

September and October 2018
THE MESSENGER



Service Details

Sunday

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

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

6:30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesdays

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

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

In the July/August edition of the Messenger, Kevin signed off with some verses from Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians (3:13b-14). The phrase, ‘straining forward to what lies ahead’ – these are apt words for me as your new Rector, while writing this in the middle of August.

The Institution on Saturday 4 August got us off to a flying start. As you may well imagine, leaving Bridge of Allan after 11½ years was not easy and what might be described as emotionally draining. It was lovely for us not to be looking back but looking to the future and straining forward to what lies ahead.

Bishop David was in fine form and delivered an excellent sermon with more than a little humour. It was manifestly obvious that we know each other very well and he painted a picture which gave everyone a suitable backdrop to the start of my ministry here.

As I reflect on the little I know of the congregation here, in these early days, I have every confidence that we will have a fruitful and enjoyable ministry, as priest and people journeying together. Many have worked extremely hard and much time, money and energy has been invested to bring us to this point. What that says to me is that we are serious in stepping out together – we mean business when it comes to living and proclaiming the Kingdom here in Helensburgh and the surrounding area.

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From the Rector (Continued)

Anna and I are delighted to be back in our 'home' diocese and in a part of the world which is very familiar to us and we already have roots. We look forward to getting to know you all and sharing the love of God in this stunning part of Scotland. Love
Dom Ind, Rector

News

Where to start. The Institution was a brilliant event. It reminded me of a Cathedral service. Many thanks to Chris Packard for the wonderful photos of the service. It was a hard choice for the front cover, but I alone selected the profile of our new Rector. Please do not blame anyone else.

For the prayer book evensong, the readings are taken from the tables in the Scottish Prayer Book 1929, as is the liturgy for the service, and the Readings will be read from the Authorised King James Version of the Holy Bible 1611.

Some of our functions require new volunteers and a leader to stand forward. In particular, a new leader is required for the Sidespersons team. Brian has been wanting to step down for some time, but no volunteer has come forward. Surely one of our excellent ladies or a former naval officer would be interested?

As some of our Lay Eucharistic Ministers have passed on or moved away the numbers have dwindled a bit and the Rector is seeking new volunteers to train for Eucharistic Ministry and be licensed.

The Vale of Leven Tea Bar team urgently needs augmenting and a new leader is sought. This is important outreach for our Church and everyone is strongly encouraged to join in.

The cleaning teams need new volunteers. The church is beautifully clean because of these unsung volunteers but new volunteers are always needed.

The Art Group is seeking new members and I would ask you to consider this if you are in any way artistic.

Finally, I would ask anyone who has returned to St Michaels' after a period of absence, or who is a new member of the congregation to give their details to the Rector. These details will be held in confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Regulations as explained in Henry Douglass' articles on this matter.

Richard Smith, Editor

Notices

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING The September Coffee Morning will be held at Marion and Michael Blake's house, Dalfruin, 1 West Montrose Street, Helensburgh at 10:30am on the 6th September tel: 673960. The October Coffee Morning will be held at Carol and Nick Parry's house, Moorcraft, 24 East Lennox Drive, Helensburgh at 10:30am on the 4th October tel: 678587 *Maureen Kyle*

SIDESPERSIONS' 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*

MOTHERS' UNION The new season starts with an opening Service led by Revd Dominic Ind and enrolment of new members on Thursday 30th August at 10:30am. Contact Richard Horrell 01436 676936 for details. *Richard Horrell*

HARVEST FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday 7th October this year. Would everyone who contributes to the success of Harvest Festivals, or would wish to do so, please let the Rector know. *Richard Smith*

BIBLE STUDY continues at Joy and Kevin Boak's House at 2:30pm on alternate Tuesdays and the Ladies' Group restarts on 17th September at 10:00am at Judy Harbour's House on alternate Mondays. *Kevin Boak and Margaret Gilbert*

READERS AND INTERCESSORS Practical training sessions will take place on Saturday 6th October at 10:00am in the Church. All Readers and Intercessors, whether new candidates or experienced readers and intercessors are invited to attend. *Rector*

