

CYPRIAN *Life*



Happy New Year

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 14th February
Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 4pm in Church

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From Our Interim Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends,

Rarely have I felt so uncertain about this year we have now entered. There seems way more instability than usual in our national and international systems and, given the record of early 2020 and 2021, all bets are off that there's not something else coming down the track. Or perhaps October 7th was that and it just came early. Or maybe it is the metastatic fall-out from that day which will dominate early 2024.

And yet I am reminded of the prayer in the mid-eighteenth century by John Wesley and



since become an integral part of the Methodist Community's life.

*I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all
things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let
it be ratified in heaven.*

Such a prayer can do very little about the circumstances of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine,
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Magazine & DNS Deadline

The next issue of *Cyprian Life* should be available on Sunday, 25th February 2024. The deadline for material is Sunday, 18th February 2024, though it would be good to get things earlier, if possible. The magazine will be for March and April 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

Taiwan, economic growth, migrants, elections, culture wars, poverty, loneliness and so on and on.

What it does offer as we go into the stormy seas of 2024 is an engine in the ship that is my life, the one piece of this world that I can actually do something about. A ship can survive almost any storm so long as its engine is functioning and it can head into the waves, maintaining a small measure of control of direction and response and, God willing, a water tight bulkhead that allows me to stay afloat.

This prayer of surrender to the purposes of God, sets aside my agenda and plans and puts myself at the disposal of God’s tender mercies. Which hopefully will make a difference also in the community we live in. That includes the St. Cyprian’s community as we search for a new Rector and make the most of this time of vacancy.

I heard an interview this morning with a Jewish man and a Palestinian man who had

Cover Picture

We don’t often get snow these days, but we saw out the old year with some. This picture of the church was taken on the next to last day of 2023, when the long-forecast snow finally arrived. It didn’t last very long.

Your editor took the picture as he arrived to make things ready for the Eucharist on Hogmanay. After some struggles with the hall boiler over the last few months it was pleasing to see that all was well.

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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founded 'Combatants for Peace'. From their experience of warfare they know that violence cannot bring solutions. They acknowledge that they are on the sidelines of their communities right now. However, they have given themselves over to the bigger truth that ultimately being on the right side of history means holding the ship of hope steady and keeping our moral compass fixed on the eternal stars that cannot be seen through the raging storm. On God's tender mercies.

Such people give me hope.

Wishing you a Peaceful New Year,

Paul

**Lord Jesus
full of grace and truth,
empower our brothers and sisters
in the land where you proclaimed
the Good News.
Fill them with your grace.
Bless and guide the leaders of
the Churches.
Inspire teachers, medical workers
and all who strengthen the lives of
their communities.
Look with compassion and mercy
on all the people of that land.
Draw them nearer to that day
when justice and mercy
will be sought for all
and reconciliation will proclaim
the wonders of your love.
In your holy name we pray.
Amen.**

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.

Music @ St Cyprian's



Our last concert of 2023 was on Saturday 2nd December when we welcomed the McOpera String Quintet (above) for a concert entitled *Seasonal Strings*.

The quintet consisted of Katie Hull - violin, Helena Zambrano Quispe - violin, Mary Ward - viola, Marie Connell - cello and Peter Fry - double bass. Hugh Macdonald accompanied them on keyboards. It was a very enjoyable



concert featuring seasonal music from Purcell, Vivaldi, Albinoni and Handel plus a selection of Christmas songs. It was certainly a great way to get in the mood for Christmas even if we were in the penitential season

of Advent!

The next concert will be on 17th February when Alastair Savage and Alice Allen will return for *Scots Fiddle Old and New*. We certainly enjoyed their concert last time and I'm sure we will this time!

There are two more concerts to complete this winter season. The first will be on 9th March and the final on 6th April. Please put these dates in your diary and come along to support the musicians.

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/



Marriage Week UK

healthy marriage matters

7-14 Feb 2024

marriage-week.org.uk

Marriage Week draws together anyone who cares about marriage. It can be as small as a few friends reaching out to their neighbours or as much as thousands of local events taking place in bars, restaurants, community halls, and more often than not in churches.

