

CYPRIAN *Life*



**Wishing You
a very
Blessed
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year**



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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

Advent and Christmas have come around again! Well, advent has arrived, Christmas is just on the horizon. If you read the front page headlines in newspapers, you would end up believing it will stay on the horizon, and never arrive.....

The Scottish Daily Express on the 10th November said: “Christmas is at Risk”

The Scottish Daily Mail on the 10th November said: “New Covid curbs to save Christmas.”

The Courier on the 10th November said: “Covid surge puts Christmas at risk.”

The head of “Scotland Food and Drink” – the trade body – said “Christmas is at Risk.”

That is just the tip of the iceberg! My first thought was – the papers are all giving us a good laugh at this time of the year! Do they seriously think that Christmas is at Risk?????

That was my first thought – just a joke, in reality. But there were then two further thoughts that I found much more saddening. Do people really think that Christmas is utterly dependent on consumption? Is Christmas simply about the food, and the drink, and the restrictions, and what is in the shops? But an even more saddening thought. Do people really have such “apocalyptic” views of the

future, and the threat to our futures?

We all know that for many people Christmas is about what can be bought. Presents. Food. Drink. Travel to hotels, or to see family. And it is tough when these things are under pressure. Last year, we couldn’t travel to see families. We missed our son and daughter visiting us, as many others did. We missed friends having Christmas dinner with us. But we were creative. We used Zoom. We had a Christmas quiz in the evening on Zoom and lots of people joined us. It was different. It would have been better as it used to be. BUT – bigger than all of that – Christ was with us. And we remembered his birth. And that was enough.

Perhaps sadder is this apocalyptic view of the future. What do I mean? Well I suspect that generally people are more pessimistic about the future today than they have ever been. I am writing this just as the COP-26 Climate Change talks here in Glasgow are coming to an end. Over the conference, there have been a significant amount of demonstrations, and speeches by protestors demanding change for the future. Over recent weeks, I’ve seen the odd interview with representatives of the organisation “Insulate Britain,” and their desire for social resistance. No-one denies

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 30th January 2022. The deadline for material is Sunday 23rd January 2022, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for February and March 2022.

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, 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. 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).

The views expressed in *Cyprian Life* are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Paul Hindle
Magazine Editor

From the Rector

there has to be change, but is the future as dire as projected?

The truth is I don’t know. I do want a secure future for our world. I do want our world to have a healthier future. I do think many many people are working hard to make it better. I do think there are many people – but not all – who see the potential crisis, and want us to react more vigorously to the challenges we face. BUT.....

.....BUT I want us to bring Christmas back. To bring the birth of Jesus back into our vision. I want people to remember that God comes, works in us, changes us, gives good things. Above all, I want to see people trusting and enjoying God.

For the world to change, for the future to change, we have to be changed. And the person, the only person who can change us – God, in Jesus. With God, the future is not “apocalyptic,” it is in his hands. And that is good. God is a God who takes away fears. Gives us challenges, and a desire that all

Cover Pictures

These are two scenes from Christmas 2020. Janet and Steven were among the performers at the Carol Service and we were very grateful that they and their family volunteered to put up and decorate the Christmas Tree.

At the time, we were close to lockdown and very few people had been vaccinated, so very strict precautions had to be taken including only allowing those who were in a ‘bubble’ to work on this sort of project. Hopefully, we can be a little more relaxed this year.

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

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people will gain, even if it means we have to make sacrifices.

This year, my thought is this. It's not time to turn to environmental groups, alone. It is not time to fear the future and see a risk in Christmas. It is time to turn to the Christ of Christmas. To say to him – thank you for coming. Please give me peace. Please make me willing to love all people, so that together we can walk into your future, and work together with you to make that future joyful.

Have a great Christmas . . .

Best wishes,

Les

Welcome



Here is the newest member of the St. Cyprian's family – Ian – who was only three weeks old at the time of this picture. We welcome him and his family into our fellowship.

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 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 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.

