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PASTORAL SECTION
Pastoral Letter

October, 2009

Dear Friends,



Firstly I would just like to take a minute to say thank you once again to all of you that put in so much hard work, leading up to and for the day of my institution itself. There really are too many of you to name, and as I also don't know who some of the hidden angels were who did various jobs and I don't want to miss out anyone, so to each and every one of you, you know who you are, a big thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the beginning of this new chapter in the lives of us all such a joyous occasion and welcoming Paul and I so generously. I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming months, speaking of which I have a lot of names to put to faces and remember so please bear with me if I have forgotten your name ... again, it will sink in eventually. Paul is not a regular church goer, yet, but will usually be with me whenever there is a social event so you will be able to get to know him too. Christopher, my 23 year old son, is living with us at the Rectory for now, but has plans to move out once circumstances allow, while Pamela, my 21 year old daughter, left home some years ago when she started at Glasgow University and lives in Glasgow and some of you might have met her at my institution, but they are now making their own way in the world and you probably won't get to see them much.

A few things you need to know, Fridays will be my day off in general, there will of course be times when things are held on Fridays and during such weeks I will take another day off as my diary allows, you should, however, be able to get me on my mobile on most occasions. You are very fortunate here at All Saints and St Andrew's in that you have two loyal Lay Readers, Fraser and Mike, who will be your first port of call for any pastoral matters when I am on holiday.

Over the coming weeks I will be attending various meetings and getting to grips with the pattern of services and how things are done in both congregations. Then from Sunday 18th till Saturday 24th October Paul and I

have our annual holiday in Argyll, so it won't be until my return on week beginning 26th October that I will be able to get down to some regular visiting. However that doesn't mean that if anyone needs or indeed wants a visit before then I won't be available, just ask. Of course it doesn't need to be said that if you are passing, have something in particular you would like to talk about, or just fancy a coffee and a chat you will be most welcome at the Rectory. On which subject you will find later on in the magazine an invitation to come along and see your Rectory when the Dean will also bless it. There will be another, this time during an afternoon, occasion in November for those who cannot manage that evening, and of course in the months and years ahead there will be plenty of other times when events will be held here.

Can I also please say at this juncture that I am not a mind reader and long gone are the days when we clergy get access to hospital admittance forms, or indeed are contacted by hospitals when someone takes a turn for the worse. So if you yourself, or you hear that another member of the congregation, goes into hospital, please let me know, I would rather lots of people told me than I discovered after the fact, the same goes for anyone who is ill at home, thank you.

For now I will close with these words written by St Paul to the Corinthians, tucked away just before probably his most famous verse, which I have always held dear. They refer of course to finally meeting God in heaven but are also often true of our journeying in this world and speak with great power to me at this present time as I find my way among you. None of us will ever have all the answers in this world, but that doesn't mean we stop striving to find them and understand God's will for us in the here and now.

*“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known.”*

1 Corinthians 13:12

Love, prayers and angels,

Kirstin.



An Invitation from Kirstin - Monday 12th October

Members of both congregations are invited to the Rectory, 67 Stockiemuir Ave, on Monday 12th October when The Dean will be coming to bless the new Rectory and join with Paul and myself for drinks and nibbles. The blessing will take place at 7.30pm, but you are free to come and go throughout the evening. It



might be a bit of a squeeze but it will also be a good opportunity to see the Rectory and share in some joint fellowship. Can you please let Kirstin know if you intend coming so that there is enough food and drink to go around, also if any children will be coming so I can arrange something to entertain them, thank you.



Tel 931 5649 email kirstin@freemanhome.co.uk

Some important announcements from the Rector

Service News

Both the mid-week service at St Andrew's on a Thursday and the 8am service on a Sunday at All Saints will be re-instated from October. There will also be a weekly service at All Saints on a Wednesday at 10am. During my holiday periods and times when I am not available Fraser (when he is available) will lead the service on a Thursday morning at St Andrew's from the Reserved Sacrament. For the present the service at All Saints on a Wednesday morning will be cancelled if I am not available, although I hope this will not be the case for long.

Rector's Day Off

Kirstin's usual day off will be a **Friday**. Days off are precious and much needed so the Rectory phone is not usually answered then, although messages are always checked as soon as I am aware of them. Therefore, if an emergency occurs on a Friday please phone me on my mobile number ~ 07980678054, thank you.

The Rector's Holiday

I know I have only just arrived, but our annual week in Argyll is upon us. I will be here for all Sundays but will not be available from after the service at All Saints on Sunday 18th till Saturday 24th October. Any Pastoral emergencies during that week should be addressed to either Fraser Gold or M

Letter from the Deep South (... well, Cathcart actually)

Dear Friends,

We have just entered a new chapter in the life of our churches in Bearsden and Milngavie with the appointment of our new Rector, Kirstin Freeman. These markers in our church life often provide a good opportunity to reflect on what Christian ministry is all about, and while it applies particularly to ordained ministers, there is a sense in which it applies to us all. Kirstin's Service of Institution a week or so ago provided one such opportunity. We may recall that there was a point in the service where we presented her with gifts which were symbols of ministry.



