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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

I know it is a bit ago, but I hope you had a good, or even better, Christmas, and wish you every blessing for the 2022.

For many of us 2022 still looks uncertain, but at last as I write this (19th January) it looks like we may be at the “beginning of the end” of the Corona Virus pandemic – a phrase I’ve now heard a few times. It is likely to go on for some time, and numbers seem very high, but the current manifestation of the virus (Omicron) seems on the whole very weak, and with most of us triple vaccinated life seems to be heading back to normal very quickly. Clearly, we will keep everyone informed of how the pandemic affects us at St. Cyprian’s.

I’m not a great fan of poetry, but one of my heroes as a poet was Wilfred Owen. He was a Lieutenant in the army and winner of the military cross, and was killed in action on the 4th November 1918, aged 25, just one week before the end of the Great War. He lost his life at the great turning point of the end of the war. What he left behind was a collection of remarkable poetry giving a sense of war, the horrors of war and the heroism of war. He is probably one of the greatest British poets. Since then, his writing has inspired generations and still makes a huge impact today, putting into words a true picture of the

experience of war.

I think we are at that stage with the pandemic. A great turning point. We begin to look back and reflect on the impact of the pandemic. Our story is not as tragic as that of Wilfred Owen, but we are here at the turning point, the beginning of the end, and maybe it is time to reflect on what has happened. Perhaps by reflecting on the past, we can begin to find hope and assurance as we move forward.

There is great sadness in looking back. At St. Cyprian’s Church we have lost two members to the virus, and I’m sure we all know of others who have died. We also know people affected by loss, or who have long term effects. I suspect we all know people whose mental health has been affected by the virus. These are all people to place into God’s healing and saving hands.

We have all been touched by the virus. It has meant family separation for many of us. Loss of holidays. Maybe affected work. We have taken loads of lateral flow tests, and worn masks, and socially distanced from each other. Living with the virus has become the walk of life. While we walk with the virus, we also remember that we walk with Christ, we walk with God, we continue to walk through life.

When we are walking through something
Continued overleaf

Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 27th March 2022. The deadline for material is Sunday 20th March 2022, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for April 2022 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, 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).

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Paul Hindle
Magazine Editor

From the Rector

like this pandemic, it is easy to simply experience the struggles, the diminishing of life. However, hindsight will show us much more, much for which we can say thank you. People have been stoical, and many heroic. We have seen a huge upsurge of creativity, of scientific achievement, as people cope with the pandemic. We have seen a huge upsurge in community life and support. As a church, we have seen new, and at times, exciting ways of worship. We have seen “electronics” offer so many opportunities to so many people. We may not like Zoom, but it has kept us going! And more, allowed a lot more people to share in our life together.

Looking back is also about looking back with God, in the strength of God, knowing God’s hand was always there. There are things we can and should lament. “Lord, it is so unfair that my friend died.” “Lord, why have you allowed so much struggle?” “Lord, why did you allow this to happen?” We may not see an answer, but we have the right and the

Cover Picture

The picture shows aspects of two recent projects - Christmas Cheer and the roof repairs.

Christmas Cheer was reduced a version of the Christmas Fair. People entered via the church, which is where Les ran Kid’s Corner. There are more details about the fair on page 16.

Stevenson & Son’s tower, an essential part of the roof works, adorned the chancel for Advent and Christmas. It was finally removed as this magazine went to print.

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

permission to ask the questions.

Yet this is also a time to look back and say thank you – thank you for new friends, thank you for new opportunities, thank you for a new vision of what you do for us and want to do for us. Thank you that you have been there all the way through. Thank you for simply being with me.

However, this is the beginning of the new year. And the beginning of a new period as we walk towards the future. It is easy simply to want to get back to where things were before all this happened. And a lot will go back, a lot of life will continue on from where we were at the beginning of March 2020. But we cannot simply go back, and should not want to. There is so much new we should want to hold onto. All those things we thank God for should be part of our future. We will want the new sense of God being with us that we gained through the pandemic to remain with us. We will want to keep all those new and creative things that have happened to stay with us. We will want to

say – Lord, help us to move forward to the new life that you want for us, knowing that it is in God's hands and God's direction, and therefore will be good.

