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CHRIST CHURCH, DALBEATTIE



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Services at Christ Church (unless otherwise stated)

June

5th	Second Sunday after Trinity	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
12th	Third Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Immediately after this service, we will have a toast to mark the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II
Then we will start the planning for our MAP Year 3. See page below for more information.

19th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
26th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

July

3rd	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
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There is a service of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. every Sunday at St Ninian's. There is a midweek service at St Ninian's at 10.15 a.m. every Wednesday and at Christ Church at 10.00 a.m. every Thursday.

Munches Park Care Home, Dalbeattie Ecumenical Service 2.00 p.m.

Third Sunday in the month All Welcome

Mission Action Plan Year 3

On Sunday June 12th **Anne MacWilliam**, our facilitator, is coming to help us **choose the goals** that we feel that God is guiding us to work on **for the next year**. Then immediately after the 10.30 service, we will have a toast for the Queen on the weekend that the nation is celebrating her 90th birthday.

For about half an hour thereafter we will look at the introduction to choosing the Goals. There will be a break for us to eat our sandwiches – bring your own – and tea/coffee will be served.

Following on from that, we will work towards choosing the Goals for next year. We hope to finish by 2 o'clock. Please pray for this important day in the life of Christ Church, come with your ideas of what the year might hold.

Edith Thorp

A message from Revd Mark Smith ...

After a flurry of festivals we now find ourselves in a quiet period. In terms of big Church celebrations anyway.

For many people it is still a busy time. Pupils (and their families and teachers) facing exams. Doctors and nurses tending to patients (and their families) facing hard times. Workers trying to meet deadlines and pay the bills. And so on.

Put simply - life goes on.

After Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity we are all expert in theology. However, like all students, we face real tests as we go through life with all its vagaries and surprises, both good and bad – or life as we know it. This quiet period will test what we have learnt about God and His love for us shown in Jesus. It will stretch our faith ‘muscles’ in ways we cannot foresee.

It might seem like cheating, but as we face the tests of life we have help – The Helper – within us. At Pentecost we were reminded of the special gift of the Holy Spirit, coming into our hearts when we believe in Jesus for ourselves. Because of this we can be confident that God the Father will hear our prayers, understand our fears and be aware of our concerns. All the help we need is available within us through the work of Jesus.

At Christ Church we begin June with a Baptism - a reminder of the new life constantly appearing around us as the cycle of life goes on. It may not be an official festival but it will be a great celebration for both family and congregation. We give thanks for the precious gift of a new life and commit them into God’s care for their journey of life. The symbols of water, oil and light are reminders of the new start available through Jesus’ death and resurrection, the presence of the Holy Spirit to help us know God’s will and purpose in our lives, and the call to share the Good News by shining in the world.

May the God we see so clearly in our celebrations be with us in the ‘ordinary’ times of life so that we can know His peace and strength and grow in faith as His disciples throughout the whole of our lives.

May God Bless you.

News from Christ Church

The Cross at the Cross, Good Friday

On Good Friday there was an Ecumenical Service held at The Cross, Dalbeattie. Members of all the local Churches gathered for a short service led by the Revd Mark Smith.



Then it was Coffee, Hot Cross Buns and music at Christ Church before the service at 2.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Many thanks are due to the talented members of the Congregation who on Saturday decorated the Church ready for our Festival Eucharist.



Above two of the many beautiful arrangements.

Left our 2016 Paschal Candle;
the candle is lit during all the service
during Easter and Pentecost
and at Baptisms and Funerals.

UPDATE FROM THE VESTRY

THE TOWER

Tenders for the work have been sent to Riddick & Sons; William Waugh & Sons and T Graham & Sons Builders, by the Diocesan Architect. Builders Michael Gaffney; Andrew Campbell; & Sons and Scott Bendall have declined to tender due to existing work commitments. The return date for the tenders is 6th June, 2016. When these are received the work of seeking grants will start.

MAP YEAR 3

See page 2 for details.

SEA SUNDAY 10th July 2016

A letter has been received from the Revd Andrew Wright, Secretary General, **The Mission to Seafarers** with information about this year's Sea Sunday. He asks that we find some way of marking the occasion either on July 10th or on some other convenient date. There are leaflets and donation envelopes at the back of the Church.