Whenever we have some kind of symbolic action in our worship, it is important to have an understanding of what is represented, otherwise we are in danger of looking to the symbol itself rather than the thing it signifies. Worship can then easily degenerate into meaningless form, superstition, or worse still, idolatry.

I thought it would be worth looking at 2 or 3 of the symbols from the Service of Institution, particularly as they relate to our weekly acts of worship, to try and explore something of their significance.

First, the Bible. This symbolises the pastor's role in preaching and teaching God's word. As the hymn we sang during the service made clear, the preaching of the word of God is the divinely appointed means of making the gospel message come alive for those that hear it. In Romans 10:12-14, Paul sets it out plainly: "...the same Lord [Jesus Christ] is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Richard Giles, the author of 'Here I Am', a book of reflections on the ordained ministry, provides some interesting insights into various aspects of ordained ministry, and under the heading of Unfolding the Scriptures, he writes: "The scriptures are the richest resource we have chronicling humankind's endless search for meaning and for God".

The Stole (or scarf) represents the function of pastor, in which (to use the words of the old ASB form of Ordination Service) they are “to search for their children in the wilderness of this world’s temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, so that they may be saved through Christ for ever.” The story of Zacchaeus”, suggests Giles, “... captures the mystery of our searching out: we seek God, but God already has his eye open for us, searching the crowd for our face. Whether the highly unsuitable Moses at the burning bush, or the shady character Zacchaeus up his sycamore tree, [remember Kirstin’s sermon on Back to Church Sunday?], the story is the same; God seeks us out. We do not have to strive and strain to find him, but only to put ourselves in the way of his love. Then the dialogue of our mutual longing can begin.”



The Bread and Wine, central to the Eucharistic service that characterises Episcopal worship, represent the body and blood of Christ sacrificed on the cross for our redemption. Through these symbols, we remember what Christ, through his suffering, death and resurrection, accomplished for us. Looking at the priest’s role in the Eucharist, Richard Giles emphasises the ultimately celebratory mood implicit in the liturgy: "Presiding at the Lord's table is therefore the supreme privilege of the presbyters [priests] of the Church precisely because it is our delight to bring forth and to draw out the gifts and ministries of the assembly to produce a paean and thanksgiving to our gracious God."

There are, of course, other tasks of Christian ministry, e.g., discipling,

evangelism, healing, etc., but as we reflect on these particular aspects of ministry, we remind ourselves of the role of the priest and, more generally, the *raison d'être* of the church.

At this time of new beginnings, therefore, we welcome Kirstin in her new role as Rector of our churches in Milngavie and Bearsden; we wish her well in her future ministry with us as we seek, together, to witness to our Christian faith in the local community and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

Michael.

The Institution of the Revd Kirstin Freeman as Rector

Lights, cameras, and a cast of thousands (well a lot anyway) assembled for the Institution of The Reverend Kirstin Freeman as Rector of All Saints' Bearsden and St. Andrew's Milngavie, held at All Saints Church on Saturday 19th September 2009. The ceremony was conducted by the Dean with the assistance of clergy from all corners of the Diocese, even including clergy from the distant lands of the Edinburgh Diocese, which made for a very long procession!

I could not find a collective noun for the large number of clergy represented or at least a Scottish equivalent of 'a prudence of vicars' but discovered by chance that the collective noun for a gathering of Deans is a 'decanter'...must have something to do with those of high office being entitled to a small sherry after every service....

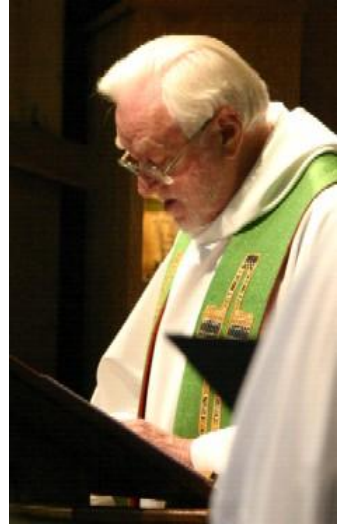


The Sermon was delivered by The Revd Ruth Innes, Rector of St Mark's at that well-known Lothian coastal resort – Portobello. Ruth is obviously a good friend of Kirstin's who knows her well and her sermon extolled the virtues of our new Rector in being skilled at creating 'order from chaos', an exceptionally able minister and one who is 'eminently approachable' ... but just as we were all sitting and nodding our contentment with this vision of order she then qualified that with her advice that Kirstin, like all humans, had her faults. You could almost hear Vestry members

shifting uncomfortably in their seats and whispering to each other 'I don't remember these coming out in the interview process' as Ruth added, with a

hint of mischief, that we were to ‘fasten our seat belts’ and prepare for a ‘roller coaster ride’! Having listened to Ruth, her mention of the suffragette movement and references to changes to the established order, I suspect the good people of St Mark’s still have their seat belts securely fastened – and I say that not just because of her purple hair...

