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What's On in September at Christ Church and District

Thursday, 1st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday, 4th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Monday, 5 th	10.30 a.m.	Study Group at Islecroft House
Tuesday, 6 th	11.00 a.m.	Ecumenical Service at Barlochan Care Home
	12 noon	TAG at 3 Blair Street
Wednesday, 7 th	3-5 p.m.	Garden Tea at Islecroft House hosted by Beryl Scott and her team. Donations for Christ Church, Dalbeattie
Thursday, 8th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Study Group at Struanlea
Saturday, 10 th	10.30 a.m.– 3.45 p.m.	Aig Fois Annual Retreat Day at St Mary's, Greyfriars Church Hall, Dumfries. Cost £25. For further details see Notice Board.

Saturday, September 10th/Sunday September 11th

The Bengairn Parishes Flower Festival *Sharing Our Talents* is to be held in **Auchencairn Church**, DG7 1QS on Saturday 10 September 2016 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday 11 September 2016 11 am – 4 pm. Come along and enjoy flowers and music in the church, teas and chat in the Village Hall. Entry by donation.

Sunday, 11th	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong at St Ninian's, CD
Tuesday, 13 th	10-12 noon	Hard of Hearing Drop-in-Clinic in the Church Hall
	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Theological Reflection Meeting 'Keeping the Spiritual Light Burning for People with Dementia' a talk by Jenny Henderson – 'Faith in Older People' at the Maxwell Room, St Peter's RC Church, Dalbeattie.
Thursday, 15th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday, 18th	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	2.00 p.m.	Ecumenical Service at Munches Care Home.
	All Welcome	
Monday, 19 th	10.30 a.m.	Study Group at Islecroft House
Tuesday, 20 th	tbc	Mother's Union at St Ninian's, CD
Thursday, 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th **Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend** (See page 5 for details.)

Tuesday, 27 th	2.30 p.m.	Julian Meeting at Savat
Thursday, 29th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

From the Registers

Funeral

23rd August 2016

Mary Anne Haythorne

A Message from the Revd Mark Smith

SEPTEMBER – Christ Church is about to lose its distinctive Blue Top!

Many of us have got used to the tarpaulin protecting the tower from further rain ingress – an attempt to slow the ravages of time and weather. The flapping has probably been keeping close neighbours awake during the recent storms!

We now have permission to refurbish the tower, creating a lower-profile porch and access ramp.

The new pitched roof may not catch the eye as much as the Blue Top, but it will provide a more welcoming entrance to our building.

For many of us the Blue Top takes different forms as we try to limit the damage life does to us or hide what we are embarrassed by or avoid what we are ashamed of. We use all sorts of methods and techniques to protect ourselves from being hurt or overwhelmed by the ravages of relationships, disappointments, failure, frustrations, &c. Our Blue Top might be a sunny disposition, a show of confidence, a withdrawn nature, isolation, &c.

Just as the Blue Top has not cured the tower's problems, so our own Blue Tops are just covering up. People around us may not realise what is underneath, but God does. He sent Jesus into the world so that we could be free of Blue Tops and know that we are loved as we are and that nothing can separate us from the love of God. He did not wait until we were perfect - He acted while we are as we are.

If He loves us that much we do not need Blue Tops!

We truly have much to thank Him for!

As Christians, an important part of thanking God is how we use what He has given us.

Our Harvest Festival Weekend will include the opportunity to donate food for the Stewartry Food Bank, sharing what God has given us to spread His blessings to others in need at this time.

We will also be raising money for the Building Fund - £45,000+ is needed, and while we have some in reserve and hope to get grants for part of the work, the balance will come from our own pockets!

Giving back some of what He has given us!

We will also share lunch together – a 'Bring & Share' lunch in the Hall after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

May our Harvest giving reflect our gratitude for what the Lord has done and may we receive and share His blessings together and know the freedom He has for us.

May God Bless you.

News from Christ Church

Goals for MAP Year 3

Our Year 3 Mission Action Plan was signed-off on Sunday 28th August. Copies are available at the back of the Church for reference. The following details the goals we have set for Year 3 and what we will do to keep the MAP alive.

WINGS

- We will look at the layout of the church and best assess its future use for our Mission. Spring 2017 (Canon David Bayne)
- A Church diary will be drawn up and uploaded to the Internet. An A3 copy will be displayed on the Notice Board. Advent 2016 (Revd Mark Smith)
- An **Away Day** for the congregation will be arranged under the direction of the Canon Drew Sheridan. (Canon David Bayne).

