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From the Rector



Dear Friends,

This time of the year can feel hugely busy. We have just had our programme of Easter Worship. This has been made busier by the Easter Sunday, when we welcomed many friends and guests to our service, and shared lunch afterwards – a lot of hard work for our Mothers’ Union group who did the catering. For us personally, it has also been busy with organising holidays, thinking about the future. For our “musicians” it has been busy, not only playing in services, but practising for things such as the Concordia Palm Sunday presentation, and rehearsals for the beautifully sung anthem on Easter Day. And then preparing for the 150th anniversary concert..... It just goes on and on!! All of this on top of the normal life of St. Cyprian’s!!

The truth is I really enjoy Easter – and most of the great celebrations of the church, but they can feel a bit overwhelming and demanding, and this year has been particularly “overwhelming.” The problem is, all the activities can make us forget the centre of who we are, and whom we worship.

Palm Sunday with Concordia, the local ACTS choir was great – they even sang one of my favourite pieces of Classical music (“Sure on this Shining Night” by Morten Lauridsen.) But they sang and read about God. And Jesus. And what they did. And in worship and praise. Easter services – Stations of the Cross on the Wednesday, the Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday services – we remembered the death, the suffering, the experiences of Jesus Christ. And we said thank you. Then Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, we worshipped and praised the God who gave new life; Jesus Christ who defeated death, God who prepared a way for us to be accepted into the presence of God. Into the people of God. Into the Kingdom of God.

It is all about God, and his Son Jesus Christ. So easy to forget in organising the practicalities. It is all about God!

The challenge is for us to ensure we are always looking to God, in all we do as a church, all we do at St. Cyprian’s. To remember that our fundamental mission is to draw others to see and welcome God, and Jesus Christ, into their lives. To remember that the basis of our lives is our worship and service to God. To remember that without God, without Jesus Christ, we do not have life

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 25th June 2023. The deadline for material is Sunday, 18th June 2023, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for July and August 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, 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

in all its fullness. It is all about God, and His Son, Jesus Christ!!!!

We have begun our programme of events for our 150th anniversary. Still to come – shortly, is our concert with Seonaid Aitken and Rose Room. Later in the year will be our Flower Festival and our Autumn Fair, ending with Choral Evensong. Each one in its own way will be demanding. Hard work. Time for great fellowship. Time for opening our doors to the community. Each one of them must be about God, and Jesus Christ, and the celebration of our life in God. Because it is all about God, and His Son Jesus Christ!

In the face of busy-ness and activity, we tend to forget taking time. Taking time to remember. To simply remember the life of Jesus, what he did, what he does. I am not by nature the sort of person who desperately needs a lot of silence, and time for reflection, but we do all need to take time for silence and time for reflection to remember Jesus. It is even more important when we are busy to take

Cover Picture

The picture shows our honoured guests at the 150th Anniversary Service on Easter Day standing outside the main door of the church.

Left to right they are Depute Lieutenant, Anne Walker, Bishop Kevin Pearson and the Provost of East Dunbartonshire, Gillian Renwick. We were delighted to have them with us. There are more photos and reports on the activities around the celebrations throughout this magazine.

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

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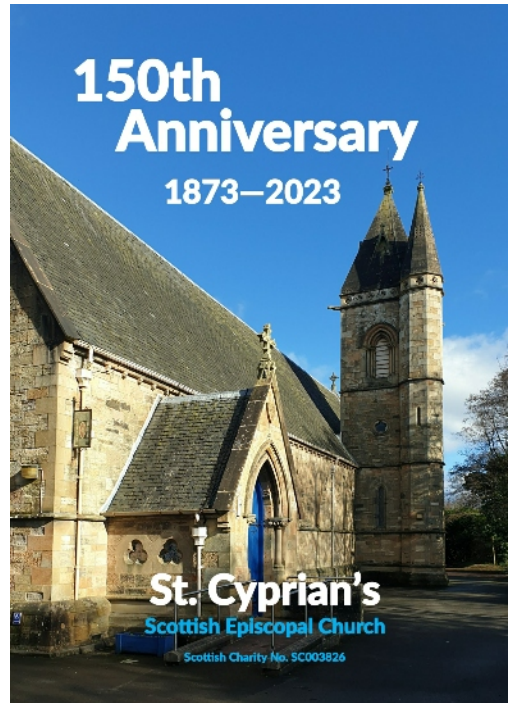
time to reflect and remember.