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Practical training sessions will take place on Saturday 20th October at 10:00am in the Church. All Lay Eucharistic Ministers, whether new candidates or experienced are invited to attend. *Rector*

Vestry Report March 2018

The Vestry gathered on July 3rd for its last meeting of the vacancy. The following matters were discussed:

1. Creation of office space. VSec reported that space had been made available in the lower hall for vestry papers to be stowed, including policy documents such as our Health & Safety policy where they would be available for general access. Archived copies are now in the old boiler room. It was reported that the 'Accident Book' was missing – a replacement has been placed in the Flower Vestry.

2. Data Protection (GDPR). Following excellent work by Henry Douglass, our GDPR policy is fit for purpose and in place. A copy of our policy is available in the Lower Hall and on the website.

3. Safeguarding. A Provincial Safeguarding Audit had been completed and sent off on behalf of St Michaels, for which we received grateful acknowledgement. The Vestry were reminded that, as Trustees, we are all responsible for safeguarding; it is not just the Vulnerable Persons Protection Officer's job.

4. Repurposing Dean Beard Memorial Fund. Thanks to good work by Mr Sadden, OSCR approval has now been given for the repurposing of the 'Dean Beard Memorial Fund'. This releases funding we could not otherwise have used.

5. Financial Update. Highlights from the period April-August 2018 were as follows:

a) Accounts. We had £33,819 in the current account and £27,767 in the Premium Account.

b) Expenditure. Significant bills paid recently are:

(i) Charitable giving from church funds: £2547.60 to Contraflow (£147.60 was from the Advent service). £1,000 to the Beacon Trust. £300 to Helensburgh Food Bank. Appreciative thank you letters had been received from each of them.

(ii) Significant bills paid: £677 for rectory energy. £1,797 for removals. £1,728 for rectory garden tree cutting and new fence.

c) Rectory refurbishment. Spend so far had been £14,609. Still to be paid: £4,800 to Fusebox for electrical work. £4,000 to Rowatts for carpets. £2,000 to C Gourlay plumber. £4,600 to Howdens in relation to kitchen refitting. £1,450 for rectory garden path (offset by a £700 donation).

Rectory refurbishment was completed, ahead of schedule, and at a cost of

Vestry Report (continued)

around £30,000, which is an immense saving on the cheapest quotation we had, £75,000.

The Vestry agreed that a huge vote of thanks is due to Mark and Janina Duncan for their management of the rectory refurbishment, which has resulted in a beautiful rectory that should not need much spending on it for a while and a very substantial saving in cost compared with all of the quotes received. A small gift for Mark Duncan was agreed as a token of our thanks for the work, and time, that he has devoted to the project.

d) Donations towards the servery. We had a number of donations which, together with the £2,500 raised over the 150th Anniversary w/e, meant that the tea/coffee servery project was affordable, including a change to the specification to a commercial design dishwasher which will complete its wash cycle in about 90 seconds.

e) Forthcoming expenditure. There will be a bill of at least £1,400 to treat the dry rot in the crypt area, and in the upper hall porch. The rectory shed will cost just under £1,000. Replacement church chairs cost £2,000 approximately (but we had a generous anonymous donation to cover this). From 23rd July Council Tax for the rectory will start up again, and from 1st August we will be paying the rector's stipend.

The Treasurer's report concluded by stating that, once bills have been paid, our current account will have reduced to around £9,000. Although we will need to continue to be careful financially, we have not had to call on our reserves.

6.0 Property Matters:

Highlights from the Property Manager's Report were as follows:

a) Rectory work. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer working parties, the rectory garden had been cleared, and new paths laid. The beds adjacent to the building had been cleaned out to prevent damp ingress. The rectory garden now has the potential to become an attractive feature.

b) Dry Rot. Dry rot has been found in the Old Boiler Room, the crypt area rear exit door frame and the entrance porch to the upper hall. Corrective action is in hand.

c) Church chairs. Following an incident when a stacking plastic chair collapsed, luckily without injury being caused, our stock of church chairs had been examined, and the majority were disposed of because of rust in the welds.

