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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

The circle of life continues relentlessly! There are several days which seem to be the start of the new year. Obviously 1st January. But in the church calendar, Advent Sunday. In the financial world, 6th April. In the education world, the end of August or the beginning of September. Whatever is new year for us, each new years day starts us again on a new circle of life, which continues year after year.

The beginning of September does feel like a strong contender for the beginning of the new year. We have just had summer, the period when we pause, when we rest, when many of us try to go somewhere warm (my Son lives in Birmingham and suggests that was pretty warm this past summer!). But then we get to September and start to pick up after the summer break, schools starting a new year, picking up life, and activity, heading off through the busiest time of the church year – Autumn – then on to Christmas and then . . . But September is a time when we start anew, again.....and head off into the business of this time of the year.

At one time, there was a move to make the first Sunday of September “Start-up Sunday” -

to mark all the things we take up again as well as the start of the new school year, but it was a good idea that didn’t really stick, like many good ideas. The sentiment was right, however. September is the start up time of the year, picking up the reins after the summer pause, the summer break.

This idea of new starts, new beginnings is really important to Christians and fundamental to our faith. Our faith is riddled with new starts, new beginnings.

The story of God’s people and universe starts with creation, a new beginning. Some people think just 6,000 odd years ago. Many more, a long, long time ago, eons ago. I tend to be in that second camp, but I worship and praise God that whenever the universe started, God started it. It is something we mark particularly at Harvest.

After creation, there were many, many new starts for God’s people throughout the Old Testament – too many to list here.

And then Jesus came. What a huge new start for mankind this was, and what a huge new start for me. Jesus made many new starts. He changed the demand for loyalty to the law, to a faith where forgiveness is fundamental, where nothing cannot be forgiven. It’s called “the gospel:” through Jesus all people, all

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 30th October 2022. The deadline for material is Sunday, 23rd October 2022, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for November 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 world events have affected you.

I sometimes incorporate items 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

things can be forgiven. Gospel means “good news!” This is fantastic news!!!! Praise be to God – there is nothing I do that cannot be forgiven!!

After Jesus came, we see presence in the family of God being given far beyond God’s chosen people – after Jesus, all people are welcome into the people of God, the kingdom



Cover Picture

In July, members of our Mothers’ Union branch were involved in an AFIA (Away From It All) break on Cumbrae for women and their families from a couple of women’s refuges in the West of Scotland.

It provided a rare time of relaxation and enjoyment for family groups who are escaping domestic abuse. The photo is of one of the friendship building craft activities. To learn more, please turn to the article beginning on page 12.

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

of God, into eternity with God. Praise be to God – I have a place in God’s kingdom!!

Jesus changed the “atmosphere” of the faith. Until Jesus, it was about law, it was about loyalty, it was about responsibility, it was about behaviour. After Jesus, it is all about love. Accepting the love of God for us, love that would allow Jesus to die so we can experience that love. Following the life-giving invitation of being people who love, who love God, and who love each other (but in that order!) Praise be to God – I am part of a community of love that is surrounded by the love of God.

And then one more thing. Until Jesus, the Holy Spirit – that part of God which touches us individually, had really acted on special people at special occasions. Following Jesus – the Holy Spirit lives in all the followers of Christ, to strengthen guide, help. Praise be to God – he lives in me and helps me.

But then we still live in an era of new starts, new beginnings, and maybe this time of

the year – the September new year – reminds us that our faith is all about new starts. We can restart being forgiven. We can restart knowing we are loved. We can restart knowing we are part of God’s people. And we can restart, asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen us anew. And we can do it every day, every hour, every minute. And every new start brings us closer to God!

So as we walk into Autumn, do not forget. Seek the daily new starts with God, because in that we will live life in all its fullness.

Best wishes,

Les

The Link

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

www.stcyprianslenzie.com

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.

Imagine . . .

Imagine living in an Era when the whole world was being transformed by a pandemic. 5000 people a day were dying at the height of the pandemic in Rome. The population of Alexandria dropped from 500,000 to 190,000. A pandemic that went on for 15 years, and there was no cure.



Imagine living in an era when Christians were heavily persecuted, often killed for their faith. An era when the world demanded everyone worship their own gods, and people were often expected to worship the emperor. Those who didn't were seen as traitors.

Imagine an era when there were internal struggles in the church, different factions opposed to each other, often violently, even raising an army to attack other Christian groupings.

Imagine an era when there was complete instability throughout Europe, caused by the loss of life from the pandemic. Where countries were not strong enough to defend their borders. Where food production was hindered by the lack of workers. Where starvation was a constant threat.