News from Dalbeattie & District Churches Together: Anthony Duncalf reports that on Sunday 7th August at 2.30pm, at the Band Stand in Colliston Park it is planned to hold another Civic Prize. Last year's Civic Prize was a huge success. This year, it is hoped to put together a choir drawn from all the churches to help lead the singing - anyone interested please speak to Anthony or Mark in the first instance. (Contact numbers are on back cover.)

News from the Region; Edith Thorp, Lay Representative reports on the Regional Council Meeting - Ascension Day, 5 May 2016

The meeting was preceded by the Celebration of the Eucharist; celebrant, the Revd Canon Robin Paisley (Dumfries), preacher the Revd Canon David Bayne (Castle Douglas). Christ Church along with the Wigtownshire team provided the refreshments for the tea following.

The guest speaker was the Rev'd Michael Hills, Wigtownshire on ***Why is an Industrial Chaplain living in Rural Scotland?*** An hour and twenty-five minutes later, we had heard in detail Michael's journey from curate to heading up the Industrial Chaplain's post in Hull. How he, in the end, had become disillusioned with what was happening, and subsequently came to Wigtownshire. In his ministry as an Industrial Chaplain, his focus had been on practical Christianity within the economic community. Although very interesting it was far too long and did not really address the title of the talk.

The Dalbeattie team, left the meeting at 9 pm, after giving their report on their MAP, the meeting itself finished at 9.30!

There was a question of the security of leaving churches open, and Dumfries reported that the insurance company had sanctioned it, with a security camera in place. The camera had been able to provide evidence of an 'intruder' when necessary. Lockerbie church had all its pews removed and were very pleased with the chairs bought, having been granted £2000 from the MAP Diocesan fund. Moffat reported that the church there was on the new St Ninian's pilgrimage route from Edinburgh to Whithorn. The Code of Canons and the updates being provided electronically caused some discussion as to format and provision of hard copies. It was again noted that the Diocese had an IT person who could help charges struggling to set up their website.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION MEETING The Revd Beryl Scott reports on the meeting held on Tuesday 19th April.

Last year Bishop Nolan went to China on an official Roman Catholic visit, and shared with us his very interesting observations on Christianity at the present time in that country, illustrated by photographs on power point. He went on tour and saw the many interesting famous sites, but was mainly in the Beijing area. The statistics reveal that there are a hundred and eight million Christians in China, and it is a growing religion.

All churches have to be registered with the authorities, but there are many illegal churches. Worship is allowed in the churches but not evangelising. Christianity was established in the sixteenth century in Beijing, but the 19th Century Boxer risings made China hate all outsiders and the aggression against them drove the churches underground where Christianity survived.

We were amazed at the huge decorative churches that have been built, often by business men who are not Christians. In some of the churches we saw, the number of people worshipping in these buildings were between 1,000 and 1,500 at each service. Permission is needed for all outside church activities, such as hospices, nursing centres etc. and religion is forbidden in their work. However, this is blatantly ignored. One such group did wonderful work, but were only able to do so as registered as a chicken farm.

There is opposition from the Vatican to some of the church appointments, but as long as relationships are harmonious the churches and the authorities accept each other.

A vote of thanks was given by Bishop Gordon who believes we should take heart from what is happening in China, even though in our country and many others, Christianity is diminishing.

Annual Scottish Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2016

The Pilgrimage this year is from Friday 23rd to Monday 26th September. The Pilgrimage Priest-in-Charge will be the Revd David Mumford. He can be contacted for further details by telephone - 01368 840361 or by e-mail dmumford@phonecoop.coop.

Visit www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk for more information about the Anglican Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham

THE STEWARTRY CAMERA CLUB

Ron Newton has written this article about The Stewartry Camera Club. Those who know Ron will know that he is our 'church photographer'.

Many people have cameras and use them for recording photos of the family at home or on outings, and little else. Whereas there is nothing wrong with this approach, photography can be used for more than this. In fact it can become a wonderful and engrossing hobby.

Anyone with such feelings who wishes to take photography further should consider joining a photographic club. For those who live in the Dalbeattie area there is an excellent club within a short distance by car, The Stewartry Camera Club that meets at Ringford Village Hall about 6 miles along the A75, west of Castle Douglas.

Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm from September until March. A few outdoor meetings are arranged during the summer at interesting venues for members to take their own photos. At the evening meetings experienced photographers present exhibitions of their work and talk about photo techniques. There are also talks illustrated by slides of visits to places of interest at home and abroad.

