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# **CHRIST CHURCH, DALBEATTIE**



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## Services at Christ Church

### February

Sunday 7th	Last Sunday of the Epiphany	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 10th	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes
Sunday 14th	First Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21st	Second Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 28th	Third Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

### March

Sunday 6th	<b>Mothering Sunday}</b>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	Fourth Sunday in Lent}	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13th	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 20th	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
<b>Holy Week</b>	<b>Monday-Wednesday</b>	to be advised	
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	to be advised	
	<b>Good Friday</b>	to be advised	
	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	to be advised	
Sunday 27th	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

<b>Midweek service at St Ninian's</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Midweek Service at Christ Church</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

There is a service of **Holy Communion** at **8.30 a.m.** on the **first Sunday** of the month at **Christ Church** and a service **every Sunday** at **St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.**

**Munches Park Care Home, Dalbeattie Ecumenical Service 2.00 p.m.**  
**Third Sunday in the month All Welcome**

### **Light a beacon for the Queen's 90th birthday**

Her Majesty The Queen is celebrating her 90th birthday on 21st April 2016 and to mark this occasion community groups are invited to take part in the lighting of beacons on **Thursday 21st April**. Beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

Your event can be large or small. There are three types of beacons that may be used: the traditional bonfire beacon; a beacon brazier on top of a tall wooden post; a gas-fuelled beacon. Instructions about joining the official event are available in the official guide. Registration is open now and closes on 15 April 2016.

**<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=17206&p=0>**

**The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.**

William James, American philosopher and educator

## *A message from Rev. Mark Smith ...*

2016 is flying by!

Already Christians around the world have celebrated the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus then remembered His baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist at the start of His adult ministry on earth – 30 years in a few days! We've also joined together in praying for **Christian Unity** around the world and across the denominations – something Jesus Himself prayed for. **What next?**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** is commonly called **Candlemas**. Traditionally it is a day which marks a definite change in daylight hours as sunrise gets obviously earlier and sunset later, a time of looking forward with hope to the approaching spring. For Christians it's the day when we remember the young Jesus being presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph and the response of two older people, Simeon and Anna, who recognised the fulfilment of scriptures in the child before them and saw the dawning of hope for the world.

**Shrove Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup>)** is the final day of excess before the sober thoughtfulness of Lent. Enjoy your pancakes and ice-cream and whatever else adorns them - just be careful not to stick them to the ceiling whilst flipping!

**Lent** starts with **Ash Wednesday**, a reminder of our need for God's forgiveness and cleansing as we seek to become more like Jesus, just as Christ prepared Himself. Indeed, Jesus set aside everything so that the love, grace and mercy of God could flow freely through Him to us.

**Lent** gives us a focus, an excuse to forego things, an opportunity to step away from distractions which block our view of God and make us less effective as witnesses to His Gospel and break their power over us. Just as the daylight hours increase around us, so Lent enables God's light to shine deeper into us and renew us as we seek to follow Jesus.

Apart from the usual chocolates, booze and hang-gliding, is there anything YOU need to be freed of for God to do His work in and through you? **A spiritual de-tox!**

May God Bless you.

### **Lent at Christ Church**

**Ash Wednesday**, 10th February at 10.00 a.m.; Service of Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes. No Thursday service on the 11th February.

**Lent Talks** will begin on the 17th February at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (2.00-3.00 p.m.); and on the 18th February at St Peter's, Dalbeattie. (10.45-11.45 a.m.) Details to follow which will be posted on the Church Notice Board.

**Lent Lunches** during the same weeks that the Lent Talks are held Christ Church will be holding their annual Lent Lunches. All lunches will be held in the Church Hall. There is a list at the back of the Church to which you can append your name if you are able to host of the lunches. The proceeds are to be donated to Bishop Gregor's Lent 2016 appeal. Details of Charity to follow.

## *NEWS FROM CHRIST CHURCH*

### *Bullet Points from the Meeting of Christ Church Vestry held on the 20th January, 2016*

- ⇒ **Pilgrimage Day** for Christ Church has been confirmed as 27th February. Append your name to the list at back of Church. Travel arrangements to be confirmed later. See page 6 for more information.
- ⇒ **Year 2 MAP review** with Bishop Gregor is to be held on 8th March; details to follow.
- ⇒ **Church Tower** detailed specifications are being drawn up by the Diocesan Architect so that quotations can be requested. Estimated total cost is £40K. Estimated completion date is Summer 2016.
- ⇒ **Lent 2016** see page 3 for more details
- ⇒ **Hospital Bags** see below. The surplus toiletries held by Jenny are to be donated to the Wigtownshire Women's Refuges that are supported by St Ninian's Mothers' Union . Canon Bayne will take the toiletries from CC to CD.

### *Jenny Edkins reports on the Disbanding of the Christ Church Hospital Bags Donations to Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI)*

"I am sad to report that our hospital bags project has now been disbanded. The group of us that meet to pack up the bags took the decision to close down the scheme. A general view was taken that items remaining, that would have gone towards next years bags, will be split up and donated between the Food Bank and Castle Douglas Mothers' Union Women's Refuge Project.

I received a letter from the Head of A&E just before Christmas. It was a bit of a shock to be honest. We delivered our hospital bags to DGRI at the end of November. I got in touch with our contact at A&E to arrange delivery and at no point was I given any indication that the bags were not required. When Richard and I arrived at DGRI, Admin Receptionist came out to help unload the bags, but it was different from usual, no heartfelt thank you or cheerful smiles. I did think it was a bit odd but put it down to busy time of year. A fortnight later I received a letter stating that the bags had been donated to an African Charity and to Women's Refuge. The reason given was that some items were unsuitable, but in general the letter gave the impression that the bags were really not wanted. The reason for this is largely Health and Safety. I feel it is important to provide our congregation with some background information as to why we have disbanded the project.