The last few weeks have been pretty miserable, weather wise! Grey, dreich, muddy. Does the sun really exist? It's not good for the general mood. Perhaps it is a time to look back and see those things for which we should give thanks. And maybe it is time to look forward to a new dawn, asking God to show us the way forward into 2022 and beyond.

Best wishes,

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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.

Me and Classical Music!!!!!!

I think it is quite well known that I am not a great fan of classical music! I would rather listen to some good folk rockers, or Indie band, or a power ballad. However, we have lots of classical concerts at St. Cyprian's, and I can tell – even if I'm not keen – when something is well played, and we have had some stunning musicians at our concerts.



Having said that it gave me a thought. Could I name TEN bits of music that would make up the perfect classical concert for me? Well, I tried, and came up with these (plus an encore):

Sure on This Shining Night – Morten Lauridsen

We have had this at a concert sung as a duet – the first time I had heard the song or of the composer. It is also a choral piece. Lauridsen is considered the greatest living American composer.

The Mountain and the Flood – Hamish MacCunn

MacCunn was a Victorian composer from Greenock. This was written as a musical description of Scotland. It is!

O Thou that tellest Good Tidings to Zion – Handel, from the Messiah

The Alleluia chorus is perhaps best known from the Messiah, but this is the best song by miles!!!!

Nessum Dorma – from the opera Turandot by Puccini

I know it is “pop” classics made famous as the signature tune to the world cup in Italy. I still love it!

Morning – from Peer Gynt by Greig

It was a close choice between Morning and Asa's Lament – Morning does what it says on the tin – it is how you want to feel in the morning!

Jupiter – from the Planets by Holst

Just an amazing bit of music in my view! Not sure about some of the hymns written to parts of the piece, called Thexted, but as the whole orchestral piece – great!

Fantasia No 1 for Four Recorders – by Michael Starke. (or any of his fantasias).

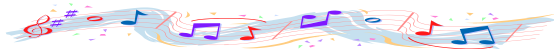
Composer of Modern Baroque music for recorders – I love playing the recorder and love his music.

Trumpet Tune – Henry Purcell

Used as an alternative tune to the wedding march, and a lot better! It just makes you feel good. (Wholeheartedly agree! We walked down the aisle at the end of our wedding to this. - Editor)

Canon in D – Pachelbel

Justly famous tune played in many different formats. Some music buffs are a bit contemptuous of it because it is a bit “pop”, but I love it!



Music @ St Cyprian's

Fortunately, with restrictions easing, we are able to proceed with the second half of this winter's season as planned.

We are delighted to introduce the award-winning percussionist Calum Huggan (*right*) to our audience on 19th February at 7.30pm.

Calum was brought up in Lenzie and has now had great success as a soloist across Europe.

He is passionate about the marimba, music education and equal opportunities for everyone.

At the same time and on the same day of March, we will welcome Siobhan Greal, a



most distinguished musician who has played all over the world and on the soundtracks of a number of major films. Now resident in Scotland, she will bring us a wonderful programme of music on the flute. Not to be missed.

The season will come to a close on 9th April with *The All Sorts*, a female *a cappella* quartet. They sang and were interviewed on Women's Hour on Christmas Day 2019 (Search on BBC Sounds - their piece starts 17 minutes into the programme).

There are more details about Calum on the website (musicstcyprians.co.uk) now and more will be added about the other two concerts soon.



Hunter's Moon – Gilbert Vintner (a solo for French Horn)

I heard this played first by Sue Baxendale who is part of Music at St. Cyprian's, and loved it. It's probably fair to say that Gilbert Vintner was a one hit wonder of the classical world!!!!

And then I want an encore! Keep the best until last:

Benedictus by Karl Jenkins from the Mass of the Armed Man.

Soaring beauty by probably the UK's greatest living composer.

You can hear any of these tracks by going to YouTube (or Spotify) on the Internet, putting the name and composer into the search bar, which will lead you to performances. Why not have a go at choosing your perfect concert.....get it in the magazine. What do you think of my choice?

Heroes of the Church:

George Hay Forbes

Over the last few magazines, we have featured some of the Scottish Episcopal Church “Heroes of Faith” - the nearest we have to making people saints. This magazine? George Hay Forbes.

So who was George Hay Forbes?

