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**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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**From the Rector**

Dear Friends,

The other day I was with my clerical colleagues at Helensburgh Parish Church to discuss our Christmas Services. If you combine what our churches are doing in Helensburgh it’s quite a full programme. A selection of carol services; concerts; special Christmas services and our monthly round of Eucharists. December is an intense month which can cut across the short and yet potent season of Advent.

“O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.”

Waiting for the Son of God to appear – how extraordinary is that and what a powerful Advent theme that gives us, ‘waiting.’ For four weeks I wonder how well we might engage with waiting? As a general rule, none of us like to wait, not in a queue in a shop; never mind say, waiting for an operation. However, in Advent, waiting is exactly what we are asked to do.

It’s a powerful counter-cultural theme; to exercise patience and often it is hard to find it in our society at large. It is particularly ironic that we experience the first twenty-four days of December as a blur, as we charge about doing this and that. Waiting patiently isn’t high on our agenda as a general rule, never mind in December.

Maybe this Advent you might try coming to St. Michael’s to sit quietly, to listen to what God might be saying to you, to contemplate what the coming of the Son of God is about. As we do that, the discipline of waiting is honed and that’s a good discipline for many aspects of our life.

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## From the Rector (Continued)

When it comes, Anna and I wish the St. Michael's community a very merry Christmas. Love  
*Dom Ind, Rector*

## News

The Cover picture this month shows the Font and the North-West corner of the church decorated for Harvest Festival. Many thanks to Chris Packard for this photograph.

Wishing all our Readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

*Richard Smith, Editor*

## Notices

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING** The November Coffee Morning will be held at Angela Russell's house, 65 Macleod Drive, Helensburgh at 10:30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> November tel: 678869. The December Coffee Morning will be held at Ann and Chris Packard's house, Kiloran, 14 Glasgow Street, Helensburgh at 10:30am on the 6<sup>th</sup> December tel: 672722.  
*Maureen Kyle*

**SIDESPERSONS' LEADER** We are still in urgent need of a volunteer to take up the vacant post of sidespersons' leader. We hope that an existing sidesperson or another member of the congregation will come forward. Please contact Brian for details on 01436 672 951.  
*Brian Kyle*

**MUSIC AT ST. CYPRIAN'S** Scottish Episcopal Church, Lenzie. Armistice Centenary Concert Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm featuring Music, Song and Poetry from WW1 with McOpera Strings. See notice back of church.  
*Dom Ind*

**MESSAGES FROM THE DIOCESE.** The Revd Canon Cedric Blakey is retiring as Vice-Provost of St Mary's Cathedral on 30th November 2018. Cedric says that anyone from the diocese is very welcome to attend his final Choral Evensong at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 25th November 2018, The Feast of Christ the King, when members of the Cathedral Chapter are welcome to robe. Cedric will continue to serve as convener of the Provincial Committee for Relations with People of Other Faiths.

Cedric demits office as Interfaith Adviser and we are delighted to have this chance to thank him for the valuable work he has done in this area of our common life and to announce the appointment of The Revd Maggs McTernan,

## Notices (continued)

Assistant Priest at St Margaret's, Newlands, Glasgow as the new Interfaith Adviser effective from 1st December 2018.

We wish to thank the diocese once more for your extraordinary generosity in raising £15,437.83 for MND Scotland in the Bishop's Lent Appeal. The cheque was presented last week to MND in Glasgow and we have received a very warm letter of thanks which will appear in next year's Synod papers. It is a marvellous outcome and speaks volumes about this diocese. It made us very proud to be able to deliver such a wonderful cheque.  
*Christine Hughes*

**SIDE BY SIDE** 16 Days of activism against gender based violence **16 DAYS**

FAITH MOVEMENT FOR GENDER JUSTICE

**SEEING INJUSTICE, IMAGINING CHANGE**

**Rt Revd Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney**

**Saturday 1st December 2018**  
**10.30 - 4.15**  
**St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Perth**

Cost £10.00 including coffee, lunch, teas (bursaries available)  
Registration required by Saturday 24th November

Contact: Val Nellist  
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**All Welcome**

Organised by the Gender Justice Group of the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane.

