

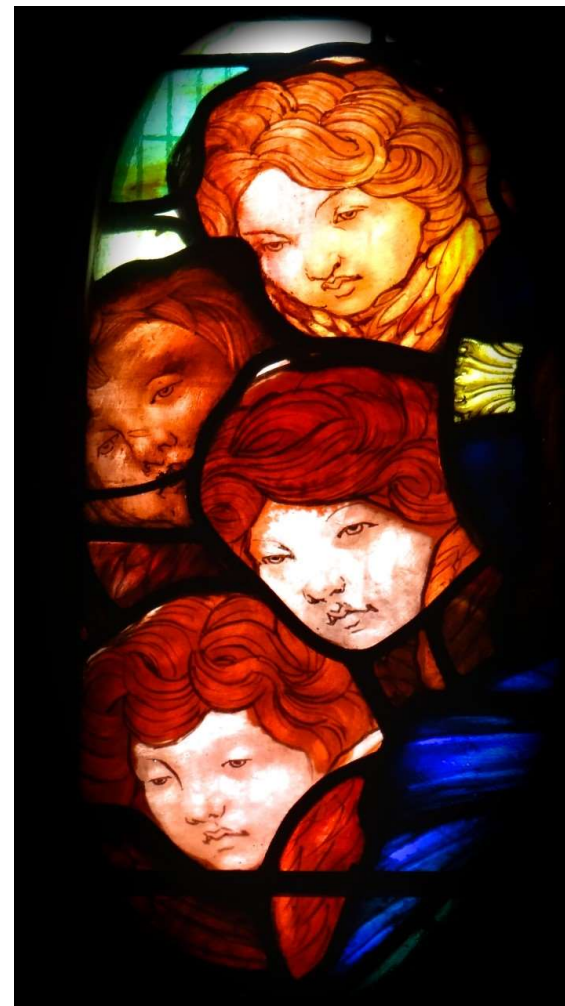
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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

During September/October, some of you may have watched 'The Capture' (9.00pm Tuesday evenings on BBC1). Six episodes and the Radio Times billed it as, 'drama of the week'. I knew it was halfway decent as I managed to stay awake for the full hour – not something I often achieve at that time in the evening! The drama chimes with our 21st Century Western world and we might call it – a post-truth age, or more in the vernacular – the world of fake news. With 'The Capture', it's about CCTV fakery – don't believe what you see on the screen. It's quite an insight but many people airbrush photographs and it's not such a huge step then to tamper with CCTV tapes.

The above does little for our health and well-being. It's not pleasant when we're required to constantly question what we see and read. We may not take social media all that seriously, but it becomes unnerving when we have to question pronouncements from 10 Downing Street or the White House. In our intense and fast paced world, we are looking for some security and currently we may feel that our crutches are being kicked from underneath us.

At Christmas, the Church proclaims what we as Christians believe to be a universal truth. The Incarnation is about the life of Jesus Christ and that as he embraced our humanity, we embrace the divinity of the 'Universal Christ'. It's a timeless message that has been proclaimed down through the ages for all of humanity. This is our story to share; part of the metanarrative of the Christian faith, which still continues to be part of the life of

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From the Rector (Continued)

our nation. It is truth to powerful individuals and institutions – shedding light in dark corners where honesty may be in short supply.

This Christmas let us spread the good news of Christ dwelling among us.

Love

Dom Ind, Rector

News

Thanks to everyone who contributed photos. Only space for a few here but I am sure you can find them all on the website. Happy Christmas to all our readers.

Richard Smith, Editor

Notices

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING The November Coffee Morning will be held at Maureen and Henry Douglass' house, Clutharden, 1 Upper Adelaide Street, Helensburgh G84 7HT at 10:30am on Thursday 7th November. Tel: 674763.

The December Coffee Morning will be held at Janina and Mark Duncan's house, Deepdene, 119 West Clyde Street, Helensburgh G84 8ET at 10:30am on Thursday 5th December. Tel: 0787 616 8197.

Maureen Kyle

TRISH ROBERTSON would like to thank everyone for their prayers throughout the long course of her illness, which gave her strength and courage to face up to each day and, with a little help from medical science, have resulted in the amazing cure we can all see today.