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These chairs date back to the 1970s, so they have done well, but replacements were required. The Property Manager had recommended a padded design at a cost of around £26 a chair, and it was agreed that 72 would be ordered.

d) Gutters. Work is required to rectify problems with church gutters following damage caused in last winter's excessive snowfall.

e) Water ingress. Water has got into the Flower Vestry. There is a problem with the flat roof, which is under investigation.

5. Security. Mysteriously, someone had removed some posters from our notice board in Princess Street. This would have required access to the key safe, which has highlighted the question of who held the combination. It was decided that the Vestry needed to regain control of keys access. It was agreed that the old key safe (which was on its last legs anyway) would be replaced (estimated cost £90) and a review of keyholders would take place.

6. Vale of Leven (VOL) Tea Bar. Judith Adams, who is now the sole co-ordinator of the VOL tea bar roster, had asked for Vestry support. St Michaels is one of 12 church groups that run the tea bar, our week of duty comes up every 3 months, and the duty requires a pair of volunteers to fill 3 time slots each day. We are down to only 35 volunteers and completing the roster has been an increasing struggle. The Vestry noted that the tea bar has been in operation since 1996, and it was agreed that fulfilling our commitment was an important element of 'outreach'.

Judith Adams asked for: a. More committed volunteers; b. Some help with co-ordinating the roster; Vestry support in reducing the time slots from 3 a day to 2 a day which means only 20 volunteers would be needed for our week of duty.

The Vestry agreed to assist in the recruitment of more volunteers, including an additional co-ordinator. The change in duty slots so that fewer volunteers would be needed was endorsed.

7. Service sheets. We will not be using the 'Redemptorist' style service sheets from 5th August, a new style sheet having been agreed with our new Rector. A draft alternative Liturgy was noted by the Vestry pending formal consultation and explanation as required by Canon 22.

Next Vestry meetings in the Lower Hall starting at 1830: Tues 4/9, 16/10, 6/11 and Sun 9/12 (AGM after 1030 service).

Nick Davies, Secretary

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to be able to host the Mothers Union Festival Service on Saturday 11th August when Bishop Gregor celebrated the Eucharist, gave the address 'In the Footsteps of Mary Sumner' and Blessed the new Servery in the Hall. There was a good attendance from branches throughout the Diocese and we have been thanked by the Diocesan President for hosting the service.

Our new season begins on **Thursday 30th August at 10:30am** with our opening Service led by Revd Dominic Ind and enrolment of any new members. Dominic will be the speaker at our meeting following the service. If you would like to become a member, please let me know before the 30th of August so that arrangements can be made to include you in the service. Please remember that there are no requirements for joining MU except a belief in the value of family life – that means that, in spite of the name, anyone (male, female, married or single) can join. We are not a bunch of little old ladies sitting round, drinking tea and knitting – even if we look like that! We have very interesting speakers, take part in all kinds of events and support many different causes. You are welcome even if you just want to come along to some of our meetings.

Our Autumn programme continues on **Tuesday 18th September at 1:30pm** when Ian Davis will talk about 'Visiting Friends'.

On **October 2nd at 1:30pm** Jacqueline from Boots will talk about the NHS Minor Ailment Service at the local pharmacy.

We are planning to have another 'Desert Island Discs' event in the Church on **Friday 5th October at 7:30pm** when we hope to invite Rosemary and Michael Wilson to choose their eight records.

On **Thursday October 18th at 10:30am** Barbie Paterson will talk about the Contact Centre in Helensburgh.

Our program continues in November with a Heartstart training session with Sheenah Nelson on **Tuesday 13th November at 1:30pm**.

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

I hope there will be something to interest every member of the congregation. I look forward to seeing you!