# Vestry Report 2018

The Vestry gathered on 4th September for the first meeting with Revd Dom Ind in the chair, and proceedings began with an opening prayer.

**RECTOR'S OPENING REMARKS:** The Rector began by saying that he and Anna are delighted to be here, that they had enjoyed a busy first month and had noted the atmosphere of optimism and positivity at St Michaels.

He highlighted the importance of 'marketing' our faith through evangelism, MAP activity and through our daily lives, and that this is a '24/7' task. To this end, we must make best use of social media to promote St Michaels, and he urged everyone to take pictures of our events.

Music is an essential component of our business. We should ask ourselves why, in Scotland, would one choose the Episcopal church to worship? The 2 reasons being:

- Eucharistic Liturgy
- Choral Music

We are lucky to have 2 dedicated part time organists, but we really need someone 'at the helm' as Director of Music (DOM) who also plays the organ. A discussion took place covering the reasons for the current situation. The quality of our organ is a selling point, but there are several other churches advertising for DOMs at present. Paying a salary close to 'RSCM' rates means a DOM post would be cost neutral.

It was agreed that we will advertise for an 'organ playing' DOM at the end of this year.

**SERVICE OF INSTITUTION:** It was agreed that the Service of Institution had not only been a great success, but also a very happy occasion which had served to raise the profile of St Michaels. The church was full, the guests included good representation from local dignitaries, provision of catering and wine worked really well and the booklet of pictures taken by Chris Packard (copy available at the back of the church) forms an impressive record of the event. We had also enjoyed good coverage in the local newspaper.

**FINANCIAL:** The Treasurer had taken over the role of 'Paying Officer' from John Sadden, and the Vestry gratefully acknowledged John Sadden's pivotal role in St Michaels financial affairs over at least 25 years of service, both as an office holder and for his help and support generally.

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The main expenditures over the last few months had been:

- Rectory Refurbishment which cost just under £30,000, with a further £4,600 on the garden (partially offset by donations)
- Upper Hall servery which cost £9,500, entirely financed by donations.
- Replacement stacking chairs cost just over £2,000 financed by donations.
- £1,600 to rectify dry rot and £1,100 on church roof repairs.

There were future expenditures due amounting to around £5,000, and in addition a significant bill for church external paintwork to come.

We were awarded a Provincial grant of £13,000 towards rectory refurbishment.

Our current accounts stood at £9,596 and the Premium account held £27,782.

We have changed over to a 'cloud based' accountancy package linked to our bank which makes life simpler for the Treasurer.

The Rector commented on the significant generosity of the various donations.

Although our financial position is relatively secure and stable, we cannot afford to be profligate. Our next large expenditure will be a £20,00 boiler replacement, which will probably be necessary during 2019.

Acknowledging that a more modern boiler will be cheaper to run, the vestry noted the significant savings in energy costs that we have made in recent years thanks to good housekeeping.

**PROPERTY:** The highlights of the Property Manager's report were:

- Rectory upgrade completed, with the exception of 2nd floor redecorating, which will be done shortly.
- Hall servery up and running after a few problems with the dishwasher, now overcome.
- The 72 replacement stacking chairs have been welcomed by all. 40 are being kept in the upper hall, the remainder down below.
- Deep flow guttering now installed over the lower hall rectifying last year's snow damage.
- New flashings to the flower vestry roof should solve the leak problem. Minor repairs to the main roof will continue in the autumn (moss has been reported in some areas).

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- External paintwork, gutters & downpipes will be redecorated using a new contractor, unfortunately at a higher price than our original contractor who is no longer available.
- Dry rot work in the old boiler room, adjacent exit door and hall porch now complete.
- The font will be brought back into service, requiring a major service to the lid lifting gear with the implication that regular testing of wire and blocks will be required.
- New key safe installed in the flower vestry and the holding of keys has been reviewed.
- Door between upper hall and sacristy is now permanently locked.