Forbes was born in 1821 to a wealthy well connected family in Edinburgh. Shortly after he was born, he contracted a crippling disease – probably polio – which left him needing crutches for the rest of his life. His Cousin became principle of St. Andrew’s University, his brother Bishop of Brechin (and is also a hero of the faith).

George Hay Forbes received no formal education, but read the classics widely and was considered a brilliant academic. He was ordained deacon in 1848 and priest in 1849. He was posted to revive the mission in Burntisland where he remained for the rest of his life. The question is – what did he do to merit being made “Hero of Faith.”

Firstly he seems to have been an effective minister of his church. Early on, he led Episcopal services in the Town Hall. He developed huge dreams of building a vicarage, school and a church on a vast scale. He succeeded in the first two – the vicarage and school, but could never raise sufficient funds to build the church. It was said he even “chipped” the stones himself when he ran out of money, but never succeeded in building anything more than the baptistry. Services were held in the school. Only after his death



was a “tin” mission church built, and not until 1905 was a stone church opened.

As a minister, he did make a huge impact on Burntisland, and was even elected a provost for a time, and took a prominent role in the co-operative movement. It is said the entire town came out to follow his funeral procession. In terms of the Episcopal church however, it is said the congregation was never more than thirty people.

Perhaps the thing that gained him the title “Hero of Faith” was his impact on Scholarship in the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC). Until Hay Forbes moved to Burntisland, the SEC had little outlet for academic study and publishing. Hay Forbes set up a printing company in the basement of his vicarage, calling it the Pitsligo press. (Pitsligo was an area of Aberdeenshire; Hay Forbes Grandfather was 6th Baronet of Pitsligo). They published sermons, studies of liturgy as well as liturgical texts, periodicals. They published in many languages, languages which Hay Forbes could speak. They employed 7 people, as well

What are you thinking?

Most of us have opinions on how we should manage the Covid-19 pandemic in the life of the church. Some feel we should be more conservative. Many more are frustrated by the restrictions we face and feel we should be less restrictive than we are. No-one likes to wear masks in church, or have to sit apart. No-one wants to have to leave church without spending time over tea and coffee with friends. No-one wants to cancel church activities.

It is true also that the nature of guidelines and rules have changed. For the early months of the pandemic, guidelines and rules were clear and we were told what was right and what was wrong. There are still some “rules”. Now, however, the guidelines tend to say these are the hazards, and this is what you should think about, but the decisions on what we do is ours. Because the nature of the guidelines have changed, people do seem to think they can impose their views more easily on the decisions we make.

As Rector, I try to encourage the vestry to decide what is and isn’t acceptable. We work hard to come to a consensus. However, at times, there are two extra dimensions that I have to bring as Rector to decision making.

as Hay Forbes’ wife and adopted daughter who were skilled at setting type.

People are sometimes ambiguous about academic study and the church. However, it is important. My experience was the more I studied, the more I wanted to worship God, the greater He was. It was that exercise that mattered for Hay Forbes, he encouraged academic interest to foster people’s

For me it is not enough that we “stay legal.” I have to ensure we are SEEN to do the right thing as well. I have to ensure that as many as possible – preferably all of us – are as comfortable as possible with our actions.

Firstly, people are always looking for reasons to criticise the church and Christians. We do not give people reasons to criticise. For example, we could say that we do not enforce social distancing in church – we don’t HAVE to at the moment. But we do – partly because it takes away risk, partly because we would be open to people saying – they don’t even care about people at St. Cyprian’s, don’t even make people distance from others! Not only do we do the right thing, we try to be seen to do the right thing.

Secondly – it may be that you do not care about something, but there are other people in our church who do. It may be that social distancing isn’t important to you but for some it is very important. They may be more cautious. But we will make decisions not on the basis of what people want, but what is the most caring and loving for everyone.

It is very difficult at the moment. However, I will do my best when working towards decisions to ensure we do what is right; we do what is SEEN to be right; we ensure as many people as possible feel comfortable with the decisions we make.

relationship with God, and deepen their worship of Him. And for that, he is a true Hero of the Faith.

Hay Forbes died in 1875 aged 54. On visiting France in 1872, he had a fall and his health deteriorated until his death three years later. The printing business moved to Edinburgh on his death. Hay Forbes was buried in Edinburgh.

