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a very Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

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# From Our Interim Priest-in-Charge



*Dear Friends,*

**When Jesus is presented as a baby at the Temple by Mary and Joseph, it was in keeping with the custom that all first born sons were dedicated to God. The story is told in Luke 2:21-40 and somehow in that great courtyard of milling crowds they were noticed by Simeon and then Anna. ...*my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people.***



In our own Advents and our long waitings for God to answer prayers, or circumstances to change, or the world to become a more just place, or the church to reflect more unity, have there been fragile, ordinary, even innocuous visits from God that we have missed? God came in the form of a young infant, held by shy, overwhelmed new parents, trying to be faithful to what they had been given to do.

Can we learn from their example first of all, by keeping faithful to what is in front of us. *What God may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything he gives you to do, you must do as well as ever you can. That is the best possible preparation for whatever He may want you to do next. If people would but do what they have to do, they would always find themselves ready for what came next.* George Macdonald.

Secondly could there be something stirring in our soul that we could easily have dismissed just as the Holy Family would have been easily dismissed amongst the great temple crowd. In the jumble, noise and confusion that often make up our inner worlds and fill the horizons of our awareness, how may our 'shy soul' be coaxed to make an appearance? This Advent can you find a bit of extra time to quieten yourself.

*Continued overleaf*

# Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The deadline for material is Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for February 2024 only.

Please email notes, articles, photographs and anything else that may be of interest to other members of the congregation to me by the deadline in order to give time for typesetting and printing. Electronic format is strongly preferred.

Please let me know about what is important to you, especially how world events have affected you.

I sometimes incorporate items from the Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News that I hope might interest members of the congregation. You can subscribe to receive the monthly news email from the diocese by going to [glasgow.anglican.org](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).

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

*Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments and life itself is grace.* Frederick Buechner.

Can we learn to wait well with not knowing what the future holds, but to discover that in many ways the ‘meaning lies in the waiting’ (the title of our Advent book), that as we are changed by our waiting, we become more the kind of people that God would have us be. Here to close is the famous prayer of Thomas Merton who lived out this great truth, that our waiting forms us:

*My Lord God I have no idea where I am going I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please*

## Cover Picture

**This is another picture of one of the displays at our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Festival. It is part of the Christmas theme display.**

You can see the baby in the manger and the gifts from the wise men. The star that guided them and the shepherds to the place where Jesus was born is also depicted.

The calendar featuring this and all the other displays from the festival is now available in church and by contacting the editor. See page 7 for more details.

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

## Priest-in-Charge

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*you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.* Thomas Merton (1915-1968).

***Wishing you a Quiet Advent and a Peaceful Christmas,***

***Paul***

## The Appliance of Science!

**A teacher set up an experiment in class one day. They placed four worms in four separate test tubes:**

The first one in beer.

The second one in wine.

The third one in whisky.

The fourth one in mineral water.

The following day the teacher showed the class the results:

The worm in beer is dead.

The worm in wine is dead.

The worm in whisky is dead.

The worm in mineral water is alive and healthy.

The teacher asked the class, "What should we learn from this experiment?"

A child replied, "If you drink beer, wine or whisky, you won't get worms."

**Happy Christmas - don't get worms!**

## 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 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.



# Who was St Mark?

**Mark the Evangelist, also known as John Mark or Saint Mark, is the person who is traditionally ascribed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark, which is the Gospel we'll be reading most often this lectionary this year (Year B).**

Many modern Bible scholars believe that the Gospel that carries his name was actually written by an unknown author, but that doesn't diminish its power or our interest in the life of St Mark.

William Lane held that there was an "unbroken tradition" identifying Mark the Evangelist with John Mark, and that John Mark was the cousin of Barnabas. However, Hippolytus of Rome, in *On the Seventy Apostles*, distinguishes Mark the Evangelist from John Mark and Mark the cousin of Barnabas and asserts that they all belonged to the "Seventy Disciples" who were sent out by Jesus to disseminate the gospel (Luke 10:1...) in Judea.

Eusebius of Caesarea records how Mark the Evangelist came to travel with Peter the Apostle. He states that in the first year of the reign of Herod Agrippa I over the whole of Judea (AD 41), Herod killed James, son of Zebedee and arrested Peter, with a plan to kill him after the Passover. Peter was saved miraculously by angels, and escaped out of the realm of Herod (Acts 12:1–19). Peter went to Antioch, then through Asia Minor (visiting the churches in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, as mentioned in 1 Peter 1:1) and arrived in Rome in the second year of Emperor Claudius (AD 42). Somewhere on the way, Peter encountered Mark and took him as travelling companion and interpreter.

