite nominations (Description & Nomination form on website): 21 September
- Closing date for nominations: 14 October
- Second meeting of Preparatory Committee: 16 October
- Third meeting of Preparatory Committee first screening of applications: 20 November
- Fourth meeting of Preparatory Committee interviewing applicants: 7/8
 December
- Date for declaration of list of candidates: 12 December
- Meeting of the Electoral Synod with candidates: Saturday 9 January
- Electoral Meeting of Synod: Saturday 16 January.

Transforming Ministry -Making a Difference as Women

This is the topic of an event in Edinburgh with Christina Rees on Saturday 7th November, 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Women within the Scottish Episcopal Church are invited to participate in this interactive day, exploring and sharing thoughts and experiences. Writer and broadcaster Christina Rees is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England and sits on the Archbishops' Council.

The venue is the General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

For more details and to reserve your place, please contact:

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Family News

Jamie Craig

We were in Monifieth for a weekend in October and took the opportunity to visit Jamie Craig, who was a regular member of St Cyprian's before he left Lenzie a number of years ago to live in the Abbeyfield at Monifieth.

At one time one of his grandsons, Andrew, was a regular member of the Junior Choir. On moving to Monifieth, Jamie became a member of the Episcopal Church there. We attended the church the following morning and found it very welcoming. Although Jamie still drives his disability scooter as far as the nearby Tesco to do a little shopping, he no longer gets to





church. He is visited for home communion regularly and a member of the congregation comes to play Scrabble with him.

Jamie still keeps interested in life and his brain active. We spent a pleasant hour chatting and reminiscing with him. He happily posed for a photo for St Cyprian's magazine. You'll see he proudly wears his 90 badge although his son tells us he's 91. He has a painting of St Cyprian's on his wall and it's the first thing you see when you enter his room. He sends his good wishes to all those who remember him.

Barbara Walker

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday 22nd November 2009 after the 10.30am service at approximately 12.15pm.

Nominations are invited for a number of elections and all members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. A booklet of AGM papers will be available at least one week before the meeting.

Alexander Carswell

The photo shows proud parents Alastair and Lorna Carswell with baby Alexander age two days.

Alexander was born on 1st September 2009 in Bristol. Although three weeks early, he is well and thriving.

He's a very welcome baby boy cousin for Joanna, Juliet, Georgina and Samantha and a fifth grandchild for a delighted George and Anne.



Surfing for Scripture

It's not long ago that finding a half-remembered scripture passage meant leafing through a hefty concordance.

Now you can read more than 100 Bible versions in 50 languages on your Blackberry or home computer, and look up a verse or a topic in moments.

Bible Gateway is an easy tool for reading and researching scripture online.

It provides advanced searching capabilities to let readers find and compare particular passages in scripture, based on keywords, phrases, or scripture reference.

The choice includes a wide range of English translations, three Greek New Testaments, and several audio Bibles.

If you are interested in examining a balanced range of perspectives on current Church affairs, there are many web sites that offer a range of viewpoints. The following three Anglican ones are suggested by Paul Hibbert (St Margaret's Newlands) to sample a broad spectrum of comment:

affirmingcatholicism.org (offering an Anglo-Catholic perspective)

fulcrum-anglican.org.uk (with an evangelical angle)

thinkinganglicans.org.uk (taking a liberal view).

If Bible reading is a discipline you find hard to make routine, try having a daily e-mail delivered with a scripture passage, reflection and prayer from Sojourners.

Founded in 1971, Sojourners' mission is to articulate the biblical call to social justice, inspiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world.

Visit sojo.net and navigate to Blogs then Verse and Voice.

Suggestions of other useful websites will be welcome. Please write to:

dns@episcopalglasgow.org.uk.



MU Appeals for Africa Aid

MORE than 23 million people in East Africa are facing starvation following a further failed harvest, and the ongoing drought situation across the region.

Across Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania Mothers' Union members are bringing food relief to as many people as they can. MU has sent £159,000 with more funding needed to meet all the calls for aid. This far exceeds any funding previously sent out by Mothers' Union as a relief effort, and the charity has launched an urgent appeal both to help fund emergency food aid, and to help programmes such as its Family Life Programme re-establish food security and agricultural projects.