OUTREACH

- When the building work is completed the new exterior notice board will be erected.
- We will involve the local community in the celebrations on completion of the tower project.
- We will improve our communication as stated above.

KEEPING THE MAP ALIVE: We will endeavour to ensure that our plans are put into action. We will continue to celebrate God's gifts and blessings culminating in our annual MAP review. We have the resilience needed to keep the MAP alive. We will not be discouraged on this journey by the building work; lack of people and resources or by the retirement of Canon David Bayne in June 2017.

CHRIST CHURCH, Dalbeattie, is losing its Top!

The Revd Mark Smith writes:

The Scottish Episcopal Church has ancient roots in the life and history of Scotland, tracing its origins to the Celtic church of St Ninian (Whithorn) and St Columba (Iona).

In 1873 Craggan Quarry needed workers and a group of coal-mining men from Leicestershire came north to work. It was these men who constructed the nave of the current Christ Church building on the corner of Blair Street, using the finest dressed Dalbeattie granite available.

The nave and the first storey of the tower were finished in 1875, but the proposed spire was never built ! The apse and vestry were built as late as 1954 and a bell-tower was added in 1958 - without the bells !

Unfortunately, the top part of that tower has leaked rainwater, becoming damaged by the ravages of time and badly affecting the porch below it.

Neighbours have got used to the blue tarpaulin used to reduce the water ingress as we have investigated the extent of the damage and the options for repairs.

A scheme to repair the tower has now been put in place and will reduce the height by removing the upper courses of stone and mortar and topping it with a conventional pitched roof – creating a welcoming entrance porch for the building at last! And, removing the need for the Blue Top !

To further improve the welcome an access ramp will be created using some of the stones removed from the upper parts of the tower.

As with all Episcopal congregations, we are independently financed from the regular giving of our members and various sales of work through the year. The work being undertaken will cost over £45,000 – part will come from our Fabric Fund (Reserves) and part from grants but the balance will have to be raised locally by members and friends.

Harvest Festival Weekend

This year our Harvest Festival Weekend will celebrate the gifts that God has given us by supporting the Stewartry Food Bank. There will also be an opportunity to see the details of the building scheme.

Saturday 24th September 2016

9am-12noon Church being decorated for Harvest Festival

12noon-6pm Church open for visitors, with drawings of the new scheme on display and refreshments available.

Sunday 25th September 2016

10.30am Harvest Festival and Eucharist

Followed by 'Bring & Share' Harvest Lunch in Church Hall.

Donations of tinned & dried foods for Stewartry Food Bank will be received on either day.

Donations towards the Tower Rebuild can be made at any time over the weekend.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Anthony Duncalf writes:

As a gay man, I have always felt very much welcomed and supported at Christ Church (in contrast to some other churches I have attended over the years), and I believe that as a congregation we do try very hard not to label or exclude people because of who they are and how they might differ from ourselves. As Revd John Martin was fond of reminding us during our interregnum, this inclusiveness is at the very core of the Gospel message – the Kingdom of God is for all, not just those who fit the cultural expectations of a religious elite.

A while ago, the Vestry discussed the possibility of Christ Church signing up with an organisation called ***Inclusive Church***, which provides support and encouragement for churches to ensure that all who come through their doors are made welcome, regardless of their particular 'differences'. Sometimes, we can unwittingly do or say things which make other people – perhaps those from a different ethnic or financial background, or due to their gender or sexuality, or those who suffer from a disability or mental health issue - feel uncomfortable, or excluded from parts of our life as a church, and ***Inclusive Church*** aims to raise our awareness of these kinds of barriers and provide resources and training to help us be genuinely more understanding and supportive. Registering with them would also mean that we would be 'nailing our colours to the mast' as a congregation which believes that the every man, woman and child is loved and valued by our Saviour for who they are, and which does all we can to reflect that in our own worship and ministry. The vestry felt that this was not a decision for them to take without the congregation having the chance to voice their feelings, so I have been asked to make information available to allow the matter to be discussed at our AGM later this year.

If you would like to learn more about Inclusive Church and what being a part of it could mean for us at Christ Church, there are some leaflets available at the back of Church for you to take away and read – or even more details can be found at their website www.inclusive-church.org.uk

A Thank You from Brian & Elizabeth Woodburn to all members of Christ Church Congregation

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the 'lovely' send off'. We have always enjoyed time spent with all of you. We hold you in our hearts and prayers.

