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# From the Rector



*Dear Friends,*

**The Scottish Episcopal Church, of which we are part, has just introduced a new “season” into the church calendar. It follows on from Lent, and Advent and Easter. It is a period called “The Season of Creation.” It remains to be seen whether it becomes established permanently in the calendar long-term, or peters out over the coming years. The season of creation is through the month of September, although we will use some of the materials prepared for our harvest service which is on the first Sunday in October.**

This period, currently considered “experimental,” has been put forward in response to what people describe as the Environmental and Climate Crises we are facing.

Generally I welcome this sort of initiative, but feel it is a rather limited view of why we should have a “period of creation.”

There is no doubt that we do face environmental and climate crises. It is easy to identify evidence. Wildlife struggling. Uncertain and extreme weather. Temperatures rising. Huge volumes of plastic dumped. It is easy to feel pressured into yet another

campaign for a new approach to the environment. Personally, I do want to encourage people to care for the environment, to lower our consumption, to recycle, and I know many people, many members of our church, try their best to care for our world. And if people feel led by God to be strong campaigners for the environment, I would hope we would encourage and support them as much as we possibly can.

Having said all that, I hope our relationship with God’s creation is far more than that. I hope that creation is a lot lot more than simply something we have to save.

We are very lucky to live where we do. Lenzie, Kirkintilloch, Lennoxton, Milton of Campsie, the whole area around us – it is very beautiful. It is teeming with wonderful wildlife. Coming to East Dunbartonshire from a big city opened up a new vision of the beauty of creation. We had our share of wildlife, of nature in the city, but it always felt like there was a brick wall 20 yards away in any direction, wherever you were! Here we had new visions of sunsets, hills, trees, deer, clouds, clear air. Even now nearly nine years later the beauty is truly stunning. And then drive 20 miles and there is a whole lot more!!!!

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# Magazine & DNS Deadline

**The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The deadline for material is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for November 2021 only.**

Please email 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 strongly preferred.

Please let me know about what is important to you, especially how the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions has affected you.

I incorporate items into this magazine from the Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News that I hope might interest members of the congregation. You can subscribe to receive the monthly news email from the diocese by going to [glasgow.anglican.org](http://glasgow.anglican.org), the diocesan home page, and entering your email address in the box at the bottom of the page. The email newsletter takes the form of brief paragraphs with links to fuller articles on the diocesan website and, where appropriate, other sites. The diocese is also on Facebook—search ‘Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway’.

We are encouraged to contribute by sending any items for the email newsletter to [news@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:news@glasgow.anglican.org). There’s no stated deadline, but they need to be in a few days before the email comes out (usually on the second last Friday of the month).

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**Paul Hindle**  
Magazine Editor

## From the Rector

As God’s people, as Christians, we are people who worship, and people who gather to worship. Before we even think about making it a better place, or overcoming the things that are marring it, we see this world, this creation, and we say – thank you God for this amazing world, this amazing part of the world, where we live.

In this period of creation, it is as important to focus on the beauty, as it is to focus on the issues.

One of my favourite quotes is a rough translation of a phrase by the great Russian Author – Dostoyevsky. Roughly translated, he said “Beauty Will Save the World.” When we see the beauty and give thanks, then we will want to bring healing to this world, and will seek God to bring healing.

Perhaps an odd, but useful, way of referring to creation is to ask “what does creation say to me?”

Well creation does say: “Please look after me,” and it is important to hear that. It does say “See how beautiful I am, and how amazing is

## Cover Pictures

**We celebrate the Harvest Festival this year on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The church grounds are being fruitful again this year and the cover pictures reflect this.**

We have a large apple tree that is again showing a good crop. The developing apples are seen in the left picture. The right picture is of an orchid that was spotted by David Taylor and has been protected to allow it to flourish, which it now is doing.

Have you got a picture for the magazine? Please email it to the editor at: [magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com).

the God who made me.” It is vital to hear that. Yet for me there are two more things it is important to hear creation say.

Firstly, creation wants to say “See how powerful God is, the one who cares for the tiny.” It is the same God who creates the tiny flower, the beautiful insect, who has power far beyond the most powerful in our universe. See the power, the strength God has made, in flood, in fire, in storm, in stars and suns and more. Only someone far more powerful can create things of such power. Yet it is that God who cares for the small things – including you and me.

Secondly, creation wants to say “See how God works.” One of the amazing characteristics of creation is the “cycles” built into it. The cycle of light and darkness. The cycle of the seasons: Winter, Spring, Autumn Winter. The cycle of growth, then death, then new life. The cycle of seed, to plant, to seed buried in the ground, to new life. There is a sense of a cycle of life and death and then new life built into creation, a characteristic of how

the creation is.

This cycle of death and new life is something we can see in the life of Jesus – he was a person who died and came to new life. Who was buried and rose again. Who was put in the ground dead, only to appear alive. There is something quite remarkable about a creation that points to how God works, through death and new life, to Jesus who lived this cycle of death and new life.

