

# CYPRIAN *Life*



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

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# From the Rector



*Dear Friends,*

**There are times when the press and TV news programme relish bad news, or difficult news. I suspect it makes for easy writing and fulfils their agenda, which is to see everything as badly as possible, as they think this sells newspapers or draws viewers. They are already (mid-November) relishing how bad Christmas is going to be. Already heard about possible turkey shortages. Cost of living crisis. No heating with the energy crisis. To listen to the press and TV you would think that Christmas this year is going to be dreadful. I would like to tell you – and them – it is not going to be dreadful. It is going to be wonderful. Fantastic. A great Christmas.**

I know some people generally struggle with Christmas, but the cost of living crisis and the energy crisis is not going to make it worse unless we allow it to, and if we buy into the agenda of the press and TV news programmes.

It may well be different. It is for us – this is the first year ever our son and daughter will voluntarily not be with us, but we are not sad about that. Our son is off to Sweden with his Swedish girlfriend to celebrate in Swedish style (apparently Sweden has no tradition of

roast dinners!); our daughter is spending Christmas with her boyfriend's family, a family that came to this country – with their own traditions – after Idi Amin expelled the Uganda Asians back in the 1970's. I would never begrudge them the new experiences!!

For many, Christmas is sad for many different reasons: a tough time – and I'm sure our hearts are with those who find Christmas difficult.

What the press and TV news don't get, and drag so many people into thinking and believing – Christmas is not about food and drink and presents – they are just the window dressing of Christmas. Christmas is a bit about families and relationships, and the people we spend Christmas with. But most of all – Christmas is about Christ. About Jesus. About the baby born in a stable. And Jesus is not affected by the cost of living crisis! Truth is – there are times events turn aside the veil and allow us into the very heart of the event. And for many people all the trimmings of Christmas are just that – a veil over the truth of Christmas, a veil that hides us from the baby in the manger, the manger in a stable in Bethlehem.

This Christmas let's turn again to the baby

*Continued overleaf*

# Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The deadline for material is Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for February and March 2023.

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](http://glasgow.anglican.org), the diocesan home page, and entering your email address in the box at the bottom of the page. The email newsletter takes the form of brief paragraphs with links to fuller articles on the diocesan website and, where appropriate, other sites. The diocese is also on Facebook—search ‘Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway’.

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

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**Paul Hindle**  
Magazine Editor

## From the Rector

in the stable, and be inspired by what we see there.

Of course we see the physical – we see a Mother, Father and a baby. We see shepherds. We see wise men. We see angels. We perhaps see the donkey that the couple had ridden to Bethlehem. We see many representations of what happened in the stable.



## Cover Picture

**This picture was taken during our Christmas morning Eucharist last year while Les was giving his sermon. I forget the exact point he was making, but I think it was around the false attractiveness of large shiny baubles that are of little worth when compared to the treasure we have in Jesus, the Saviour of the World.**

Come and see for yourself this Christmas.

If you have a picture you think would be of interest to others in the congregation, please send it to the editor at:

[magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com).

At the same time, we bring our imaginations – some see donkeys, and cattle, and an inn-keeper, and much much more.

But what we see is much more than the physical, much more than our imaginations show us.

- We see love – the baby coming to earth is God's sign that he loves us – this baby came to take us back to God, open the gates to eternity for us.
- We see hope – the baby shows us that God has dreams for the future, for the world. for us.
- We see peace. A baby is the one thing that cannot fight, cannot bring conflict – a baby is helpless, pretty well, except having the ability to cry!
- We see an invitation - God inviting us to follow, to open our hearts to Him.

Amazingly none of these – love, hope, peace, invitation – are affected by the cost of

living crisis. Perhaps as we struggle with the cost of living crisis, we may see these things increase – and that would be amazing!

This Christmas – allow the veil to be taken aside. And let the vision of Christ take over your heart. The vision of a baby who brings love, hope, peace – who brings an invitation to enjoy God, in Jesus, being part of our lives.