Richard Smith

Vestry Report

The Vestry met on Tuesday 3rd September and began with opening prayers.

RECTOR'S OPENING REMARKS:

DIOCESAN MATTERS: Episcopal Election. It is now unlikely that a new Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway will be consecrated before Spring 2020. Although this is surprising news, it won't significantly affect us in St Michaels.

St. Augustine's, Dumbarton/St. Mungo's, Alexandria. Continue in vacancy. Revd Pat Smith is very kindly helping out at Alexandria. We should remember both congregations in our prayers.

Vestry Report (continued)

ST MICHAELS ISSUES: Visiting. Our routine for visiting the sick, infirm and isolated is working well. The Vestry gratefully acknowledged Sheila Baker's work managing the system. Website. Our new website is going live, with a video clip of a Rector's message. Thanks are due to Henry Douglass. We also have a 'Facebook' presence managed by Aliet Ray.

RECENT EVENTS: Anniversary. 4th August marked a full and enjoyable first year as Rector; it was good to acknowledge the occasion with a simple celebration after the 1030 Service.

BBQ. Despite the adverse weather forecast, the church BBQ went ahead and was a thoroughly enjoyable and well supported occasion.

Sea Sunday. We celebrated Sea Sunday on 1st September with a thoughtful sermon delivered by Revd David Graham-Service. £313.12 was raised for 'Mission to Seafarers'. It was unfortunate that we had 'Sea Sunday' and 'Stall in the Hall' on the same day, the Vestry acknowledged the danger of too many demands for giving in the margins of our acts of worship. We will have a 'Sea Sunday' on 6th September next year.

FUTURE EVENTS: Retreat. Helen Gibson briefed on the planned retreat 21-24 September 2020 at 'The Bield' which is a comfortable location near Perth for around 12 - 20 people. Cost per person £245.

ISSUES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Church Transport. There had been no interest shown in a formal lifts routine, and the current 'ad hoc' arrangements seem to work well. The Vestry agreed to 'park the issue'.

Charitable Giving. Following research, it was agreed that 'Contraflow' (£2,000) 'The Beacon Trust' (£1,000) and the 'Helensburgh Food Bank' (£300) were all good local causes and accordingly grants had been made from church funds.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Honorary Treasurer reported that we carried forward £212,000 this financial year, £26,000 less than last year. The shortfall reflects the recent large bills paid for the new boilers and the rectory garage/driveway. We can reclaim £3,200 VAT from the 'Listed Places of Worship' scheme, and we will apply again to the 'Miss Bell Trust' this year (we had £2,000 from them last year). We have had several donations and some fundraising towards the boiler costs, but we still face a

Vestry Report (continued)

significant shortfall. The Hon Treasurer strongly recommended that we find ways to generate income to clear the shortfall before we commit to any more expensive projects. The Vestry accepted Hon Treasurer's recommendation. A discussion took place regarding fundraising possibilities. The idea of an 'Auction of Talents' during 2020 was floated for consideration.

PROPERTY MATTERS: Rectory garage/driveway. Project has been completed to a high standard. Roofing & Gutters. The contractor has cleaned and maintained the gutters. Boilers. New boilers are working after a teething problem, traced to a defective control panel now replaced. The system is quite sophisticated, and we need to gain experience at managing it. We will monitor use of gas and fuel bills carefully. Working parties. We will need volunteer working parties to complete various projects in the coming months: Cladding the boiler flues. Re-decoration of the Lower Hall. Scraping areas of deteriorating church interior paintwork and re-decoration. Clean the path behind the church/lower hall. In addition, the curtains in the Trinity Chapel and the North porch need attention. Some of the barrel planters outside the church need maintenance. The Trinity Chapel carpet could do with replacing. Future projects. The Property Manager confirmed that there are no major property projects anticipated in the coming year. The minor jobs still outstanding include exterior rectory repainting and fixing the rectory wall.