As ever, the people most affected are the rural poor men, women, children, widows and the elderly. These are people who cannot earn money for food which has become very expensive.

Alongside relief funding, Mothers' Union aims to provide seed for families to plant. Each family with a successful crop will be asked to bank some of the seed for other families in need, thereby ensuring aid given reaches as many as possible.

To donate, visit themothersunion.org and follow the link to the famine appeal. Donations can also be accepted by phone on 020 7222 5533.



Wave of support for a safe climate

The Wave is the name of Scotland's biggest ever demonstration in support of action on climate change.

On Saturday 5 December, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen, thousands of people from across Scotland will flow through the streets of Glasgow seeking

climate justice from the world leaders. Among them will be Christians of all denominations.

The Wave is organised by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, which includes the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Mothers' Union as members.

Stop Climate Chaos is appealing for as many people as possible to turn out on the streets of Glasgow on the day. If you would like to volunteer to help make this demonstration a success, there are a number of things you can do:

Make sure everyone in your church, workplace and neighbourhood knows about The Wave.

Be a bus organiser

Talk to your local media.

Visit stopclimatechaosscotland.org for updates, leaflets and more information as plans firm up.

Branch Bids Farewell

Enid Scobie provided the inspiration for starting the branch and has helped considerably in sustaining it through the start-up phase so that now it is well established and looking forward to a long and bright future.

The branch acknowledged its gratitude to Enid at the branch dinner held in the Torrance Inn on 9th September 2009.

The photo to the right shows



branch leader Catherine Gunnee making a presentation to her on behalf of the branch while in the photo on the left you can see Geoff and Enid surrounded by friends from this and neighbouring MU branches.

We wish her and Geoff every blessing as they enter a well earned retirement.

We also thank Eileen for organising the dinner.

St Cyprian's Branch Programme

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Moira will lead the Remembrance worship and this will be followed by an "At Home" evening.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Everyone is invited to **MU Christmas Musical Evening** on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 (which

will include a hot supper and refreshments) in aid of MU Relief Fund (see article top opposite for the sort of need the fund meets). Music is provided by "THE GEMS"- a small select singing group whose repertoire includes a wide range of popular and Christmas music. They hope that the audience will occasionally join in!!

Do invite your friends and neighbours. Tickets are now available.

Farewell to Geoff and Enid



Geoff retired on 11th October, the date of our Harvest Festival this year. It was lovely to have his family with us to mark the occasion.

Geoff and Enid have been with us just over three years. During that time they have worked hard as a team through a number of difficulties and triumphs and we are very grateful to them both.

The occasion was marked with a lunch in the Church Hall following which there were a number of presentations. Enid received a collection of plants as it is well known how much she enjoys them. Geoff was presented with a framed

certificate expressing the gratitude of the congregation to him and Enid for his work as Rector since 2006. In addition there was a cheque for the monetary gifts collected from







the congregation.

The vote of thanks on behalf of the congregation was given by Bill Morris, one of its longest members and a former Secretary to the Vestry. Bill and Pauline also donated a framed

list of Rectors who had served the congregation since its founding in 1873.

We now wish Geoff a long and happy retirement.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal. Thanks to a huge army of volunteers who give their time to help make this Christmas 'miracle' come to life, it is able to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes to children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

A box has been placed at the back of the Church for your donations the appeal, which is run by Samaritan's Purse. Donations from the following list will be very much appreciated.

Toothbrush – Toothpaste – Soap – Face Flannel; Hat – Scarf – Gloves; Sweets (well within best before date); Small Toy – Pencils – Pen – Small Notepad; Children's underwear, Baby Bibs or T-Shirts.

The closing date for donations is 18th November so please leave your donations in the box a few days before the deadline to allow time for them to be taken to the reception centre. Thank you.

Moira

For more info visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Celebrating 200 Years

The Scottish Bible Society's Lenzie Action Group certainly celebrated 200 years of the charity in style with a flower festival at St Cyprian's opened by Walter Gilmour (right). Lorna Hall, Coordinator of the Action Group writes . . .

To everyone in St Cyprian's!

