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Magazine Material

Material for the December 2009- January 2010 issue of the Magazine should be submitted by ***Sunday 22nd November*** so that the magazine will be available on ***Sunday 29th November***. Material can be supplied as usual on paper but (preferred option) as a computer file on floppy disk or by e-mail to the editor at: raanderson1@btinternet.com
 All Saints' material: please post or deliver to the editor (19 Craigdhu Road, Milngavie, G62 7TH). St Andrew's material can be given to the editor at church, as usual.

PASTORAL SECTION
Pastoral Letter

November, 2009

Dear Friends,

St Augustine wrote these words:

“Let us sing ‘Alleluia’ here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come when we are set free from all anxiety. Why is it that we worry so much in this life?”

St Augustine goes on to say that in one sense it is no wonder we worry for the call of any Christian is large and the path we have to travel is not always the smoothest of journeys. We are called to endure



hardships and adversities, without even before we then heap upon ourselves the worries and concerns of others, however, as St Augustine wrote, “Let us sing ‘Alleluia’ here and now in this life, ...”

November in a wonderful reflection of Christian life especially as it begins and ends with the festivals that mark our churches dedications it is a great time to do what St Augustine suggests and sing Alleluia! We start with All Saints Day rejoicing with all the saints in the joy of being one of Christ’s own and celebrating that even if we have to endure it will all be worth it in the end. As the writer of Hebrews says: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2). We follow with All Souls Day and remember all those loved ones who are now taking that eternal rest of light and peace where there is no more suffering or pain only unending joy. Then on the 8th we have Remembrance Sunday a time not only to remember the costly price many have paid but to also pray for peace, peace for the world, the peace of Christ, even amidst turmoil and war. On the 15th we celebrate St Margaret of Scotland, one who followed Christ’s ways of faith and hope and love. A woman, a sojourner, who came from across the sea to be Queen of this land and lived out Christ’s call to treat everyone as precious in

God's sight to love all her neighbours regardless of who they were as Christ loved her and them. St Margaret is a reminder to us of not only our duty as Christians but the joy of serving Christ that comes from and by serving others. By the 22nd we are rejoicing once more with Christ the King, the last Sunday in the Christian year a loud Alleluia! For Christ reigns on high interceding for us, pleading for us, and encouraging us into the next year. Which we beginning of the 29th with Advent Sunday a new year time to look forward to Christ's return when God's Kingdom will finally be fully realised, to remember again that God's promises have no time limit on them they will be achieved. And the month winds up with St Andrew's Day on the 30th rejoicing once more that even while we sometimes struggle with the frustrations of the wait for that glorious day when every knee will bow before Christ, we can rejoice that we are not alone and the witness and faithfulness of people down through the centuries can inspire, encourage and urge us every onward.

While there might be things that worry and concern us there is far more to be grateful for and to rejoice in and as Jesus said in the 6th chapter of Matthew's Gospel: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

God looks at us and says each one of us is special, important and loved beyond measure, God is watching over us and we have no need to be anxious or worried, what more reason do we need to have to sing "Alleluia!"

Love, prayers and angels

Kirstin

St Andrew's Patronal Festival will actually be held on Friday 27th November at 7 p.m. after which there will be fish suppers; all members of All Saints are warmly invited to come along.

Notes from the Rector

Remembrance Sunday

It has been brought to my attention that in both Milngavie and Bearsden there are Ecumenical Remembrance Sunday Services at the respective war memorials, therefore to allow for people to attend these services there will be a slight change to the services in both churches on 8th November.

St Andrew's

The Ecumenical service at Milngavie begins at 10:30 so to allow for people to attend the service at St Andrew's will be shortened slightly.

All Saints

The 8am service will remain unchanged.

The Ecumenical Service begins at 10:45am. Therefore there will be a shortened Eucharist beginning at 11:15 at All Saints.

We will see how that works this year and tweak as necessary for next year.

Rectory Blessing

Thank you to all of those who turned out for the Rectory Blessing on Monday 12th October, and indeed for those of you who so generously brought gifts. It was a joyous evening and I am grateful for the Dean in finding time in his busy diary to come along and conduct it. For those of you who weren't able to come along on the night there is another opportunity to come along and see the Rectory on November 14th between 2pm and 4pm. Again could you please let me know if you intend popping along so that I can have sufficient sustenance for you.

Advanced Notice

On Tuesdays in Advent there will be a series of Advent Meditations and Compline. This year they will be held at All Saints beginning at 7:45pm and will end by 8:30pm. The evening will take the form of a reading, followed by a meditation a short period of silence and then finish with Compline. More details to follow in next month's magazine.

All Souls

A service for the commemoration of All Souls will be held at All Saints on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm. If there is someone you would like remembered at the service could you please add their name to the list, which is on the table at the back of both churches, thank you.