Ken Shaw read the Deed of Institution which was evidently something of a relief to the Dean as there were lots of mentions of ‘canonical’ and ‘canonically hereinbefore whereinafter’ words to trip up the unwary. There then followed a mini procession as representatives of both congregations made the presentation of the symbols of ministry – a bible, a stole (a specially commissioned and beautiful new one which apparently became the envy of the assembled clergy), the oil of healing, bread and wine, and lastly and most importantly the keys to both churches – it always helps to ensure that your new Rector can actually get into the churches! (It was only afterwards that I thought that maybe we should have given her alarm codes as well!) I



participated in this mini procession and both Rob Smith and I found it difficult to resist the temptation to walk backwards up the aisle to show our best side to the recording camera and keep our cranial ‘helipads’ out of shot.

The cameras were there because a televisual link had been set up to relay the service live to the Church Hall in case overspill accommodation was required, but fortunately we managed to accommodate everyone in the church which meant that no-one needed to watch TV in the Hall and consequently there was no fighting over the remote control.

At the end of the service, once the procession had finally wound its way out of church, we all prayed once more that God would grant us safe passage across Drymen Road so that we could make our way to the Boys Brigade Hall at New Kirk Road. The requirement to relocate the hospitality facilities to the Boys Brigade Hall was due to All Saint’s Church Hall being commandeered by the throngs of clergy, with their robes, artefacts, dressers and make up artists etc. Anyway, we eventually all safely negotiated our way to the BB Hall without mishap to enjoy some light refreshments and lots of cake. But no wine. Not even a decanter in sight. It transpired that the owners of the Hall had imposed a

policy of temperance that prohibited the imbibing of alcohol on the premises. Perhaps we should have relocated the clergy instead....

We look forward to a new chapter in the life of our churches, and pray that under Kirstin's ministry and spiritual leadership, we will grow together in Christ – and, bearing in mind the Reverend Ruth Innes' cautionary advice, one final reminder to all – Clunk Click!

Steve McVey

Ken Shaw's Final Service



Ken gave his final service to both churches on Sunday 13th September, starting with a Said Service at St Andrew's and thereafter a joint Sung Eucharist at All Saints. Both services were very well attended and each was duly treated to Ken's last 'Sermon on the Out'. At St Andrews, we had a small presentation over tea and coffee after the Said Service, consisting of a specially commissioned cake for Ken and flowers for his wife who also attended. The specially commissioned cake, baked by Wilma Williams was 'exceedingly good' and featured a picture of our church embedded in the icing, a St Andrews flag, and a miniature figure of a priest in robes with a shock of white hair. Wilma explained that the figure originally had black 'hair' but she had

to paint it white to match Ken's snowy locks – it occurred to me that this process had a parallel with Ken's predecessor in real life - except in reverse. Apparently, Ken usually avoids cake as he says that if he ate cake every time he was offered it, he would be the size of a small bungalow.

At All Saints, we had a joint Sung Eucharist with joint choir, a joint presentation to Ken to thank him for his services over the last year or so, more flowers for Mrs Shaw and thereafter a buffet lunch which was enjoyed by all although Ken gave the cake a miss this time!

Our churches have been blessed to continue to receive the benefit of

strong spiritual leadership during our interregnum as provided by Ken who has very ably filled the void pending Kirstin's Institution, and of course, he has been supported throughout this time by David Wostenholme. We have all appreciated Ken's preaching, as his sermons are always prepared with care, thought, and a liberal sprinkling of humour which helps to keep people awake – and listening. Ken is also a bit of a stickler for timekeeping, which certainly caught a few of us on the hop at first – but our excuse was that we had been used to a rather more relaxed regime which, at times, had operated on time zones quite remote from the timings specified in the Church Magazine....

Our grateful thanks to Ken again, and we wish him a peaceful and hopefully uninterrupted retirement this time!

Steve McVey



The CakeWalk, 2009



Lunch break in the shadow of Dumgoyne on the (wet) All Saint's Cake Walk. A great time was had by all and we thoroughly enjoyed plenty of tea and cakes at end of the walk with Mairi and Niall.

The Sudan Church

Many thanks to the faithful contributors to the box in the hall, please keep on collecting. As many know it is too expensive to send all stamps to Eddie Smith, so only unused, commemorative or foreign ones go in the post, the others go locally to the Leprosy Mission. Eddie reports that he has raised £3,500 profit from the sale of mint stamps for the year 2008-9, so please keep buying. He is busy building up the Christmas stock at the moment, that is his busiest time of the year. Considering that the profit is only 10p in the £1, he handles rather a lot of stamps, well done Eddie!

Sue Brough.

Memories **Eileen Wallace**



Ruth Andrews and I were chatting about Eileen and Ruth told me this story.

Ruth's friend Joyce Petrie spoke to Eileen at the pedestrian crossing; in the course of their conversation and discovering that Eileen was C.E., Joyce said she had a friend who was an Episcopalian. Ruth went to her usual Saturday coffee at Joyce's and met Eileen. The following Sunday Eileen came along to St Andrew's, she was very faithful and only missed when she was unwell.

Ruth and Eileen went on holidays together: they went to Cambridge a couple of times and to Ruth's daughter Chris's marriage to Nigel. Ruth tells us that Eileen enjoyed going to Fellowship meetings and joining in church activities and outings. She and Eileen became very good friends.