Best wishes

Brian & Elizabeth

NEWS FROM DALBEATTIE & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

CIVIC PRAZE

see centre pages for an account and photographs of the day.

Anthony Duncalf has sent this report of the August meeting of the **Churches Together Steering Group**,. Thanks were expressed to all involved in making this year's Civic Praise a big success, with around 75 people attending (up about 15 on last year). We definitely intend to put on a similar event next year, though possibly in a slightly different format to broaden the appeal to non-churchgoers.

It was agreed that our next joint event will take the form of a '**Vigil of Remembrance**' on the evening of All Soul's Day (2nd November), honouring the many people who have died in violent attacks around the world this year. The exact details are yet to be confirmed, but it is hoped the actual content will be coordinated by Christ Church, making use of the multi-media facilities at the Parish Church (subject to the Session's approval). Full details will be in the next magazine.

It is also proposed to organise a joint churches' **Carol Singing event** on the High Street either on Christmas Eve or Friday 23rd December. Again, details will be confirmed after our next meeting.

News from the Region

All Saints, Challoch: on Saturday 10th September at 7.30 p.m. a concert is to held in memory of **David Sorrill**, who loved All Saints.

PASTIME WITH GOOD COMPANY; an evening of music, poetry and song with the Sorbie Recorder Group. Refreshments available. No charge but donations for All Saints' Church Funds will be gratefully accepted.

For more information contact Jenny Edwards on 01988 840774.

Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet: on Thursday , 29th September, the Revd Stephen Hazlett will be instituted as their Rector. Please pray for the congregations of both churches as they take the next step in their Christian journey together with their new Rector

**A Visit to Manchester Cathedral on 1st July 2016 for the
National Commemorative Service
on the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme 1916**

Ron Newton has written this moving article together with photographs:

This service was important for me as it was on this day exactly one hundred years ago on the first day of the battle that my father was wounded and rendered unable to return to the front. There were so many killed on that day that you could say that he was one of the lucky ones. Many more were killed during the remaining years of the battle and my father's wound, though not preventing him from getting on with his life, did preclude him from further active service at the front. He remained in the Army in the UK for the remainder of the war serving in a training capacity. Like many he did not speak much about his experiences at the front but I do know that he was upset at not being able to rejoin his comrades.

The service in the cathedral was impressive and moving. As part of his Foreword to the programme the Dean of Manchester, The Very Reverend Rogers Govender, wrote:

“For the nation, and indeed Manchester, this service has a special significance because, like places throughout the UK, this city and the city of Salford produced men who became known as ‘Pals’. The special nature of the Pals was that they volunteered and enlisted together so that they could serve alongside their friends, neighbours and workmates.

Prior to the service, Government Ministers, Military Representatives, UK Ambassadors and High Commissioners representing the combatant nations were received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Manchester and conducted to their seats, followed by the Rt Hon George Osborne M.P., then Chancellor of the Exchequer.

At precisely 2.58 pm a fanfare sounded and everyone stood as His Royal Highness the Duke of York representing the Queen, and the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Mr. Warren Smith were received by the Dean and Chapter. The Procession then commenced to the hymn *O God Our help in Ages Past* during which the Duke and the Lord Lieutenant took their seats in the nave and the Colours were presented.

Following the Bidding by the Dean of Manchester, Kyrie Eleison was sung by the Choir and then the First Lesson was read by Mr. Richard Hughes of the Western Front Association. There were then a series of Commemorative Readings: ***Goodbye to Manchester; Before the Somme*** - A Son writes home; ***In the Midst of the Battle*** – another

The Second Lesson from St Matthew's Gospel was read by the Duke of York and this was followed by the Anthem *Greater Love Hath No Man* by the Choir. During the anthem 37 Memory Squares created for the Path of the Remembered were processed by young people and taken in a procession to the High Altar. The Path was later laid in Heaton Park where it formed part of the evening's commemorative concert. The 37 squares represented the current Regiments of the British Army who fought at the Somme. The cap badges of each of the regiments operating in 1916 were included in these squares (originally 114 Regiments and over 600 cap badges). The procession paused and paid respect to the drumhead of the Lancashire Fusiliers symbolising the place of battle and for us a place of remembrance. The procession then moved to the Cathedral's High Altar where the Memory Squares were laid symbolising our desire to entrust all those commemorated to God's love and safe keeping in our pledge never to forget. We then moved into the Act of Remembrance which was led by the Rt Revd James Newcome, National Chaplain to the Royal British Legion.