It is recorded that Mark the Evangelist wrote down the sermons of Peter, thus composing the Gospel according to Mark, before he left for Alexandria in the third year of Claudius (AD 43).



Acts 15 records the falling out between Paul and Barnabas after the Council of Jerusalem over whether they should take with them those who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. It implies that John called Mark was one such deserter. As a result, Acts 15:39 states that Mark went to Cyprus with Barnabas. Of course we don't know for certain if this is Mark the Evangelist or another Mark!

Then according to tradition, in AD 49, about 19 years after the Ascension of Jesus, Mark travelled to Alexandria and founded the Church of Alexandria. The Coptic Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria, and the Coptic Catholic Church all trace their origins to this original community. Aspects of the Coptic liturgy can be traced back to Mark himself. He founded the episcopal see of Alexandria, which was one of the five most important sees of early Christianity and became its first bishop. He is also honoured as the founder of Christianity in Africa.

Eusebius states that Mark was succeeded by Anianus as Bishop of Alexandria in the eighth year of Nero (62/63AD), probably, but not definitely, due to his coming death. Later Coptic tradition says that he was martyred in 68AD

Mark the Evangelist's symbol is the winged lion, the Lion of Saint Mark. The same lion is also the symbol of Venice. His feast day is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

# St. Cyprian's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Festival

## 2024 Calendar



A lovely Christmas present



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or by contacting [info@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:info@stcyprianslenzie.com)

# Music @ St Cyprian's

**Bonfire Night saw the welcome return of the Antonine Trio to St Cyprian's for a lovely evening of music and chat, both serious and fun. You can see them in the picture opposite: Steven Faughey (baritone), Derek Clark (Piano) and Sue Baxendale (French Horn). Thank you to them for another great concert.**

Our next concert is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (the weekend after this magazine appears) when we'll be welcoming the McOpera String Quintet for a concert entitled *Seasonal Strings*.

The quintet consists of Katie Hull - violin, Helena Zambrano Quispe - violin, Mary Ward - viola, Marie Connell - cello and Peter Fry - double bass. They have also invited along Hugh Macdonald - keyboards as their Guest Player. The programme will include seasonal

music from Purcell, Vivaldi, Albinoni and Handel plus a selection of Christmas songs - a great way to get in the mood for Christmas.

There will be a break then until 17<sup>th</sup> February when Alastair Savage and Alice Allen will return for *Scots Fiddle Old and New*. That's sure to be a rousing evening!

Details of the whole 2023–2024 Winter Season Concerts are still 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/](http://www.facebook.com/musicstcyprians/)

Music at St Cyprian's presents

# Seasonal Strings

Saturday 2nd December 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](http://www.musicstcyprians.co.uk)



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# Carol and Christingle Service

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
at 6.30pm

This year we have decided to combine the two services to make an evening to remember in the run up to Christmas.



The young people Janet tutors will be leading the singing and of course we'll have Christingles for everyone. Please come along for this special service.

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2023

7.00pm

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**We welcomed Jack Geddes to our November meeting to tell us about the very broad workings of the Glasgow City Mission. It was the first such mission in the world and will celebrate its bicentenary in 2026. It was a superb talk and well worth a full article, which we plan to include in the next magazine.**

However the Mission has some immediate needs for funding to support rough sleepers this Christmas and for gloves, boxer shorts, shaving foam, razors and deodorants. Please contact Maxine if you can help in any way.

Our next meeting is Christmas Dinner at the Torrance Inn on 13<sup>th</sup> December. The time will be either 3.30pm or 6pm depending on the attendees preference. Please see Maxine for details of the menu and the final timing. The venue is asking for a £10 deposit to secure your place.

Our January meeting will be the branch AGM followed by Chit Chat. It is planned to be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Watch out in the Link for confirmation of the time.

We must remember that Mothers' Union is also a charity doing important work to help those in need

locally and globally.

The Christmas Appeal has been launched. This year, the appeal aims to support women of Tanzania helping them to lift themselves and their families out of poverty through establishing savings groups and teaching business skills. The MU is partnering with The Big Give so that every penny (up to £38,148) donated to the appeal on line between noon on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and noon on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December will be doubled. We're also planning a simple lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> December in aid of the appeal and church funds.

Every second Thursday of the month, members around the diocese get together on Zoom to pray at midday and 8pm. The *Prayer Space* usually lasts around 20 minutes so is a good way just to take a short break from busy lives. The next one is on 14<sup>th</sup> December. January's date will be the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Another great way to take a break is to come to the Provincial Retreat at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth. It takes place between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. There were more details in the last magazine.