Bible Sunday 2009

Things we say! An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth
 Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, for to-morrow we die
 He got away with that by the skin of his teeth
 He's got a fair quiverful

All these and many more come from the Bible, the last one being less common, from Psalm 127 (referring to someone with several children), the previous one from Job. 'Gather ye rosebuds' is normally attributed to Herrick, who uses the line to advocate taking pleasure while you can. Nearly 2000 years earlier, it appeared in the Book of Wisdom, where it warns that empty headed people could use it to chase after the quick fix, or purely transitory pleasure.

An eye for an eye comes in Deuteronomy and in Exodus, and is widely misunderstood in common parlance, whereas at the time it represented a control on more savage retribution. Jesus refers to it, and takes it a stage further in Matthew's Gospel, saying that instead you should not retaliate, but turn the other cheek.

What the common use of these phrases does indicate is the way in which the Bible has shaped our culture subtly and in ways which are often forgotten, in to-day's largely non church going population.

What is the Bible? A whole library written by many people over many hundreds of years? If it is, perhaps we might try to classify the books.

- Poetry. Psalms, Song of Solomon
- History. Judges, Samuel, Kings, Acts of the Apostles
- Prophecy. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, several Minor Prophets
- Wise sayings and advice. Proverbs and Ecclesiastes
- Laws. Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. These are not biographies as we understand them, with their emphasis on the teachings and ministry of Jesus, and His divinity, and the realisation of all the hopes and expectations expressed by the prophets etc.

Letters. The Epistles, but not all of them readily classifiable, showing the teaching of the early church, advice to congregations and individuals etc.

You couldn't classify 'Prophecy' as foretelling the future, although that element is there. Often prophets see the implications of present attitudes and practices, concentrating on social injustice, as Kirstin reminded us a fortnight ago.

Where do you place Genesis and Exodus, and what about Revelation? Even the ones classified above contain so many overlaps that simple classification will not do. We need commentary and explanation as well as our own reading and meditation of the text. Remember Philip and the Ethiopian official who had been reading from the prophecy. With Philip's help, the words made sense, and opened him to the power of the Holy Spirit, taking the message of the Gospel back to his own people.

So the Bible is not just a collection of books, it is much more than that, its broad theme being the recognition of the power of God, the imperfect nature of man, and the unfolding revelation of God's will and love for humankind and creation. It spans human activity timelessly, so that whatever situation you are in, you can recognise it somewhere within the text. Psalms alone spans the whole spectrum from anguish to joy, persecution and danger to the joys of family life, the bleakness of isolation to the communal rejoicing in a great festival. In this way it speaks in many pastoral situations, where you get the comfort of recognising that someone has been there before.

I referred earlier to 'an eye for an eye', and showed how it exemplified the revelation of God's will that savage retribution was not right, and through Jesus that love had to replace retaliation. So through the pages, we find deepening understanding of many issues, from a society in which slavery was normal to the concept that a one time slave was now an equal and a brother (Epistle to Philemon); from a 'chosen people' being taught God's will to the realisation that the Gospel was for all people, and that Gentiles could experience the Spirit too; from an exclusive religious practice to coming to terms with the knowledge that now there was no distinction between Jew and Greek, slave and free person, male or female in the receipt of God's gifts. In Acts and the Epistles we see how disputes on such matters were discussed openly and in love.

We are so fortunate to have the whole Bible freely available in various translations, but think of how we got to where we are. Centuries of Bibles being copied by hand on costly vellum, using quill pens which had to be hand made, and inks from natural materials, beautifully scribed, and often decorated, later centuries having to reuse the margins of earlier books, yet still the script was meticulously perfect. Come the advent of printing, and the production of Bibles in the language of the people, and the authorities didn't know how to cope with the new readership, so that some of the pioneers were persecuted and even put to death. More and more translations are needed to make the text clear to the peoples of the world, so that individuals have had to go out and learn and transcribe languages that may never have been written down before, facing

hardship and danger in the process. In various parts of the world, totalitarian regimes have punished people for owning or distributing Bibles, yet they continued to do so. That is an indication of just how valuable the Bible really is.

The Scottish Bible Society is much involved in this process of translation and distribution, with various projects under way. Their latest, launched last month, is for the Province of Sichuan in China. Although China has a booming economy in world terms, there are very poor areas, of which this is one, struck by a serious earthquake some months ago, and now faced by drought and famine. There are officially 23 million Chinese Christians, and it is no longer an offence to own or sell Bibles, but distribution is limited to 74 official centres, from which vans go out. Only just over half have vans at all. For Sichuan, the Scottish Bible Society has permission from the Chinese government to provide vans for distribution of Bibles, and to be equipped with essential medical provision for such emergencies. The Bibles will all be printed in China on special paper to keep costs down to a minimum.

