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Magazine Material

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PASTORAL SECTION**Pastoral Letter**

May, 2009

Dear Friends,

This time of year generally finds us in the middle of the exam season. For some of us it means that we're engaged in revision or study right now; for others, exams will be but a dim and distant memory. But unless we're very young indeed, we've probably all had some encounter with the exam system and the preparation it involves.



Also at this time of year, however, we have longer days with warmer weather, so the discipline of focusing our minds on study becomes considerably harder. Indeed, the temptation to put studying to one side and go and indulge in some outdoor activity – swimming, perhaps, a game of football, or just hanging out with friends – is very great indeed. So much so, in fact, that we often neglect our studies in favour of the more immediately attractive pleasures that beckon. Our good intentions regarding study go out the window even though we know that the exam deadline is drawing ever nearer. Once the day of the exam dawns however, we know that it's too late; there's no more time left for preparation.

If that account rings true to our own experience, we'll have some idea of what it's like to go into the examination room feeling completely unprepared; we can imagine the feeling that would seize us as we turned over the exam paper and found that there wasn't a single question we could answer. Panic would take hold of us as we ruefully wished we'd been more diligent in our preparation. Too late, we would realise that all those stolen moments of pleasure, when we should have been studying, were of no use in helping us answer the questions. Our thoughts might then turn to what life beyond the exam would be like: no qualifications, dismal job prospects – shame and sorrow in equal measure. We would feel doomed.

The thing is there are many these days who are living their lives in a way that echoes that scenario. They are far more absorbed with the distractions and fleeting pleasures of this life than attending to the things that will secure their future in eternity. So intent are they on “getting on in life” that they fail to see the dangers of neglecting their spiritual welfare.

But let's return to our original scenario of the examination room where our heart is racing and we've broken out in a cold sweat. Suddenly, someone comes up, taps us on the shoulder and says "It's all right, you don't need to sit this exam; you've already got your degree. You're free to go." What a feeling of relief washes over us! Gradually, it dawns on us that in some mysterious way, the work has been done for us – something we knew we hadn't a hope of being able to do for ourselves.

And that, in essence, is the gospel: Christ has done the work for us; "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

There is, nevertheless, something that is called for on our part. Like the people on the day of Pentecost – who had been at enmity with God and had crucified Christ – we are commanded to repent. In other words, what is required of us is that we acknowledge the folly of trying to live our lives independently of God and instead, recognise Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Left to ourselves, we never were and never could be prepared to face divine judgement – our only hope is in Christ. As the Easter hymn puts it, "He, only, could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in."

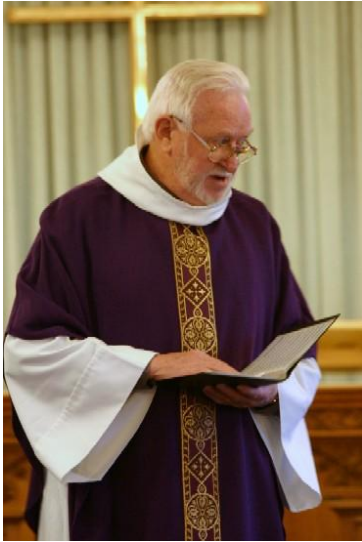
Because of the preciousness of this gift, we must never allow ourselves to become complacent and forget what it cost God in Christ to redeem us and reconcile us to Himself. It's why the Eucharist is central to our worship; it is always an act of remembrance (recalling what Christ has done) and profound thanksgiving. The word 'Eucharist' itself means thanksgiving. So, as we come week by week to our Eucharistic worship, we may or may not be caught up in the ordeal of exams, but we do have the reassurance of knowing One who can be relied upon, not only to rescue us from the consequences of all our misdoings, but who is also with us in all of life's trials. Let our response be that captured in the words of another well-known hymn:

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to God on high;
Hallelujah to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Hallelujah to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah to the Triune Majesty!"

Yours in Christ,

Michael

Ken Shaw's Sermon, Easter Day 2009



Early in the morning the women disciples of Jesus are on their way to the tomb when suddenly they realise they are going to encounter what might be called a technical difficulty. Who will roll away the stone? It's a big stone; it's a big problem. But they continue on anyway. It may be a problem but it's one that these capable women can handle.

What happens next, however is beyond them. The stone has already been moved - and that is just the beginning. As the women pass the solvable difficulty of the stone, they move into an experience that even their close companionship with Jesus has not prepared them for. He's not there. According to the gospels of Matthew and Mark someone else is, and this person is just not natural. His words are not normal, comforting or reasonable and the 'young man' has the temerity to say, 'Don't be afraid.' It's the women who have the normal reaction - they are terrified – and not surprisingly. All the normal boundaries have been crossed. Things are not following standard operating procedures for planet Earth. Jesus is risen – and resurrection is not natural.

There is no official report of the event we celebrate today - it happened in secret, in the darkness of a stone tomb. The Evangelists made no attempt to describe it because it is beyond the capacity of human words. Instead, the different Gospels tell us different stories about the people who were there, hinting at what they experienced and what affect it had on their lives.