I do understand, as I am sure we all do that DGRI has been under a lot of pressure this last year with repeated infections and a number of wards have been closed on and off. However, I do at the same time feel that we could have been informed as to whether or not they wanted the bags this year, or a change of contents maybe. I wrote to A&E two years ago asking if they still required the bags and I received a very nice letter saying that they did and were very grateful for them. I received a letter of thanks last year as well. We have donated

these toiletries bags **for over 20 years now** and as I say I had a contact, so I do feel that we could have been informed of a change of policy.

At the end of the day, we know that other charities have gained from the donation of the toiletries bags, so that is a good thing to reflect upon.

I know and Beryl Dowgill will know also, that over all the years we have supplied these bags, they have been appreciated by staff and patients alike and we have had feedback to this effect. However, hospital policy does change and obviously DGRI have to do whatever they can to impose infection control.

Thank you all for all your kind and generous donations over all the years we at Christ Church have been providing this service.”

### *News from Dalbeattie & District Churches Together*

It has been decided that rather than having a service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, the Steering Group would meet and pray together, on Monday 25th January, following a fellowship soup supper at one of the member's homes.

It has been proposed this should happen on the last Monday of each month for 3 months initially, and any other church members who would like to be involved would be welcome to join us. If anyone from Christ Church is interested they should speak to Anthony Duncalf or Revd Mark Smith in the first instance.

#### **Christ Church Needs Your Help!**

We urgently need help with cleaning the brasses in church. This is a small task which is not arduous or lengthy. If you could spare some time (half an hour usually does it) perhaps once a month, all materials provided, please contact **Robin Charlton** 01556 630265.

**Flowers in Church** We are always pleased by any offers of **flower arranging**. No previous experience necessary, just a love of flowers. If you would like to know more please contact **Julie Dennison** 01556 630413.

**Food Bank at Christ Church** Every week we collect items of food suitable for the food bank at Kirkcudb-4-right. These can be placed in the boxes at the back of church. Jane Greenwood co-ordinates delivery of items to St Peter's, Dalbeattie; they are then delivered to Kirkcudbright by Father William. Items currently needed are: coffee, sugar, tinned fruit and vegetables (NOT tomatoes), main meals, pasta, cereal, puddings as well as shampoo, deodorant, shower gel for use by both female and male recipients. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. (Copied from St Peter's Church Bulletin.)

*A Theological Reflection Meeting was held at St. Peter's on Tuesday December 1st, 2015.*

*Thanks are due to the Revd Beryl Scott for this report.*

The speaker for this session was the Revd. Dr Ewan Kelly; Lead for Spiritual Care, Dumfries and Galloway. He spoke about Spiritual Care in Contemporary Scottish Health and Social Care".

We all enjoyed listening about the changes taking place in Dumfries and Galloway in our National Health Service, recognising that healing is not only physical but spiritual and needed for the well being of all patients.

The work has already begun and many volunteers are being trained to work with patients recommended by their doctor. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all and there was ample time given to those present to give their own views and experience in these matters. This enabled much discussion.

These sessions are ecumenical and well supported, meeting four times a year and led by various denominations.

If you have not attended one of these meetings please come along and take part. Don't be put off by the title 'Theological Reflection', all this means is that we are listening and thinking about issues relevant to our Christian faith.

## *News from the Diocese*

### *Pilgrimage Days at Glasgow SEC Cathedral*

Some of you will remember the very successful Diocesan Pilgrimage Days which were held a few years ago at Glasgow SEC Cathedral. There are to be two further such days the Cathedral will be hosting pilgrimage days on 20th and 27th February 2016. The days will have the theme **"Who On Earth Are You"** and will be an exploration of our identity as Scottish Episcopalians.

The Bishop writes, *"I look forward to these days myself and hope for wide participation from around the diocese. In particular, I'd like each charge to try to send a car full of people to at least one of the days."*

There will be further information on how to register for these days.

### *Diocesan Synod*

The 2016 Diocesan Synod will be held on the 5th March at Paisley; details to follow. Clergy and Lay Representatives have to attend. All are welcome if you wish to go you will need to register with the Diocesan Office. I went to my first two Synods as Alternate Lay Representative; last year I went as a visitor and can thoroughly recommend attendance. MP

## **Internet Proverbs**

The e-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.

A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.

The geek shall inherit the earth.



## *News from the Anglican Primates Meeting*

Following the close of the Anglican Communion Primates meeting in Canterbury the Most Rev David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church says:

“In advance of the Primates Meeting, there were many predictions of breakdown and of fracture in the life of the Anglican Communion. It is therefore encouraging that the Primates have agreed to ‘walk together’ and that a Task Group will be established to work on our ongoing relationships.

“However that unity has come at some cost to the ability of the Communion to express the diversity which has always been a valued characteristic of the Anglican Way. The consequences which follow the decision of The Episcopal Church (in the United States) to change its Canon on marriage are a sign of that change. The Scottish Episcopal Church sees itself as a diverse church in a diverse Communion. It is important to us that we seek to sustain our unity as we continue to address issues of human sexuality in our General Synod.

“Further consideration will be given to these matters by our Faith and Order Board and by the College of Bishops.”

See more at: <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/primates-meeting-2016/#sthash.br70IA4T.dpuf>

## *Reform of the date of Easter*

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, has said that Easter should fall on the same Sunday each year; he said that Easter would most likely be fixed for the second or third Sunday of April.

Archbishop Welby said Anglican leaders had voted to join discussions with the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches to set an annual date. Pope Francis signalled earlier this year that he would also be open to the idea.

The change, if agreed, will take 5-10 years to implement.