Heroes of the Faith – Paul Couturier



In our last two magazines, I said that we in the Scottish Episcopal Church have made several people “Heroes of the Faith” – the nearest thing we have to making people saints – and said I would ask who some of these people were over the coming magazines. So, who is Paul Couturier, who we remember on the 24th March?

Paul Couturier was born in Lyon in 1881 and lived in the city until 1946. After studying natural sciences, he was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1906 into a teaching order, and remained a teacher until 1946, and died in 1953. So the question – why was he so important. Well, he is remembered as the “apostle of Christian Unity.”

In the early twenties, there were around 10,000 Russian refugees in Lyon, and Couturier was invited to minister amongst them. For him, it was ground-breaking – his eyes were opened to other expressions of the Christian faith, particularly within the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1933, after further study and retreats, he developed the idea of “Spiritual Union.” Until then, the dominant vision of Church unity was that other churches should “re-join” the Catholic Church. Couturier saw it very differently. He realised that Christians may be in different denominations, but they could pray and worship together. And from these thoughts, he set up meetings and worship to bring Christians together in Lyon. Out of Couturier’s work came three great legacies.

Firstly, came the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,” given that name in 1939. The week of prayer is now perhaps the great ecumenical focus in the worldwide Christian

Church.

Secondly, out of his work, with the roots in his meetings, times of worship, came the drive towards the World Council of Churches, which was formed in 1948 in the aftermath of World War Two. Couturier maintained a strong relationship with this council of churches, but one of his greatest regrets was that his own church did not join it.

Thirdly, the work of Couturier inspired people like Brother Roger and others who set up the Taizé centre and movement, so inspirational in the second half of the twentieth century and up to the present.

Of course that is the bones of his work. He also worked tirelessly to encourage Christians to come together, writing to hundreds of people of all faiths and none. It was this that led to his arrest and imprisonment by the Gestapo in 1940 and led to the failure of his health. Couturier saw this as a sharing in the sufferings of Christ and, through his time in prison, as much as he was able, he continued to write widely and organise the weeks of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Today, Paul Couturier is widely remembered and celebrated. And we – the Scottish Episcopal Church – quite rightly – have made him a Hero of the Faith.

What are you thinking?

Pattern of Services after Covid . .

Before the Covid Lockdown last year, we had a pretty set pattern of services, which had not changed since before I arrived. I did not have, and never had, any thoughts or plans to change that pattern. It wasn't on any agenda whatsoever. It is right, however, to ask, in the light of the Covid pandemic, and what has happened over the last 18 months, whether we should make any changes.

Personally, I will not make any changes without consulting widely and allowing the Vestry to make the final decision.

Currently, we have our "main" service at 10.30am on a Sunday. I have every plan to continue with that under any circumstances.

Currently, we have a service at 10am on a Thursday morning. There is no consideration in changing that.

Currently, we have a service at 9.15am on a Sunday morning. I have to be honest – we are asking questions about that service, and are considering whether it should continue. Things have changed through lockdown.

In terms of the people who came to that early service, one sadly died with the Covid-19. Three others now find it very difficult to attend for health and transport reasons. There are three others who love the early service, but who have regularly attended the service at 10.30am through lockdown, and have said that they would not have a problem attending the later service. Numbers have been low since restarting, and there have been Sundays with no congregation. If this continues, I'll talk again to the remaining regulars and the Vestry to consider whether it has a future.

I also have an idea! Let me know what you think! I've always wondered about having some sort of Sunday evening service.

My feeling was that people won't want to come out on a Sunday evening, and to have such a service would not really work. However, we have discovered Zoom! Should we consider having a short Sunday evening service, on Zoom, at say 6.30pm? Well, thinking more about this – Zoom has enormous benefits. Why not set up a joint evening Zoom service with other churches in our regional council? We could do it monthly or weekly. I suspect local churches might enjoy getting involved, or at least offering it to their own members. We could invite people from other local churches, making it ecumenical in some way.

I realise this may not be for you, but what do you think of the idea? Please let me know.

Turkeys Reprieved!