Regular competitions feature in the calendar. The subjects are varied including portraits, landscapes, street photography, close up work and action. The competitions may be internal for club members or regional where the club is competing against other clubs.

A dinner is held at the end of the season in March when prizes are presented.

Anyone of whatever level is welcome to join and members are always ready to help those with less experience.

Those wishing to join should contact the Secretary John Sproat, email johnsproat@gmail.com or phone 01556-670529.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Nennus (Nenus/Nehemias) 14th June

Nennus was born in the 7th century into the Irish O'Birn family. According to Butler's "Lives of the Saints" Nennus succeeded, in 654, St Enda as Abbot of the monasteries of the Arran and Bute islands.

The problem with this story is that the Isle of Arran does not contain any monastic remains; the author seems to have been confused between the Isle of Arran, in the Firth of Clyde, and the Isles of Aran, off the coast of Ireland, where there are extensive monastic remains associated with St Enda. Bute appears to have come into the story for no real reason.

Incidentally, nothing else is known about Nennus



The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Christ Church) Dublin

Ron Newton has written this fascinating account of his visit to Dublin and the Cathedral.



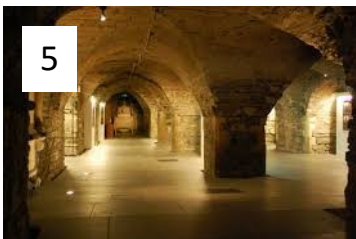
As I write, people in Ireland have just turned out in the largest gathering ever seen in the Republic to commemorate the 1916 Rising in the city of Dublin (photo) which of course led to full scale rebellion and eventual Irish Independence a few years later.



This was of interest as I had just returned from a week's visit to Dublin staying with friends I had met years ago while working in Swaziland. Although one purpose had been to see the rugby international, which incidentally ended in a victory for the home side against Scotland, I very much appreciated the conducted tour I was given by my kind hosts and became keen to improve my knowledge of the country's history. Preparations were seen everywhere for the parade which took place on Easter Day (soon after I had left) and was by all accounts very impressive. (photo 1)



Whatever one's views regarding the rebellion there is no doubt that much sympathy eventually lay with the people of Ireland after the way in which it was quelled. Many lives were lost on both sides but the executions of the ringleaders carried out by the British Government that took place mainly in Dublin's Kilmainham gaol (photo 2) probably hastened the rebellion that followed.



Amongst the various sites I visited was the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (now known as Christ Church), the oldest cathedral in the city of Dublin. (photo 3 from outside)



Founded probably around 1030 as a Viking church subject to the Archbishop of Canterbury but incorporated into the Irish church around 1150. It was formed into an Augustinian Priory of the Holy Trinity under Archbishop Laurence O'Toole, future patron saint of Dublin, which survived until the Reformation in the 16th century after Henry VIII broke from Rome. Much of the original building was then reduced to ruins and emergency repairs began immediately, a temporary solution lasting until the 1870s. During Victorian times extensive renovation took place and it is difficult to tell which parts are genuinely medieval and which Victorian. However to those with some knowledge of Gothic/Romanesque church architecture there is



much of interest and beauty to be seen both within and without. (photo of nave 4)

The Crypt is the largest cathedral crypt in Britain or Ireland, constructed between 1172 and 73 which contains many monuments and historical features. (photo of crypt 5)

In 1689 King James attended Mass at Christ Church and for a brief period, the rites of the pre-Reformation faith were restored. One year later, returning from the Battle of the Boyne on 6 July 1690, King William III gave thanks for his victory over King James II and presented a set of gold communion plate to the cathedral, now displayed in the crypt. (photo 6)

During the 16th and 17th centuries, Christ Church's crypt was used as a market, a meeting place for business, and at one stage even a pub as a letter of 1633 shows: 'the vaults from one end of the minster to the other are made into tippling houses for beer, wine and tobacco.' (Perhaps this is an idea that might be employed at Christ Church, Dalbeattie as a useful service to the town and a possible means of increasing church attendance!)