Richard Horrell, Branch Leader

From The Rt. Revd. David Chillingworth

I went over to Helensburgh on Saturday to preach at the Institution of Revd Dom Ind. Dom has been Rector of Bridge of Allan for the last ten years – Director of Ordinands in the Diocese of St Andrews. Beside all that, he has acted as my Chaplain – sorting out Orders of Service for the ‘big event’ so that they were the best that we could do and standing just behind my left shoulder making sure that I didn’t get lost or wield mitre or crozier inappropriately.

SERMON AT INSTITUTION

“Dom, do you in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?”

“By the help of God, I do.”

The act of Institution of a new Rector to St Michael and All Angels here in Helensburgh is a simple thing. God’s and Dom’s obedient response meet one another. The new Rector is seated and blessed by the Bishop and it is done.

But of course, there’s more - the sadness of people from Bridge of Allan – and the anticipation of people here in Helensburgh. The people of Bridge of Allan know for better or worse what Dom is like - mainly for better, I must say. The congregation here waits to see how it will be. Understandably you may forget for a moment that the continuity of a congregation is in its people - while clergy come and go.

The readings which we have heard today are full of challenge. St Paul speaks of the gifts of God to his people. We wonder what gifts the new Rector will have – how will he measure up as apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher? Even more importantly, we want to know in these more managerial times whether he can read a financial statement with real insight and whip up a new website for the congregation.

And there are some questions which members of a congregation can reasonably ask. Will he be pastorally faithful? Will he treat worship as the spiritual focus of the life of the congregation and will he work hard at it? Will he be kind? Will he know how to speak the truth which has to be spoken – to speak clearly when it is needed – but to speak with compassion and without anger in a way which can be heard and understood.

But of course, Paul’s words are really about the gifts which God places in the community of faith so that the whole body may build itself up in love.

From The Rt. Revd. David Chillingworth (Continued)

The Gospel of John reminds us that this is all about knowing ourselves loved by God and learning to love one another in return. It is about the spiritual quality of God’s people – rooted in the love of God - chosen and called to be the people of God and to do the work of God.

Dom believes in vocation. He has served as Director of Ordinands in the Diocese of St Andrews mentoring people who are exploring God’s call. He has stood at my left shoulder as my Chaplain through many Institutions like this one; through Ordinations and Consecrations of Bishops watching as now in the action of the worship the call of God and our response. He has a strong sense of his own priestly calling and his particular calling to be here in Helensburgh. Dom and I, as he once said to me, are ‘hard core Anglicans’. We are unapologetic about the strengths of the Anglican way in worship, deep thinking, spirituality and a governance which combines democratic patterns with the authority which comes from office.

Clergy are not always kind about one another. But they would be generous in what they would say about Dom. They would talk about his spirituality, his personal spiritual discipline and his ability to open doors for people to new depths of experience of the living God. They might mention that in that sense it is spirituality which is the greatest tool of mission in a secular society. They would mention his work in inter-faith relationships and with students. They would talk about how he took a simple church building and with a few tasteful changes and many tea lights made it a holy place which spoke of worship and prayer. They would talk of hard work, discipline and straightforwardness. They would mention that Dom and Anna together are a formidable and rich partnership in ministry. I might mention his desire always to have a car several sizes bigger than mine.

It’s an honour for me to be here today to commend Dom to his new congregation and I thank Bishop Gregor for his gracious invitation. I have often said that the time for appointing a new Rector is when the vocation of the Priest and the vocation of the congregation are aligned. Dom has no doubt of his calling here. In his ministry here, he will lead the congregation to recognise its own calling. He will foster and encourage that calling and the gifts which God gives to go with it. May the time to come be one of rich blessing.