In Japan, modern holiday festivities often involve eating KFC at Christmas. According to the BBC, it's estimated that 3.6 million Japanese families enjoy the fast-food chicken on December 25th.

The credit goes to Takeshi Okawara, the manager of the first KFC in the country, who overheard a couple of foreigners talking in his store after it opened in 1970 about missing turkey at Christmas.

"Okawara woke up at midnight and jotted down an idea that came to him in a dream: a 'party barrel' to be sold on Christmas," according to the BBC. He "hoped a Christmas dinner of fried chicken could be a fine substitute, and so he began marketing his party barrel as a way to celebrate the holiday."

An important Question: If Cinderella's shoe fitted so perfectly, why did it fall off in the first place.....?

The Gospel for the Coming Year

Each year (and the church year goes from Advent Sunday to Avent Sunday), the readings in our services features one of the gospels, supplemented by readings from John's Gospel. For the year 2021-22 the gospel featured is Luke's gospel. The year is called "Year C."

Each of the gospels has themes they tend to emphasise. The question is – what theme does Luke's gospel emphasise?

Luke's gospel is an orderly book, following the life of Jesus from the lead-up to his birth, right through to the Ascension.

Perhaps the unique feature of the gospel is the description of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, particularly from the point of view of Mary and the Shepherds. While Matthew also describes the birth, there the emphasis is on Joseph and the visit of the wise men. That emphasis in the birth story points to two themes in the whole of the gospel. In Luke, women are given much more status than anywhere else in the bible (as represented by Mary). In Luke's gospel Jesus is presented very much as the friend of the poor (as represented by the Shepherds).

These two themes are important for Luke, but there are other themes as well to look out for.

In Luke, there is a sense that the gospel is for both Jew and Greek. While many Jewish people spoke Greek and adopted Greek names, the book was written for "Theophilus" – translated a lover of God, but someone who seems to be a Greek Official, perhaps the sponsor of Luke who got his books printed and distributed.

Luke has a sense of the importance of prayer and praise. In the first two chapters – in the story of the birth of Jesus, there are three hymns of prayer and praise alone – what we



now call the Benedictus, the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittus. Jesus is seen as praying regularly.

Luke has a strong sense of salvation. He is a friend of sinners, drawing them to salvation. He shows great joy in his writing at the proclamation of the gospel. The theme of salvation for the poor and sinner is there throughout the gospel.

Luke has a strong sense of family. Certainly in the early part of the gospel, we see the family of Jesus doing "family" things. Giving birth, taking Jesus to the temple. Jesus and his family, when Jesus was twelve, going to the temple.

Luke has a strong sense of the role of the Holy Spirit. It is there in the gospel. However, Luke's gospel is just the first half of his writings. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, and the role, acts and work of the Holy Spirit almost becomes the dominant theme of that book.

These are just a few of the things to look for over the next year as we read Luke's gospel together. I think Luke is probably my favourite gospel. I'm certainly looking forward to preaching on it over the next year.

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday 11th December 2021, 10am – 1pm, Using ZOOM

“God has Visited His People.....”

God visited Mary.....

God visited Joseph.....

God Visits us.....

Reflections on the challenges and joys of God visiting His people

Programme:

10.00am: Welcome and worship.

10.20 – 11.00am: God visited Mary.....

11.00am: Break, including video, opportunity for quiet, refreshments.

11.30am: God visited Joseph.....

12.10am: God visits us.....

12.45am: Closing prayer.

Everyone is welcome. Nearer the time the access codes will be circulated, but if you want to register or find out more, please E.mail Les Ireland on Les949@btinternet.com or phone 0141 776 3866



Some of the ladies from the Cumbernauld Branch joined us for our November meeting and a very busy evening it was.

Les joined us to give us an insight into Unity Enterprise. This charity focuses on helping carers, adults with learning disabilities and anyone suffering social disadvantage. We wanted to help the charity by collecting toiletries which could then be sold on at their Social Kitchen. To find out more about this wonderful charity have a look at their website <https://www.unity-enterprise.com> or ask Les of course.