*Best wishes,  
and have a great Christmas,*

*Les*

## The Link

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

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

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

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

## Pastoral Care

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

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

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

# Peace in Our Time?

**This was the title of the local ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland) group service held in St Cyprian's on the first Thursday of November. Our guest speaker was the Revd. Neil Galbraith, minister of Cathcart Old Parish Church and CEO of Charity at Glasgow the Caring City Charity.**

Neil talked about the work of the charity both here in the Glasgow area and further afield. The particular focus this time was on the help being given to victims of the war in Ukraine. He had some amazing stories of generosity and courage. They assess the risk of carrying aid to wherever it's needed so as to avoid putting anyone in harm's way, but now and again local circumstances change. There were some remarkable stories of flexibility needed to get out of tight situations.



After the address, Concordia, the local ecumenical choir sang and we prepared for a time of reflection on conflict and peace by lighting candles. The focus again was on praying for an end to the suffering of the people of Ukraine.



# Warm Spaces

**The local ACTS group is organising a series of “Warm Spaces” at various churches in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie this winter, to provide warmth and something to eat for those who may be struggling.**

Could you volunteer, either on a regular basis, or occasionally as needed? This is a great initiative. If you can help, or simply want to know more, please talk to Mary Boyd who is our rep for this.

# An Introduction to Matthew's Gospel

**The church year, in terms of our readings and festivals, goes from Advent Sunday to Advent Sunday. So this year began on 27<sup>th</sup> November. In terms of readings, we work on a three-year cycle. The year 2022 – 23 is year A.**

Each year has a particular gospel assigned to it, and the majority of our gospel readings come from that gospel. So in year A, most of the gospel readings come from Matthew, year B, from Mark and year C, from Luke. There is, of course, a fourth gospel – John, and parts of John are read at the great festivals and sometimes on particular Sundays throughout the year. So over this coming year, most of our gospel readings will be from Matthew. The question is – what to look out for in Matthew's gospel? What are the things Matthew wants to emphasise?

It is said that Matthew's gospel is the most "Jewish" of the gospels. To some extent that is true. The gospels were each written for a community of Christians, of which the gospel writer was a part. They were written in their final form more than 30 years after Christ. What Matthew's gospel reflects is a community who had been Jewish before converting, but still held strongly to the Jewish traditions, scriptures and teaching. It gave them two major issues:

- Firstly, how do you make sense of Christ from a Jewish tradition? How does he continue that tradition, and how does he break that tradition?
- Secondly, how do you relate to people of the Jewish faith who do not accept that Jesus was the Messiah?

Firstly, Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the natural descendant of Jewish Tradition. The story of the birth of Jesus with the



emphasis on Joseph, which Matthew emphasises, shows this. Calling Jesus the Son of David shows this. And throughout the gospel, we see Jesus reflected as the natural descendant of Jewish tradition and teaching. He is the Messiah which the Jewish people were expecting and waiting for.

Secondly, Matthew wants to show that Jesus also transformed Jewish tradition. He didn't get rid of it – he transformed it, took it back to what God really wanted. We see Jesus, particularly in the sermon on the mount, show that love matters, that individual faith matters and that reaching out to others matters. All these things seemed to have become forgotten in the history of God's people.

Thirdly, Matthew demonstrates a love/hate relationship with the Jewish people. He is quite scathing of the Jewish leaders – the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They were the leaders, and were leading the people astray. For the Pharisees, it was because of their self-righteousness. For the Sadducees, because of their greed. Throughout the gospel, there are sharp encounters between these leaders and Jesus.

At the same time, Matthew has a real love for the people, and that is reflected perhaps most strongly in the beatitudes – that famous passage at the start of Chapter 5.

In the end, Matthew accepts that Jesus was not only for the Jews, but also for the gentiles. And that was a huge step for him to take.

Of course, there is a lot more to Matthew. I hope you enjoy hearing it read over the coming year.

# Music @ St Cyprian's

The first Saturday of November saw Kirkintilloch Kelvin Brass back with us in force for a wonderful concert of much loved favourites and a few pieces that are destined to become so.

