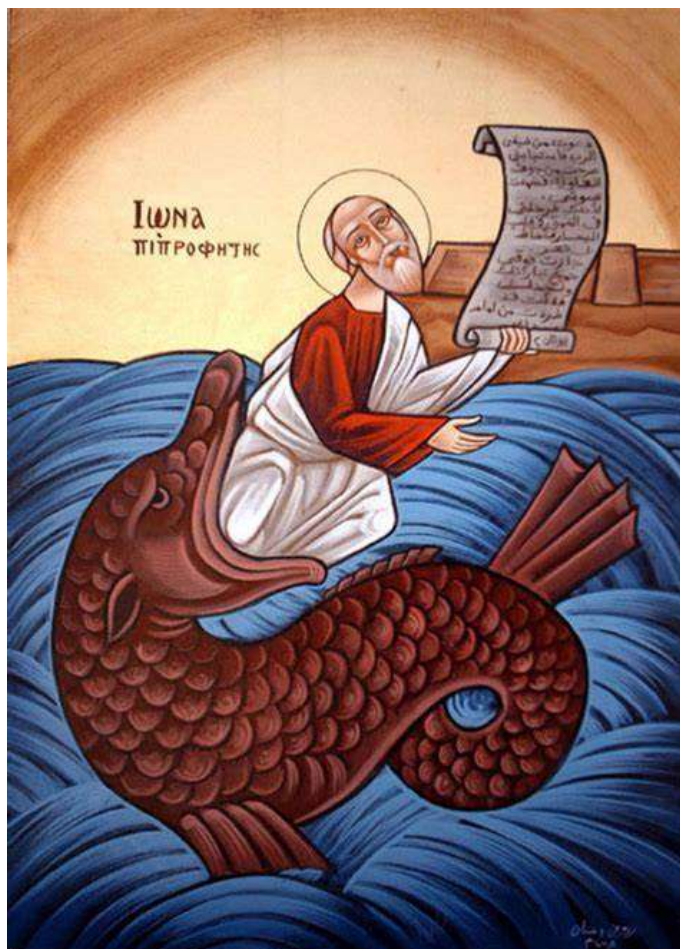


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Ask how to join or help. Perhaps bring new ideas for new activities You will be welcome. Please let the editor know if any changes are needed.

From the Rector

In the last Messenger I mentioned that Barbara Wenborn would be playing at St Michael's for the last time on Sunday 11th July and this would be an opportunity to thank her for her marvellous contribution to our church, specifically playing at Evensong. As ever, St Michael's rose to the occasion & Barbara was delighted with the send-off we gave her (as were Malcolm and Catherine). A most generous cheque was presented (money given by the congregation); a special cake with a picture of St Michael's organ; flowers and so on. Bubbly was poured and we had a lovely party in the nave which felt extra special given the last eighteen months

As we start the beginning of a new academic year, we welcome two new organists: Stephen Adam and Duncan Williams. Stephen is a Scot from Stirling & studied piano and cello at the RSAMD (now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) and in 1980 was appointed no. 2 cellist with Scottish Opera. More recently Stephen founded the Peninsula Choir in 2010 and has been the organist at both St Modan's and Craigrownie churches.

Duncan is from Wales and after school moved to London to study at the Royal College of Music. Subsequently, he became Trainee Repetiteur at English National Opera under the tutelage of Sir Mark Elder. In 1997 he started working freelance for many of the major international festivals including Salzburg and Glyndebourne. Currently Duncan is the full-time coach in the Opera Department of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

To be absolutely clear, Andrew Lockhart isn't leaving us (!) and Andrew remains our lead organist. Andrew will play for the majority of Sunday morning

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From the Rector (continued)

services and Stephen will play for the Sung Eucharists when Andrew isn't present. Duncan will play at our Sunday evening services, with one Evensong and one Compline per month.

St Michael's is truly blessed to have such an abundance of musical talent!