And the important bit – don't make the faith about activity. And busy-ness. Our faith is about God. If we make it about God, then the things we are asked to be busy for, will end up glorifying God, and drawing people to join us in worship, praise and adoration. Maybe we want to make this year special for our 150th anniversary. Let's make it even more special by making it all about God, and His Son Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA – CHRIST IS RISEN

Best wishes,

LES



The 150th Anniversary brochure is out now. Copies are available in church and at various places in the local area.

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.

A Young Poet Remembered

We were recently singing a very well known hymn. In the “Ancient and Modern” hymn book, they give the author of the hymn as well as his dates. I had to make a double take. The guy had died aged 21. There are very few popular hymns written by people of that age. So what is the story? The composer was Henry Kirke White.



Henry White was born on the 21st March 1785, the son of a butcher, and it was intended that he join the family business. His mother ran a small school, and it was there White learnt to read. However, from a very early age he developed a great love for books, and by the age of seven, he was teaching a servant to read after the rest of the family had gone to bed.

After education, aged 14, Henry White was initially apprenticed to a stocking weaver, but soon after to a lawyer. He excelled at learning Latin and Greek, spending all of his spare time learning and writing.

Henry White contracted tuberculosis in 1804, and lived in Wilford, a small village in a meander of the river Trent, just outside of Nottingham. It was here he began to write poetry seriously, and was converted to a profound Christian faith, often using a gazebo in the grounds of the local church – St Wilfred’s – as a place to write.

When White was 17, he published a book of poetry, “Clifton Grove and other Poems,” that was heavily criticised by the established press, but attracted the attention of fellow poet Robert Southey who became his sponsor.

White was released from his apprenticeship to study at St. John’s College, Cambridge, where he studied hard with the aim of becoming a priest. However, the TB returned, his health deteriorated and he died, aged 21, in 1807, and was buried in Cambridge.

White in his writings often alluded to the TB, which so badly marred his life, and the loss of a promising poet was mourned by both Southey and Lord Byron.

The hymn that we sing today reflects his struggles with health and the determination he had to continue writing. It also reflects his deep and profound faith. The hymn we sing (the only one by this writer) is:

Of in danger, oft in woe,
onward, Christian, onward go:
bear the toil, maintain the strife,
strengthened with the Bread of Life.

Onward Christians, onward go,
join the war and face the foe;
will ye flee in danger’s hour?
Know ye not your Captain’s power?

Let your drooping hearts be glad:
march in heavenly armour clad:
fight, nor think the battle long,
victory soon shall be your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye,
soon shall every tear be dry;
let not fears your course impede,
great your strength, if great your need.

Onward then in battle move,
more than conquerors ye shall prove;
though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

Moving On . . .

Most people know I am retiring at the end of June – I plan for my final Sunday to be the 2nd July. Many people have asked where we are going to live, what are we going to do after retirement. So I thought it might be good to update people.

Clearly we need to find somewhere to live, which we plan to purchase with savings and a retirement lump sum from the Church of England. For some strange reason, the church won't release the lump sum until AFTER we have retired! At the same time, neither the diocese nor the Scottish Episcopal Church generally will help us to bridge from now until retirement – apparently we are too high risk!!! So the truth is, we don't have anywhere to go yet, and haven't been in a position to even start looking. We plan to start looking in May.

Fortunately, the vestry are aware of the issue, and have said we have three months grace in the current rectory, which hopefully will give us space to find somewhere and move. That isn't ideal – suddenly we are living somewhere, but will lose friends, work, etc., which will feel very odd.

Our plan at the moment is to move to Lincolnshire. It is an area within our budget, a place we would like to go to, and nearer to our family as well as the sea. However, that is dependant on something suitable being available, and the trials of house-hunting at a long distance.