The vestry gratefully acknowledged Derek Spall's dedicated hard work as Property Manager during a particularly busy and productive year. The Rector added that he has also been impressed with the quality of the contractors he had encountered working at St Michaels.

**CHURCH IT:** The old church laptop ran on out of date software, and the church printer was reported as being barely functional. We have access to a shared projector. A proposal by Henry Douglass to replace all 3 with modern technology at an overall cost of £869.72 was discussed. All 3 items of equipment will be kept securely in the Lower Hall and available for authorised church use. The suggested inkjet printer is capable of printing A3 size – useful for posters. It was therefore agreed to purchase a church laptop, printer and projector. There will not however be provision for internet access in the lower hall, thus saving on both expense and data management implications.

**AUDIO SYSTEM:** There had been problems with lapel microphones, the transmissions of which break up when the head is turned away. It was agreed that 2 headset microphones should be acquired at a cost of £115 each.

**SOCIAL MATTERS:** The church BBQ at Nigel Allen's house, attended by around 60 people, had been a great success.

The next social events are:

- Glasgow City Choir concert 27th October.
- Mulled wine & mince pies after the carol service.
- Burns Night in January 2019.

## Vestry Report (continued)

**YOUNG CHURCH:** Joy Boak had stepped down as the leader, replaced by Samantha (Sammy) Harris. The task is difficult because of the unpredictability of children's attendance, and the vestry acknowledged the challenge of bringing more children into church.

**PLACEMENT:** The Rector introduced Michael Blake, who is ex-RN and preparing for ordination. The Rector will be giving him guidance in the coming months.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** It was agreed that the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November should start at 0930 to finish by 1030 so that we could then participate in the town's Remembrance event at Hermitage Park.

**ADVENT:** Advent Sunday is 2nd December. A new liturgy and musical setting will be used.

**CRIBFEST:** The Vestry endorsed the proposal by the Mother's Union that last year's successful 'Cribfest' would be repeated this year during the first week of Advent. This would require the heating to be kept on during that week, and stewards to welcome visitors. The Rector mentioned a plan to install a 9' Angel in the sanctuary during Advent.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Safeguarding remains the responsibility of all of us and not just John Busby's job as our child protection officer. Our policies are in place, PVG Clearances have been obtained for those that need them. There were no incidents to report.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 6th November 1830 in the Lower Hall

The meeting closed with the Grace.

*Nick Davies, Hon. Secretary*



Our program continues in November on Tuesday 13th November at 1:30pm when Sheenah Nelson will give a practical Heartstart training session including use of a Defibrillator.

On Thursday 29th November at 10:30am Marjory Barrington will talk about using music as a great therapy for people with Dementia.

From 25th November to 10th December we will be supporting the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign This campaign aims to

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galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world.

There will be a Crib Festival in Church from 2nd to 9th December when we hope to invite Primary School children and members of the public to visit the Church. If you have a crib scene that you would be willing to display, please contact Barbara Hoey. We will require members of the congregation to be on hand while the church is open during the week, 11am to 4pm, so please give your names to Barbara so that a rota can be created.

Our last meeting of the year will be on Thursday 13th at 10.30am when a Christmas themed activity is planned followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

All members of the congregation are cordially invited to our meetings.

*Richard Horrell, Branch Leader*

**WELLBEING PACKS.** The Wellbeing Packs Committee would like to thank you all very much for your most generous gifts, both in money and in kind to people who have become homeless.

In the run up to Christmas, which is a busy time, we will be packing about 30 packs for ladies and 20 for men.

There is always a box at the back of the church for any donations in kind.