+David Chillingworth

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday 30th August

10:30am Mothers' Union Opening Service and Enrolment of Members

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st September

9:00am Rambling Club - Brig o' Turk

Sunday 2nd September – Fifteenth after

Pentecost

Creation Time Week 1

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 4th September

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
6:30pm Vestry meeting in Lower Hall

Thursday 6th September

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning
2:00pm Art Group resumes in Lower Hall

Saturday 8th September

12.00noon Scottish Guild of Servers annual festival and AGM at St. Bride's, Hyndland

Sunday 9th September – Sixteenth after

Pentecost

Creation Time Week 2

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 11th September

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
2:30pm Bible Study Group
7:00 for 7:30pm North-West Regional Council Meeting at All Saints, Bearsden

Wednesday 12th September

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

Saturday 15th September

9:00am Rambling Club - Victoria Bridge

Sunday 16th September – Feast-day of **Ninian of Whithorn**

Creation Time Week 3

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 17th September

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

Tuesday 18th September

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
1:30pm Mothers' Union, Speaker Ian Davis

Wednesday 19th September

2:30pm Peninsula House Communion

Saturday 22nd September

10:00am Special Diocesan Synod at Howard Centre, Portland Road, Kilmarnock

Sunday 23rd September – Eighteenth after

Pentecost

Creation Time Week 4

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 25th September - Feast-day of **Lancelot Andrewes, Spiritual Writer**

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
2:30pm Bible Study Group

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Thursday 27th September

Place for Hope Set Training - Glasgow

Saturday 29th September

9:00am Rambling Club
10:30am-12:30pm Messy Church in URC

Sunday 30th September – Feast-day of **Michael and All Angels**

Creation Time Week 5

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

OCTOBER

Monday 1st October

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

Tuesday 2nd October

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
1:30pm MU - NHS Minor Ailment Service

Thursday 4th October

10:30am Monthly Coffee Morning

Friday 5th October

7:30pm MU Desert Island Discs

Saturday 6th October

10:00am Readers/Intercessors Training

Sunday 7th October – Harvest Festival

8:00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
10:30-11:15am Young Church
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)
6:30pm Evensong at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow for last service of Bishop Gregor at 6:30pm
No Evensong at St. Michael's

Tuesday 9th October

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
2:30pm Bible Study Group at Kevin Boak's House

Wednesday 10th October

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

Thursday 11th October

Retirement of Bishop Gregor Duncan
Place for Hope Set Training - Glasgow

Saturday 13th October

9:00am Rambling Club

Sunday 14th October 21st after Pentecost

8:00am No Eucharist
10:30-11:15am Young Church
10:30-11:30am Sung Eucharist (1982 Rite)
6:30pm No Evensong

Monday 15th October

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

Tuesday 16th October

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group
10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)
6:30pm Vestry meeting in Lower Hall

Wednesday 17th October

2:30pm Peninsula House Communion

Thursday 18th October

10:30am Mothers' Union - Barbie Paterson, Helensburgh Contact Centre

Saturday 20th October

10:00am Eucharistic Ministers Training

Sunday 21st October 22nd after Pentecost

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 23rd October – Feast-day of **James of Jerusalem, Martyr**

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

Change of Timing

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2018 (Continued)

Saturday 27th October

9:00am Rambling Club

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

Sunday 28th October – Feast-day of Simon and Jude, Apostles

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 29th October

10:00am Ladies' Bible Study Group

Tuesday 30th October

9:15-9:45am Church Prayer Group

10:30am Said Eucharist (1982 Rite)

Reflections on the Vacancy

When David announced that he was retiring, Jianping and I were sorry to see him go. He had been most kind and supportive to us when we needed it most. However, the Vestry knew that it was incumbent on us all to prepare for and play our part in the process. David gave some helpful advice, but it was the Bishop who personally guided us through the whole period.

I was greatly encouraged when I discovered that most of the vacancies in the diocese were being mentored by Dean Ian Barcroft but that we were considered such an important charge in the diocese that Bishop Gregor wished to help us personally.

Nick Davies' leadership and Kevin's hard work made the whole process

Reflections on the Vacancy (Continued)

seem quite seamless. Kenny Macaulay's light touch as interim priest-in-charge, Sally Gorton's management of visiting Priests and Pat Smith's period as Associate Priest gave us both spiritual continuity and some delightful sermons. Pat's obvious joy at officiating in St. Michaels' was a highlight of the vacancy. The visiting priests were all a great pleasure to meet.