I'm writing to thank all of you for your help and support both before and during the Flower Festival. We were

delighted from the beginning that we were given permission to hold it in your church and we were certainly not disappointed with the decision. Every help was given when needed. The premises were so clean and we had everything needed. If we didn't we

just had to ask and it was produced, fixed or Many old friendships were renewed and new obtained!





We were delighted with the success of the event. The Flower Club members surpassed themselves with their displays. We had a constant stream of visitors throughout the three days of the opening and there was such a lovely friendly atmosphere the whole time.

ones formed. It was a real community event.

The added bonus was the sum of £2,500 raised for the Scottish Bible Society's Bicentennial project!

Thanking you again for your support,

Lorna Hall, Coordinator









Welcome The Stranger

This was the title of the Joint Ecumenical Service this autumn held in Lenzie Union Parish Church on 22nd October.

We were privileged to welcome Christine Murray to speak about her life and work with the Asylum Seekers Project at St. Rollox. Her interactive presentation to the congregation of over 100 was stimulating and compassionate, conveying information and statistics of which many of us were quite unaware. Her own commitment as a Christian is crucial to her work and in amongst the illustrations of the supportive, busy and fulfilling life at St. Rollox, she reminded us in one brief stark slide that Jesus himself was an asylum seeker when the Holy Family fled to Egypt to escape persecution by King Herod.



The Ecumenical Music Group organised by Jill Taylor and also Concordia helped to lead the worship, with representatives from 10 of the local churches participating in prayers and readings concerning problems globally and locally that confront asylum seekers. We were encouraged consider "Who is a Stranger?" in each and every one of us and how to identify and attempt to overcome the many barriers that present themselves. It was a powerful evening and a retiral collection of £550 for the work in St. Rollox was testament to the impact the evening made on everyone.

Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action of Churches Together in Scotland

Advent Study Groups

It is planned to hold these study groups on the following dates. Watch the Link for more details.

Thursday November 26th in St. David's Memorial Park Church, Alexandra Street, Kirkintilloch at 7.30pm

Tuesday December 1st in St. Cyprian's at 7.30pm

Wednesday December 9th

in Harestanes Community Centre, Mauchline Court, off Burns Road at 7.30pm

HOLY City is a monthly ecumenical workshop and worship event. This year, the theme is Revised Standard Visions: Imagining another world

Climate change, the credit crunch, the still-unfulfilled demands of justice and peace. Our generation faces a multitude of challenges.

The history of faith and culture speak of each generation facing similar critical times, when prophets and visionaries have re-framed and re-formed the way we think about our world. It's said that 'without a vision, the people perish'.

Holy City's 2009-10 programme addresses this urgent need in all its facets, and seeks to

Revised Standard Visi (and our times.

explore the re-imagining and re-visioning of faith, our lives

It's enabled by the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community, in collaboration with 'a motley crew of Glaswegian citizens'.

It takes place 7-10pm at Renfield St Stephen's, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, on the last Sunday of the month from October to May (except December's event which is on the 20th). Visit or call 0141 332 6343.



WANTED - FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Donations are needed for all the stalls and for the tearoom. Please contact the appropriate stall holder about your donations a.s.a.p. so that they know how much stock they will have.

Books - Gill Inglis

Cake & Candy - Val Fallon

Collector's Corner - Kathryn Potts

Candles &

Christmas Wrappings - Catherine Gunnee

Christmas Arrangements

Handmade Crafts - Glennis Tavener

Jewellery - Ann Carswell (empty boxes also)

all before end of October for pricing).

Daphne Fraser

Lunch Stall - Moira Jamieson

Tearoom - Avril Critchlow

Tombolla - Pat & Paul Hindle

Toys - Maxine Gow

Help is also urgently needed with setting up the stalls on Friday 27th November at 10.30am - 2.30pm and 6-9pm and for clearing up at the end of the Fayre on Saturday. Please let Susan or Aileen know if you are available.

Get 'Antiques' from Kathryn's market stall.