Their new musical director, Lewis Bettles introduced the pieces with lots of humour and we had the opportunity to hear each instrument on its own - quite a few in pieces featuring a solo instrument or group as you can see in the left and centre pictures opposite. The audience clearly enjoyed what they were hearing and I'm sure it won't be too long before we welcome them back again. Thank you to everyone in the band.

We now look forward to the McOpera Wind and the Douglas Academy Music School side by side in concert on the first Saturday

(3<sup>rd</sup>) of December. We are promised music new and old from professional musicians and emerging talent.

Then two weeks later on the 17<sup>th</sup> we welcome leading jazz singer, Ali Affleck, who will be Singing the Blues for Christmas - definitely not to be missed!

At the end of January, there will be an organ concert by Aaron Hawthorne entitled Saturday Night at the Movies. Sounds intriguing.

There are more details about all three concerts on the Music at St Cyprian's website:

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

There are links to recordings by Ali there.

The Facebook page is updated regularly:

[www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/](http://www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/)

(More pictures of the last concert there.)

**Music at St.Cyprian's**  
Beech Road Lenzie G66 4HN

**Winter Music Series**  
2022-2023

**SIDE BY SIDE**

**McOpera**  
Winds  
with  
**Douglas**  
Academy  
Music School

**Saturday December 3rd 7.30pm**

Tickets £12.50 children free  
Please reserve a seat at  
concert@stcyprianslenzie.com  
or call 07702224458  
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**Music at St. Cyprians**  
Beech Road Lenzie G66 4HN

**Scotland on Tour**

**Ali Affleck**

".....the lady that surely must be Scotland's best kept secret in jazz and blues"

**Saturday December 17th**  
**7.30pm**

Ticket £12.50  
Please reserve a seat at  
concert@stcyprianslenzie.com  
or call 07702 224458  
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# AGM of the Congregation

**The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of St. Cyprian's Church  
will be held in person and on-line after the 10.30am Eucharist  
at approximately 12.15pm on  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**All members of the Congregation are invited to attend**

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

**The Zoom link will be emailed to everyone on the Link email or by application to  
the Rector - E.mail [les949@btinternet.com](mailto:les949@btinternet.com)**

**Our November meeting saw our MU learning a lot about post-Covid CPR and first aid.**

Some of the information shocked us golden oldies who thought we knew all about it. No we did not! First you do not automatically put the patient in the recovery position. You first feel over the body for injury. You do not give rescue breaths only compression for your resuscitation. You press in 5cm when giving compression which can be enough to break ribs and you do it fast enough to match the rhythm of 'Staying Alive' – about 100 compressions a minute. The photo shows Aileen finding out how hard it is to do that. They reckon it is hard to keep it going longer than two minutes, so you really need to get someone else to help do it in relays. You also need them to call for an ambulance and to find the location of the nearest defibrillator. When it arrives, it tells you how to use it and a lot more. I really recommend you find yourself an updated course.

When we came to children and babies, we learned a tremendous amount about the process and had a chance to practice on models which was tremendous because, for those of us with mobility problems, we could use tables and the stage to practice.

There are a few St Andrews First Aid



booklets around the church to read for yourselves.

December's meeting is a Christmas meal at the Broadcroft Hotel at 2.30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. A £10 deposit should be paid to Jill Taylor (if you don't know how to contact her, please let me know) together with your choice of food which can be found on the hotel's Christmas menu list.

January's meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January is our AGM and another 'Chit Chat' evening when we will discuss plans for 2023.

I hope to see as many as possible at the December and January's meetings – all are welcome

**Glennis Tavener**



Help us give the **gift of healing** to women, children, and families in South Sudan this Christmas.



# 16 Days of Activism

**On the day this magazine appears in Church, we will be two days into the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. It started on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and runs until Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December (International Day of Human Rights.)**

Mothers' Union is posting a daily video throughout the campaign of a reflection and prayer from the 16 Days Prayer Diary read by our Worldwide Trustees (including the editor) and friends of Mothers' Union on our Facebook page.