It's always reckoned that you should enjoy your final couple of months before retirement. For us, this isn't particularly enjoyable – it is highly stressful! Please pray that some form or way forward becomes clear – Soon!!!

Les

An interesting story.....

On December 31, 1899, Captain John Phillips was navigating the passenger-cargo ship SS Warrimoo when his crew informed him that they were approaching the equator.

Captain Phillips had his navigator double check their position, and then adjusted the course and speed of the Warrimoo so that at exactly midnight, the ship lay astride the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line.

The forward part of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer. The rear part of the ship was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. Half of the ship was on 31 December 1899, while the other half skipped a day ahead and into 1 January 1900.

The ship was therefore not only in two

different days, two different months, two different years, two different seasons and two different hemispheres, but also in two different centuries all at the same time.

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.

Music @ St Cyprian's

Our next concert is the St Cyprian's 150th Anniversary Concert featuring Seonaid Aitken and Rose Room. Seonaid was voted Scottish Jazz Awards 'Best Vocalist' in 2017 & 2018 and is also a virtuoso violinist. Rose Room's members are Jimmy Moon on double bass, Tam Gallagher on rhythm guitar and solo guitarist Conor Smith. It's sure to be an exceptional concert and a worthy way to mark our anniversary.

The poster is below and there are more details about the concert and the artists on the Music @ St Cyprian's website:

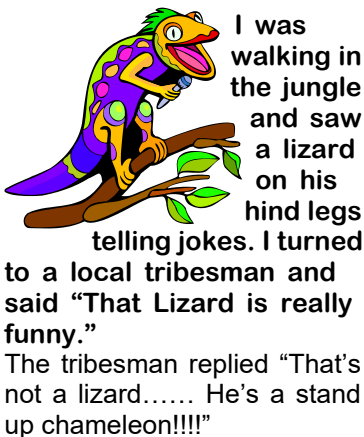
<http://musicstcyprians.co.uk/>

You will find a link to their website and samples of the music they perform.

The next season will start in early October.

There are more pictures of the past concerts on the Facebook page, which is updated regularly:

www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/



Christian Aid Week 2023

14th - 20th May 2023



This year's Christian Aid Week is highlighting the work of Christian Aid Malawi and particularly the stories of Esther and Jen, small farmers, helped to become more resilient in the face of the challenges they face.

Malawi is a landlocked country in the south-east of Africa. It has a reputation for being a friendly and peaceful place to live.

On 11th March 2023, Cyclone Freddy slammed into southern Africa for the second time in a month – and its return was deadly and destructive. In Malawi, a year's worth of rain fell during the weeks of the cyclone. The heavy rains, floods and landslides caused widespread damage, especially in Blantyre and the Southern Region.

The number of people affected in Malawi continues to rise, with more than 1,000 deaths.

Cyclone Freddy is currently Africa's second-deadliest cyclone this century after Cyclone Idai.

It is the longest-lasting tropical cyclone ever recorded, lasting 34 days and had the strength of the equivalent of a full North Atlantic hurricane season.

Christian Aid's response

Our partners are responding to the immediate and recovery needs of communities in the affected areas. Christian Aid in Malawi responded rapidly to provide:

- Extra food for breastfeeding mothers and children under 5 years old.
- Mosquito nets to protect against malaria.
- Temporary toilets and bathrooms, water containers and water purification treatment to help prevent cholera and other water-borne diseases.
- Mobile clinics to help people process the emotional trauma of the cyclone.
- Cash distributions.



The pigeon pea programme

The pigeon pea is a small but mighty seed, which is drought resistant, soil-revitalising and high in protein. It is vital to small farmers like Esther (*above*). Floods have washed away crops during the critical growing season. There is a looming hunger crisis because many households will have insufficient or no crops to harvest. Jen says: 'It has impacted farming, with flooding washing away some of our fields. Farmers like me have lost pigeon peas and maize'.

All three districts targeted for the next phase of the pigeon pea work have been affected. But the pigeon peas programme will continue; Christian Aid Malawi will focus on strengthening farming groups, including the Nandolo Farmers Association.

