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Dear Friends,

"Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."

Luke 17:22-23



As another Christian year begins and another calendar year draws to a close we are enjoying unseasonably warm weather and after a rather uninspiring summer you may, like me, be missing the usual more marked changing of the seasons. The trees are bare and a lot of the leaves have already all been cleared away and as yet I haven't yet been able to crunch on the frosty multi coloured remnants of summer, Advent is here almost unannounced.

But why am I surprised after all that is what much of Advent is about the fact that Christ's return will come at a time we least expect and it asks us are we prepared for Christ's return?

Are we prepared, not only during Advent, not only at Christmas time, but are we ready at all times and seasons? Or will we suddenly discover that Christ has returned and all those signs which we thought would warn us or the time which we thought we still had to sort things out have passed us by unnoticed. We need to prepare all the time, not just for Christmas Day, Advent teaches us that preparation should be part of the Christian way of life. Preparing for worship, preparing in our daily lives, preparing for our lives end, preparing so that when the need or opportunity arises we are ready to speak to others about our faith, preparing for the day and hour which will remain unknown to us until it is suddenly thrust upon us and we meet Christ our King and judge face to face.

Do we spend too much time trying to preserve this mortal life and not enough time preparing for the everlasting life that is to come?

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Do we prepare for eternity with the same passion and vigour as we prepare for Christmas, or a birthday party, or a holiday, or a wedding?

Do we only give God the left over time, after all the other things that push and pull at us for attention are dealt with, so that even then it is a time of little or even no preparation?

We all know that in being prepared we can be better equipped to face the sudden things that happen in life, let us also be well equipped through our faithful preparation to face Christ on his return or at our death.

Blessings Kirstin

Evening Prayer and Evensong

Most Sunday evenings evening prayer is held at St. Andrew's using the Scottish Prayer Book with Evensong being sung on the first Sunday of the month. While there seems to be plenty of support for this to be offered, the numbers who actually attend fluctuate, with often less than a handful in attendance so its future remains under consideration. If this is something that you want to remain please give it your support. During BST it is held at 6.30 p.m., however, while we are under GMT with the darker evenings it is held at 3.30 p.m.

My thanks go to those who faithful help lead these services.

Post Christmas

There will be no midweek services on 28th and 29th December or 4th and 5th January. Kirstin will only be available for emergencies from 26th - 31st December.

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Morning Prayer

Again this Advent Morning Prayer will be said at 8 a.m. every Monday to Thursday in the Choir Room at All Saints.

Epiphany and Candlemas

Christmas is the start of our celebrations for the entrance of Christ the Light of the World to be born but the celebration doesn't end on the 12th day of Christmas, 5th January. The 6th of January is Epiphany when traditionally we remember the Magi arriving to worship Jesus and present their gifts. **On Friday, 6th January there will be a Sung Eucharist at St. Andrew's beginning at 7 p.m.** to mark this important event. At this point in the story we have seen the shepherds, the outcasts of society come to Jesus and offer worship and praise, we have heard how the angels of heaven rejoiced at his birth, and we have seen how the leaders of society the Romans and Herod have been fearful of this predicted King. With Epiphany we hear how Gentiles, in the form of the Magi, now kneel before and worship the new King. It isn't until Candlemas on 2nd February that we hear of God's people those who had long waited for redemption finally acknowledge the Christ Child. This happens when Mary and Joseph go to the temple to make their offerings and Simeon gives us the words which we now know as the Nunc Dimittis. Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season and a **Sung Eucharist will be held at All Saints on Thursday, 2nd February beginning at 7.30 p.m.** and will include again a candle lit procession. Some time ago the PDSA used the slogan 'A Puppy isn't just for Christmas', reminding those who were thinking of buying a puppy for someone that there is a long term commitment in buying a puppy, it isn't some toy that can be cast aside once the season is past. For Christians, Christmas isn't just Christmas Day we only get the full story when we also remember both Epiphany and Candlemas.

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Other extra services over the Christmas - Candlemas period are:

Sunday, 18th December at 6.30 p.m. – Service of Lessons and Carols at All Saints

Saturday, 24th December at 3 p.m. – Nativity Service at All Saints

Sunday, 29th January at 3.30 p.m. - Carols for Candlemas at St. Andrew's

Services for Christmas

Christmas Eve – 11.30 p.m. Joint Sung Eucharist at All Saints

Christmas Day – 10 a.m. Joint Sung Eucharist at St. Andrew's

ABC Carol singing at Asda on Saturday, 10th December

It would be great if as many people as possible were able to support the Association of Bearsden churches, singing Carols from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Asda's foyer. If you are unable to find an hour that morning, perhaps you'd like to do some of your shopping there which would encourage the singers. There will be an opportunity to support St. Margaret's Hospice and Glasgow City Mission, and also they will be handing out leaflets with information on the different churches Christmas services.