Over the next month, we have the season of creation. It is an invitation, not just to try to “save the world,” but an invitation to worship, to see the power of God working in us, to see that central to creation is death and new life, telling us – the centre – the one who personified death and life – is Jesus.

*Best wishes,*

*Les*

## **The Link**

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

**[www.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://www.stcyprianslenzie.com)**

The Link and the colour version of this magazine can be downloaded in PDF format by clicking on the links on the Publications page (older copies of the Link are in Word format).

If you would like to add an event to the Link and/or the website, please email the details to [link@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:link@stcyprianslenzie.com) or phone the Rector on 0141-776 3866.

## **Pastoral Care**

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

In the current circumstances, we are having to change the way we work. Nonetheless, our Rector, the Revd. Les Ireland, is still available on the phone for a confidential chat and a prayer, please contact him. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

Other members of St. Cyprian’s are also available to talk to if you wish. Les can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone Les on 0141-776 3866.



# A new “Saint”

**At the general synod in June, the Scottish Episcopal Church created a new “saint” with a feast day of 17<sup>th</sup> July. Well, to be fair the technical term is “incorporated” – these days saints are only created by the Orthodox and Catholic churches, following a very rigorous process. We have said she is important enough and inspirational enough for us to remember her each year. The person – Jane Haining.**

So who is Jane Haining?

Jane Haining was born in Dunscore, Dumfriesshire in 1897, the fifth child of a large family. She was a member of the United Free Church of Scotland. After leaving school she attended the Athenaeum Commercial College in Glasgow, then worked from 1917 to 1927 for Coats Ltd in Paisley as a secretary. She lived in Pollokshields, and attended Queens Park West United Free Church where she taught Sunday school. In 1927, she retrained and gained a qualification in Housekeeping and domestic science, working in Scotland and Manchester as a matron. In 1932, she replied to an advertisement from the Church of Scotland looking for a matron for the girls hostel attached to its Jewish mission school in Budapest, in Hungary and arrived in Budapest in June of that year.

The school in Budapest had 400 pupils of which about 16 were girl boarders, whom Jane Haining was responsible for.

At the outbreak of World War II, Jane Haining was on holiday in Cornwall, but returned immediately to Budapest. In 1940, she was advised to return to the UK, but she alone of the British staff stayed in Budapest.

Initially, in the war Hungary was neutral, and as such attracted many Jewish refugees. During this period, Jane Haining worked heroically supporting the Jewish refugees,



finding food, clothes, and teaching the children of those who had arrived escaping Nazi atrocities.

In March 1944, the Germans invaded Hungary, and the harsh persecution and deportation of Jews to Auschwitz began in earnest. Haining was arrested in April: “a charwoman denounced her of having a secret radio receiver.” The Gestapo accused her of the following:

- That she had worked among the Jews.
- That she had wept when putting yellow stars on the girls.
- That she had dismissed her housekeeper, who was an Aryan.
- That she had listened to the news broadcasts of the B.B.C.
- That she had many British visitors.
- That she was active in politics.
- That she visited British prisoners of war.
- That she sent them parcels

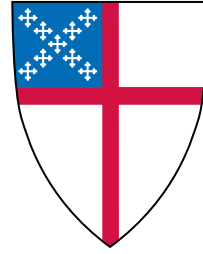
She admitted all the charges except that she was active in politics. (She said she was too busy to get involved in politics!).

Haining was deported to Aushwitz and died on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1944, presumably of starvation.

After the war Jane Haining has been given many tributes, being made “Righteous



# ECUSA Quotes . . .



**For some reason I get a lot of quotes from the Episcopal Church in America on my Facebook page. Some I like, some I don't!**

Historically, there have strong links between the Scottish Episcopal church and the Episcopal Church in the United States. We "constantly" boast that Thomas Seabury, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church was consecrated in the Scottish Episcopal Church before the Scottish Episcopal Church was considered a legal entity!

However, here are a few of those quotes that I get:

"We don't have all the answers, and we welcome others who love the questions."

"Some critics of The Episcopal Church say we are not concerned about sin. Actually, we are. It's just that the sins which cause us concern are those which are our own." This quote led to another: "counting other people's sins does not make you a saint."

"Our commitment to be an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all."—The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry (Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church).

"I always wanted to be a Gregorian Monk but never got the chants!"

On a picture of Jesus: "I never told you to hate anybody. I don't care where they are from, what they look like, who they are in love with, or who they worship. Why is this so difficult?"

"Welcome to The Episcopal Church! Your mind is welcome here also."

"Open hearts, open minds; also open table, open doors. All are welcome and all are invited."

"Worship like Catholics, think like hippies. The Episcopal Church."

"Episcopalians love the bible, and take scripture too seriously to take it all literally."

"We don't have to agree on anything to be kind to one another."