VOCATIONS: The Rector briefed the Vestry on a new system in the SEC for managing vocation, with a full time 'Provincial Director of Ordinands' (Revd Ian Barcroft) controlling a wholly provincial organisation autonomous of the Church of England. The Vestry has a role to play in 'local discernment' of those with a vocation. The Vestry noted that there are 2 individuals within the St Michaels community who are contemplating their vocation: Lorna Douglas. The Vestry agreed unanimously to support Lorna as she explores her vocation. Csaba Barthos. The Vestry agreed unanimously to support exploring ways to make best use of Csaba's significant talent and experience.

HMNB CLYDE: The Rector updated the Vestry on the plans for HM Naval Base Clyde expansion. The MOD are investing £1.3 bn on the Clyde, with all submarines based here from 2020, and all submarine training to take place at HMNB Clyde in future. This will mean an estimated additional 1,000 RN personnel settling in the Clyde area by 2030. The Drumfork Centre on Churchill Square is being refurbished. The implications for St Margaret's church are unclear – the Rector is attending a

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briefing in November which may bring clarity. The Vestry agreed to an aspiration to focus on our HM Naval Base connections.

MALAWI LINK: The Property Manager briefed the Vestry on a proposal to establish a partnership with the Helensburgh Rotary Club in order to support the building of the 'Lingadzi Academy' in Lilongwe, Malawi. Funds raised would be matched by 'Rotary International'. The Rector pointed out that Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Supporting the project would be an example of 'long range outreach' and could be enhanced by establishing a church link in parallel. The Vestry agreed in principle to support fundraising for the Lingadzi Academy, in partnership with Helensburgh Rotary, combined with the establishment of a Malawi church link.

SAFEGUARDING: There were no safeguarding incidents to report. The Annual Report to the diocese has been updated and a report to the congregation will be included in the Trustees section of the annual accounts presented at the AGM.

AOCB:

DIOCESAN COUNCIL. An update on the deliberations of the Diocesan Council was delivered. Amongst the issues discussed: The synod clerk continues to run the diocese in the absence of a bishop and a Dean. The premises for the new Diocesan Centre, 49 Cochrane St Glasgow (opposite the City Chambers) have been acquired. £0.5m will be required to bring the building to an acceptable state. With no Bishop salary to meet, the diocese is currently making a saving!

NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday 5th November, Sunday 8th December (AGM)

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Nick Davies, Hon. Secretary



Three of us from the Helensburgh and Lomond Eco group attended an evening at Luss Church Hall to learn about a proposed Pilgrim Route joining up with other established ancient pilgrim routes. An explanatory leaflet is at the back of St Michael's. We were warmly welcomed by representatives from other groups and



treated to home baking and refreshments. It is heartening to meet up with other Eco members and we congratulated Mary Sweetman on her church in Balloch receiving their Gold Award from Eco congregation Scotland. There is no doubt about it we must strive to improve on our status not necessarily to keep up with the Joneses but to ensure that we are not wasting our resources and are following best practice.

I note that while I was away on holiday news of the loss of wildlife and habitats hit the news again. I remember the stir caused by a book called The Silent Spring published in 1962 written by Rachel Carson. She took on the manufacturers of pesticides and herbicides she warned of the dangers of poisoning the land by the overuse of these products. Those among us who are gardeners are well aware of the damage we can do by making our gardens so bug and slug free that we discourage birds, hedgehogs, bees, butterflies and moths. We in Scotland have lost about 25% of our wildlife population in the 5 decades since monitoring by conservationists began. The report draws on the best available data on Scotland's biodiversity produced by partnerships of NGO's, research institutes, government and agencies and including thousands of volunteers. Weed free is not kind to those insects and caterpillars which feed upon the nettles, clover and dandelions. Cultivating a wide variety of nectar yielding flowers with differing flowering times all helps to add diversity and increases the pleasure to the gardener and to people who pass along the road.

Margaret Horrell



Mothers Union will meet on **Thursday 14th November** at 10.30am when we have a speaker from Welcome Inn;

and on **Thursday 28th November** at 10.30am Sheila Baker will give us another talk.

Our last meeting of the year will be on **Thursday 12th December** at 10.30am when we will sing some carols and enjoy some mince pies. All welcome to come along to our meetings.