We then spent time thinking about the way forward for Mothers' Union – both at local, Diocesan and Provincial level. As with many other charities, the Covid pandemic has had an effect on membership numbers and finances and our parent organisation was looking for feedback on how we have coped over the last year or so as we go forward into another year.

After a quick cuppa, we then set about collating our donations into age specific Christmas 'Shoe Boxes' which have now been handed over to the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. We managed to fill 10 boxes which is a magnificent number considering our small numbers – my thanks to everyone for all they brought. Again to find out more about this charity, their website is also well worth a visit. <https://www.glasgowchildrensholidayscheme.org.uk>

Every year, Mothers' Union holds '16 Days of Activism' against



Gender-based Violence. This takes place from 25th November to 10th December every year. Our Diocese is holding a prayer vigil at the steps below the Royal Concert Hall in Buchanan Street, Glasgow on Saturday 27th where the focus will be #NoMore1in3 - statistics show that 1 in 3 women are subject to violence or abuse so there will be a 3-minute silence at 1.03pm. Some of our Branch members will have attended this vigil by the time you read this.

Our December meeting, on Wednesday 8th, will see us in a more relaxed mode as we have a social evening with mocktails and mince pies and perhaps a quiz or two – all welcome, and watch the weekly Link for more details.

Jill and David Taylor will be telling us about their trip to Antarctica at our meeting on January 12th after we have had our short AGM – again all are welcome to this and any of our meetings. We would love to see you there.

Maxine Gow
Branch Leader

Music @ St Cyprian's

Our last concert of 2021 was given by the Sequoia Duo (Alice Rikards, violin, and Sonia Cromarty, 'cello) on 13th November and was entitled 'Water Music - Source to Sea'

It was described as "a sonic imaging of the journey taken by a raindrop as it travels along Scotland's waterways." What a journey it was!

It combined the live music from the strings with recordings played through our sound system – the first time it had been used this way. The dynamics of both were amazing.

The music drew on classical and folk composers, from Bach to Alastair Savage, some old and some newly commissioned.

There were field recordings of water in lochs, rivers and the open sea accompanied by Beka Globe's bold photography.

The strings were bowed, plucked and struck to create some wonderful effects. There were even beads and bottles used as instruments.



There's a description of all the pieces and a sampler video at:

musicstcyprians.co.uk/nov-2021.html

Thank you to Alice and Sonia for a wonderful experience.

Music@St Cyprian's now takes a break for the duration of this magazine. The current plan is for the next concert to be in the middle of February 2022.

Look out for more details in the next magazine and online at:

musicstcyprians.co.uk

Will you help women like Sarah to have a brighter future?

With your help, Mothers' Union will empower 4,225 Gender-Based Violence survivors and women at risk with vital support & skills to heal & remain safe.

These women will become community advocates (like Sarah) - supporting activities that challenge harmful behaviours that endanger women and children. Such activities will help map a brighter future for others who are experiencing the fear, isolation and distress of gender-based violence.

All money donated through the Mothers' Union page on the Big Give website between noon on Tuesday, 30th November and noon on Tuesday, 7th December will be doubled by Big Give.

Save the date so your gift will have double the impact!

Go to mothersunion.org and click the Donate button to find the Big Give link.

**Saturday
December
4th**

St. Cyprian's Christmas Cheer



**Please
wear
masks**



**10.00-1.30
Free Entry
Tea, Coffee &
Biscuits £1**

Beech Road Lenzie

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Christmas Services at St. Cyprian's

Sunday 19th December

Carol Service, 6.30pm. (Also streamed).

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion at 11.30pm. (Also streamed).

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

Festival Eucharist at 10.30am (Also streamed).

Sunday 26th December

Said Communion Service at 10.30am

(There will be no service at 9.15am.)

In Addition to the services in church, we will have a Christmas Video and a Christingle video available on YouTube.

Christmas Cheer (Fair)

Saturday 4th December

10am – 1.30pm

This year our fair will be a bit different to be as “Covid” safe as possible. As such, it will be a bit smaller and it has a new name too – Christmas Cheer – to reflect this.

