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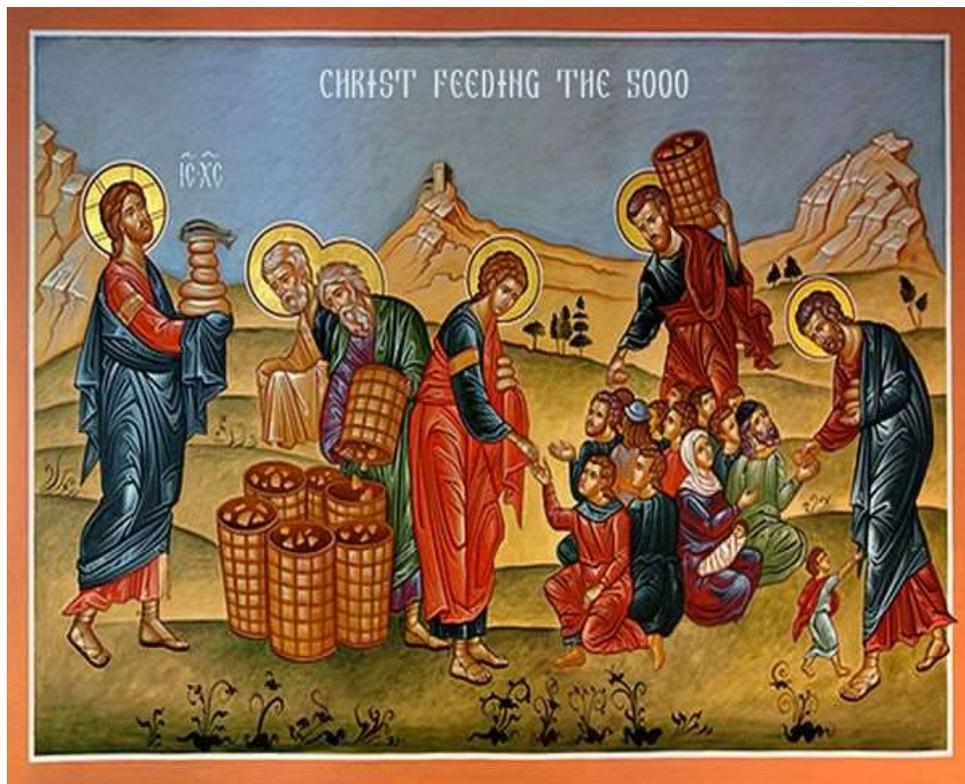
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From the Rector

Sometimes we refer to Ordinary Time as simply the Green Season. As the name indicates, the liturgical colour is green & in this instance, green symbolises growth. So, it is the growing season and if you require any evidence of that, look at your gardens! As we learn to live with Covid and the easing of restrictions, I've a sense of growing into freedom

At St Michael's we are slowly moving back to being the congregation we once were, although it will be a while until we return to full cruising speed! With small steps we are making steady progress. We have now moved our midweek service back to Tuesday, which I think for some of us is a more convenient day, returning to a well-established pattern pre Covid.

Entering St Michael's on a Sunday morning, worshippers are now given a service sheet, liturgy booklet and hymn book. Back to our green hymn books - we have returned to singing hymns (wearing facemasks) and even eucharistic settings! Our choir has not been reinstated yet, but they will be & then on a Sunday morning, we'll once again sing a responsorial psalm & listen to a choir anthem.

On mentioning the choir, we will have the opportunity on Sunday 11th July after the Sung Eucharist, to express our sincere thanks to Barbara Wenborn for playing the organ at St Michael's. It will be Barbara's last service with us as an organist & there will be a vote of thanks to Barbara for outstanding dedication to St Michael's, most specifically playing at Choral Evensong. Barbara did this for many years and then graciously took up the baton (no pun intended!) and played on some

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Sunday mornings. We will see Malcolm and Barbara about but it is important we note the contribution Barbara has made to our church.

Wishing everyone well for growth in July and August.

Dom Ind, Rector

Notices

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING There is nothing arranged as yet. It still seems too soon. Hopefully, we will be able to resume in the Summer. Watch the notice boards for further information.

Maureen Kyle

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES I've got 2 very nice thank you letters so far for our cheques ; one from the Beacon Trust (£1,000) and the other from Contraflow Youth Project (£1,700). The money is really appreciated.

Janina Duncan, Treasurer

COUNTRY FAYRE Saturday 24th July Country Fayre at High Auchensail Farm. See page 7 for details.

