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From Our Interim Priest-in-Charge

Organic Growth



Dear Friends,

For over 30 years I have been involved with trying to encourage and lead churches into growth.

There is a whole industry around the ‘church growth movement’ with copious studies, books, conferences and stories that testify to innumerable examples and methodologies, lessons learned, successes celebrated and failures mourned. And there is indeed much to be thankful for around the world and even in western countries, including our own, there are examples of churches that buck the trend of decline and show that growth and fresh beginnings for a new generation are possible.

Lately though I have noticed that we often use the language of building and developing, which implies that a growing church is, by definition, a church that is getting larger. When a new clergy person comes to a church, the hope is often expressed that they will grow the church, that they will leave it bigger than when they arrived. This obviously can and does happen. However, it often doesn’t and it can leave a Rector and a church feeling that their time has been a failure, or it has fallen short of expectations when the numbers on the church roll at the end of their time of ministry is lower than it was at the start. This has been

my experience of the two churches where I have been Rector.

I think using biological language about growth is a more fitting paradigm than the structural, engineering language...after all the bible uses both metaphors: the church as a building but also a church as a body. Organic, biological growth is unique for each organism and has seasons and ebbs and flows, both growth and decline, new life and a fading away. Growth also takes place in different ways and it is not always about getting bigger, but can be about changing shape, colour, texture, consistency and so on.

Each local church is a unique organism too and the change that happens in a congregation during the ministry of a Rector is a combination of many factors that can lead to many positive changes in both individuals lives and also in the congregational life, which may not be reflected when the numbers in the pews are added up at the end of each year. Fruitfulness can be shown in:

- better relations between people,
- in a deepening of our spiritual lives and growth in intimacy in our walk with God,
- in the increasing courage and freedom to ask difficult questions,
- in the amount of money being given away

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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 26th November 2023. The deadline for material is Sunday, 19th November 2023, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for December 2023 and January 2024.

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).

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

Paul Hindle
Magazine Editor

From Our Interim

- and not being kept just for church funds,
- in the quality of intercessions and the depth of care and compassion shown for others,
- in the warmth of welcome a newcomer receives,
- in the tenor and prayerfulness of vestry discussions,
- and so on and so on.

The times in my two charges have been rich and fruitful times, which brought so much change and freshness to the congregations, but this was not necessarily reflected in growing numbers over time...at best we held our own or increased slightly. But in a context of general decline that was good news.

Growth for St. Cyprian’s during the interregnum, and after a new Rector arrives, will hopefully lead to some new faces, even if they don’t come every single week. But it will be so much more than that too, and the question we have to ask ourselves is what does fruitful, organic growth look like for us and how can we go about encouraging and

Cover Picture

Remembrance was a theme for one of the main displays at our 150th Anniversary Flower Festival and this picture showing a great view of the display was taken by Gavin Boyd.

There are more pictures of the Flower Festival and the Harvest Fair in this magazine. We also have the 2024 Calendar featuring lots more pictures from the Flower Festival that should be available a day or two after this issue of *Cyprian Life* is published.

If you have a picture you think would be of interest, please send it to the editor at: magazine@stcyprianslenzie.com.

Priest-in-Charge

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nurturing it in the unique manner that is right for us.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:24

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” John 15:1-4

Best wishes,

Paul



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 Paul Hindle on 0141-776 3237.

Pastoral Care

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

In the vacancy, we'll have to change the way we have been meeting this need for pastoral care. Please contact Paul Watson our Interim Priest-in-Charge in the first instance. He will be able to arrange someone to call for a confidential chat and a prayer.

Other members of St. Cyprian's are also available to talk to if you wish. Paul can put you in touch with an appropriate person that may be best qualified to help. Please telephone him on 07943 026773.

Christine Neill

9th September 1933 - 5th September 2023

Christine was a valued member of St. Cyprian's since the 60's and would attend regularly. Christine had a strong connection to her faith and would help with cleaning the church and was on hand when needed.

This was said at the funeral in Daldowie on 19th September and is certainly true. She could be seen helping Joan with cleaning the church almost to the end of her life. She was often in the background making a difference in all sorts of ways. The photo here was taken at Peter Bladon's 90th Birthday celebration where she was in the background enjoying the moment as he cut the cake.

Here are some more extracts from the Eulogy given by Revd Sally Gorton at the funeral.

Our parents give us life and our grandparents give us a sense of who we are and where we came from.