Your support

Your support this Christian Aid Week is more vital than ever. Through you, we will be there long after the flood waters recede, helping families rebuild. Your gifts this May will continue to support the pigeon pea project and other vital work. Thank you.

April saw the beginning of our activities for the 150 years of the foundation of St Cyprian's church. Saturday 8th April was preparation day - setting up the tables, chairs and decorations for 40 places in the hall.



person to arrive. The feeding of the 5,000 came to mind. It was delicious and complemented the family spirit of our many visitors.

Our regular meeting on the 17th April was an introduction to the Passion Play held at Oberammergau. Sally and her husband had attended last year and she led the evening

Pristine white table cloths and crockery including a decoration in each cup of a serviette rolled around an Easter egg decorated with 'faces'. Many of these were created with the help of our two Ukrainian friends – thank you very much ladies. These decorations were placed in the cups so that they leant towards the middle of the table making a very impressive display along with the vases of daffodils.



Following the Easter Day Service presided over by Bishop Kevin, we tucked into salmon, quiche, salad and bread, followed by a beautiful celebration cake made by Maxine. All seats were taken and the food stretched beautifully to the last





as having anti-Semitic attitudes.

We talked around the pictures in the many books presented by the team, and how the arrangements for accommodation in the area have changed. In the past, you were expected to stay with the townsfolk, many of

explaining her experiences with the aid of the beautiful book on the Play. Pat, Paul, Di, Tony and Mary had also visited recently, and many of us had been to the play in the past, so it was interesting to see how things had changed over the years. The play had been delayed from 2020 to 2022 because of the pandemic.

Sally gave us an introduction to the history of the event which started in 1634 as the fulfilment of a vow made by the townspeople in 1633. Oberammergau had been struck by the bubonic plague and many people had died. The town's people made a vow to God that if the plague stopped they would perform a passion play every ten years to show their appreciation to God.

The script had been revised over the years. The most radical being when it was described

whom had a part in the passion play. These days, accommodation is in the many hotels which have been built. It was a very interesting evening with much discussion about our experiences

Our May meeting on the 10th will include planning for future events for the 150th Anniversary celebrations: the Flower Festival and the Autumn Festival, and we will also be discussing ideas for next year's programme. June 14th will be our last meeting for the session when we plan to have afternoon tea – venue to be decided.

So please come along. All are welcome, members and non-members alike, bringing your ideas to help plan a sensational programme for the next MU year.

Glennis

An Appreciation

Gargunock
Stirling
15th April 2023

Dear Les

Thank you so much for the detective work that led us to Easter's extra special day, and I'd like to thank you, the vestry and your congregation for extending such a warm welcome to us.

It has been thirty five years since I was last a participant in an Anglican Eucharist. However, it all came back, easily. I suppose it's now part of the DNA!

Please also convey my thanks to those who provided such an excellent lunch. It was a fine demonstration of the soft power of the Church as a community and family.

Wishing you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kay

Michael Kay is the son of Thomas Kindon Kay who was Rector at St Cyprian's between 1955 and 1965.

Sesquicentennial Celebrations Begin

On Easter Sunday, as part of our 150th celebration service, the Provost of East Dunbartonshire – Gillian Renwick – gave us a quaich as a gift to mark the day. It was beautifully inscribed with the words “Presented to St. Cyprian’s Church, Lenzie by East Dunbartonshire Provost Gillian Renwick to mark 150 years, Sunday 9th April 2023.”

If you are Scots, you may well know all about quaichs. They are a shallow, two handled drinking vessel. Originally they were made of wood, carved from a single piece. However, they subsequently evolved into something made with strips of wood, like coopering for a barrel, although on a much smaller scale. They would be bound by wooden or metal bands. They were seen as bowls for sharing whisky, a sort of friendship bowl, that was handed around. How much that is true in the past is debatable – you can imagine some people being a touch selfish about their prized whisky!!!

In the 20th century, they evolved much more into silver and silver plate items, that are given in presentations and as gifts. Of course, it is still possible to find wooden ones, often bound with silver, I have seen ones made of



glass, horn, brass and pewter. Indeed – all the medal winners in the Glasgow Commonwealth games of 2014 were given a wooden one as a gift.