"We would rather have questions that can't be answered, than answers that can't be questioned."

"There's a fine line between a long sermon and a hostage situation!"

"If God is love, and you are made in his image, the meaning of your life is to love."

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► amongst Nations" by the Israeli Holocaust Memorial – an award to people who risked their lives to save Jewish People during the war – only two Scots have ever received the award. A Street in Budapest has been named after her. Our government made her a "Hero of

the Holocaust" in 2010.

I have to be honest, I had not heard of her until the proposal to "incorporate" her into our Calendar. I'm pleased we have. She is truly inspirational, a great witness to our Christian faith.

# What's on your mind?

## Choosing Hymns . . .

**After a long break, we have finally begun to sing hymns again, and have now been singing since the beginning of August. Some of us were a bit rusty the first week, but soon got back into the habit of singing. There was a mixed response to starting again. Most were really pleased to sing. Some found singing while wearing a mask a bit of a difficult task. However, the desire to sing far out-weighed the minuses!**

Choosing hymns is a thankless task! There is more moaning and less graciousness about the choice of hymns than any other thing we do in church!!!!!!

The truth is, most people like most hymns we choose! In a service, there may be one hymn that I might not like. Four I do like, one I don't. But when there is one hymn we don't like, then the choice of hymns is terrible!!!!!!

All of us come across hymns we don't like. But I ask you to ask yourself a couple of questions. Get the view right.

First – did I enjoy the other hymns? Then I will be forgiving of the one I didn't like. That is the Christian thing to do!!!

If I didn't enjoy it, then did other people enjoy it? The answer will be yes! Instead of saying we shouldn't sing it, I didn't like it, we should say – fantastic – Fred liked it; Joan liked it, and I'm glad they had hymns they like, I'm glad I could sing along to help their experience of singing it! That is the Christian thing to do!!!

Having said all that, I should perhaps mention some “golden” rules I apply to choosing hymns.

Firstly, you will (almost) never be given more than one hymn book for a service. I don't



think I have ever given more than one hymnbook for a service. If there are hymns we want from both of our hymn books, normally for a special occasion, they will be printed on a sheet.

There are different ways of “judging” hymns. The best hymns talk to God. The second best hymns talk to the congregation. I mainly try to choose hymns that talk to God.

Thirdly, there is a sort of format I use. The first and last hymns tend to be upbeat and uplifting hymns. The other three hymns perhaps “lighter” or more thoughtful. Sometimes the offertory hymn may be a bit more musically “substantial.”

The thing people like least, on the whole, are “new” hymns. I think it is important that we do expand the list of hymns we sing, and do sing hymns that are popular in other parts of the church, but not in our repertoire – if nothing else we can join in singing when we're watching “Songs of Praise!” However, I try never to have more than one new hymn in a service, and if we have a new hymn we may have it a few Sundays close together just to get it established.

As I say – choosing hymns is a thankless and at times frustrating business. But two things matter:

We are singing them together, and let's give our whole heart and voice in the task we share in.

Second, let us sing out our hearts and voices, because we sing to God, whatever we sing.



# A Review: Alastair Savage and Alice Allen – in concert



the Scottish Composer James Scott Skinner. And yes – Alastair's own compositions were as good as anything else in the concert.

It was the first attempt at an “online” concert and was really good.

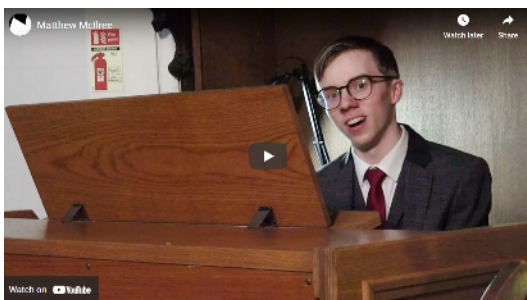
By the time you read this, the second concert by organist Matthew McIlree (*below*) will

**I and 185 others enjoyed a musical treat! People know I'm not a great fan of classical music, but Alastair Savage is something different, and we have enjoyed his music on a number of occasions at concerts at St. Cyprian's.**

Concerts have been “paused” for some time because of Covid-19, so something different had to be done. And so, on 31<sup>st</sup> July, “Music @ St. Cyprian's” premiered their first online concert. The concert – Alastair Savage and Alice Allen (*above*), playing traditional classical Scottish Music, with one or two modern compositions by Alastair himself. It was really good!

Both musicians are clearly incredibly talented. The two instruments – Violin (Alastair) and Cello (Alice) worked really well together.

The concert was only about an hour – which is as much as you want to watch on the computer. They included classics like “My Love is Like a Red Red rose” which is a beautiful tune. They included Scottish dance music – reels and jigs. They featured music by



have premiered on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

But there is one more thing to mention – there is an advantage to doing concerts online. They remain “available” to see! If you go to the website – follow the link to “Events”, you will find the concerts, and just need to click on the link. It's great – you can see it any time you want! See it a bit by bit! See it as often as you want! The website you need is:

<http://musicstcyprians.co.uk/>

Then click on the links to either or both concerts.