Fraser Gold

NOTICES

Christianity Explored



There is an eight week course in progress that explores three questions that cut right to the heart of Christianity, Who was Jesus? Why did he come? What is involved in following him?

The course will be held in the Fraser Centre, Milngavie on Monday evenings until December 7th 2009, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All are Welcome.

Sue Brough, on behalf of Milngavie Churches.

The new Charities References in Documents (Scotland) Regulations 2007 require us to include charity information in documents from April 1st. The Magazine needs to carry this information as an "official publication"

All Saints Church is a charity registered in Scotland, No: SC005552

St Andrews Church is a charity registered in Scotland, No: SC008683

Drumchapel Church is a charity registered in Scotland, No: SC023102

All Saints' AGM

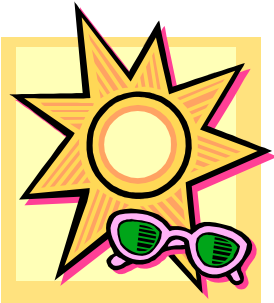
The AGM will take place on Thursday November 19th at 7.30 p.m. in the All Saints Halls.

Three members of the vestry: Celia Fisher, Gill Hamblen, Kate Ross, will then have completed their three years of service. We extend our warmest thanks to them for their dedication during this demanding time.

There will of course be three vacancies to fill. Please give your prayerful consideration to this matter, and if you are willing to stand, or wish to nominate someone, please do so as soon as possible. Nominations should be passed to Mairi Ross before the end of October.

Those responsible for the annual reports of the various Church groups are reminded that they should be prepared and also sent to Mairi. This needs to be done by October 18th, at the latest.

Sunshine Bags 2009 ... a record total!



We're please to announce that this year's Sunshine Bags have raised a record amount, more than ever before. A grand total of £274 was obtained. Next time we may have to think of using bigger bags!

Many thanks to all those who made this marvellous total possible.

Jean & Alex

All Saints and St Andrew's Website

The web-site for All Saints and St Andrew's can be found at:

<http://episcopalglasgow.co.uk/bearsden-milngavie/>

Do look at this site. If you have any suggestions for its further use and development please get in touch with me. Also, **PLEASE** give me short-term and long-term information to display so we keep the site up-to-date and lively, and relevant for congregational members as well as visitors to the site.

Janet Stack, at janet.stack@btinternet.com

Christingle Service at All Saints' Church



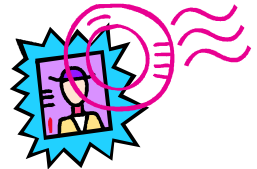
The Christingle Service will be on Advent Sunday, 29th November at 6.00 pm. We will again collect presents for older siblings and parents (mainly single Mums, but some single Dads too) of the children who benefit from the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme; these are always much appreciated by those who can expect little for Christmas.

Toiletries, biscuits/sweets, fashion items etc are always acceptable - in past years it has been noteworthy as to how much thought has gone into choosing the gifts! There will be a box at the back of the Church from Sunday 15th November to collect the gifts. The gifts will be presented to Ann Pert, who will again represent the Scheme at the service, with the children's gifts.

Ann Wheatley

Stamps for the Sudan

Please support this worthy cause by buying 2nd class stamps from me for Xmas. **EARLY ORDERS FOR XMAS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.** Remember to keep all your stamps from the Xmas cards. Many thanks.



Jane Lewis

My apologies to Mat Stephens, as he is the person that I send used stamps to, not Eddie Smith, as I wrote in the last magazine.

Sue Brough

Editor Wanted

It's now 10 years since I took over from Irene Ballantine as editor of the church magazine. I always thought that a decade would be enough - 10 years, 100 issues of the Magazine. It's time for someone with fresh ideas and time to implement them to take over. I will help with the transfer and supply copies of my files. Please let me or the Rector know if you would like to take over.

Robert.

The Wave



We need your help to get thousands of people to *The Wave*, Glasgow, on Saturday 5th December 2009.

On Saturday 5th December, people from across the country will come together in Glasgow to send a clear message about climate change to world leaders meeting in Copenhagen for UN climate change negotiations. The Wave - set to be Scotland's biggest ever demonstration against climate change - is organised by Stop Climate Chaos Coalition.

The Wave will be a fun, family-friendly march in Glasgow city centre, where a diverse range of people can come together to show their concern about climate change. Similar demonstrations will be taking place across the world. In order to demonstrate that this issue is important to Scotland, we need as many people as possible to turn out on the streets of Glasgow on 5th December.

For more information on The Wave, visit www.the-wave.org.uk/scotland

Get On The Wave!

Glasgow, Saturday 5th December 2009

All we are asking you to do is *Invite 10*.