12 singers are permitted at any one time; All Saints needs to provide 4 singers from 10 - 11 a.m., along with Baljaffray and Killermont Parish Churches. Other Bearsden churches will sing in the subsequent 2 time slots. Due to a minor op I won't be able to sing this year, so please volunteer if you can help. It was a lot of fun last year!

Christine Smith

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Advent Jottings

Following the favourable comments received last year, the Advent Jottings blog will be running again this Advent. This year it will contain a picture and the psalm set for each morning for you to ponder and contemplate throughout the day. You will find Advent Jottings at <http://adventjottings.wordpress.com/>.

I decided to do Advent jottings this way this year following a reading at the Wednesday Morning Eucharist at All Saints during November. In it Ambrose of Milan asked in his commentary on the psalms "What is more pleasing than a psalm?" and then goes on to answer it his own question thus:-

David expresses it well: 'Praise the Lord, for a song of praise is good: let there be praise of our God with gladness and grace.' Yes, a psalm is a blessing on the lips of the people, a hymn in praise of God, the assembly's homage, a general acclamation, a word that speaks for all, the voice of the Church, a confession of faith in song. It is the voice of complete assent, the joy of freedom, a cry of happiness, the echo of gladness. It soothes the temper, detracts from care, and lightens the burden of sorrow. It is a source of security at night, a lesson in wisdom by day. It is a shield when we are afraid, a celebration of holiness, a vision of serenity, a promise of peace and harmony. It is like a lyre, evoking harmony from a blend of notes, Day begins to the music of a psalm, Day closes to the echo of a psalm.'

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Please get any articles for inclusion in the next magazine to Jennifer Taylor, (Jennifer.taylor461@ntlworld.com) 37 Kilmardinny Crescent, Bearsden, by Sunday, 22nd January, 2012 at the latest, thank you.

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Bible Study

The Bible Study Group which meets at the home of Eric and John will be restarting in January – date yet to be confirmed, please watch out in the pew sheets for it. Currently the book of Daniel is the book under study but as it has been a while, due to Kirstin's illness, since we have met the first meeting will be reviewing Daniel so far. This also means that newcomers will be able to join us without having missed out on the previous chapters.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 15th – 22nd January, 2012

This is another opportunity to join with Christians from different denominations, and to hear 2 very contrasting speakers. The annual Unity Supper will be held in New Kilpatrick New Halls on Wednesday, 18th January, when the speaker will be Monsignor Paul Conroy from the General Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop's conference of Scotland. Tickets will be available after New Year for the event with buffet supper. On Sunday, 22nd January, there will be a service at Baljaffray Parish Church when the speaker will be Elaine Duncan, chief executive of the Scottish Bible Society. Do please try to come and support one of these events, it's good to meet with other Christians in our area. Times for both these events will be in the pew sheets in January when they are available.

Christine Smith

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How to Say Goodbye

One of the things we all have to face is the end of our life on this earth. However, it is something we tend not to talk too much about, if indeed at all, especially when it comes to talking to family. We don't want to upset them, they in turn might try and deny we will ever die and cut short any conversation. Yet one of the greatest final gifts we can give to those who are left behind is guidance on how we would like our parting marked. In my experience families always want to try and do what their loved one would have wanted, but usually don't know just what that is, especially when it comes to families who don't attend church themselves.

In the past I have offered my congregations an opportunity to meet together to discuss their own funerals and during January I will be offering both a day time and evening opportunity for you to do just that. In the past these sessions have been far from being morbid, on the contrary they are usually full of fun and laughter, as well as some poignant stories and quieter moments. We begin by looking at a funeral service and the elements that it contains before giving some examples of the vast range of options and possibilities. By the end you will hopefully have at least the start of an idea of how you would like to say goodbye and be given the opportunity to take away a form to fill out and pass on to a member of your family or give back to me so that when the day comes someone knows just what your wishes are. Please come along to whichever date, time and venue suits you best.