A visitor to Dublin without prior knowledge might assume that the city's two oldest Cathedrals – Christ Church (originally the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity) and nearby St Patrick's (photo 6) – follow the Roman Catholic faith. Although Christ Church is officially claimed as the seat of both the protestant Church of Ireland and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, in law and in fact it has been the cathedral of only the Church of Ireland's Archbishop of Dublin ever since the Reformation.

Unfortunately I was unable to go to Holy Eucharist on Palm Sunday but I was glad to be able to attend a short version of the service the next day. I was accompanied by my friend and host Monica who though a practising Roman Catholic was willing and able to take part in the service. Ecumenism in Dublin is apparently alive and well!

After explaining the commandment to honour your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, ***"Thou shalt not kill."***

CHRIST CHURCH PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING - 21ST MAY 2016



*Elizabeth & Miranda on
the Cake Stall*



Jane & Beryl

Jane Greenwood, Convenor of the Plant Sale & Coffee Morning, reports:

The Plant Sale was a great success. I want to thank everyone who helped to make it happen, gardeners, crafters, bakers, music, raffle gatherers, kitchen staff and all those who manned the stalls. Hope I haven't missed anyone out, if I have I apologise. I am amazed how many weeks and months work goes into to creating such a spectacular show and the amount raised reflects everyone's efforts - **£1,515.40**.

Many thanks are due to Ron Newton for the photographs he took. They say a picture tells the story of a thousand words. Therefore 8 pictures - 8,000 words!!

Well done all. We also had a record **140 people** through the door. I would also like to thank God for giving us everything possible to make and enjoy the morning.

P.S. There is a wonderful report in the **Galloway News** dated 26th May; with more excellent photographs.



*Ruth, Julie
& Celia
manning the
Plant Stall*



Sue on the Gardening Stall with Keith, Miranda & Robin



*L-R: Maggie & Billy on the Tombola Stall
Llyn & Helen on the Raffle Stall*



*L-R: Jenny & George in the Kitchen
Llyn, Keith and Brian drawing the Raffle*

Beryl Dowgill celebrates her 90th Birthday with family and friends

Born 13.5.1926 to Harry and Nellie Pearson. She has an older sister Emmie who is now 99 years old and a younger brother Jack who unfortunately died in his early thirties. Their father died when Beryl and Jack were in their early teens. I am Beryl's daughter Jane and am going to relate my mums story as I remember hearing it. Not everything might be very accurate but here goes.

As a child Beryl caught scarlet fever which meant she had to go into an isolation hospital. She says she remembers her mum and dad looking through the window in the door at her. Because of her illnesses she missed a lot of schooling but caught up quickly as she she has always been on eager learner. Leaving school she went to work in the accounts department at a local worsted mill. The men from the office went to war and my mum was in charge of the wages at 16-17 and years old until the men came back from the war and she became office junior again. She met my Eric (my dad) after he was demobbed from the Navy. They are both from the small town of Farsley, which is near Leeds. They married and had 3 children Jane (myself) Peter and Christopher. My mums family were all keen scouters and guides. My Great a Uncle Jack was a scout commissioner and my mum was an Akaela . We always went camping as youngsters, which was my mums influence and later we had a camper van. One of our first camping holidays was at Brighthouse Bay (in the late 50s)) which was only a farmer that let you camp near the sea. Little knowing then they would retire here.

Neither of my parents were brought up religious but we were always sent to Sunday School, whichever was the nearest, to get rid of us for the morning. It wasn't until the christening of my eldest child, Timothy that my mum became interested in religion. She attended and became a valuable member of Kidwick (a village near Skipton) C of E church which is also known as 'Lang kirk o Craven'. Mum and dad had a static caravan at Kippford for many years before retiring to Palnackie about 27 years ago. Whilst holidaying at the caravan she became a member of Christ Church. Listening to mum I feel she has had a fulfilling and spiritual time at Christ Church. I would also like to mention Gill Sinclair with whom mum has shared some very spiritual times. Mums artistic flair has flourished, keeping the craft stall stocked over the years.

Beryl is a great great grandma to Beau and Jonah. Great grandma to Megan, William and Benjamin. Grandma to Timothy, Sarah, Philip, Matthew and Sam. Mother to myself, Peter and Christopher and wife to Eric for XX years.

This is a potted version of a wonderful, amazing persons life, "My Mum ". Thanks for everything. Love from Jane X

Matthew and Sam; mother to myself, Peter and Christopher and wife to Eric for 66 years.