Firstly, it will be open for a shorter time – from 10am – 1.30pm.

Secondly, we will only have teas and coffees, biscuits and possibly mince pies for refreshments. We can't do “meals” as we have done over the years. We will use the Choir Vestry for the refreshments.

Thirdly, we will still have a Church Stall, a Jewellery Stall and a Tombola. They all will be looking for donations.

Fourthly, there will be activities outside including a firepit for toasting marshmallows and a chocolate fountain.

We will welcome cars outside, and friends having stalls inside.

We will not be moving the church pews for stalls, but the church will be open for people to visit, and it will be the way into the fair.

So – please bring in stuff for the Tombola and Church stall. For the church stall – cakes (but must be wrapped before bringing in); jam, fancy goods, crafts... anything suitable!

For the Tombola – what you normally bring!

Please help! Some of these details may change before the day!

Dry Rot - or not

You may have heard that Stewart, our builder, who had been working on our roof and gutters a few weeks ago, had identified an area of possible dry rot in the roof at the back of the church near the kitchen. Clearly, if there is a suggestion of dry rot, it has to be investigated as soon as possible. Part of that investigation included the erection of scaffolding which you may have seen.



On 22nd November, a surveyor from a dry rot specialist firm visited the site, and after a professional inspection declared there was no evidence of dry rot in the building; it was a form of wet rot. This was fantastic news.

It meant that the work was within the capacity of Stewart and his son to complete. Stewart began work immediately to establish exactly how much of the timber sarking would need to be replaced. This involved setting up his tower inside the church so he could drill pilot holes from the inside so that the position of the rafters can be accurately known outside. The rotten boards have to be cut back to the middle of a rafter to ensure proper support for the new boards.

At present, the first stage of work has been completed and the material required for the permanent repair ordered. The material will



cost a little over £400, but it could be four weeks before it is available – it has to be specially cut to match the existing. We’ve agreed that the tower can stay in position with extra bracing rods removed so that we can use the free-standing altar and this has been tidied as you can see in the picture.

We do not know how much the final cost will be, and we will perhaps need to request help to pay the bill.

Having said all that, if you see the Rector dancing and singing, it is likely because he had fantastic news – there is no dry rot!!!!

Nine days before Christmas in 1965, a great practical joke! Two astronauts aboard the Gemini VI-A told Mission Control that they saw an “unidentified flying object” about to enter Earth’s atmosphere, travelling in the polar orbit from north to south. Just as things got tense, they interrupted the broadcast with “Jingle Bells,” as Wally Schirra played a small harmonica accompanied by Tom Stafford shaking a handful of small sleigh bells

An Interesting Website . . .

“Playing for Change” is a movement which was started in 2002 by two Americans – Mark Johnson and Whitney Kroenke who believed that music could bring the world together through music. Using a portable recording, studio they took to the streets to record musicians.

The two started first in the United States, and since then have travelled all over the world to record musicians, mostly “street” musicians, but also a number of more famous people.

What they do is twofold. Sometimes they simply record a band or individual singing/playing. Often, they create videos using snippets recorded from musicians all over the world. Having created the videos, and they have created hundreds over the years, they post them on YouTube. They have also created a website: PlayingforChange.com where they put links to all the videos, as well as sorting them into categories.



So what’s on the website? Well, lots of links to YouTube videos! Videos of uplifting music, music from around the world. Some short videos, but most full recordings of songs. Some not too good. Others amazing! It’s one of those websites where you can try something, and if it doesn’t take your fancy, then move to something else.

It’s a website. On the one hand, you can find some great fun music there. On the other, it gives a real insight and examples of music from around the world, particularly the developing world. Check it out:

Playingforchange.com

From The Rolls Royce Staff Magazine

Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the Windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the

control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo: “Defrost the chicken.”

Did you know the first ever speeding fine was given to Walter Arnold of Kent in January 1896, for doing 8 mph in a 2 mph zone. He was caught by a policeman on a bicycle!