Rosemary Wilson

News

Once again, we have an Orthodox image for the cover of our magazine. This month we have chosen the feeding of the 5000 from St John's Gospel, chapter 6. This would normally be recalled in the week of 25th July this year, but this falls on the same day as the feast-day of St. James, the brother of John.

As we restart more normal worship and return to more normal behaviour in our daily lives the back page of this edition returns to its standard format. This does not imply that Covid 19 has gone away, rather that we hope we are winning the battle with the mass vaccination programme.

Richard Smith, Editor

Vestry Report

The vestry met via zoom on Tuesday 11th May 2021

RECTOR'S REMARKS: PROVINCIAL MATTERS. The Rev Canon Dr. Keith Riglin was consecrated as Bishop of Argyll & the Isles on May Day. This means the SEC has a 'full house' of 7 bishops. The review of the situation in the diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney continues and we should pray for a just resolution.

ST MICHAEL'S CONGREGATION. We have lost 2 members of our congregation, Margaret Fromow and Angela Russell, both of whom have moved away to live

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closer to their family. We wish them well and remember both in our prayers. There have been several new faces at services recently which is welcome.

CHOIR. We need to reinforce our choir. It would be good to recruit half a dozen new choristers. Names of volunteers to be nominated to the Rector.

ECUMENICAL. St Michaels continues to be well represented at local ecumenical events, Christian Aid week being a good example.

HALLS. Our halls are coming back into use, the Dance class is up and running, re-starting a useful revenue stream.

SOCIAL EVENTS. There will be a 'Country Fayre' on 24th July at High Auchensail Farm. The Vestry agreed to support the event and thanked Rosemary Wilson in advance for kindly hosting.

VIRUS UPDATE: The govt. coronavirus restrictions for church attendance change frequently. The situation as of 14th June is:

- You now don't have to contact the Rector in advance to attend services.
- 2m distancing and face coverings required.
- Congregational singing behind face coverings now allowed.
- Hand sanitisation still required.
- Socialising inside the church after the service discouraged.....

But: we might soon be allowed coffee afterwards!!

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Bank balances on 11th May were: Premium a/c: £40,016 Current a/c: £21,811 The only significant outgoing this period was the annual bill for Church & Rectory Insurance: £10,162. In addition to our usual income we received a generous legacy from Andrew Wiseman for £5,000. In summary, the accounts for the church are healthy with not too many outgoings and a regular

income from our congregation however we are about to get some large bills for the organ repair and the repair of the stonework at the south west window so our current account will see a large dip in it.

CHARITABLE GIVING. The Vestry discussed charitable giving from church funds; we normally give £4,000 to local charities and the vestry agreed the following allocations:

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• Beacon Trust	£1,000
• Helensburgh Food Bank	£800
• Contraflow	£1700
• Robin House	£500
• Total	<u>£4,000</u>

Jeans Bothy was considered for a future targeted collection or fundraiser.

PROPERTY MATTERS: CHURCH HEATING. The gas bill for April was £202.37. The heating was turned off prematurely at the beginning of May. The heating is back on with the thermostat set at 10*c during the week. The Rector adjusts it to 12*c on Saturday to warm the building for Sunday. The benefit of a constant temperature is better protection of the stonework as well as being good for the organ.

STONWORK. A deterioration of the stonework at the South-West window of the Church has become apparent. The architect John Sanders recommended possible contractors, two of whom have been to see the work and one has quoted so far (£2050.00 excl VAT). The stonework can be repaired using a lime-based material called Lithomix, which is approved by Historic Scotland. The Vestry agreed in principle for the job to go ahead using the best value contractor once a 2nd quote had been received.

QUINQUENNIAL REVIEW WORK. Warmer weather is awaited before work listed in John Sanders quinquennial report restarts. There is some work to be done on the roof and gutters but nothing major.

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.

Joan Thompson is investigating mental health webinars which may potentially be a source of useful information on what more we might do locally.

COP26: The 'Eco Congregation Scotland' organisation have asked churches to consider offering facilities to people attending COP26, particularly young attendees. The possibility of offering our halls for basic overnight accommodation was debated but it was agreed that there would be safeguarding and insurance implications and in any case St Michaels could only provide the most rudimentary facilities. It was however agreed that we could offer the use of our halls for

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meetings and events. It was suggested that members of the congregation might like to help by offering B&B in our homes.

AOCB: The possibility of 'live streaming' services in the future was discussed. It was agreed that the current 'recording approach' was better for now at least as it allows editing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6th July (as things stand, the vestry might be able to ditch zoom and be allowed to meet properly!!!)