This is a potted version of a wonderful, amazing persons life, "My Mum ". Thanks for everything. Love from Jane x.

The Birthday weekend: on Friday, Beryl made lunch for her immediate family; husband Eric, daughter Jane and sons Christopher & Peter and their spouses.

On Saturday she treated her fellow ***Chat & Crafters*** and Beryl Scott who celebrated her 88th Birthday on the 12th May to tea at Penpont. (See below for information about the Penpont Tearoom.)

On Sunday before the service the Congregation sang ***Happy Birthday*** to Beryl. After the service there was Birthday cake from Beryl. Yum!

Saturday Teas and Lite Bites are served every Saturday in the Church Hall, Penpont 1 pm-4 pm. Everything is home-made and you are assured of a very warm welcome from Helen and her team.



L-R: Beryl, Nellie with baby Sarah & Jane



L-R: Beryl, Jane, Sarah, Megan & Beau



L-R: Eric, Peter, Beryl, Christopher & Jane

"God wants our precious time, not just our spare time."

from **Bake and Pray**

Some favourite recipes, prayers and saying from friends
of the Saturday Church Teas and Lite Bite Circle.

In Remembrance *Thanks are due to Keith Dennison for this report of the Balliol Consort concert In Remembrance; and to his daughter Ruth Jardine for the photographs.*

The Balliol Consort has become one of the leading mixed voice *a cappella* groups performing in south-west Scotland. Their concerts support many local charities and recently they performed a programme called **In Remembrance** firstly at The Usual Place in Dumfries and then a fortnight later at the Kirkbean village hall. The concerts consisted of Choral music and poetry readings on the theme of war and remembrance to mark the centenary of **The Battle of the Somme**. This war truly saw an appalling loss of life for very little territorial gain.

The choir through their performance paid tribute to all the fallen and those who continue to fall victims of war, oppression and persecution. These situations arise out of ideological, religious and ethnic differences of opinion that seem to suggest that tolerance and living together in peace and harmony are aspirations still to be achieved. The music followed a programme of themes related to war. These were: The Armed Man; In Action; Combined Forces, In Remembrance; The Ultimate Sacrifice and Fallen Leaves. In each of these items a poetry reading or two preceded several pieces of related music.

From the very beginning of the concert the audience were rooted to their seats by John McCrae's poem **In Flanders Fields** followed by wonderful musical pieces from Karl Jenkins' **The Armed Man** and Giovanni Palestrina's **Agnus Dei**. The evening continued with more moving music and ended with Vera Brittain's poem **Perhaps** and May Cannan's **Lamplight**. The final pieces of music were George Gershwin's **They can't take that away from me** and Josef Kosma's **Autumn Leaves**. In between the music there were some very moving and beautiful poems by Yeats, Seeger, Forman, Hodgson, and Owen to name but a few.

There were many and varied enjoyable choral pieces by Parry, Roberton, Elgar, Mansfield, and Farrar and several others. It is very difficult to pick out one or two pieces from such a range of superb music. However, I was deeply moved by the choir's rendition of Hubert Parry's setting of Tennyson's **Crossing the Bar**, and Eleanor Daley's **In Remembrance** was sublime. This was an interpretation of the poem **Do not stand at my grave and weep**.

All in all, a wonderful night of poetry and choral music admirably performed by **The Balliol Consort**. I understand that the choir will be performing at the Haugh of Urr Parish Church and at The Usual Place in Dumfries nearer to Christmas. If you have the opportunity to attend one of these performances I would highly recommend it. Their concerts are superb musically and wide-ranging, offering something to appeal to everyone.



Postscript from Muriel Palmer

Before the concert at Kirkbean a **Garden of Remembrance** was officially opened at Carsethorn by Lord Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire Fiona Armstrong. It is near to the Steamboat Inn. It is the work of the Dumfries Group **the People's Project** and **Carsethorn's South West Scotland RnR**. Piper Lani O'Neill played a lament and violinist Andrea Jardine played during the opening ceremony.

SWS RnR is a charity which provides much needed and appreciated holidays in Dumfries and Galloway for soldiers injured on active service in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Visit their website www.southwestscotlandrn.org.uk to find put more about this wonderful charity.