Dom Ind, Rector

Notices

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING The September Coffee Morning will be held at Maureen and Brian Kyles' house, Dolphin Lodge, 2a East Montrose Street, Helensburgh G84 9AB at 10:30am on Thursday 2nd September. Tel: 672951.

The October Coffee Morning will be held at Ann and Chris Packards' house, Kiloran, 14 Glasgow Street, Helensburgh G84 8EL at 10:30am on Thursday 7th October. Tel: 672722.

Maureen Kyle

MOTHERS' UNION branch will meet in the Church Hall on Thursday 9th September at 10.30am and on Thursday 14th October at the same time.

Richard Horrell

RAMBLING CLUB will meet on Friday 17th September at 10:00am at the Hill House Car Park and on Friday 1st October for a walk in Drymen. (see notices)

COUNTRY FAYRE Sunday 10th October Country Fayre at High Auchensail Farm. See page 7 for details.

Rosemary Wilson

EXERCISE CLASSES will resume on 6th October at 11am (see page 12)

Anna Ind

ST. MICHAEL'S ART GROUP The Group is now being suspended due to a lack of support. If anyone is interested in joining and restarting the group, then please contact me. Traditionally, we have met in the Lower Hall on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Contact Margaret Gilbert tel: 675136.

Margaret Gilbert

News

This month we have an Orthodox image of Jonah and the Whale for the cover of our magazine as we have the first chapter of the Book of Jonah for our first reading on Sea Sunday, 5th September. Many activities are returning to St. Michaels' this month with refreshments after services, monthly coffee mornings, evensong and compline, rambling club and country fayre. What a way to come back to church!

Richard Smith, Editor

Vestry Report

The vestry met on Tuesday 6th July, gathering in the Lower Hall for the first 'face to face' vestry meeting since the coronavirus hiatus began. The meeting started with opening prayers.

RECTOR'S REMARKS: CLERGY MATTERS. The Revd Liz Crumlish has been recently ordained and remains as Asst Curate at St Oswalds Maybole. The Revd Donald Strachan has died; he will be much missed in North Uist. Revd Kirsten Freeman is moving from All Saints Bearsden to take up a new appointment in Cumbernauld/Monklands. Revd Jim Benton-Evans is moving on from being the Priest in Charge of the Glasgow East End Team to the Brechin diocese. Revd Tina Kemp has now retired from Helensburgh parish church and will presumably need to be replaced at some stage.

ST MICHAELS SERVICES. We are progressing back to normality with 2 services per week which are well supported. The last 2 years however, have had an impact; pre covid Sunday attendance was around 80 communicants, now it is 50-60. People get out of the habit, a trend reflected in club and society attendance. Dependent on covid rules, the first evensong could take place in early September (noting that we are the only church in Argyll with the tradition of offering weekly choral evensong).

ANNIVERSARY. 4th August marks the third anniversary of Dom and Anna's arrival at St Michaels. Despite the covid hiatus, the Rector observed that his mission is all about forming relationships and local contacts and this aspect is going well.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS. The vestry noted an agreement reflecting an increasing trend towards working more closely with the Church of Scotland. The SEC and CofS are both of 'national churches' in Scotland.

LOCKDOWN EASING: St Michaels continues to ease back to normality in compliance with government rules and SEC guidance. The routine covid precautions in place (face coverings/reminder notices/sanitization/social distancing/recording of attendance) are well established and are generally respected by the congregation. We are conducting our activities with due regard to the rules, avoiding complacency and applying common sense.

Coffee after the Sunday service has been running successfully since being reintroduced on 4th July. Tuesday service coffee will start in August.

The vestry acknowledged that there are lots of people who remain nervous and that we need to instill confidence while continuing to take care.