A Congregational Hymn was followed by The Prayers and then another Congregational Hymn preceded The Blessing performed by The Most Reverend John Sentamu, Archbishop of York.

The service ended with the National Anthem and The Recessional. It had lasted precisely one hour. A great deal of security was present outside the Cathedral before, during and after the service. It had been a memorable occasion which I had been glad to attend together with an old friend who lives in Manchester and with whom I stayed. Unfortunately it wasn't possible for us to attend the Commemorative Concert afterwards at which the Path of the Remembered was laid.



**The Lancashire Fusiliers' drum head
placed before the High Altar**



**Some of the Chelsea Pensioners
who were at the Service**

CIVIC PRAZE—Dalbeattie Churches Together

Sunday, August 7th 2016



The Choir getting ready to lead the singing.



MC - Revd Mark Smith

Churches Together in Dalbeattie and District helped launch this year's **Dalbeattie Civic Week** with an open-air service of praise, with a selection of hymns old and new, celebrating God's grace. A windswept afternoon, but thankfully the rain held off. At least five local congregations were represented - the Parish Church of Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon with Haugh of Urr; the Parish Church of Colvend, Southwick & Kirkbean; the Episcopal Church of Christ Church, Dalbeattie, St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Dalbeattie and the Galloway Christian Centre.

The Revd Mark Smith (Christ Church) was the MC. Pastor Colin Reilly (Galloway Christian Centre) gave the address; the Revd Fiona Wilson (Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon with Haugh of Urr) led the prayers; Canon David Bayne, Rector of St Ninian's, CD (and Interim Priest-in-Charge Christ Church) gave the final address and the blessing.

The Galloway Christian Centre kindly provided hot cups of tea and coffee; volunteers had to stand on the corners of their Gazebo to help stop it blowing away!!!

Thanks to Anthony Duncalf and Ron Newton for the photographs.



Revd Fiona Wilson leading the prayers.



Final address from
Canon David Bayne



Rory, the Organist and Norman, the Violinist .



The Congregation



Dumfries Choral Society

Keith Dennison reports:

Julie and I have been members of Dumfries Choral Society for about 10 years.

The Society is a mixed group of about 80 men and women of Dumfries and Galloway who simply enjoy singing a wide range of choral music. We foster an interest in singing together and extending the love and appreciation of music in the community. As a choir member has put it, "Those who wish to sing will always find a song". The only stipulations to joining are that you have a reasonable voice and can preferably sight read music although this is not compulsory but definitely an advantage. There is a brief audition on joining the Society.

We are based in Dumfries and have performed in the past at a range of venues in the town, at Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries Academy, Dumfries Ice Bowl and several local churches. Nowadays we present most of our performances in St. John's Church in Dumfries. This is both for logistic and financial reasons. We also have a close affinity with St. John's Church. We rehearse for three main concerts each year, with classical concerts in November and in the Spring, and a Christmas Concert of Music and Carols in December. We are interested in offering our audiences a wide variety of classical music, from Bernstein, Jenkins and Rutter to Mozart, Handel, Verdi and Elgar to name but a few from our repertoire. We are fortunate to be led by our conductor and musical director Edward Taylor and accompanied in rehearsals and concerts by our highly accomplished and long-standing pianist Margaret Harvie. Our concerts feature professional soloists, and we try to sing with full orchestra at least every two years. Edward Taylor is musical director of the Youth Choir and organist at Carlisle Cathedral and he sometimes brings along his children's choir to support our concerts and lend variety to our main events. Edward is young, dynamic and inspirational in his teaching.

Rehearsals start again in August for our November and Christmas Concert. These take place every Monday evening from 7.00pm in Laurie Knowe School in Dumfries. We will be learning Mozart's Requiem and Schubert's Mass in B flat major. It would be lovely to welcome some new faces for our coming season and we would like to encourage people of all ages to come and see how it feels to be part of a choir. Singing is something which many of us have not had the opportunity to participate in since our primary school days. This is a shame as choral singing is good fun as well as being an excellent way of improving lung capacity and breath control.