Here in Scotland, the Mothers' Union Scotland Facebook page is having daily reflections and prayers from Scottish church

leaders including our Worldwide President Sheran Harper, Bishops, Mothers' Union's Chaplains, Provincial Church Safeguarding Officer, Chair of Scottish Interfaith group on Domestic Abuse, plus Mothers' Union members and others.

At 11.45am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, there will be a Prayer vigil online to highlight Thursdays in Black. Thursdays in Black is a global movement for a world without rape or violence.

You can find the pages by using Facebook's search function with the keywords Mothers Union and Mothers Union Scotland.

There's more about Thursdays in Black on the World Council of Churches website and it's worth taking a look at ifgoda.org.uk, the Scottish Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse, for more information from Scotland.

## Advent "Activity"

### Re-envisioning the Nativity

**1.30 – 2.45pm on Monday afternoons  
28<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
December. In the choir vestry.**

Everyone welcome to join us – more info please ask the Rector

**If you can give online at  
[www.mothersunion.org/  
christmas22](http://www.mothersunion.org/christmas22) between  
29<sup>th</sup> November and  
6<sup>th</sup> December, your  
gift of healing will be  
doubled by the Big Give**





# Christmas Services

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

6-30pm Carol Service

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10am Eucharist

At this service, we will remember people we will miss this Christmas, and will be inviting people to submit names of people you would like to be remembered in the service.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

5pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Christmas Eucharist.

There will be no service on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December.

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## On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December we are going to have a “Church Open Day”

**There will be a service at 10.30am. The Church will remain open until 4.30pm. There will be our Carol Service at 6.30pm.**

During the day:

There will be Soup/Bread Roll/Fruit lunch from 12 – 2.00pm.

There will be refreshments available (tea/Coffee/mince pies) all day.

We will have a “Last Minute” stall – for gifts, toys, cards, crafts, jams etc.

We will have the church especially decorated!

Entry will be free, and everyone invited.

### **We need your help:**

Can you make some soup? Let the Rector know.  
Do you have any items for the stall – bring them in (if you want to know if what you have is suitable, ask the Rector!)

Can you make some Mince pies? Jars of Jam? Pickle? Let us know. Bring them in.

Can you help for maybe an hour or two on the day? Let the Rector Know!

**Let's make this a very special day for our church!!!!!!**



**St. Cyprian's Church, Beech Rd, Lenzie, G66 4HN**

# **OPEN CHURCH**

**The Sunday before Christmas**

**18th December 2022**

**10.30am – 4.30pm**

**with Carol Service at 6.30pm**

**The day includes:**

**Worship at 10.30am**

**Soup and Bread Lunch available 12 – 2pm**

**Refreshments available all day**

**Kids Quiz & Activities**

**Stall for “Last-minute” gifts**

**– all sorts of things available.**

**Lots of Cribs to be seen!**

**Chance for quiet and personal thoughts**

**Free entry**

**Everyone just welcome to call in – we'd love to see you!**

# From the Archives

**I recently came across some old Christmas Magazines from St. Cyprian's Church. I thought it might be interesting to print some of the things from those magazines. The first is a letter from Christmas 1981.**

Dear Rector,

Thank you very much for your letter, which contained a most needed and appreciated gift, the cheque for £750..... I can personally promise a plaque will be put up in the ward in recognition of the contribution from St. Cyprian's.....

Nouisa and the boys are keeping well and we remember fondly family of Lenzie and its people. We hope to visit in 1983.

God bless and Best regards from  
Lizo Mazwai – Loskesiki; Transkei,

Lizo Mazwai had studied medicine in some way in Glasgow, and attended St. Cyprian's Church when Keith Trudgill was Rector.

I checked out Lizo Mazwai on Google. He is still alive, but now retired. His career was remarkable – he was the only surgeon in Loskesiki, a community of 300,000 people. Before retirement, he achieved the highest recognition for his work. In an article, it said “Mazwai is the past president of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA), Honorary Fellow of the CMSA, Former Chairman of the South African Medical Research Council and past president of the South African Medical Association. He is also a founding Chairperson of the Board of the Office of Health Standards Compliance in the National Department of Health and has received seven Honorary Academic Fellowships throughout his career.”