How do you survive in such a tumultuous time? Well, we haven't lived through the horrors happening in the world from about 240AD to 270AD. But St. Cyprian did.

Through that whole period, Cyprian taught, and wrote, and cared, surviving with his integrity intact. Through that whole period, Cyprian lived right in the *middle of the Roman empire and maintained his witness for

Christ, until he too was executed for not worshipping Roman gods. There is a transcript still existing of his final trial, and the pronouncement of his sentence. And he has the last word at the trial: "Thanks be to God."

On 15th September, we celebrate St. Cyprian after whom we are named. He is a truly inspirational person. Things in his life time were incredibly tough. Our experience is a pale shadow of his, although we too face a pandemic, and face a level of discomfort in our culture, and face internal struggles in the church, often handled very gracefully. And of course we experience political uncertainty in Europe and in our own country. However, we embrace St. Cyprian. He maintained his integrity, his caring, his faith, his love. And so should we.

Why not try this quiz about St. Cyprian:

- 1) Cyprian was Bishop of Carthage. In what modern day country is Carthage?
- 2) Before he was ordained, what job did Cyprian have?
- 3) Roman emperors Decius and Valerian had a big influence on the church in Carthage. How?
- 4) Did Cyprian get "the Plague of Cyprian"?
- 5) Which of the rival Popes is now seen as the true Pope of the time: Cornelius or Novatian?

**St. Cyprian was in Carthage in North Africa, now in Tunisia, but at the time the main method of long distance transport was by sea. Carthage by sea is a very short distance from Rome, even though it is very remote indeed by land.*



Music @ St Cyprian's

The first and only concert of the summer season with Scotland on Tour took place on Saturday 30th July 2022 with Savourna Stevenson (clarsach/harp) and Steve Kettley (saxophone). It was a great night with an opportunity to hear the harp played as never before! Thank you to them both.

The next concert at the end of September with Ali Affleck, a wonderful jazz singer, has unfortunately had to be postponed. It is hoped we can rearrange before the end of the year. Search for her on YouTube to get an idea of what a treat you are in for!

This means the next concert will be under the auspices of Chamber Music Scotland on Saturday 8th October at the usual time. The artists will be a duo of Lev Atlas, violin, and

Stephen Adam, keyboard, playing *Klezmer Music* a blend drawing on Jewish and Eastern European folk traditions. Having seen a video of them on YouTube, I'm sure they will have your feet tapping!

The first Saturday in November will see Kelvin Brass in St Cyprian's. We normally see them at the Praise in the Park, but they are keen to play in our beautiful church.

After that, will be the wind players from McOpera alongside pupils from Douglas Academy on the first Saturday of December.

To find out more, please keep an eye on the website, musicstcyprians.co.uk, and subscribe to our mailing list via stcyprianslenzie.com.

The website is updated regularly as information becomes available as is the Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/



**Chamber
Music
Scotland**



- 6) There is one Anglican Cathedral in the world called "St. Cyprian's." On which continent is it?
- 7) There is a St. Cyprian's Church in Hay Mill. In which UK city is this?
- 8) Which of the following is St. Cyprian the patron saint of: a) Camel herders; b) Sailors c) Algeria.
- 9) How many people died of the Plague of Cyprian: a) One Hundred Thousand; b) 1 million; c) Over 5 million?
- 10) Who was Alexander Ross in the History of our St. Cyprian's Church.

Answers on page 14.

Why are they called stairs inside and steps outside?

—oOo—

Robin Williams, the brilliant but troubled comedian and actor who eventually committed suicide said this:

"I don't know how much value I have in the universe, but I do know I made a few people happier than they would have been without me, and as long as I know that I'm as rich as I ever need to be."

—oOo—

A genie granted me one wish. I wished to be happy.

Now I'm living in a cottage with 6 other dwarves and working down a mine!

—oOo—

When I was young, my parents forced me to eat alphabet food, telling me I liked it. Sadly they were just putting words in my mouth. . .

Tributes to two ladies:

In July and August, we held two funerals of people who have played a great part in the past of St. Cyprian's Church.



On July 27th we held the funeral of Kath Potts, who died following a very short illness and time in hospital. The funeral itself was organised by Kath herself with the Rector a couple of days before she died at the hospital. Kath had been part of St. Cyprian's life for many years, after she, along with husband Bill, had moved to Lenzie from the West End of Glasgow. Kath played her full part in the life of St. Cyprian's, including reading lessons, for a time preparing the Link and Intentions, being part of fund-raising, loving being part of our Mothers' Union group. Kath also played her full part in the life of the community, helping to run the Lenzie play group along with Gill Inglis for many years. Kath was very much a family lady, and had held many special family celebrations – baptisms and weddings – at St.