The saddest moment for me was the news of Maggie Sheen's illness and subsequent retirement as Lay Representative. Her knowledge and deep faith and friendship as I grappled with being her alternate and the pleasure of her company when travelling together to North-West Regional Council Meetings will always remain with me.

As the process went on and we moved towards interviews our anxieties started to subside and real progress was being made on the refurbishment of the Rectory.

We now have a new Rector in an improved Rectory, a new servery in the hall, painting done in the Church, and a host of other matters giving rise to hope in the future life of our church.

Richard Smith

Eco-congregation

It is with great regret that I found out that Selina had been called to care for an elderly relative in Norfolk. We will miss her greatly, and especially her battling contributions to the **MESSENGER**, fighting on behalf of the planet that God has left in our care. Margaret Horrell will step up again, temporarily as the contact in the **MESSENGER** and Ann Packard has provided the contribution below and will, with Margaret, organise the Creation Time Season events.

We all wish Selina well and hope that the Lord will allow her to return to us in the future.

Richard Smith, Editor

Recently, Joan Sadden showed me a booklet called the "Compassionate Shopping Guide" which I found to be a real eye opener. Many people, myself included, understood that when the law banning the testing of cleaning products, skincare preparations and perfumes on animals came into force in 2013 that was the end of this dreadful practice. On reading the booklet I was shocked to discover that this is not so. Although animal testing is against the law in Britain and EU countries, many of the ingredients used in the manufacturing process come from outwith the EU from countries where animal testing is carried out. This applied, to my horror, to the shampoo I use and to cosmetics and perfume in common use.

Own brand cleaning products from the Co-op and Waitrose comply with animal testing criteria but Boots own preparations do not!

I have obtained further information which I will be happy to pass on to anyone who shares my concern for animal welfare.

Ann Packard

Personal Data

As part of the exercise to ensure we comply with new Data Protection Regulations we have found over twenty groups within our congregation. We do understand that each group leader or coordinator needs to know who the members are and how they can be contacted.

So if you are a leader, or coordinator of a St Michaels group and have a circulation or distribution list, or a set of email contacts which contain a person's name plus one or more of the following; address, telephone number, or email address you are holding personal data which can identify that individual and this is to be protected.

Personal Data (Continued)

To help you here are a set of practices which we want to encourage you to follow when using and publishing this personal data.

- NO identification of addressees on a distribution list from any email is permitted. All the people on your distribution lists should be addressed "bcc" (blind carbon copy).
- If a member of the group asks for his or her personal data to be withheld, remove it and inform the data controller - that's me.
- Data no longer required must be removed and the Data Controller informed of changes to a list.
- Computers and USB drives on which data is kept should have appropriate security (passwords).
- If data is to be transferred through memory sticks, CD-ROMs or via email then consult with the Data Controller before you make a transfer.
- Personal data stored in manual form should be held where it is not readily accessible to those who do not have a good reason to see it.
- The Vestry Secretary as Data Protection Compliance Officer is to be informed immediately if any personal data goes missing.

All this may seem a bit much, but we are complying with the regulations to ensure your personal details remain in the hands of people who will protect your identities.

Henry Douglass

If you would like to discuss any aspect of data protection you can call me on 01436 674763, 07508 122866 or email to datacontroller@stmichaelhelensburgh.org.uk

Place for Hope Set Training

Our churches and faith communities face change, encounter difference and can struggle to manage conflict. We know conflict can be both creative and destructive. Place for Hope offers one-day workshops to support church and faith community leaders in responding to conflict.