Anyone who thinks about joining could speak to myself or Julie or if you do not have the time to take part we would be very pleased to give you a warm welcome at any of our concerts.



Photograph © Dumfries Choral Society

SAINT of the MONTH

Saint Mirren: 15th September

Mirren was of noble birth and, as a young boy, was entrusted to the care of Comgall the Great at Bangor, in Ulster. He eventually rose to become prior of this famous school of missionaries and became acquainted with Constantine who was, at this time, King of Cornwall.

Mirren moved to Scotland and built a monastery at Paisley, only four miles from Govan, where Constantine was abbot. Mirren travelled widely; in Glen Lyon, which was a well-known pilgrim trail, his name lives on in Invermeran, where one of the burns which flows into Loch Lyon enters that loch, having flowed through Glen Meran.

He built a chapel on the island of Inchmurrin (which appears to have been named after him) at the southern end of Loch Lomond, but all traces of this have now disappeared.

He died in Paisley in about 600AD and was eventually made the patron saint of the town. His shrine is in Paisley Abbey, built on the site of his original foundation.

An invitation to the **Companion Partnerships Day** to be held on the **1st October 2016** has been received from Elspeth Davey, Church Relations Officer:

**The Nuts and Bolts of Effective Companion Partnerships:
how to begin, how to grow together and how to part.**

The Global Partnerships Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church invites all across the Province who are involved in Companion Partnerships or thinking of getting involved in a Companion Partnership to a workshop gathering. There will be presentations on setting up a link and we will be making space for participants to share their experience of Companion Partnership so that we can learn from each other.

Venue: The Threshold Centre, Princes Street, Perth, PH2 8LJ

Time: 10.00am for 10.30am till 3pm

A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided plus teas and coffees.

Please contact churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org by the 16th September 2016 to register.

We have been asked to include the following in our magazine by Christine Hughes from the Diocesan Office on behalf The Mothers' Union in Glasgow and Galloway Diocese.

What is the Mothers' Union?

We are an organisation which works with the Scottish Episcopal church in Scotland and Anglican churches worldwide. Our vision today is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships. This is the essence of our work.

We are a Christian mission organisation with an aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children. We work in over 80 countries worldwide and have over 4 million members who are volunteers. Our governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide. We work with people of all faiths and none. The following is a flavour of what we do in our diocese and Scotland.

PRAYING

Developing prayer and spiritual growth is central to all we do. Members all around the world pray at midday, this is our Wave of Prayer.

Prayer Chain: this is distributed monthly to members. Please contact Sue Brough, dt.s.brough@btinternet.com to add someone to the list.

Annual Retreat: we hold an annual Provisional retreat, usually held in Kinnoul, Perth.

Mothering Sunday: we support our Ministers in making posies, giving cards, and helping with worship on this difficult day for some.

ENABLING

Prison Work: At *HMP Greenock* we organise the play area volunteers. At *HMP Low Moss* (Bishopbriggs) we run a Guide and Scout group and also attend multi-denominational prayer groups and open days for prisoners families. We send Christmas cards to all prisoners in these prisons. A member meets with Families Outside regularly (a Scottish charity concerned with helping prisoners families).

Holyrood Mothers' Union Representative: we have a representative on a Holyrood cross-party group concerned with families affected by imprisonment and receive reports from her.

Holidays for Families in need: we raise funds for *The Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme* who provide caravans for family breaks and distribute Christmas gifts. They also have families who host a child for a weeks holiday.

Recipe Book for Food Banks: we give a Mothers' Union written recipe booklet to food banks and similar places to encourage those on a very low income to have a few tasty meals.

Toiletries: members collect toiletries for Women's Aid refuges, as they usually leave home with nothing following an abusive relationship. We also supply them to hospitals emergency rooms and long stay wards.

Crafts, Therapets and Services in Care Homes: time spent with elderly care home residents often raises a laugh and makes them feel loved and more a part of the community. We make twiddlemuffs for dementia/alzheimers sufferers for mental stimulation. Healing blankets are given for the sick in mind and spirit.

Knitting: many of our members and friends knit or crochet tiny hats and cardigans for premature babies and burial gowns for still born babies in Princess Royal Hospital Neonatal unit, Glasgow, Ayrshire and Wishaw hospitals. In maternity units ordinary size hats, cardigans, incubator blankets, and teddies are needed, we also send these items to Malawi.