Invite 10 is as simple as it seems. We are asking you and anyone else you know to invite 10 people and ask these 10 people to invite another 10 people. By doing so **YOU** have the potential to generate **1000 people!** All you need to do is invite 10!

Three simple steps to *Invite 10*

1. **Simply speak to 10 friends and arrange them to come to Glasgow on Saturday the 5th December.**
2. **Get the word out by email: email this to everyone you know.**
3. **Lastly, ask these people to do the same. Job done!**

Look out for more information as Scotland steps up to the plate in the fight against climate change!

Sunday Notices at St Andrew's



Pew Notices will be reinstated at St Andrew's beginning Sunday, 29th November, 2009 i.e. First Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the Church Year.

All information to be included on the Sunday Pew Sheet must reach Jan Macdonald by the preceding Thursday evening. Email j.macdonald@educ.gla.ac.uk or ring 0141 956 3460.

Christmas Shopping Day

The 10th of November is to be Christmas shopping day at the Balmore Coach House for the Maxie Richards Foundation, so please come and sample the treasures of the Coach House and purchase some. Some of the day's proceeds will be given to the Foundation, so please put the date in your diaries and join us for shopping on November the 10th.



Sue Brough.

STOP PRESS

Christian Aid



The Big Christmas Sing

From 11 – 13 December, people from all across the UK will be singing for Christian Aid. Join us and help raise a note or two for the world's poor.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News

Issue 90 – November 2009

Newlands: got talent!

FROM Madam Fifi's Hat and Moustache Workshop to Latvian dance, one congregation has been facing down recession gloom by capitalising on its members' gifts.

It was such a collective process of shared imagination and inspiration that no individual will take responsibility for inventing the 'Year of Talents' which is drawing to a close at St Margaret's Newlands.

Like so many great ideas, it started with just one voice asking 'wouldn't it be good if...?' then grew into a truly good plan as others contributed their thoughts and time.

It was, in fact, the 2008 celebrations of St Margaret's centenary year that brought it home how many gifted people belong to this diverse congregation.

Their talents were not always apparent from regular Sunday service acquaintance: painters and sketchers, cartoonists and photographers, tapestry makers and embroiderers. Also, well hidden, were the skills of actors and singers, players and performers. Accomplished bakers and other makers of delicious edibles were more readily identified!

And so a Year of Talents calendar of events was planned to celebrate the wealth of talent within St Margaret's, to share it with the wider community and to put this all to good use in raising church funds.

Each event would include all ages working together, making new friendships, all enjoying themselves and bringing pleasure to many more.

The New Year kicked off with a successful family ceilidh at Pollokshaws Burgh Halls, thanks to a terrific band determined to have everyone up dancing as often as possible.

March's event was more sedate and serene: an art exhibition which opened with a Fairtrade wine and cheese event. An extended display of photographs and articles covering the history of St Margaret's was a reminder of all those who had contributed much to the community in previous years.

Later, St Margaret's Magnificent Edwardian Music Hall Spectacular Supper Theatre was an extravaganza of music and song, performance and audience participation.

On sale prior to the evening were Edwardian moustaches and hats. These were made at another social event: 'Madam Fifi's Edwardian Hat and Moustache

Workshop’.

In May the church welcomed a group of Latvian dancers and singers in association with local group Women Across the World. Their performance was a fundraiser in aid of a day centre for elderly people that had been set up by St Margaret’s member Issy Sanderson years ago in Riga.

Issy also organised and produced a reading of Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Costumed and staged in a black and white colour scheme, the show was a resounding sell-out success.

So far, about £3,500 has been raised through the wealth of talent in the congregation – many of whom contributed behind the scenes: setting up and clearing away, distributing posters and encouraging friends and family to come along.

The idea has had wider effects.

As an Eco-Congregation, St Margaret’s did all it could to incorporate environmentally friendly practices.

And the desire to ensure inclusion of all ages of the community is being taken forward in an all-age worship monthly Eucharist.

In a St Margaret’s magazine from 1912, a contributor wrote: “The secret of success at St Margaret’s is the mighty power of ‘littles’.”

That principle has guided the Talents Team almost a century later.

Said one of them: “Every member of the congregation has a part to play and a talent to offer which further strengthens our community in a new Millennium.

“Start with a small idea and with faith you never know where it will take you.”

Homecoming – to church

Lanark’s Christ Church was twice as full when the leadership brought a Homecoming theme to Back to Church Sunday. Sylvia Russell reports...

CHRIST Church Lanark joined all the town’s churches in an ecumenical approach to Homecoming Week.

Our church held an illustrated talk midweek on the history of tartan, the Celtic Church and the Episcopal Church. This was delivered by our Swedish Rector, Revd Dan Gafvert (who is more knowledgeable about Scottish history than most Scots). This was a most entertaining evening.

Our church also had an open day on Saturday 26 September. However, the highlight of the week was our Homecoming Service the following day.

