

**July and August 2018**

# THE MESSENGER



**The Magazine of  
St Michael And All Angels  
Episcopal Church, Helensburgh  
[www.stmichaelhelensburgh.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelhelensburgh.org.uk)**



## Service Details

### **Sunday**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite) followed by refreshments  
*Crèche and Sunday Clubs*

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

### **Tuesdays**

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

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



**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WILLIAM STREET, HELENSBURGH**

Charity Registered in Scotland SC006468

**The Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway**

**Bishop: The Right Revd Gregor Duncan**

Diocesan Website: [www.scotland.anglican.org/diocese/glasgow](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/diocese/glasgow)

**Clergy and Staff**

**Rector:** (from 4/8/18) **The Revd Dominic Ind**  
The Rectory, 16 William Street,  
Helensburgh G84 8BD 01436 672500  
[ind.dominic@gmail.com](mailto:ind.dominic@gmail.com)

**Interim Priest-in-Charge:** **The Revd Kenneth Macaulay** 01389 734514  
(up to 4/8/18) [frkenny@sky.com](mailto:frkenny@sky.com)

**Reader:** **Kevin Boak,**  
38 West Duhill Drive,  
Helensburgh G84 9AW 676852

**Secretary to the Vestry.....** **Nick Davies**  
The Copse, Donaldson’s Brae,  
Kilcreggan G84 0JB 842060  
[nickandjaned@btinternet.com](mailto:nickandjaned@btinternet.com)

**Property Convenor.....** **Derek Spall**  
34 Redclyffe Gardens  
Helensburgh G84 9JJ 676264

**Treasurer.....** **Janina Duncan**  
Deepdene, 119 West Clyde St.  
Helensburgh G84 8ET 0741 256 7154  
[janinaduncan@drymen.com](mailto:janinaduncan@drymen.com)

**Stewardship Convenor.....** **John Lewis** 07870 321834

**Lay Representative.....** **Vacant**

**Children & Vulnerable .....** **John Busby**  
**Persons Protection** Innerhaven, Garelochhead  
**Coordinator** G84 0EL 811385

**From the Lay Reader**

*‘For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.’ Jeremiah 29:11*

The beginning of the Vacancy in October last year now seems a long time ago. We have come through the past nine months in good heart and also succeeded in commemorating our church 150th anniversary at the beginning of May in fine style.

Anticipation for the anniversary weekend began with a photographic competition organised by Shaun Hoey. The winning photographs submitted by Chris Packard and Rachel McKee were then used for publicity material and the covers of the concert programme and special orders of service. The weekend began with a bring-and-share church meal planned by the social committee, but dependant on the imagination and generosity of people bringing an abundance of interesting things to eat. Maureen Douglass kindly baked not one, but two celebratory cakes, covered in photographic icing which Bobby Brown (as our oldest member) ceremonially cut. The evening was concluded in the church with an informative and entertaining talk given by Canon Alex Laing, with snippets of church history and amusing anecdotes. ‘And another thing.....’ led into a succession of reminiscences. The church was decorated beautifully for the weekend, and we are grateful to all who supplied and arranged the floral displays, also the display of church vestments and silver, photographs of previous incumbents and the choir, and church recording.

On the Saturday we were treated to a splendid concert given by the Buchanan Ensemble. Mark

**MESSENGER**

**July/August 2018**

**Contents**

From the Lay Reader .....	3
News.....	5
Notices.....	5
Vestry Report.....	6
Mothers’ Union.....	8
Eco-Congregation.....	8
Calendar.....	10
Personal Data.....	11
From Revd Pat Smith .....	12
Rag Bag Box.....	12
From Maurice Cornish.....	13
From Ian Craston.....	13
Rambling Club.....	14
Lectionary.....	17
Readers List.....	18
The Beacon Trust.....	18

*September/October Edition*  
Handing in Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Publication Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug

*November/December Edition*  
Handing in Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Publication Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

For an email copy please contact the Editor.