Bonding squares are required in hospitals to help premature babies bond with their mothers. Woollen breasts are given to post natal clinics! In the winter hats, scarves, socks and gloves are needed for Glasgow City Mission.

For more details/patterns contact Jill Cameron 07753161596.

CAMPAIGNING

Consultations: we respond to various Holyrood and UK consultations which are of concern to us.

Campaigning: we pray, hold services and exhibitions to highlight these issues below and others to church members and the wider world.

25th November-10th December - 16 days of action against gender violence; domestic violence and human trafficking.

MEMBERSHIP: despite the name membership is open to all who support our ethos irrespective of their gender, marital status, ethnic origin, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age.

We meet often either for fellowship, fun, church services, branch and council meetings, or conferences to encourage, fundraise and support the work of the charity Worldwide.

For further information about helping, donations and joining and about the diocese contact Diocesan President, Jill Cameron, at snowdropcarrickstone@gmail.com or visit www.muscotland.org.uk

Mothers' Union - St Ninian's, Castle Douglas

The St Ninian's Branch of the Mothers' Union was founded in 1999 with only four members; by 2009 that had increased to 46, many of whom were members of other churches in the district.

The Branch meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Gordon Memorial Hall, St Ninian's from September to June usually at 12.30 p.m. The meetings generally take the form of a short service in the hall prior to a light lunch of soup and bread which are provided by a rota of the members. Of course there is coffee or tea to follow and then it is down to the business in hand. After that they relax to listen to their guest speaker for the day.

They support many of the projects listed above including: twiddlemuffs, healing blankets and toiletries for the Wigtownshire Women's Refuges

For more information visit St Ninian's, CD website or you can phone one of the joint leaders Alison Bayne 01556 503818 or Anne Galt 01556 502583.

Anthony Duncalf has forwarded the following:

The Church Tower – an analogy.

Behold, after many days, the voice of the Lord spake unto Noah saying, “Noah, where is the Ark that I commanded thee to make?”

And Noah replied, “Lord, Thou knowest everything, Thou surely knowest the trouble I have had! Firstly concerning the dimensions of the Ark that Thou gavest unto me – behold, the Planning Department hath informed me that it is forbidden to erect any structure in excess of 100 cubits in length or 20 cubits in height under Permitted Development, and the architect whom I engaged to submit detailed plans for their approval hath lately vouchsafed unto me that, under EU regulations, a vessel of that size can only be constructed in a properly licensed dry-dock. Notwithstanding, it is required that I seek competitive tenders from three approved companies. This I have tried to do, but my preferred contractor does not have the necessary health and safety certification for such a project, the second is committed to prior contracts until 2020, while the Indian company who offered the most competitive tender has recently become the subject of an international embargo after being implicated in a dubious deal to supply warships to the Iranian government.

Moreover, O Lord, Thou surely knowest that in this day and age thou canst not get hold of gopher wood for love nor money, and, behold, the shipment of sustainably produced African hardwood which I ordered as an environmentally friendly alternative hath been hijacked by pirates off the coast of Namibia.

Furthermore, O Lord, my son Shem, who was to have constructed the internal fittings for the Ark, has been off work with his back these past six months, while my dear wife, whom Thou gavest me to be my companion and helpmate, hath declared that over her dead body will she enter into an Ark filled with divers animals and birds of the air without the provision of an adequate air conditioning and ventilation system.

Meanwhile, let the Lord be oh so merciful to me, the required licenses for the movement of the various animals, two of each according to their kind, notwithstanding my having completed the various forms in triplicate, have been held up by IT problems within the Department of the Rural Affairs.”

Hostel of the Resurrection, Leeds University 1962

When I decided to share this memory with our readers I searched on-line for information about the **Hostel, College and Community of the Resurrection**. In the July magazine I mentioned that for two terms whilst reading English at Leeds University my late husband, Ralph, stayed at the Hostel. His friend, John Penny (who was instrumental in Ralph being allocated a place at the Hostel) was an ordinand at the Hostel whilst studying for his degree. John then went to the Theological College at Mirfield.

A University Hall of Residence for student's sponsored by the *Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield* was built 1907-1910, designed by Temple Moore. Students would undertake a three year B.A. degree course, then a further two year course in theology at Mirfield to equip them for Ministry in the Church of England. The Hostel had places for six students who were not training for the Church, as it was considered that a mix of ordinands and others provided a better Community. Ralph's stay there changed him forever and was a great influence for the rest of his life.