Marriage Week in the UK usually takes place on or near Valentine's Day (Feb 7-14), but many countries also celebrate Marriage Week at other times during the year.

Marriage Week celebrates the vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life.

Supporters are convinced that marriage is a brilliant institution that all of society should celebrate. Hence the establishment of Marriage Week as a time to say "Wake up. Marriage is a great idea", and since a healthy marriage is a skill, let's learn some new skills to turn our marriages from good to very good!

'A great marriage can be learnt; just the same way as a person can learn to read a book or drive a car.'

Music at St Cyprian's presents

Scots Fiddle Old and New

with Alastair Savage and Alice Allen

Saturday 17th February
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
Scottish Charity No: SC003826

Chamber
Music
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We finished off 2023 with our Christmas meal at the Torrance Inn (right) and with a fundraising lunch in the church hall (photos on opposite page).

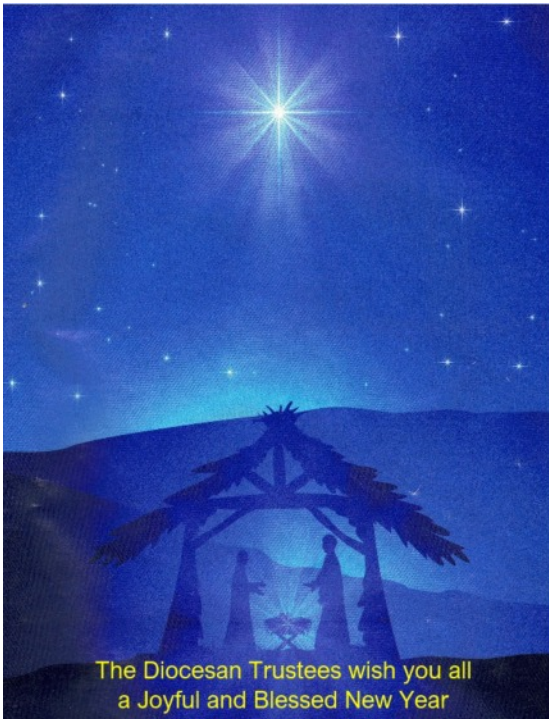
Our 2024 meetings started off in January with our AGM. Minutes of the 2023 AGM were adopted and reports made by Maxine (Branch Leader) and Aileen (Branch Treasurer) and all Office Bearers agreed to continue for another year. It was agreed that from 2025 the AGM will be held in February each year – so giving the Treasurer more time to have the accounts independently examined after our 31st December year end.

Maxine encouraged participation in the Diocesan Prayer Spaces, which take place on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month.



There are two sessions – at 12 noon for midday prayer, and at 8pm when night prayer (Compline) is said (see advert below). All are welcome – let Maxine know if you would like the link so that you can join.

In February, we plan to hold two meetings. The first will be a joint meeting with



MU Prayer Space 2024

Every Second Thursday
Reflecting the Seasons

Everyone welcome to join in
Midday Prayers
and
Night Prayer
12 noon and 8pm

8th February Works of Transformation
14th March Inspiring Women



Give a Gift of Dignity this Mothering Sunday

www.makeamothersday.org

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Cumbernauld and Bishopbriggs Branches on Monday 5th February at 2.30 pm at St James the Less (Bishopbriggs) where we will be discussing our project on helping the lonely of our congregations. Secondly, we hope to have Roddy Young with us giving an account of his trip to Kilimanjaro. This meeting will be on our usual second Wednesday (14th February) at 7.30pm. This is Ash Wednesday, but the Eucharist Service with imposition of ashes will take place earlier than usual at 4pm, so there is no conflict. This should be an interesting talk to which all are welcome.

Mothers Union is open to all – you don't have to be female or a mother to be welcome at any or all of our



meetings. Come and try our evenings – you will be most welcome.