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Nick Davies, Vestry Secretary



This summer we give thanks to God for the gift of life and for our loving and compassionate families and friends. It is very encouraging to be able to meet in larger numbers and sing in church and Mothers Union members are looking forward to meeting in the hall again to resume our meetings when we are allowed. In the meantime there is a very good short video from our Worldwide President Sheran Harper entitled 'Message for Summer of Hope 2021' which begins with "Exciting days are ahead as we emerge from the pandemic....." the full video can be watched at www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9g1byXnAP4

Mothers' Union owes its unique role for women within the Church to our founder Mary Sumner. This year we pay tribute to Mary Sumner on the 100th anniversary of her death for all she achieved in life, empowering women and mothers worldwide, and establishing the home as a place of religious education and growth.'

Margaret has a good selection of Mothers Union cards for all occasions so please contact her for any orders.

Richard Horrell, Branch Leader

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Social Programme 2021

At Present the social programme of St. Michael's Church is suspended due to the restrictions caused by coronavirus. As soon as these measures are lifted a new social programme will be promulgated.

Please see the Country Fayre article on Page 7.

John Hanks



Over the last few months, I and several others of the congregation have been following Eco-congregation Scotland's zoom presentations on various subjects in the run up to Cop26 in November this year. There have been talks on reducing carbon emissions of vehicles, heating options for churches and homes, solar panels and improving our green credentials in our homes and gardens. In appreciating and caring for our surroundings, beaches, woods and forests. We of course in Helensburgh are more fortunate than many other folks as we are surrounded by countryside and with the river and sea on our doorstep. Those who live in inner cities do not have the same advantage. Therefore, it is important that we not only preserve what we have but also ensure that we make opportunities for others to enjoy our spaces. By litter picking and beach cleans we can show that we care about our area.

Last week I received two magazines one for the over 50's and another from a national newspaper both of which were full of advice on how to cut my carbon footprint and preserve the planet from plastic overload. I am delighted that at long last Global warming has impinged on the collective media world and editors are taking more seriously those of us who have been banging on about it for years. At the recent G7 meeting it addressed the devastation wreaked on our Earth of species destruction, 60% loss of wildlife since the 1970's. Unfortunately, in the UK the rhetoric has not kept pace with the destruction. Planting forests on peat bogs equals zero gain. We have to realise that the pandemic of Covid was brought on by our erosion of wildlife biodiversity and ignoring the lessons of SARS and Ebola. Covid will not be the last pandemic unless we learn the lessons of the past. We must also be concerned that our children may be fighting wars over the availability of water if we do not address the situation of habitat destruction now. We have to persuade all countries that green jobs can produce a healthy and sustainable future and we cannot leave the poorest countries behind. Even China, India and Indonesia have pledged to reduce the use of coal fired generation which is causing terrible air pollution in Asian countries.

Margaret Horrell

COUNTRY FAYRE



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

On Saturday 24th July 2021, Covid restrictions permitting and with social distancing in place, a Country Fayre will be held at the home of Rosemary Wilson, High Auchensail Farmhouse, Darleith Road, Cardross G82 5HN Tel. 01389 841297 from 2:30 to 5:30pm. Entry will be £3 per head to cover your tea and/or soft drink and a homemade bun.

It is being held in aid of Open Doors, a UK charity based in London of which, my niece, Henrietta Blyth is CEO. (opendoorsuk.org). She preached at St. Michael's on August 30th last year. It supports persecuted Christians all over the world. The extent of this problem is huge. (see map below).

There will be Sales Tables of all descriptions. If you have something to sell and would like a table, please telephone 01389 841297.

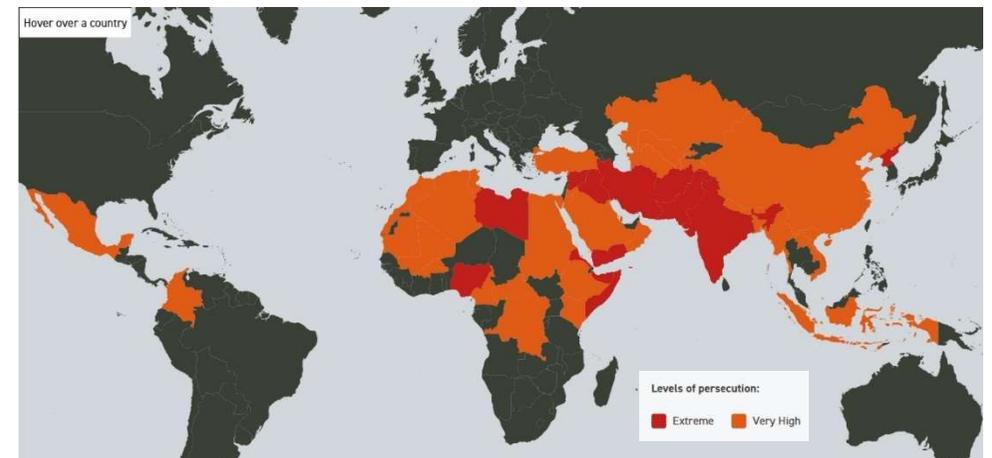
Parking will be available opposite St. Mahew's Chapel half a mile down the road, or in the front field. Bring your own deck chair if you wish. Disabled parking will be reserved near the house.