Take Mary Magdalene. Despite their differences, all the Gospels agree that she was the first to see the risen Jesus. We are told that she was someone Jesus had healed, and who had become his follower as a result. Imagine the emotions she must have felt that first Easter. Delight as – a week earlier - Jesus was welcomed by the palm-waving crowds, turning to anxiety as the threats to his safety increased. Then despair as he was arrested and tried - torment as she watched him die - hopelessness as she helped to bury him, and grief as she returned to anoint his body. And then the amazement as she met him alive again. Jesus gave Mary a new start, twice - once when he healed her, and again when he made her the first messenger of his resurrection.

Then there was Peter. One of Jesus' closest friends, who had let him down badly in his hour of need. Faced with the danger of arrest, Peter had been

unable to cope with his fear. So he had denied knowing Jesus - as Jesus had predicted that he would. When Jesus died, his world must have fallen apart, because now he would never have the chance to say he was sorry. The resurrection gave him that chance, and with it a message of reconciliation for all people. No wrong that we can do - no denial or harsh words - no injury or insult - is beyond the reach of God's love. A love that can conquer death can forgive any wrong that human beings can do.

And Thomas, for ever known as doubting. He refused to believe that Jesus was alive again -- and who can blame him? It's such an unlikely story. But Thomas has come to stand for all who find faith difficult, who have doubts about the story of salvation. Thomas insisted on seeing and touching Jesus before he would believe. When Jesus granted his wish, he did not berate or punish him for his doubting, but accepted Thomas as he was.

New Testament stories assure us that we can recognise Jesus in different ways. Some people come to faith in a startling conversion, like Paul on the road to Damascus. Many more learn to know Jesus slowly, through reading about him and gradually recognising his presence in their lives, guiding, healing and forgiving. We may find Jesus in people around us - the gardener, the man on the beach, the fellow traveller. Sometimes we hear him speaking directly to us, as Mary did, calling our name. And like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too can recognise him in the breaking of bread. It's reassuring that he appears to all kinds of people, whatever their background, whether with him from the beginning or even violently anti-Christian at first, like Paul. Fallible and very human like us, the original disciples included fishermen and a tax collector, and this very first resurrection appearance was to a woman - all unexpected in that culture.

Resurrection, per se, is a real stumbling block for many people. So much so that the celebration of Easter has been encompassed by a wall of bunnies, chicks, and eggs. For the majority who live in a secular world a kind of cruise control Easter experience is just fine. Sit back and relax and enjoy the ride, not too deep, not too meaningful, but definitely predictable. Sadly, all too often predictable becomes immovable, and we don't know how to find the meaning of Easter. So we settle for cuddly bunnies and Easter eggs, and talk about crocuses and 'new life.'

There can be no doubt that the crisis of our age differs from that in biblical times. In the New Testament era the crisis was around death and the shortness

of life - in our era the crisis is around meaninglessness. We have littered our public consciousness with one-dimensional images and symbols, obscuring or burying those things which speak to our depths and challenge us to higher ground. This loss of meaning to life steals our souls and creates its own inertia, its own self-centredness. Inevitably, the rejection of all religious and moral principles turns us away from meaning-fullness for fear that we will appear the fool.

In the nihilism of our popular culture we kill other species on the planet. We enslave sister and brother humans and create injustice upon injustice to feed the instruments of our pedestrian lifestyle - the addictions, and consumer goods, and the chaos of our media. We despoil the very ground that feeds us. We murder the futures of our children. Yes, the culture of meaninglessness is neither innocent nor harmless. It is deadly.

But life can radically change in a moment. And here is our point of meeting with the women at the tomb. They thought they knew what they were headed for - they had regular sorts of obstacles to deal with, which would keep them busy in the face of their overwhelming sense of loss and meaninglessness.

At the end of Mark's recording of the events that took place on that first Easter Day it says the women told no one of their experience. Well, clearly they ultimately spoke, for we have two thousand years now of people reflecting on the women's story and their own stories of how God radically entered and changed their lives. On the beach at the sea of Galilee, on the road to Emmaus, to Damascus, from Land's End to John O'Groats, we can meet the Risen Christ. The resurrection affirms this that even if we cannot meet the embodied Christ - bound in time to the first century BCE - we can meet the inspired Christ anytime, anywhere, in our embodied, historical lives.

And we do not have to believe it first, however. The women at the tomb surely didn't believe it at first! And you may have noticed that doctrine questionnaires are not handed out when you enter any church. The encounter with God does not have as a prerequisite that we have made an assent to an abstract theological proposition prior to our experience of God. But we do have to be intentional in our search.

The gospel's presentation of the resurrection is very deliberate. It wants to assure us that our faith does not rest on fiction nor on faith alone - but on fact. Over the next few weeks the readings will present us with additional 'proofs' of the Lord's resurrection to help cement our faith in Jesus and to inspire us to

follow him - as the words of a song in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar has it – ‘more clearly, more nearly, and more dearly.’

Jesus is called the 'first fruit' of the resurrection by St Paul. Now, by the grace of God, we know that what happened to him will happen to us. We will be raised up in glory on the last day. 'Christ is the first fruit; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.' But first, we must follow the pattern set for us by Christ. As he rose from his tomb we must rise from our present tombs, which are as varied as the vagaries of the human heart. Our tomb may be our consuming self-pride. It may be the tomb of excessive drinking, or the tomb of drug addiction. It may be the tomb of a violent or an abusive relationship. It maybe the tomb of bitter disappointment, or the tomb of bad memories from which there seems no way of escape. It may be the tomb of fear, in the sense that we have become so accustomed to our particular tomb that we are afraid someone may come along and roll back the stone, thereby exposing us to the challenge of living a fully committed Christian life.