I share many of Ruth's memories of Eileen, of times together at local meetings and also Diocesan Spirituality meetings. Eileen was a wonderful hostess and I spent many happy times with her, discussing all kinds of matters and news. We travelled over time and distance in our conversations, visiting the past, reviewing the present and considering the future. There is a special place in our memories for Eileen.

Ruth Andrews, Sue Brough.

Christianity Explored

There is to be an eight week course 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 is to be held in the Fraser Centre, Milngavie on Monday evenings from October 19th to December 7th 2009, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All are Welcome.

Sue Brough, on behalf of Milngavie Churches.

NOTICES

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.

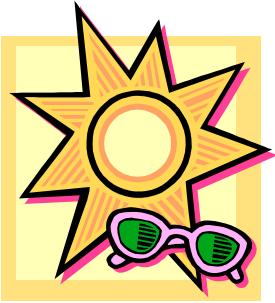
All Saints' Harvest Supper

All Saints Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 2nd October at 7.30 p.m. in the Drymen Hall. As usual it will be a "Bring & Share" supper. Please do come to this event, where there will be an opportunity to help Church funds by purchasing Raffle tickets for a Bumper Food Hamper. If you would also like to make a contribution to the hamper, please contact Sheila or Louise Benson.

Please bring either a savoury dish or a pudding or both. Do not come empty handed as Supermarket food is quite acceptable from those who do not regard themselves as cooks.

Offers of Entertainment for those with talents in "the Arts" should be given to David Simmons who is Master of Ceremonies. He would love to hear from you. We should all have a great gathering to celebrate our good fortune in having food to eat everyday.

Sunshine Bags 2009 ... reminder!



Last year we bemoaned the wretched summer weather. This summer we have enjoyed a fair amount of sunshine especially in June and early July. Perhaps also this summer you have had something special to celebrate or have received unexpected blessings. Therefore we do hope that we have showed our thanks by filling our sunshine bags with notes and coins in order to help All Saints meet its many commitments at home and abroad. Our bags are due to be returned on Harvest Sunday 4th October when they will be blessed at the morning service. As usual a basket will be placed at the back of the church to receive sunshine bags on October 4th and on the next two or three Sundays. Very many thanks again for supporting this useful fundraising initiative.

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

Charity Concert



-in aid of Maxie Richards Foundation.
St Paul's Church of Scotland, Milngavie.
Friday October 30th at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets, suggested donation £5,
contact Sue Brough.

CHURCH GROUP ACTIVITIES



Mothers' Union

Carried over from September:

[Editor's note: because the Magazine came out early, June's September MU article was too late to be included. Sincere apologies!]

I hope members have had a nice summer break, despite still wearing winter woollies into the third week of June and the current weather conditions being more like autumn! The new session begins on Monday 14th September and, sadly, will not be as printed on the programme.

We had thought it would be nice to start the next session with a communion service, and ever-mindful of the demands on our clergy, having me commissioned as branch leader at the same time would have been a good idea. However, having done things correctly and asked for permission to do so, this was refused. The committee will be reviewing what the first meeting will be and details will be on the pew sheet in church nearer the time. Meantime the branch will continue to be run by the committee, and in the event of my being approved by the next incumbent. I hope to be commissioned some day. This autumn, my life also has to take the family into consideration, as there will not only be Kenneth, the furrries and feathers, but also Maureen when she returns from Bristol, and then the new baby.

Not only MU branches have difficulty finding volunteers to take up posts but at Diocesan level there are problems too. Enid Scobie is arranging to hold prayers about this at Lenzie on Tuesday 1st September at 11 a.m., with light lunch provided afterwards. Renee and I will be going and there are at least three seats available in my car should anyone require a lift. Please let us know if you wish to come; my 'phones both have voice-mail should I be unavailable. On September 15th and 16th, the MU again has a stand at Glasgow University, during Freshers' Week, selling the MU cookbook to students. Volunteers to assist are welcome.

The committee looks forward to seeing all members, friends and church members at our Mothers' Union meetings and intercessions.

October Newsletter:

The new session began with a short service and supper party which was well attended and appeared to be enjoyed by all who came.

Edith Mitchell, a former member of the branch, celebrated her 100th birthday in June and her daughter, Margaret Henley, spoke to us about her mother's life and brought along a book which had been produced in order to celebrate Edith's life.

The branch presented Barbara Elliot with flowers and a cabin bag as she is leaving us to live near her son in York. We shall miss her so much and wish her every happiness in her new life in York; hopefully the bag will remind her of the branch each time she uses it to fly to Uganda.

Next month the speaker at the branch meeting will be from Mary's Meals and we will be donating the rucksacks which we have prepared for the school children.