*Marjory Barrington*

**MODERN DAY TRAFFICKING.** On 14<sup>th</sup> October, Richard and I drove over to Livingston to St Andrews church to watch a play called "My Mind is FREE" It was a very good small-scale production with 4 actors taking the parts of various forms of trafficking, slavery, and exploitation of vulnerable people. All issues Mothers' Union and our churches are involved in. Their next performance will be in Clydebank on Friday 19th October at 7pm at Morison Memorial United Reformed Church in Clydebank. Box office <https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.mymindisfree.com%2Fbooktickets&data=02%7C01%7C%7C9a5a340b00654e8b802208d63229ca5e%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636751552401504021&sdata=YyHkcCjlrLi1TCzgORjUp4iV1SGOLJxzupsYLeHZtM%3D&reserved=0> . We found it very moving and informative, there was a good amount of literature available to pick up, with useful phone numbers and advice on how to spot trafficked persons and how to help them. There was a speaker from IJM International Justice Mission there but whether she or another will be talking after the Clydebank

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performance I do not know. I feel that we should work as hard as we can to defeat the scourge of Slavery in this day and age. It has no place in our society.

*Margaret Horrell*

**DESERT ISLAND DISCS 2018.** St Michael's Mothers' Union held its version of Desert Island Discs on Friday 5 October at 7.00 pm in the Church. The willing victims or castaways were Rosemary and Michael Wilson who are well known members of our congregation. They were interrogated/interviewed by Joan Thompson.

Rosemary and Michael proved to be very entertaining castaways and told us about their extremely interesting lives in South America and Cuba. We could have happily listened to them all night! Interspersed in true Desert Island style were snippets of their music choices. These were Dvorak's New World Symphony, Handel's I Know that my Redeemer Liveth, Blow the Wind Southerly as sung by Kathleen Ferrier, The Girl from Ipanema, Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem as sung by Rosemary and Michael's nephew, Cello Concerto by Elgar played by Jacqueline Du Pre, Flower of Scotland by the Corries and Celtic Blessing by John Rutter. Their favourite is Dvorak's New World Symphony.

Their chosen book was the Oxford Book of Verse and their luxury items were nail clippers and a hairbrush! At the end Rosemary was presented with a flowering plant and Michael with a bottle of Chilean wine.

MU would like to thank Rosemary and Michael for being such good sports and thanks to all who attended for helping us to raise over £200 for MU Overseas Fund. We would also like to thank Dom and the Vestry for allowing us to use the church. Thanks are also due to Joy, Richard and Barbara and their team for creating such a lovely island and providing us all with refreshments afterwards.

*Joan Thompson*



## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – ALL SOULS' DAY**

7:30pm Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

10:00am Preliminary Meeting of Electoral Synod at Holy Trinity and St. Barnabas, Paisley

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November – ALL SAINTS' DAY**

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 6<sup>th</sup> November – Feast-day of**

#### **William Temple**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

6:30pm Vestry meeting in Lower Hall

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance**

#### **Day**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9:30-10:10am Young Church

9:30-10:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)

10:45am Remembrance at Town War Memorial

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Feast-day of**

#### **Margaret of Scotland**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

1:30pm Mothers' Union – Heartstart

Training with Sheenah Nelson

2:30pm Bible Study Group

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Day of Prayer for Mission Action Planning, Trinity Chapel All Day

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

9:00am Rambling Club - Salloch Wood, Loch Lomond

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Second before Advent**

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

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Feast-day of**

#### **Edmund the Martyr**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

1:30pm Mothers' Union, Speaker Ian Davis

3:00pm Cardross House Communion

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

2:30pm Peninsula House Communion

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

10:30am-12:30pm Messy Church in URC

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Mothers' Union - 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Feast-day of St.**

#### **Andrew, Apostle**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Bible Study Group

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

10:30am Mothers' Union – Marjory Barrington – Music as Therapy for people with dementia

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### **DECEMBER**

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

9:00am Rambling Club - Pass of Leny and The Lade Inn, Kilmahog

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – First of 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)

\*3:00pm Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at St. Michael's\*

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Crib Festival in Church

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Feast-day of**

#### **Clement of Alexandria**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

1:30pm MU - NHS Minor Ailment Service

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Second of Advent**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

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

Ecumenical Service with URC at St.