Vestry Report (continued)

FINANCIAL: Our Bank balances on 6th July were: Premium a/c = £40,016. Current a/c = £14,310. Our income was boosted by generous donations from Andrea Gibson (£500 unrestricted) and from Michael and Sheila Baker following the successful 'gardens open scheme (£500). The 'rag bag box' raised another £47. Karen Flynn and Jill Braid have kindly offered £500 each towards replacing our disintegrating hymn books. Our larger outgoings this period were: Organ repair £4,346 (offset by donations). Charitable giving from church funds £4,000 (for which we have received appreciative acknowledgements). CCLI music license £335. Outstanding expenses are the repair to the stonework in the SW corner and repair to fallen plasterwork in the S Aisle. The Rector commented on the strong level of giving at St Michaels which is a healthy sign. The vestry agreed that the next 'Stewardship Campaign' should commence on Sunday 27th February 2022, coinciding with Lent to reflect the 'spirituality of giving'.

PROPERTY MATTERS: The stonework repair in the SW corner was contracted to ABS Masonry (who quoted £1600). The fall of plaster in the S Aisle has been rectified. Given potential safety concerns, the diocesan architect was also consulted, and we are now confident that this was a localised 'one off' issue caused by dry weather. Recent heavy rain caused a small flood at the back door of the creche, attributed to a blocked drain in the external passageway which, once cleared, rectified the problem. The vestry noted that the building is in good condition and that the planters around the outside of the church are particularly attractive. We do need to work on the area around the external notice board at the NE corner of the church and the access passageway.

SAFEGUARDING: There were no safeguarding issues to report, but the Rector reminded us that safeguarding is an important issue for which we all have responsibility.

ORGANISTS: The vestry recorded appreciation for the work of Barbara Wenborn who arrived in 2003 and has played the organ excellently at St Michaels for the last 16 years, particularly for Evensong. She retired from playing on 11th July (but happily remains a member of our congregation). Stephen Adam and Duncan Williams, both distinguished musicians, are moving to Helensburgh and both have expressed interest in supporting our organ playing roster. Andrew Lockhart will remain our lead organist; we are blessed to have such talent to support the St Michaels musical tradition. Hymn Books: St Michaels had been using the green 'Hymns Old and New' books for about 20 years. The condition of the books had deteriorated. Valiant efforts were made to glue them together, but the repairs

Vestry Report (continued)

rendered them sticky. We received kind donations amounting to £1,000 from Karen Flynn and Jill Braid and some money left from Andrew Wiseman's legacy which could be used to replace our hymn books. The vestry therefore agreed to the purchase of 115 (word edition) copies of (blue) 'Anglican Hymns Old & New', plus 5 large print versions. 20 full music editions to be ordered for the choir. Braille copies could be investigated.

AOCB: Richard Horrell raised the issue of 'Eco Congregation' which is now officially endorsed by synod. The vestry acknowledged that environmental awareness is now routine business. It was agreed that 'Eco Congregation' be an agenda item for the next vestry meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: The vestry next meets on Tuesday 31st August

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Nick Davies, Vestry Secretary



Monday 9th August was Mary Sumner Day where we marked one hundred years since the death of Mary Sumner and celebrated her lasting legacy with prayers and reflections from around the world.

The service is now available to watch on our YouTube channel indefinitely and has already achieved over three thousand views.

We are also running supplemental video and photo content on our digital channels, celebrating how Mary Sumner inspires members today, and supporting our Count your Blessings calendar.

With the relaxation of Covid regulations our local Mothers' Union branch will meet in the Church Hall on Thursday 9th September at 10.30am and on Thursday 14th October at the same time. We hope to welcome back as many members who can attend for prayers, a few hymns and a chance to talk.

Richard Horrell, Branch Leader

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Social Programme 2021/2022

The social committee of St. Michael's Church is yet to meet to devise a new social programme. However, please see the Mothers' Union on Page 5, Country Fayre article on Page 7, Exercise Classes on Page 12, and Rambling Club on Page 18. The committee will meet to devise and promulgate a new Social Programme as soon as possible. Watch the notice boards.