Our congregation was almost double the size of a normal Sunday service and it was a delight to welcome people who hadn’t attended for some years or were new to the area. The service had been well publicised in the local press and invitations had been sent to people who were loosely attached to the church but

not regular attenders.

The service itself was innovative with a Celtic feel to it, and music enlivened by harpists, a violinist, an accordion player and a guitarist.

A piper led us into the service and much music was to follow with many of the hymns sung to familiar Scottish tunes. Dan gave a very apt and interesting address on the theme of coming home and made all the visitors feel welcome.

At the end of the service the piper led us out to the hall for coffee and refreshments.

Mothers' Union appeals for Africa aid

MORE than 23million people in East Africa are facing starvation following a further failed harvest, and the ongoing drought situation across the region.

Across Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania Mothers' Union members are bringing food relief to as many people as they can. MU has sent £159,000 with more funding needed to meet all the calls for aid. This far exceeds any funding previously sent out by Mothers' Union as a relief effort, and the charity has launched an urgent appeal both to help fund emergency food aid, and to help programmes such as its Family Life Programme re-establish food security and agricultural projects.

As ever, the people most affected are the rural poor men, women, children, widows and the elderly. These are people who cannot earn money for food which has become very expensive.

Alongside relief funding, Mothers' Union aims to provide seed for families to plant. Each family with a successful crop will be asked to bank some of the seed for other families in need, thereby ensuring aid given reaches as many as possible.

To donate, visit themothersunion.org and follow the link to the famine appeal. Donations can also be accepted by phone on 020 7222 5533.

Surfing for scripture

IT'S not long ago that finding a half-remembered scripture passage meant leafing through a hefty concordance.

Now you can read more than 100 Bible versions in 50 languages on your Blackberry or home computer, and look up a verse or a topic in moments.

Bible Gateway is an easy tool for reading and researching scripture online.

It provides advanced searching capabilities to let readers find and compare particular passages in scripture, based on keywords, phrases, or scripture reference.

The choice includes a wide range of English translations, three Greek New

Testaments, and several audio Bibles.

If you are a webmaster, you can install its Verse of the Day widget on your website, or add a search form. Visit biblegateway.com.

If Bible reading is a discipline you find hard to make routine, try having a daily e-mail delivered with a scripture passage, reflection and prayer from Sojourners.

Founded in 1971, Sojourners' mission is to articulate the biblical call to social justice, inspiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world.

Visit sojo.net and navigate to Blogs then Verse and Voice.

Finally, apologies for getting the spelling wrong last month for affirmingcatholicism.org.

Suggestions of other useful websites will be welcome.

Tell the editor what's good about your favourites: write to dns@episcopalglasgow.org.uk.

Faith in Older People

FAITH in Older People is sponsoring a conference on Saturday 28 November at the Barn, Elshields. Speakers are Father Gerry Hughes SJ and Revd Ali Newall.

Fr Gerry has written many books on spirituality including *God of Surprises* and *God in All Things*. He speaks widely on faith and the ageing process.

Kirk minister Ali Newall is an FiOP trainer who also works at the Ignatian Centre in Glasgow

Elshields DG11 1LY is less than two miles from Lochmaben on the Nethermill Road. The conference fee is £10. Hot drinks will be available all day; participants should bring their own sandwiches. To book contact Revd Ann Shukman (01387 810280, ann.shukman@virgin.net).

Revised Standard Visions

HOLY City is a monthly ecumenical workshop and worship event. This year, the theme is Revised Standard Visions: Imagining another world

Climate change, the credit crunch, the still-unfulfilled demands of justice and peace. Our generation faces a multitude of challenges.

The history of faith and culture speak of each generation facing similar critical times, when prophets and visionaries have re-framed and re-formed the way we think about our world. It's said that 'without a vision, the people perish'.

Holy City's 2009-10 programme addresses this urgent need in all its facets, and seeks to explore the re-imagining and re-visioning of faith, our lives and our

times.

It's enabled by the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community, in collaboration with 'a motley crew of Glaswegian citizens'.

It takes place 7-10pm at Renfield St Stephen's, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, on the last Sunday of the month from October to May (except December's event which is on the 20th). Visit holycity-glasgow.co.uk or call 0141 332 6343.

Chalk and cheese?

THEOLOGY and spirituality - chalk and cheese? is a series of informal seminars run by Glasgow University's department of Theology and Religious Studies with the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Sessions are relaxed and convivial, combining theological input and discussion over a glass or two of wine, starting 5.30pm and lasting until 7pm.

The final speaker for this term, on Thursday 26 November, will be Revd Dr Ian Meredith.

His topic is 'Were all Episcopalians Jacobites in the 17th and 18th centuries?'