Christ's tomb was not the end, but the portal of the resurrection. The women didn't have to move the stone and neither do we. We simply have to walk forward, enter the mystery, and God will meet us. As Christians the deathlike trance of meaninglessness is not our defining experience - the Risen Christ is. As the writer of Ephesians so succinctly said, ‘Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you!’

Ken Shaw.

[Editor's Note: several members of the congregations have expressed their deep appreciation of Ken's sermons and he has kindly permitted the Easter Day address to be reproduced here. An extract of one of the tributes is given below, which reinforces my own definition of a good sermon – it is one which seems to the listener to have been written just for him or her.]

A member of the congregation writes:

Please could you add a note from me to express my appreciation of Ken Shaw's sermon on Easter Day. It has had a profound effect on me and I now see the Love of God in a new way. Thank you, Ken.

A Brief Note from the Treasurer



The six month accounting period has just passed and it is time for an update to the congregation on our financial position.

Firstly, a new auditor/independent examiner is appointed to replace the auditor responsible when Peter Kemp was treasurer. This appointment was necessary, as the previous auditor did not wish to continue.

The financial position of the Church remains healthy and thanks to savings in ministry costs we have been able to meet the rising costs of service bills that over the winter period from October to February have been particularly high. Giving remains stable with a slight increase in monthly standing orders. Thank you to those people who have increased their giving in this way. At the end of the 12 month period I will be better able to assess the over all impact of our giving.

The income from the halls remains at a healthy level, although there may be a slight decrease due to a small fall in lets. Again the end of the financial period will give a true picture.

The next major financial outlay is the final purchase of the new Rectory and as agreed, by the congregation at the congregational meeting in January 2009 we will be meeting all costs from our Treasurer's Account. The effect of this decision will be that the 'Fund Raising' will appear back on our agenda, particularly if we are to meet the commitment given in January to replace the money we have 'borrowed' to fund the rectory to the Treasurer's Account.

The Vestry along with the Property Group are ensuring that the fabric of the Church and Halls remains at a high level of repair. In order to accomplish this some maintenance work will be taking place over the summer months.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Susan Gray

NOTICES

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Faith in Older People (FiOP) aims to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of older people by working with those providing practical, pastoral or spiritual care. We work primarily with those who provide care whether paid or unpaid in order to increase an understanding of the vital importance of spiritual care and its impact on wellbeing during the ageing process.

Our courses and much of our written material provide practical methods and tools for use with older people to help them feel valued members of society, particularly for those who have dementia or sensory loss. The following one-day (10am–4pm) courses or conferences are being offered:

Friday 8th May 2009 – Old Age: Wasteland or Harvest Field

Eden Court Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA

A Conference to challenge people within the Scottish Churches who are responsible for the training and education of their “flock” to place the issue of Old Age: Wasteland or Harvest Field at the top of their agenda. Speakers include **Dr Harriet Mowat, Gaynor Hammond, Professor John Starr, The Revd Sue Kirkbride.**

We have received sponsorship to enable us to offer this conference at **£20**

Saturday 23rd May 2009 – Spiritual Journaling

£80

Edinburgh

There is a history over many centuries of individuals keeping journals of their spiritual journeys. In recent times it has become an even more popular activity, particularly as life becomes increasingly complex and demanding. In these circumstances the Journal can become an oasis of quiet contemplation and taking stock. In this short course John Killick, himself an experienced journaler, will take participants through the practicalities of keeping a journal, with particular emphasis on creative ways into accessing insights and shaping the given material. He will also provide many examples of journaling, past and present. **John Killick** is a poet, writer and broadcaster

Tuesday 2nd June 2009 – Communication**£95**

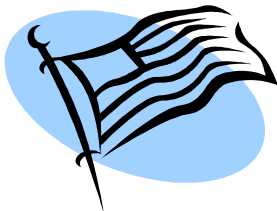
Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott Street, Glasgow, G3 6PE

A matter of life and death of the mind – finding ways to connect with people with dementia.

Facilitators:**Kate Allan** is a clinical psychologist who has worked in the dementia field for over ten years. She has lectured and written widely on the subject.**John Killick** is a poet, writer and broadcaster who has been a writer in residence with people with dementia.**For booking forms and further information please contact Jean or Maureen**

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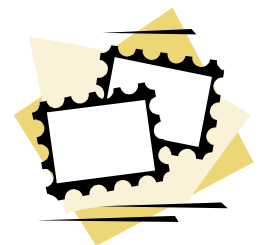
Companion Links

As of April this year St Andrew's has a contact in St Andrew's, Glasgow, Kentucky. Her name is Marjorie Deese and I shall be passing on her news via the magazine and the display board in the hall which has information about our companion link in Kentucky.

Sue Brough.

Sudan Church Association

There is news on St Andrew's Hall notice board about the postcards and stamps and the magazine is also available to read: please ask to borrow a copy, and keep saving, especially postcards. I also have stamps at the new prices of 30p (2nd class) and 39p (1st class).



Sue Brough.