John Hanks



I recently read in a newspaper that the failures of Great Britain not reaching its recycling targets are really down to us the householders who do not realise what is and what is not recyclable. Apparently, we do not wash out our empty containers and contaminate the recycling machinery and cause major problems costing a fortune. No mention of the powers that be for not encouraging better management of recycling plants. We need to upgrade these plants to be able to identify the myriad of different plastics and sort them into the appropriate bin. Better advice should be readily available to householders not just to those savvy enough to search the Council's website. A newly released survey has found that 60% of shoppers feel that supermarkets should do more in supplying goods which are not smothered in plastic packaging. 73% of shoppers believe that reduced plastic use is the responsibility of brands or manufacturers. I feel that although I do take care to source goods with not so much plastic, I still cannot manage to avoid buying things which are plastic wrapped. I have switched to buying stuff in glass jars if possible because I can at least be sure that the glass will be recycled whereas a lot of plastic does not have a recycling symbol on it. If the major supermarkets insisted on more manufacturers using ethical materials, then recycling would be easier for us all. Where are the machines which we have observed on the continent where you can take in plastic containers and receive a refund or tokens to use in shops? Where are the items that are manufactured out of recycled plastic? Has your road been upgraded with the recycled plastic beads which a farmer in the Borders has manufactured out of black plastic wrapping used to wrap bales at harvest time? We hear about wonderful advances but never seem to benefit from them.

Margaret Horrell

COUNTRY FAYRE



TO ALL ST. MICHAEL'S CONGREGATION, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The postponed Country Fayre at High Auchensail Farm planned for July is taking a different shape. It will take place in October 2021 from 2:00-5:00pm on the following dates:

Saturday 2nd October for the Baptist Church, Helensburgh

Sunday 10th October for St. Michael's Church, Helensburgh & St. Mahew's Church, Cardross

Sunday 17th October for Cardross Church

Sunday 24th October for Lennox Evangelical Church, Dumbarton

Helpers from each church on the day will be welcomed.

All proceeds to OPEN DOORS, the charity caring for persecuted Christians worldwide.

Venue – The Cow Byre at High Auchensail Farm, Darleith Road, Cardross, G82 5HN.
Tel: 01389 841297 The home of Rosemary Wilson.

Rosemary Wilson

Rosemary Rose 1925-2021

Rosemary came to Helensburgh in 1967 with her husband, Richard, and her children, Clare, Charles and Lincoln. She was a regular worshipper at St. Michaels and for several decades looked after the Sunday morning childrens' creche.

Having studied at the London School of Economics at the end of the war and marrying Richard, she accompanied him To America and all over Europe assisting him in his work as a professor and writer, making many friends wherever they went. She continued this throughout her life until a road accident followed by a serious illness and operation prevented her from travelling, though she continued her regular worship at St Michaels.

Rosemary spoke four other languages fluently. Including Gaelic and sang for 30 years in the Govan Gaelic Choir. She loved Scottish Country dancing and she and Richard took every opportunity to go to the ballet and listen to music.

Rosemary Rose (continued)

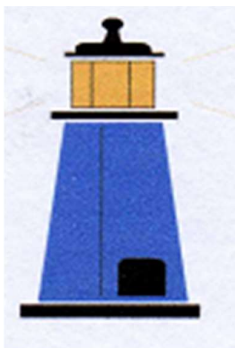
We were friends and we met often. She was always interested in others and disinclined to talk about herself. Even when she was so ill she never complained and was cheerful and positive.

All of us who knew and loved her will miss her. Nigel, who regularly drove her to Evensong wrote, "Rosemary had an indomitable Spirit. Nothing ruffled her whatever life threw at her. She had great courage and was an Inspiration to many."

Angela Russell

The Beacon Trust

It is strange that when something happens that has always been your worst nightmare, you can find that the reality is not nearly as bad as you might have expected. Our worst fear at the Beacon Trust has always been that we would have to replace our 15-year-old van. Sadly, a human error by our driver two weeks ago resulted in serious damage to the van and our insurers have decided that due to its age it is not worth repairing and we had to bid it a sad farewell. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.