Our December meeting was a fun night with making 'mocktails' and a quiz. There were some strange combinations of flavours that made for interesting tasting!

Our January meeting was the AGM for our MU Branch. All reports were accepted as read with grateful thanks to all the officers of our group. Maxine said she would like to stand down as the Branch Leader because of her church, Guiding and other MU commitments but no one volunteered to take over. However, Glennis volunteered to join the core group and do what she could to spread the load.

After the AGM, we had an excellent talk by Jill and David Taylor about their trip to Antarctica. It really gave us the atmosphere of the journey from the great variety of Penguins they saw to the sea swells, the sights of the ice flows and the historic background of the area.



They took a trip to the Antarctic Circle, and talked about Shackleton's expeditions to Antarctica describing when his ship became crushed in the ice and his tremendous achievement to keep the crew safe using a lifeboat taking them to Elephant Island where they were rescued and returned safely home.

We were shown the Falkland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, Cape Horn, impressive ice flows and much wildlife. At the end of the



talk, you really felt you had been there. The slide show ended with a picture of a ship in the distance, which was thought to be the SS Shackleton. Thank you Jill and David.



After this, we were given a preview of next Month's topic "Favourite books of your Childhood". At this meeting, we are invited to bring a book we enjoyed as a child or enjoyed reading to a child. We are hoping to discuss these books and enjoy each other's favourite. Look forward to seeing you there.

This meeting, on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm, will be held in the Church Hall – restrictions permitting.

Our March meeting will see us preparing for the Mother's Day service and completing the 'cross in my pocket' project we started last year. Details for this meeting will be in the Link nearer the time.

Glennis Tavener (Branch member)

I'm a local organiser for Playlist for Life, music and dementia charity that supports using personally meaningful music that's special for a person living with dementia to support their health and wellbeing in care and home setting.

We are funded to share materials with practical advice on how to use personally meaningful music to support loved ones living with dementia.

We are contacting different groups and organisations that work close with the community and hoping that this way the free materials and information could reach those who may benefit from them.

The link to the resources for you to have a look is:

<https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/resources/>

Elzbieta Nagaj



I recently found this on the Internet. It just seems a really good story:

At 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), who never married and had no children, walked through the park in Berlin when he met a girl who was crying because she had lost her favourite doll. She and Kafka searched for the doll unsuccessfully.

Kafka told her to meet him there the next day and they would come back to look for her.

The next day, when they had not yet found the doll, Kafka gave the girl a letter “written” by the doll saying “please don’t cry. I took a trip to see the world. I will write to you about my adventures.”

Thus began a story which continued until the end of Kafka’s life.

During their meetings, Kafka read the letters of the doll carefully written with adventures and conversations that the girl found adorable.

Finally, Kafka brought back the doll (he bought one) that had returned to Berlin.

“It doesn’t look like my doll at all,” said the girl.

Kafka handed her another letter in which the doll wrote: “my travels have changed me.” the little girl hugged the new doll and brought her happy home.

A year later, Kafka died.

Many years later, the now-adult girl found a letter inside the doll. In the tiny letter signed by Kafka, it was written:

“Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way.”

(I attempted to see if any of the letters still exist, or whether they had been made into a book. Sadly, the story seems to be apocryphal – there seems to be no evidence it actually happened. It seems to have been made up by one of Kafka’s lovers. It is still a good story!)

Urgent Roof Appeal

In the autumn we began some maintenance work on St. Cyprian's Church roof. It included cleaning gutters and down spouts, replacing a few broken tiles, replacing some boards that had a bit of rot. We had a very good and thorough builder on the job.

Unfortunately, our builder was so thorough he found a significant amount of rot in the roof timbers on the North East corner of the building (*right*). We were worried it was dry rot.....



This phase of the work is now complete apart from scaffolding removal. Timbers that have been there 149 years have had to be replaced! Others repaired. Specialist

size and shape timbers (*lower right*) have had to be brought in. Slates removed and replaced.

The job has had a significant cost, at a time when there has been a negative impact on our finances caused by the Covid-pandemic. Currently the work has cost just over £13,500, and is likely to cost



... Fortunately, it wasn't – we had a dry rot specialist surveyor (*above*) who couldn't find any dry rot. We breathed a sigh of relief. Unfortunately, we still had to treat the wet rot, and you may have seen the scaffolding outside the building, and if you have been IN the church you will have undoubtedly seen the scaffolding tower in the sanctuary area (with angels).



a further £1,500 when finished. It is an amount we simply cannot afford from our resources.