Our special mum, grandma, great-grandma, and friend Christine was born in Findhorn, Morayshire in September 1933. Growing up with her mum, dad and brother during wartime was difficult, but her parents were both strong individuals and managed wonderfully. Christine was brought up with traditional values and learnt the skills that a woman of her era would—cooking, sewing, and knitting, as well as a love of history.

Christine had a happy childhood with her mum and dad, and when her brother Billy was born 7 years later Christine would go on to adore him completely and become a proud aunt to his four daughters. Later Christine and her family would move to nearby Forres where Christine would attend school, enjoying her lessons, and forming friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Christine and her friends would enjoy the

dancing, and during one of the dances Christine would meet Ronnie Neill who was stationed at RAF Kinloss.

They would marry in 1956 in Glasgow and eventually move from Forres to Lenzie, where they later had their three children, David, Anne and Joan. Christine was a great mum and would knit clothes and dresses for all her children, arrange day trips in the car and trips to the cinema. During the summer holidays while Christine would work, she would take her children up to Forres to spend time with their grandparents and cousins and enjoy the coastal life she knew so well.

A special Christmas tradition Christine enjoyed at St. Cyprian's was the 11pm service on Christmas Eve, filled with singing hymns and listening to prayers with her family and the congregation.

Christine was a warm and compassionate woman who always went out of her way to help others especially her family. Her caring nature led her to train as a nurse at Woodilee Hospital in Lenzie. She became a staff nurse and later a nursing sister there, serving until she retired in 1993. Christine loved her career and made long lasting friendships throughout the years. She had a wonderful sense of humour too.

She had a passion for life and a great sense of adventure, illustrated by her going home after long nursing shifts to pack a bag and jump on an overnight coach from Glasgow to Cornwall or anywhere else her children were living at the time—or going on foreign holidays and cruises. Christine thoroughly



Poppy Appeal

The appeal is the biggest fundraiser for Poppyscotland to support its work in helping the Armed Forces community and now the key symbol of the appeal has had a complete rework to make it more sustainable by eliminating single use plastics. It is now 100% paper and around half of that comes from recycled waste from coffee cup production.



The plastic-free poppy has been in development for the last three years, in collaboration with expert partners, in efforts to reduce its use of single-use plastic and be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.

Hundreds of iterations were explored during the design process, scrutinising form, finish and usability. Paper was chosen over expensive and complicated bio-based plastics to create a single-material solution that can be easily recycled.

Professor Paola Lettieri (FREng) from UCL's Department of Chemical Engineering, estimates that the new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint and a similar reduction in its overall impact on the environment.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling after the Poppy Appeal.

☞ enjoyed her travels, which would cover the Caribbean, Mediterranean, America and Europe — especially to Antwerp where her son David lived for a time.

She had a fondness for the royal family. Her granddad being a participant in standing guard when Queen Victoria passed away was an influence on this.

Christine was the glue that held her family together, firm but fair and full of love. She was the proudest grandma to three boys Lewis, Christopher, and Dougie and her great grandson Charlie. The family had a strong military background that Christine was very proud of, her grandfather and father both served in the army and two of her children served in the navy and all three of her grandsons served in the military.

Christine would often look after her grandson Dougie when he was younger and

they would enjoy the local cafes, shopping trips into Glasgow and she would introduce Disney's Jungle Book and her living room aerobics. She would indulge her grandchildren with stories of her heritage and her life. Christine was full of fun for her grandchildren, and they just loved her.

Christine's family will miss her laugh, smile, generosity, and wisdom. She was their best friend and the foundation of her family and without her, it's difficult to know what to do or what comes next, but they will draw strength from knowing she is reunited with her beloved son David, who sadly died a few weeks before she did. Christine and David's ashes will be placed together in the family grave in Forres.

Christine will be sorely missed by all, but her memory will live on in them forever. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Music @ St Cyprian's

What a wonderful concert we had on 7th October when Aaron Hawthorne really made our organ sing in accompaniment to the classic silent film, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. It was a great night and very well attended. We're hoping he'll be back!

Our next concert is on Saturday 4th November (the weekend after this magazine appears) when we'll be welcoming back our friends the Antonine Trio for what we know will be an entertaining and informative evening of music and conversation featuring their unique combination of voice, french horn and piano.

Details of the whole 2023–2024 Winter Season Concerts are now available in a booklet



you can pick up in church or download from the website. The website is where you can also follow links to more information about the artists. Go to:

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

There are news and pictures of previous concerts on the Facebook page, which is updated regularly:

www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/

Music at St Cyprian's presents

The Antonine Trio

Saturday 4th November
7.30pm

St Cyprian's Church, Beech Rd, Lenzie.
Tickets £12.50 available on the door
Phone 07702 224458
to reserve your place
More info on www.musicstcyprians.co.uk

Chamber Music Scotland
Scottish Charity No: SC003826

Les and Lucy have moved!