June Roach

Dates for your diary:

Sept	Wed	30	Intercessions, Choir Vestry, 10.45 a.m.
Oct	Thurs	1	Committee meeting in church hall committee room.
	Sat	3	Mother's Union Diocesan Council at the Church of the Holy Name, Cumbernauld.
	Mon	12	Branch meeting; Mary's Meals.
	Wed	14	Holy Communion (MU Corporate Communion), 10 a.m.
	Fri	30	Intercessions, Choir Vestry, 10.45 a.m.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan News

Issue 89 – October 2009

A welcome in the Glen

Glenalmond Youth Camp draws young Piskies from all over Scotland each summer. For 13-year-old Shonagh Munro, Glen '09 was her first taste of the one-week gathering. Here she shares her reflections on the experience. . .

WITH butterflies in my tummy I got out of the car at Glenalmond College and was immediately swamped by friendly youth leaders and older delegates, all acting like they had known me for years.

Everyone was lovely and welcoming and I got my picture taken for the year book.

The rooms were nice. You only shared with one other person which meant you had a friend straight away.

We met twice a day in house groups of people all your own age. There were two or three leaders to each house group. I really enjoyed house group because it gave everyone a chance to get to know other people of their own age who go to church and believe the same things.

The week was centred on MDGs (Millennium Development Goals) and in our house groups we were each given a character from an African family. Each day the 'family' (which was run by children as their parents had been taken by AIDS) was given tasks involving money and education.

Every night at 7.30pm we had worship. Each night's worship was led by a different house group, focusing on the MDG of the day – such as child mortality or education.

The worship was fantastic. It showed me that going to church and being a Christian isn't always just long, old-fashioned hymns and people in long robes. It showed me that it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from or what colour your skin is.

All that mattered was that we believed in God and could worship him in any way we wanted, whether it was through a sketch, in a song or in prayer.

We would sign up for one workshop and two activities every day.

Workshops included art, drama, knitting, baking and writing the camp's daily newspaper. Activities included dancing, hill-walking, games, water polo and trips into Perth.

There was something to do every evening such as a quiz, a murder mystery, a

disco, a ceilidh, a talent show and a film night.

On the Wednesday night when everyone was lining up for worship, someone ran into the hall and said the roof of the building 10 feet away was on fire. We were evacuated while fire-fighters, ambulances, police and TV cameras all arrived. Luckily no-one was hurt, and the next day builders came to fix the roof.

Our last day was very emotional for everyone because no-one wanted to say goodbye to the friends they had made.

I would like to thank my vestry for their support and for contributing to this wonderful experience. I can't wait to go again next year.

Shonagh and her family belong to St James the Less Bishopbriggs

Joyce becomes honorary canon

REVD Joyce Pow has been made an honorary canon of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Cumbrae. Joyce is a member of St Columba's Largs where she has served for years as a non-stipendiary minister.

Bishop Martin Shaw installed her as canon at a service in the cathedral last month.

Ahead of the installation, he had told her: "I am thoroughly aware how much you are held in high esteem, not only by Alastair Chisholm, the lay chaplain, but by the congregation and visitors to the Cathedral, because of your willingness and generosity not only liturgically but also in your pastoral ministry. On behalf of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, many thanks to you!"

Finding a new bishop – what happens next?

THE process of finding a new Bishop is now under way, after the Preliminary Meeting of the Electoral Synod on 19 September.

The Primus, Most Revd David Chillingworth, outlined the steps in the process, saying that, due to the confidentiality of the initial stages, it might now appear that nothing is happening.

Below the surface, however, a lot will be going on as the Preparatory Committee, comprising representatives from other dioceses and the House of Bishops as well as six people from our own diocese, receives nominations and produces a shortlist of candidates, which it must do by the end of this year.

It will seem very quiet until the shortlist is produced and the Electoral Synod takes over, with the election taking place in January.

These are the key dates:

- Invite nominations (Description & Nomination form on website): 21 September
- Closing date for nominations: 14 October
- Second meeting of Preparatory Committee: 16 October
- Third meeting of Preparatory Committee – first screening of applications: 20 November
- Fourth meeting of Preparatory Committee - interviewing applicants: 7/8 December
- Date for declaration of list of candidates: 12 December
- Meeting of the Electoral Synod with candidates: Saturday 9 January
- Electoral Meeting of Synod: Saturday 16 January.

Reflection meeting first

ELSHIESHIELDS, near Lochmaben, was the venue for the first joint meeting of the two Ministries Reflection groups that meet in the north and the south of the diocese.

These groups are aimed at those in training for ordained or authorised ministry or those developing their ministry.

Each group meets roughly once a month and uses the time for worship, mutual support, reflection and the sharing of experience. Although the two groups operate in slightly different ways the aim is the same.

Revd Ann Shukman made the facilities of Elshieshields available to the groups and a pleasant afternoon was spent enjoying a barbecue, walking in the grounds and lots of conversations. Talks concluded with a discussion on how the two groups could work more closely, sharing resources as appropriate. Before departing, participants gathered in the 'Upper Room' for worship and prayer.

Restoration success

WORSHIPPERS return this month to Helensburgh's only A-listed church after handing the building over to a makeover team with a 'cacophony of ghetto blasters'. And it all went smoothly, as Chris Packard reports...

In 2001 the fabric of St Michael and All Angels in Helensburgh so alarmed the rector and vestry that they were faced with just two options: restore it, or watch it fall apart.