Cyprian's Church. Kath was a cheerful, chatty lady, always good company. I'm sure our prayers will be with her husband Bill and her wider family.



On August 16th, we held the funeral of Iris Rudge. Iris reached the great age of 102, and was alert to the end. She had spent the last few years happily at Lilyburn Care Home, particularly enjoying the monthly services we held there. Before then, to the age of 98, she had lived independently at her home on Beech Rd, where she had lived for many years with her husband who died a few years ago (he was aged 100 when he died!) after 75 years of marriage. In earlier years, Iris had played a full part in the life of the church, cleaning brasses, arranging flowers. Before retirement, she had worked as an auxiliary nurse then in painter and decorators shop in Kirkintilloch owned by her sister. Again, Iris was very much a family lady, and it was a considerable blow to her when her daughter Eileen died earlier this ►

Book Review

Secret Glasgow

by Stephen Millar and Gillian Loney

In a previous article in the magazine, I wrote about Jane Haining, who had been made a hero of faith of the Scottish Episcopal Church. At a Mother's Union get together, Sally Haddon produced a book to show me that there is a stained glass window in her memory at Queen's Park Church of Scotland church in Govanhill – the church Jane Haining attended and taught Sunday School at in the 1930s. But the book looked interesting . . . I asked my wife to get me a copy for my birthday! She did!

It's a great book. It tells you about a lot of places and sites of interest in Glasgow and the surrounding area that you are unlikely to have heard of or been too. There are odd statues. Strange lanes. Secret gardens. Lost railway stations. Odd memorials. Strange buildings . . . 100's of them. Each one gets a photo or two and a page of further information. It's an absolute treasure trove of information and places to go and see. And it is even better – if you know of "secret" sites and places, you can

E.mail them in and they may include them in future editions of the book!

It's a book which might inspire you to go and see places you have never heard of. Even if you don't choose to visit it is full of interesting places, introduces some great characters, tells you lot of the forgotten history of Glasgow.

Thanks Sally for showing it to me. It is well worth getting and reading.



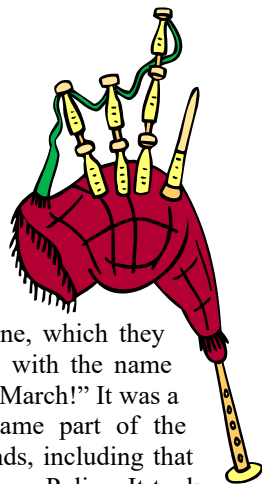
► year. I am sure we are thankful for a life that was long and well lived, and will pray for her family in their loss.

This rather lovely poem was printed on the cover of Iris's funeral booklet. I thought it was so appropriate to print it to remember both our ladies:

**An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.**

**She cherished every moment
With the man that was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.
She loved her children dearly,
Each one in a different way,
Nestled close within her heart.
Though, now she's far away.
She's gone to live with Jesus.
But she's here with us today,
Smiting down on every one of us,
And telling us she's ok.**

So what has happened to bagpipe music . . ?



I am not an expert on bagpipe music! However, something has changed. Down south, as well as in Scotland, it is not uncommon to have bagpipes at weddings and funerals. They were even at the funeral of “Big Bill Hague” that I did when I lived in Oldham. He played the bass drum in the Oldham Pipe Band and had never been further north than Blackpool! However, things have changed, and it’s odd!

Until maybe seven or eight years ago, there was a whole range of bagpipe tunes played. I could name a few – Scotland the Brave, Mairi’s wedding, Amazing Grace and so on. BUT, since then there has only been one tune in the piper’s repertoire. Called Highland Cathedral. Wherever I have come across bagpipers, they have been playing it. Even when there was no piper, I’ve heard it on the organ, and words sung to it. Where did it come from?

Well, it is not a traditional tune – it was written in 1982. It is not a Scottish tune – it was written by two German composers – Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb – for a local “highland games.”

The composer – Michael Korb, is from Berlin. He had always been fascinated by the bagpipes and, on leaving school in 1974, began to learn from a pipe major stationed in Berlin. When the army unit moved on, Korb came to Edinburgh to study further. He returned to Berlin where, in 1978, he met arranger Ulrich Roever.

The two men experimented with composing Scottish music until they ended up with the tune, which they published as a single with the name “By the Right, Quick March!” It was a hit. It gradually became part of the repertoire of pipe bands, including that of the Royal Hong Kong Police. It took off in a major way after it featured in the film “Four Weddings and a Funeral,” and after Madonna had the tune at her wedding to Guy Ritchie at Skibo Castle, near Dornoch. Korb was in many ways the ultimate one hit wonder, although he is still composing today.