A Royal Marine says "*... I am unable to truly convey in words what it is you have helped me with, but it was your display of love, compassion, generosity, motivation and commitment to do something for us that restored my faith ... after two tours in Afghanistan.*" © SWS RnR



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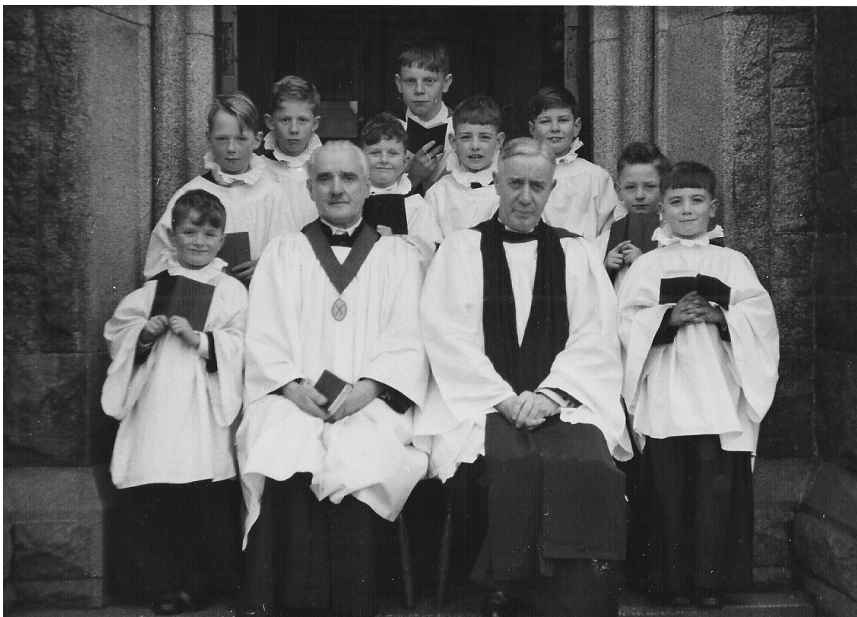


Christ Church Choir

Anthony was contacted on our Facebook page by Bernard Loughran in March. Bernard used to live in Dalbeattie and was a member of the Christ Church Choir together with his brother Hugh. Two other members of the choir were brothers Sandy and Jimmy Johnstone.

Bernard believes that the photograph was taken to mark the occasion of the choir in their new black cassocks and surplices. He says that the *Galloway News* reported that they were the first choir to be so attired. The photograph was taken before the porch was added. So maybe early 1950s?

Can any reader fill in the blanks? If so please get in touch. If you have photographs of Christ Church in past times we will be delighted to hear from you.



Back Row L-R:

???; Max McKie; ???

Middle row L-R: Edward McLurg;

Bernard Loughran

Sandy Johnstone

Roy Foster

Front Row L-R:

Hugh Loughran; ???

Rev McDougall; Jimmy Johnson

Mothers' Union meeting 17th May 2016 Miranda Brignall reports:

The meeting was started by Kirsty Allison reading a poem, which was followed by a service led by Alison Bayne, the joint Branch Leader. We then adjourned for lunch, with its usual choice of 3 soups with bread and butter, followed by tea/coffee.

After lunch we gathered the chairs into a circle so we could tackle as a group the topic of **Children in the Bible**. There are surprisingly few children mentioned in the Bible, but we did manage to talk about: Isaac and Ishmael, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Jesus, Timothy and Jairus's daughter (who, of course, is not named). All the research had been done by various members prior to the meeting. The format of a meeting run entirely by ourselves was most welcome.

The meeting ended with the Grace.

Christ Church Summer Sale at Colvend Village Hall Wednesday, 27th July

This year the sale is going to be a sale of two halves!

10.00 a.m.-12 noon Coffee morning with all the usual attractions: Grand Raffle, Tombola; Cake Stall; Craft Stall; Plant Stall and Book Stall.

12 noon - 2.00 p.m. Lite Bites with a few new attractions; White Elephant Stall; the Potting Shed and Workshop in addition to the Craft, Book and Plant Stalls from the morning. Activities for Children. Final details in the next magazine. Watch this space!!

It is planned that there will be two teams of volunteers one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Nobody is expected to be there for the whole day.

From the Editorial Team

Since the last magazine much has happened at Christ Church. For the Team the most significant event has been the gift of a printer for Christ Church from Canon David Bayne. Thanks David. The printer is at the home of Muriel Palmer (until such time as the Church has a suitable place for it to be kept) this will make the printing of the magazine so much easier and cheaper.