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See Anne's Gold &

Gems in Hatton Garden H G



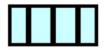
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St Cyprian-opoly

Lenzie Public Hall

Friday 27th November 09

11.15am - 2.30pm 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 28th November

9.00am - the end

Community Chest

Let the Children pick from the CHEST

Picadilly

Try Val's preserves & baking at Fortnum & Mason's



CRIOA

Visit Moira's Café 15



Charing Cross Road

Visit Gill at



Daphne's decorations are in Harrods Basement

Knightsbridge



Flowers & decorations from Jane

New Covent Gdn



Avril's Garden

Buckingham Palace

Party is down stairs

Vestry Notes

There have been five Vestry meetings since those that were reported in the last issue of *Cyprian Life*. The notes from meetings held on 17th June, 9th August, 27th August 2009 are printed below. The notes for later meetings will appear next time.

Notes from Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2009

 The Bishop attended the meeting in order to start the process of considering how the church goes forward when the current Rector retires.

He advised the Vestry that:

- It has a duty to consider what is required in the future for St. Cyprians.
- The Diocese will provide a facilitator to guide in the decision making process.
- All options must be considered to secure a realistic way forward.
- Costs were highlighted and it was stressed that the Diocese could not offer financial support.
- Moira should not be expected to take on any more responsibility than that involved in a normal curacy period, despite the circumstances.
- 2. The monthly accounts showed that both income and expenditure were down compared with the same period last year.
- 3. A Vestry away-day will be held in Dunblane on 25th July 2009
- 4. The recent Mother's Union Festival had been very successful with a great atmosphere and the creation of a positive impression for visitors. Thanks were extended to all who had contributed.

Notes from Vestry Meeting held on Sunday 9th August 2009

This meeting was convened to receive the report from the Away Day held at Scottish Churches House, Dunblane on 25th July 2009. It was presented by Paul Hindle.

- 1. The purpose of the Away Day was to explore the "Vision for the Future" and "where does St. Cyprian's go from here?"
- 2. Eleven members of the vestry and one spouse met at Dunblane for the day with a review of the position and the problems facing the church in the morning session and an afternoon discussion session facilitated by Darren McFarland and Helen Ball directed towards models of future ministry in St. Cyprian's and "where do we go from here?"
- 3. Background to the Day:
 - The need to consider our future after Geoff leaves.
 - The declining regular attendance.
 - The absence of young people.
 - High average age of the congregation.
 - 'Business as usual' likely to lead to closure.
- Key priorities were identified and discussed:
 - Spiritual Growth and Development
 - Teamwork and Fellowship
 - Mission and Outreach
 - Sustainability

These key priorities were expanded during discussion and relevant areas for consideration were developed under each heading to take back to the full Vestry for further discussion

5. It was suggested that a Mission Priest might be most appropriate for our current

needs but other models of Ministry for St. Cyprians were discussed including linking with another congregation, lay leadership with oversight from a neighbouring priest, team ministry (lay & ordained).

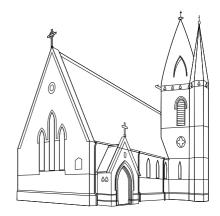
- 6. "Where do we go from here?"
 - 1) need to communicate with the rest of the congregation
 - 2) ability to meet the needs/wishes of the congregation
 - 3) problems with funding
 - 4) practicality of exercise including availability of people to fulfil needs
 - 5) explore involvement in "Four Studies and a Party".

After discussion, it was agreed that:

- Further information should be collected about "Mission Priests" for the next full meeting of the Vestry on 27.08,09 to allow more detailed informed discussion.
- The list of key areas for consideration should be further prioritised to enable more critical discussion.
- Once the Vestry has had the opportunity to clarify its position, the information should then be communicated to the whole congregation.

Notes from Vestry Meeting held on Thursday 27th August 2009

1. The Revd. Shelly Marsh, in her capacity as the Bishop's Diaconal ministry Adviser (DMA) was welcomed to the meeting. She outlined the background requirements for Ordained and Reader Ministry in addition to other Authorised Ministries (Pastoral Assistant, Eucharistic Assistant, Worship Leader).



- She confirmed that Glennis Tavener had now successfully completed the Discernment Process for Reader Ministry and was ready to start the final 2 years of training with the anticipation of becoming eligible for licensing in 2011.
- 3. She also clarified the roles of Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants and Worship leaders together with criteria, discernment procedures and training requirements. She reminded the Vestry of the need for local written working agreements, Individual Development Plans, and that Authorisation was for 3 years with annual review of the agreements at local level.
- 4. "The Way Ahead" After discussion it was agreed that:
 - 1) Once all the information regarding Mission Priests and the Church Army had been collected together, a Special Meeting of the Vestry should be called to discuss the whole matter.
 - 2) Geoff would approach Helen Ball about the possibility of setting up "Four Studies and a Party" for Vestry members. The earliest that this could be considered would be into October.
- The 26th Annual Report of the Scottish Episcopal Church had been received. This was available to borrow. Copies of the Synod Summary are also available.