**Please send your contributions to:** -  
Richard Smith  
21 The Soundings,  
Clynder,  
Helensburgh G84 0QL  
Tel: 01436 831 644  
[richard.jianping@hotmail.com](mailto:richard.jianping@hotmail.com)

## From the Lay Reader (continued)

and Janina Duncan and friends delighted us with a selection of popular classics. We were glad to welcome a number of visitors, and we all appreciated the glorious sound echoing around the church as well as the interval refreshment.

Sunday 6th May saw a good congregation welcome Bishop Gregor to our Sung Eucharist on the day closest to the actual anniversary of the church consecration (the 7th May 1868). In the evening, our weekend was rounded off with a Songs of Praise featuring eight hymns chosen by longstanding members of the church who shared their memories and reasons for choosing the hymns. It was good to welcome back Martyn Marshall to play the organ in the morning and for the second part of the Songs of Praise, and to hear the augmented choir in anthems chosen for the occasion.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this weekend, particularly to the social committee. It was very heartening to hear that freewill offerings during the weekend had raised in excess of £2,500 to the future work of the church, as we look forward in faith.

We have been grateful during the Vacancy for help from visiting clergy (Ivan Draper, Sally Gorton, Robin Paisley and not least, Bishop Gregor), and to the valued help of Pat Smith who returned to St. Michael's with Ian at the beginning of March. We also owe an immense debt of gratitude to Nick Davies for steering us through the potentially troubled waters and navigational hazards of the past nine months, and to the Vestry for their leadership and assistance during the recruitment process. The refurbishment of the rectory has also been a major task, ably guided by Derek Spall and Mark and Janina Duncan, to whom we offer sincere thanks.

This brings us to the point where we welcome Dom and Anna Ind to our church family and offer them our prayers and wholehearted support at the beginning of an exciting time for St. Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh. The verse at the beginning of this piece has served as a reminder through recent months that we have been in God's hands as we have discerned His will for our future. We are now poised to venture into that future as I close with Paul's encouragement from Philippians 3 for the final time.

***'But this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus'. Philippians 3: 13b-14*** Kevin Boak, Lay Reader

## News

I do not have the name of the photographer who took the photo used on the front cover of this edition. Please let me have your name and I will acknowledge it in the next edition. I love the colours of this photo and feel it enhances this Summer edition of the **MESSENGER**.

Revd. Dominic Ind is to be instituted as the Rector of St. Michael's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August by Bishop Gregor at 11:00am. This promises to be a very special service in the life of the church and it is hoped that all members of the congregation who can attend, will do so. Please note changes to the Calendar and Lectionary from that date.

There is a rehearsal of the service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 6:30pm and volunteers will be sought to assist at the service at that time. Please contact Nick Davies to volunteer. All sorts of dignitaries will be invited.

*Richard Smith, Editor*

## Notices

**INSTITUTION** of the Revd Dominic Ind as Rector of St. Michael's, Helensburgh by the Right Revd Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, at 11:00am on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, William Street, Helensburgh G84 8BD. Everyone welcome. Detailed arrangements to be posted in St. Michael's Church. *Glasgow and Galloway Diocesan Website*

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING.** There is no coffee morning in the months of July and August, but it will resume in September. *Maureen Kyle*

**SILVER SCREEN.** During July/August those members who want to can meet at the Tower 2nd Wednesday in both months, for the Silver Screen. You must book the day before, starts 12:30pm, snack lunch, followed by the film at 1:00pm, cost £4.00. The Silver Screen runs every Wednesday. *Margaret Wardil*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** or Counsel will be by appointment with the Rector.

Rector's day off will be Monday.

*Revd Dominic Ind*

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES.** Our new rector plans an All-Age Family Harvest Festival service on Sunday 7th October. Please bring children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, and neighbours and make this a memorable thanksgiving for God's goodness. *Kevin Boak*

## Vestry Report March 2018

After the series of meetings specifically focused on vacancy matters, the Vestry met for a routine meeting on 30th April.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** The Treasurer delivered a report for the period February – April 2018. There was £39,300 in the current account and £27,764 in the Premium Account.