Michael's

\*6:30pm No Evensong\*

7:30pm Oratorio Choir at Helensburgh Parish Church

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

2:30pm Bible Study Group at Kevin Boak's House

#### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Mothers' Union - Christmas

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Third of Advent**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

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

\*7:00pm Come and Sing at Helensburgh Parish Church\*

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

3:00pm Cardross House Communion

6:30pm Vestry meeting in Lower Hall

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

2:30pm Peninsula House Communion

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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\*

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

6:30pm Christingle Service at

Helensburgh Parish Church

11:00pm Midnight Mass

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:00am Family Eucharist (1982 Rite)

#### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

9:00am Rambling Club - Pappert Hill, Alexandria

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – First Sunday of Christmas**

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

10:30-11:15am Young Church

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

\*6:30pm No Evensong\*

\*Change of Timing\*

## Social Committee

The Social Committee at St Michaels grew out of the Fund-Raising Committee, when the emphasis was on organising social activities to raise funds for the Church restoration. The purpose of the committee now is to organise social activities for the Church, which may also raise funds for various causes, mostly for Church funds.

The committee reports its programme of activities to the Vestry and agrees with the Vestry the purpose of any fund raising. Most people will be familiar with the sometimes regular, sometimes occasional, August barbecues, Burns Night suppers, Harvest suppers, etc., and suggestions from the congregation for other events are always welcome.

St Michaels has a very strong tradition in hosting concerts of all kinds, and whilst these are usually organised by individuals, the Social committee is always very willing to play a supporting role in the organisation. A favourite of mine is mulled wine and mince pies following the Carol Service. I may miss it this year but be assured it will still go ahead.

*John Hanks*



On the 20th of September at 7.30pm an Ecumenical Eucharist Service was held at St Michael and All Angels to mark Creation-tide and attended by the members of the Lomond and Helensburgh Network of Eco-congregations. Rev. Dom Ind led the service assisted by Rev. Mitchell Bunting (Bungie) and we were very fortunate to have the newly inducted Environmental Chaplain of Eco - congregation Scotland, David Coleman, deliver the sermon. David is a URC minister from Greenock seconded to Eco-congregation. The choir were in good form and refreshments were enjoyed in the hall. Many thanks also to the



Woodland Trust who donated many native trees to the congregation. The surplus trees have now been donated and planted in the Duchess Woods.

Now that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have made us all aware of the danger of ignoring rising temperatures and the disastrous consequences

of not taking any action it is obvious that we should try to do whatever we can to help. By reducing, reusing, recycling and reinvesting in recycled goods. The TV programme Landward Friday 12th October



showed how a manufacturer was recycling plastic waste from farms to make durable plastic items which will last a lifetime. e.g. benches, dog kennels and hen houses.

The Helensburgh and Lomond network organised a team of 50 to help at a beach clean at Arrochar on the 14th September in conjunction with Marine Scotland and the Marine Conservation Society these official bodies are very interested in the huge amount of marine waste which is deposited at Arrochar due to the nature of the tides. Try to join in any beach cleans organised locally if you are able, it is a real eye opener to what is dumped in our river.

*Margaret Horrell*

## A LETTER FROM ELIZABETH LAMBERT ABOUT ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MESSY CHURCH THIS SEASON

Dear All,

It was great to see you all today. It is wonderful to have such a great team and see the children really enjoying it. The kitchen team invaluable so please pass on our thanks to them. These are the dates that are booked for this session.



- 29th Sept 18 The Good Samaritan
- 27th Oct 18 John the Baptist
- 24th Nov 18 Christmas
- 26th Jan 19 The Lost Sheep
- 23rd Feb 19 Jacob's Ladder
- 30th Mar 19 Easter
- 27th April 19 Daniel

It would be good to know who is available for October and November to be able to plan who could help with craft, prayers, music etc.

This time Emily and I did most of it because we weren't sure who else was going to be there. it would be good to know who is not available as well if you already have holidays booked etc.

For planning the next one can I suggest a meeting Tuesday 9th Oct 11:30am at HPC. All welcome and all ideas for music and craft gladly received.