So what are their roots? Well the earliest ones known seem to come from the mid seventeenth century. Before the seventeenth century, the quaich seems to have come from the Scottish Highlands. Sir Walter Scott in the nineteenth century had a collection made from “famous” trees. For example, from the Wellington tree – from where the Duke of Wellington stood during the battle of Trafalgar.

It is suggested there are three possible origins for the quaich. Firstly, some suggest its origins are a shallow handle-less drinking vessel from medieval Northern Europe called a Mazer. Others suggest it was inspired by an English and Dutch bleeding vessel from the 16th century. Perhaps least likely is the suggestion they are based on the shape of a scallop shell.

So which is true? I don’t know – but we have one! And if you want to see it we’ll put it on display somewhere suitable – the Rector will be able to point you to it.





Picture Round-up

More Scenes from Easter Day Celebrations



Two forgotten Festivals

During the period of this magazine we have two great traditional festivals that somehow have gone off the radar – if they were ever on the radar! We know the names, we remember what they represent, but somehow we don't let them impinge on our lives, or the life of the church. I have been looking through past church magazines back to the 60's, and they barely get a mention in any May-time magazine. Perhaps this year we will be different.....

The first – Ascension. Thursday 18th May. Why is it forgotten? I guess the problem is that it is on a Thursday, and for most of us our routine for worship is Sundays – that's the day when we worship. WE will be worshipping on Thursday 18th May at 10am, and everyone is welcome.

Ascension Day is the day we remember Jesus ascended to heaven. Is it as important as Christmas? Or Easter? Well, it is all part of the tapestry of the life of Jesus and his people, so on one level yes – it really is important. It is the day we remember Jesus returned to heaven. It is the day we remember there is a person in the presence of God. It is the day we remember there is a person, a human being, in God's presence, pleading on our behalf, because he has lived as one of us. It is the day we hold on to the promise that if one of us can go to heaven, then we can all go. All that is pretty special and really matters.

The Second – Pentecost. Sunday 28th May. This is on a Sunday! Is this as important as Easter, or Christmas? Well, yes, it is. So why is it forgotten?

I'm not sure why it is forgotten, but maybe there are a number of reasons. First, it hasn't attracted a "secular" following as Easter and particularly Christmas have. It is not a day remembered outside of the church. In olden times, it was known as a feast about the Holy Ghost. Ghosts aren't right, are they? More up to date – the Holy Spirit is often associated in people's minds with rather more "extravagant" churches, sometimes the sort of places people call "Happy Clappy."

Well, firstly there is nothing wrong with Christians who are happy clappy – they may be different, but are equal in the eyes of God, and as such have much to tell us. Equally, the Holy Spirit is part of ALL Christian experience. And the Holy Spirit is working in your life today and everyday.

Pentecost Sunday matters. It is the day we remember that GOD came to live in all of us, and still does. It is the day we remember that God wants to work in us FOR GOOD. It is the day we remember that God gave us the gift of the church, the family of God. It is the day we celebrate being part of God's people, because God welcomes us.

I don't really expect things to change this year. I pray that the things given to us by the Ascension of Christ, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit will be things we rejoice in day by day.



After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

A couple of stories for Ascension

The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many now consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy.

When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it." He died in 1924, leaving the work unfinished. His disciples gathered all that was written of *Turandot*, studied it in great detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera.

The world premier was performed

in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Toscanini, Puccini's favourite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini. He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "Thus far the master wrote, but he died." There was a long pause; no one moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "But his disciples finished his work."

The opera closed to thunderous applause, and to a permanent place in the annals of great works. Jesus instructs us in his Ascension message to finish his work of saving mankind by proclaiming His good news by words and deeds.



The image we have of the Ascension is that of departing, going away, disappearing; but our belief as Christians is that it represents the silent presence of Christ everywhere in the universe.

He is no longer limited by earthly conditions — to be in one place at one time in his presence to his followers — but now dwells in the heavens with the Father: present

in every gathering of his people — so he is present among us now, present whenever his people are in need, present in hearts calling us to be disciples and to be his hands, and feet, and voice in our lives. To celebrate this feast today is not to recall a past event — that day long ago 'when he went up to heaven' — but to rejoice that Jesus is our living Lord, with us now, leading and guiding us, because he is not tied down to a moment in earthly history.