100 Years of Bible Reading Fellowship [BRF]

In January 1922, the Reverend Leslie Mannering, Vicar of St Matthew's Church in Brixton, established the Fellowship of St Matthew with the aim of encouraging spiritual growth. He started publishing a leaflet for the fellowship and this was picked up by other churches. In 1926, the fellowship became the Bible Reading Fellowship and by the start of WWII, 238,000 copies of the notes were being printed for an international audience.

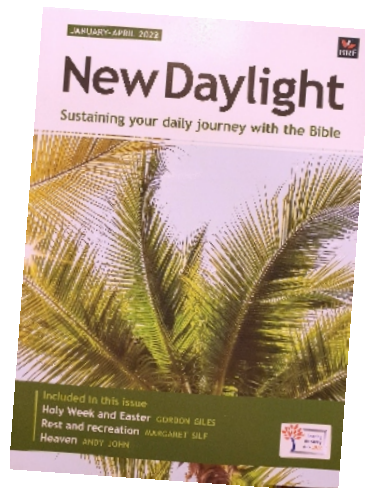
During WWII, BRF produced Service Notes, as a special edition for the armed forces. The problem was that paper rationing cut the amount of paper they were allocated, so they met the challenge by shortening and reducing their other notes in order to provide enough paper to keep a supply of 80,000 copies of the Service Notes available.

The vision of the BRF was to have each reflection written by a different contributor, and so we share the bible stories among a large team of writers including the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and many others. The result is a glorious collection of different perspectives on God's word.

Over the years, the notes have developed into one of the four core BRF ministries **Living Faith**, which encompasses the bible reading notes, 'New Daylight' and 'Guidelines', that many of our members use.

The other ministries are:

- **Anna Chaplaincy**, founded in 2010, with the aim of offering spiritual care and support to older peoples.
- **Parenting for Faith**, founded in 2005, to support families to nurture faith in the home.



- **Messy Church**, founded in 2004, to encourage a different type of church for those with no prior church background based on the values of being Christ-centered, for all ages, enabling creativity, offering hospitality and celebration.

In addition, BRF publishes many books. One of the latest, written for its centenary celebration, is called The BRF Book of 365 Bible Reflections. It celebrates BRF's long history of encouraging Bible Reading and everyday faith as did the first publication in 1922. All proceeds from this book will go towards the 'Living Faith Ministry'

BRF's Centenary Rose, Cream Abundance has been cultivated to celebrate the love that has gone into all aspects of BRF. You can purchase this through 'brf.org.uk/centenary' or by phoning 01235 462305.

There will be a special online service in the spring, which I will tell you more about when it is advertised or you might like to look it up on the same web page given above.

I have been involved in BRF since I first became a Christian in 1964. My first job was to invite all the newly confirmed to join the BRF community within the church.

I continue to benefit from reading and

AGM of the Congregation

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of St. Cyprian's Church
will be held in person and on-line after the 10.30am Eucharist

at 12noon on
Sunday 5th December 2021

All members of the Congregation are invited to attend

AGM Papers are available for collection in church or by email on application to
the Secretary

The Zoom link will be emailed to everyone on the Link email or by application to
the Rector - E.mail Les949@btinternet.com



Fair Trade

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

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 in the run up to Christmas. Please buy Fair Trade at the local shops when you can. Thank you.

praying with the publications. It has been very important within my spiritual life and I am grateful to all involved in the publications of the readings and reflections I have enjoyed over all this time.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me (details on the page 2).

Glennis Tavener

Post Script **BRF Discussion**

Just a reminder that there is a group of folk at St. Cyprian's who regularly read *New Daylight* (see the main illustration on the opposite page) published by BRF. If you would like to subscribe to *New Daylight* or any of the other notes available from BRF, please contact Glennis. The subscription is usually

much cheaper as part of a group than as an individual.

Members of the group have an opportunity to get together on Zoom, usually on the fourth Wednesday of each month, to discuss what they have learned from the notes and whether or not they agree with the commentator.

You don't need to have *New Daylight* in order to participate, 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 will be taking a break during December, so the next meeting is planned for 26th January 2022 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.