Richard Horrell, Branch Leader

Children's Christmas Appeal 2019

This year we are proposing a change of emphasis to our annual Christmas Appeal. Instead of asking you all to provide presents we would appreciate donations to the Charity:

'Magic Breakfast' Fuel for Learning

This small registered charity works closely with schools in the UK to provide breakfasts for needy children. In 2018 there were 280 schools in the scheme. This resulted in 40,300 young children enjoying a healthy nourishing start to their day. What makes this initiative so rewarding is that children who have benefited from these meals are better behaved and demonstrate more concentration to the subjects they are being taught.

In March 2018 the Charity launched the scheme in Scotland, including West Dunbartonshire. It has already helped many children in this area to start the school day happy, healthy and 'fuelled for learning'.

St. Michael's appeal for contributions, which we hope will be Gift Aided', will start Sunday 17th November and close on 18th December 2019.

Magic Breakfasts Registered Charity: 04977015

Barbara Hoey

St Michael's Got Talent



A Malawi Style Lunch

Saturday, 23 November 2019 served from 12 noon onwards

Hosted by Maureen & Henry Douglass
1 Upper Adelaide Street, Helensburgh

Raising money for the **Lingadzi Sports Academy**

Please let us know if you want to join us, sign up forms at the back of the church or email hmdouglass@hotmail.co.uk or call 01436 674 763

Please bring your own bowl and spoon

PAYMENT will be by Donation, all proceeds to the Appeal

Lunch will be a basic meal using ingredients used in Malawi:

A bean stew based on dried beans cooked with tomato, onion, and other vegetables over many hours.

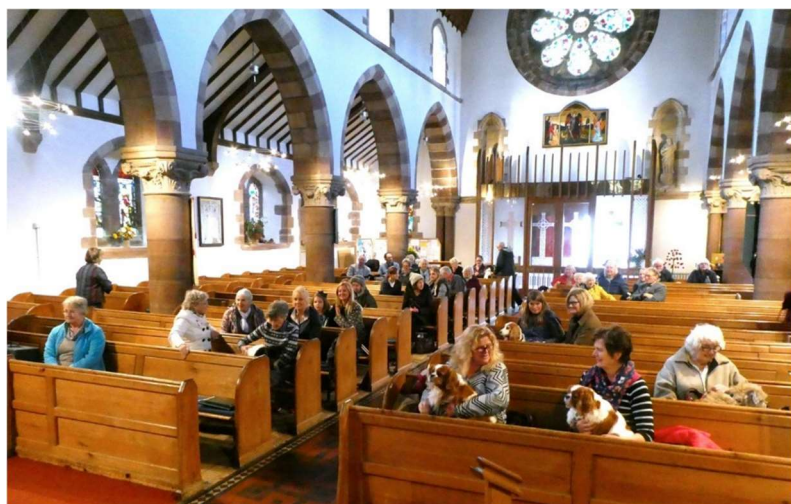
Refried beans cooked with sweet potato and combined with a tomato based sauce.

Both dishes served with fair trade Kilombero rice grown in Malawi by smallholder farmers.

Traditionally cooking would take place outside in a big pot over an open fire, but as it is winter in Scotland we make no apologies for cooking in our kitchen!

Dress: African or something bright

Animal Blessing Service



Harvest Festival



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st November All Souls' Day

7:30pm Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

Sunday 3rd November All Saints' Sunday

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 5th November – Feria

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Vestry Meeting Lower Hall

Thursday 7th November

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

Friday 8th November

7:00pm Beetle Drive in Church Hall

Saturday 9th November

10:00am-4:00pm Eco-congregation

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance

Sunday

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30am Young Church

9:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12th November - Feria

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Bible Study Group

Thursday 14th November

10:30am Mothers' Union speaker from Welcome Inn

Saturday 16th November

9:00am Rambling Club Findlaystone

Sunday 17th November – Feast-Day of St.