They have moved to the house they found with the help of the BBC's *Escape to the Country* programme and have asked us to pass on their new address:

66 Church Lane,
Winthorpe, Skegness PE25 1EW

The programme can be watched on BBC iPlayer for another 10 months. Search on the programme's page in iPlayer for Lincolnshire to find it.

The Revd. Jacqueline Fenton



Yes, it's now official! Jackie was ordained deacon at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd September 2023.

She will now serve as a permanent deacon in Christ Church, Lanark. The picture shows all the members of the congregation we could gather together after the service and includes Les and Lucy, now retired. Thank you to our Canon Missioner's husband for taking the picture.

Jackie sent a card to the congregation after the service in which she wrote:

"To everyone at St. Cyprian's,

I can't thank you all enough for the beautiful home communion set you bought me. It will be lovingly used at my Pastoral home visits in Lanark. It was lovely to see so many of you at my ordination, thank you for attending. Mark and I hope to go to the Harvest Fair on 30th September and we hope to see you then.

Take care and God bless you all, Jackie"

Well, she and Mark did make it to the Harvest Fair where they were in charge of the bacon rolls (see overleaf). She's holding the home communion set in the picture above and you can see the detail below. It's made of English pewter and has a lovely simplicity in its design.



The Flower Festival

I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support and help with the Flower Festival. Plans and preparations were ongoing for over a year and without such incredible team work the festival would never have taken place.

We were blessed with beautiful weather over the three days of the festival and the church with the 18 flower displays depicting the Life and Work of St Cyprian's Church looked stunning—uplifting and welcoming to

our many visitors who came to celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

There were many lovely compliments about both the church and the flower displays. We worked as a happy united team and the outcome produced an enjoyable and most memorable occasion now to be enjoyed throughout 2024 and beyond with the production of a beautiful calendar, which will be available a few days after this magazine.

Thank you St Cyprian's.

Anne Carswell

Here are some pictures that didn't make it into the calendar, but show some of the people who made the Flower Festival a great event in our church's history.



It's all coming together nicely!



The opening with Mark Billington DL and Depute Provost Colette McDiarmid



One of the many busy times



Everything stops for tea—but not



Up the ladder—it gave a great view



Anne and Ruth next to our history display



Fiona was one of the many musicians who made a major contribution to the ambiance



the staff of the tearoom who were kept very busy



Mary and Di here for their shift

Our joint meeting with Bishopbriggs and Cumbernauld Branches went well on the 11th October. We began with a video of 'The woman who touched Jesus cloak' - which was very moving. Here is the link if you would like to have a look: <https://youtu.be/QURswTE3y6Q> .



We then spent time thinking about the following questions

- what would the woman have been feeling after she had touched Jesus cloak
- why did Jesus call her out of the crowd
- how does the story have relevance to us today.

After a good bit of discussion we focused on how alone the woman must have felt during the 12 years she was considered unclean and how lonely she must have felt. Very relevant to the way some people feel to this day. So we decided that we would each try to give an amount of time - 60 minutes (that could be a one off or a regular commitment) to connecting with other people who we know might be feeling lonely just now. They could be MU members, church members, family, neighbours—anyone, not forgetting that busy people can also be 'alone'. Everyone needs a

friendly face sometimes.

We have also planned to hold a follow up meeting to see how we have all got on and that will be on the 1st Monday of February at St James the Less in Bishopbriggs at 2.30pm.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and it was great to be with a wider group of people.

On the 8th November, we have Jack Geddes coming from Glasgow City Mission to give a talk on their work. The invite is for the whole congregation and although we know most of you will have visited the Mission, things have changed quite a bit and Jack is a great speaker.

Our Diocesan MU Autumn Gathering, was held on Wednesday 25th October on Zoom and it was great to see what other Branches are doing on the theme of 'Faith in Action'.

Next year there will be another Provincial Retreat in April – see the separate item below if you might be

interested.

As always, can we invite everyone to any or all of our meetings – all are welcome.

Maxine and Glennis

MU Provincial Retreat

Booking is now open for the Retreat, which takes place at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth between Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April next year. The cost is £220 full board for the whole time. There is much more information and an online booking form at muscotland.org.uk/Retreat.htm -why not give yourself the gift of peace?