***Muriel Palmer reports:*** We are well-blessed in the many retired clergy who have come to live in our beautiful County and who give of their time to their local churches. There is another name to add to the list; a name who is well-known to both Nicholas and me. The Revd Canon Chris Samuels and his wife Sarah have been friends since 1967 when Chris was appointed Curate at St Thomas' Church, Kirkholt, Rochdale.

Chris and Sarah are Godparents to my younger son Jonathan. So you can imagine our delight in mid-December to have a visit from them, more delight when we learnt that they are living only 30 miles away; and then even more delight to learn that Chris has been authorised by Bishop Gregor to officiate.

**If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!**





The Mothers' Union Christmas Party was held on the 15th December. Many thanks are due to Alison Bayne for organising the event. Alison gave thanks to all the members for the contributions they brought for the lunch.

After a delicious lunch we sang carols and were entertained by many talented members.



**Enjoying Lunch**



**Joy & Jenny**

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The first meeting of 2016 was well attended; after our usual service we were all informed that subs will be due in April.

A soup lunch was followed by tea/coffee and then Stephanie, who is one of our members, gave a polished talk using slides of various places in Galloway which many people may not have come across. Thanks to Stephanie for the images.



1. **7 Stanes Dalbeattie Forest Sculpture**
2. **Oyster catcher eggs Borness**
3. **Grey Man of Merrick**

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The next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, when our joint Branch Leader, Alison Bayne, will talk about her painting. The speaker on the 15th March will be Canon Bayne; he will give a Lent Talk.



## HELP, PLEASE

If, in your spare time, you belong to a local (i.e. within 15 miles of Dalbeattie) voluntary or self-help group, please let us know, so we can collate a list of such groups for all who read the magazine to learn about. We know there are lots of groups out there, e.g. art, music, crafts, history, physical exercise, etc. Please let us know the nature of the group, where and when it meets and who to contact.

We shall try to feature some groups in future editions; we begin, in this edition, with Citizens Advice, Dalbeattie Museum and Probus.

**Citizens' Advice** the Citizens Advice Bureau in the Stewartry has its main office at 3 St Andrew Street, Castle Douglas (0300 303 4321). It is open from 9am till 5pm weekdays, but more advisers are available between 10am and 4pm. There are clinics in Dalbeattie, at the Day Care Centre in Burns Street on Tuesdays between 10am and 12noon, and by appointment at Craignair Health Centre on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm. Home visits can be arranged to people who are unable to leave their home because of disabilities.

Advice is available on a variety of subjects: benefits, debt, housing, employment, consumer (including utilities), relationships and finance. Representation is available for benefit appeals and some legal matters (involving housing and some small claims cases).

The main aim is '**to ensure that individuals do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available, or through an inability to express their needs**'.

Advisers offer help with simple interpretation of letters received, with filling in forms, make telephone calls to third parties, draft letters for clients or write on clients' behalf and negotiate with third parties. They are frequently asked about benefits and to which benefits people may be entitled; they can help with the claiming process of all benefits. Most issues with which clients have problems can be tackled.

**Dalbeattie Museum** is situated on the High Street, the Museum is run and staffed entirely by very friendly volunteers and financed entirely by donations. All the exhibits have been donated and it is possibly true to say that the museum has the most eclectic mix of artefacts in the country. It is a museum of social history and attracts over 4000 visitors per year. It is open 6 days a week from Easter to the end of October, from 11am to 4pm. If you would like to volunteer, you will be asked to help for two and a half hours once per week.

If you have never visited the museum, you have been missing a real treat!

For further details contact Tommy Henderson on 01556 610437

**Dalbeattie Probus Club** is run to give retired professional and business men the opportunity to spend some social time together socially and to share views, listen to various talks and visit nearby places of interest. It is non-political and non-sectarian in nature. The Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at the local Fire Station. A guest speaker is invited to most meetings; other meetings consist of visits or social functions to which wives/partners are invited.

Membership costs £10 per year, plus £1 per meeting attended. Whenever finances allow, donations are made annually to local charities or good causes.

For further details please contact Brian Woodburn on 01556 610519.

*Edith Thorp has provided this story about her great-great-great, grandfather! The Reverend Richard Jones – the “Perpetual” Curate; edited from an article in The Friends of Great Budworth Church, Newsletter March 2015*

In 1790 the Reverend Richard Jones was appointed to look after the parish. Jones was a Welshman, born in Llanfechell, Anglesey in November 1758 of humble parents. He had attended Jesus College, Oxford and graduated in 1783. He was ordained priest in 1784.

Then he spent six years at St Alkemun's in Shrewsbury as curate. Jones moved into the Vicarage and for all intents and purposes was the Vicar. The vicar paid Jones a reasonable wage. For instance, in 1796 his salary was £50 a year, the Vicarage and garden and the surplice fees which were the fees collected for marriages and burials which were legally the Vicar's no matter who actually conducted the service. By 1814 his salary had increased to £140 a year, surplice fees and Vicarage. This rise in part was due to the inflation caused by the Napoleonic wars, but Hamilton Warren at least kept the salary up with the rising cost of living.

It is not surprising then to find an advertisement in the Chester Courant for the 6 January and again for the 30 December 1795 where “the Reverend Jones of Great Budworth, Northwich receives into his house a limited number of young gentlemen as pupils for 30 guineas a year.” Jones obviously needed to augment his salary and by taking in four or five young gentlemen he could increase his salary up to what the parish normally would pay the Vicar. The “young gentlemen” were probably being prepared for university entrance by having their Latin and Greek “crammed” to a satisfactory standard.

It is important to understand something of Jones' problems. Being only a curate, he would be seen as having less status and less authority than a vicar. He would have chaired the Vestry meetings, but as a junior member with no legal status. He would have been responsible for ensuring the upkeep of the building but, with low social standing, would have found it difficult to raise funds among the local gentry and, unlike many vicars, he had no private income of his own.