(How do I know it was 186 of us? YouTube, which is hosting the concert, tells us how many watched! – as we go to print, this has risen to 227 and the organ concert is at 80 views.)

# My mum talked to everybody . . .

**We held a memorial service on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July for Pam Bently who had died in January at the height of lockdown restrictions. It was a beautiful service with lots of family contributions. The tribute given by her son, John (*below*), is printed here. There was also a further tribute from Peter (*opposite*) and musical contributions from two of her grandchildren (*insets*)**



Some of you may already know this, but today is my mum and dad's wedding anniversary and it is really lovely to see all of you here today in person, in this Church that meant so much to them. People were my mum's favourite things, and here you all are, a selection of her favourite people gathered in one of her favourite places: a place that was especially important to both of my parents.

My mum talked to everybody . . . She struck up conversations in every shop, in every park,

in every garden centre, woollen mill, cafe and pub, in every Asda and Aldi – She talked to people and made friends with the people she talked to. She would somehow always manage to find something to connect with and once connected quite often she would invite them home for tea.

A bawdy quip or a Geordie accent were often her portal into someone's life, and she had a genuine knack of unearthing whole life stories on a first encounter.

It didn't matter what species you were – dog, bird, squirrel, cat, human – she would always find some way to make a telling connection.

In Farnborough, she trained the local squirrels to come into the kitchen to take nuts from her fingers – and birds would swoop to eat seed from her outstretched hand.

Binmen, salesmen, burglars, stray vicars, delivery boys, takeaway owners, she would talk to them all.

She would regale greengrocers with bawdy tales of giant vegetables grown by Alfie Marshall, back home in her native Northumberland, where a swede was called a

turnip and leeks were the size of trees. Please think yourself lucky if you never experienced being in a greengrocers shop with my mum in the vicinity of the large cucumbers. On occasion, as most of you here will have experienced, my mum could make a docker blush.

Of course, dogs were as important a part of her life as were humans.

As a family, we owned four dogs during the course of mum's life. Three thoroughbred Dachshunds and a rescued bin-dog in



Singapore called Sally. Sally was my personal favourite and would follow me to school and bare her sharp yellow teeth at anyone who came near our house, but back home in the UK, the Dachsies, by contrast the very epitomy of the ‘lapdog’, were my mums pride and joy.

They were as much a part of the family as we were, they were fed only the best breasts of chicken, were kissed regularly on the lips and had their bottoms wiped daily with fragrant man- sized Kleenex.

My mum was as bad a photographer as she was a good and devoted mother and dog owner. When Peter and I were clearing her attic recently we found boxes and boxes of photos taken over the years with her trusty Instamatic cameras – hundreds of other people’s children with their heads cut off and with all the colours leaked away: the garden in April; in June; in November, times twenty: say cheese, hold the dog, put on the silly hat – that kind of thing.

They were, however, an amazing record of just how many people she had invited into her home over the years – only a very few of which we could recognise, as we both left home many years ago. I have to report here that only a small handful of these contained images of Peter and me, although probably there were over a thousand pictures of her Dachsies.

The last of these, Chota, lived to the grand old age of 17 years, the last 15 of which she spent in Lenzie. She was an intelligent dog and had the same suspicious attitude to exercise as my parents. She was the only dog I have ever known who would hide at the mention of



‘walkies’. If she ever got hold of her leads she would chew them up and hide the bits, such was her aversion to energetic movement.

Local folk would likely observe my parents on one of these walks actually carrying the reluctant hound and, of course, this would often lead to even more opportunities for ice-breaking conversation and consequently more friendships – and more photographs of blurry children with no heads.

When Chota died, Mum decided that she wasn’t mobile enough to take on another dog of her own and the dogs of other people became increasingly important for her as she got older. Of particular note here is her friendship with Buttons, a fine little fellow who often came to visit sometimes accompanied by his owner, Jane Jennings.

Towards the end of her life she made friends with a couple who walked their dog past her window each evening – eventually beckoning them in and befriending the little ‘dug’ himself. ►



# A thank you from Margaret Duckworth

When I worshipped with you some weeks ago I was completely overwhelmed and moved by your kindness and generosity to me.

memories of you all in St Cyprian's, including the unforgettable farewell.

Once again a huge "Thank You".

Best wishes and

May God be with you All.

I leave to St Andrews with so many fond

**Margaret**



► It wasn't just dogs, she loved most living things – keeping most of Lenzie's bird population alive during many a fierce winter, with hanging nuts, home made fat balls and torn up loaves she bought specially for the purpose. She also loved Val's cats, despite being slightly allergic to them – and would love to hear stories of my own cats and in particular their bad behaviour, the badder the better.

The same could be said to be true of her grandchildren – the other great love and comfort of her later years.