Thursday, 12th January 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's
Wednesday, 18th January 8 p.m. at All Saints

Kirstin

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Alan Irving Bisset

9th April 1943 - 27th October 2011

This tribute was read by Graeme Bisset, Alan and Eileen's youngest son at Alan's funeral.



My dad, Alan was born at the Rectory in Lanark on 9th April, 1943. He was the second son of Robert and Mary, my grandparents, and the younger brother to Robert junior, my uncle. He then became the middle of three children when my Aunt Kathleen was born in 1945. The family moved to the growing area of Bearsden in 1947, and many people here knew the family well because of the years they spent over at 140 Drymen Road.

He was always proud to tell me stories of how he would get up to no good while he was growing up. There was the time when he fell out of the family car and fractured his skull. Or the fun he had playing on a rope swing over the burn at the Glebe car park. Of course, he inevitably fell in, once it happened three times on one day. After the third time, he went home and sneaked into bed in order to avoid another telling off from my gran. Then there was the time that he used a button on a piece of string to tap a window while hiding behind a bush. These days, kids just ring the bell and run away, it would be great if we were still so creative. There may well be other stories, probably too numerous to remember, or repeat!

Right through his teenage years, dad was a real socialite and full of charm...well-known, to both guys and girls, some of whom are here today. He would often frequent places such as the Ski-Club, the Tennis Club, the Cross Keys and the Hillfoot Café. He had many

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friends throughout these years but tragically, his best friend, Kenny Horner was killed in a motorbike accident at 21 years of age - an event that had a profound effect on the rest of my dad's life.

I have heard many people say that he was always impeccably dressed and trendy.... In fact I believe he wore the first winkle-pickers in the area! There's fame for you!

One Sunday morning, my dad met his father, the Canon, coming down the stairs whilst my dad was going up, and they acknowledged each other, as you do. "Oh, Alan is up early on a Sunday morning" he commented to my gran. I don't think he realised that my dad had just arrived back from some all-night revelry!!! My dad never said but I'm sure he was proud to see me continue this tradition when I reached that stage.

It was way before my time, but I understand that he was in my aunt, Noreen Loughlin's year in school, and it was through her that he first met my mum... her sister Eileen. When he was about 10, he was fishing at Kilmardinny Loch with a friend whom Noreen fancied. The friend cast a line just as my mum and Noreen walked by and a fishhook caught in Noreen's ear. This was the last they saw of each other for a few years though.

Dad started his working life at Fyfe and McGrouther, (ironmongers), and Harvey and Watson (food supplies) before going to the Clyde Oil Extraction Co. where he stayed for roughly 6 years.

One night in November 1966, my dad was at the annual fancy dress dance organised by Bearsden Ski Club at the borough hall just across the road. On this occasion it was named the Hill-Billy Hoot. It was there that he met my mum again. He asked her to dance this time. One of the best decisions he ever made, and I can vouch for that!

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My mum and dad were married here at All Saints on 28th June, 1969 by my grandfather Canon Robert Bisset, and settled in a flat in Broomhill, just off Crow Road. It was then that dad started to develop his DIY skills, aided by my mum's father. There are many stories to tell of their DIY adventures and of course, not everything went to plan, but you can ask my mum about that! They moved to their first house on Rosslyn Road, Bearsden at the end of 1970.

By 1976 he had joined Crown Paints Trade Division and it was here that he really found his calling. He thrived in an environment that demanded good communication skills and constant interaction with clients located across a wide area. Thanks to his negotiation skills and commitment to his work he was awarded the honour of annual top salesman twice.... no mean feat considering that he still gave a good profit return to the Company. They also had an awards scheme and, due to his success, he practically furnished his house with his winnings. He remained there till his retirement in 2000.

Douglas, my older brother was born in 1973, and then I arrived in 1976. We moved to Campsie Drive, Bearsden in February 1984.

In his spare time, my dad took on his father's love of fishing, and his rods came with us when our family went north on several holidays to Brora. He loved to spend long days fishing in remote lochs and also introduced my brother and me to fishing at this point. We have a photo at home where we are both proudly displaying our catches of the day, my brother with a small rainbow trout and me with an eel! We were always even in my dad's eyes however. My dad's first salmon was on the River Don while he was up there on holiday with my grandfather but he had real problems landing it... he couldn't attract my grandfather for help, as my grandfather had a severe hearing problem! My dad hung up his rod in later life. He always told me that he couldn't bear to see the poor fish gasping for air. I

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guess it was around that time that his love for all living things really grew.