Has anyone got a gazebo we might use, please? Contributions of bric-a-brac, books, jewellery, plants, good clothes and shoes, home preserves, and a prize for the tombola would all be welcome.

COME AND ENJOY A COMMUNITY EVENT after our lonely lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming you. Thank you.

Rosemary Wilson





Again, this year we had to re-jig Christian Aid Week, and again most of the usual events could not go ahead. However, several smaller or very local events have taken place such as street plant sales and on-line quizzes. The Hunter Foundation Kiltwalk coincided with Christian Aid week, and obviously lots of people got their kilts out and did some walking. Across Scotland over £107k was raised for Christian Aid, and just in Helensburgh the figure was over £2,300. We are incredibly grateful to the many members of the congregation who supported this event so generously.

On a slightly more technical note, Christian Aid has been trialling a new type of envelope for house-to-house collections, which is delivered but not picked up, and on the envelope is sticker information on where the recipient could deposit the envelope with their donation, in our case the Parish Church office. Surprisingly, in a way, the results so far have been quite encouraging.

All this fundraising is taking place against a backdrop of ever-increasing need. Although Christian Aid represents churches of all denominations in the UK and Ireland, it is essentially an international organisation, and the feedback it receives from its representatives around the world determines its aid priorities. The effects of the pandemic in the developing world have featured prominently, but the highest priority is being given to the effects of the changing climate in many parts of the world. As we all know this is a global problem, and well beyond the reach of aid agencies to solve on the ground. So Christian Aid has been adding its voice to others to persuade governments to act, as this is likely to be the only effective answer to a problem of this scale.

So, from the international back to the very local, there will, hopefully, be a few more fundraising events this year. Perhaps the usual September tea party in the Parish Church may go ahead, and, at St Michaels, we may be able to offer an actual, in person, quiz in the church hall, an obligation that arises from our brilliance in winning the last one!

John Hanks

Rev. Angela West RIP

Many members of St Michael's will remember The Rev. Angela West who died recently in Kettlethulme, Derbyshire. Angela's husband was the Church of Scotland minister at Craigrownie Church on the peninsula from 2008/2014. She was profoundly deaf and a qualified lip-reading teacher. I was put in touch with her when inquiring about lip reading classes. She agreed to hold one in the lower hall for members of St Michael's who were experiencing hearing loss. Sadly, after only a few months Angela became ill, and the classes had to stop. After she and Richard retired from Craigrownie and moved to Derbyshire I lost touch with Angela until a few months ago when I came across their email address by chance. I sent a short note enquiring how they were and received the news of Angela's illness and her mobile phone number to which I responded. We exchanged many texts up until a couple of weeks before her death. She was extremely brave and knew our Lord was close to her. One message quoted John Chapter 8, "I am the light of the world whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life". May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please pray for Richard, her son Guy who is a GP and Louise her daughter who works with the Church Army.

Ann Packard



HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY HALL LTD, operating as Helensburgh Community Hub, will be a welcoming space where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We will provide opportunities for people to socialise, volunteer and

participate in activities that promote the health and wellbeing of the local community. We will ensure provision of a range of inclusive activities that can be accessed by those who might otherwise be excluded due health, capacity or financial constraints. We will seek to enhance self-esteem and reduce social isolation, improve social cohesion and equality of opportunity for all citizens. Our new website will be published soon. In the meantime, please visit our FaceBook page for updates.