These seminars are opportunities for clergy and laity in the diocese to share their expertise and areas of theological interest, both as seminar leaders and as group participants, and to be inspired into fresh thought and reading by others' theological passions.

Meetings are held in 4 The Square, University of Glasgow G12 8QQ. All are welcome. For more information contact Revd Dr Scott Robertson or Anne Tomlinson, ministry development officer, via the diocesan office 0141 221 5720.

Abbeys in 1,100th anniversary celebration

NEXT year the abbeys of Crossraguel, near Maybole, and Paisley will join in pan-European celebrations of the 1,100th anniversary of their mother church in Cluny, Burgundy.

The abbey church of Cluny was the largest in Europe prior to the building of St Peter's in Rome.

The Cluniac mission was to encourage pilgrimage. So it may be no coincidence that Crossraguel Abbey (now a ruin in the care of Historic Scotland) sits exactly half-way between Paisley and Whithorn.

Arrangements to celebrate Scotland's place in 11 centuries of Cluniac heritage include a weekend of events centred on Paisley, 14-16 May.

Organisers are planning a conference on the history and archaeology of the two abbeys; a choral concert in Paisley Abbey; special displays in Paisley Museum; and coach trips to Crossraguel, taking in the castles of Kelburn and Dundonald.

There will also be an ecumenical service in Paisley Abbey on Sunday 16 May. Further information from James Brown (baltersan.castle@btinternet.com).

Wave of support for a safe climate

The Wave is the name of Scotland's biggest ever demonstration in support of action on climate change.

On Saturday 5 December, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen, thousands of people from across Scotland will flow through the streets of Glasgow seeking climate justice from the world leaders. Among them will be Christians of all denominations.

The Wave is organised by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, which includes the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Mothers' Union as members.

Stop Climate Chaos is appealing for as many people as possible to turn out on the streets of Glasgow on the day. If you would like to volunteer to help make this demonstration a success, there are a number of things you can do:

Make sure everyone in your church, workplace and neighbourhood knows about The Wave.

Be a bus organiser

Talk to your local media.

Visit stopclimatechaosscotland.org for updates, leaflets and more information as plans firm up.

News and events in brief

POVERTY and Homelessness Action Week takes place from 30 January to 7 February.

The theme is Enough For All – emphasising that we can tackle poverty and homelessness by rediscovering the wealth within our own churches and communities, and sharing more freely.

Visit actionweek.org.uk/html/resources.php.

ST Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands, will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall, Springwells Avenue, Airdrie, from 11am on Saturday, 28 November.

TRANSFORMING Ministry—Making a Difference as Women is the topic of an event in Edinburgh with Christina Rees on Saturday 7 November, 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Women within the Scottish Episcopal Church are invited to participate in this interactive day, exploring and sharing thoughts and experiences. Writer and

broadcaster Christina Rees is a member of the General Synod of the Church of England and sits on the Archbishops' Council.

The venue is the General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh. Contact Dr Elaine Cameron (elaine.ging@gmail.com 01821 650482) or Revd Marion Chatterley (marion.chatterley@blueyonder.co.uk 07771 982163).

A TRAINING day for Sunday School teachers takes place on Saturday 31 October, 10.30am-3pm at St Ninian's Prestwick.

It will include an introduction to Godly Play, a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture.

Using symbols and objects as well as words, this approach values process, openness and discovery. It encourages those involved to make meaning for themselves and can be used in a variety of settings and with a variety of age groups.

Lunch will be provided. To book, contact Revd Gordon Fyfe: 01475 673143.

MARRIAGE and Cohabitation: the same or different? is the theme of a day organised in Glasgow by the Mothers' Union for all church members, friends and family.

Leading the day will be Revd Scott Robertson (Mothers' Union Chaplain). Four sessions will cover the history of marriage and cohabitation; the biblical context; present-day perceptions; and the law with relation to marriage and cohabitation.

It's on Saturday 5 December, 10am-2.30pm, at St Silas, Park Road, Glasgow. Lunch will be free. To book a place and any crèche places contact Carolynne Sorrell: 01387 255798

DAVID Hamilton will give an organ recital at Holy Trinity Ayr on Sunday 22 November at 7.30pm. David is the organist of St Mary's Hamilton. He will be playing works by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Franck and Gershwin. Admission £6 (concessions £5).

TO prepare clergy and readers for preaching on the Gospel of Luke in Year C, the diocese has organised a day event led by Revd Professor John Riches.

It will include formal input on the shape and context of the Gospel in the morning, followed by participative contextual Bible study in the afternoon. It's at All Saints, Drymen Road, Bearsden, Saturday 7 November, 11am-3pm. To register, contact the ministry development officer (0131 668 1322, mdo.gg@btinternet.com.).

THE Department for International Development's Community Linking Programme (DCLP) offers funding and support to community groups in the UK that have a link with a group in Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Caribbean.