Vestry Notes

- 6. Information had been received from the Scottish Bible Society that a DVD of the Glasgow Gospel containing 6 gospel stories in Glasgow dialect was available. A fuller version would be available in the autumn
- Two new lets had been obtained for the Hall. A Music & Movement class for 3 -5yrs and 5 - 7yrs started up on Tuesday afternoons on a weekly basis from 25.08.09 and The Kirkintilloch Trefoil Guild now meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm.
- 8. The notice board in Rectory garden. It had been confirmed by the Council Planning Department that this could proceed with no requirement for formal permission.
- 9. Planning Permission for the Hall extension had now been received so that the project could now advance.
- 10. The Vestry accepted Sandy Jamieson's offer that he might take on the role of "Project Manager" and hold direct responsibility for handling the work rather than continuing with the original plan of employing a contractor to handle the exercise. It was noted that this would result in

- a significant saving. It was also agreed that this should be passed to the Finance Group to examine in detail and report back to the Vestry.
- 11. "The Jesus Film" will be shown in the Church Hall on Friday 9th October 2009
- 12. The vestry confirmed that the Child Protection Coordinator (Kathryn Potts) should report in person any specific child protection issues to the Vestry 3 times a year.
- 13. New Constitution. The Diocese has confirmed the approval signature process in view of the Bishop's retiral and indicated that this will be concluded by the Dean. The document will then be returned to OSCR, as required, and will be in place for the 2009 AGM. Copies of the final version will be circulated to members of the Vestry.
- 14. It was agreed that a printer/scanner/copier unit should be purchased to complement the computer in the Rector's vestry.

Sally Pitches Secretary to the Vestry

Wanted

A small local charity is looking for pieces of furniture that are perhaps broken and in need of repair and renovation. They have the facilities to carry out the necessary work and then they will sell them for their funds.

To donate furniture and for further information please contact Vivienne (776 6422)



Remember to buy a poppy for Remember-brance Sunday—available in Church



- **Poppyscotland** provides support to anyone who has served in the Armed Forces, either regular or reserve, including widows/widowers and the dependants of those that have served.
- **Over one million people** make up the veterans' community in Scotland. That is one in five of the Scotlish population.
 - We support organisations across Scotland that deliver specific services in support of the veterans' community. These range from employment advice to housing for the homeless, care for the elderly to treatment for veterans with mental health conditions.
- Recent research indicated that some **350,000 members** of the veterans' community had experienced some form of **personal difficulty**, such as mobility or financial problems, with as many as 135,000 experiencing multiple and complex needs.
 - As well as funding the Royal British Legion Scotland's Pensions Appeals and Advice Service we have embarked on an exciting partnership with Citizens Advice Scotland, which aims to meet the advice needs of veterans through improved access to Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland.
- We provide employment opportunities for 29 veterans with disabilities at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory.

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Sunday 1st November 2009

All Saints (Fourth before Advent)

ANGLICAN

Ughelli - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Vincent O Muoghereh

DIOCESAN

All Saints', Bearsden; St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Ken Shaw, Interim). Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership

Daily Prayers

- 2nd The faithful departed
- 3rd Those who mourn
- 4th For all deceased Clergy and Lay Readers
- 5th Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 6th Lay and Alternate Lay Representatives and Regional Councils.
- 7th The Scottish Poppy Appeal and Gill Inglis

Sunday 8th November 2009

Remembrance Sunday (Third before Advent)

ANGLICAN

Uyo - Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria, The Rt Revd Isaac Orama

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Gregor Duncan, Eamonn Rodgers).

St Oswald's, Kings Park (Danald Jute).

Daily Prayers

- 9th For all ex-service men and women, incapacitated by war
- 10th For those who died in war and their families
- 11th For the Erskine Hospital and nursing home in Renfrew
- 12th The National Meningitis Trust

- 13th Staff and patients in hospitals, hospices and nursing homes
- 14th For hospital chaplains and the ministry of healing.