He loved nature programmes, especially the David Attenborough ones, and one still lies at home, unwatched. His love of nature was also manifested by the several holidays my mum and dad took in lovely Glenisla. They would explore the area, which abounded with wildlife, and the dogs had freedom to roam for hours on end.

Glasgow Herald Crosswords took up some of his time during retirement, but he needed other things to do. All Saints' had always been a large presence in his life and he was on the Vestry and acted as Sides-man, where his cheery grin must have made many folk feel welcome! He found his ideal role however, when he took on the Church Hall Lettings. He loved interacting with people and could spend hours chatting on the phone or in person. He excelled in this role and did a wonderful job of facilitating all sorts of clubs, parties and various other activities for some 10 years until he gave it up just a year ago.

His health was failing during the last year, and his activities were curtailed but he still had a goal to aim for. It has been said that the high-points of his life were, firstly, his marriage to my mum, next, the graduations of Douglas and myself, particularly Douglas' doctorate, and lastly (only two short months ago) my wedding with Ainsley. He finally had a daughter! At the wedding he was hyper from start to finish, and had a ball of a time, going round chatting to all and sundry.... he was still there at the very end of the night! He was an inspiration to us all about the human spirit, which can overcome even the most difficult of circumstances.

We have over 1000 photographs from that day but the one that many will remember most dearly is the one printed on the final page of today's order of service, my dad Alan, with a big smile, wearing

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my mum's hat for a casual photo! This photo is the perfect example of my dad's fantastic sense of humour. No matter what the occasion, he could always find something hilarious to say and would be sure to have people in stitches.

Not long after that day, his health started to deteriorate further, but with the care and love bestowed by my mum, family and friends, he was able to spend his last days at home. He was extremely brave during these latter weeks, and he passed away peacefully, late afternoon on Thursday, surrounded by his family..... as he had always wished.

.... and God will wipe away each tear,
and death itself shall be no more

Thanks

The Bisset family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to those who attended Alan's funeral on Wednesday, 2nd November. They would also like to thank those who gave so generously to the Beatson Pebble Appeal and who sent cards and flowers to the family.

Messages expressing sadness at his passing, fondness of him as a person and support for the family have been simply overwhelming.

Many commented that the service in All Saints' was beautiful. There was standing room only which, in itself, said much about the regard in which Alan was held by so many. A generous sum of £550.00 was collected on the day for the Beatson Pebble appeal, with more being donated online.

Many thanks for your support at this time, Alan would have been proud.

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Mission - All Saints

Readers might be interested in Augustus Edwin Justin who founded 'The Adelaide and Frances Home for the Aged' and the nonprofit organisation 'The Friends of the Elderly'. Our Mission Committee has supported these ventures over several years.

Gus is a native of Castries, St. Lucia and is the retired President of Lithographic Press, St. Lucia. He has seven children and was inspired to write 'The One-Pound Baby, Gusandra', a book about the premature birth of his granddaughter and her miraculous recovery. Her fight for survival, along with many other remarkable spiritual experiences during his life, have influenced him and guided him on his path throughout life.

Augustus Justin's life is one pervaded by God's presence and all who know him personally are fully aware of his deep spirituality, his faith, and his close personal relationship with God.

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Happy Christmas from Shirley and Tony Fry

Dear All Saints Friends,
We are so sorry not to have been to see you this year. It's been a busy one for all the best reasons. We spent half the summer touring France, Spain and Portugal to celebrate our 55th Wedding Anniversary and, in September, we celebrated Shirley's mother's 105th(!) birthday. The family is all fit and thriving. Tony still sings in two choirs and Shirley has just produced her fifth poetry book, this one in aid of two orphanages – one in Africa supported by Nichola's church in Marlow, and one in India supported by Will Fry's school and where he is going for his Gap Year next summer. We do hope to see you all next year and, in the meantime, wish you all the blessings of Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

God Bless!
With love Tony and Shirley

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Journey in Faith

Six Sessions: 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. each Tuesday commencing 10th January – 14th February, 2012 held at All Saints, Bearsden.

The Diocesan Education Action Group will once more be offering the opportunity to join in Unit 1 of the Journey in Faith Course. The course is for all those interested in exploring their faith regardless of how much you may think you currently know or not. Unit 1, which can be done independently of further units, will be covering Liturgy, the Sacraments, the Bible including its background, and Prayer, has been found to particularly useful to Sunday School teachers.