All these events are open to all. You don't need to be a member, but of course we would love you to join us.

**Maxine and Glennis**



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Christian care for families



## 16 Days of Activism

Against gender based violence

**Mothers' Union campaigns for an end to gender based violence, including domestic abuse. Since 2013 it has been a primary focus.**

Women and girls face many injustices. As members of Mothers' Union, we play a unique role in helping to overcome this across the world. Our 16 Days campaign has evolved into RISE UP, the 365 days campaign about which there were more details in the last magazine.

Initiatives undertaken aim to develop understanding of the root causes of gender based violence, draw attention to unhelpful cultural norms, promote right and equal relationships, and highlight domestic abuse in our communities. We also work with other organisations and groups to increase our effectiveness.

The statistics are staggering. In 2018, two church studies showed that in Britain and Ireland figures are equally high in a church setting as they are anywhere else. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men reported that they had personally experienced or witnessed domestic

abuse.

Most church goes indicated they had never heard a sermon on the topic, or they felt their church was inadequately equipped to support or deal with the issue of domestic abuse. Mothers' Union has tried to address this by providing a sermon outline for use during the 16 Days, which start on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25<sup>th</sup> November) and ends on International Human Rights Day (10<sup>th</sup> December). MU has also produced a new compilation of prayers that aims to equip, encourage and empower you on your prayerful and spiritual journey, as we seek to bring into focus God's continuing love for all and to work together as the hands and feet of Christ in the eradication of all forms of gender-based violence.

'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,' and 'we who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory.'  
*Romans 12:1 & 2 Corinthians 3:18*



# 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 12noon on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

All members of the Congregation are invited to attend

AGM Papers will be available for collection in church the week before or by email on application to the Secretary

The Zoom link will be emailed to everyone on the Link email and available on our website. It will be the same as that for the 10.30am service

## 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.

## Altar Guild

*3 <sup>rd</sup> & *10 <sup>th</sup> December	Jill Taylor
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas</b> Decorating Team on 16 <sup>th</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Anne Carswell
31 <sup>st</sup> December & 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Carswell
14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Anne Carswell
28 <sup>th</sup> January & 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Anne Carswell
*Advent. Brasses only	

What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers?

*A Nervous wreck!*

What do snowmen eat for lunch?

*Icebergers!*

What do you call a cow that plays the guitar?

*A Moo-sician!*

What did Cinderella say when the chemist lost her photographs?

*Someday my prints will come!*

Hope you coped with these jokes. Happy New Year! Glennis



# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



**THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED  
FOR CHRISTMAS ON  
SATURDAY 16<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.

You will be MOST welcome.

## CLEAR UP DAY

**SATURDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024  
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



## 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.



# 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.

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November** **Last Sunday after Pentecost** **(Christ the King)**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### **DIOCESAN**

All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving for living fellowship
- 28<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal
- 29<sup>th</sup> Key workers who provide our essential services
- 30<sup>th</sup> The people of Scotland

## **DECEMBER 2023**

- 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

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** **First Sunday of Advent**

### **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)

### **Daily Prayers**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Success of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which continues this week

- 5<sup>th</sup> Those who are affected by visual and/or aural impairment
- 6<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Janet Chalmers)
- 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

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Church of Pakistan (United)

### **DIOCESAN**

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

### **Daily Prayers**

- 11<sup>th</sup> SEC Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Victim Support Scotland, helping those affected by crime
- 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

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **ANGLICAN**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

### **DIOCESAN**

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

# & Daily Intentions

## Daily Prayers

- 18<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church
- 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

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

### ANGLICAN

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

### DIOCESAN

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

## Daily Prayers

- 25<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 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> Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December First Sunday after Christmas

### ANGLICAN

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

### DIOCESAN

St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt)

## JANUARY 2023

## Daily Prayers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving for this new year and the year now past
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Big Issue' sellers and all trying to make a fresh start
- 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

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

## First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

### ANGLICAN

The Scottish Episcopal Church

### DIOCESAN

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

## Daily Prayers

- 8<sup>th</sup> The people and the city of Glasgow
- 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 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark
- 13<sup>th</sup> Those who are bedridden and housebound

# Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer & Daily Intentions

*continued*

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday after Epiphany

### ANGLICAN

Church of the Province of South East Asia

### DIOCESAN

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

### Daily Prayers

- 15<sup>th</sup> The continuing refugee crisis
- 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> SEC Diocese of St Andrew's, Dunkeld  
and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Canon Missioner (Audrey O'Brien  
Stewart)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Worldwide action for human rights

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January Third Sunday after Epiphany

### ANGLICAN

The Church of South India (United)