DATES 2018/19:

Growing through Change and Conflict Foundation

12/09/18 The Steeple, Dundee

27/09/18 ISC, Glasgow

2/11/18 Cumbria, venue tbc

8/12/18 Edinburgh, venue tbc

Place for Hope Set Training (Continued)

17/1/19 Cumbria, venue tbc

27/04/19 Oban, venue tbc

Growing through Change and Conflict Further Skills

03/10/18 The Steeple, Dundee

11/10/18 Glasgow, venue tbc

22/11/18 Cumbria, venue tbc

19/01/19 Augustine United Church, Edinburgh

7/2/19 Cumbria, venue tbc

18/05/19 Oban, venue tbc

Scripture, Spirituality and Conflict

22/11/18 ICS, Glasgow

05/12/18 The Steeple, Dundee

7/3/19 Cumbria, venue tbc

21/09/19 Oban, venue tbc

Bullying and Harassment

2/11/18 The Steeple, Dundee

10/11/18 Inverness, venue tbc

2/3/19 Cumbria, venue tbc

14/3/19 Cumbria, venue tbc

15/06/19 Oban, venue tbc

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Please note, my usual working days Monday - Thursday.

Beacon Trust

I was greatly honoured when I received your invitation to represent the Beacon Trust at the Institution of the Rev Dominic Ind as your new Rector.

For those who know me, you rarely see me wearing a suit, never mind a tie. I am more often in tee shirt and jeans, but for occasions such as this amongst such distinguished guests, well. Two Bishops, the Commodore, most of the Council and me. To have my name included with such company and read out by a Bishop, to a packed church, well that's one for the Grandchildren.

This is not the first visit I have been to St Michael & All Angels but as a Methodist (Northern Ireland), come Church of Scotland (Navy) ending up United Reformed you could say I was not conversant with the routine for your worship. Such a brilliant order of service with simple instructions that even I could follow. Well nearly, when it came to the offering I had the wallet out to give mine, but no plate appeared.

I was introduced to the "Peace" when I attended ST Michaels for the first time. It was something I always remembered, how people you had never met came up to you in church and you were able to have fellowship together. This I took away with me and badgered my minster to introduce it to our services. It makes strangers feel welcomed.

I can say I have heard two brilliant sermons this year, and both given by Bishops. One was by Bishop Curry at the "wedding", but he has a rival in Retired Bishop Chillingworth. Amusing, but with a sincere message, he pitched it perfect. I wonder if he and the Archbishop of Canterbury, fully robed, could have fitted into a Volkswagen Polo.

I wish all success to Revd. Dom Ind on becoming your new Rector. I am sure your fellowship will continue to flourish under his guidance. I also would like to extend him an invitation to venture along to the shop sometime and meet the rest of my fellow volunteers.

Once again thank you for inviting me to the beginning of a new era for St Michaels and all Angels.

God Bless,

Trevor McGrath MBE

St. Michael's Art Group

The art group will be starting up again on the **5th September** after a summer break. The art group meets in the lower hall for two hours on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. We find it an ideal way to make time for painting away from the requirements of our usual busy days. We find the group a congenial and useful gathering and we still have plenty of space if you would like to join us.

We are not a class in that there is no teaching and the members go their own ways using pencil, pen watercolour, pastel, acrylic or mixed media. We help each other if possible but the whole idea is to relax and record some aspect of the glory of creation as best we can in a form that can help someone else to see what we have seen. Do come and join us. There is no fee, but we hope we will be able to have opportunity in the future to raise funds by offering pictures for sale for church funds.

John Maccallum

SCOTTISH GUILD OF SERVERS



The Annual Festival and Annual General Meeting will take place on **Saturday 8th September 2018** at St Bride's Church, 69 Hyndland Road Glasgow G12 9UX.

The Festival will commence with **High Mass** at 1pm

Celebrant – The Warden. This will be followed by refreshments and the A.G.M Included in the business of the A.G.M. will be the elections of: Warden, Almoner

For those arriving early there will be Rosary at 12 noon. Benediction will be given at 3:45pm.

Servers are asked to wear Cassocks and Cottas or Surplices; or Albs. Clergy are asked to wear Cassocks, Cottas or Surplices and White Stoles. All to be robed by 12.50pm.

All members of the Scottish Guild of Servers, all other Servers, their friends and relations are invited to attend.