Designed by one of Scotland's most distinguished architects – Sir Robert Rowand Anderson – and being the only A-listed church in the town, there could be only one answer always provided that the money could be found.

Thus, at the beginning of 2001 the congregation set out on a 10-year programme of restoration at an estimated cost approaching £750,000.

Amazingly the project is on the verge of completion as Diocesan News was distributed – ahead of plan and within budget.

There are very many factors that have made this possible, but the money has been found thanks to the great generosity of so many people and institutions – Historic Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the congregation, the Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust and seven other smaller trusts, plus a lot of hard work from the church's own fundraising committee.

The project has been carried out in three distinct phases in order to progress the restoration as quickly as possible as finance became available.

To let Hunter & Clark (the chosen contractor for all three phases, under the guidance of Simpson & Brown Architects) carry out its lifesaving task in the final phase, the congregation de-camped to the neighbouring United Reformed Church for worship, giving temporary occupation of the St Michael's church building to 30 or so men and women with their accompanying cacophony of ghetto blasters.

The single-storey church which with scaffolding became a four storey building site, became home to a team of quite unique skills – stonemasons, plasterers, conservators, scaffolders, slaters, lime mortar specialists, plumbers, electricians, organ tuners, steeplejacks, joiners, painters and some wonderful labourers who kept the church as clean and tidy as it is possible to keep a building site.

It can be said with confidence that, as promised, on 4 October Sunday worship will once again take place in St Michael's Church, refurbished with only a few minor tasks to be completed.

At 6.30pm on 1 November, the Dean, the Very Reverend Gregor Duncan, will preach at a celebratory Songs of Praise service.

They also surf who only scan and Google . . .

HAVE you found a helpful website your fellow G&G Piskies would find interesting?

Our new Primus, Most Revd David Chillingworth, is among several Episcopalian clerics with their own blog (short for web-log: an online journal that others can read and add comments to).

You can find out what Bishop David is thinking and doing at:
www.bishopdavid.net.

If you are interested in examining a balanced range of perspectives on current

Church affairs, there are many web sites that offer a range of viewpoints. The following three Anglican ones are suggested by Paul Hibbert (St Margaret's Newlands) to sample a broad spectrum of comment:

www.afirmingcatholicism.org (offering an Anglo-Catholic perspective)

www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk (with an evangelical angle)

www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk (taking a liberal view).

Glasgow & Galloway's own website has recently been overhauled. For a storehouse of information – from all the churches' service times to announcements, events and downloadable copies of Diocesan News, bookmark:

www.glasgow.anglican.org.

Suggestions of other useful websites will be welcome. Tell the editor what's good about your favourites: dns@episcopalglasgow.org.uk.

News from the Diocese of Gothenburg

AMONG seven deacons just consecrated in the Diocese of Gothenburg was the first completely deaf deacon: Camilla Jansson.

The whole service was interpreted in sign language. Camilla will work with deaf people throughout the diocese.

TWO young Swedish delegates participated in the SEC's Glen 09 summer youth camp at Glenalmond College.

The diocese hosted a youth group for two weeks from its partner diocese of the Lutheran church in southern Africa (ELCSA-ED). Two parish coworkers, one ordained and one lay preacher, also arrived for a two-month exchange established with this diocese.

HUNDREDS of thousands of Swedish Christians voted in a nationwide election last month.

Elections are held in the Church of Sweden every four years on the third Sunday in September.

Candidates are elected directly to the Parish Assembly or Parish Council in parishes, to the Association Vestry in an association of parishes, to the Diocesan Council in dioceses and to the General Synod at national level. Members aged 16 or above on election day are entitled to vote. Though that totals around 5.6million members, the turnout last time round was just 700,000 members—roughly 12%.

Holyrood plea for Galloway pilgrim site

SAINT Ninian's credentials as Scotland's first bishop –ahead of Columba by a more century – were the topic of a debate at the Scottish Parliament last month. St Columba is traditionally seen as the founding figure of Scottish Christianity with the abbey he founded at Iona.

But at Whithorn there are signs from recent archaeological work suggesting Ninian, dubbed the 'first Scottish bishop', was active 150 years earlier.

Now South of Scotland MSP Alasdair Morgan has called for Whithorn to be recognised as Scotland's 'cradle of Christianity'.

His motion, backed by 18 or more fellow MSPs on 16 September, called for the Parliament to recognise Whithorn as the earliest known centre of Christianity in Scotland with artefacts of immense historical significance. He told the Parliament that: "while in ancient times Ninian was Scotland's premier saint and remains commemorated in many sites throughout the nation, the historical significance of Whithorn and Ninian's story is largely forgotten by a modern generation."

News and events in brief . . .

THERE has been a change of date for next year's conference for stipendiary clergy. It will now take place from lunchtime on Tuesday 15 June till lunchtime on Thursday 17 June.