We set about finding a replacement and identified a suitable van in Dumbarton. To give you an idea of the frantic state of the van market, the salesman in Dumbarton had paperwork for 6 van sales on his desk already at 11.00 am! There is a currently a huge demand from builders and roofers as well as delivery men, not to mention the number that are being bought for conversion to camper vans. We were delighted when we able to secure the van we needed. It had formerly been owned by the NHS, it has a low mileage and is ten years younger than our old van. We are making good progress in securing the funds that we need to complete the sale and soon will be back on the road. Meantime, our shop has been very busy which keeps all our spirits up; once again we praise the Lord for his care and protection. Our nightmare has passed.

As always, we are grateful to the Churches and people of Helensburgh for supporting us through our time of difficulty.

Paul Allen, The Beacon Trust



We held a plant and gardening event in aid of 2 charities on our drive recently. It was for friends and neighbours supporting Christian Aid and Open Doors by donation.

It raised £530 for Christian Aid and a further £79 for Open Doors. There is display of the charities' work mounted in the hall. Please do look.

On offer were seeds, cut flowers, house plants, cacti, herbs, hostas, bedding, shrubs, trees, vegetables, planters and some equipment. The garden was increasingly dug up and kind contributions saw us through...

Many thanks to all supporting the 8-day event, whether donating plants, donating to the charities or publicising the event. It was well attended, so thank you for making it successful.

DIARY DATE: the Christian Aid Afternoon Tea Party will be on Friday 24th September at 2 pm in the Main Hall, Helensburgh Parish Church.

It will form part of the Helensburgh Climate Change Festival week. This is part of the National Climate Change Festival ahead of the all-important 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November.

FINALLY: should you feel able to hold a simple event to help CA or have ideas for one we should love to hear from you.

*Ruth & John Hanks,
St Michael's Christian Aid representatives,
Helensburgh Christian Aid Committee*



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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1st September

7:30pm Council of Christians and Jews meeting

Thursday 2nd September

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning at the Kyles' House

Sunday 5th September – Sea Sunday

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 7th September – Feria

10:30-11:30am Said Communion from the Reserved Sacrament followed by refreshments

Thursday 9th September

10:30am Mothers' Union

Sunday 12th September – Sixteenth

Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Communion from the Reserved Sacrament followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
No Evensong

Tuesday 14th September – Holy Cross Day

10:30-11:30am Said Communion from the Reserved Sacrament followed by refreshments

Friday 17th September

10:00am Rambling Club at Hill House Car Park

Sunday 19th September – Seventeenth

Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
7:30pm Compline

Tuesday 21st September – Feast-day of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

Friday 24th September

2:00pm Christian Aid Afternoon Tea Party

Sunday 26th September – Feast-day of St.

Michael and All Angels

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
No Evensong

Tuesday 28th September – Feria

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

OCTOBER

Friday 1st October

9:00am Rambling Club Drymen area

Saturday 2nd October

2:00-5:00am Country Fayre (for Baptist Church)

Change of Timing

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Sunday 3rd October – Harvest Festival

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 5th October – Feast-day of St. Francis of Assisi

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

Wednesday 6th October

11:00am Exercise classes in Upper Hall
Thursday 7th October
10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning at the Packards' House

7:30pm Council of Christians and Jews meeting

Saturday 9th October

10:30am Pet Service

Sunday 10th October – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
2:00-5:00am Country Fayre at High Auchensail (for St. Michael's and St Mayhew's)

No Evensong

Tuesday 12th October – Feast-day of Elizabeth Fry and Edith Cavell

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

Thursday 14th October

10:30am Mothers' Union

Change of Timing

Sunday 17th October – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
2:00-5:00am Country Fayre at High Auchensail (for Cardross Church)
7:30pm Compline