St. Cyprian's had a small influence in a remarkable career, which affected for good thousands of people in South Africa!

I wonder if the plaque is still up in the hospital.....

**Here's another from Christmas 1981:**

They have bought a house! Who have? Peter Mundy and Aileen Grainger, who you may remember became engaged after the midnight communion service last year. They have bought a house in the Boghead road area, and get possession in December; so they will be busy painting and decorating for the next few months. Their marriage is arranged for Easter Saturday at St. Cyprian's!

**From the magazine at Christmas 1986**

**Pace in Terrem – SJ Graham.  
(More than a Dream)**

I dreamed I saw a child new born  
And his name was peace  
Heard his first and lusty bawl  
A hairsbreadth space from his recall  
Angels hailed him Lord of All  
And his name was peace.

I dreamed I heard a teacher speak  
And his name was truth  
Saw him heal the deaf and blind  
Cure the body, free the mind  
Bring good news to all mankind  
And his name was truth.

I dreamed I saw a young man die  
and his name was love  
Heard his last and anguished plea  
Accursed by God upon a tree  
To purchase life for you and me  
And his name was love.

I dreamed I saw a king enthroned  
And his name was joy  
Saw him crowned with triumph's wreath  
Ours to share, a gift by faith  
He has conquered over death  
And his name is joy.

# Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

## A Zoom Advent Quiet Day

### Walking in the Light of God

- Walking through Advent with Isaiah

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10am.

#### Programme

- 10.00am Welcome & Worship  
10.20am **Isaiah 2.1-5**  
A vision - Swords and Ploughshares  
10.40am **Isaiah 11.1-10**  
A Challenge - A Lion and a Lamb and a little child...  
11.00am *break/video*  
11.30am **Isaiah 35.1-10**  
Preparation - A Highway  
11.55am **Isaiah 7.10-16**  
A new vision - Emmanuel  
12.20pm Breakout time  
12.40pm Final worship/quiet/thoughts

**Everyone is welcome to join us for the Diocesan Advent Quiet morning on December the 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**To register, E.mail  
Les949@btinternet.com and you  
will receive the Zoom access codes  
for the morning.**

**“It is better to walk alone in light,  
rather than with a crowd who are  
walking the wrong way.”**

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#### From Christmas 1990:

I still agree with the sentiments of this letter in the magazine!

10/11/90

Dear Sir,

Although not unhappy about the change in Scripture readings for the Eucharist to those from the ASB lectionary (ASB – Alternate Service Book from the Church of England), I shall be most sorry if this also means a change in the collects, in particular, at this time of the year, the collect for the Sunday next before Advent which begins “Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord . . .”

All my married life I have made Christmas cakes and puddings on “Stir up Sunday” and I should be sorry to see the loss of this traditional start to Christmas preparations.

Yours etc

Jacqui Stother

The Rector (Ken Shaw) replies:

Generally speaking the collects of the ASB are different to those in the Prayer Book for, like the scripture readings, they are linked to the “Theme” for the day. However in their wisdom the compilers of the ASB decided that on certain days there should be ‘alternative’ collects. One such day is the fifth Sunday before Christmas (the Sunday next before Advent in the prayer book) when the alternative is the ‘Stir-up Sunday’ collect, although obviously in less traditional language than the Prayer Book version.

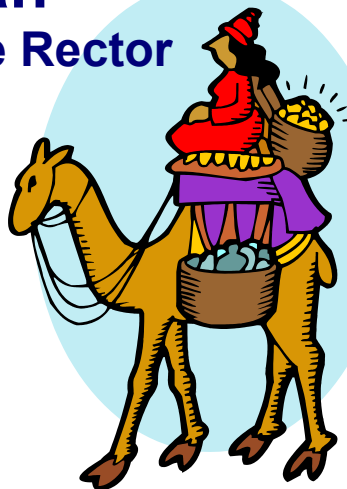
So ‘stir away’, Mrs. Stother, stir away, the traditional start to your Christmas preparations remains.