Book your place by completing the form below and send it, along with a cheque for £10 to the Diocesan Centre. Please make cheques payable to "The Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway".

Name:

Address:

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Surviving Winter

For many people the last two winters have been a tough time with long cold spells and a rise in fuel costs. The government has tried to help out those for whom cold can be a killer by giving Winter Fuel Payments to the vulnerable and elderly. These payments are given to all those over 65 without any means testing, consequently you might be one of the people who receive this payment and don't actually feel you need it. Surviving winter is a project run by Community Foundation which is trying to address the balance by asking those who receive the payment and feel they don't need the money, to donate it to them so they can re-issue it to others who are struggling to keep warm in winter. If you would like to know more or indeed forward your own Winter Fuel Payment to them you can find out more about the project at <http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/about/survivingwinter/>

"All the money raised is used for the direct benefit of older and vulnerable people who are suffering because of fuel poverty. The money supports those most in need of help and makes sure they can afford to stay warm, eat well and remain mobile, as well as help them in practical ways such as ensuring they can make doctor's appointments, get to the shops, and maintain an active social life. Every single pound donated will reach someone facing fuel poverty this winter. It will get there through small local charitable organisations working with older and vulnerable people - local stroke clubs, lunch clubs, community centres, community transport schemes and faith groups. Community foundations are embedded in communities across the UK so know these local charities well, and are confident they can assess which individuals face winter hardship. Administrative costs for the campaign will be taken from the Gift Aid claimed back on the donation - so every pound donated is recycled back to those who need it."

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Scottish Government Consultation on Civil Partnership and Same Sex Marriage

Responses to the Scottish Governments consultation paper on the above subject must be returned by 9th December. The diocese held a very good discussion day on the subject on Saturday, 19th November which Mike attended and Kirstin assisted the Bishop in leading. The government are looking for responses from individuals as to their proposals which will have an impact on our society and churches. If you wish to discuss the issues raised or have any questions about the document or response form please contact Kirstin. The document can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/05153328/12>.

Our Scottish Heroes Carol Service

Many thanks to those who have been able to accept the invitation to share in this important ecumenical event in support of our serving and veteran service men and women.

Those attending and sharing in the leading of the Carol Service in Renfield St. Stephen's Church at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 19th December to date are as follows:

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Gregor D. Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway

The Revd. Angus MacLeod, Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, 51 (Scottish) Brigade

The Revd. Dr. Angus Kerr, Clerk to Church of Scotland Presbytery of Glasgow

The Revd. John LI Humphreys, Moderator, The National Synod of Scotland, United Reformed Church

Our Scottish Heroes is keen that the event will be as ecumenical as possible and would welcome representatives from other churches who wish to take part.

While a good number of service charities and dignitaries will be in attendance, the service is for the whole community and the general public.

Thank you for your support. I will be in touch again once further details are available.

Stephen Blakey

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'OUT OF THE MOUTHS.....'

As usual, the Primary 5 class from Milngavie Primary School came to visit St. Andrew's church. They clearly enjoyed their visit and sent some beautifully written letters of thanks. None of them had been to the church before, so their comments come from a totally fresh and innocent perspective.

'Thank you for allowing us to visit your incredible interesting church.'

'I did not know it was that beautiful until I visited it. I loved the colourful candle.'

'I really loved the stain glass window of all the fish. It reminded me of when Jesus was fisherman.'

'I loved dressing up as a minister, although it made my neck rather itchy. The stain glass window of the harvest of the sea was very beautiful.'

'..finding out that the symbols [alpha and omega] actually mean beginning and end.... It was worth the rainy walk.'

The most oft quoted highlights were the eagle lectern, the stained glass window and the Paschal Candle. Two children were robed as priest and server, and we had a quick walk through of what happens at a typical service. In various ways they also appreciated that the beauty contained clear messages and was not over fussy.

Enjoyment and surprise came across over and over again. I particularly liked the conclusion that 'it was worth the rainy walk'. I hope that we too come prepared to be surprised, to find here an experience that can fill us with enthusiasm and joy, to reflect in a space of beauty and simplicity. We have a treasure here indeed.