We are writing to ask if you would make a



contribution towards these costs. If you would like to make a contribution towards the costs, please put it in an envelope and give to the Rector, or put it on the collection plate on the way in to church. If you pay sufficient income or capital gains tax, please fill in the slip below, cut it out of the magazine and give it with the donation.

Please help maintain our church so that it survives another 149 years!



St Cyprian's Scottish Episcopal Church, Lenzie

Urgent Roof Appeal 2022

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I would like to "Gift Aid" my donation of £.....

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Tributes to two ladies.....

Towards the end of January we held the funerals of two members of St. Cyprian's, although they are people who have not been in church for some time.



Firstly, we held the funeral of Jean Kinnon. Jean was a well known member of St. Cyprian's for many years, since moving to Scotland when she married. Jean spent her early years in Manchester, then a short time in Morecambe, where she met her husband who was on holiday from Glasgow. Jean had trained as a nurse before she was married, and continued in that work after moving to Glasgow until she had children. She had three – Michael, Ros and Alison.

Jean was a person from a “former” age – spending her life as the faithful mother and housewife who supported husband and family, as well as playing her full part in her local church and community. At St. Cyprian's, she was the Sacristan for many years, training the current Sacristan as age caught up with her.

After her husband died, Jean moved into Abbeyfield – a place she enjoyed – before moving to Lilyburn almost seven years ago. I

took her communion at Abbeyfield, and found a very nice lady with a ready smile, although it was clear the Alzheimers was already affecting her by then. She was very happy at Lilyburn and enjoyed coming to the services we held there.

Sadly, since New Year, illness overtook her and she died in the early hours of the 9th January. Please pray for her son, her daughters and her wider family.



Secondly, we held the funeral for Eileen Donaldson – called Rudge before she married. Eileen was involved in the life of the church when she was young, but drifted away for some years. However she returned maybe eight or so years ago, and played her full part. She was a willing worker, a cheerful lady, someone who enjoyed being part of the life of the church.

Sadly, Eileen contracted Parkinson's disease, and moved to be near family in Aberdeen a few years ago, ending up living in a care home there. Eileen never really felt at home in Aberdeen, and it was good that her family wanted her funeral at St. Cyprian's which she saw as her spiritual home.

Eileen's mother – Iris Rudge – is still alive and living at Lilyburn – she was a 100 a few months ago. Please pray for her, and for Eileen's family John and Angela, at this difficult time.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Archbishop Desmond Tutu died aged 90 on Boxing Day. He was a truly global figure who has made some impact on all of us. The Scottish Episcopal Church paid tribute to him in these words. I know I could not have said anything better:

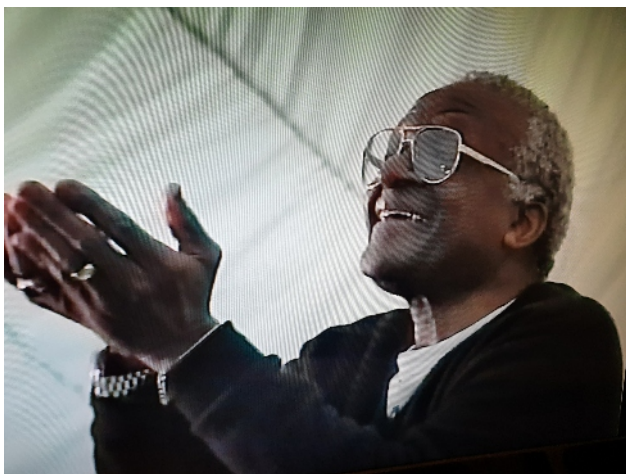
The Scottish Episcopal Church joins the Anglican Church of Southern Africa in mourning the death of its former Primate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the College of Bishops, said: "It is with great



sadness that I learned of the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. That sadness is for his family, friends, and for all of us who will not hear his powerful, joyful and distinctive expression of Christian love again.

"He was a good friend of the Scottish Episcopal Church



and his visit to our Provincial Conference, held at St Andrews in 1995, was a formative moment in our history. Many of our members still speak of the hope and vision that his words offered to us.