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House Communions

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

CALENDAR FOR JULY

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Thursday 1st July

No Monthly Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th July – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 6th July – Feast-day of Thomas More, Scholar; and John Fisher, Bishop; Reformation Martyrs, 1535

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

followed by refreshments

6:30pm Vestry Meeting by Zoom

Sunday 11th July – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 13th July – Feria

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

followed by refreshments

Sunday 18th July – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 20th July – Feria

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

followed by refreshments

Sunday 25th July – Feast-day of James, Apostle

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 27th July – Feast-day of John Comper, Priest, 1903

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

followed by refreshments

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Sunday 1st August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 3rd August – Feria

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

followed by refreshments

Sunday 8th August – Feast-day of Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 10th August – Feast-day of Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258

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

followed by refreshments

Sunday 15th August – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

Rite) followed by refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 17th August – Feria

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

followed by refreshments

Change of Timing

Sunday 22nd August – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

no refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 24th August – Feast-day of Bartholomew, Apostle

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

followed by refreshments

Sunday 29th August – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

No Morning Eucharist

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

no refreshments

10:30-11:15am Young Church

No Evensong

Tuesday 31st August – Feast-day of Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 651

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

followed by refreshments

6:30pm Vestry Meeting

SPECIAL NOTICE: As at date of production of this edition, it is presumed that there will no longer be any prohibition against refreshments after services. Please check the notice boards and website for any changes.

Mental Health and Older People in Faith Communities

As part of our congregation's concern for those among us who were finding lockdowns (especially the one from Christmas 2020 till now) particularly difficult, I decided to attend the seminars via Zoom on Faith and Mental Health in Older People.

Previously I had produced, with the help of those better informed and qualified than myself, a leaflet called Helping Hand, which gives the people and places to contact locally for those feeling the need for outside help, but I felt I should try to learn more about the difficulties arising from being cut off from each other for so long. I quickly found out that Mental and Spiritual Health is a very broad and difficult subject.

The lectures were given by John Swinton on What is meant by Mental Health; by Austyn Snowden on the role of NHS Chaplains in Mental and Spiritual Health; by Marion Chatterley, a palliative care chaplain on End of Life Care; and by Gill Yellowlees on aspects of Mental Illness other than Dementia. They were all very interesting, but the majority of those attending were or had been either members of the clergy and/or members of the medical profession. I am neither, so I found some of the theology hard to follow, but I made copious notes and anyone wishing to read the whole thing can get in touch with me for a copy – it might provide good bedtime reading to get an early night's sleep!

The overall conclusions reached were, to me, mostly the use of commonsense and a collection of the Dos and Don'ts of trying to help other people, especially those who are Mentally Challenged rather than Mentally Ill (as one of the lecturers put it!).

A few examples:

- 1 People will read scripture in such a way as to reinforce their negative feelings, so it is sometimes better to 'ignore' scripture. Some people wade in with a Bible-based idea of illness eg possession by a demon, but this should not be done as it is a kind of spiritual abuse.
- 2 It might be possible to have special liturgies for people suffering from depression or anxiety and creating liturgies that will heal.
- 3 We should be careful of our use of the terminology of mental illness as this can be both outdated or incorrect.

Mental Health and Older People in Faith Communities (contd)

- 4 We need to make safe spaces for people in small groups so that they can talk about things which trouble them over tea and cake. In some churches these are called death cafes or bereavement cafes.
- 5 When talking to people about mental health we should not promise absolute confidentiality as we may need to seek support from better qualified people. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Reflect on your feelings and meet with other home visitors or pastoral care groups to debrief.
- 6 Follow the mantra: Show up! Listen up! Shut up!
- 7 Make the whole congregation aware of the need to really listen to each other and be there for each other and above all PRAY – a lot!

Joan Thompson, Safeguarding Officer

The Beacon Trust

It is wonderful to be able to tell you that the Beacon Trust is once again operating normally.

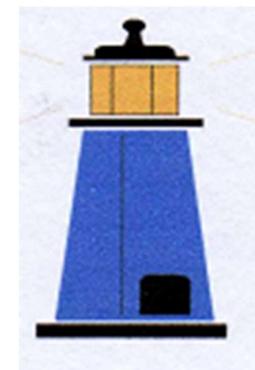
As expected, we have had numerous requests to pick up unwanted furniture and sadly due to lack of storage space, we have not been able to take everything that has been offered.

Last month our van needed an extensive overhaul of its ignition system and I was braced for a very large bill when I went with Clive, our driver, to pick it up. The garage had made every effort to keep the cost down, but it was still just over £700.

I remarked to Clive that at least I had received £200 that morning for Giftaid tax at which point Clive pulled out a roll of banknotes which was a donation of £500 from an anonymous donor. We never doubted that the Good Lord watches over our endeavours!