CHURCH GROUP ACTIVITIES



Mothers' Union

Dates for your diary:

April	Thurs	30	Intercessions, Choir Vestry, 10.45 a.m. (Committee meeting afterwards)
May	Mon	11	Branch Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Dr Andrew Roach: talk on Mediaeval Christianity
	Wed	13	Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
	Sat	23	Festival Service at St Cyprian's, Lenzie, 11.30 a.m. Preacher: Rosemary Kempshall, MU Worldwide President
	Sat	30	Intercessions, 10.45 a.m. Also, Drymen Show. Branch is running the Mother and Baby Tent

June Roach

All Saints' Mission Support Group Update from Louise Benson

Just Friends

Just Friends is a non-denominational project involving 6 churches based in Harare, Zimbabwe which provides outreach to the elderly. They try to be God's hands and feet spreading His love, compassion and caring in a practical way to senior citizens in Harare who have fallen through the cracks and who are no longer able to purchase sufficient food to last them through the month.

Their various ministries include:

- procurement of food and fresh produce;
- packing and transporting monthly food parcels to recipients;
- caring for the elderly;
- social events and public relations.

We are very grateful to Deliwe Kachingwe for providing the Mission Support Group with this new and excellent project in Zimbabwe especially at this time of great need.

GLASGOW & GALLOWAY DIOCESAN NEWS**May 2009, Issue 85****Honour for fire-walk pensioner**

A retired teacher who just loves walking on hot coals and jumping from planes has received an accolade.

Barbara Barnes, the Child Protection Officer for St Augustine's Dumbarton, has been named Vale of Leven Citizen of the Year.

Barbara, a JP, also volunteers locally with Alzheimer's Scotland Carers Group, as well as St Margaret's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The 68-year-old former primary teacher said of the title: "There are so many people worthy of these things, you don't expect it to happen to yourself, but I am delighted."

And she admitted: "One thing I love is fundraising for charity, doing such things as parachute jumps, abseiling, fire walks and zip slides.

"I try to prove to myself that I am not an old lady!"

Barbara added: "I just like to be involved in the community, to be honest.

"It is very nice to know that the things we do are recognised as work of value."

Rector Kenny Macaulay said: "I don't know what we would do without her, from her wisdom in vestry meetings, to running Friends of St Augustine's events and Saturday teas and coffees, and taking responsibility for our Sunday School. We are just so proud of her here in St Augustine's."

Net gain for worship

A NATIVITY cast of Hollywood proportions – with multiple Marys and Josephs? It's down to new technology – and we're not talking CGI. June Gray discovered the simple device one church uses to help pack its pews...

The Sunday prior to Christmas I attended the children's carol service at the Surrey church where my daughter and her family worship.

This is an active church with a lot of outreach in the local area, including the local C of E primary school.

The 9.30am service is always a busy one with lots of provision for the children.

On this occasion the children - and adults if they wished - had been invited to attend in suitable attire for a nativity play.

Most nativity plays allow only one Mother Mary with her Baby Jesus, so this was a great opportunity for those not chosen for their class enactment to join in the unfolding of the story.

The church was alive and humming as the congregation assembled. The narrator began the tale. Then the Josephs and Marys gathered with their babies in the flexible area at the front of church, followed by the animals, angels, shepherds and, finally, the wise men.

There were about 150 children in church there that day, and certainly 100 adults.

The children retired to their own area for Sunday School and our morning service continued.

After the service I chatted with the vicar about this exceptional attendance.

He explained he uses e-mail to remind his flock of special events. He believes that encourages families to participate.

Later, I learnt from my daughter that on one day in January when there were two baptisms there were at least 250 at that early service.

On other occasions when I have been able to worship there the attendance has always been in three figures.

June Gray is a member of the diocesan Information and Communications Action Network (Infocomms).

STILL finding your web feet? How can Infocomms help? Or if you are making the most of communication technology, tell us how you've made it work for your church. E-mail: dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk.

Manage your church's carbon footprint

LEARNING how to manage your church's carbon footprint is the subject of a new action pack to be issued soon from Eco-Congregation Scotland (ECS).

In preparing the course material for this 13th ECS module, the compilers worked out the carbon footprint of about 20 church buildings from their fuel bills.

The results ranged from 20 tonnes of CO₂ a year to 150 tonnes.

Just to put that in perspective, the average UK citizen's annual output is 10 tonnes, while Bangladesh produces 0.3 tonnes per person.

Of course, the church buildings in the survey differed a lot in size and in the way they were used.

And the research didn't calculate what congregation members were contributing to global warming.

But doing that is a major part of this new module.

As the authors say: "Reducing the carbon footprint of your church is just the beginning... the collective footprint of a congregation will almost always be far larger than the footprint of the church buildings. So the next step is to take action in your own lives."

ECS Module 13: Managing Your Carbon Footprint is at the pre-publication review stage right now. Visit www.ecocongregation.org/Scotland.

The making of a Bishop

AS Bishop Idris Jones has announced his intention to retire at the end of July, the process of appointing his successor is starting.

The electoral process will involve four meetings of Diocesan Synod.

The first is a special Diocesan Synod on Saturday 20 June. Voting members of this Synod will form the Electoral Synod.

The purpose of the June meeting is to discuss a draft description of the diocese (see below) and to elect two clerical and two lay members of the Synod to a Preparatory Committee whose job will be to produce a list of three–five candidates to be put before the Electoral Synod. The Preparatory Committee will be convened by the Primus (or senior Bishop) and will also consist of one other Bishop, and five members of the Provincial Panel for Episcopal Elections (including the two from Glasgow & Galloway: Revd Kenny Macaulay and Mr Graeme Hely).