*I did ask Jacqui whether she remembered writing the letter – but she didn’t! She did promise me, however, that she still makes her Christmas puddings on Stir-up Sunday!*

# The Fourth Wise Man

## – A Christmas story by the Rector

Tambour, at 23, was proud of his business. He had saved up from earlier jobs and bought himself some camels. Three of them. There were lots of businesses just like his – the camels were used for transporting stuff. Spices. Animal skins. Wine. Sometimes people. And transported them locally, or sometimes several hundred miles. He had done well for himself. But this booking was different.



Could he help transport some important people 500 miles west to another country?

Tambour never turned down work. He managed to find some smart saddles for his camels, and they set out along the great trading route west.

The three men were “important,” and had “Important” attitudes. They weren’t nasty or anything. They were aloof. Snooty. Looked down on Tambour, and the other hired hands. Only spoke to each other. Didn’t talk to Tambour or the other helpers leading donkeys laden with luggage. They did sometimes say something, but it tended to be an order.

Tambour enjoyed the journey. The other helpers were friendly. The journey not too hard, despite the heat. The only strange thing – that star.....They travelled three weeks until they arrived at the great legendary city built on the hills.

There was a huge temple built on a hill. There was an even greater palace on another hill. And it was to the palace they travelled. The three men went inside, but the rest were left outside. Truth was, apart from the grand temple and palace, it was like any other city – dusty, smelly, bustling.

Tambour and the others stayed outside for maybe a whole day, until the three men

emerged. They were different. Worried, hustling to move on, peering over their shoulders as if to see who was following them.... In only ten minutes, they were back on the road. This time only a ten mile journey, to a small village, a pub..... And the star was there.

Again the three men went inside, having retrieved some parcels from one of the donkeys. Tambour and the others ate and drank in the pub, and heard odd things about the stable, a baby born....

Another twenty four hours later, the three men appeared again. Different again. Wanting to travel, quickly, due East. But glazed, awestruck.

And the journey was different. The men still had a noble bearing, but now they had so much to say. To say about the baby. And his mother, and father. So much to say, yet not the words to say it. Suddenly they sat with Tambour and the other helpers. They couldn’t stop talking, almost babbling.....

The journey ended, Tambour was paid, and continued with his life. His brother joined the business, and their business continued to expand.

But for Tambour, it was different. What had changed these three men? He saw little of

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am onwards.



Donations of holly, ivy and flowers would be most welcome.

There will be flowers to arrange, the Christmas tree to assemble and decorate, the crib to organise, the brasses to clean and coffee

and tea to make. A little job for everyone. It's fun and there will be mince pies and plenty of chat, so please come along and help.

You will be MOST welcome.

## Altar Guild

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Aileen Mundy *
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Jill Taylor *
* Advent - Brasses only	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Decorating Team
2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Carswell
15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Eileen Ferry
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Volunteer Please
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Anne Carswell

## Clear-up Day

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
at 9.30am

**The Christmas decorations and tree need to be cleared from the church and vases and oasis packed away**

Again your help would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Anne

them but heard of their charitable work, and the time they spent staring into space.

For several years Tambour seemed obsessed with knowing and finding out more, pondering the things he had experienced. The star. The journey, and the journey back. The pub. The palace and the great city. The men changed – no, not changed, transformed.

At last, Tambour made a decision. He gave

his company to his brother. He sold most of his possessions. Wearing his simple clothes, he set off back along the road he had only travelled once all those years before. He had to go and find the baby for himself.....

His family called him courageous. His friends called him deluded. His neighbours called him stupid. Tambour knew it was the wisest thing he had ever done.