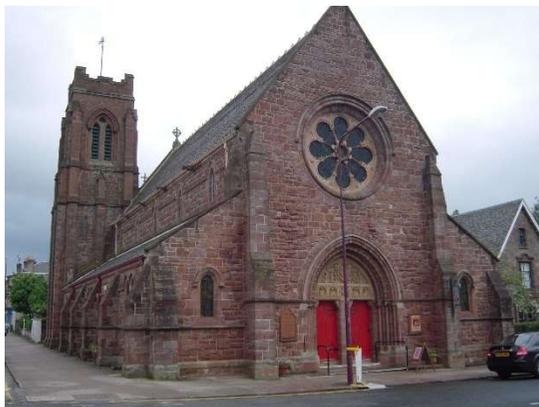
We are truly grateful to the Churches and people of Helensburgh for the support that keeps this charity functioning so that we can bring home comforts to people that would otherwise be unable to afford them.

Paul Allen, The Beacon Trust



St. Michael's Church Location

I have always thought that being on the corner outside of town was rather a disadvantage for St Michael and All Angels' church but for the first time after service yesterday I realised that this is just the complete opposite!



The corner position is unhindered by walls, gates or hedges making it readily accessible and ultimately more inviting - you can enter straight off the street via one of two doors. It is surrounded by residential properties but the warm red sandstone (which we know is a nightmare to maintain) makes it stand out and glow.

This realisation came after chance meetings with two lovely couples.

The first had been married in STM some 30 years ago and were on a nostalgic day trip back to Helensburgh. They had hoped to go into church but of course this is not allowed at the moment due to COVID restrictions. It was wonderful to hear them speak with enthusiasm for their past life in Helensburgh, where they had been active members of the congregation - serving on the Vestry. They enquired about various people and were heartened to know that they still regularly attended. Our video link had provided them with an insight into the current services but hopefully they will visit once the opening restrictions are lifted and they can feel the warmth they so well remembered.

My second encounter was with a couple on holiday from Manchester who were staying in Dunoon, on a day trip to Helensburgh. They commented about how beautiful the buildings are here, including St Michael's. Having asked several questions about the church they continued on their walk and I was so sad not to be able to invite them inside to see the wonderful interior - especially the stained glass windows which I know would have looked stunning in the sunshine. However, I got the feeling that they had just been happy to show their appreciation for the fine exterior and to talk to someone.

Had I not been 'on the street' checking the STM flower barrels this probably wouldn't have happened.....

Gerry Quickfall

Diocesan Update: From Bishop Kevin

Trust is a very precious gift. Constantly, we are being told that trust in institutions – the law, the medical profession, the monarchy, the church – trust is at an all-time low in such institutions, all of whom have great influence over our lives. Trust is a gift of love which, like all gifts of love, reflects God's life in our own lives.

God is love and God trusts each one of us to show this love in our lives, and that is what it means to build the Kingdom of God. God trusts us to build his Kingdom in building relationships, and the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ shows just how much trust God puts in each one of us. This, to me, proves that trust in God is worthwhile, it gives confidence in faith itself. Trust is a gift of love which grows when given away; our trust in God, in love, grows as love responds to love.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus's encounters with individuals show trust in the simple fact that we are made in the image of God and have so much God-given human potential to grow into the people God trusts us to be. The disciple is one who recognises the call of the Jesus of the Gospel, trusts in God and the love which encourages us to be the people God knows we can be. Peter's denial, Thomas's doubt, Mary Magdalene's grief: the individual disciples grew, grow, through their experience and trust in God.

Holiness was the word the Psalmist used to describe the longing for God and the trust in God that the disciple knows and feels. Jesus proved that God is with us in that longing and gives us as many second chances as we need, despite our denial, and our grief, and our doubt. The mark of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the confidence we feel that God is with us in these horrible things we would rather not experience, and we trust that we grow through them and see meaning and purpose in them, so that in every aspect of our lives we grew more into God's image, we grow in integrity. Integrity is perhaps the synonym for what previous generations called Holiness.

Why is trust the subject of this reflection at this particular time? It is because at this time of transition and change, as we enter the new reality post-COVID, Trust in God will bring us trust in each other and give us confidence to face the future. At Diocesan Synod in July we have the life of our whole diocese to consider and equip to face the future. Confidence in building God's Kingdom in Glasgow & Galloway is why the Synod meets, and trust in God, in each other, in being disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, trust will guide give us confidence to make our vision real. With every blessing...

+ Kevin

Diocesan Update (Continued)

DIOCESAN SYNOD 31st July 2021. Our postponed Diocesan Synod remains scheduled for 31st July and will take place via Zoom.