In 1963 Ralph persuaded our then vicar, Canon Vanstone, to organise an away-day for St Thomas', Rochdale to visit the **Community of the Resurrection** at Mirfield. A wonderful day was had by all.

In 1976 the Hostel was sold to the University as the falling numbers of ordinands made the ownership of the Hostel uneconomic. It is now used as an extra-mural department for the University.

The **College of the Resurrection** is still very active, accepting new students every year who are working towards their ordination. Those whose ministries have been formed by the **Community of the Resurrection** include Bishop Trevor Huddleston, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. These men demonstrate the calibre of people that have passed through its doors and who help to ensure that the **Community and College of the Resurrection** remain well thought of and highly regarded. The **College of the Resurrection** is a unique place; the only theological college in the Anglican Communion that shares its life with a monastic community.

For more information about the Mirfield Community visit their website www.mirfieldcommunity.org.uk. Muriel Palmer

I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am.

John Newton

Quiz for September

WHAT'S IN THE CRATE?

What can be found in a CRATE? To begin with, there is the indefinite article (the single-letter word 'A') to be found in the middle of it.

How many other words, recognised by a dictionary, can you make by using a combination of some or all of the five letter C-R-A-T-E?

There are over 30 words, if you score 20 or more you can congratulate yourself. Answers in the next magazine.

The first person to send in the correct answers to last month's quiz was **Beryl Dowgill**. The correct answers to the Coastal Towns (GB) Quiz are:

1	MARGATE	8	MONTROSE	15	ST ANDREWS
2	SOUTHPORT	9	POOLE	16	BANGOR
3	MORECOMBE	10	TENBY	17	SWANAGE
4	DOVER	11	EYEMOUTH	18	RAMSEY
5	AYR	12	NEWQUAY	19	RHYL
6	FOLKESTONE	13	RAMSGATE	20	FORT WILLIAM
7	COWES	14	REDCAR		

Editorial Team

Have you something you would like included in the magazine?

Do you like what is included?

Are there articles you would like to be included?

Are there articles you do not want to be included?

We keep asking the questions but not many answers are received. It is very difficult to work in a vacuum.

Many people have asked for a diary of events; one has been included in the last couple of magazine BUT still people ask when is 'whatever' happening. The diary takes hours to compile—more time than any of the articles so please read it!

Garden Teas 2016

The first garden tea was hosted by kind invitation of Pam & Matthew Pumphrey on Tuesday, 16th August; the second tea was hosted by kind invitation of Muriel & Nicholas Palmer on Wednesday 24th August. A good time was had by all at both events and the days were fine and sunny!. The third and final tea for 2016 will be held at **Islecroft House** on **Wednesday 7th September** by kind invitation of the Revd Beryl Scott. The total monies donated will be notified after the third tea. A full report and photographs will be in the next magazine. MP

Christian Quote: Somehow what's in our hearts, good or bad, is eventually translated into words and deeds.

Who's Who at Christ Church

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Canon David Bayne	01556 503818
Honorary Assistant Priest	Revd Mark RS Smith	01387 760263
NSM	Revd Beryl Scott	01556 610283
Lay Representative/ Munches Park Coordinator	Mrs. Edith Thorp	01556 610816
Alternate Lay Representative	Mr Alfred Thorp	01556 610816
Honorary Musical Director & Organist	Mrs Maggie Kelt	
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Sue Thomas	01556 612863
Treasurer	Mr Mark Parry	
Gift Aid/Free Offering Recorder (envelopes)	Mr Alfred Thorp	01556 610816
Rector's Warden & Health & Safety Coordinator	Dr Keith Dennison	01556 630413
People's Warden	Mr. George Sims	01556 612069
Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator	Mrs Helen Stephens	01556 610627
Vestry Members	Rector's Warden (Lay Chair)	01556 630413
	Lay Representative	01556 610816
	Alternate Lay Representative	01556 610816
	People's Warden	01556 612069
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	Mr Anthony Duncalf	01556 612322
	Mrs Llyn Glendinning	01556 610676
	Mr Ron Newton	01556 611567
	Mrs Helen Stephens	01556 610627
	Mrs Sue Thomas	01556 612863
Property Working Group	Canon David Bayne, Dr Keith Dennison, Mrs Sue Thomas and Mr Alfred Thorp	
Bible Reading Fellowship	Dr Keith Dennison	01556 630413
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