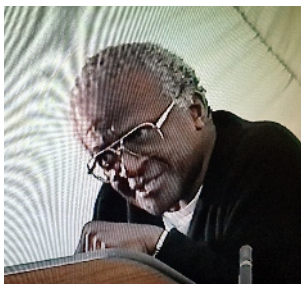
"Bishop Tutu was always happy to share his gifts, helping people to lay down division and dance forward in the faith of Christ.

"He showed us how to listen to those we struggle with, how to forgive and how to rebuild relationships.

"We offer prayer for those who were closest to him, the communities of Cape Town and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

"Rest in Peace dear child of God."

Pat and I had the privilege of being at the 1995 conference. I was asked to video the proceedings, so I have many hours of video tape. The picture above is where he was describing God's love for all creation and to



the left is one of the many occasions where he was pleased to talk to people (including us) and to have his picture taken with them. Although it was really sad to realise he is no longer with us, it was lovely to look back at the videos. The whole conference was amazing!

Paul Hindle

The Christmas Fair: Different and Pared Back and Very Wet!!!!

Covid seems to be affecting everything, and our Christmas Fair was no exception. We didn't know whether we would be able to hold it at all, and long-term organisation was out of the question. So....

So in three weeks, we had a Christmas Fair in place.



We welcomed people from outside the church, having stalls. We welcomed friends from St Matthew's Possil Park selling jams and pickles. And we welcomed customers. Yes – some were put off by Covid. More were put off by the continuous and heavy rain. But we had a good lot of customers!



We had refreshments – but they had to be a bit less than we've offered before. We had jewellery and a Tombola. We had a general Church stall. We had stuff for kids. But for heroism, we have to congratulate the ladies running the cocoa, mulled fruit juice and



marshmallow stall outside – even if they did have a couple of gazebos!



We took less than normal, but no-one can deny the success – great fun, great fellowship, great work and just under a thousand pounds made! Many thanks to everyone who contributed!



Christmas Worship

The Pandemic seems to stick its boot into everything at the moment! Just as we thought we were getting back to nearly normal, along comes a new variant and it all changes again. Some people see it as bad news, and maybe it is. But for us, it is a chance to do things a bit differently – and just as good! The pandemic may put the boot in, but we put our faith back in even stronger!

So – what happened for our Christmas?



Well, we still had our Carol Service – a thoughtful and well received service with good numbers in church and on Zoom. It may be a shame at the moment that local young people's choirs can't join us – they aren't happening at the moment. But we still had amazing singing from Steve and Janet, and great cello playing by Fiona. Thanks to them.

Midnight we felt we couldn't have a service in church – you couldn't have two services so close together in the same building. But it was a chance for Christians to come together. The East End Team also cancelled their midnight service – so we had a joint Zoom service with their minister (Lucy) and ours, sharing in leading the service, with



wonderful music from Mary, and brilliant camera work in church from Paul. The only fly in the ointment – Lucy stole Paul's heater for the service, leaving him to shiver and suffer.....!!!!

Christmas Day was great. When I arrived just over 9 years ago there was six of us in church on Christmas Day. This year there was 17, along with the pandemic, plus a further 8-10 on the Zoom Link.

The church was well decorated for Christmas, and people loved the angels that appeared on the scaffolding tower (see page 13) – thanks to St. Mary's nursery for one of them.

We also had three YouTube videos for Christmas. Over 30 people watched our online Christingle. About 75 people watched our online Christmas service. 35 watched our online New Year's service. I have no idea who all these people were!!!!

Christmas was different for two years running. I think people did struggle, some with illness, others with personal morale. I think some were downcast by what was happening in the world. But..... I remember someone once saying, we are not called to be successful, we are called to be faithful. And we were faithful, and other's touched by our faith. And for that we have no regrets.



Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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 eleventh anniversary of his consecration
- 5th Thanksgiving for companions on the journey of faith

Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN
The Church of Ireland

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

Daily Prayers

- 7th Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo
(Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow)
- 8th SEC Diocese of Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift)
- 9th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union
- 10th The Aberlour Child Care Trust
- 11th Safety for all young adults, at home and abroad
- 12th Porvoo Link: The Church of Ireland

Sunday 13th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

DIOCESAN
Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne)

St Matthew's, Possilpark
(David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood)

Daily Prayers

- 14th All young couples on their journey through life together
- 15th Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch)
- 16th Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis)
- 17th All "Maggie's" Cancer Care centres in Scotland
- 18th For Health Visitors and District Nurses
- 19th For all whose ministry is expressed in healing

Sunday 20th February Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

ANGLICAN
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

DIOCESAN
St Bride's, Glasgow (Kevin Francis, Gregor Duncan)
St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

Daily Prayers

- 21st Sincerity, truth and love in all our relationships
- 22nd For all whose ministry is in the voluntary sector
- 23rd Warden of Lay Readers
(Ray Gascoigne)
- 24th Cathedral Chapter
- 25th Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action of Churches Together
- 26th Mothers' Union Worldwide Board and staff at Mary Sumner House

& Daily Intentions

Sunday 27th February

Sunday before Lent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Kenya

DIOCESAN

Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow
(Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon,
John Riches, Ellen Barrett,
Maggie McTernan)

Daily Prayers

28th The work of Quarriers Homes

MARCH 2022

1st The spirit of St David and the people
of Wales (St David's Day)

2nd A Holy Lent (Ash Wednesday)

3rd Bishop Ann of Aberdeen and Orkney
(consecrated 1 March 2018)

4th Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman)

5th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of Iceland

Sunday 6th March

First Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Korea

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Bearsden (Vacant)
St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh
(Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).

Daily Prayers

7th The staff and volunteers of
Community Centres

8th Those addicted to drugs or alcohol

9th An end to terrorism

10th Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie)

11th Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk)

12th SEC Diocese of Edinburgh (Bishop
John Armes)

Sunday 13th March

Second Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

DIOCESAN

Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership
All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland)

Daily Prayers

14th Worldwide crop producers and
providers of food

15th Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales

16th Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable
Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones)

17th The People of Ireland (St Patrick's
Day)

18th The people of Bangladesh

19th Grameen Caledonian College of
Nursing

Sunday 20th March

Third Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

DIOCESAN

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

St Peter's, Stornoway and St Moluag's,
Eoropaigh, Isle of Lewis (Diocese of Argyll
and The Isles).

Daily Prayers

21st Wisdom for world leader

22nd A forgiving spirit

23rd Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

24th Rejoice in the free gift of salvation in
Jesus

25th The miracle of Christ's conception

26th The whole of the Christian Church

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

Sunday 27th March

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Mothering Sunday)**

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Myanmar
(Burma)

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

29th Mothers and children

30th Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben
Preston)

31st Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine
Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion
Noble).

APRIL 2022

1st Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church
of Portugal

2nd Thanks for the new spring growth

Sunday 3rd April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

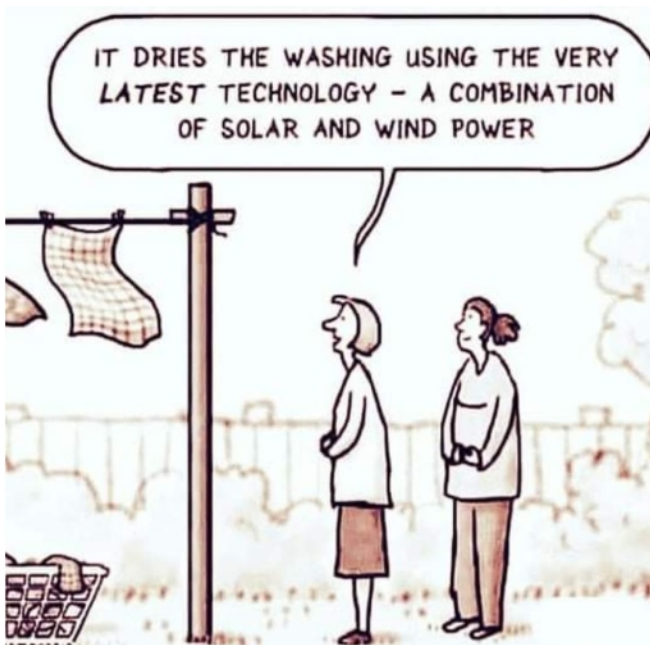
ANGLICAN

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican
Communion)

DIOCESAN

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

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



WHEN I'M BORED I
PHONE UP "BEST
WESTERN HOTELS."
AND WHEN THEY REPLY
BY SAYING "HELLO BEST
WESTERN", I SHOUT
"TRUE GRIT WITH JOHN
WAYNE!" THEN HANG
UP

Have you ever
wondered – will
acupuncture cure
pins and
needles?????