Tuesday 19th October – Feast-day of Henry Martyn, Translator, Missionary, 1812

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

Sunday 24th October – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) no refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
2:00-5:00am Country Fayre at High Auchensail (for Lennox Evangelical Church, Dumbarton)
No Evensong

Tuesday 26th October – Feria

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) followed by refreshments

Sunday 31st October – All Saints' Sunday

No Morning Eucharist

10:30-11:30am Said Eucharist (1982 rite) no refreshments
10:30-11:15am Young Church
No Evensong



It's a pleasure to notify you that as of
October 2021 we will be re-introducing our

'Gentle Seated Exercise Class'

for men and women of all ages

**in St Michael's Hall
starting at 11am on Wednesday, 6 October 2021**

The class was a great success during the pandemic, so by popular demand
we are returning 'with enthusiasm'!

Hopefully, there will be no restriction on the number of people attending,
but it would be helpful if you could let Anna know
in advance if you wish to join!

Nearer the time there will be a form at the back of the church
where you can add your name.

A short explanation below for those who haven't heard about the class:

The seated exercises are done to a video by Trish Chillas with enjoyable
vintage music appropriately named "Keep Smiling" (and we did...)!

Anna met Trish when she attended her regular exercise class at the Rugby
Club in Bridge of Allan. She is a well-qualified instructor who is particularly
interested in 'Ageing Well Recreation' and now runs classes for a more
mature generation.

All moves are done sitting down, although you can stand if preferred.
We're doing it for FUN and there's no pressure to do all of the exercises!



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EXAMINING TEXTS TOGETHER: THE STORY OF NOAH AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



WHEN: 1 SEPTEMBER & 7 OCTOBER 2021, 7.30PM

Where: Sessions will be conducted via Zoom, you can register through Eventbrite:

1 September : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167040529721>

7 October : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167042969017>

Studying texts together help reveal both similarities and differences in terms of how Jews and Christians interpret these texts and the implications they have for our life in the world. With the upcoming COP26 conference to be held in Glasgow this year, CCJ West of Scotland is offering two sessions to examine the story of Noah from both a Christian and Jewish perspective and what the potential differences in interpreting the story might have for how we think about an issue of universal importance like the environment. With speakers from both the Christian and Jewish communities, we will examine questions and themes such as:

- What are we to make of Noah's silence in the face of the destruction of the world?
- What do we make of God's intention to destroy the earth, particularly with the expression of God's disappointment and sadness with creation?
- What might the story of Noah and the Flood offer us in terms of a possible connection between righteousness and sustaining life?
- Can the story of Noah be read as a kind of ecological parable, a story which makes a connection between human corruption and divine destruction?



PRIMUS LEADS PILGRIM ROUTE DEDICATION SERVICE



The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, recently led a dedication service for the Northern Pilgrims' Way, which has been re-established between Tain and Kirkwall.

The Ross-shire Journal reported: "A dedication service was held in the Collegiate Church in Tain marking a new chapter in the medieval pilgrim route between the shrines of St Duthac in Tain and St. Magnus in Kirkwall.

"The service led by the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness blessed pilgrims who would walk the 131 mile route between Tain and Kirkwall.



"The event, which was limited due to the current Covid restrictions, was attended by the Lords Lieutenant of Ross-shire and of Sutherland, Joanie Whiteford and Monica Main, as well as other civic and church leaders from the area including the Vicar General, Fr. Domenico Zanre, representing the Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen, and MSP Maree Todd.

"The chairman of the Northern Pilgrims' Way group, Karl Rosie, gave a speech of welcome and explained the purpose of developing this route again, providing benefits for the area.

"During the service the Bishop dedicated the display board which will be erected at the entrance to the churchyard and form the starting point for the pilgrims setting off on their journey to Orkney.

"The Bishop also distributed cockle shells to everyone present, representing the coming together of travellers following a pilgrim route."

The Northern Pilgrims' Way will largely avoid roads, following footpaths and tracks suitable for walking and cycling.