It’s not clear where the name “Highland Cathedral” came from or how it got attached to the tune. The Highland Cathedral is the nickname of St. Columba’s Church of Scotland church in Glasgow. However, that was built in 1904. It replaced another church that was knocked down to make way for Central Railway Station. It is “allegedly” famous because James the Sixth of Scotland and First of England gathered all the clan chiefs there and demanded they lived in peace. They did until James died, then went back to their old argumentative ways! However, there doesn’t seem any evidence to link that church to the tune.

I guess it is such a good tune that there are all sorts of words written to it, including hymns. There are people campaigning that it become the Scottish National Anthem after independence (as opposed to Flower of Scotland, or any other contenders).

However – the tune is everywhere now. It seems to be the only thing pipers play today, or at least the very first tune they turn to in their repertoire. I guess it is just a good tune!!!

You can remove any letter from the word SEAT and still have a proper word!

Can you think of any others?

Lambeth

In August, the Lambeth Conference happened – the meeting of as many Anglican Bishops as can be assembled at one time, which happens every 10 years or so (although this time delayed because of Covid). It lasts a fortnight. It is really a time for fellowship and discussion and refreshment for the bishops, and they have issued calls to the wider church as a result of their meetings.

If I was cynical, I would say it is one of those events which those who take part in gain a lot from, but the impact on the wider Anglican Communion is minimal.

Having said that, I was impressed by one thing. Our Queen sent a letter of encouragement to the conference, and I loved the insight, prayers and witness that the Queen showed in the letter. I thought it would be good to include the letter in our magazine:

It is with great pleasure that I send my warm greetings as you continue your meeting in the fifteenth Lambeth Conference. As we all emerge from the pandemic, I know that the Conference is taking place at a time of great need for the love of God – both in word and deed.

I am reminded that this gathering was necessarily postponed two years ago, when you had hoped to mark the centenary of the Lambeth Conference that took place in 1920, in the aftermath of the First World War. Then, the bishops of the Anglican Communion set out a path for an ongoing commitment towards Christian unity in a changing world; a task that is, perhaps, even more important today, as together you look to the future and explore the



Photo: Neil Turner for The Lambeth Conference

role of the church in responding to the needs of the present age.

Now, as so often in the past, you have convened during a period of immense challenge for bishops, clergy and lay people around the world, with many of you serving in places of suffering, conflict and trauma. It is of comfort to me that you do so in the strength of God.

We also live in a time when the effects of climate change are threatening the lives and livelihoods of many people and communities, not least the poorest and those less able to adapt and adjust. I was interested to learn that the focus of your programme at Lambeth Palace today is reflection and dialogue on the theme of the environment, a cause close to the heart of my late husband, and carried on by The Prince of Wales and The Duke of Cambridge.

Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope. It is my heartfelt prayer that you will continue to be sustained by your faith in times of trial and encouraged by hope at times of despair.

I send my warmest good wishes to you all for a successful Conference and may God bless you in your ministry and service in his world.

ELIZABETH R.
3rd August, 2022

On 13th August, Maxine, Aileen and I went to the MU Festival Eucharist at St Ninian's, Pollokshields. At this service, the new Leadership Team for the Diocese was commissioned by Revd Dom Ind. This included Anne Wren, Elaine McAlpine and our own Maxine. Maxine then went on to admit two new members, Helen Taylor from Ayr and Revd Mark Goodman, into the MU family.



It was a very special service taken by Revd Dom Ind as his final act of worship as the MU Chaplain, standing down to be replaced by Revd Mark Goodman, one of our newest members, who will be inducted as our chaplain on Saturday 8th October at Holy Trinity Kilmarnock. It was so nice to meet in person again and see 'old' friends.

We start the new season of our Branch on

Wednesday, 14th September in the church hall with a Chit Chat session at 7.30pm. A joint Service with Cumbernauld and Bishopbriggs Branches will be our October meeting on the 12th.

All are welcome to this service and to any of our meetings. They are open to everyone and we would love to see you there.

Glennis Tavener

MU AFIA Holiday July 2022

We're all going on a summer holiday . . . but with a difference, as this was an AFIA (Away From It All) holiday. AFIA holidays are run by Mothers' Union Branches and Dioceses all over the UK. Our Diocese has now run two events, both in conjunction with Woman's Aid Groups and both have taken place at the Field Study Council premises near Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae.

This year, we worked with East Dunbartonshire Woman's Aid and had hoped to take eight mums with their children away ►





► with us. In the event, only six family groups managed. This was disappointing, but certainly didn't stop us having a memorable two night stay at the centre.