The second meeting is the Preliminary Meeting of the Electoral Synod to consider the working of the process for the election. It will probably take place in the first half of September.

At the third meeting, probably around December, the Electoral Synod will meet the candidates.

The fourth meeting, possibly in January, is the Meeting of the Electoral Synod

to elect the new Bishop.

It is the Diocesan Council's responsibility to have the Description of the Diocese compiled. A draft has to be ready for the June Synod, and the document must be finalised by the end of July. The Council will appoint compilers at its meeting on 9 May, and nominations are invited of suitable candidates for this work.

They do not have to be members of any diocesan committee or Synod but should have sufficient knowledge of the diocese, its personnel, workings, buildings, traditions, expectations, trends, options and geography, to give them a feel for what is relevant; and sufficient knowledge of the Scottish Episcopal Church to be able to provide a context for applicants from outside the Province. To nominate someone who is willing to be considered as a compiler, e-mail diocesan secretary Gib FitzGibbon c/o office@glasgow.anglican.org.

Talking Companions Together

ABOUT 50 folk with an interest in international companion links gathered in Glasgow for a day conference, Companions Together, on 21 March.

They came from all over Scotland to the Albany Centre in Glasgow's West End, and the centre did us proud, writes Anne Pankhurst. It is a newly refurbished primary school, with the advantages of spacious rooms, modern equipment and off-street parking.

The conference context was set by the growing number of companion links between the worldwide church and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Among those present – and enjoying each other's stories – were people who have visited Rwanda, Ghana, Swaziland, Zanzibar and South Africa as part of their diocesan or church links. Others, including a youth group, will be on their way soon to experience what it is to be an Anglican in other contexts.

The speakers gave us much food for thought.

Bishop Idris took us on a tour of the Old and New Testaments, from Moses to Barnabas, to show that building relationships with people is essential both to our understanding of our faith and our human wellbeing.

A different aspect was shared by Canon Edgar Ruddock, international relations director of USPG. With stunning pictures, he gave us the taste of the global–local interface that is the core of modern holistic mission. In this world of

increasing instability, threats to the environment and financial insecurity, mission means building up the church across the world, caring for physical and spiritual health, education and development, justice and reconciliation.

Stephen Lyon, who has worked for eight years as partnership secretary in the Anglican Communion, built on all of this with a reflection on the bases for practical action in Companionships. Creating and maintaining a good link means strategic, intentional, honest, humble, holistic and, above all, joyful sharing. The challenge and the checklist are set by the Five Marks of Mission.

The conference concluded with presentations by Revd Canon Duncan McCosh on the Millennium Development Goals, by the Mothers' Union on its work across the Anglican Communion, and by St Andrew's Milngavie with Pastor Elson Mageza from our Companion Diocese of Byumba.

Dr Pankhurst convenes the international committee of Edinburgh Diocese

More to learn from Sweden about funding

It seems that information I passed on last month about funding of the Church of Sweden was not quite correct, writes LINDA WHITBY.

Church funds come from members and not, as I had stated, all taxpayers. Each congregation decides what to ask its members to contribute and this cash is only paid by members. The State collects it and then allocates the money.

This service is offered to every religious group. It isn't a tax but a voluntary individual subscription. The State also allocates grants to churches for maintaining publicly important and culturally and historically interesting buildings.

By tradition the vast majority of over-18s are church members, but the last 10 years have seen a notable drop in the numbers who contribute financially to the church.

Because of previous good financial stability, the church has been seen as a good employer with people being paid to do what we in Scotland do voluntarily.

Now, though, with smaller budgets, reorganisation is taking place with small congregations joining together to be more viable.

Vestry positions in the past were seen rather as status appointments – now these people are having to do the jobs themselves!

We shall watch with great interest to see what new strategies they find to solve difficult problems – so we might learn from them.

Linda was invited to Gothenburg recently to explain how Scots churches run on volunteer labour.

EDUCATION ACTION WORKSHOP

Pray it with Flowers

Saturday 9 May

This is a popular and fun day hosted at St Margaret's Newlands, Kilmarnock Road, Glasgow.

Registration is from 9.30am, with a varied programme starting 10am.

Lunch will be provided after demonstrations of flower arranging followed in the afternoon by everyone having a go. Bring greenery to share. Book your place by 4 May with Linda Whitby (01294 276838; lindawhitby@btopenworld.com).

It pays to learn

COULD you serve your congregation better if you had some formal training?

If your annual income is no more than £18,000, you are eligible for ILA Scotland funding of up to £200 a year.

That's enough to cover a qualification in areas such as food hygiene or first aid. And there are thousands of other courses you can enrol on. Phone 0808 100 1090 for more information.

Byumba visitor

REVD Emmanuel Gatera, provincial secretary for Rwanda Kigali, will be visiting the Scottish Episcopal Church for the General Synod.

He will be in our diocese 13-17 June.

As well as his other responsibilities, Revd Gatera looks after a congregation of about 600. He is currently undertaking training for counselling of victims of trauma, which he expects to be very useful for his ministry in Rwanda.