Fraser Gold

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All Saints December Service Rota

| Date | Sidesmen 8 a.m. | Sidesmen 11 a.m. | Eucharistic Assistants | Readings | Reader | Intercessor | Coffee Name in bold to bring milk |
|---|-----------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---|
| 4 th December Advent 2 | Helen Ball | P. Mapplebeck A. Long | LH Graham RH Penny | TBA | TBA | TBA | Sheila Gray Jane Lewis Dorothy Peck |
| 11 th December Advent 3 | Peter Smart | B. Sharp R. Thompson | LH Louise RH Susan | Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 1 Thess 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28 | Ann Wheatley | David Hamblen | Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn |
| 18 th December Advent 4 | Andrew Long | R. Kingslake K. Ross | LH John RH Andrew | Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38 | Christine Smith | David Simmons | Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack |
| 24 th December Christmas Eve | N/A | TBA | LH Graham RH Smiths | Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14 | Mary Stott | Mike Graham | N/A |
| 25 th December Christmas Day | David Wheatley | Joint Sung Eucharist 10a.m. at St. Andrew's | | | | | |

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

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| 1 st January Christmas 1 | Bryan Stack | A. Ayoub J. Harrington | LH John RH Andrew | Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40 | TBA | TBA | Pauline Waugh Fiona Hemple Betty Neilson |
| 8 th January Epiphany 1 | Peter Smart | P. Thompson S. Lewis | LH Hanan RH Sheena | Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12 | David Wheatley | Sheena MacDonald | Kaoru Stewart Maureen Vaughn Elaine Perrett |
| 15 th January Epiphany 2 | David Hamblen | J. Sherwood C. Fisher | LH Mike RH Richard | 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51 | Janet Stack | Louise Benson | Gillian Kingslake Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson |
| 22 nd January Epiphany 3 | Peter Smart | P. Waugh M. Stott | LH Graham RH Penny | Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20 | Simon Lewis | Celia Fisher | Dorothy Peck Sheila Gray Jane Lewis |
| 29 th January Epiphany 4 | Andrew Long | M. Ross D. Hamblen | LH Louise RH Andrew | Deut. 18: 15-20 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28 | Rob Smith | Rob Smith | Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock May Campbell |

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

St. Andrew's December Service Rota

| Date | Depute Warden | Eucharistic Assistant | Readings | Reader | Intercessor | Coffee | Evening Prayer | E.P. Readings |
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| 4 th December Advent 2 | Jan Macdonald | Robert | Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12 | James | Liz | Clare | Evensong | Ps. 25, 26 Is. 55: 1-13 Rom. 8: 18-20 |
| 11 th December Advent 3 | James Carrick | Steve | Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thes. 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28 | Jan | Fraser | Sue & Nan | Leader | Ps. 93, 94 Is. 33: 2-22 Luke 3: 1-18 |
| 18 th December Advent 4 | Rosamond | Wilma | 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38 | Clare | Jan | Margaret | Leader | Ps. 101, 103 Is. 35: 1-10 2 Tim. 3:14-4:8 |
| 25 th December Christmas Day | Robert | Fraser | Isaiah 9: 2-7 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-20 | Steve | Pamela | Marie | Sue | N/A |

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

St. Andrew's January Service Rota

| Date | Depute Warden | Eucharistic Assistant | Readings | Reader | Intercessor | Coffee | Evening Prayer | E.P. Readings |
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| 1 st January Christmas 1 | Joint Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. at All Saints | | | | | | | No Service |
| 8 th January Epiphany 1 | Steve | Robert | Genesis 1: 1-5 Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11 | Pamela | Jan | Wilma Williams | Leader | Ps. 45, 72 Is. 49: 1-13 John 1: 19-34 |
| 15 th January Epiphany 2 | Clare | Steve | 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 1 Corin. 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51 | Sue | Pamela | Pamela | Leader | Ps. 33, 34 Is. 52: 1-12 Mat. 5: 1-16 |
| 22 nd January Epiphany 3 | Jan Macdonald | Robert | Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Corin. 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20 | Wilma | Fraser | Gail | Leader | Ps. 144, 145 Is. 62: 1-12 Mat. 5: 17-32 |
| 29 th January, Epiphany 4 | James Carrick | Steve | Deut. 18: 15-20 1 Corin. 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28 | Ruth | Jan | Clare | | 3.30 p.m. Carols for Candlemas |