Margaret of Scotland

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 19th November – Feast-day of

Hilda, Abbess

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Cardross House Communion

Wednesday 20th November – Feast-day

of Edmund, Martyr

2:30pm Kilcreggan House Communion

7:00-9:00pm Eco-congregation

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 26th November – Feria

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Bible Study Group

Thursday 28th November

10:30am Mothers' Union speaker Sheila Baker

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****No Evensong in December****

Sunday 1st December – Advent

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8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

*5:00pm Ecumenical Advent Carol

Service in Helensburgh URC*

Tuesday 3rd December – Feast-Day of St

Francis Xavier SJ

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

Thursday 5th December

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th December

9:00am Rambling Club Fintry (Christmas

Pub Walk)

Christmas Concert with Harp Trio

Sunday 8th December – Second of Advent

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

No Evensong

Tuesday 10th December – Feria

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Bible Study Group

Thursday 12th December

10:30am Mothers' Union Carols and

Mince Pies

Sunday 15th December Third of Advent

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

No Evensong

Tuesday 17th December – O Sapientia

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:00am Parklands School Christmas

Service at St. Michael's

2:30pm Cardross House Communion

Wednesday 18th December – O Adonai

2:30pm Kilcreggan House Communion

Sunday 22nd December Fourth of Advent

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

11:00pm Eucharist for Christmas Night

Wednesday 25th December – CHRISTMAS

DAY

10:00am Family Eucharist

Saturday 28th December

Rambling Club – Walk off the Turkey

Sunday 29th December – First after

Christmas

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

No Evensong

Change of Timing

Journeying

PILGRIM HOLIDAYS IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Journeying started life in 1988, leading small groups of people on pilgrimage to the more remote parts of Britain and Ireland, following in the footsteps of the early Celtic saints. We remain non-profit-seeking with a spiritual ethos and a faith journey in a small, informal, personal way.

Leaders are volunteers and come from all walks of life, and from a wide range of denominations, from ordained ministers to charity workers and businesspeople. They are all experienced in leading group walking holidays and have discovered a closeness to God through travel to remote places and have a passion to share this with others.

Our aim is to enable any walker, hiker, pilgrim to choose a journey that is right for them. Exploring the outdoors is all part of the Journeying experience.

Below is the 2020 Journeying Holiday Programme:

Dates	Title	Location
27 th April – 4 th May	Magic Mull... including Staffa, Iona and the Treshnish Isles	The Island of Mull
16 th – 23 rd May	North Wales Odyssey	North Wales, based at Old Colwyn
22 nd – 25 th May	By gentle waters... Llangors Lake and the Brecon Beacons	Brecon Beacons, mid Wales
27 th June- 3 rd July	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire
13 th – 18 th July	Croagh Patrick... Irelands Holy Mountain	Co. Mayo, Ireland
18 th - 24 th July	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire
15 th - 21 st August	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire

Journeying (Continued)

Extra... The close cultural and spiritual links between South West Wales and South East Ireland form the backdrop to an additional set of holiday journeys currently being prepared for 2020. Details will be available, early New Year.

We offer a warm Christian welcome to all.

If you would like further details including photographs, about Journeying and our 2020 programme, do get in touch by any of the means noted below. Feel free to use any items on the website. Thank you,

David Gleed *On behalf of the Journeying Team.*

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Church Barbecue



St. Michael and All Angels Retreat 2020

Dom is leading a 4-day retreat in September 2020 at the Bield at Blackruthven, just outside of Perth. He is leading the retreat using the book 'Seeking God (The Way of St Benedict)' by Esther de Waal. Esther is a Benedictine and Celtic scholar, wife of a former Rector of Canterbury and mother of four sons. She is known for her way of incorporating monastic wisdom into everyday life.

The Bield is a lovely retreat centre with excellent facilities that we are welcome to use. It has a beautiful chapel, a conference room for our use, a lounge with a wood burner, a library, prayer rooms, an art room, a heated indoor swimming pool and extensive grounds, which include a labyrinth. We have booked for 12 places, which ensures a single room for those who want one, but rooms are mainly double or twin should people wish to share. One en-suite twin room on the ground floor has wheelchair access. The evening meal is set but with advance notice, the kitchen can cater for vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten free diets.

The website for more information is <https://www.bieltatblackruthven.org.uk/>

The date of the retreat is Tuesday 22nd September to Friday 25th September 2020. There is a £30 non-refundable deposit to book a space and the cost of the retreat is approximately £250. Places are limited.