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 had to be suspended for the time being. We are currently looking for volunteers to run the stall. Recently, it's only about four times a year. Could you be the one to take this on?

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

A couple of stories for Pentecost

Several years ago a submarine was being tested and had to remain submerged for many hours. When it returned to the harbour, the captain was asked, “How did the terrible storm last night affect you?” The officer looked at him in surprise and exclaimed, “Storm? We didn’t even know there was one!”

The sub had been so far beneath the surface that it had reached the area known to sailors as

“the cushion of the sea.” Although the ocean may be whipped into huge waves by high winds, the waters below are never stirred.

This, I believe, is a perfect picture of the peace that comes from Christ’s Spirit. The waves of worry, of fear, of heartbreak, cannot touch those resting in Christ. Sheltered by His grace and encouraged by His Spirit, the believer is given the perfect tranquility that only Christ can provide.

Waves of Worry by Adrian Dieleman

Erasmus, the famous Renaissance scholar, once told a classic story, which was designed to emphasize how important it is that we take up the torch of Christ’s ministry with great commitment. In the story, Jesus returns to heaven after His time on earth. The angels gather around Him to learn what all happened during His days on earth. Jesus tells them of the miracles, His teachings, His death on the cross, and His resurrection.

When He finishes his story, Michael the Archangel asks Jesus, “But what happens now?” Jesus answers, “I have left behind eleven faithful disciples and a handful of men and women who have faithfully followed me. They will declare My message and express My love. These faithful people will build My church.”

“But,” responds Michael, “What if these people fail? What then is Your other plan?” And Jesus answers, “I have no other plan!”



Today is the day we celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost and we learn again how we are the plan and how Jesus is counting on each of us. But the good news is, we have not been left alone. The Holy Spirit is here to melt us, mould us, fill us, and use us.

An Easter Message

from Bishop Mark Strange,
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church



As we sang the hymn Christ Be Our Light during the Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday, I was caught by the words as they seemed to mirror the theme I had preached on at the service. I had spoken about what our ministry as church might actually be in this changed and changing world.

We sang: “Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.” The response was: “Make us your living voice.”

We need to have the courage to speak out into the world. Jesus didn’t hold back; in fact he was arrested largely because of his words. Are we to remain silent or are we to be Christ’s living voice? When we are told to be quiet because we are straying into politics or personal choice, it shows that we are being heard. We need to be the voice of Christ in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, Yemen and so many other places.

The hymn goes on to say: “Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.” Then: “Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.”

As we sang we offered ourselves to be the living bread, bringing sustenance and the building of living stones that shelters those caught up in the fears of today: fuel poverty, the housing shortage, migration and homelessness.

As we reached the west door of the Cathedral we sang ‘Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come’ and walked out into a world that needs the light and love of Christ, and calls on us to use our gifts to bring it about. Christ didn’t die so that we can be comfortable; he died so that we can let people see the love and hope given to us all by the resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Property Update



You may have seen quite a bit of activity in the run up to Easter.

The Hall has had a fresh coat of paint as have the doors in the entrance. Thank you to Aileen, Mary and Jill in particular.

The main Hall door has had a

complete overhaul thanks to Gavin.

The lighting in hall, part of which had already failed,

the Vestries, kitchen and ladies toilet has been replaced with new LED battens, which as well as being brighter offer a massive saving in energy. The picture above shows the lighting change over in the Choir Vestry in progress. Thank you to Paul and Tony.

Finally David and Jill gave the grounds a good tidy. Thank you everyone. What a team!



Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

MAY 2023

Daily Prayers

- 1st Christian educators
- 2nd Thanksgiving for God's gift of Life and Love in Jesus
- 3rd Migrant workers and travelling people
- 4th Marriage and family life
- 5th Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury as he prepares for tomorrow
- 6th King Charles and the Queen Consort on the occasion of their coronation

Sunday 7th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ANGLICAN

The Church in Wales

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland)

MAY 2022

Daily Prayers

- 8th Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben Preston)
- 9th Good health for all workers keeping our essential services operating
- 10th Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales
- 11th The work of Save the Children
- 12th The work of Marie Curie Cancer Care
- 13th Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country



Sunday 14th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of West Africa

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 15th The work of the Christian Aid movement
- 16th Christian Aid volunteers as they fundraise this Christian Aid Week
- 17th Success for the Christian Aid Coffee Morning today
- 18th The Risen, Ascended Lord on this Ascension Day
- 19th Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Janet Chalmers)
- 20th Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.

Sunday 21st May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

ANGLICAN

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

DIOCESAN

St Oswald's, King's Park (Vacant - Alison Mathew appointed)
St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Verity Brown, Kenneth Roach, Eamonn Rodgers)

Daily Prayers

- 22nd The Worldwide Mothers' Union
- 23rd God-parents and the newly baptised
- 24th Those addicted to drugs or alcohol
- 25th The work of Community Response in East Dunbartonshire

& Daily Intentions

- 26th SEC Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange)
- 27th Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.

Sunday 28th May Pentecost (Whitsunday) (Anglican Communion Sunday)

ANGLICAN

The Extra-Provincial Churches

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 29th Thanksgiving for gift of the Holy Spirit
- 30th Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)
- 31st Protection of endangered species

JUNE 2023

- 1st All those involved in Mission
- 2nd Medical staff of neonatal intensive care units
- 3rd The work of the British Red Cross at home and overseas

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

ANGLICAN

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 5th Robin House (Balloch) and Rachel House (Kinross)

6th Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones)

7th All voluntary workers overseas

8th Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

9th Thanksgiving for St Columba

10th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark

Sunday 11th June Pentecost 2

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt)

Daily Prayers

- 12th Thanksgiving for St Barnabas
- 13th SEC Diocese of St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton)
- 14th All those who doubt their faith
- 15th All sufferers of Multiple Sclerosis
- 16th The Gospel, the Good News of God's love
- 17th Christian Peacemakers reducing violence in conflict zones

Sunday 18th June Pentecost 3

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Australia

DIOCESAN

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

Daily Prayers

- 19th Night-shift workers in hospitals and care homes

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

20th Canon Missioner (Audrey O'Brien Stewart); Digital Engagement Officer (Petko Marinov)

21st The work of Macmillan Cancer Support

22nd Social services in their work in our area

23rd Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad

24th Our Diocesan Mothers' Union

Daily Prayers

26th Those struggling with mental illness

27th An end to slavery and human trafficking across the world

28th Love, peace and joy within marriage

29th Chaplaincy teams in the armed forces

30th The continued good work of Childline

JULY 2023

1st The protection of human rights

Sunday 25th June Pentecost 4

ANGLICAN

The Church of Bangladesh

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Vacant)

Sunday 2nd July Pentecost 5

ANGLICAN

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

DIOCESAN

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



Joint Churches

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 17th May 2023

10am - 12noon

Lenzie Old Parish Church Hall

Garngaber Avenue, Lenzie G66 4LJ

Adults £3

Children £1

Pray for Justice

For more information about Christian Aid Week, please visit www.caweek.org



Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2023

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023

Acts 1:6-14

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

28th May 2023

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

Trinity Sunday (Pentecost 1)

4th June 2023

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Pentecost 2

11th June 2023

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pentecost 3

18th June 2023

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Pentecost 4

25th June 2023

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Pentecost 5

2nd July 2023

Genesis 22:1-14

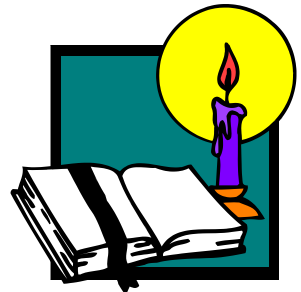
Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Altar Guild

7 th & 14 th May	Mary Boyd & Jill Taylor
21 st & 28 th May	Eileen Ferry & Judith Beastall
4 th & 11 th June	Aileen Mundy
18 th & 25 th June	Anne Carswell
2 nd & 9 th July	Glennis Tavener & Janet Faughey