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| Date | Setting and Books | Hymns |
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| 4 th December Advent 2 | St. Bride's Mass John Bell Service Booklet | HTC 52; CH4 319 vv 1,5,4,6; HTC 601; CH4 772; CH4 519 |
| | | Christingle Service Service Booklet |
| 11 th December Advent 3 | St. Bride's Mass John Bell Parish Psalter Service Booklet | CH4 112; Magnificat; CH4 553; CH4 772; CH4 Thy Kingdom come! |
| 18 th December Advent 4 | St. Bride's Mass John Bell The Carol Book | 28(22); 19(19); 33(26); CH4 772 |
| 25 th December Christmas Day | Salisbury Setting Grayston Ives The Carol Book | 43(39); 9(92); 16(125); 36(196); 42(222); 40(214); 32(173) omit v.4 & first v.6 |
| Friday, 6 th January Feast of the Epiphany | Salisbury Setting Grayston Ives The Carol Book | 2(69); 4(261); 47(283); 48(252); 44(234) |
| 8 th January Epiphany 1 | Setting: Alan Oakley | 231; 381(209); 440; Song 23/24; 183 |
| 15 th January Epiphany 2 | Setting: Alan Oakley | 206; 580(264); 24; CH4 97; 306 |
| 22 nd January Epiphany 3 | Setting: Alan Oakley | 180; 110; 587; 391; 180 |
| 29 th January Epiphany 4 | Setting: Alan Oakley | 219; 211; 172; 396; 359 |
| | | Carols for Candlemas |

ONE of the nicest things that can happen to anyone in the world of work is to be approached about a job, to be 'head-hunted'.

It's a very good experience, knowing you're sought after. It makes you feel good about yourself, knowing that you are recognised and valued.

Of course, this kind of experience isn't confined to one's work or career. People may 'seek us out' in all sorts of circumstances – but the point remains that this is usually good news for our sense of worth, our sense of self.

However, what I've just described isn't a universal experience. It doesn't happen to everyone, maybe not even to most people; rarely, certainly, to me.

But at Christmas we celebrate something that is for everyone: in his birthday—for that is what the birth of Jesus Christ is, God the Son's human birthday—God head-hunts each and every one of us, seeks for each and every one of us, so that none of us need feel forsaken. God comes among us to assure us that each and every one of us is of huge worth, precious in God's sight from all eternity.

You only head-hunt someone you judge to be worth troubling yourself about, somebody you need. And so it is with God. God's desire to love us and be loved by us is of an overwhelming passion we can hardly conceive.

There is a psalm, Psalm 93, long-associated with this Christmas season. It begins, in the Prayer Book version: The Lord is king, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

In the long Christian tradition of prayer and worship, these words have come to refer to the Word made flesh, to God's sharing in our human life, putting on our life as it were. So they are made to suggest that in that sharing we see just how valuable and esteemed our life is with God. As the poet Anne Ridler says: Christmas declares the glory of the flesh.

Christmas declares the glory of the flesh – the celebration of this season is an affirmation of the preciousness and of the glorious potential of human life in God's sight, and purposes and love. Let us therefore keep the feast, all 12 days of it, with a faithful and unquenchable joy.

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December & January Services

| Date | All Saints | St. Andrew's |
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| 4 th December Advent 2 - (Violet) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Christingle Service |
| Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Morning Prayer 8 a.m. All Saints | | |
| Wednesday 7 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 8 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 11 th December Gaudete - (Rose) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Said Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Morning Prayer 8 a.m. All Saints | | |
| Wednesday 14 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 15 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 18 th December Advent 4 - (Violet) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist 6.30 p.m. Service of Lessons & Carols | 3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Morning Prayer 8 a.m. All Saints | | |
| Wednesday 21 st | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 22 nd | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 24 th December Christmas Eve - (White) | 3 p.m. Nativity Service | |
| | 11.30 p.m. Joint Midnight Eucharist | |
| 25 th December Christmas Day - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 10 a.m. Joint Sung Eucharist |
| 1 st January Christmas 1 - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Joint Sung Eucharist | No Evensong |
| Friday 6 th January Epiphany - (White) | | 7 p.m. Joint Sung Eucharist |
| 8 th January Epiphany 1 - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 11 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 12 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 15 th January Epiphany 2 - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 21 st | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 22 nd | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 22 nd January Epiphany 3 - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 25 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| Thursday 26 th | 10 a.m. Said Eucharist | |
| 29 th January Epiphany 4 - (White) | 8 a.m. Said Eucharist | 9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist |
| | 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist | 3.30 p.m. Carols for Candlemas |