From 1805 Jones was active in trying to establish and develop the educational provision of the parish. He tried to ensure that the widest possible provision of day school places was available for all children. He was in correspondence with the National Society for Schools to help develop it.

As a churchman Jones appears to have been highly regarded as committed and caring pastor to his flock. As the anti-church dissenter Uriah Plant grudgingly notes in his autobiography, as one brought up in Great Budworth, that Jones “for whom I have a great respect, which at first arises from his situation, although his conduct and character as a Christian minister would doubtless tend to increase it” and again “Mr Jones would frequently be encouraging the humble penitent to a full trust in God's mercy through Christ notwithstanding the number and magnitude of his sins.”

The last quote, along with Jones' encouragement for all to take part in communion and not allowing them to be debarred by former sins, shows that he was focussed as a priest on individual redemption and the saving power of God's grace for those who would embrace it. This was a very modern approach, untypical of many in his day.

Unfortunately Jones' obvious abilities and his thirty – six years of service were not enough to allow Christ Church to appoint him Vicar on the death of Revd Hamilton Warren in 1825.

Jones was kept on as Curate but lost the Vicarage. Fortunately, he was appointed to the living of Little Leigh in 1826 and had the care of souls there, but the irony is that his title was Perpetual Curate as the newly founded parish was still seen as a Chapelry of Great Budworth. He served there for fourteen years until July 1840 when he died aged 82 years.



His funeral was a great event and the Chester Courant contains a detailed description. At a time when female relatives did not attend funerals, his coffin was taken in procession from Little Leigh to Great Budworth. First were forty Yeomen and Farmers on horseback two and two followed by a carriage bearing the Reverend Webber, then came the hearse with two old servants walking on each side, then two mourning coaches the first with male relatives the second with four clergymen in "full canonicals" who were to be the Pall Bearers. Then came the local gentry in a carriage. We can imagine the parishioners of both parishes would have turned out to watch the cortege go by. After "a very impressive service "he was buried in the new part of the churchyard in a large table tomb (pictured above) near the pedestrian gate at the eastern end. As the newspaper said "a large concourse of spectators paid their last tribute of respect to the memory of him who having laboured among them for nearly fifty years and served his own generation, by the will of God fell asleep."

His funeral recognised his huge contribution to the parish and his life of Christian witness. It is notable that his memorial inscription contains the sentence "for 36 years he habitually, solely discharged the important duties of Curate of this parish" and it is a fitting summary of his life's work.

There has been coverage in the local press of the Petition started by Anthony & Joseph Duncalf; they started the petition with a single signature, and now have **412** supporters. Support has come from all over the world.; and is being added to daily.

As the law stands, adoptive siblings would have a claim over an estate which birth siblings do not have. Even when a will has been made to ensure that this cannot happen, a solicitor cannot guarantee that the adoptive family could not contest the will.

**"We would call upon the government to consider the needs and rights of the adopted person in this area and to introduce legislation which would enable them to gain legal recognition for the de facto change in their circumstances."**

If you can support this petition, contact Anthony ([anthony.christchurch@g.mail.com](mailto:anthony.christchurch@g.mail.com)) and he will send you the link. Thank you.

## *Christmas 2015*

### *Bishop Gregor's Christmas Message 2015*

At times it is hard to think that the world we live in is anything other than very dark. All around us are threats to life – climate change, terrorism, civil wars, genocidal campaigns, corruption, failed and failing states, appalling abuse, not least of women and children – the list is endless, the litany of disaster and horror very, very long. Fear is rampant in our society, fear for the future, fear for our security, fear of the other, not least of refugees and migrants. It would not be too difficult to conclude that the darkness has indeed overcome any light there is or is well set to do so. The world seems very far away from heaven and from God's light and love.

And then Christmas comes again to remind us that it is not so and that we lay our lives and our living on the trust that it is not so. Listen to the words of our Eucharistic liturgy, first for Advent and then for Christmas: ***In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined .... He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.*** If we are sincere in our worship and in our participation in the Liturgy we cannot really believe that the world is ***very far away from heaven and from God's light and love.*** Why? Because the God of light and love chooses to dwell in it, to love it into glorious life from within, beginning with this infant whose birth we celebrate with great joy each and every year of our lives and going on with all his people right up to us and beyond us for as long as time endures.

It is, of course, easy to mock this belief as naïve – as great a writer as Thomas Hardy, in a poem called *Christmas 1924* could say

*Peace upon earth!' was said. We sing it,  
And pay a million priests to bring it.  
After two thousand years of mass  
We've got as far as poison-gas.'*

And we've got rather beyond poison gas in 2015, nearly a hundred years on. But is this really the vision we want to lay our lives and our living upon, a vision of despair and utter bleakness? We're not going to deny that there is truth in it, of course not, but we are going to affirm that the liturgy has the words of a greater truth, the light and love by which to live, the light to find God at work in the world and the love to join God there in the midst, in the flesh, helping God to love us and the world into glorious life for now and all eternity.

May I wish you all a wonderful celebration of the infant light of the world, a light the darkness can never extinguish, a light to live by however dark things seem, or as another part of our liturgy, Evening Prayer, has it: ***the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity.***

+Gregor



## Carol Services

December 20th was a very busy day in Dalbeattie:



In the morning **Christ Church** held a Service of Lessons & Carols. The service was led by the Revd Mark Smith; we had singing from the Singing Group; a solo from Debbie Smith and readings from members of the Congregation. The organist was Maggie Kelt. After the service we went to the Church Hall for coffee, tea and mince-pies. Yum!



In the afternoon **Galloway Christian Centre** organised a lantern walk - with carols in the Town Wood as their Christmas outreach based on the two factors: i) The congregation aren't really equipped to put on a traditional carol service, ii) The congregation is very active and walking in the woods is something that friends, neighbours and relatives associate with the church. A fifty minute walk was lit by lanterns and carols were sung at the half way mark (by the loch). Colin Reilly, the pastor gave a short talk about the meaning of Christmas and how Jesus is all too often left out. Tea, coffee and tray bakes were served in the car park afterwards, the rain started just as the last person left. 114 people attended.