In her last years, she relied very heavily on

her splendid regiment of carers, treating them as family and relishing the daily soap opera of their lives.

More than anything else, my mum loved people. Every Christmas, she would give and receive, astonishingly, nearly 200 cards – too many even to put up! These arrived from distant relatives (and their animals) cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends collected over the many postings over her years as an army wife and beyond and some from more recent acquaintance. My mum, if she could have found some way to do it, she would have invited them all home for tea!



**Our Mothers Union Year begins in September and, now that we can meet in the church, it will be wonderful to hold our regular joint service with the Cumbernauld and Bishopbriggs Branches.**

We have invited our new Diocesan Chaplain (who is Rector at St Michael and All Angels in Helensburgh), Dominic Ind, to preside, and will also be 'admitting' four new members to our Branch during the evening. We are hoping to live stream the service – as we do every Sunday – so even if you can't manage in person the Zoom link will be sent out beforehand. The service is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 pm on the subject 'Summer of Hope' as this is the latest theme of

our parent organisation in London.

We normally meet on the second Wednesday of each month - our October evening will therefore be on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the main hall. We will be starting a Creative Payer project that evening, so bring a tapestry needle and some scraps of wool if you have them!

Copies of our programme for the year will be available by the beginning of September, and can be picked up from the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to any or all of our meetings; you don't need to be a member to join with us. Come and give us a try – we are a very friendly bunch. Covid regulations will of course apply.

**Maxine Gow**  
Branch Leader



Throughout August, members from around the world have been taking part in 31 Days of Inspiration. There's a short video for every day of the month where a member says how Mary Sumner's work has inspired them in their work locally. To see them all, just go to the Mothers' Union YouTube channel. There's also a video of Mary's Sumner's church and house in Alresford.

# Mist-erious Munroer

**A member of our church, who I won't mention, has just begun to climb Munroes (called Munro Bagging). Munroes are Scottish Mountains over 3000 feet, and there are 282 of them. I admire the adventure, but she has a long way to go to catch up with another member of our church!**

When he retired, Bill felt he had the choice of playing bowls, or taking up the offer of a friend in a local pub. To start climbing Munroes with him. I think Bill felt playing bowls wasn't for him (it was an admission he was old!), and by the time he had to give up, he had climbed over 60 of them!

Munroes are named after Sir Hugh Munro who produced his first list in 1891. He listed not only mountains over 3000 feet, but if the mountain had "secondary" peaks (called Munro Tops) over 3000 feet he listed them as well. Munro's list changed the face of Scottish



Hill Walking and climbing.

Today there are 282 Munroes and 227 Munro Tops listed by the Scottish Mountaineering Association.

Ironically Hugh Munro never completed the list of Munroes. It is thought he missed out on three. The first person who could claim to have completed the list was a Church Minister: Rev'd Archibald Eneas Robertson – known as Archie. Archie was born in Helensburgh, and attended Glasgow Academy and Glasgow University. His first church where he was minister was at the Braes of Rannoch, before moving to Edinburgh to minister as a Hospital Chaplain. He was for a time President of the Mountaineering Association and the Scottish Rights of Way Society. He died in 1958. Robertson climbed his final Munro – Meall Dearg in Glencoe in 1901. It is said he kissed the cairn, then kissed his wife!

It is clear Robertson was a passionate and committed hill walker. I could find no comments whatsoever on his ministry within the church!

In July of 2020, 6768 people had registered with the Scottish Mountaineering Association as having completed all 282 mountains. I'm just wondering how long it will be until a member of our church adds to that list!!!!

## Summer Blessing

**May birds fill the dawn of your day  
with song,  
May the midday sun caress your face  
with warmth,  
May honeysuckle scent the evening  
breeze around you  
And may the summer stars  
shine bright above you,  
And May God the giver  
of summer song and scent,  
The Creator of sun and stars,  
Touch your life with beauty  
And fill your heart with joy.  
Amen**



# A Good Day Out . . . . .

**We are always looking for new places to visit, and still managing to find them 9 years after arriving in Scotland. We just found one.....**

To get there you go to Dumbarton, then take the road to Helensburgh. About five miles West of Dumbarton you go through the village of Cardross, and just after the end you turn right into the drive, following the brown tourist sign. The place? Geilston Gardens.

You may have heard of them or been there, but no-one has ever mentioned them to me! It's true you have to pay to get in (if you are a National Trust member you get in for nothing), but it is well worth a visit, worth a morning or an afternoon.

So what is there? There are three main features.

First there is a fantastic walled garden. Not one of those rectangular flat spaces with a wall around, but one that has amazing flowers, fantastic ferns and gunneras. And it isn't flat, or rectangular – it is beautifully landscaped.