Meanwhile in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, a decision has been taken to postpone all the major Diocesan Pilgrimages until 2022. That means that both of the St Andrews Pilgrimages in September - walking along the Fife Pilgrim Way and cycling along the Three Saints Way - will now take place next year rather than this year. The Pilgrimages to Canterbury and to the Holy Land have already been re-scheduled to 2022.

However there will still be an opportunity for a One-Day Walking Pilgrimage from Ceres to St Andrews, on Friday 10 September 2021. The distance is 8 and a half miles, and Pilgrims will be able to join the walk for all or part of the route. The day will finish with a Pilgrim liturgy in St Andrews. Further details are available from the Diocese.

Last month, Inspires Online reported on the pilgrimage undertaken by Bishop Anne Dyer in Orkney, where she walked the St Magnus Way as part of the Scottish Episcopal Church's 'Season of Pilgrimage'.



SILVER AWARD SUCCESS

Eco-Congregation Scotland warmly congratulates Oakshaw Trinity Church in Paisley on receiving our Silver Award. Assessors were impressed by the Kirk Session being kept fully apprised and commended discussion about environmental matters within the congregation, with pledge cards encouraging members to review their lifestyle and carbon footprint.

Please consider applying for an Award in your own church to recognise your environmental work and help us secure funding from partners to support more activities. Any registered eco-congregation that is a Full Member of the charity can apply.



Eco Garden and bottle greenhouse at Oakshaw Trinity



Eco Committee convenor Fiona Catterson said: "We are delighted to receive the Award as it endorses the work we have done over the past three years. We were very clear that our work involved encouraging everyone in Oakshaw Trinity to make changes across all aspects of spiritual, practical and global living. Feedback from the assessment will help steer our next steps towards the Gold Award."

"We found the Eco-Congregation Scotland materials great to use with the checklist as our starting point. When we looked at this and spoke to all the church groups, we realised that we were already doing more than we first thought, so decided to concentrate our efforts on going for the Silver Award rather than Bronze!"

Oakshaw Trinity Church is in communion with the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church. You can read more on our own and both denominations' websites about the Silver success:

Silver Award for Oakshaw Trinity Church, Paisley

Renfrewshire church awarded prestigious silver environmental award

URC in Scotland gains Eco-Congregation award

A fair-trade shop operates in the church which also supports Renfrewshire Foodbank and has strong links with Christian Aid and Tearfund. Springwatch and Autumnwatch events are held encouraging all to care for church grounds, with youth organisations enjoying work with gardeners. Links with the Fabric Committee improved environmental performance of church buildings, while discussion of ethical finance led to investment changes.

We hope that your church will become, or continue, as a Full Member and apply for an Eco-Congregation Scotland Award. You can join online and any fee is ring-fenced to support our Network activities and events programmes.

Remember if you are looking to begin your journey as an eco-congregation, you can also register for free at any time. We strongly encourage membership but definitely need you all to be registered and get involved!

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ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS 2021

Dear All,

With restrictions lifted for outdoor walking activities, we have decided to keep the first STM Walking Group walk for 2021 local and propose meeting at the Hill House car park at 1000 on Friday 17th September 2021 for a walk around the Helensburgh reservoirs and old skating pond. On completion we have an opportunity to enjoy a tea/coffee/cake in the Hill House Cafe.

Depending on the enthusiasm and support, we will look to organise the second walk in the Drymen area on 1st October 2021 - plenty of varying walking and refreshment options. Details will be promulgated for inclusion on the website/FB and the Weekly Service Sheets.

Please contact me (Gerry - email: trevgerry@talktalk.net or Mobile: 07870681363) or one of the Committee - (Geoff Mason, Pete Ashton, Julia Gourd) if you have any queries or suggestions.

Thank you.

Gerry Quickfall

House Communion

House Communion are suspended until further notice. Anyone unable to attend church for communion please contact the Rector.