Helen Gibson

Social Programme 2019

Date	Event	Timing	Location
Fri 8 Nov	Beetle Drive and Bring-and-Share Supper	7:00pm	Church Hall
Sat 7 Dec	Christmas Trio of Harpists Concert	TBA	Church
Sun 22 Dec	Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies	6:30pm	Church

John Hanks

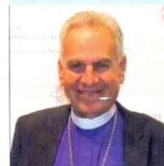


FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND
GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS



Join us on 15th November in Glasgow

Friends of the Holy Land will be marking our 10th Anniversary with an ecumenical service at The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, 96 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY followed by a reception at Eyre Hall next door on the 15th November. The service starts at 2.30 pm.



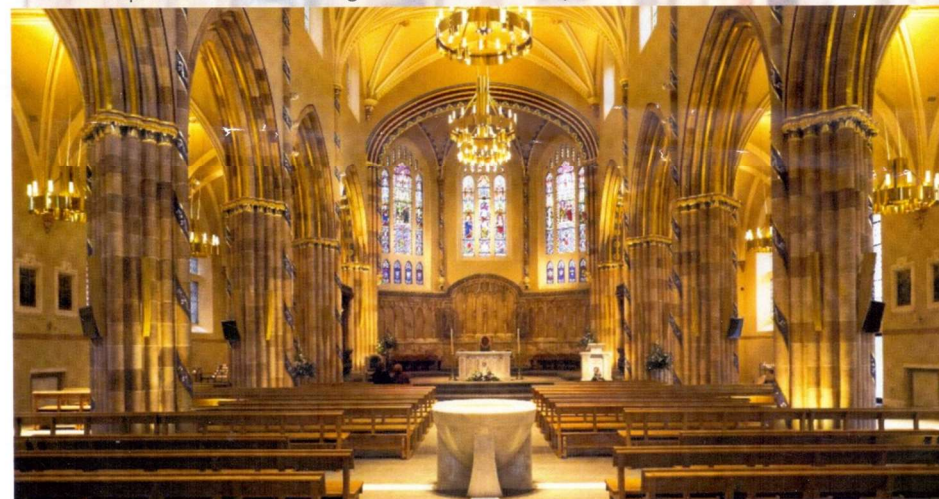
Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and The Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, will be supported by The Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia the Metropolitan Archbishop of Glasgow at this event.



Join us to pray together for our mission and understand how the daily conditions of life in the Holy Land have in fact deteriorated over the past 10 years. Despite this, UK Christians can take together small, simple steps to continue to make a difference, sharing actions, words and donations.

Reserve your place now RSVP:

- Visit our website and complete the registration form www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/10th-anniversary
- Email the office with your name and address office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk
- Telephone the office during office hours 9am – 1pm Mon – Fri. tel: 01926 512980



Advent Christian Meditation Day



The Scottish Episcopal Church

The College of Bishops warmly invites you to
a Celebration of the Eucharist to mark the
25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood
in the Scottish Episcopal Church
on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 2pm,
at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.

The Rt Rev'd Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney
will preside at the Eucharist.

The Rev'd Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson, Principal of the Scottish Episcopal Institute
will preach the sermon.

RSVP by 18th November

Michaelmas Service



On our patronal festival of St. Michael and All Angels we were blessed with a sermon from the Revd Canon Michael Webb from Keswick in the Diocese of Carlisle.

The best exposition on Angels that I have ever, or remember having ever, heard.

Richard Smith

Social Committee

The social committee met on Monday 7th October to discuss social events for the remainder of this year, and to consider ideas for next year. The six members of the committee, pictured here that evening, are keen to find a new member to replace Margaret Gilbert, who recently stood down after many years of valuable service. Please make yourself known to any committee member if you would like to know more. The plan for this year is,

8th November, Beetle drive at 7pm in the church hall, followed by a bring and share supper.

7th December, trio of harpists performing a Christmas concert in the church. They have a programme featuring Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite (with dancer), as well as Christmas carols and songs.

22nd December, Carol service mulled wine and mince pies.

Looking further ahead, we are very much hoping to arrange a wine and cheese tasting in the church hall at the end of January, all with the aim of improving our knowledge of wine (and cheese).