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

DECEMBER 2021

- 1st SEC: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards
- 2nd For all those living with HIV and AIDS
- 3rd Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 4th The rejection of discrimination and stigmatisation

Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Burundi

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish).

Daily Prayers

- 6th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
- 7th "Women's Aid", helping those affected by domestic abuse
- 8th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union
- 9th The National Meningitis Trust
- 10th Success of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which end today
- 11th Those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment

Sunday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Canada

DIOCESAN

St Columba's, Largs (Vacant – Mark Goodman appointed)

St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross)

Daily Prayers

- 13th Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer
- 14th Effective mission and expansion of congregations
- 15th Hope for those who are struggling with doubts
- 16th For oppressed and persecuted Christians and martyrs
- 17th Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime
- 18th SEC Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).

Sunday 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Vacant – Harriet Johnston appointed)
St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson)

Daily Prayers

- 20th Peace throughout the world
- 21st Safety for those travelling over the holiday period
- 22nd Our preparations for the Christmas Festival
- 23rd Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 24th Those struggling with deciding whether or not to visit friends and family this Christmas
- 25th Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord

& Daily Intentions

Sunday 26th December

First Sunday after Christmas (Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr)

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers)
All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson)

Daily Prayers

- 27th Love for God and our neighbour
- 28th Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 29th Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway
- 30th All the peoples of the world
- 31st Thanksgiving for the year at an end

JANUARY 2022

- 1st Thanksgiving for every new beginning

Sunday 2nd January

Second Sunday after Christmas

ANGLICAN

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship (Vacant)
St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant)

Daily Prayers

- 3rd Bishop's Core Group
- 4th Street Pastors, keeping our young people safe
- 5th For teachers and children returning to school today

- 6th The work of Deafblind Scotland

- 7th Children and young people in distress and despair

- 8th 'Big Issue' sellers and all trying to make a fresh start

Sunday 9th January

First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

DIOCESAN

St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett)

Daily Prayers

- 10th All Bible Study and Prayer groups
- 11th Diocesan Council
- 12th Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden
- 13th Those who are bedridden and housebound
- 14th SEC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles (Bishop Keith Riglin)
- 15th The people and the city of Glasgow

Sunday 16th January

Second Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

The Church of England

DIOCESAN

St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Alan Rumble)
Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John Simmons, Helen Evans)

Daily Prayers

- 17th The people and local authority of East Dunbartonshire
- 18th Those exploring new aspects of Christian life

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions (continued)

- 19th Porvoo Link: The Church of England
- 20th Worldwide action for human rights
- 21st The continuing refugee crisis
- 22nd All Christian charities and aid agencies

Sunday 23rd January Third Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey)

St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant)

Daily Prayers

- 24th Diocesan Treasurer (Robert Burgon)
- 25th Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn)
- 26th Respect and understanding for people of different faiths
- 27th The National Health Service
- 28th Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI
- 29th Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell)

Sunday 30th January Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

DIOCESAN

East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleston (Vacant, Lucy Ireland).

Daily Prayers

- 31st Our Christian neighbours

FEBRUARY 2022

- 1st Christian Stewardship
- 2nd Our own St Cyprian's Vestry
- 3rd Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- 4th Bishop Kevin on the tenth anniversary of his consecration
- 5th Thanksgiving for companions on the journey of faith

Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN

The Diocese of Kapsabet

– The Anglican Church of Kenya

DIOCESAN

St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Harriet Johnston, Kennedy Fraser)
St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland)

Some Useless Facts

If you gave all the gifts listed in the "Twelve Days of Christmas," it would equal 364 presents.

The abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious. The letter X (Chi) is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.

Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.

Many parts of the Christmas tree can actually be eaten, with the needles being a good source of Vitamin C.