Any church that would like our visitor to preach on Sunday 14 June or visit any day between 14 June and 16 June, should contact the diocesan centre or Gill Young (gill.young@ukonline.co.uk).

Stewarding your democratic talent

THERE'S help for Christians who want to stimulate discussion ahead of next month's Euro-elections.

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) has published a booklet of suggested points to be raised with candidates.

The material can be found at www.ecumenicalvoices2009.eu.

The Trade Justice Movement (TJM) is also offering an MEP lobby pack. It aims to help voters to lobby candidates about Europe's trade deals.

Said a TJM spokesman: "This is a key opportunity to put our opposition to Europe's trade deals on the political agenda and to help bring about a fairer approach to Europe's trade with poor countries."

The pack contains lobbying advice and background information on Europe's trade deals, a list of MEP candidates by region, and template letters and press releases. You can download it by visiting www.tjm.org.uk.

Screening of The Age of Stupid

Franny (McLibel) Armstrong's acclaimed new global-warming docu-drama will be available for screening by voluntary organisations from 22 May. Here's what some of the critics said:

'Captivating and constantly surprising'—George Monbiot; 'Knocks spots off An Inconvenient Truth'—The Ecologist.

Visit www.ageofstupid.net to learn more.

News in brief...

THE centenary of St Mary's Bridge of Weir falls on the first weekend in May. There are two special services.

For Choral Evensong at 6pm on Saturday 2 May, St Mary's Cathedral Choir will sing and Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan, Dean of Glasgow & Galloway, is the preacher. At the 10.30am Eucharist on Sunday 3 May, the celebrant will be Most Revd Dr Idris Jones.

THE annual diocesan ministry celebration service is on Saturday 30 May at St John's Dumfries.

It is for all who are in authorised lay ministry and their supporters. This year, pastoral assistants and worship leaders will be re-appointed during the service.

A CHRISTIAN Aid Art Exhibition will take place on Saturday, 16 May, at St Mary's, Hamilton, 10am-4pm. To exhibit, contact Barbara Stobie on 01698 854190 or 07731 861957.

SHOULD Church and State be separate? The necessity of secularist régimes is the topic of this year's Gifford Lecture, delivered by Professor Charles Taylor, of McGill University, Quebec, on Thursday 21 May at 6pm.

It's at the Sir Charles Wilson Lecture Theatre, University Avenue, Glasgow. To book a place call 0141 330 3593 or e-mail A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk.

THE next Provincial Conference for the Scottish Episcopal Church will take place 2-4 October in the Macdonald Highland Resort, Aviemore. The theme is Living Well: Proclaim, Discover, Respond, and the underpinning Bible passage is the 'Woman at the Well' narrative (John 4:3-43).

Time is short for bookings. Registration forms can be downloaded from the SEC website, which has more information: www.scotland.anglican.org.

AS part of the St Cuthbert and Carlisle Festival on Friday 1 May there will be a talk on the Bewcastle Cross at Bewcastle at 10am by David Thomson. At 2.30pm Ann Shukman will give a talk on the Ruthwell Cross at Ruthwell. All welcome; no charge.

Early Monastic Sites in the Hebrides is the theme of an illustrated talk on Sunday 3 May at Elshields, near Lochmaben, at 7.30pm.

The speaker, Mary Lewis, who is ordained in the Church in Wales, lives part of each year on North Uist and has been running 'sea pilgrimages' to the remote rocky sites of ancient hermitages and monasteries in the Western Isles. All welcome; no charge.

MOTHERS' Union Worldwide president Rosemary Kempsey visits Glasgow & Galloway this month.

On Thursday 21 May she will be at St John's, Dumfries. She will join local members for their afternoon meeting, then preach at the 7pm Ascension Day service. On Friday 22 May she will give an address at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Largs branch at St Columba's, 2-4pm. A strawberry tea will follow.

The Mothers' Union festival service is on Saturday 23 May at St Cyprian's, Lenzie, 11.30am, followed by lunch.

A WORKSHOP on Communion from the Reserved Sacrament will take place

on Saturday 19 September, 10.30am-4pm, at St John's, Stranraer.

Led by Revd Darren McFarland, convenor of the Provincial Liturgy Committee, and Revd Anne Tomlinson, Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, this workshop is open to all who wish to learn more about these aspects of worship. Cost £3 for the day including lunch, payable on arrival.

Let Revd Beth Tugwell know of your intention to attend (01776 705053). It is hoped to repeat this event in another part of the diocese soon afterwards.

A REVIEW day for facilitators is planned for Saturday 22 August at Holy Trinity Ayr, 10.30am-3pm.

It will be a day of review and refreshment, offering the chance to meet facilitators from across the diocese, receive some role-specific training and hear about exciting developments in mission and ministry work. Leaders are Canon Jeanette Jenkins and ministry development officer Ann Tomlinson, with members of the Mission Core Group, Education Action and Spirituality Networks.

A sandwich lunch will be provided.

For further information and registration, e-mail the ministry development officer: mdu.gg@btinternet.com.

REVD Dr Nicholas Hugh Taylor will be installed as Rector of St Aidan's Clarkston at 2.30pm on Saturday 6 June by Bishop Idris. Diocesan clergy wishing to attend should advise vestry secretary Graham Vahey (gvahey@btinternet.com) as soon as possible.

Those wishing to robe are asked to wear an alb or cotta and green stole.