Second there is a kitchen garden – growing all sorts of vegetables and fruit, amidst lots of

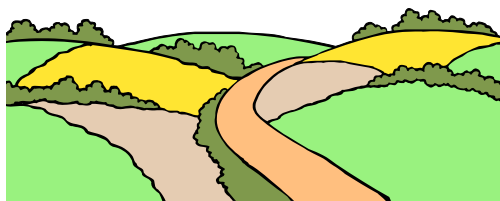
flowers (companion planting). If you are lucky, it is possible to buy some of the produce from the shed on the way in to the gardens.

Thirdly there are a lot of woodland walks, many running along the side of the mill stream, which goes through the grounds.

It doesn't have a cafe, but you can buy drinks there. There are lots of picnic tables there. Good parking. I'm not sure it is great for disabled people – there are some steep paths and steps, and a lot of the place I think is inaccessible for those struggling with mobility.

It is very beautiful, and worth a visit.

(One tip – download a map of the grounds from the internet. There are a couple of maps on signboards, but they don't give you a leaflet with a map. You can find lots of hidden places taking your map with you).



## BRF Discussion

**There is a group of folk at St. Cyprian's who read *New Daylight* published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. They usually get together on the fourth Wednesday of each month and they are now inviting anyone to join them.**

You don't need to have *New Daylight*, a note of the readings they are going to discuss is sent out with the joining instructions and will also be in the Link.

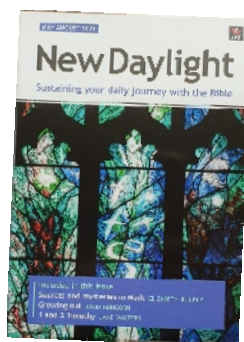
They are currently meeting on Zoom and

may well continue to do so even after lockdown eases.

We'll not be meeting in September due to other commitments, but

will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

If you are interested, please have a word with Glennis Tavener who will make sure you get the Zoom Access codes and readings each time.



# Music @ St Cyprian's

I hope everyone enjoyed the two concerts that we streamed recently on YouTube. They are both still available to be viewed whenever you wish. Just go to [musicstcyprians.co.uk](http://musicstcyprians.co.uk) to get the links.

We are now making tentative plans for the autumn, beginning in the open air with a “Brass Pop-up Concert” in Peel Park Bandstand on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm with The Brassketeers, who performed for us at St. Cyprian's in March 2019.

This is a free concert and any Brass players are being encouraged to bring their instruments and join in. Please come—you may wish to bring something to sit on!

The outline programme for the autumn is:  
**25<sup>th</sup> September—Bringing Music Back** – Music School of Douglas Academy and McOpera ensemble

**16<sup>th</sup> October—Andy McTaggart** baritone and **Tim Dean** piano

**13<sup>th</sup> November—Sequoia Duo**  
– Alice Rikards violin and Sonia Cromarty ‘cello – Water Music commission with a possible ‘relaxed’ afternoon performance

This will of course be dependent on no further imposition of restrictions. More information will be emailed out to concert subscribers as things develop — **Mary Boyd**



## Circus Adoption

**A couple from a circus go to an adoption agency, but social workers are doubtful about their accommodation.**

So they produce photos of their 15 metre long caravan, the back half of which is a beautifully equipped nursery.

The social workers then are doubtful about the education that would be provided.

“We’ve employed an Oxford don who’ll teach the child all the subjects along with Mandarin and ICT skills”.

There are then doubts expressed about the child’s healthy upbringing.

“Our full time nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet”, they reply.

So the social workers are finally satisfied, and ask what age of child they were looking for.

“It doesn’t really matter”, they say, “so long as he fits in the cannon”.

My neighbour came banging on my door at three o’clock this morning, shouting and cursing at me. Luckily I was still up playing my bagpipes . . . .

# Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

For our harvest we collect harvest gifts which we pass on to the Kirkintilloch Food Bank. It means please that any harvest gift should be in packets or tins or jars. Please – no fresh produce! They also welcome toiletries – toothpaste, soap and shampoo.

We will have a box in church for a few weeks before harvest (as well as on the day) for any donations people would like to make.

If you have stuff, but cannot get it to church, please contact the Rector and we will organise to collect it.

If you cannot get to church, but would like



to make a financial donation, please let us have the donation and we will turn it into toiletries at Lidl!

Our service will be at 10.30am, as well as being streamed live on Zoom.

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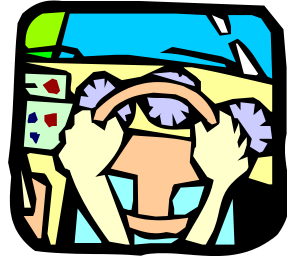
## Road Hog?

Waiting between Bishop Stortford and Harlow, to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car puttering along the M11 motorway at 11MPH so he says to himself: “This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!” So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seats and three in the back—wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him “Officer, I don’t understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?”

“Ma’am,” the officer replies, “you weren’t speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.”

“Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly – eleven miles an hour!” – the old woman says a bit proudly.