Thanks to Pastor Colin Reilly for the words and to Tim Saxton for the photographs.



In the evening **Dalbeattie Parish Church** held a Candlelight Carol Service. The Revd Fiona Wilson writes *"What a wonderful Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening. The atmosphere was wonderful and the singing superb. We definitely put Christ in Christmas. Thank you to all who contributed to our retiral collection at the Carol Service. We collected £285 for the charity of my choice, which is the same as last year, **Soldiers off our Streets**. All the money will be used for our homeless veterans in Scotland. Thank you once again."* [www.soldiersoffthestreet.org](http://www.soldiersoffthestreet.org)



## *Saints of the Month - February and March*

This is a new addition to the magazine, we hope you enjoy it.

### **Saint Valentine 14<sup>th</sup> February**



Not much is known reliably about Valentine and it is possible that stories about him involve two different people with the same name. What is agreed is that he was martyred and buried on the Via Flaminia, north of Rome, sometime between 269 and 280 AD.

One story is that, while under house arrest under the care of Judge Asterius, he became involved with Asterius in a discussion about religion and faith. Asterius, whose daughter was blind, tested Valentine's faith by asking him to restore her sight, which he did. Asterius was then baptised a Christian, along with his entire family and household. Another version of this story suggests that the blind girl was the daughter of Valentine's jailer; on the day of his execution Valentine left the girl a note signed "Your Valentine".

Valentine continued to convert people to Christianity and to perform marriages of Christian couples (some said so the men could avoid military service); he also aided Christians being persecuted by Emperor Claudius II. On being arrested and sent to Rome he developed a good relationship with Claudius, but this fell apart when he tried to convert Claudius to Christianity. Valentine was given the choice of execution or renouncing his faith; he chose the former.

The romantic nature of St Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages; the day itself may well have been created to overpower the pagan festival of Lupercalia.

***St Valentine is the patron saint of engaged couples, beekeepers, epilepsy, fainting, happy marriages, love, lovers, plagues, travellers and young people.***

### **St Cuthbert 20<sup>th</sup> March**



Cuthbert was probably born into a noble family about 634 AD and grew up near Melrose Abbey. He saw some military service before becoming an itinerant monk, spreading the Christian message to remote villages. He lived an austere life and spent time as a hermit whenever possible. In about 655 he became guest-master at the new monastery at Ripon and then, in about 664 he became prior at Melrose, carrying out missionary journeys, preaching and performing miracles. About a year later he became prior at Lindisfarne, travelling the breadth of the country from Berwick to Galloway; he also built himself a cell on the Fife coast which eventually became the site of the University of St Andrew's.

In 676 he retired to become a hermit on the island of Inner Farne, initially receiving visitors, but eventually shutting himself away and communicating only by giving blessings via

his open window. In 684 he became, reluctantly, Bishop of Lindisfarne, but in 686 he returned to his cell on Inner Farne, where he died on 20<sup>th</sup> March 687. He was buried at Lindisfarne, but his remains were eventually moved to Durham, leading to the foundation of the city and cathedral. Owing to circumstances his remains were moved many times before ending up again in Durham; legend tells that, prior to the arrival of King Henry VIII's commissioners to dissolve the monastery, monks removed his remains to a secret location within the grounds of Crayke Abbey, known only to a dozen monks, who pass on the secret only when one of them dies.

Cuthbert has been described as the most popular saint in England prior to the death of Thomas Becket. His cult was popular among the converted Danes and was adopted by the Norman settlers. His shrine at Durham was a popular pilgrimage site throughout the Middle Ages.

*Sue Thomas writes about The Galloway Members Group (GMG) of the National Trust for Scotland (NTS)*

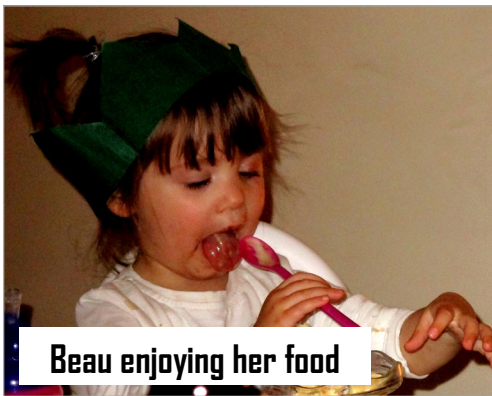
I'm sure that in our congregation here at Christ Church and among our friends and neighbours there are many who are members of the National Trust for Scotland. But I wonder how many of those are aware, or are actually members, of the local Galloway Members Group. The NTS has such groups throughout Scotland who meet regularly to hear talks, gather for social events and venture further afield on day outings and residential tours. Locally our Group raises funds for our Galloway properties, Threave and Broughton House, and the Countryside Parks. Anyone who is a Trust member can join - here in Galloway we pay a princely sum of £10 per year - and so become party to a local newsletter as well as being able to join trips, hear interesting speakers and learn more about the Trust and it's work in their area.

I have been a GMG member for almost five years, being introduced to it by a friend who was standing down from the local committee and hoping to co-opt me in her place. The ploy worked and I have really enjoyed my membership ever since. Local talks have included many fascinating topics ranging from David Livingston, Peter Pan, Mrs Robbie Burns, and the Galloway railways to private art collections, growing and drying flowers, and how Trust properties are promoted through films and advertising. Talks are monthly through the Autumn - Spring period and actually anyone can come along to them without membership. They are held on Monday afternoons at Threave Visitor Centre and include tea and biscuits with time to chat to the speaker (£3 for members and £5 non-members). There are two talks remaining this season. On Monday 8th February George Thomas is talking about Plants and Pathology, drawing on both his 35-year career as a Consultant Pathologist and his more recent horticultural training. On Monday 14th March Simon Milne, the Regius Keeper of Edinburgh Botanical Gardens will be talking to us about Birds, Beasts and Botany. If you are interested and want to come along, there is no need to book. Just arrive on the day in time for the 2pm start.