We all met for the first time at the pier in Largs before setting off over the water. One girl was quite apprehensive as she had never been on a ferry before – luckily it was flat calm! For one group, it was the first time they had had a family holiday, so the excitement levels were quite high!

The centre offers family friendly activities, exploring the local island environment, as well as providing bed and full board accommodation at a reasonable cost whilst also covering all insurance and safeguarding issues. Three MU members and two Woman's Aid workers joined the group to lead more creative and relaxing activities between the sessions led by Centre staff. Our ages ranged from 3 to 72 years, providing a real extended family feel.

We settled in and broke the ice sharing a picnic meal together, introduced ourselves and then the fun began. Outside for fun team games, followed by a visit to the aquarium to meet the sea creatures that live around the island, touching ever so gently a starfish and a sea anemone. After our evening meal, we helped our two staff members to set traps for

woodland creatures, and next day, after breakfast, we had caught a wood mouse and a shrew which were then released back into the woods. We then created something for families to take home. Engaging our designer skills, and using saws, hammers and nails we made a nest box for each family. ►



AFIA Holiday

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► After lunch, we enjoyed a bus ride along the coast for an afternoon exploring rock pools, with more tiny creatures to amaze us. Definitely a firm favourite with the families. The day was rounded off with a campfire, songs, games and toasted marshmallows. Our final morning arrived all too quickly, as we turned into tourists visiting the ‘Crocodile Rock’ in Millport, and having a wander and an ice-cream whilst waiting for our mini bus. One mum was able to paddle for the first time in many years.

Everyone who took part, adults, children, and the centre staff, enjoyed our stay at this wonderful and amazing place. One mum wasn’t going to come, but was so happy she did as she made new friends. We shared simple pleasures that many of us take for granted, found new skills and created memories for a life-time. The time away transformed all of our future lives in the communities we belong too.

Aileen’s comment echoes how we, as members of MU, all felt as we returned home,

“Personally, for me, I was humbled by how the families immediately trusted us and one another. The friendships made between families were heartening, knowing they were no longer alone. A bond connecting Women’s refuge workers and their contact agencies helped the families throughout and will

continue in the future. Knowing MU cared for them, to give them a holiday away beside the seaside and our generous gifts surprised and overwhelmed them. The gifts will continue to be touching stones of the time we spent together and they were truly appreciative. It was a privilege for us to be part of their lives for this short time, with children just automatically taking your hand to help them. No words, just faith.

Collected around the campfire, “our highlights”

I’m going to paddle for the first time in years

I loved the crabs

I loved the rock pool

I’ve made new friends

I’m happy - nice to meet everyone

Feeling very good

I wasn’t going to come I’m happy I came - made friendships

Fav different creatures

My pool skills have been improved

Played pool

Building shelters

Exploring forest

Taking part in everything fun hyper

Learning new skills

Happy group

Maxine Gow
(Branch Leader)

Words of Wisdom from Children:

- 1) Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick aged 10
- 2) When your dad is mad and asks you “Do I look stupid”,
don’t answer him! - Michael aged 14
- 3) Never tell your mother her diet isn’t working. - Michael aged 14
- 4) When your mum is mad with your dad, don’t let her brush your hair. - Taylia aged 11
- 5) Don’t sneeze in front of your mum when you are eating crackers. - Mitchell aged 12
- 6) You can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. - Amir aged 9
- 7) If you want a kitten, start by asking for a horse! - Naomi, aged 15
- 8) Don’t pick on your sister when she is holding a baseball bat. - Joel, aged 10
- 9) When you get a bad grade in school,
show it to your mum when she’s on the phone. - Alyesha, aged 13
- 10) Never try to baptise a cat. - Eileen aged 8

Covid – What's on your mind?

I dream of the day when we can say – we can forget Covid and ignore it completely. The truth is, there is very little impact now, from Covid, on the way we live our lives. However, it is still there . . .

So where are we at St. Cyprian's? Well, we encourage people not to sit too close. We still have a hand gel station as people come into church. At communion, those serving wear masks and gel hands. Some people choose not to take the wine or choose to wear masks in church.

The truth is – all that is okay, and at this

time things, will stay the same. There has been a particularly high level of Covid in our church members over recent months – I would guess half our church members have had it since Easter – mostly in a pretty mild form. So really, in our life, at this moment – no change. We will continue with a gel station. We will continue encouraging spreading out. Those serving the bread and wine will continue to wear a mask.

Any changes? The only change has been a positive one – we are now having intervals in our concerts again, but only serving drinks.

So – Covid practices: No change at the moment. Update in the next magazine . . .

Some Quotes . . .

“I'm a child of God first. Before I became a celebrity, I was baptized a Christian.”