Regards

*Elizabeth Lambert*

## **Christian Aid Swim**

Thank you to all those who very generously sponsored my Christian Aid swim. Kick-started by Trevor on our last jolly evening at our recent rambles' Pitlochry holiday, the donations have reached the magnificent sum of £430. A record amount for me over the years.

I managed to swim a mile, encouraged by the smile of Margaret Horrell who counted my lengths off!

*Julia Gourd*



"Traidcraft plc's recent trading has been poor, and despite enormous efforts by staff, management, Fair Traders, and many Fairtrade shops over the last few years to reverse the company's performance we have not yet succeeded. Traidcraft plc's assets remain considerably greater than its liabilities, and while this remains the case the Board of Directors believe it is prudent to close our current loss-making trading operations. Traidcraft plc's mission to put the principles of fair trade into commercial practice is not, in any sense, fulfilled but we appreciate that it is time to consider new approaches.

"Traidcraft plc has entered a period of consultation with staff, as all roles (except that of CEO) would end under the Plc's proposals to cease its current trading operations on 31st December 2018. No final decisions have been taken nor will they be until this consultation period is completed.

"We are very much aware of the impact that this will have on our producer friends. Over the years we have built up personal and trusting relationships with many organisations and we deeply regret that these will be coming to an end. We are communicating with all our partners to see if we can help them transfer their business to other organisations.

"Traidcraft plc will continue to trade as usual through the autumn and to the end of 2018. We are proud that our final autumn craft collection is one of the best we have produced. Artisans throughout the world have contributed to the range and we have placed great focus on quality and design. We look forward to working with all our supporters right through the season, and we would like to invite our customers to help us end our current trading operations with our best season ever.

"Although we believe our current model is not sustainable, we remain passionate about fair trade and are considering other models for the future that will help us continue making the case for trade that is just. Traidcraft Exchange, our sister charity, continues to work with farmers, workers and artisans in Africa and South Asia to help them get a better deal from trade, and to lobby and campaign in the UK for better trade rules.

"We see Traidcraft Exchange's work as an integral part of our mission, and we



thank all our supporters and donors for their continuing support of both Traidcraft plc and Traidcraft Exchange.

“We will continue to keep you informed throughout the coming months and hope that you will continue to support us as we progress our plans.

“As Traidcraft’s sister charity, we were born from its vision of a world where all trade is fair. One of our priorities is to look at what we might offer to minimise the impact on the worst affected producers who supply Traidcraft plc, some of who stand to lose their livelihoods should trading cease.

“Despite the sad news, our ongoing work is needed more than ever. We will go on campaigning for trade that's fair for everyone and working directly with people living in poverty in Africa and Asia to help them get a better deal from trade. “

I received this information from Traidcraft with very mixed feelings. On one hand Traidcraft has been very successful in raising the profile of fair trade, all sorts of products are now available in shops, supermarkets, coffee shops, on the trains and airlines. On the other many people may lose their employment opportunities at home and abroad.

Fair trade is essential to enable farmers/producers to support themselves and their families, this should apply to our own farmers too. Milk or other produce sold for less than it costs to produce will not have the best outcome for either the producer or consumer in the long term.

Many thanks to all who have supported the Traidcraft stall over the years.

*Jo Scott, Marion & Michael Blake*

## Christmas Presents for Deserving Children

The Sleigh Quartet of the 'Kyles & Hoeyes' are hoping once again to collect and deliver Christmas treats to deserving boys and girls in December. However, it has been suggested that we explore the options of our charity being delivered closer to home this year.

We may link up with another Church in the town, or if anybody has a proposal to offer, we would be delighted to hear. Please speak with any of the Sleigh Riders after Church Services.

*Shaun Hoey*

## Beacon Trust

It has been another busy month at the Beacon Trust. It was the time that I do a bit of pacing to and fro, the worried looks. That stomach-churning feeling that there was something wrong and you were going to be taken aside and told the worst. Yes , it was the time for the van’s dreaded MOT. She is not as sprightly as she used to be and her inspection is more thorough as she falls under a class 7.