It is running a survey to find out how many such groups there are, what they do, and what support they'd like.

By doing the survey, you can be among the first to hear about new grants, networking opportunities, learning and support and more. Visit dfid.gov.uk/dclp.

TACKLING Income Inequality in Scotland is a conference jointly organised by Action for Churches Together in Scotland and the STUC.

It takes place on Friday 6 November at the Easter Road Conference Centre, Edinburgh.

The keynote address is by Richard Wilkinson, professor of medical epidemiology at Nottingham University, and author of *The Spirit Level—why more equal societies almost always do better*.

Further details from Tom Moyes, Action for Churches Together (tommoyes@acts-scotland.org, 012259 222363).

ST Cuthbert's Cambuslang celebrates one hundred years of worship in its building at 3 Brownside Road.

A special Eucharist will be celebrated by the Diocesan Commissary, Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan on Friday 27 November at 7pm

Past clergy are warmly invited to attend, as are any friends and associates in the Diocese who might want to share in this thanksgiving, and pray for the future ministry of God's people in this place. Refreshments will be served in the church hall thereafter.

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ITEMS for the December/January issue may be submitted by Monday 16 November as ordinary running text (not leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown, c/o the Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH, or dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk.

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DIARY SECTION
List of Preachers at Sunday and Midweek Services

| November 2009 | | ALL SAINTS | ST ANDREW'S |
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| All Saints Sunday Trinity 24 (W) | 1 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 FE Revd Kirstin Freeman and Family Service Group 6.30 NP Andrew Long | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Monday All Souls (B) | 2 | 7.30 p.m. Solemn Eucharist, Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Tues | 3 | | 10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 4 | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Thurs | 5 | | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Sunday Remembrance Sunday (R) | 8 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.15 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 3.30 NP Jan Macdonald |
| Tues | 10 | | 10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 11 | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Thurs | 12 | | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Sunday St Margaret of Scotland (W) | 15 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.30 NP David Hamblen | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Tues | 17 | | 10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 18 | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Thurs | 19 | | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Sunday Christ the King (W) | 22 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 3.30 NP Mary Finlayson |

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| Tuesday | 24 | | 10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 25 | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Thursday | 26 | | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Friday | 27 | | 7 p.m. SE Service for St Andrew's Night. Preacher: Revd Patrick Coltman (UF Church) |
| Advent Sunday (P) | 29 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.00pm Christingle | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| December 2009 | | | |
| Tuesday | 1 | | 10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 2 | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman | |
| Thursday | 3 | | 10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman |
| Advent 2 (P) | 6 | 8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 FE Revd Kirstin Freeman and Family Service Group 6.30 NP David Wheatley | 9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman |

Service Notes

All Saints, Remembrance Sunday, November 8th

An ecumenical Service of Remembrance will be held at 10.45 a.m. at the War Memorial, Bearsden Cross, which will be followed by Holy Eucharist at 11.15 a.m. in the Church.



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. | |
| November 1 | Andrew Long | Bill Sharp Roy Thompson | Andrew Long |
| 8 | No duty | Richard Kingslake Kate Ross | No duty |
| 15 | David Hamblen | Joyce James Colin Campbell | David Hamblen |
| 22 | No duty | Ashraf Ayoub John Harrington | No duty |
| 29 | Philip Escreet | Alan Bisset Simon Lowis | Philip Escreet |
| December 6 | Roy Thompson | John Sherwood Bryan Peck | Roy Thompson |

All Saints' Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

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| Nov 1 | Sheila Benson | Ann Wheatley | Christine Fry |
| 8 | Fiona Hemple | Betty Neilson | Pauline Waugh |
| 15 | Maureen Vaughn | Elaine Perrett | Gladys Mitchell |
| 22 | Sheena Macdonald | Barbara Thompson | Gillian Kingslake |
| 29 | Sheila Gray | | |
| Dec 6 | Margery Pollock | May Campbell | Ruth Paxton |

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

All Saints' Readers and Intercessors

| | 11.00 a.m. | | 6.30 p.m. |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Reader | Intercessor | Reader |
| November 1 | TBA | TBA | Maxie Richards |
| 8 | Sheena MacDonald | Alex Stirling | |
| 15 | Rob Smith | Rob Smith | Brian Stack |
| 22 | Gillian Kingslake | Michael Graham | John Harrington |
| 29 | John Sedgwick | John Sedgwick | Andrew Long |
| December 6 | TBA | TBA | Maxie Richards |