The event will be facilitated by Duncan Wallace, a Grubb Institute Associate. Duncan has been involved with the annual Transforming Clergy Leadership Conference as well as working as a consultant to the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

He will bring a huge toolkit of resources to bear on the issues such as: change management, burn-out, relationship-building, anxiety about changing roles, active listening skills and conflict. Duncan will be referring to a practical book that draws on behavioural theory and organisational studies to equip local church leaders to manage change and to grow through it: *The Human Face of Church: A Social Psychology and Pastoral Theology Resource for Traditional and Pioneer Ministry*.

More about Duncan on www.ideasandideals.co.uk.

ST Columba's in Largs will hold another popular car boot sale on Saturday 10 October, 10am until 1pm. Home-made soup and hot filled rolls add to the attraction. Phone 01475 686 213 for further information.

THE Claremont Trust is a small ecumenical body that gives small grants to

innovative and radical projects. In Glasgow, it recently helped to fund a multi-cultural, interfaith youth event at St Margaret's Newslands, with music, drama and prayer.

For grant information contact secretary Mrs Judith Fairley, 15 The Row, Letham, Fife, KY15 7RS. To contribute to the Trust contact Arthur Sanderson, 7 Little Garth, Nether Poppleton, York, YO26 6NH.

AMNESTY International Glasgow West group needs new members. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month in Woodlands Methodist Church (opposite Uisge Beatha pub) at 7.30 pm.

TRANSFORMING Ministry – Making a Difference as Women. Women in the SEC are invited to participate in an interactive day with Christina Rees (writer, broadcaster, speaker, member of the General Synod of the Church of England) where thoughts and experiences will be explored and shared. It's on Saturday November 7, from 10.30 to 4.30 in the General Synod Office, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh. There is no charge, but booking is essential. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Marion Chatterley (marion.chatterley@blueyonder.co.uk or 07771 982163) or Elaine Cameron (elaine.ging@gmail.com or 01821 650482) to reserve a place.

EXPLORING Prayer is an opportunity to explore different ways of praying in a series of Saturday morning group meetings at St Mary's Cathedral.

They'll be led by Betty Jeanrond and Caroline McKillop on 3rd October, 24th October, 7th November and 21st November.

Each session will begin at 10am and finish around 12.30pm. Those interested are encouraged to attend all four sessions, but if you can manage only one or two you will be welcome.

Subjects will include: stillness, the prayer of awareness, holy reading, imaginative contemplation, and prayers of petition & intercession.

To book, contact Caroline soon (carolinemckillop@yahoo.co.uk, 0141 339 7000).

THE Mission to Seafarers Scotland has announced the appointment of Revd Timothy Tunley as chaplain of the Scottish ports from November.

Chaplain Tunley will be based in Grangemouth, the largest container port in Scotland, and he will minister to visiting seafarers in this and other ports in Scotland. He has most recently served in the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds where he has been involved in social justice ministries.

An induction service will be held at St Mary's Grangemouth at 7:30pm on 9 November.

To attend contact 01236 440132 or scotland@mtsmail.org.

TRAINED at the St Petersburg Conservatoire, the nine-strong Voskresenije Choir will perform a programme of Russian church and folk music at Holy Trinity Ayr on Wednesday 28 October, 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions).

THERE will be a talk and slide show at St Margaret's Renfrew on Friday 16 October.

Entitled 'Behind the Scenes', it will reveal just what is involved in making a period drama for television. Tickets can be obtained at the door and cost £5 which includes refreshments. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. All welcome.

Next issue . . .

ITEMS for the November issue may be submitted by Monday 12 October as ordinary running text (not leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown,

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EPISCOPAL VACANCY

Nominations for prospective candidates for the vacant office of Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway in the Scottish Episcopal Church are sought by the Preparatory Committee of the Diocesan Electoral Synod.

Nominations must have the consent of the Nominee, who must be an ordained Priest of the Anglican Communion.

A Description of the Diocese may be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/1bxna3>.

The nomination form and information about the electoral process can be downloaded from the Diocesan website: <http://bit.ly/144Ib0> or obtained from

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DIARY SECTION
List of Preachers at Sunday and Midweek Services

September 2009		ALL SAINTS	ST ANDREW'S
Sunday Trinity 16 (G)	27	11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman	9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.30 NP Robert Anderson
Tues	29		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group
October			
Thurs	1		10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman
Sunday Trinity 17 Harvest Thanksgiving(W)	4	8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 FE Revd Kirstin Freeman and Family Service Group 6.30 NP Bryan Stack	9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman
Tues	6		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group
Wed	7	10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman	
Thurs	8		10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman
Sunday Trinity 18 (G)	11	8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman	9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.30 NP Gordon Rutherford
Tues	13		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group
Wed	14	10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman	
Thurs	15		10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman
Sunday Trinity 19 (G)	18	8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.30 NP Simon Lewis	9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman

Tues	20		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group
Wed	21	10.00 No Service	
Thurs	22		10.00 HE(RS) Fraser Gold
Bible Sunday Trinity 20 (G)	25	8.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman 11.00 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman	9.15 SE Revd Kirstin Freeman 6.30 NP Sue Clarke
Tues	27		10.00 Ecumenical Prayer Group
Wed	26	10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman	
Thurs	29		10.00 HE Revd Kirstin Freeman
November			
All Saints Sunday Trinity 21 (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