MONDAY 8 June is the planned date for the installation of Revd Gordon Fyfe as Rector of St Columba Largs.

A COURSE on icon painting in the Coptic tradition will be held at Elshields Tower, Lochmaben, 2-6 June. The tutor will be Dr Stephane Rene, tutor at the Prince's Trust for Sacred Art.

Cost: £550 residential to include tuition and full board; or £400 non-residential. Five hours' tuition per day. All materials except brushes supplied. Write to make a booking to: info@sacredspacegallery.com. More details: www.sacredspacegallery.com.

New course on worship and the arts

EDUCATION Action Network is indebted to its ever-enthusiastic tutors for

devising a five-week Thursday evening course on Worship and the Arts.

This is not a certified Journey in Faith unit; just one to enjoy and extend our knowledge.

It begins by exploring worship and literature with Revd David Jasper, Professor of Literature and Theology at University of Glasgow.

This is followed by an evening with the diocesan architect, Rebecca Cadie, as she discusses church architecture as Christianity evolved.

The next lecture, by Revd Donald Orr, secretary to the arts chaplaincy in Scotland, considers painting in worship.

He'll offer insights on what we see, what the artist wanted us to see.

Music will be the next topic, covering the history of music in worship and the changes and patterns that have evolved.

Last of all Chris Taylor, chaplain to the arts in Cumbria, will guide participants through the drama of worship.

Classes are all at Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley, 7.30pm, starting 1 September.

Booking forms will be available soon. To register interest, contact lindawhitby@btopenworld.com.

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ITEMS for the June issue may be submitted by Monday 18 May in prose text (not leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown: dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk, or c/o the Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Pl, Glasgow G1 2DH. Diocesan News Service is published 10 times per year by the Scottish Episcopal Church, United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (Scottish Charity Number: SC013925). Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editor or the Diocesan Information & Communications Network.

Stop Press



Christian Aid

Sri Lanka crisis appeal

Christian Aid has launched an appeal for the escalating humanitarian crisis in north-east Sri Lanka.

The UN estimates 100,000 to 200,000 civilians are caught up in fighting between government forces and Tamil Tiger separatists. Thousands of innocent people have been killed, with an estimated 100 men, women and children dying each day.

Many more are wounded or have no access to medical care, clean water or shelter. More and more people are managing to flee the conflict – up to 2,000 every day – to transit camps.

These camps are not equipped to cope with this sudden influx of people. Christian Aid is working with local organisations to respond to the humanitarian needs of those who have fled the conflict by providing much needed relief.

Christian Aid urgently needs your help to continue our work.

Go to: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2009

This year's Christian Aid Week focuses on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

From worship resources to planning and publicity materials, Christian Aid has everything needed to help make the week a success.

Physicist to speak at Diocesan Non-Stipendiary Ministry Conference

Wilson Poon, Professor of Condensed Matter Physics & Director of Research at the School of Physics, Edinburgh University, will lead two sessions at the upcoming NSM Conference, 4th-5th September 2009, under the heading 'Real Scientist, Real Faith'. This residential event at the Glynhill Hotel will also give non-stipendiary clergy time to worship together, share meals and discuss issues of current interest and concern.

DIARY SECTION
List of Preachers at Sunday and Midweek Services

		ALL SAINTS	ST ANDREW'S
Sunday	26	11.00 SE Revd Ken Shaw	9.15 SE Revd Ken Shaw
Easter 3 (W)			6.30 EP Mike Graham
Tues	28		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Thursday	30		10.00 MP
May			
Sunday	3	11.00 FE Revd Ken Shaw and Family Service Group	9.15 SE Revd Ken Shaw
Easter 4 (W)		6.30 NP Susan Gray	
Tues	5		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Thurs	7		10.00 HE Revd Ken Shaw
Sunday	10	11.00 SE Revd Ken Shaw	9.15 SE Revd Ken Shaw
Easter 5 (W)			6.30 EP Sue Clarke
Tues	12		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Wed	13	10.00 HE Revd Ken Shaw	
Thursday	14		10.00 MP
Sunday	17	11.00 SE Revd Ken Shaw	9.15 SE Revd Ken Shaw
Easter 6 (W)		6.30 NP Andrew Long	

Tues	19		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Thursday	21		10.00 MP
Sunday Feast of the Ascension (W)	24	11.00 SE Revd Ken Shaw	9.15 FE Revd Ken Shaw 6.30 EP Jan Macdonald
Tues	26		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Thurs	28		10.00 MP
Sunday Pentecost (R)	31	11.00 SE Revd Ken Shaw 6.30 NP John Harrington	9.15 SE Revd Ken Shaw
June			
Tues	2		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer group
Thurs	4		10.00 HE Revd. Ken Shaw
Trinity Sunday (W)	7	11.00 SE Revd. Ken Shaw 6.30 NP Simon Lewis	9.15 SE Revd. Ken Shaw
HE	= Holy Eucharist (said)		MP = Morning Prayer
HE(H)	= Holy Eucharist (with hymns)		EP = Evening Prayer
SE	= Sung Eucharist		FS = Family Service (non-Eucharistic)
FE	= Family Eucharist		NP = Night Prayer
RS	= Reserved Sacrament		DS = Devotional Service

Services Notes

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24th, the Sunday following Ascension Day, May 21st.