**EXPENDITURE.** Significant bills paid during the period were:

- £717 for the 'Church Times' vacancy advert;
- £7341 for church insurance;
- and £2,356 for rectory insurance. (Considerable time was expended investigating alternative insurance for the rectory. Most insurers declined because it is a rectory joined to the church hall, and because the rectory is unoccupied. We will get some reduction in the premium when the new Rector moves in).
- Rectory refurbishment expenditure. Spend so far was £5,590, which was for fittings. Decoration has cost £2,000 (quote had been £6,000). Large items still to be bought are kitchen and carpets. Forecast final spend should come to £50,000 or less which is achievable. Our application for a Provincial Grant of £20,000 had been received by the Diocese and will be forwarded for consideration at Provincial level in the late summer. We may well not get the full sum requested, but hopefully we'll get some contribution to offset the cost.

**DONATIONS.** We had a number of anonymous donations, and some fundraising income including £1,000 towards the rectory and £3,567 towards the servery.

The Treasurer concluded by reminding the Vestry of the need to keep a tight rein on our spending.

**CHARITABLE GIVING:** £4,000 had been earmarked from church funds specifically to give to charity. The Vestry debated how this should be spent, and the decision was taken that we should support local causes. After a wide-ranging discussion, it was agreed that the following allocations be made:

- Helensburgh Youth Project (Contraflow) £2,500
- The Beacon Trust £1,000
- Helensburgh Food Bank £300
- Rector's 'charitable emergency fund' £200

## Vestry Report (continued)

**PROPERTY MATTERS:** The Property Manager delivered his report:

**RECTORY GARDEN.** The rectory garden had been neglected in recent years and needed attention to make it presentable. Working parties would be needed and the ground adjacent to the rectory building required excavating to rectify damp problems, preserving those plants adjacent to the wall that have horticultural merit where possible. A grass cutting roster had been established. It was agreed that a garden shed should be provided.

**CHURCH INTERNAL PAINTWORK.** It is disappointing to note that only a year after expensive redecoration with specialist paint, the paintwork is peeling badly because the walls, which are porous, retain damp. We will need a volunteer working party to rub down the worst affected areas and repaint, ideally before the service of institution for our new Rector.

**UPPER HALL SERVERY.** Thanks to fundraising and anonymous donations, the servery in the upper hall is affordable. The Property Manager is investigating a contractor to do the work.

**CREATION OF A CHURCH OFFICE SPACE:** The suggestion to create a church office space in a corner of the Lower Hall was discussed. This could be an area where routine church admin tasks such as creation of weekly notices could take place. Recent records and relevant policy documents might be kept there where they are accessible, recognizing on the other hand the need for security. It was agreed that a secure stowage should be created, possibly in the old boiler house, where records such as vestry minutes could be kept. This would save people's homes being cluttered up with church documents.

**DATA PROTECTION:** The 'General Data Protection Regulations' (GDPR) came into force on 25th May. Henry Douglass had done a great deal of excellent preparatory work with all areas where St Michaels collects people's personal data, and we now have a 'Data Protection Policy'. The Vestry endorsed the policy and acknowledged with appreciation the work that had been done.

**STAINED GLASS BOOKLETS.** Lindsay Watkins had asked whether the £5 stained glass booklets could be put on sale again, and whether she might organize for more to be printed. The problem had been the lack of a secure means of collecting the money, but we now have a lockable container for this, and the Vestry agreed that the booklets should be made available again.

## Vestry Report (continued)

The next Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July (NB the Vestry will be meeting on Tuesdays from now on!)  
*Nick Davies, Secretary*

## Mothers' Union

During July/August those members who want to can meet at the Tower 2nd Wednesday in both months, for the Silver Screen. You must book the day before, starts 12:30pm, you have a snack lunch, followed by the film at 1:00pm, the cost is £4.00.

The Silver Screen runs every Wednesday.

*Margaret Wardil*

## Eco-congregation

The last issue of the Messenger did not have a contribution from me because the 150th Anniversary celebrations took centre stage, and quite rightly so. This time I shall make good the deficit by reporting what the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church has to say on saving the planet. They only finished their proceedings on Saturday 9th, so this is hot off the press.