HE	= Holy Eucharist (said)	MP	= Morning Prayer
SE	= Sung Eucharist	EP	= Evening Prayer
FE	= Family Eucharist	NP	= Night Prayer

READINGS AND ROTAS

All Saints' Sidesmen

If unable to attend, please arrange for a swap

		Morning		Evening
		8 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
October	4	8 a.m. service will be reinstated this month. Andrew will organise rota in collaboration with members.	Pauline Waugh Andrew Long	Bryan Stack
	11		Mairi Ross David Hamblen	No duty
	18		Janet Stack David Wheatley	John Harrington
	25		Brian Dorrington Philip Escreet	No duty
November	1		Bill Sharp Roy Thompson	Andrew Long
	8		Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	No duty

All Saints' Readers and Intercessors

		11.00 a.m.		6.30 p.m.
		Reader	Intercessor	Reader
October	4	TBA	TBA	Maxie Richards
	11	David Wheatley	Margaret Sherwood	
	18	Eric Horton	John Duncan	Janet Stack
	25	Bryan Peck	David Hamblen	Andrew Long
November	1	TBA	TBA	Maxie Richards
	8	Sheena MacDonald	Alex Stirling	

All Saints' Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

October	4	Barbara Thompson	Gillian Kingslake	Sheena Macdonald
	11	Jane Lewis	Dorothy Peck	Sheila Gray
	18	May Campbell	Ruth Paxton	Margery Pollock
	25	Kate Ross	Janet Stack	Joyce James
Nov	1	Sheila Benson	Ann Wheatley	Christine Fry
	8	Fiona Hemple	Betty Neilson	Pauline Waugh

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

All Saints' Readings

Sunday	Morning Readings
Sunday 4 October Harvest	Ps 136:1-9 Mark 4:26-33
Sunday 11 October Pentecost 19	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
Sunday 18 October Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
Sunday 25 October Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55:1-11; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
Sunday 1 November All Saints	Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

St Andrew's Readers' Rota

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

Sept	Sun 27	Jan Macdonald 6.30 p.m. Rosamond Falconer
Oct	Sun 4	Pamela Rutherford
	Sun 11	Richard Booth 6.30 p.m. Mary Finlayson
	Sun 18	Sue Brough
	Sun 25	Sue Clarke 6.30 p.m. Rosamond Falconer
Nov	Sun 1	Betty Smith
	Sun 8	Wilma Williams 3.30 p.m. Mary Finlayson
	Sun 15	Richard Booth
	Sun 22	Clare McVey 3.30 p.m. Rosamond Falconer
	Sun 22	Irene Philips

St Andrew's Readings and Hymns

SUNDAY	MORNING READINGS	MORNING HYMNS	EVENING READINGS
Sunday 4 October Pentecost 18 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting: Sumsion Green Book	Ps 136:1-9 Mark 4 :26-33	173 Song 26 217 407 Green 13 (Blue Iona 116 or CH4.533)	
Sunday 11 October Pentecost 19 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting : Sumsion	Amos 5 . 6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4 . 12-16 Mark 10 . 17-31	334 104 416 419 494	6.30pm Evening Prayer Psalm 129, 130 Isaiah 50 . 4-10 Luke 13 . 22-30
Sunday 18 October Luke the Evangelist 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting:Sumsion Psalms of PPP	Isaiah 53 :4-12; Hebrews 5 :1-10; Mark 10 :35-45	526 PPP 147 440 407 306	
BIBLE SUNDAY Sunday 25 October 9.15am Sung Eucharist Setting:Sumsion SPEAKER FROM SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY	Isaiah 55 :1-11; Hebrews 7 :23-28; Mark 10 :46-52	506 251 255 Song 16 519	6.30pm Evening Prayer Psalm 119 .89- 104 Isaiah 59 . 9-20 Luke 14 . 1-14
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)	

St Andrew's Rotas

Month	Date	Depute Church Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Intercessor	Coffee
Oct	4	Jan	Fraser	Jan	Margaret
	11	Steve	Robert	Fraser	Nan
	18	Clare	Steve	Mary	Clare
	25	Rosamond	Fraser	Jan	Mary
Nov	1	Jan	Robert	Mary	Wilma

St Andrew's Diary

September		
Wed	30	Book Club, at Sue Clarke's, The work of Anita Shreve - themes, character and locations etc....
October		
Sat	3	Prayer Breakfast, St Luke's, 8 a.m. breakfast, 8.45 a.m. prayers.
Sun	4	Harvest Festival, 9.15 a.m.
Wed	7	Vestry Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
Sun	25	Bible Sunday.
Wed	28	Book Club, at Clare McVey's, 'The Terracota Dog'.
Fri	30	St Andrew's AGM.
November		
Sat	7	Prayer Breakfast, Allander, 8 a.m. breakfast, 8.45 a.m. prayers.
Wed	25	Book Club, at Liz Macdonald's, 'The Road'.
Fri	27	St Andrew's Night, Preacher , 7.30 p.m., followed by fish suppers.
Sat	7	Coffee Morning.
December		
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.

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