CONSTITUTION: One of the items for discussion and debate at Synod will be our proposed new Constitution. The proposed new Constitution (now in its ninth draft) has been compiled by a small group comprising Bishop Kevin, Dean Reuben, The Chancellor, Provost Kelvin Holdsworth and myself, then submitted to Bishop's Staff Group for their review and further fine-tuning, after which it was submitted to Diocesan Council in their May meeting, where it comprised the main bulk of our business. After much discussion, a final draft was agreed, and will be included with the Synod papers.

SYNOD BY ZOOM: as already intimated, our Synod will be conducted via Zoom

LENT APPEAL: At the time of writing, the impressive total of monies raised for our Lent Appeal in support of Aberlour Child Care Trust is £9,783, including donations sent directly to Aberlour as well as those sent through the Diocesan office and the JustGiving page. The appeal will close at the end of August, so this is a final reminder that the easiest way to donate (and allow Gift Aid to be claimed back) is to go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/diocese-of-glasgow-galloway>

NEW DIOCESAN CENTRE: The handover of our new Centre is fast approaching. Almost inevitably, Covid-related issues regarding working practices have delayed this handover until late-June, but we remain confident that this promised date will be maintained. More details – and pictures – will be available at, and after, Diocesan Synod.

OUR DIGITAL CHURCH SEMINARS ON ZOOM: Petko, our Digital Missioner, will offer hour-long Zoom seminars, focussing on a variety of easy-to-achieve actions to improve the online presence of our churches, as a continuation of Our Digital Church every first Monday of the month, beginning on Monday, 5 July at 6.30pm.

July's seminar will focus on claiming the Google search card associated with your church through Google My Business, a free and easy-to-use tool for organisations to manage their online presence across Google, including Search and Maps.

The seminar is open to all, particularly intended for those who manage websites and social media on behalf of Scottish Episcopal churches. To receive Zoom details, email Petko at digitalmissioner@glasgow.anglican.org, or you can always reach the Digital Missioner on Mondays, 10-11am during Zoom Office Hours, on email, and on 07719611007.

Diocesan Update (Continued)

CLERGY AND LAY READER NEWS: Rev Liz Crumlish will be ordained to the Priesthood by on Saturday, 3rd July at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. She will continue to serve as Curate at St Oswald's Church, Maybole, where she has been serving as a Deacon since her ordination there last December.

Rev Keith Thomasson has been appointed as Rector of St Ninian's Episcopal Church Troon. Keith's wife, the Rev Dr Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh, is an Anglican priest, theological educator, and author.

Rev Kirstin Freeman has been appointed as Rector of the Charges of Holy Name, Cumbernauld and St Paul & St John the Evangelist, Monklands, and comes to this post from the Charge of All Saints, Bearsden where she has served since 2009.

Ray Gascoigne has recently been appointed Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers. Ray has been a member of the Scottish Episcopal Church since 1972, serving at Holy Name Cumbernauld. In the role of Warden of Lay Readers, Ray succeeds Kevin Boak. The Warden is an advocate for the ministry of Readers in the diocese, who are lay people who preach and teach as lay theologians and are often involved in pastoral work as well. They work closely in collaboration with others to support and develop the life of the congregation. Some of them have a particular ministerial role in the wider community.

REV PAUL ROMANO: Finally, 30th May witnessed the retirement of Rev Paul Romano, a long-standing and highly popular presence in the Diocese. Paul initially enjoyed an extremely successful career in law, latterly as Chief Solicitor (1996-2007), and then Executive Legal Manager (2007-11) of Glasgow City Council (where he also served as the Council's first Assistant Chaplain from 2005-11).

Paul's vocational call began as a member of Good Shepherd, Hillington, after which he was ordained Priest in 2006, thereafter serving as Associate Priest in St Margaret's Newlands before becoming Rector of St Ninian's, Pollokshields in 2011. Much beloved of his congregation, he has also contributed hugely to Diocesan and Provincial life in the guise of his presence on many committees and also his sage tendering of legal advice when required, especially as Legal Assessor to both General and Episcopal Synods from 2000-11. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Kind regards

John Mitchell, Diocesan Secretary

The Kilcreggan Mass

We marked the easing of lockdown on Sunday 6th June by introducing a new setting of the Gloria. This was taken from “The Kilcreggan Mass” composed by Dr Peter Nardone during the most recent lockdown and published in March by the Royal School of Church Music.

The idea arose during a conversation between Peter Nardone and the Organist of St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Dr Peter Christie). It is dedicated to Dr Christie and the choir and congregation of St John’s. The music is described as being “in the Celtic tradition”.