Actually, it took me a day and a half to find any mention of the greatest catastrophe ever to face mankind, as the good folk of General Synod had other more pressing matters to attend to. Finally, on page 123 of the official minutes I did find the report by the Church in Society Committee which had an item listed "Climate Change Action and Fossil Fuel Investments". I shall remind you that at the Synod of 2017 this committee and the Investment Committee had been sanctioned to work together on this issue by the passing of a motion to that effect. The result of the collaboration seems to have been not much of anything. The church's funds are mostly held in a joint church enterprise known as UTP. And this in turn is administered by the Church Investors' Group (CIG). The independent firm of financial advisors is Baillie Gifford and they are a cautious bunch as befits their calling. In spite of every effort by the church's Ethical Advisory Group, it has proved impossible to split the church's funds and investments from other such monies, so as to prevent church money being used to support Fossil Fuel Companies. The Pension Fund (page 134 of Minutes) said the very same thing, perhaps not surprisingly. That problem having been effectively dealt with, the Church in Society Committee (CISC) simply recommended that individual churches should join with Christian Aid in their Campaign called "THE BIG SHIFT" and sign petitions to get the banks to

## Eco-congregation (continued)

make good the promises they made at the Paris Climate Conference. You may remember that at the end of our Saving the Planet Day at St Michael's last Autumn three of our team went to the Royal Bank of Scotland and delivered their Petition to the Manager as part of that Campaign. The Committee having offered this piece of advice later moved on (page 126) to an initiative which really had something positive to say about collaborating to help the natural world.

The plan is for the SEC, the Church of Scotland, the environmental Christian Charity A Rocha and yes.... Eco-Congregation Scotland to join with RSPB Scotland to raise awareness of the plight of the natural world -which is the direct result of human activity- and pool ideas and resources to equip congregations with the necessary skills to save and protect wildlife. The RSPB has a great deal of practical knowledge which they wish to share with us. Eco - Congregation has set up a dedicated web-page to this project and has suggestions for talks, activities, worship materials and spirituality resources. They see it as a real opportunity for mission and witness. In the meantime, I suggest that as we do not have church grounds as such, that we ask the incoming rector Canon Ind, if we may with his and his family's permission make a real wildlife sanctuary in the Rectory garden using professional advice from the RSPB as they are so keen to give it.

On September 1st to October 4th it is Creation Time. This movement is a worldwide event, and I hope that our church will willingly join with the other Helensburgh churches to put on a spectacular display of Christian love for God and his world and show that we are really willing to make the necessary sacrifices and simplification of life-style which the Time demands of us. Remember the list of ways to act at home sustainably which we put up in church during Lent? Try and keep it up.  
*Selina McGeoch*

*Spirit of our Loving God  
In your mercy and compassion  
Inspire, encourage and empower us  
To live and work together  
As a Diocese  
To allow your mission for us  
To take flesh  
Through Jesus Christ  
Our Living and Eternal Lord.  
Amen*



## CALENDAR FOR JULY

### JULY

\*No Evensong in July\*

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Fifth after Trinity

\*No 8:00am Communion\*

10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Feast-day of St Thomas, Apostle

10:30am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
followed by refreshments  
7:30pm Vestry meeting

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

9:00am Rambling Club – St Fillans

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sixth after Trinity

\*No 8:00am Communion\*

10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Seventh after Trinity

8:00am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

9:00am Rambling Club – Lochgoilhead

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Eighth after Trinity

8:00am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Ninth after Trinity

8:00am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Communion from  
Reserved Sacrament (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Communion from Reserved  
Sacrament (1970 Rite)

\*Change of Timing\*

### AUGUST

\*No Evensong in August\*

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

6:30pm Rehearsal of Service of  
Institution of Revd Dominic Ind as Rector  
of St. Michael's

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

9:00am Rambling Club – To be Arranged

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

11:00am Service of Institution of Revd  
Dominic Ind as Rector of St. Michael's by  
Bishop Gregor Duncan followed by  
refreshments