“When I'm in the house of God, I don't wear my jewelry, if you're looking for my jewelry. All you see is my heart of gold.”

“Love is a verb and verbs show action”

“God is on my side, and that's all I need. I get up in the morning, I pray to God. I don't pray to the president, the governor, the mayor, no black caucus, no this and that. I pray to God, and that's the end of it.”

“God gave me an opportunity, this is my platform for me to reach people. I tell everybody like my mother told me, it's not what I make, it's what I share.”



These are all quotes from Mr T, who played the BA Barachas in the A-team.



Recently got this on facebook:

If you are interested in making a positive difference to the life of someone in East Dunbartonshire, we would love to hear from you!!! Our Adult and Young Person's Befriending Services offer volunteers a wide range of opportunities to help those who need your support. If you are interested, or would like more information, please PM me; send me a text on 07397 887 871; call 0141 345 0432; or email me on andrew.frizzell@edva.org. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you!! With very best wishes, Andrew.



Harvest Festival: 2nd October

We have our harvest festival on 2nd October. Each year, we have the festival on the first Sunday of October. Harvest, however, is one of those festivals that we struggle to make sense of in the world in 2022.

People remember great festivals in church, the church decorated with lots of produce, which is then passed on to those in need, or sold off to make money for charity. People remember great harvest suppers. People remember singing the great harvest hymns.

Harvest used to be particularly celebrated in the farming community as crops are reaped, good harvest celebrated, poor harvest lamented.

Somehow, those days are in the past, as much as we want to go back to those times. Fewer people grow vegetables and fruit than in the past. We are more removed from the cycle of nature, as strawberries are available all year round! The church has become a bit more removed from the farming community. And somehow we struggle to relate to the traditional harvest festival, and people see the actual day as less important.

The Scottish Episcopal Church (of which we are part) has attempted to make sense of Harvest time by creating a “Season of Creation” throughout September, when we focus on global issues – global warming, climate change, famine in other parts of the world, an attempt to rediscover the cycle of nature. Issues of poverty. However, even this doesn’t quite get it – do we need another season in the church after Lent, Advent,

Christmas, Easter, Pentecost? Is the consideration of creation something that leads to celebration, or rather to criticism of anyone who we think isn’t standing for the things we think are important? Politicians, world leaders? Where is God in all of this?

Of course I don’t have any easy answers. However, I do have some thoughts!

Firstly, we do ask people to bring in food – not fresh, but packet, tin, cartons. As well as toiletries. Most people have less need than in the past, but we pass these on to the local food bank. I think this is an important thing to do – it is us, attempting to help in a positive and constructive way those in need.

Secondly, harvest is about God. It is about thanking God. Acknowledging his amazing generosity through this creation we live in. It is about saying sorry for the times we have misused his creation and his bountiful gifts. It is about appreciating the beauty of his world, which we very much experience here in G66.

Thirdly, there are things it isn’t. It isn’t about making people feel guilty – that is not part of our Christian faith in any way whatsoever, yet so easy to do! It isn’t a chance for us to solve some social ills – it is about us sharing in the bounty and beauty of our world.

And finally it is about singing some great hymns, gathering to say thank you, it is about focusing our eyes on creation, and seeing how creation speaks about God, about Jesus and about the Holy Spirit.

So, on the first Sunday in October we are going to celebrate harvest. Check out what ►



150th Anniversary Update

The start of our celebrations is still some way away, but the planning is well under way. This is where we are at the moment:

The celebrations will start on Easter Sunday, with the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway sharing in worship with us.

On 6th May, we will have a special concert featuring Seonaid Aitken and Rose Room.

We continue to work on a display and history of the life of St. Cyprian's, the display for the period from Easter through to Harvest.

A lot of work has been done on our Flower Festival which is going to be on the second weekend of September, with local companies being approached to sponsor exhibits, and a list of proposed displays now in place.

We intend to have some form of



celebration at the end of June, as well as a Harvest Fair (instead of the Christmas Fair). These latter two events will be sorted out later on.

There has been the suggestion that we close our celebrations with a "Festal Evensong", which sounds a great idea to me!

► the Rector does! Does he make the day one of celebration, thanksgiving and joy? Tell him he did a great job! Does he make you feel guilty, moan about the state of the world, criticise people? Tell him he did a really bad job!!!! And if you want, before harvest, to have your say – what do you think harvest should be about?

Post-Communion Prayer for the Season of Creation (sums up what I think, really!):

God, the source of all that is,
with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and
the wine of the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us

and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we enjoy.
Amen.

Harvest Festival

The church will be decorated on

Saturday 1st October at 9.30am

Donations of flowers and greenery would be most welcome as well as a few vegetables, fruit, and tins of produce to place around the font.