READINGS AND ROTAS**All Saints' Sidesmen**

If unable to attend, please arrange for a swap

		Morning		Evening 6.30 p.m.
		8 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	
May	3	8 a.m. service suspended during the vacancy	Alan Bisset Simon Lowis	Philip Escreet
	10		John Sherwood Bryan Peck	No Duty
	17		Pauline Waugh Andrew Long	Bryan Stack
	24		Mairi Ross David Hamblen	No Duty
	31		Janet Stack David Wheatley	John Harrington
June	7		Brian Dorrington Philip Escreet	Simon Lowis

All Saints' Readers and Intercessors

		11.00 a.m.		6.30 p.m.
		Reader	Intercessor	Reader
May	3	TBA	TBA	Maxie Richards
	10	Dianna Heydtmann	Susan Gray	
	17	Andrew Long	D. Simmons	Bryan Stack
	24	John Harrington	Christine Smith	John Harrington
	31	Gill Hamblen	Mike Graham	Andrew Long
June	7	TBA	TBA	Maxie Richards

All Saints' Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

May	3	Maureen Vaughn	Elaine Perrett	Gladys Mitchell
	10	Sheena Macdonald	Barbara Thompson	Gillian Kingslake
	17	Sheila Gray	Jane Lowis	Dorothy Peck
	24	Margery Pollock	May Campbell	Ruth Paxton
	31	Joyce James	Kate Ross	Janet Stack
June	7	Christine Fry	Sheila Benson	Ann Wheatley

Name in **bold** to supply milk. Thank you for your support. Jean Stirling.

All Saints' Readings and Hymns

Sunday	Morning Readings	Morning Hymns	Evening Readings	Evening Hymns
May 3rd Easter 4	Acts 4. 5-12 1 John 3. 16-24 John 10. 11-18	T.B.C.	Nehemiah 7. 73b-8.12 Luke 24. 25-32	Night Prayer
May 10th Easter 5	Acts 8. 26-40 1John 4. 7-21 John 15. 1-8	217 473 476 411 MP	Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, Milngavie, 3.30 pm	
May 17th Easter 6	Acts 10. 44-48 1 John 5. 1-6 John 15. 9-17	408 468 554 91 JP	Ezekiel 47. 1-12 John 21. 1-19	Night Prayer
May 24th Easter 7	Acts 1. 1-11 Ephesians 1. 15-23 Luke 24. 44-53	176 183 416 457 MP	Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, Milngavie, 3.30 pm	
May 31st Pentecost	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Acts 2. 1-21 John 15.26-27 16. 4b-15	589 596 245 227	Isaiah 11. 1-9 1 Corinthians 12. 4-13	Night Prayer

St Andrew's Rotas

Month	Date	Depute Church Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Intercessor	Coffee
May	3	Jan	Robert	Pamela	Margaret
	10	Steve	Fraser	Fraser	Nan
	17	Clare	Sue	Sue	Pamela
	24	Pamela	Steve	Jan	Clare
	31	Rosamond	Robert	Mary	Mary
June	7	Jan	Fraser	Fraser	Wilma

St Andrew's Readers' Rota

Note: the Loop system will be in the 'ON' position

May	Sun 3	Pamela Rutherford
	Sun 10	Betty Smith 6.30 p.m. Mary Finlayson
	Sun 17	Wilma Williams
	Sun 24	Clare McVey 6.30 p.m. Rosamond Falconer
	Sun 31	Richard Booth
June	Sun 7	Sue Brough
	Sun 14	Sue Clarke 6.30 p.m. Mary Finlayson
	Sun 21	Caroline Logan
	Sun 28	Ruth Long 6.30 p.m. Rosamond Falconer

St Andrew's Readings and Hymns

SUNDAY	MORNING READINGS	MORNING HYMNS	EVENING READINGS
Sunday 3 May 4 th Sunday of Easter 9.15 Sung Eucharist Setting: Appleford	Acts 4. 5-12 1. John 3. 16-24 John 10. 11-18	559 564 212 29 38	
Sunday 10 May 5 th Sunday of Easter 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting: Appleford	Acts 8. 26-40 1. John 4. 7-21 John 15. 1-8	215 468 217 401 473	6.30pm Evening Prayer Psalm 44. 16-end Daniel 3. 16-28 Hebrews 11.32- 12. 2
Sunday 17 May 6 th Sunday of Easter 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting : Appleford Psalms for Singers	Acts 10. 44-48 1. John 5. 1-6 John 15. 9-17	231 PFS 98 531 Song 26 MP 857	

Sunday 24 May Ascension Day Service 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting : Appleford Psalms for Singers	Acts 1. 1-11 Ephesians 1. 15-23 Luke 24, 44-53	MP 13 PFS 47 MP 207 (226) MP 14 (learn) MP 379 (HTC 376)	6.30pm Evening Prayer Psalm 76. Isaiah 14. 3-15 Revelation 14. 1-13
Sunday 31 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting : Appleford Psalms for Singers	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Acts 2. 1-21 John 15. 26-27 and 16. 4b-15	589 PFS 104 499 Song 23 245	
Sunday 7 June Trinity Sunday 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting; Appleford Taizé Chant	Isaiah 6. 1-8 Romans 8. 12-17 John 3. 1-17	205 525 307 Song 5 Laudate Dominum 12	

Pastor Elson's Visit to St Andrew's, March 2009