Due to the house-move of Muriel the request for adverts has come to a halt but hasn't stopped.

This is the first of our new monthly magazine; copy for the July magazine needed by 22nd June, 2016.

Thanks are due to Ron Newton this month for his article about **The Stewartry Camera Club**. Are you a member of a club that could be featured in the magazine?

Apologies for the fact that Part 3 of the Christ Church archives has not been printed as promised this is due to a lack of space. Pages can be added but they added 4 at a time and only 2 pages were needed.

Apologies, too, for any mistakes but due to shortage of time the proof-reading has had to be done by Team Palmer; they are not as good as our regular proof-reader.

The Team can be contacted:

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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 Hard of Hearing Clinic in 2016

<u>Tuesday June 14th</u>	Tuesday September 13th	Tuesday December 13th
Tuesday July 12th	Tuesday October 11th	<u>Tea, coffee, biscuits and</u>
Tuesday August 9th	Tuesday November 8th	<u>chat provided.</u>

House Groups (Ecumenical)

Islecroft House 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon First, third and Fifth Monday.

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 61286

What's on June 2016

Monday, June 6th Songs of Our Isles; St Andrew's University Madrigal Singers are to hold a concert at Parton New Kirk at 5.00 p.m. Free Admission.

Tuesday, June, 14th MU Enrolment Service followed by lunch at St Ninian's Rectory. **12 noon.**

Tues 21st/Wed 22nd Bishop Geger's visitation to St Ninian's and Christ Church. Details to follow .

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, July, 27th 10.00-2.00 p.m. **Christ Church Summer Sale** at Colvend Village Hall. See page 17 for more information.

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 twelve magazines a year; all of which are uploaded onto the Church's website.

For more information contact Ron Newton 01556 611567

e-mail philipronaldnewton36@gmail.com

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Bishop Gregor's Easter Message 2016

On Easter Day, always and above all else, quite simply and gloriously, we are celebrating what God has done. And what God has done is to have raised Jesus from the dead: as Peter proclaims in Acts, God raised him on the third day. And in St Mark's Gospel it's the same with the young man at the tomb speaking to the terrified women: He has been raised. Mark takes only 8 verses to tell us this as opposed to more than 10 times that number to tell us of Jesus's death and burial. Many people saw Jesus being put to death, and so there was much to say, but nobody saw God raise Him from the dead, nobody could or can describe precisely what God did, or exactly how God did it. None of the Gospels, nor any other writing in the New Testament, even tries. Attempts to do that, in art, drama and film, unless they are very subtle indeed, mostly fail and are, anyhow, pretty much beside the point. Because the point is that, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. An event in history yes, but an event pointing way beyond all history and having its origin not in human history but in the life of God and in the wonderful purposes of God for human history.

One of the things that I love about St Mark's announcement of the resurrection in particular is the ending of it: So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. No faith there, no response of joy, no belief in what God had done: presumably that all came later. Oddly enough, this is very important, this focus on the announcement of Jesus' resurrection and not on the faith of its witnesses. And for this reason: faith doesn't lead to talk of Jesus being raised from the dead, but rather Jesus being raised from the dead makes faith possible.

What kind of faith does the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead make possible? Above all, a baptismal faith: renouncing evil, turning away from wrong-doing, becoming good news and sources of blessing in the world, seeking what is just and peaceful and caring for God's creation, playing our own part in the worship, prayer, faith and action of all God's people. It is the baptismal form of faith that is always most powerfully celebrated at Easter either at Baptism itself or in the renewal of Baptismal promises.

And there is a particular Easter dimension of this faith. Because the raising of Jesus from the dead makes faith that the last word about things is not ours, but God's, possible; makes faith that human capacities to do ill, to be destructive, are not the be all and end all, possible; makes faith that doing justice, loving mercy and waking humbly with God among his people is what is required of us now and is the way to share Christ's resurrection in all its fullness, possible.

The people who got rid of Jesus believed quite reasonably that they had seen him off once and for all. But they were hopelessly wrong. As Peter said, they put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but - the biggest "but" of all time really - God raised him from the dead. Theirs was not the last word, God's was, and is and always will be, a word of imperishable life to make faith in an imperishable life possible.

Amen