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

## **DECEMBER 2022**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MND Scotland and those suffering from Motor Neurone Disease
- 2<sup>nd</sup> For all those living with HIV and AIDS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving for living fellowship

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

### **DIOCESAN**

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

### **Daily Prayers**

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

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Kenya

### **DIOCESAN**

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

### **Daily Prayers**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain
- 13<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for answered prayer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Effective mission and expansion of congregations
- 15<sup>th</sup> Hope for those who are struggling with doubts
- 16<sup>th</sup> For oppressed and persecuted Christians and martyrs
- 17<sup>th</sup> Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Korea

### **DIOCESAN**

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

### **Daily Prayers**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country
- 20<sup>th</sup> Peace throughout the world
- 21<sup>st</sup> Safety for those travelling over the holiday period
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Our preparations for the Christmas Festival
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Those who find Christmas a difficult time of year
- 24<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

# & Daily Intentions

## **DIOCESAN**

Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan,  
Robert Burgon, Richard Evans)  
St Paul and St John the Evangelist,  
Monklands (Kirstin Freeman)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Crisis at Christmas and all working to give those who are homeless respite from their difficulties
- 27<sup>th</sup> Love for God and our neighbour
- 28<sup>th</sup> Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 29<sup>th</sup> All the peoples of the world
- 30<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving for the year at an end

## **JANUARY 2023**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

#### **The Naming of Jesus**

## **ANGLICAN**

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

## **DIOCESAN**

Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow  
(Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving for every new beginning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pastors, keeping our young people safe
- 5<sup>th</sup> The work of Deafblind Scotland
- 6<sup>th</sup> Children and young people in distress and despair
- 7<sup>th</sup> 'Big Issue' sellers and all trying to make a fresh start

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord**

## **ANGLICAN**

The Church of the Province of Myanmar  
(Burma)

## **DIOCESAN**

Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones,  
Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and  
those in Post-Retiral Ministry

### **Daily Prayers**

- 9<sup>th</sup> For teachers and children returning to school today
- 10<sup>th</sup> All Bible Study and Prayer groups
- 11<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council
- 12<sup>th</sup> Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries
- 13<sup>th</sup> Those who are bedridden and housebound
- 14<sup>th</sup> The people and the city of Glasgow

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

## **ANGLICAN**

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican  
Communion)

## **DIOCESAN**

North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's,  
Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry (Lee Johnston,  
Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 16<sup>th</sup> All Christian charities and aid agencies
- 17<sup>th</sup> The people and local authority of East Dunbartonshire
- 18<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney), The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle) and the EMU Partnership Agreement

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

*continued*

20<sup>th</sup> Worldwide action for human rights

21<sup>st</sup> The continuing refugee crisis

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

#### ANGLICAN

The Church of North India (United)

#### DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath)

St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish)

#### Daily Prayers

23<sup>rd</sup> The Church of Scotland

24<sup>th</sup> The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

25<sup>th</sup> The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie)

26<sup>th</sup> Respect and understanding for people of different faiths

27<sup>th</sup> The National Health Service

28<sup>th</sup> Missions to Seafarers and the work of the RNLI

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

#### ANGLICAN

The Church of Pakistan (United)

#### DIOCESAN

St Columba's, Largs (Mark Goodman)

St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross)

#### Daily Prayers

30<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church

31<sup>st</sup> Our Christian neighbours

## FEBRUARY 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Christian Stewardship

2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils

3<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese

4<sup>th</sup> The Dean (Reuben Preston).

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

#### DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston)

St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson)



## Fair Trade

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

We have been running a fair trade stall occasionally, but that has become more difficult for Glennis and her small team. We are currently looking for volunteers to run the stall - it's only about four times a year - could that be you?

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

# Sunday & Christmas Readings

## Second Sunday of Advent

*4<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

## Third Sunday of Advent

*11<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*18<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

## Christmas Eve

*24<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

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

John 1:1-14

## Christmas Day

*25<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

## Christmas 1

*1<sup>st</sup> January 2023*

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

## The Baptism of the Lord

*8<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

*15<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

*22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023*

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*January 29, 2023*

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*5<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-12



# Kalendar

## DECEMBER 2022

**Thu 1st** 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry  
**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7.30pm **Concert:** McOpera Winds/Douglas Academy (see page 8)

### **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
 12.15pm (approx) **Annual General Meeting** of the congregation  
 7pm Concordia Advent Praise at St David's Memorial Park

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm **Advent "Activity"** - Re-envisioning the Nativity.