Henry Martyn 19th October 1812

TRANSLATOR OF THE SCRIPTURES, MISSIONARY IN INDIA AND PERSIA

Born in Truro in 1781, Henry Martyn went up to Cambridge at the age of sixteen. He became an avowed evangelical and his friendship with Charles Simeon led to his interest in missionary work. In 1805, he left for Calcutta as a chaplain to the East India Company. The expectation was that he would minister to the British expatriate community, not to the indigenous peoples; in fact, there was a constant fear of insurrection and even the recitation of Magnificat at Evensong was forbidden, lest 'putting down the mighty from their seat' should incite the natives. Henry set about learning the local languages and then supervised the translation of the New Testament first into Hindustani and then into Persian and Arabic, as well as preaching and teaching in mission schools. He went to Persia to continue the work but, suffering from tuberculosis, he died in Armenia on this day in 1812.

READERS' LIST – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

| DATE | 8:00am | 10:30am | 6:30/7:30pm |
|--------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 Sep | No Eucharist | Jeannette Scobie | 6:30pm David Ronald |
| 12 Sep | No Eucharist | Jane Taylor | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 19 Sep | No Eucharist | Richard Smith | 7:30pm Penny Johnston |
| 26 Sep | No Eucharist | James Ashby | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 3 Oct | No Eucharist | Jill Braid | 6:30pm Aileen Cameron |
| 10 Oct | No Eucharist | Jo Frain-Bell | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 17 Oct | No Eucharist | Michael Blake | 7:30pm John Sadden |
| 24 Oct | No Eucharist | John Hanks | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 31 Oct | No Eucharist | Alex Laing | <i>No Evensong</i> |

SIDESPERSONS' ROTA - 5th September – 7th November 2021

| DATE | | 10:30am | |
|------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2021 | 5 September | Brian Kyle | Maureen Kyle |
| | 12 September | Nick Parry | Carol Parry |
| | 19 September | Chris Packard | Ann Packard |
| | 26 September | Chris Sanders | Linda Sanders |
| | 3 October | James Ashby | Sue Ashby |
| | 10 October | Gerry Quickfall | Alex Laing |
| | 17 October | David Sheen | Barbara Hoey |
| | 24 October | Brian Kyle | Maureen Kyle |
| | 31 October | Nick Parry | Carol Parry |
| | 7 November | Chris Packard | Ann Packard |

LECTIONARY – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

| Sunday | Eucharist (NRSV) | Evensong (NRSV) |
|---|--|---|
| 5 September Sea Sunday | Jonah 1.1-17 Psalm 107.23-32 Acts 27.23-32 Mark 4.35-41 | 6:30pm <i>Trinity 14</i> Psalm 77 Jeremiah 31.23-34 Luke 9.51-62 |
| 12 September Pentecost 16 | Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 116.1-8 James 3.1-12 Mark 8.27-38 | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 19 September Pentecost 17 | Wisdom 1.16 - 2.1,12-22 Psalm 54 James 3.13 – 4.3,7-8a Mark 9.30-37 | 7:30pm Compline Matthew 8.23-34 |
| 26 September St. Michael and All Angels | Genesis 28.10-17 Psalm 103.8-13 Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-51 | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 3 October Harvest Festival | Joel 2.21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33 | 6:30pm <i>Harvest</i> Psalm 65 Deuteronomy 26.1-11 John 6.26-35 |
| 10 October Pentecost 20 | Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Psalm 90.11-17 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31 | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 17 October Pentecost 21 | Isaiah 53.4-12 Psalm 91.9-16 Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45 | 7:30pm Compline Matthew 12.1-21 |
| 24 October Pentecost 22 | Jeremiah 31.7-9 - Psalm 126 Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52 | <i>No Evensong</i> |
| 31 October All Saints' Sunday | Wisdom 3.1-9 Psalm 24.1-6 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44 | <i>No Evensong</i> |



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 or Compline

Tuesdays

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

For dates of services please see Diary (Page 10) inside