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration of our Lord

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Feast-day of St Dominic, Priest 1221

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

## /AUGUST 2018

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Twelfth after Pentecost

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Feast-day of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August

9:00am Rambling Club – Loch Lomond  
and West Highland Way

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Thirteenth after Pentecost

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Fourteenth after Pentecost

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)  
10:30-11:15am Sunday clubs for children  
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Feast-day of St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop 430

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group  
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

\*Change of Timing\*

### PERSONAL DATA

The UK Government will implement the latest EU rules (The General Data Protection Regulations) for protecting personal data in May 2018. This means that all organisations; including churches, must manage and protect the personal data of anyone who provides it.

Personal data consists of your name, telephone numbers, address and email address - the things that make it possible for people to identify or contact you. We have lists of members of the congregation for many reasons; the congregational roll, church helpers (such as sidespersons and readers rotas) and members of clubs and groups.

Previously the need to protect personal data was limited to those whose details were published on the web site. Under the new rules the protection applies to both paper lists and those held on computers. As the person responsible for the Web Site and Social Media for St Michaels I already have some responsibilities and VSec has asked me to follow up on some things. Over the next few weeks we will check who holds the various distribution lists, then decide if your explicit permission is needed to use your personal information. Quite a lot of our lists relate to the running of St Michaels and these may well not need your consent, but for many purposes we rely on email contact and in these cases, it will be prudent to confirm with you that we can continue to use your information for specific purposes.

We now have some guidance from the Diocese and will take this into account.

A couple of final points; we will not put any details which can identify an individual on Social Media, and we will not allow any personal data to be used by third parties without consent. If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything related to these new rules, please get in touch with me.

Henry Douglass 01436 674 763, 07508 122 866, [henry.douglass@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:henry.douglass@hotmail.co.uk)

(This data provided with my express permission for use in connection with GDPR compliance)

## From Revd Pat Smith

Recently I was reading about the sick man who Jesus met at the pool of Bethzatha: he had been there for 38 years because he had no-one to help him into the water at the right time (read chapter 5 of John's gospel for the full story). How terrible it must have been for the man - not simply to be disabled, but then to have absolutely no-one to provide help. The piece went on to say that "the church should be the place where no-one can ever say that they have no-one" - it's the place where we should love and accept each other warts and all, and where help should be offered to all.

Unfortunately, the church hasn't always lived up to its calling. Since the very beginning there have been some who think that churchgoers should be "the right sort" and that only "the good" are deserving of help, rather than accepting and helping everyone as they are. Thankfully things have changed over the years but, while all the SEC congregations that I have visited pride themselves on their welcome, we can't rest on our laurels. We mustn't simply wait for people to come to us, instead we should always be on the look-out for those who need loving care: especially those who have no-one and are so used to the situation that they don't even believe that there ever will be someone who cares for them - as well as those who see the church as a place only for "holy people".

To go out to others can involve risks – of rejection or exploitation – but we must be ready to take those risks in life to allow ourselves to be and do whatever Christ wants.

Revd Pat Smith

## Rag Bag Box

We now have a Rag Bag Box at the back of the church near the font. You are asked to put in unwanted wearable clothes, shoes, handbags and belts. When the box is full it the contents will be collected, and a cheque sent to the church in payment. This obviously benefits the church finances and also recycles the goods donated. Please give this project your support.

Please note: No Household goods such as curtains, towels, bed linen, carpets etc can be recycled by this company. Richard Horrell will be pleased to accept these for the Community Outreach Project for Refugee families.

Further information from Selina McGeoch or Ann Packard

Ann Packard

## From Maurice Cornish

One of our visitors at the 150th church anniversary weekend was Maurice Cornish, who came to the Songs of Praise service. He has subsequently written reflecting on the long membership of the church he and Robbie enjoyed between 1983 and 2014, before their move to Sussex because of Robbie's rapidly declining health. He became aware of the financial challenges facing St. Michael's with renovation of the rectory and the project to construct a servery in the upper hall. Maurice has made a donation in memory of Robbie that will go along with a number of other generous anonymous donations to enable this work to go ahead.