### **Thu 8<sup>th</sup> The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord**

10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** 10am **Advent Quiet Day** on Zoom (see page 15)

### **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

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

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm **Advent "Activity"** - Re-envisioning the Nativity.

### **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Ember Day**

2.30pm Mothers' Union Branch Lunch at Broadcroft

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup>** 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

### **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Ember Day**

### **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Ember Day**

7.30pm **Ali Affleck Concert** (see page 8)

### **Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10.30am **Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)  
 followed by **Church Open Day** till 4.30pm (see page 13)  
 6.30pm **Carol Service** (in Church and via Zoom)

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm **Advent "Activity"** - Re-envisioning the Nativity.

### **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Thomas, Apostle**

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10am **Special Eucharist** in Choir Vestry (see page 12)

### **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

5pm **Christingle Service**  
 11.30pm **Midnight Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

### **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.30am **Festival Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom).

The Province is still providing online services at 11am on Sundays and at various other times. The details and links are at [www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/)  
 Les is also continuing to produce online worship services for special occasions like Christmas on YouTube. He lets everyone who receives the weekly Link email know when 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.stcyprianslenzie.com](http://link.stcyprianslenzie.com)**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**    **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**  
**Tue 27<sup>th</sup>**    **John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>**    **The Holy Innocents**  
**Thu 29<sup>th</sup>**                      10am    Service cancelled for the holidays

## **JANUARY 2023**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>**    **Christmas 1 (The Naming of Jesus )**  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup>**                      10am    Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>**            **THE EPIPHANY**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>**    **First Sunday after Epiphany: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**                      7.30pm    Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup>**                      10am    Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**            **Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop, c 603**

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>**    **Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup>**                      10am    Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**    **Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**    **The Conversion of Paul, Apostle**  
   2pm    BRF Discussion Group on Zoom

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup>**                      10am    Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>**                      7.30pm    **Aaron Hawthorne** Concert (see page 8)

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>**    **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
   9.15am    Said Eucharist  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>**            **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**  
   10am    Eucharist in Choir Vestry

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**            11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop Kevin in Argyll & the Isles

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**    **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
   10.30am    **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)  
   7pm    Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom

# Back to Normal???

**We are still taking some precautions such as the Rector and the server wearing masks during the distribution of communion, but the question now is whether that is really necessary.**

The Rector intends to canvass views of the congregation to see whether people would be comfortable with going back to normal. This will not be a majority decision. It has to be unanimous. We don't want to put anyone off coming to church.

We continue to offer indefinitely the option to attend online for those who can't come to church in person for whatever reason. 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 (e.g. for the AGM).

We are still looking for more volunteers for the coffee rota. A turn only comes around once every two months, so don't be shy! Please let Pat or Paul Hindle know if you can help.

## Home Communions

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.

## Rotas

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
4 Dec 2022	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow	Aileen Mundy	Judith Beastall & Tony Farnell
11 Dec 2022	Aileen Mundy	Anne Carswell	Glennis Tevener	Judith Beastall	Maxine Gow & Janet Faughey
18 Dec 2022	Mary Haigh	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy & Paul Hindle
25 Dec 2022	Aileen Mundy	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd	No coffee	Tony Farnell & Gavin Boyd
1 Jan 2023	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Janet Faughey & Sally Hadden
8 Jan 2023	Mary Haigh	David Taylor	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Diana Farnell & Judith Beastall
15 Jan 2023	Aileen Mundy	Kevin Wilbraham	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden & Aileen Mundy
22 Jan 2023	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Glennis Tavener	Anne Carswell	David Taylor & Maxine Gow
29 Jan 2023	Sally Hadden	Jill Taylor	Gavin Boyd	Jill Taylor	Paul Hindle & Sally Hadden
5 Feb 2023	Mary Haigh	Anne Carswell	Mary Haigh	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Gavin Boyd & Janet Faughey