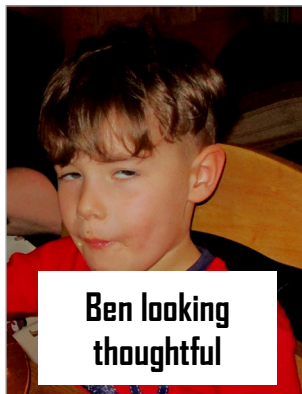
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## *Jane Greenwood's 2015 Christmas - Out of the mouths of Babes ...*

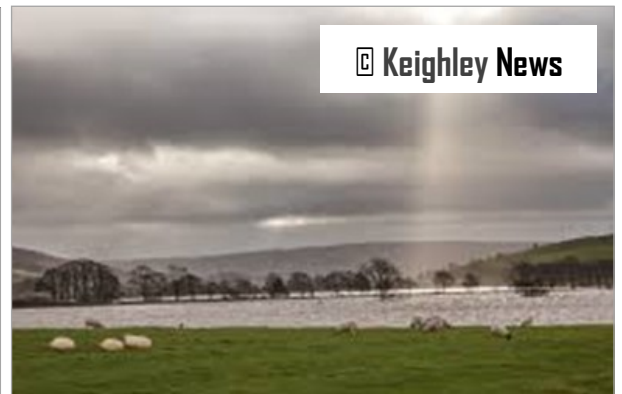
Round the festive table sat four generations. We had enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner made by my daughter and were now relaxing with full tummies. The numerous candles dotted about the table were almost spent so my daughter Sarah (being host) began blowing them out one by one. Suddenly the youngest but one of the clan began singing in her wee voice *'Happy birthday to you'*. Blowing the candles out obviously meant only one thing to an almost two year old. Amused and laughing the 'grown ups' explained to her that this wasn't a birthday party it was Christmas Dinner. Then through the giggles another young voice piped up. It was five year old Ben proclaiming *'that we were all wrong because it was someone's birthday - Jesus'*. Amazingly Ben had realised that singing Happy Birthday was a good thing to do, something the busy had failed to remember. We joined a smiling little girl seated in her high chair in singing - ***Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Jesus, happy birthday to you.*** So thanks to our extremely young members a new family tradition has been created and a rendering of Happy Birthday will be sung after the candles are blown out after dinner on future December 25ths.



**Beau enjoying her food**



**Ben looking thoughtful**



**Keighley News**

When we visited our family in Yorkshire for Christmas we stayed at a caravan site near Skipton. There were only four caravans on a small area of hard standing, so when we woke up after heavy overnight rain we looked at the approaching lake which covered much of the Airedale valley (with some trepidation). The lady who ran the campsite said it looked bad but in fact the farmland where we were was flooded on purpose to avoid floods in Keighley and Bingley as part of the flood defences. We were reassured a little, but the local village shop was having to bail out due to rain coming through the floor, so we decided to stay put in the caravan just in case it ended up floating away. On the way back to the site, after Christmas dinner with the family, we noticed large cattle trucks on the roadside and further on the road was blocked by cattle crossing the road into a field. In the dark it was hard to see what was going on, so we stopped the car. Another lady in front of us also had stopped and we heard raised voices as she talked to the farmer's wife, who was trying to explain that cows and pigs were in danger of drowning from the rising water. As we came nearer, the other motorist's voice was becoming aggressive as she was pointing out she was trying to get home after various diversions, as we had. By this time the other farmers were approaching to see what was up, but the woman was furious and had started pushing the elderly lady. Before we left we gave our details to the farmer in case of repercussions. In fact we only had a small detour to get back to the caravan, but both of us wondered why the lady was so furious. In the

morning the farmer visited us to explain that 1500 cattle and pigs were drowning so they had to do something quickly, and they had permission from the police. He said the pigs were good swimmers, but were getting very stressed. He guessed the female motorist must have been on drugs or something and, even more strange, her husband remained in the car as she was restrained by the farmers.

The flood did recede a bit so we were able to return home safely.

## **From the Christ Church Archives - Part 2**

From the *Kirkcudbrightshire Advertiser* - July 3, 1874

"DALBEATTIE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - From an announcement in another column it will be observed that there is to be a grand bazaar held in the Town Hall, Castle-Douglas, in the month of September next, under the patronage of the Provost and Magistrates of the Burgh, in aid of the fund for building an Episcopal Church in the neighbouring town of Dalbeattie. The Rev. W. M. Ramsay, the incumbent of St Ninian's, Castle-Douglas, has taken a very active part in the establishment of a mission at Dalbeattie, so as to afford the numerous English people who reside there an opportunity of in public worship. The hall in which they have assembled during the past eighteen months has become much too small for the congregation, and an effort is being made to procure funds to erect a church will accommodate 200 persons. We heartily commend the object to the notice of our readers, and those who are willing to aid the good work may send articles for sale, or a contribution to the Building Fund, to the Rev, W. M. Ramsay, Castle-Douglas, when they will be duly received and acknowledged." [The grand sum of £345+ was raised.]