Sunday 15th November 2009

Second before Advent

ANGLICAN

Virginia - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Peter James Lee; Coadjutor Bishop of Virginia - The Rt Revd Shannon Sherwood Johnston; Suffragan Bishop of Virginia - The Rt Revd David Colin Jones.

DIOCESAN

St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Tom Montgomery, Paul Romano).

Daily Prayers

- 16th For relief for the African peoples
- 17th For kindness, caring and generosity; Margaret of Scotland
- 18th For the poor and the orphaned
- 19th For wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service
- 20th Remembering Hiroshima: for freedom from nuclear weapons
- 21st For all of us at St Cyprian's, as we prepare for the AGM

Sunday 22nd November 2009

Christ the King (Last before Advent)

ANGLICAN

Wau - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Henry Cuir Riak

DIOCESAN

The Church of The Good Shepherd and Ascension, Hillington (Christian Okeke), and St Aidan's, Clarkston (vacancy, Colin Curtis).

& Daily Intentions

Daily Prayers

23rd For the people of the Church of Ireland

24th The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

25th The work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, Scotland

26th The people of the Sudan

27th For the 3C Group as we prepare for the Christmas Fayre

28th For love, fellowship and happiness at our Christmas Fayre

Sunday 29st November 2009 Advent Sunday

ANGLICAN

West Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Gary Lillibridge; Suffragan Bishop of West Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd David Mitchell Reed

DIOCESAN

Christ Church, Lanark (Dan Gafvert).

Daily Prayers

30th For the people of Scotland and the Scottish Government

Altar Guild

Aitai	Oulid
1 st & 8 th November	Avril Critchlow & Pam Bently
15 th & 22 nd November	Maxine Gow & Kathryn Potts
29 th November & 6 th December	Val Fallon *
* Advent	Brasses Only.

Theatre Group

For a long time we have been waiting for an interesting or amusing play to come around. Unfortunately, like the buses, they come in formation.

On Thursday 3rd December 2009, 16 seats have been booked for the matinee performance at 2.30pm of "The Grass is Greener" - a hilarious and uplifting joy - at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow. Tickets f.14

On Friday 4th December 2009. 24 seats and a coach have been booked to see an amateur performance of "Mama Laddin" - a panto with a Swedish twist - for the evening performance at St. Ninian's Church, Pollokshields.

The coach will leave St. Cyprian's Church at 6:30pm. £10 per person - includes ticket and coach.

If interested in either of the above, please put your name on the list on the bulletin board in the church hall or contact Audrey Groom on 01236 729075.

Traidcraft Rota

Second Sunday in the month

8th November Val Fallon & Pam Bently

13th December Anne Carswell

Each month we have a selection of fair trade goods on sale after the 10.30am service. You can be sure that more of the price of the goods you buy is going to the producer.

Kalendar

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun 1st

Thur 12th

Mon 2 nd	3pm	Holy Communion at Lillyburn
Thur 5 th	10am	Holy Communion in Choir Vestry
Sun 8 th	9.15am	nday (Third Sunday before Advent) Holy Communion (said)
Wed 11 th	10.30am 7.30pm	Sung Eucharist Mothers' Union meeting in Church Hall (see page 11)

Holy Communion in Choir Vestry

Holy Communion (said)

Sung Eucharist

ALL SAINTS (Fourth Sunday before Advent)

9.15am 10.30am

Sun 15th	Second Sunday before Advent
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10am

9.15am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3pm Afternoon Service

Mon 16th Margaret of Scotland, 1093

Tues 17th 7.30pm Study Group, 40 Garngaber Ave - all welcome (see page 6)

Thur 19th 10am Holy Communion in Choir Vestry

Sun 22nd Christ the King (The Last Sunday before Advent)

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Annual General Meeting in the church hall after this service

Thur 26th 10am Holy Communion in Choir Vestry

7.30pm ACTS Advent Study at St David's Memorial Park Church

Fri 27th 11am-2.30pm & 6 - 9pm Preparation of Christmas Fayre

Sat 28th 9am onwards Christmas Fayre in Public Hall (see pages 18 & 19)