The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that M11 is the road number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grins and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

“But before I let you go, Ma’am, I have to ask – Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven’t made a sound this whole time,” the officer asks.

“Oh, they’ll be all right in a minute officer. We’ve just come off the A120.”

**“I just cleared some space in the freezer”  
sounds much more productive than  
“I just finished off a carton of ice cream!”**

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

**We are asked to pray for our Bishop, Kevin, every day.**

## SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Cyprian's Mothers' Union as we begin our new season
- 2<sup>nd</sup> All those living with, and in remission from cancer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- 4<sup>th</sup> All those who are physically and mentally challenged

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 15

### ANGLICAN

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

### DIOCESAN

St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor)  
St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Gordon Fyfe, David Jasper, Charlotte Methuen)

### Daily Prayers

- 6<sup>th</sup> All mothers and primary carers
- 7<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion Noble)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Strength in faith and commitment to our Lord
- 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational administrators and treasurers
- 11<sup>th</sup> "Fairtrade" producers in Africa and elsewhere

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 16

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### DIOCESAN

St Oswald's, King's Park (Vacant)

St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Vacant, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach)

### Daily Prayers

- 13<sup>th</sup> St Cyprian's congregation, vestry and clergy on St Cyprian's day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> Those who clean and maintain our church and grounds
- 16<sup>th</sup> The work of the Park Centre
- 17<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- 18<sup>th</sup> Strength and stamina in carrying out God's work

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 17

### ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Uganda

### DIOCESAN

Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington;  
Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison)

### Daily Prayers

- 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens at Abbeyfield and Lillyburn
- 21<sup>st</sup> The North East Regional Council
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Prison officers and governors
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Peace and understanding between different beliefs
- 25<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 18

### ANGLICAN

The Episcopal Church of the United States of America

# & Daily Intentions

## **DIOCESAN**

St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew  
(Reuben Preston)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Members of the police force and judiciary
- 28<sup>th</sup> Prisoners and detainees
- 29<sup>th</sup> All students at Universities and Colleges
- 30<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to the earth

## **OCTOBER 2021**

- 1<sup>st</sup> A growth in the knowledge of God's love for all creation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Farmers and all in the Agricultural Industry

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Pentecost 19**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church in Wales

### **DIOCESAN**

St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant)  
St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Strife-torn countries and countries at war
- 5<sup>th</sup> All in post-retiral ministry
- 6<sup>th</sup> All Christian voluntary workers throughout the world
- 7<sup>th</sup> A growth in the knowledge of God's love for us
- 8<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton)
- 9<sup>th</sup> The work of nch Scotland (National Children's Homes)

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 20**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church of the Province of West Africa

### **DIOCESAN**

Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir;  
St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin,  
Port Glasgow (Vacant, Audrey Stewart,  
Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Digital Missioner (Petko Marinov)
- 13<sup>th</sup> The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, consecrated this day in 2007
- 14<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to our church
- 15<sup>th</sup> The work of Amnesty International
- 16<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for the wisdom our senior citizens bring

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 21**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

### **DIOCESAN**

Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's,  
Wishaw (Richard Kilgour, Charles Sargent)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union (Jill Cameron).
- 19<sup>th</sup> The work going on with young people in our community
- 20<sup>th</sup> The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, consecrated this day in 2018
- 21<sup>st</sup> The Fire Service and Safety Officers
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

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23<sup>rd</sup> The medical profession at home and abroad

5<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan)

6<sup>th</sup> For the families of those who died in war

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 22

### ANGLICAN

The Extra-Provincial Churches

### DIOCESAN

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

### Daily Prayers

25<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for our congregation in our worship and work

26<sup>th</sup> That our lives may express Christ's love

27<sup>th</sup> The work of CHAS (Children's Hospice Assoc. Scotland)

28<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain

29<sup>th</sup> Recovery in areas of urban deprivation

30<sup>th</sup> The work of Age Concern and Help the Aged

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October Pentecost 23

### ANGLICAN

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

### DIOCESAN

St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little)

Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country

## NOVEMBER 2021

1<sup>st</sup> The Saints of the whole church

2<sup>nd</sup> The faithful departed

3<sup>rd</sup> Those who mourn

4<sup>th</sup> Deceased Clergy and Lay Readers

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Pentecost 24

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

### DIOCESAN

Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).

St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Vacant - Kirsten Freeman appointed).

## Lent Appeal Thank You

**Our Treasurer, Jacqui, recently received this acknowledgement from our Diocesan Secretary:**

This is simply to acknowledge receipt by me of the very generous cheque of £845.60 to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Huge thanks for this generosity to such a worthwhile cause.

Kind regards

John Mitchell, Diocesan Secretary

The wife of a computer programmer asked him to go to the shop and get a loaf of bread. And if they had eggs, to bring back a dozen. He returned with 12 loaves of bread!!!!!!