Your help to arrange the flowers and produce, make tea and coffee and tidy up would be much appreciated.

There is a little job for everyone and a warm welcome so please come along.

Many thanks,
Anne Carswell

Advance Notice

Thursday 13th October at 10.45am. will be our tidy up morning.

Again your help would be much appreciated.

Anne

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

Daily Prayers

- 1st The North East Regional Council
- 2nd All those living with, and in remission from cancer
- 3rd Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Sunday 4th September Pentecost 13

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Australia

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 5th "Fairtrade" producers in Africa and elsewhere
- 6th All mothers and primary carers
- 7th Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow)
- 8th Strength in faith and commitment to our Lord
- 10th Congregational administrators and treasurers

Cyprian Answers:

- 1) Tunisia.
- 2) Lawyer (of some type).
- 3) They persecuted it! In the Decian and Valerian persecutions.
- 4) No – he described it.
- 5) Cornelius.
- 6) Africa – in Kimberley, South Africa.
- 7) Birmingham.
- 8) Algeria.
- 9) Over 5 million.
- 10) He was the architect.

Sunday 11th September Pentecost 14

ANGLICAN

The Church of Bangladesh

DIOCESAN

Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne)
St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood)

Daily Prayers

- 12th SEC Diocese of Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift)
- 13th Those who clean and maintain our church and grounds
- 14th Wisdom and integrity within the Civil Service
- 15th St Cyprian's congregation, vestry and clergy on St Cyprian's day
- 16th The work of the Park Centre
- 17th Porvoo Link: The Church of Ireland

Sunday 18th September Pentecost 15

ANGLICAN

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 19th Senior Citizens at Abbeyfield and Lilyburn
- 20th Warden of Lay Readers (Ray Gascoigne)
- 21st Strength in faith and commitment to our Lord
- 22nd Prison officers and governors
- 23rd Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis).

& Daily Intentions

24th Peace and understanding between different beliefs

Sunday 25th September Pentecost 16

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Burundi

DIOCESAN

Cathedral Chapter

Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow

(Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon,

John Riches, Ellen Barrett, Maggie

McTernan)

Daily Prayers

26th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

27th Members of the police force and judiciary

28th Prisoners and detainees

29th All students at Universities and Colleges

30th Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to the earth

OCTOBER 2022

1st Farmers and all in the Agricultural Industry

Sunday 2nd October Pentecost 17 (Harvest Festival)

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Canada

DIOCESAN

St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González)

Daily Prayers

3rd Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman)

4th Strife-torn countries and countries at war

5th All in post-retiral ministry

6th All Christian voluntary workers throughout the world

7th A growth in the knowledge of God's love for us

8th SEC Diocese of Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes)

Sunday 9th October Pentecost 18

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Bearsden; (Vacant).

St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh

(Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).

Daily Prayers

10th The work of nch Scotland (National Children's Homes)

11th Thanksgiving for the wisdom our senior citizens bring

12th Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk)

13th The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, consecrated this day in 2007

14th Thanksgiving for the gifts God brings to our church

15th The work of Amnesty International

Sunday 16th October Pentecost 19

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

DIOCESAN

Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership.

All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).

Daily Prayers

17th Strength and stamina in carrying out God's work

18th The medical profession at home and abroad

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

19th The work going on with young people in our community

20th The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, consecrated this day in 2018

21st The Fire Service and Safety Officers

22nd Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales

Sunday 23rd October Pentecost 20

ANGLICAN

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

DIOCESAN

St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor)

St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Gordon Fyfe, David Jasper, Charlotte Methuen, Mary Bowden)

Daily Prayers

24th Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben Preston)

25th Give thanks for our congregation in our worship and work

26th That our lives may express Christ's love

27th The work of CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland)

28th The work of Age Concern and Help the Aged

29th Recovery in areas of urban deprivation

Sunday 30th October Pentecost 21

ANGLICAN

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

DIOCESAN

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

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

Daily Prayers

31st Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.

NOVEMBER 2022

1st The Saints of the whole church

2nd The faithful departed

3rd Those who mourn

4th Deceased Clergy and Lay Readers

5th Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion Noble)

Sunday 6th November Pentecost 22

ANGLICAN

The Church of England

DIOCESAN

Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington;

Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison)



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 will be held at the Harvest Festival.