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 29th First Sunday of Advent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Ecumenical Advent Service at St David's Memorial Park
Church Kirkintilloch

Mon 30th Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

DECEMBER 2009

Tues 1st 7.30pm ACTS Advent Study at St Cyprian's Thur 3rd 10am Holy Communion in Choir Vestry

Sun 6th Second Sunday of Advent

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

3pm Holy Communion at Lillyburn

Sunday Readings and Readers

All Saints (4th before Advent)

1st November 2009

Isaiah 25 6-9

Catherine Gunnee

Psalm 24

Revelation 21 1-6

Kevin Wilbraham

John 11.32-44

Remembrance Sunday (3rd before Advent)

8th November 2009

Jonah 3.1-10

Jacqui Stother

Psalm 62.5-end

Hebrews 9.24-end

Sandy Jamieson

Mark 1.14-20

2nd before Advent

15th November 2009

Daniel 12.1-3

Vivienne Provan

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10.11-14;19-25

Audrey Groom

Mark 13.1-8

Christ The King (Last before Advent)

22nd November 2009

Daniel 7.9-14

William Kelsey

Psalm 93

Revelation 1 4-8

Kathryn Potts

John 18.33-37

First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2009

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Sally Pitches

Psalm 25.1-9

1Thessalonians 3.9-end

Anne Carswell

Luke 21 25-36

Sunday Duty Rota

4	9.15 am				10	10.30am			
Date	Server	Crucifer	Server	Old Testament	New Testament	Interces- sions	Sides Persons	Coffee	Counting
1 Nov	Bill Watt	Eric Parry	Adrian Clark	Catherine Gunnee	Kevin Wilbraham	Aileen Mundy	Andy Robb & Gavin Boyd	Audrey Groom & Val Fallon	Adrian Clark & Sandy Jamieson
8 Nov	Adrian Clark	Eric Parry	Paul Hindle	Jacqui Stother	Sandy Jamieson	Glennis Tavener	Kevin Wilbraham & Glennis Tavener	Fred & Catherine Gunnee	Gavin Boyd & Kevin Wilbraham
15 Nov	Adrian Clark	Paul Hindle	Catherine Gunnee	Vivienne Provan	Audrey Groom	Mary Boyd	Sandy Jamieson & Gavin Boyd	Glennis Tavener & Aileen Mundy	Avril Critchlow & Catherine Gunnee
22 Nov	Bill Watt	Catherine Gunnee	Paul Hindle	William Kelsey	Kathryn Potts	Jacqui Stother	Andy Robb & Kevin Wilbraham	Kathryn Potts & Maxine Gow	Sandy Jamieson & Andy Robb
29 Nov	Sally Pitches	Sally Pitches	Eric Parry	Sally Pitches	Anne Carswell	Maxine Gow	Sandy Jamieson & Glennis Tavener	George & Anne Carswell	Eric Parry & Vivienne Provan
9 Dec	Sally Pitches	Adrian Clark	Sally Pitches	Anne Carswell	Amanda MacKenzie	Eric Parry	Gavin Boyd & Andy Robb	Paul & Pat Hindle	Maxine Gow & Paul Hindle
13 Dec	Bill Watt	Catherine Gunnee	Paul Hindle	Maxine Gow	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	Kevin Wilbraham & Sandy Jamieson	Avril Critchlow & Jean McConnell	Gavin Boyd & Kevin Wilbraham
20 Dec	Adrian Clark	Adrian Clark	Catherine Gunnee	Kevin Wilbraham	Jacqui Stother	Aileen Mundy	Glennis Tavener & Gavin Boyd	Kevin & Fiona Wilbraham	Avril Critchlow & Catherine Gunnee
27 Dec	Sally Pitches	Paul Hindle	Eric Parry	Aileen Mundy	Catherine Gunnee	Vivienne Provan	Andy Robb & Kevin Wilbraham	Eileen Ferry & Jean Kinnon	Sally Pitches & Adrian Clark
3 Jan	Bill Watt	Sally Pitches	Adrian Clark	Audrey Groom	Gavin Boyd	Glennis Tavener	Gavin Boyd & Sandy Jamieson	Audrey Groom & Val Fallon	Sandy Jamieson & Gavin Boyd

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