Sunday & Christmas Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Midnight

24th December 2021

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Christmas Day

25th December 2021

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14

First Sunday after Christmas

26th December 2021

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Second Sunday after Christmas

2nd January 2022

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18

Baptism of the Lord

9th January 2022

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Second Sunday after Epiphany

16th January 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Third Sunday after Epiphany

23rd January 2022

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

30th January 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

6th February 2022

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11



Kalendar

DECEMBER 2021

Thu 2nd	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Sat 4th	10am	St Cyprian's Christmas Cheer (our modified Christmas Fair — see page 12)

Sun 5th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)

Wed 8th	The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord	
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall

Thu 9th	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Sat 11th	10am	Advent Quiet Day on Zoom (see page 9)
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Sun 12th	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)

Wed 15th	Ember Day	
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Thu 16th	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Fri 17th, Sat 18th	Ember Days	
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Sun 19th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	9.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
	6.30pm	Carol Service (in Church and via Zoom)

Tue 21st	Thomas, Apostle	
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Thu 23rd	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Fri 24th	Christmas Eve	
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion (in Church and via Zoom)

Sat 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	10.30am	Festival Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom).

Sun 26th	First Sunday after Christmas	
	10.30am	Said Eucharist (in Church only) (note: there will be no 9.15am service)

Mon 27th	Stephen, Deacon and Martyr (<i>transferred</i>)	
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Tue 28th	John, Apostle and Evangelist	
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Wed 29th	The Holy Innocents	
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Thu 30th	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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JANUARY 2022

Sat 1st	The Naming of Jesus	
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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.steyprianslenzie.com

Sun 2nd Second Sunday after Christmas
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 6th THE EPIPHANY
10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 9th First Sunday after Epiphany: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Wed 12th 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall

Thu 13th Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603
10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 16th Second Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 20th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 23rd Third Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Tue 25th The Conversion of Paul, Apostle

Wed 26th 7.30pm BRF Discussion Group on Zoom (see page 17)

Thu 27th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 30th Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

FEBRUARY 2022

Wed 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thu 4th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 6th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

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/

Les is also continuing to produce an online worship service on YouTube. The frequency has been reduced, but there will be Christingle video and a Christmas video on YouTube during December. Les will let everyone who receives the weekly Link email know when they are available and how to get them. Sign up for the email on our website if you haven't already.

Change and Restoration

With the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions at the end of the summer, we have re-started our 9.15am service on a Sunday and our Thursday 10am service. The Link is also now available in paper form at Church.

Coffee is now available after church. We are still looking for more volunteers for the coffee rota so it doesn't come round so often for the current volunteers. Please let Pat or Paul Hindle know if you can help.

We are still streaming the 10.30 am Sunday service via Zoom and that looks set to continue

indefinitely. The instructions for joining are emailed out with the Link each Friday and are also available on the home page of our website. You can also sign up there for the email.

With the restart of the Thursday service, we are no longer having online Coffee Time. Please let the Rector know if you would wish attend the Thursday service online.

We're even going to hold our Christmas Fair again. It will be a much smaller affair than pre-Covid and will have a new name, Christmas Cheer. Please see the centre pages for more details.

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Date	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
5 Dec 2021	David Taylor	Glennis Tavener	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Di Farnell & Gavin Boyd
12 Dec 2021	Kevin Wilbraham	Gavin Boyd	Jackie & Mark Fenton	Janet Faughey & David Taylor
19 Dec 2021	Janet Faughey	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	Tony Farnell & Sally Hadden
24 Dec 2021	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow		
25 Dec 2021	Jill Taylor	Gavin Boyd		
26 Dec 2021	Mary Haigh	Aileen Mundy	Judith Beastall	Judith Beastall & Aileen Mundy
2 Jan 2022	Judith Beastall	Glennis Tavener	Janet Faughey	Paul Hindle & Di Farnell
9 Jan 2021	Eileen Ferry	Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry	Gavin Boyd & Tony Farnell
16 Jan 2021	Diana Farnell	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden	Janet Faughey & David Taylor
23 Jan 2021	David Taylor	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden & Paul Hindle
30 Jan 2021	Mary Haigh	Aileen Mundy	Anne Carswell	Judith Beastall & Aileen Mundy
6 Feb 2021	Kevin Wilbraham	Glennis Tavener	Jill Taylor	Di Farnell & David Taylor