Top Row - Left to right: John Hanks (chair) Shaun Hoey, Henry Douglass

Bottom Row - Left to right: Sammy Harris, Julia Gourd, Maureen Kyle

ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS NOVEMBER 2019 TO JANUARY 2020

The walks will generally start at 9am outside St Michael's Church but sometimes may start either earlier or later depending on the individual walk. Please ensure you read the information from the leader that will be circulated before the walk and will also be displayed in the church hall one week prior to the walk. If you need any further information on a walk please get in touch with the named leader.

DATE	WALK	LEADER
Saturday, 16 th November	Findlaystone	Sue & James 675541
Saturday, 7 th December	Fintry (Xmas Pub Walk)	Maureen & Henry 674763
Saturday, 28 th December	Walk off the Turkey	TBD
Friday, 10 th January	Annual Dinner, Ardencaple Hotel	Information to follow
Saturday, 11 th January	Balloch Park	Pete 676959
Saturday, 25 th January	TBD	TBD

Please direct queries about individual walks to the Leader.

Committee team is Sue Ashby, Pete Ashton Maureen Douglass, and one vacancy.

LECTIONARY – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Eucharist (NRSV)	Evensong (KJV)
Friday 1 Nov. All Souls (7:30pm)	Wisdom 3.1-9 - Psalm 23 Romans 5.5-11 - John 6.37-40	
3 November All Saints'	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Psalm 149 - Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31	<i>All Saints' Day</i> Psalm 24 - Wisdom 5:1-16 Revelations 19:1-16
10 November Remembrance	Job 19.21-27 - Psalm 90:1-6 1 Corinthians 15.51-57 John 6.37-40	<i>Trinity 21</i> Psalm 102:1-22 Daniel 5 - Revelations 7
17 November St Margaret of Scotland	Proverbs 31.10-13,25-31 Psalm 98 2 Timothy 1.1-7 Luke 11.33-36	<i>Trinity 22</i> Psalm 107:1-22 Wisdom 6.1-21 Revelations 7.9-17
24 November Christ the King	Jeremiah 23.1-6 - Psalm 46 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43	<i>Next before Advent</i> Psalm 148 - Malachi 3 Titus 2.11-3.15
1 December Advent (Year A)	Isaiah 2.1-5 - Psalm 122 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at Helensburgh URC (5:00pm)
8 December Advent 2	Isaiah 11.1-10 - Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12	No Evensong
15 December Advent 3	Isaiah 35.1-10 - Psalm 146:4-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11	No Evensong
22 December Advent 4	Isaiah 7.10-16 - Psalm 80:1-8 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (6:30pm)
Tues 24 Dec Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9.2-7 - Psalm 96:1-9 Titus 2.11-14 - Luke 2.1-14	
Wed 25 Dec (10:00am) Christmas Day	Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98 John 1.1-14	
29 December Christmas 1	Isaiah 63.7-9 - Psalm 148:7-14 Hebrews 2.10-18 Matthew 2.13-23	No Evensong

READERS' LIST – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
3 Nov	Hilary Menzies	Richard Smith	Penny Johnston
10 Nov	Sam Harris	James Ashby	Maureen McCormack
17 Nov	Penny Johnston	Jill Braid	Janet Hardy
24 Nov	Nigel Allan	Trevor Quickfall	Margaret Gilbert
1 Dec	Chris Sanders	Jo Frain-Bell	No Evensong
8 Dec	Moirra Miller	Michael Blake	No Evensong
15 Dec	Selina McGeoch	John Hanks	No Evensong
22 Dec	Liz Sanderson	Alex Laing	Service of Nine Carols and Lessons
29 Dec	Hilary Menzies	Chris Packard	No Evensong

House Communion

Peninsula House Communion will be on Wednesday 20th November and on Wednesday 18th December at 2:30pm. Location to be advised. Everyone is welcome.

Cardross House Communion will be on Tuesday 19th November and on Tuesday 17th December at 2:30pm. Locations to be advised. Everyone is welcome.



Service Details

Sunday

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
Crèche and Young Church

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesdays

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments

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