But with a couple of spots of welding on a door sill, another year’s road tax, we have hit the road again, Next hurdle insurance, when its needing to be renewed.

Jean and Andrea have busy dealing with various requests for help. Ian and Clive busy with deliveries and uplifts. The need is always there.

It was good to see the Rev Ind dropping in for a visit and meeting with us so we could explain to him what we were all about. Unfortunately Andrea and Ian were unavailable that day but there is always another time.



1Paul Allen, Revd. Dom Ind, Jean Butler, Trevor McGrath, Clive Charters.

*Trevor McGrath MBE*

## ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

### WALKS NOVEMBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019

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
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Sallochy Wood, Loch Lomond	Sue 675541
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Pass of Leny and The Lade Inn, Kilmahog	Pete 676959
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Pappert Hill, Alexandria	Pete 676959
12 <sup>th</sup> January (tbc)	Walk and Dinner	John 675010

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.

The New Committee team is John Hanks, Maureen Douglass, Sue Ashby and Pete Ashton.

If anyone has a walk, outing or adventure they'd like to have organised, please contact one of the above.

## House Communion

Peninsula House Communion will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Bellamys' house in Portkil and on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Lidwells' house in Kilcreggan both at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Cardross House Communion will be at the Collins' House, Glen Gate, Main Road, Cardross (01389 894470) on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm and at the Wilson's, High Auchensail Farm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm.

*Richard Smith*

### LECTIONARY – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November All Souls 7:30pm	Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33 Psalm 23 – Romans 5.5-11 John 6.37-40	
4 <sup>th</sup> November All Saints	Wisdom 3.1-9 - Psalm 24.1-6 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44	Wisdom 5.1-6 Revelations 19.1-16 Psalms 123, 124, 125
11 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day 9:30am	Job 19.21-27 - Psalm 90:1-6 1 Corinthians 15.51-57 John 6.37-40	Micah 4:1-5 Matthew 5:1-12 Psalms 129 + 130
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent Pentecost 26	Daniel 12.1-3 - Psalm 16 Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25 Mark 13.1-8	Ecclesiasticus 1 Matthew 6.1-18 Psalm 135
25 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 - Psalm 93 Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37	Ezekiel 34:1-16,20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 148
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Advent Sunday	Jeremiah 33.14-16 - Psalm 25.1-9 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36	Advent Carol Service
9 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	Baruch 5.1-9 - Psalm 85.8-13 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	No Evensong
16 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	Zephaniah 3.14-20 - Psalm 126 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18	No Evensong
23 <sup>rd</sup> December Advent 4	Micah 5.2-5a - Psalm 80.1-8 Hebrews 10.5-10 - Luke 1.39-45	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
24 <sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass	Isaiah 9.2-7 - Psalm 96 Titus 2.11-14 - Luke 2.1-14	No Evensong
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day 8:00am	Isaiah 62.6-12 - Psalm 97 Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.8-20	No Evensong
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day 10:00am	Isaiah 52.7-10 - Psalm 98 Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14	No Evensong
30 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1	1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 Psalm 148.7-14 Colossians 3.12-17 - Luke 2.41-52	No Evensong

## READERS' LIST – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Chris Sanders	Julie Siemens	Jill Braid
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Liz Sanderson	Helen Gibson	John Sadden
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Henry Douglass	Richard Smith	David Ronald
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Penny Johnston	James Ashby	Margaret Gilbert
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Nigel Allan	Jill Braid	Advent Carol Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	John McCallum	Trevor Quickfall	No Evensong
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chris Sanders	Jo Frain-Bell	No Evensong
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Liz Sanderson	John Lewis	Service of 9 Carols and Lessons
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Henry Douglass	Michael Blake	No Evensong



### Church Group Leaders

### Contact People/Organisers

Young Church	Samantha (Sammy) Harris	423254
Crèche	Pauline and Ray Williams	673944
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
Hall Convener/ Monthly Coffee		
Morning Rota	Maureen Kyle	672951
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Social Committee	John Hanks	675010
Vale of Leven Hospital Tea Bar		
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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.