Malawi Craft Project

As many of you will know, for many years now I have been collecting craft materials to send to Malawi. Several boxes made it to the MU craft centre for the deaf girls. However, Covid made its usual impact. I have not been able to send any boxes for some time now.

Recently, I was planting crocuses at Hillhead Community Centre for World Polio Day and got talking to a member of GRACE, the organisation that runs recovery after-care for people locally who have experienced trauma in their lives.



They said they would be very happy to take my boxes and distribute them around their four centres for use in their 'knit' groups, which they duly did.

So thank you to all who donated many beautiful items. However, that is the end of the project. I have enjoyed doing it. We now move on to other things.

Glennis

RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse is Mothers' Union's new campaign to raise awareness about domestic abuse.

Our aim is to make sure that activism against domestic abuse and gender-based violence happens 365 days a year and not just during the 16 Days of Activism campaign which runs from 25th November till 10th December each year.

The letters of RISE UP stand for Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray.

We are working with our members to ensure that as many churches as possible have information about their local domestic abuse helpline.

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone from any walk of life. It isn't just unemployed, single parents who suffer from abuse. It can be the educated, the affluent, both women and men. It can happen to anyone. Abuse can and does happen anywhere. Unfortunately, some people hide behind miscommunicated Bible passages to justify their actions or feel like they should stay with an abusive partner. We want to raise awareness that this not OK.

We hope that Mothers' Union members



and churches will work together to be a part of the change and will get involved with our RISE UP challenge.

There are bronze, silver and gold awards for branches and churches who take part and complete various actions. There are various resources on the mothersunion.org/riseup webpage detailing what branches and churches need to do to achieve each level and to help with achieving what is needed.

Let's stop domestic abuse.

Harvest Fair & Choral Evensong

These final events in our 150th Anniversary celebrations took place over the weekend of 30th September/1st October and, although attendance was lower than we might have hoped, they were a lovely showcase of what St. Cyprian's brings to our community.



I hope the photos give you an impression of the two days and the amount of work our people put into them. Your editor even had his first s'more and Sally captured the event for posterity. Thank you everybody!





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ADVENT COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 18th November 2023

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL

Cowgate, Kirkintilloch G66 1JT

Christmas gifts, books, toys, tombola.

Tickets £3

Scottish Charity number SCO39150

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

Please also pray for the Vestry and Congregation as we seek to find a new Rector.

NOVEMBER 2023

- 1st The Saints of the whole church
- 2nd The faithful departed
- 3rd Those who mourn
- 4th Deceased Clergy and Lay Readers

Sunday 5th November Pentecost 23

ANGLICAN

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

DIOCESAN

Cathedral Chapter

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

Daily Prayers

- 6th Lay Readers' Warden (Ray Gascoigne)
- 7th Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman)
- 8th Porvoo Link: The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of Iceland
- 9th The families of those who have died in
armed conflicts
- 10th Erskine Hospital and nursing home
- 11th The Scottish Poppy Appeal

Sunday 12th November Pentecost 24 (Remembrance Sunday)

ANGLICAN

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

DIOCESAN

St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González)

Daily Prayers

- 13th The governments of the UK
- 14th Fuel Bank Foundation
- 15th Staff and patients in hospitals, hospices
and nursing homes
- 16th SEC Diocese of Edinburgh (Bishop
John Armes)
- 17th Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie)
- 18th Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk)

Sunday 19th November Pentecost 25

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Myanmar
(Burma)

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Bearsden; (David Guest)
St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh
(Dominic Ind)

Daily Prayers

- 20th Those struggling with poverty
- 21st The Trussell Trust and our local Food
Banks
- 22nd Those in training for ordained and lay
ministries.
- 23rd The rejection of discrimination and
stigmatisation
- 24th The work of the Mission Aviation
Fellowship
- 25th Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben
Preston)

Sunday 26th November Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)

ANGLICAN

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican
Communion)

DIOCESAN

All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland)

& Daily Intentions

Daily Prayers

- 27th Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 28th Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales
- 29th Key workers who provide our essential services
- 30th The people of Scotland

DECEMBER 2023

- 1st MND Scotland and those suffering from Motor Neurone Disease
- 2nd For all those living with HIV and AIDS

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday

ANGLICAN

The Church of North India (United)

DIOCESAN

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

Interregnum Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of our previous rectors, and we pray for your presence and blessing upon them.

We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow our church as we serve you together in this period without a Rector.

Please guide those who are seeking the right priest for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow.
Amen.