Although Peter Nardone has lived and worked in England since 1986, his roots are in Scotland. He was born and brought up in Elderslie. As a boy, he sung in Paisley Abbey choir. Amongst his appointments have been Organist and/or Musical Director for: The Tower of London’s Chapel Royal; Chelmsford Cathedral; and Worcester Cathedral.

But why the name? First, it was in memory of the music teacher in his Paisley school, who lived in Kilcreggan (quite a commute by ferry, train, and a mile and a half on foot). Secondly Dr Christie’s house overlooked the Clyde with Kilcreggan on the far shore. For these two reasons the name seemed appropriate for a work in the Celtic tradition. Perhaps, in due course, we will be able to learn the rest of this setting bearing the name of part of our charge.

John Sadden

ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS 2021

Well, here we are halfway through 2021 and the Walking Group Committee still continue to monitor the situation regarding the latest COVID Scotland rules; i.e. numbers allowed to meet outdoors, numbers allowed at Cafes, car sharing. We also note that the ‘staycation’ can put pressure on carparks. At Level 0 a maximum of 15 adults from 15 different households will be able to meet up outdoors, so potentially that will allow us to publish some proposed walks for the last quarter of 2021. Hopefully, despite the restrictions, everyone is able to enjoy the benefits of the ‘great outdoors’. As always, if anyone is going on a local walk and would like some company, please consider contacting one of the Committee - Geoff Mason, Pete Ashton, Julia Gourd, Gerry Quickfall.

Gerry Quickfall

READERS’ LIST – JULY/AUGUST 2021

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
4 July	No Eucharist	Michael Blake	No Evensong
11 July	No Eucharist	Chris Packard	No Evensong
18 July	No Eucharist	John Hanks	No Evensong
25 July	No Eucharist	Alex Laing	No Evensong
1 August	No Eucharist	Chris Packard	No Evensong
8 August	No Eucharist	Patricia Robertson	No Evensong
15 August	No Eucharist	Rebecca Parry	No Evensong
22 August	No Eucharist	Iona Gibson	No Evensong
29 August	No Eucharist	Helen Gibson	No Evensong

SIDESPERSONS’ ROTA - 4th July – 5th September 2021

DATE	10:30am
2021 4 July	Gerry Quickfall Alex Laing
11 July	David Sheen Barbara Hoey
18 July	Brian Kyle Maureen Kyle
25 July	Nick Parry Carol Parry
1 August	Chris Packard Ann Packard
8 August	Chris Sanders Linda Sanders
15 August	James Ashby Sue Ashby
22 August	Gerry Quickfall Alex Laing
29 August	David Sheen Barbara Hoey
5 September	Brian Kyle Maureen Kyle

LECTIONARY – JULY/AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Eucharist (NRSV)	Evensong (NRSV)
4 July Pentecost 6	Ezekiel 2.1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13	<i>Trinity 5</i> Psalm 33, 36 1 Kings 8.22-40 Matthew 9.27-38
11 July Pentecost 7	Amos 7.7-15 Psalm 85.8-13 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29	<i>Trinity 6</i> Psalm 37 1 Kings 12.1-24 Matthew 10.1-15
18 July Pentecost 8	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34,53-56	<i>Trinity 7</i> Psalm 41, 42 1 Kings 13.1-34 Matthew 10.16-33
25 July St. James	Jeremiah 45.1-5 Psalm 126 Acts 11.27-12.2 Matthew 20.20-28	<i>St James</i> Psalm 7.1-10 Jeremiah 26.1-15 Mark 1.14-20
1 August Pentecost 10	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15 Psalm 78.23-29 Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35	<i>Trinity 9</i> Psalm 48, 49 1 Kings 21.1-29 Matthew 11.2-30
8 August St. Dominic	Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10 Psalm 25.3-9 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 Matthew 10.5-13	<i>Trinity 10</i> Psalm 55 1 Kings 22.29-40 Matthew 12.22-45
15 August Pentecost 12	Proverbs 9.1-6 Psalm 34.9-14 Ephesians 5.15-20 John 6.51-58	<i>Trinity 11</i> Psalm 70, 71 2 Kings 5.1-27 Matthew 13.24-43
22 August Pentecost 13	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34.15-22 Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69	<i>Trinity 12</i> Psalm 73 2 Kings 9.1-26 Matthew 13.44-58
29 August Pentecost 14	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 Psalm 15 - James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23	<i>Trinity 13 - Psalm 74</i> 2 Kings 17.1-23 Matthew 14.22-36



Service Details

Sunday

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

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

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesdays

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

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