From the *Scottish Guardian* - July 24, 1874

"DALBEATTIE- New Mission - We are glad to hear of the success which has attended the Mission started here early in 1873, by the Rev. W. M. Ramsay, incumbent of Castle-Douglas. The Sunday services are well attended, and the Sunday School, night school, and Bible classes are thriving. It is proposed to erect a permanent church, capable of accommodating 200 persons. The cost will be about £900, of which upwards of one-third has been subscribed, and to swell this amount a bazaar will be held in the Town Hall, Castle Douglas, in the second week of September. The Dalbeattie congregation are among the poorest of the poor, and to help them is the duty of their richer brethren now that they are seeking to rally round the Church's banner. Contributions on money are material may be sent to the incumbent, the Rev. W. M. Ramsey, B.A., Castle Douglas."

Next time - A copy of the appeal circulated in England will be included. Plus a copy of the appeal for subscriptions for the Church Hall.

The tin boxes are now in the safe-keeping of Canon Bayne at St Ninian's.

*World War One*      **MEMORIES of YPRES**  
*Another moving story from Graham Brignall*

In May 1964 my home town of Sittingbourne finally beat off much stiff local competition to win the right to be twinned with Ypres. My father was a member of the party which travelled to Ypres for the inaugural celebrations; little did the family realise what opportunities would be opened up as time progressed. Exchange visits were made annually in each direction and then family holidays were spent with the friends we made in Ypres. One of them, Robert (born in 1906), spoke excellent English, as he and his sisters had been sent to England in 1914 to be educated. He was a fount of local knowledge and, like all the local residents we got to know, generous with his time. He took us all over Flanders: Hill 60, Tynecot Cemetery, Essex Farm cemetery, Hooze Crater, Langemark cemetery (which he would never enter, because it is a German cemetery), to name but a few of the famous sites. He said that British visitors were always welcome, because of what British troops had done to ensure that Ypres never fell to the Germans in WW1; on the other hand German visitors were unwelcome, even to the extent that hotels would suddenly be fully booked if an enquiry was made from German visitors. Like many people from that part of Flanders he was a staunch monarchist, especially towards the British monarchy.



© In Flanders Field Museum

It was Robert who introduced us to the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate and the “In Flanders Fields” museum in the newly refurbished Cloth Hall (both are an absolute must-visit if you ever go to Ypres). He and my father attended every annual exchange visit for 20 years (the only ones from each town with a 100% record) until my father’s death in 1985, when Robert came over to pay his final visit to the family. I met him one more time in April 1998 when, aged 92, he acted as guide to the school group I took to visit the Ypres area.

Sadly, the Twinning Associations in both towns have now ceased to function; young people today do not seem to have the same attitude as my parents and myself towards such opportunities. It was an opportunity for which I shall be eternally grateful. Visit [www.inlandersfield.be](http://www.inlandersfield.be) for more information.

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**WW1 Book update from Muriel Palmer**      There have been too many delays with this project, however, I am determined to get the it back on track; albeit with a new estimated date of publication. The new date is June 2017 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres). I will be in touch with my current story-tellers sometime in February. If you have a story of family or a friend that you would be prepared to share I will be delighted to hear from you, by phone (01556 630314); e-mail ([muriel.a.palmer@gmail.com](mailto:muriel.a.palmer@gmail.com)) or letter which can be left at the back of the Church or posted to 3 Barcloy Mill, Rockcliffe, Dalbeattie DG5 4QL.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## CHEMICAL ELEMENTS in the BIBLE

What we now know as chemical elements were not, of course, known as such in Biblical times, though several metals with special properties and uses had been discovered, normally by refining them from rocks found in the ground. Six of these are referred to in the Bible:

Gold, silver, copper, lead, tin and iron were all in use before 5000BC; gold, silver and copper, of course, were greatly valued for their decorative purposes and craftsmen created some amazingly intricate jewellery.

The following biblical passages give reference to some of the occasions on which elements are mentioned: GENESIS 2 10-12; GENESIS 13 1-4; GENESIS 19 23-26; NUMBERS 31 21-24 and EZRA 8 24-27.

Some other references to gold:

**Exodus 20:** Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: "You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

**Job 28:** There is a mine for silver and a place where gold is refined; iron is taken from the earth and copper is smelted from ore.

**Psalms 19:** The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold. Pharaoh arrayed Joseph in vestures of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. The Queen of Sheba came to Jerusalem with very much gold.

Some other references to bronze include:

**1 Kings 7**

**1 Samuel:** He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze; on his legs he wore bronze greaves and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

Some other references to iron include:

**Deuteronomy:** a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

**1 Kings:** In building the temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used, and no hammer, chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built.

Perhaps the most famous passage is that which tells the story of the Golden Calf (Exodus 32) it is very thought-provoking and always good for discussion.

Lord, set my life in order; making me to know what I ought to do and to do it in the way that I should. *St Thomas Aquinas 1225-1254*

# What's on February/March 2016

## February

Saturday 6th      10.00 a.m.-12 noon      **Intercessions in Church** Led by Canon David Bayne and to be held at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas. An Intercessions Seminar for all those who lead, or would like to lead, the Intercessions in church

Monday 8th      2.00 p.m.      NTS GMG "**Plants and Pathology**", a talk by Dr George Thomas at Threave Visitors Centre, Castle Douglas. Tickets £3 for members, £5 for non-members; includes tea/coffee/biscuits.

Wednesday 10th      10.00-11.00 a.m.      **Probus** - Images of a Journey through Africa by Val Bradbury at Dalbeattie Fire Station

Tuesday 19th      12.30 p.m.      **MU Meeting** at St Ninian's, CD; Alison Bayne  
**My Painting**

Saturday 20th      **Pilgrimage Day** at Glasgow SEC Cathedral; the day will have the theme "**Who On Earth Are You**" and will be an exploration of our identity as Scottish Episcopalians. See page 6 for more details.

Wednesday 24th      10.00-11.00 a.m.      **Probus** - Dalbeattie Matters by Ian McMicken at Dalbeattie Fire Station

Saturday 27th      **Pilgrimage Day**      See page 6 for more details.