All Saints' Readings and Hymns

| Sunday | Morning Readings | Morning Hymns | Evening Readings | Evening Hymns |
|---|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| Sunday 1st November All Saints | Psalm 24; Matthew 5:1-12 | T.B.C. | | Night Prayer |
| Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday | 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 6:37-40 | T.B.C. | Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, Milngavie, 6.30 pm | |
| Sunday 15th November St Margaret of Scotland | Proverbs 31:10-13, 25-31; 2 Timothy 1:1-7 Luke 11:33-36 | T.B.C. | | Night Prayer |
| Sunday 22nd November Christ the King | 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37 | T.B.C. | Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, Milngavie, 6.30 pm | |
| Sunday 29th November Advent 1 | Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36 | T.B.C. | | |
| Sunday 6th December Advent 2 | Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 | T.B.C. | | |

St Andrew's Rotas

| Month | Date | Depute Church Warden | Eucharistic Assistant | Intercessor | Coffee |
|-------|------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| Nov | 1 | Jan | Robert | Mary | Wilma |
| | 8 | Steve | Steve | Pamela | Pamela |
| | 15 | Clare | Fraser | Fraser | Margaret |
| | 22 | Rosamond | Robert | Jan | Nan |
| | 29 | Jan | Steve | Mary | Clare |
| Dec | 6 | Steve | Fraser | Pamela | Wilma |

St Andrew's Readers' Rota

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

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| Nov | Sun 1 | Betty Smith |
| | Sun 8 | Wilma Williams 4.00 p.m. Mary Finlayson |
| | Sun 15 | Richard Booth |
| | Sun 22 | Clare McVey 4.00 p.m. Rosamond Falconer |
| | Fri 27 | 7.00 p.m. Jan Macdonald |
| Dec | Sun 29 | Irene Philips |
| | Sun 6 | Pamela Rutherford |
| | Sun 13 | Caroline Logan 4.00pm Mary Finlayson |
| | Sun 20 | Ruth Long |
| | Fri 25 | Clare McVey |
| | Sun 27 | Steve McVey |

St Andrew's Readings and Hymns

| SUNDAY | MORNING READINGS | MORNING HYMNS | EVENING READINGS |
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| ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday 1 November. 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting: Sumsion Psalms for Singers. | Isaiah 25. 6-9 Revelation 21, 1-6a John 11, 32-44 | 21 PFS 24 567 403 477(ii) | |
| REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 8 November Setting: Macmillan St Anne's Mass Taize, PPP | 1 Corinthians 15, 51-57 John 6, 37-40 | 545 PPP 62 554 <i>'Jesus remember me'</i> 37 592 | 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer Psalm 107 Jonah 3, 1-10 Luke 16, 1-13 |
| Sunday 15 November St Margaret of Scotland Setting: Sumsion | Proverbs 31, 10-13, 25-31 2 Timothy 1, 1-7 Luke 11, 33-36 | 583 448 486 Song 19 570 | |

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| Sunday 22 November Christ the King Setting: Sumsion Taize | 2.Samuel 23, 1-7 Revelation 1 , 4b-8 John 18 . 33-37 | Mission Praise 457 647 41(ii) <i>'Laudate Dominum'</i> 708 | 4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer Psalms 148,149,150 Ecclesiastes 11 , 1- 12, 14 Matthew 16 , 13-28 |
| Friday 27 November St Andrew's Patronal Festival, Sung Eucharist, 7 p.m. Setting: Sumsion | Isaiah 55 . 1-5 John 1 . 35-42 | See Service Booklet | |
| Sunday 29 November Advent 1 Setting: Macmillan St Anne's Mass Psalms for Singers | Jeremiah 33 , 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3 , 9- 13 Luke 21 , 25-36 | 52 PFS 25 199 Song 5. 196 | |
| Sunday 6 December Advent 2 Setting: Macmillan St Anne's Mass PPP | Mallachi 3 , 1-4 Phillippians 1 , 3-11 Luke 3 , 1-6 | 333 MP 538 217 PPP 40 190 | |

St Andrew's Diary

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| November | | |
| Wed | 4 | Book Club, at Clare's, Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan. |
| Sat | 7 | Prayer Breakfast, Allander, 8 a.m. breakfast, 8.45 a.m. prayers. Coffee Morning, 10 a.m. – 12 noon |
| Sat | 14 | Ruth Milne's wedding, Cairns Church, 2 p.m. All welcome to attend the service and later the ceilidh in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. |
| Fri | 20 | St Andrew's A.G.M., 7 p.m. in the church |
| Fri | 27 | St Andrew's Patronal Festival, Preacher Revd Patrick Coltman, Sung Eucharist, 7.00 p.m., followed by fish suppers. |
| Sat | 7 | . |
| December | | |
| Daily, Tues 1 – Mon 7, Kimo Perus Christmas Tree Festival in St Paul's | | |
| Wed | 2 | Vestry Meeting |
| Sat | 5 | Prayer Breakfast, St Paul's, 8 a.m. breakfast, 8.45 a.m. prayers. |
| Wed | 9 | Book Club, Sue B.'s, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. |