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

Sunday Readings

Pentecost 13

4th September 2022

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Pentecost 16

25th September 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Pentecost 19

16th October 2022

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Pentecost 14

11th September 2022

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Pentecost 17 (Harvest)

2nd October 2022

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Psalms 67,

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Matthew 13.24-30

Pentecost 20

23rd October 2022

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Pentecost 15

18th September 2022

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Pentecost 18

9th October 2022

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Pentecost 21

30th October 2022

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-8

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Altar Guild	
4 th & 11 th September	Eileen Ferry & Judith Beasall
18 th & 26 th September	Maxine Gow
2 nd October	Harvest Festival —The Team
9 th & 16 th October	Anne Carswell
23 rd & 30 th October	Glennis Tavener & Janet Faughey

Pentecost 22

6th November 2022

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38



Kalendar

SEPTEMBER 2022

Thu 1st	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Sun 4th	Pentecost 13	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Thu 8th	The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord	
	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Sat 10th	Doors Open Day	
	10am-2pm	Church open
	9.30am-12.30pm	Car Boot Sale
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Sun 11th	Pentecost 14	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Wed 14th	Holy Cross Day	
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting (see page 12)
Thu 15th	Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop	
	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Fri 16th	Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, sixth century	
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Sun 18th	Pentecost 15	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Wed 21st	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Ember day)	
Thu 22nd	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Fri 23rd	Ember Day	
Sat 24th	Ember Day	
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Sun 25th	Pentecost 16	
	9.15am	Eucharist
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
	7pm	Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom
Thu 29th	Michael and All Angels	
	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 online worship services for special occasions in the church year on YouTube. 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.

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

OCTOBER 2022

Sat 1st	10am	Autojumble
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Sun 2 nd	Pentecost 17	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Thu 6 th	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Sat 8 th	7.30pm	Concert: Kiezmer Music – keyboard and violin – see page 7
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Sun 9 th	Pentecost 18	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Wed 12 th	7.30pm	Mothers’ Union Joint Service (see page 12)
Thu 13 th	<i>Consecration of the</i>	<i>Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, 2007</i>
	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Sun 16 th	Pentecost 19	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Tue 18 th	Luke, Evangelist	
Thu 20 th	<i>Consecration of the</i>	<i>Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, 2018</i>
	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
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Sun 23 rd	Pentecost 20	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
Mon 24 th	James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62	
Thu 27 th	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Fri 28 th	Simon and Jude, Apostles	
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Sun 30 th	Pentecost 21	
	9.15am	Eucharist
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)
	7pm	Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom

NOVEMBER 2022

Tue 1st	ALL SAINTS	
Wed 2nd	All Souls	
Thu 3rd	10am	Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Sat 5th	7.30pm	Concert: Kelvin Brass
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Sun 6th	Pentecost 22	
	10.30am	Eucharist (in church and via Zoom)

Are we there yet???

I'm sure everyone was hoping that we were!! —That the pandemic was finally over and we could go back to normal. Unfortunately, it is still not the case as we close out this magazine.

The rate of Covid-19 infections is still stubbornly high at around 1 in 30 in Scotland. It is now on the way down, but rather more slowly than might have been expected.

This means that we continue to exercise some caution in order to make people comfortable with attending church. The option to attend online for those who can't make it to church for whatever reason will continue indefinitely. The instructions for joining are emailed out with the Link each week and are also available on the home page of our

website. You can also sign up there for the email. One of the cameras is movable so it can be used to stream from the Choir Vestry and the Hall when there is a need.

Now that coffee is back, we are still looking for more volunteers for the coffee rota. Please let Pat or Paul Hindle know if you can help.

Home Communions

With the easing of restrictions for Covid, the Rector is now taking communion to people at home who are unable to get to church. He already has people he visits, but if there is anyone you know of that you think would like communion at home, please let our Rector know.

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Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
4 Sep 2022	Aileen Mundy	Maxine Gow	Gavin Boyd	Jill Taylor	Diana Farnell & Paul Hindle
11 Sep 2022	Sally Hadden	Kevin Wilbraham	Aileen Mundy	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Maxine Gow & Aileen Mundy
18 Sep 2022	Mary Haigh	Anne Carswell	Mary Haigh	Jackie & Mark Fenton	Gavin Boyd & Judith Beastall
25 Sep 2022	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow	Tony Farnell & Janet Faughey
2 Oct 2022	Sally Hadden	Jill Taylor	Glennis Tavener	Judith Beastall	Sally Hadden & David Taylor
9 Oct 2022	Aileen Mundy	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Paul Hindle & Gavin Boyd
16 Oct 2022	Mary Haigh	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden	Judith Beastall & Maxine Gow
23 Oct 2022	Sally Hadden	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry	Aileen Mundy & Tony Farnell
30 Oct 2022	Aileen Mundy	David Taylor	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle	Janet Faughey & Diana Farnell
6 Nov 2022	Sally Hadden	Kevin Wilbraham	Glennis Tavener	Anne Carswell	Sally Hadden & Gavin Boyd