Maxine
(Branch Leader)



Bishop Kevin's Lent Appeal 2024



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND
GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS

In line with our general policy of alternating between home-based and overseas charities, Bishop Kevin is pleased to announce that the recipient of our Lent Appeal collections this year will be Friends of the Holy Land. One glance at the charity's website (link below) should give some idea of the reasoning behind this choice in these deeply troubled times.

Friends of the Holy Land is an ecumenical Christian Charity inspired by the message of Jesus, a message that still today brings hope to millions of people around the world and was first heard in and around what is now Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Gaza.

As Christians, their vocation is to seek justice and dignity for all. At the heart of all that the charity does is Jesus' prayer that God's 'will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' They are sustained by the knowledge that God is with us, revealing to us practical ways of living together.

They work to support the lives and witness of Christians living in the Holy Land through prayer and practical projects, recognising that their presence in the land where Jesus once walked is an important witness to all Christians.

Jesus said; 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' With ecumenical Church partners in the Holy Land, Friends of the Holy Land seek to strengthen the Christian community as a resilient presence in the place that gave Christianity to the world, as with them they work and pray for reconciliation and peace.

In these deeply troubled times, their



support for Christians in the Holy Land provides a lifeline for the people.

So many Christians have had their lives completely destroyed by this war, either directly for those in Gaza or indirectly for those in the the West Bank and Israel. Tourism has shut down, work permits have been withdrawn, many Christians have lost their ability to make a living. Friends of the Holy Land helps with emergency support and projects to help them rebuild a sustainable future to remain in the Holy Land.

Your support will help the charity to direct more help to Christians in the Holy Land, giving support and most of all, hope.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>
Registered Charity Number 1202568

Carol and Christingle Service



Having decided to combine the Carol and Christingle services, we were in for a treat on Sunday 17th December when, in addition to the usual readings and singing of congregational carols, we had the East Dunbartonshire Children's Chorus and Youth Choir singing beautifully for a very full church congregation.



At the end of the service, each young person (and one or two adults too) received a Christingle and Sally Gorton explained how the Christingle came into being and the significance of the various elements that it includes, especially the Light of Christ for the World.

Many thanks go to Janet, accompanist Aileen, and all the choir members for making it such a special

occasion and to the mums, dads, aunts, uncles, etc., who came to support them.

Earlier in the week, a team got together after the Thursday morning service to make the Christingles (below). A very sticky job!

On Saturday, another team got together to make sure the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A big thank you goes to both teams.



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.

FEBRUARY 2023

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

Sunday 4th 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)

Daily Prayers

- 5th Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General)
- 6th Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards
- 7th All young couples on their journey through life together
- 8th The Aberlour Child Care Trust
- 9th Safety for all young adults, at home and abroad
- 10th EMU Partnership Agreement

Sunday 11th February Sunday before Lent

ANGLICAN

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

DIOCESAN

Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce

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

Daily Prayers

- 12th For Health Visitors and District Nurses
- 13th St Cyprian's Mothers' Union
- 14th A Holy Lent (Ash Wednesday)
- 15th The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney)
- 16th For all whose ministry is expressed in healing
- 17th All "Maggie's" Cancer Care centres in Scotland

Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

DIOCESAN

The Church of Scotland

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland

Daily Prayers

- 19th The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle)
- 20th Mothers' Union Worldwide Board and staff at Mary Sumner House
- 21st Sincerity, truth and love in all our relationships
- 22nd The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge)

& Daily Intentions

- 23rd The Anglican Communion
24th The people of Ukraine on the second anniversary of the start of the invasion by Russian forces

Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

DIOCESAN

North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry (Vacant, Margaret Williams)

Daily Prayers

- 26th Kirkintilloch and Lenzie Action of Churches Together
27th Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
28th The work of Quarriers Homes
29th Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.



MARCH 2023

- 1st The spirit of St David and the people of Wales (St David's Day)
2nd Bishop Ann of Aberdeen and Orkney (consecrated 1 March 2018)

Sunday 3rd March Third Sunday of Lent

ANGLICAN

The Church of the Province of Uganda

DIOCESAN

Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath, Patsy Thomson)
St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish)

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.