## March

Friday 4th      **World Day of Prayer**      details to follow

Saturday 5th      **Diocesan Synod**      See page 6 for more details.

Monday 7th      2.00 p.m.      NTS GMG AGM, followed by "**Birds, Beasts and Botany**", a talk by Simon Milne (Keeper of the Scottish Botanic Gardens. £3 for members, £5 for non-members; includes tea/coffee/biscuits.

Tuesday 8th      **YEAR 2 MAP REVIEW** with Bishop Gregor. See page 6.

Wednesday 9th      10.00-11.00 a.m.      **Probus** - to be announced - Matthew Pumphrey at Dalbeattie Fire Station

Tuesday 15th      12.30 p.m.      **MU Meeting** at St Ninian's, CD; Canon David Bayne **A Lent Talk**

Wednesday 23rd      10.00-11.00 a.m.      **Probus** - Iron Age Galloway by Erica Johnson at Dalbeattie Fire Station.

A customer ordered some coffee in a café, the waitress arrived with the coffee and placed it on the table. After a few moments, the customer called the waitress 'Waitress,' he said, 'There's dirt in my coffee!'. 'That's not surprising, sir', she replied, 'It was ground only half an hour ago.' (After grinding coffee beans Nicholas remembered this quote from a film he had seen.. MP)

## **STOP PRESS**

## **LENT LUNCHES 2016**

Date	Time	Location	Hosts
Wed, 24th Feb	12 noon—1.30 p.m.	Church Hall	Beryl D, Jane, Jenny
Mon, 29th Feb	12 noon—1.30 p.m.	Church Hall	Elizabeth, Miranda & Muriel

## Groups and Activities

### Chat and Craft Group

**12 Park Terrace, Dbt**                      2.00 p.m.      Monthly on Second Thursday  
Contact person: Jane Greenwood                      01556 611144

### Hard of Hearing Group

**Church Hall**                                      10.00 a.m. - 12 noon  
Contact person: Mrs Jenny Edkins                      01556 611740

#### Dates for the Dalbeattie Drop-In Clinic in 2016

Tuesday January 12th	Tuesday May 10th	Tuesday September 13th
<u>Tuesday February 9th</u>	Tuesday June 14th	Tuesday October 11th
<u>Tuesday March 8th</u>	Tuesday July 12th	Tuesday November 8th
Tuesday April 12th	Tuesday August 9th	Tuesday December 13th

Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat provided.

### House Groups (Ecumenical)

**Islecroft House** 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon      Monday every other week  
Contact person: Revd Beryl Scott                      01556 610283

**Strontian**                      1.45 p.m.                      First Tuesday in the month  
Contact person: Mr Brian Woodburn                      01556 610519

**Struanlea**                      12 noon - 2.00 p.m.                      First Thursday in the month  
Contact person: Mrs Edith Thorp                      01556 610816

### Julian Group (Ecumenical)

**Savat**                      2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.      Last Tuesday in the month  
Contact person: Mrs Sue Thomas                      01556 612863

**St Peter's RC Primary School, Dalbeattie**      It has been confirmed by the Scottish Office that the school will close on the 1st July, this year. Thank you to everyone who supported the school through this difficult process. There will be a celebration of the life of the school for past pupils etc in the summer term. More information on this to follow. (From St Peter's Bulletin.)

## *From the Editorial Team*

It has been suggested that we could have:

⇒ A Free Re-cycle page

For example; everything listed in this section is FREE—you just need to contact the owner and go pick it up! If you would like to list something on this page, please get in touch with ... on ...

⇒ Recipe corner

⇒ Puzzle page

When you visit other Churches please can you bring back a copy of their magazine.

Have you any suggestions if so please let us know? We have asked this many times but very few suggestions are made. Constructive criticism is welcome; the magazine is good but it can be better. **Please talk to us.** There are plans to redesign the cover and layout of the magazine.

There are new additions to this magazine, which we hope you enjoy:

**Saint of the Month**—you get two as this is a bi-monthly magazine - see page 14

**Local Organizations** see page 9 this time there is information about the Citizens' Advice Bureau; Dalbeattie Museum and Dalbeattie Probus.

The on-line edition of the magazine can be accessed via the Church Website. This magazine has been copied at Dalbeattie & Kirkgunzeon Church Cover Image © Sue Thomas

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Outings and gatherings also prove popular. I have toured the gardens and fortified houses of Royal Deeside, although sad to say Her Majesty was not in residence at Balmoral on the day we visited. Last year's tour of the Land of the Prince Bishops encompassed many interesting sites in County Durham and plenty of lovely food and company when we stayed at the Radisson Blu on the banks of the River Wear. A forthcoming day trip to Larch Cottage in Cumbria (18th May), a summer 'Flower Power Party' at the delightful Anwoth Church (24th June) and a visit to Raehills House and Annandale Estate (7th September) are the remaining calendar events this season and I'm confident they will be excellent. As GMG members we often visit homes and gardens which are not open to the public and benefit from private tours. And, of course, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea are always well catered for and relished by the 'trippers'.

If you are interested in joining the GMG you can contact the Secretary, Gwen Shaw (01557 330239/[gwendoline.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:gwendoline.shaw@gmail.com)) or come along to a talk at Threave. You can also go to the NTS website and look at the Members pages for more information. The National Trust for Scotland does a fantastic job preserving Scotland's heritage but always needs more support. By joining you will not only broaden your own horizons but lend a helping hand to a wonderful institution.

It has been agreed by the Vestry that in order to offset the cost of producing this magazine that we sell advertising space. We hope to have this up and running for the next magazine due out at the end of March.

For an advert size of approximately one-eighth of this page (the size of a business card; the cost will be £10.00 for the year. There are six magazines a year; all of which are uploaded onto the Church's website.

For more information contact Ron Newton 01556 611567

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