Christine Hughes, Bishop's PA

ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS SEPTEMBER 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
1 st September	Lendrick Hill, Brig O'Turk	Maureen 674763
15 th September	Victoria Bridge, Inveroran	James 675541
29 th September	Isle of Bute	Frankie 678490
13 th October	Carron Valley	John 675010
27 th October	Stronachlachar, Loch Katrine	Maureen 674763
17 th November	Sallochy Wood, Loch Lomond	Sue 675541
1 st December	Pass of Leny and The Lade Inn, Kilmahog	Pete 676959
29 th December	Pappert Hill, Alexandria	Pete 676959
12 th 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.

LECTIONARY – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
2nd September Pentecost 15	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23	Jeremiah 31.23-34 Luke 9.51 Psalm 77
9th September Pentecost 16	Isaiah 35.4-7a James 2.1-10,14-17 Mark 7.24-37	Ezekiel 3.16 Luke 10.1-24 Psalm 78
16th September Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop	Jeremiah 1.4-9 2 Corinthians 5.17-6.2 Matthew 9.35-38	Ecclesiasticus 50.1-24 Mark 16.14 Psalms 79,80
23rd September Pentecost 18	Wisdom 1.16 - 2.1,12-22 James 3.13 – 4.3,7-8a Mark 9.30-37	Daniel 4.1-27 Luke 12.32 Psalms 81,82
30th September Michael and All Angels	Genesis 28.10-17 Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-51	Daniel 12 Revelations 14.14-20 Psalm 89
7th October Harvest Festival	Joel 2.21-27 1 Timothy 6.6-10 Matthew 6.25-33	No Evensong
14th October Pentecost 21	Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31	No Evensong
21st October Pentecost 22	Isaiah 53.4-12 Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	Micah 6.1-8 Luke 15.1-10 Psalm 102
28th October Simon and Jude, Apostles	Isaiah 28.14-16 Ephesians 2.13-22 John 15.17-27	Jeremiah 3.12-18 Ephesians 2.19-22 Psalm 107

House Communion

House Communion continues on the Peninsula, usually on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm, alternating between Rie and Ben Bellamy's house in Portkil and Naomi and Michael Lidwell's house in Kilcreggan. Everyone is welcome. House Communion is being arranged in Cardross, so please look out for announcements.

Richard Smith

READERS' LIST – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
2 nd Sept	Penny Johnston	Richard Smith	Maureen McCormack
9 th Sept	Nigel Allan	James Ashby	Penny Johnston
16 th Sept	John MacCallum	Jill Braid	John Sadden
23 rd Sept	Chris Sanders	Trevor Quickfall	Jill Braid
30 th Sept	John McCallum	Jo Frain-Bell	Joan Sadden
7 th Oct	Henry Douglass	John Lewis	No Evensong
14 th Oct	Penny Johnston	Michael Blake	No Evensong
21 st Oct	Nigel Allan	John Hanks	Penny Johnston
28 th Oct	John McCallum	Chris Packard	Maureen McCormack

Faith in Older People (FiOP)

FIOP INVITES YOU TO A WORKSHOP FOR CLERGY ON DEATH AND DYING

We have a wonderful workshop upcoming, and hope that you will join us! There is a choice of two venues this year, Dundee on September 26th or Glasgow on October 3rd. We hope to see you there.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DYING: A WORKSHOP FOR CLERGY AND PEOPLE IN AUTHORISED MINISTRIES - This day workshop will offer support and tools to enhance confidence in having pastoral conversations about death and dying.

Using a model from the field of bereavement to explore emotional, psychological and spiritual responses and building on the experiences of the participants, the day will resource those who attend to go deeper in their pastoral encounters with people who are actively addressing their own mortality. The day will be facilitated by Rev Canon Dr Marion Chatterley. Marion has extensive experience of working with younger people who are facing their own mortality and has a particular interest in bereavement theory.

The programme assumes a degree of personal sharing and therefore participation is restricted to clergy and others in authorised ministries within the churches. For detailed information please contact either the Rector or Mary Wilkinson at: info@fiop.org.uk or look up www.fiop.org.uk

Mary Wilkinson, FiOP

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Sidespersons	Vacant	
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Fabrics and Chief Sacristan	Joan Sadden	672422
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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.