### DIOCESAN

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

### Daily Prayers

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Missions to Seafarers and the work of  
the RNLI
- 23<sup>rd</sup> The Church of Scotland
- 24<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Abroad
- 25<sup>th</sup> Digital Engagement Officer (Petko  
Marinov)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Respect and understanding for people  
of different faiths
- 27<sup>th</sup> The National Health Service

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

### DIOCESAN

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

### Daily Prayers

- 29<sup>th</sup> Glasgow City Mission
- 30<sup>th</sup> Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in  
Great Britain
- 31<sup>st</sup> Our Christian neighbours

## FEBRUARY 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Stewardship
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Episcopalians in isolated parts of the  
country
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Interfaith Relations (Maggie  
McTernan)

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

### ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of South America

### DIOCESAN

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





# Sunday & Christmas Readings

## First Sunday of Advent

*3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023*

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

## Second Sunday of Advent

*10<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

## Third Sunday of Advent

*17<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

## Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)

*24<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

## Christmas Day

*25<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

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

John 1:1-14

## First Sunday after Christmas

*31<sup>st</sup> December 2023*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

## Baptism of the Lord

*7<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11



## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*14<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*21<sup>st</sup> January 2024*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*28<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*4<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

# Kalendar

## DECEMBER 2023

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm **Concert:** McOpera String Quintet: Seasonal Strings  
(see page 8)

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Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> **Advent Sunday**  
10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
7pm **Concordia Advent Praise** at St David's Memorial Park  
(See page 9)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm Joint Advent Study Group with St James the Less,  
Bishopbriggs (see Link for details and Zoom link)

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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

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Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday of Advent**  
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in Church and via Zoom)  
12noon approx. **Annual General Meeting** of the Congregation in the Hall

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> **Ember Day**  
3.30pm or 6pm Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner (see page 10)  
7pm Joint Advent Study Group with St James the Less,  
Bishopbriggs (see Link for details and Zoom link)

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat 16<sup>th</sup> **Ember Days**

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Sun 17<sup>th</sup> **Third Sunday of Advent**  
10.30am **Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)  
12noon **Soup and Bread Lunch** in aid of the Mothers' Union  
Christmas Appeal and St Cyprian's funds (see page 10)  
6.30pm **Carol and Christingle Service** in church (see page 9)

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> **Thomas, Apostle**  
10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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Sun 24<sup>th</sup> **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS DAY (Nativity of Our Lord)**  
10.30am **Festival Sung Eucharist** (in church and via Zoom)

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

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/)

**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)**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents**

10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> First Sunday after Christmas**

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

## **JANUARY 2024**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> THE NAMING OF JESUS**

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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

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**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Epiphany: the Baptism of the Lord**

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

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Mothers' Union AGM and Chit Chat (see page 10)

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup>** 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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

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**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Thu 18<sup>th</sup>** 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Saints & Martyrs of the Scottish Reformation**

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**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Thu 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of Paul, Apostle**

10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

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**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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

## **FEBRUARY**

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup>** 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

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**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Twelfth Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Kevin as Bishop of Argyll & The Isles

# Vacancy Update

**There's not much to update this time. As indicated in the last magazine, we plan to take a pause to reflect until after Christmas.**

As mentioned in the last magazine, the "Bricks without Straw" Diocesan-led project, 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.

Now we think it is right to use Advent as a time of reflection and then give ourselves space to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord without distraction.

The Vestry will be ready to start in earnest on the process of seeking a new Rector in January, when all these other activities are behind us, and we are all suitably refreshed after the Festive season!

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. You may find the prayer printed on page 12 helpful in your reflection.

## Rotas (incl. Christmas Day)

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
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	Aileen Mundy	
24 Dec 2023	Mary Haigh	Jill Taylor	Mary Haigh	Pat & Paul Hindle	Sally Hadden & Gavin Boyd
25 Dec 2023	Paul Hindle	Mary Boyd	Gavin Boyd	<i>No Coffee</i>	
31 Dec 2023	Sally Hadden	Jacqui Stother	Sally Hadden	Judith Beastall	
7 Jan 2024	Aileen Mundy	Sally Hadden	Aileen Mundy	Anne Carswell	
14 Jan 2024	Mary Haigh	Diana Farnell	Glennis Tavener	Sally Hadden	
21 Jan 2024	Sally Hadden	Kevin Wilbraham	Maxine Gow	Mary & Gavin Boyd	
28 Jan 2024	Mary Haigh	Judith Beastall	Mary Haigh	Maxine Gow	David Taylor & Diana Farnell
4 Feb 2024	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Jacqui Stother	Janet Faughey	