Sunday Readings

Pentecost 23

5th November 2023

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Pentecost 25

19th November 2023

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Advent Sunday

3rd December 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Remembrance Sunday

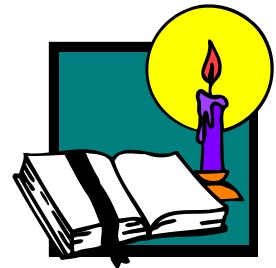
12th November 2023

Job 19:21-27
Psalm 90
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
John 6:37-40

Christ the King

26th November 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



Kalendar

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed 1st ALL SAINTS

Thu 2nd All Souls 10am A special Service of the Word to acknowledge those we have been asked to remember to be held in Choir Vestry

Sat 4th 7.30pm **Concert** - Antonine Trio (see page 8)

Sun 5th Pentecost 23

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

Wed 9th 7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting in Hall (see page 12)

Thu 10th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 12th Pentecost 24 - Remembrance Sunday

10.30am **Eucharist and Act of Remembrance**
(in church and via Zoom)

2pm (tbc) **Remembrance Service** at the Woodilee War Memorial

Tue 14th Consecration of Samuel Seabury, Bishop, 1784

Thu 16th Margaret of Scotland, 1093

10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sat 18th 10am-12.30pm Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church Hall
Kirkintilloch (see page 15)

Sun 19th Pentecost 25

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

Thu 23rd 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 27th Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King

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

Thu 30th Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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

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/

DECEMBER 2023

Sat 2nd 7.30pm **Concert:** McOpera String Quintet: Seasonal Strings

Sun 3rd **Advent Sunday**
 10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)
 7pm **Concordia Advent Praise** at St David's Memorial Park
 (more details later)

Altar Guild	
5 th & 12 th November	Maxine Gow
19 th & 26 th November	Di Farnell & Judith Beastall
*3 rd & *10 th December	Jill Taylor
17 th December	Christmas Decorating Team on 16 th
24 th December	Anne Carswell
31 st December & 7 th January	Anne Carswell
*Advent. Brasses only	

A Story of Faith?!

A church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the Rector decided he'd do the job himself.

He only had one tub of paint and thought he would take some inspiration from Elijah and trust that it would do. He asked the congregation to give him any empty tubs they had. He distributed the paint amongst the tubs and added water so it would cover the whole church. He then spent all day painting and was very pleased with himself. That night it rained torrentially. The Rector was hugely discouraged by what he saw in the morning. He cried, 'Why, God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?'

To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

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 in recent times. We are hoping that Marion Martin will provide a stall for us about four times a year. Marion is the local organiser for Fairtrade events.

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

Vacancy Update

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to “Bricks without Straw.” This was part of a Diocesan-led project, but as mentioned in the last edition of the church magazine, it has provided the Vestry with a good starting point for the process of seeking a new Rector.

This process is fairly detailed and will involve quite a bit more time and effort, and also various opportunities for input from everyone at St. Cyprian’s who wishes to contribute.

We have, of course, also just come to the end of all the celebrations of our 150th Anniversary, so overall the last few months

have been very busy. Furthermore, we are now approaching Advent and Christmas, with all the additional activities and celebrations for this time of year.

After consideration, the Vestry therefore feel that it would be wise to defer the next steps in the process of seeking a new Rector until January, when all these other activities are behind us, and we are all suitably refreshed after the Festive season and ready for a new challenge in the New Year!

But in the meantime, please continue to reflect and pray for God’s care and guidance, as he leads us forward to a new chapter in the life of St Cyprian’s.

Rotas (incl. Christmas Day)

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
5 Nov 2023	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Anne Carswell	
12 Nov 2023	Mary Haigh	Diana Farnell	Aileen Mundy	Mary & Gavin Boyd	
19 Nov 2023	Aileen Mundy	Kevin Wilbraham	Sally Hadden	Jill Taylor	
26 Nov 2023	Sally Hadden	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	Tony Farnell & Paul Hindle
3 Dec 2023	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Glennis Tavener	Janet Faughey	
10 Dec 2023	Mary Haigh	Anne Carswell	Gavin Boyd	Eileen Ferry	
17 Dec 2023	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Maxine Gow	Judith Beastall	
24 Dec 2023	Mary Haigh	Jill Taylor	Mary Haigh	Pat & Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden & Gavin Boyd
25 Dec 2023	Aileen Mundy	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	<i>No Coffee</i>	
31 Dec 2023	Sally Hadden	Jacqui Stother	Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy	
7 Jan 2024	Aileen Mundy	Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy	Sally Hadden	