# Sunday Readings

## **Pentecost 15**

*5<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

## **Pentecost 19 - Harvest**

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021*

Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Matthew 6:25-34

## **Pentecost 23**

*31<sup>st</sup> October 2021*

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

## **Pentecost 16**

*12<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

## **Pentecost 20**

*10<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

## **Pentecost 24**

*7<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

## **Pentecost 17**

*19<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

## **Pentecost 21**

*17<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

## **Pentecost 18**

*26<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

## **Pentecost 22**

*24<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

**For information:** At the moment we keep a record of who attends each service in Church. The Rector writes down the list of people attending. If there are “strangers” we ask them to fill in a slip with their name and contact number. The list is kept for 3 weeks, and then destroyed. This is currently a requirement under Covid Restrictions, should any outbreak occur related to our church.



## **Fair Trade**

**St Cyprian's is a Fair Trade Church and is therefore committed to using Fair Trade products.**

When it's permitted, we also run a fair trade stall, but because so much Fair Trade produce can be purchased in our local shops and supermarkets, we have now reduced the frequency. The next stall, we hope, will be held at harvest time. Please buy Fair Trade at the local shops when you can. Thank you.

# Kalendar

## SEPTEMBER 2021

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** 7.30pm **Mothers' Union** joint service in St Cyprian's and on Zoom

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** **Pentecost 15**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** **The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord**

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup>** 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** **Pentecost 16**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup>** **Holy Cross Day**

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** **Ember Day**

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup>** **Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, sixth century**

10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** **Ember Days**

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**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** **Pentecost 17**

10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup>** **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Thu 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm **Music @ St Cyprian's Concert** (see page 16)

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**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** **Pentecost 18**

10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>** **Michael and All Angels**

**Thu 30<sup>th</sup>** 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

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## OCTOBER 2021

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**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Pentecost 19 - Harvest Sunday**

anytime YouTube worship compiled by Les  
9.15am Said Eucharist  
10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** 10am **Coffee Time** chat and prayer via Zoom (see back page)

The Province is still providing online services at 11am on Sundays and at various other times. The details and links are at [www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/)

**If any of this changes, we'll update our website and advise those who receive the Link by email of the changes. The Link can be downloaded from: [link.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://link.stcyprianslenzie.com)**

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<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 20</b>	
	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Consecration of the Bishop of Moray, Ross &amp; Caithness, 2007</i></b>	
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in the hall (see page 10)
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist and Coffee Time (in church and via Zoom)
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Music @ St. Cyprian's Concert (see page 16)

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<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 21</b>	
	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke, Evangelist</b>	
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Consecration of the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld &amp; Dunblane, 2018</i></b>	
<b>Thu 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10am	Eucharist and Coffee Time (in church and via Zoom)
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62</b>	

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<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 22</b>	
	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	BRF Discussion Group on Zoom (see page 15)
<b>Thu 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>	
	10am	Eucharist and Coffee Time (in church and via Zoom)

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<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 23</b>	
	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)

## NOVEMBER 2021

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>All Souls</b>	
	10am	Eucharist and Coffee Time (in church and via Zoom)

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<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost 24</b>	
	anytime	YouTube worship compiled by Les
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> (in church and via Zoom)

# Change and Restoration . . . .

People are aware that things are changing quickly with the Covid-19 restrictions, and these changes affect our church life. The guidelines that we receive have opened up much more of our church life in recent weeks.

However, there are three things I really want to mention, in terms of restoring church life. and just put a hold on for a few weeks.

We are now able to re-start our 9.15am service on a Sunday. We are now able to re-start our Thursday morning service. We now could return to producing the Link in paper form. However, for practical and personal reasons I plan to delay these until late in September.

There are no “legal” reasons to delay these things. However, all three do include a significant input from the Rector both in terms of preparation and delivery.

People will know that I have not had a significant break since the beginning of the pandemic. However, I plan to have two week away in the middle of September. It doesn’t make sense to start these things up, and then to disappear for a holiday almost immediately and disrupt them again. My plan is that we will put these things in place when I return from my holiday.

I know there are people very keen to have these things up and running, but I hope you will understand why I’m planning to wait just a few weeks until a more practical moment.

## Rotas

Date	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee
5 Sep 2021	Eileen Ferry	Gavin Boyd	Janet Faughey
12 Sep 2021	Diana Farnell	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle
19 Sep 2021	Mark Fenton	Aileen Mundy	Anne Carswell
26 Sep 2021	David Taylor	Glennis Tavener	Jill Taylor
3 Oct 2021	Kevin Wilbraham	Mary Haigh	Mary & Gavin Boyd
10 Oct 2021	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd	Jackie & Mark Fenton
17 Oct 2021	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow
24 Oct 2021	Mary Haigh	Aileen Mundy	Judith Beastall
31 Oct 2021	Jill Taylor	Glennis Tavener	Kathryn Potts
7 Nov 2021	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden

**“Every storm runs out of rain”**  
- Maya Angelou