Kalendar

FEBRUARY 2024

Thu 1st 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Fri 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Sun 4th **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

Mon 5th 2.30pm **Joint Mothers' Union** meeting with Bishobriggs and
Cumbernauld at St James', Hilton Road, Bishopbriggs

Thu 8th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 11th **Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)**

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

Wed 14th **Ash Wednesday**

4pm **Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes** in Church

7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting (see page 10)

Thu 15th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

Sun 18th **First Sunday of Lent**

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

Wed 21st **Ember Day**

Thu 22nd 10am **Said Eucharist** in Choir Vestry

Fri 23rd, Sat 24th **Ember Days**

Sun 25th **Second Sunday of Lent**

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

Thu 29th 10am Service of the Word in Choir Vestry

MARCH 2024

Fri 1st Sixth Anniversary of Consecration of the Bishop of Aberdeen

Sun 25th **Third Sunday of Lent**

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

The Province is still providing online services at 11am on Sundays and at various other times. The details and links are at www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/

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

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

4th February 2024

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration Sunday)

11th February 2024

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Second Sunday of Lent

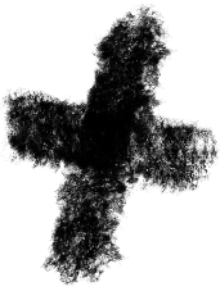
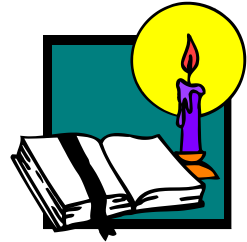
25th February 2024

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9



Altar Guild

4 th & 11 th February	Anne Carswell
*18 th & *25 th February	Volunteer Please
*3 rd March	Sally Hadden
*Lent. Brasses only	

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

Following a break over the Christmas period, the Vestry met on 14th January, and after discussion, have agreed the following actions, as part of the process towards appointing a new Rector:

- Maxine, as Treasurer, will draft the required financial planning document, which has to be submitted to the diocese. This document asks for information about our current finances, and the budgeted costs associated with appointing a new Rector.
- A small group (Paul, Gavin and Sally) will look at the example template for a parish profile provided by the Scottish Episcopal Church, and also at our profile from the last vacancy, with a view to drawing up the draft outline for a new and current parish profile.

- The Vestry will consider this draft, arrange various communication methods/meetings to invite and enable contributions from everyone, and source other information that may be helpful.

- The Vestry will revisit our “Bricks without Straw document” to use as part of this process.

- The Vestry will also start planning to make a video about St Cyprian’s, again involving everyone who wishes to contribute.

Both the Parish Profile and the video are used as part of the process of advertising the vacancy.

We are hoping to make significant progress by early summer, so as you will appreciate, the next few weeks are certainly going to be busy! Please continue to pray for this process and all involved in this.

Rotas

Date	Server	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Counting
4 Feb 2024	Aileen Mundy	Janet Faughey	Jacqui Stother	Janet Faughey	
11 Feb 2024	Mary Haigh	Anne Carswell	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	
18 Feb 2024	Aileen Mundy	Maxine Gow	Aileen Mundy	Judith Beastall	
25 Feb 2024	Mary Haigh	Jill Taylor	Glennis Tavener	Pat & Paul Hindle	Gavin Boyd & Janet Faughey
3 Mar 2024	Aileen Mundy	Jacqui Stother	Sally Hadden	Sally Hadden	
10 Mar 2024	Mary Haigh	Sally Hadden	Maxine Gow	Aileen Mundy	
17 Mar 2024	Aileen Mundy	Mary Boyd	Jacqui Stother	Anne Carswell	
24 Mar 2024	Mary Haigh	Eileen Ferry	Gavin Boyd	Maxine Gow	
31 Mar 2024	Aileen Mundy	Diana Farnell	Aileen Mundy	Mary & Gavin Boyd	Judith Beastall & Jacqui Stother
7 Apr 2024	Sally Hadden	Kevin Wilbraham	Sally Hadden	Janet Faughey	