Maurice wrote:

*'I know that Robbie would be very pleased for me to make you all aware that throughout her illness she spoke of the great strength she felt from the knowledge that so many people in St. Michael's were thinking of and praying for her. Additionally, it is a measure of the warmth and friendship which I have felt myself over the past three years from regular contact with so many of you.*

*'It was a quite extraordinary coincidence that a lunch with some of my old seafaring friends was held on the same day as your 150th celebrations, and I was so pleased that I was able to join you for the evening 'Songs of Praise'.*

Maurice concluded his letter with a paraphrase from Ecclesiasticus 9:10 *'Friendship is like wine; when it is old thou shalt drink it with pleasure'.*

Kevin Boak

## From Ian Craston

To: the most faithful Christian family of St Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh.

*"Love will be your song and life your celebration. Go you are in the house of God, stones cut according to the measure of God's love. You are awaited my people, and I declare to you, people of God, I am going with you."*

(Words from the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)

May the light of Christ which shines so brightly, continue to inspire a worshiping community here for the next 150 years.

With fondest love and affection,

Nancy and Ian Craston

### Annual Walking Trip May 2018

The annual St Michael and All Angels' walking group holiday this year was in Pitlochry. This town was much loved by the Victorians as a spa and remains as popular today with the many activities on offer.



James and Sue had found the lovely Dundarach Hotel, situated just outside the centre of town, which was to be our base for the three day stay. There was

also an excellent camp site located within easy walking distance to accommodate the members of the group who were camping.

Having checked in, Trevor and I investigated the shopping and eating facilities the town had to offer. As it was quite late we didn't have the opportunity to spend too much, however, we were pleasantly surprised with the quality of the individual shops and cafes.



We all (31 of us) gathered at the hotel for pre-dinner drinks followed by an excellent dinner served in the large dining room overlooking the hotel gardens. As is usually the case when we all get together, the hum of chatter rose steadily as the evening progressed. Sophie had joined us from the Borders for a short stay, so it was lovely to catch up.



Our first walk was based around the Corbett, Ben Vrackie, setting off from the hotel to see the Black Spout, an impressive 60m waterfall, then stopping for coffee at the Moulin

Hotel where we met up with Maureen, Brian and Jo, who were joining us for the day. After our refreshments we separated into different groups for gentler walks or the challenge of hill.

### Annual Walking Trip May 2018 (continued)

I was in the 'hill' group and we made our way up to the summit of Ben Vrackie past pretty Loch a'Choire on a very well maintained path. It was a beautiful day which did make the going quite tough because of the intense heat. The views on the way up were stunning, however, on reaching the cairn and the marker stone we were treated with a 360 degree vista! How lucky were we to be able to spot Ben Lomond, Ben Nevis and Schiehallion so clearly. It was amazing just sitting and enjoying lunch overlooking such wonderful



scenery.

Our second walk was a river walk, taking in Loch Faskally, the River Tummel, the River Garry and Killiecrankie. We came across a group of 'Bungee Jumpers' under the Garry Bridge – all I can say is 'Why?' .....



Once again, the distance walked could be adjusted to suit and Pitlochry offered other attractions for anyone not wanting to walk. Arrangements had been made for us to all meet up for lunch at the NTS Visitor Centre at Killiecrankie, a welcome break under the shade of the trees. The sun shone on us throughout the day, so it was lovely walking along the riverbank. For those of us who still had enough energy after lunch, James had an 'add-on' walk which took us a little higher. We were rewarded with another stunning view across the valley and beyond to Ben Vrackie.



## ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

### Annual Walking Trip May 2018 (continued)

I was sad to be leaving on the Friday, it had been such fun and the weather had been glorious. However, we did manage to do a little retail therapy before leaving Pitlochry and following



recommendations from the group visited the Heather Gems Factory and the Edradour Distillery!