Kalendar

MAY 2023

Mon 1st	Philip and James, Apostles (Anniversary of Consecration of the Bishop of Argyll & The Isles - 1 May 2021)
Thu 4th	10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry
Sat 6th	Coronation of King Charles 7.30pm Anniversary Concert featuring Seonaid Aitken & Rose Room (see page 8)

Sun 7th	Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Wed 10th	7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Church Hall
Thu 11th	10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry
Fri 12th	(Anniversary of Consecration of the Bishop of Edinburgh, 2012)

Sun 14th	Sixth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Mon 15th	Matthias, Apostle (Rogation Day)
Tue 16th	Rogation Day
Wed 17th	Rogation Day 10am-12noon Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Lenzie Old (see page 20)
Thu 18th	Ascension Day 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 21st	Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom)
Thu 25th	10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 28th	THE DAY OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday) 9.15am Said Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Church and via Zoom) 7pm Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom
Wed 31st	The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Ember Day)

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 like Lent 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

JUNE 2023

Thu 1st Ember Day

10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Fri 2nd Ember Day

Sun 4th **Trinity Sunday**

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

Thu 8th **Corpus Christi**

10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Fri 9th **Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597**

Sun 11th **Pentecost 2**

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

Mon 12th **Barnabas, Apostle**

Wed 14th **TBC** Mothers' Union Outing

Thu 15th **Members of the Church who suffered under the Penal Laws**

10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sun 18th **Pentecost 3**

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

Thu 22nd 10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

Sat 24th **The Birth of John the Baptist**

Sun 25th **Pentecost 4**

9.15am Said Eucharist

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

7pm Northeast Regional Council Service on Zoom

Thu 29th **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

10am Eucharist in Choir Vestry

JULY 2023

Sun 2nd **Pentecost 5**

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

Retirement of our Rector, Les

Sign in an Opticians window:

If you cannot see what you are looking for, you have come to the right place!

Where we are with Covid?

News of Covid has continued to subside as it has now become endemic. People are still being infected and places such as care homes still have restrictions at times, but we are now learning to live with it and not let it rule our lives. However, we still continue to exercise a little caution to keep people safe.

The hand-washing station is now in the church porch, where it has a relatively unobtrusive present and where it will stay for the foreseeable future.

The Rector is now happy to offer handshakes to people when appropriate – for example, as they leave church – but we continue to exchange the peace by a wave of acknowledgement. If you are not comfortable accepting a handshake, please don't and please don't worry. The Rector will understand and

will not be offended!

We also continue to encourage people to spread out when in church. We place the service books in the pews in a manner that encourage people spread out because they tend to sit where we put the books. However, this is not written in stone – please sit where you want! There are times when it is not possible to encourage people to spread out. For example, our Easter Festival Service was busy and we've had a couple of funerals where the church was full to overflowing. We accept that this may happen and will not enforce any form of spreading out. If you feel uncomfortable with sitting close to others, please join us on the Zoom link. We now attempt to "Zoom" all funerals and 10.30am Sunday services. Details of how to join are on our website and emailed out at the end of the week before. Please sign up at the website if you want to get the email.

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Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
7 May 2023	Mary Haigh	Mary Boyd	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	
14 May 2023	Jackie Fenton	Janet Faughey	Maxine Gow	Pat & Paul Hindle	
21 May 2023	Aileen Mundy	Sally Hadden	Glennis Tavener	Sally Hadden	
28 May 2023	Sally Hadden	Diana Farnell	Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry	Diana Farnell & Gavin Boyd
4 Jun 2023	Mary Haigh	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Jackie & Mark Fenton	
11 Jun 2023	Jackie Fenton	Kevin Wilbraham	Maxine Gow	Anne Carswell	
18 Jun 2023	Aileen Mundy	David Taylor	Gavin Boyd	Jill Taylor	
25 Jun 2023	Sally Hadden	Eileen Ferry	Maxine Gow	Mary & Gavin Boyd	David Taylor & Aileen Mundy
2 Jul 2023	Mary Haigh	Janet Faughey	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	