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

6th February 2022

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

13th February 2022

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

20th February 2022

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)

27th February 2022

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

First Sunday of Lent

6th March 2022

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent

13th March 2022

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Third Sunday of Lent

20th March 2022

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

27th March 2022

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday of Lent

3rd April 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

I hate buttermilk!

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, “Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, “Lord, I hate lard.” Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, “Lord, I

ain’t too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix ’em all together and bake ’em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits.”

“Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don’t like, whenever we don’t understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it’ll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.”

See Romans 8:28

Kalendar

FEBRUARY 2022

Wed 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thu 3rd 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Fri 4th Anniversary of the **Consecration of Bishop Kevin** (4 February 2011)
(translated from Argyll & The Isles - 1 July 2020)

Sun 6th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Wed 9th 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall

Thu 10th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 13th Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 17th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 20th Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Wed 23rd 7.30pm BRF Discussion Group on Zoom

Thu 24th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 27th Sunday before Lent

9.15am Said Eucharist

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

MARCH 2022

Tue 1st Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop of Aberdeen, 2018

Wed 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes in Church

Thu 3rd 10am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in Choir Vestry



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 Easter. Please buy Fair Trade at the local shops when you can. Thank you.

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

Sun 6th First Sunday of Lent
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Wed 9th Ember Day
7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall

Thu 10th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Fri 11th Ember Day

Sat 12th Ember Day

Sun 13th Second Sunday of Lent
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 17th Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c 461
10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sat 19th Joseph of Nazareth

Sun 20th Third Sunday of Lent
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Wed 23rd 7.30pm BRF Discussion Group on Zoom

Thu 24th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Fri 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Sun 27th Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)
9.15am Said Eucharist
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 31st 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

APRIL 2022

Sun 3rd Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

Thu 7th 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

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. It is not every week, as he did during lockdown, but at various times to go with the seasons of the church. The most recent ones are New Year Thoughts, Epiphany and an Evening Service. Les will let everyone who receives the weekly Link email know when new ones become available and how to get them. Sign up for the email on our website if you haven't already.

Change and Restoration - again!!

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 brought back many of the restrictions that we had earlier in 2021. We had to take our Thursday 10am service back online and we had to stop coffee after church on Sunday.

As we go to press, it is becoming clearer that, although it is highly infectious, the latest variant is no where near as likely to result in severe illness as the previous one. It now looks likely that, by the beginning of February, we will feel confident enough to go back to where we were in November. The Kalendar now assumes we will have a 10am Eucharist in the Choir Vestry on Thursdays. It is also expected that coffee will be 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 in the process of installing equipment to make streaming of the 10.30 am Sunday service via Zoom a permanent feature, thanks to a Provincial grant. 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. We have not been streaming the in-person Thursday service, but we could change that if there was a demand. Please let the Rector know if you would wish attend the Thursday service online.

We are also hoping to carry on with our programme of Music at St Cyprian's. See page 7 For more details.

Rotas

Date	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
6 Feb 2022	Kevin Wilbraham	Glennis Tavener	Jill Taylor	Diana Farnell & David Taylor
13 Feb 2022	Janet Faughey	Gavin Boyd	Jackie & Mark Fenton	Janet Faughey & Gavin Boyd
20 Feb 2022	Sally Hadden	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	Tony Farnell & Mark Fenton
27 Feb 2022	Jill Taylor	Maxine Gow	Janet Faughey	Sally Hadden & Maxine Gow
6 Mar 2022	Mary Haigh	Gavin Boyd	Judith Beastall	Judith Beastall & Paul Hindle
13 Mar 2022	Judith Beastall	Aileen Mundy	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy & Diana Farnell
20 Mar 2022	Eileen Ferry	Glennis Tavener	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow & Janet Faughey
27 Mar 2022	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd	Pat & Paul Hindle	David Taylor & Tony Farnell
3 Apr 2022	David Taylor	Mary Haigh	Anne Carswell	Janet Faughey & Paul Hindle