Trevor and I are already planning a return trip as there is still much to see and do. So thank you to Sue, James and the STM Walking Group committee for all the

organising, planning and recce which resulted in an excellent holiday – we all appreciated your hard work.

*Gerry Quickfall*

### WALKS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2018

Walks are on Saturdays and start outside St Michael's Church at 9 am unless otherwise indicated by the leaders of the individual walks.

DATE	WALK	LEADER
7 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Fillans	Frankie 678490
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Lochgoilhead	James 675541
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	To be Arranged	John 675010
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Loch Lomond and West Highland Way	John 675010
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Lendrick Hill, Brig O'Turk	Maureen 674763
15 <sup>th</sup> September	White Corries, Glencoe	James 675541

Note that the grades have been omitted, as these can be so subjective. The leaders will give more details following a recce and we do try to cater for all tastes. Queries about individual walks to the Leader.

## LECTIONARY – JULY/AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
1 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 5	Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	No Evensong in July
8 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	
15 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July Trinity 8	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34,53-56	
29 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 9	2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	
5 <sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration of our Lord	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 2 Philipians 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36	No Evensong in August
12 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 12	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51	
19 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 13	Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	
26 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 14	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	

## READERS' LIST – JULY/AUGUST 2018

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> July	No Service	Jill Braid	No Evensong
8 <sup>th</sup> July	No Service	Trevor Quickfall	No Evensong
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Henry Douglass	Jo Frain-Bell	No Evensong
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Penny Johnston	John Lewis	No Evensong
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Nigel Allan	Michael Blake	No Evensong
5 <sup>th</sup> August	John MacCallum	John Hanks	No Evensong
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Chris Sanders	Chris Packard	No Evensong
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Selina McGeoch	Julie Siemens	No Evensong
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Henry Douglass	Helen Gibson	No Evensong

### Beacon Trust

Just a few lines to tell you how we are progressing at the Beacon Trust. We haven't closed our doors yet but for a while it was touch and go.

The Beast from the East; and relaying the pavements where we are both had a deflecting effect on who came through our door and our ability to pick up and deliver items.

Notwithstanding the necessity to have the clutch replaced in the van all appeared to be gloom and despondency. We had permission to park our van in the Council Carpark opposite the shop but now it has been renovated and part of it is becoming a "Park and Ride" we have been told we can no longer park in it. Once the payment machines are in place we will have to find somewhere else to keep the van.

But on the bright side, this weather has given us all a boost and people are returning to the shop and to admire our newly laid pavements. This good weather also allows Jean and Andrea to place items outside the shop on the pavement that catch people's eyes and give a bit of breathing space inside the shop.

Space and lack of storage is our biggest drawback.

Once again thank you all for your support in prayer and deed. It is greatly appreciated.

*Trevor McGrath MBE*

### ***Church Group Leaders***

### ***Contact People/Organisers***

Sunday Club		
Crèche	Pauline and Ray Williams	673944
Infants, Juniors Plus	Joy Boak	676852
Sidespersons	Vacant	
Bellringers	Kitty Fleming	676963
Reading (Lessons) Rota	Nigel Allan	671875
Cleaning Co-ordinator	Barbara Hoey	671718
Visiting Co-ordinator	Vacant	
Flowers	Sue Ashby	675541
Intercessions Rota, Laundry, Soft		
Fabrics and Chief Sacristan	Joan Sadden	672422
Sunday Coffee Rota	Margaret Horrell	676936
BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship Notes)	Marion Blake	673960
Mothers' Union Branch Leader	Richard Horrell	676936
USPG	Marion Blake	673960
Keep Fit/ Hall Convener/		
Monthly Coffee Morning Rota	Maureen Kyle	672951
Eco Congregation	Selina McGeoch	676074
Hill walking and Rambling Club	James Ashby	675541
Traidcraft	Jo Scott	01389 849145
Vale of Leven Hospital Tea Bar	Judith Adams	672477
St Michael's Art Group	John MacCallum	673521
Magazine Editor	Richard Smith	831644
Website	Henry Douglass	674763
	Jo Scott	01389 849145

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.