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Who's Who at Christ Church

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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
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	People's Warden	01556 612069
	Mrs Robin Charlton	01556 630265
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	Mr Ron Newton	01556 611567
	Mrs Helen Stephens	01556 610627
	Mrs Sue Thomas	01556 612863
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Gardening Coordinator	Mrs Julie Dennison	01556 630413
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The days seem shorter and darker, the leaves fall and moods darken. It is harder to escape the duvet in the morning and everything seems to take longer. We are less motivated and wish we could hibernate – anticipating the light and life of Spring! The professionals use the term S.A.D. (seasonally affected disorder) for this malaise and claim that many of us suffer with it! At the very least we take time to adjust to the cold, dark and wet.

Whatever our mood, whatever our burden, whatever our concerns, God is wanting to be with us through what the hymn-writer called “all the changing scenes of life.” This is why we have started to offer the **Ministry of Laying-On-Of-Hands** at Christ Church. It is a simple action – the Minister places a hand on someone’s head and prays for God to bless them in whatever way is needed. The Minister need not know why the prayer is sought - they are simply acting as a channel for God’s Love, Mercy and Grace.

This simple action is used many times throughout Scripture as a symbol of God’s touch on lives. Sometimes it brings healing, sometimes empowerment, sometimes wisdom – always it opens people to God’s Love, Mercy and Grace. We do it in faith that God wants to work in people’s lives and wants to use us as channels for His work.

We now offer this Ministry during Communion – just carry your pew-sheet with you to the rail and the Minister will lay hands on you before administering Communion. It might be a personal issue or a concern for another person or situation that is weighing you down, or even a need to get closer to God – whatever the need, this Ministry gives an opportunity to open us to God’s work.

I asked Revd Richard Stephens to add a comment from his experience of this Ministry:

“The catalyst for me was at a high-level conference at St. John’s Nottingham many years ago and from that point on the more I thought about it the more I felt this was a wonderful way to personalise contact for the person receiving the elements and the Lord Jesus.

“This act is not a ‘doctor’s appointment’ inasmuch as the Celebrant does not need to know why you wish the laying on of hands - this is between you and the Lord – however, I found it especially meaningful if I was able to use the communicant’s name. This certainly was the case when I first introduced it in one of my earlier parishes in the Church of England and I carried this through until the end of my ‘working’ life. I missed this ministry when I first retired and joined Christ Church and I am pleased that we have now ‘picked up the baton’ and run with it!”

It was also the subject of a presentation and discussion at the recent Galloway Regional Council meeting and our Lay Representative, Edith Thorp, included the following in her report:

“The invited speaker at the meeting was Rev. Les Ireland (St Cyprian’s, Lenzie) who is the Bishop’s adviser on the Healing Ministry. Les gave a very thorough description of the Church’s understanding of what the Healing Ministry is and what it is not, saying that it is very much part of the Church’s Mission. He said that the Ministry needed authorisation, discipline and oversight by the local church. It is not a magical, dramatic cure for all ills, but rather a restorative, healing of the person in the situation that they are in, whether as cure, or as a healing of the whole person through the condition that they experienced.

“Les made it clear that it is God’s work of healing, and He worked His healing power, while the person praying for healing did not need to know what the need of the person was. God’s healing power is a mystery and the Church needed to live with that mystery. There was discussion about healing prayer being offered within the Sunday Service, whether as an adjunct or at the altar rail. A most interesting talk, giving those present food for thought as to how the Healing Ministry might become part of what congregations engaged in.”

I trust and pray that this Ministry will be a useful tool in our work at Christ Church.

Finally, I must express thanks to those who helped with our Harvest Weekend – decorating the Church Building, donating gifts for the Stewartry Food Bank, offering refreshments to those who popped-in, distributing invitations, displaying posters, printing leaflets, giving towards the Building Project – and thank God for His presence throughout those special activities.

It is as we seek God’s presence in our activities (special or ordinary) that we receive His Blessings. Whatever changes you face – seasonal, permanent, relationships – seek Him.

May God Bless you

News from Christ Church

GARDEN TEAS 2016

see page 8

HARVEST THANKSGIVING WEEKEND:

see centre pages

MAP YEAR 3

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MAIN POINTS FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE VESTRY HELD ON FRIDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER

- **Proposed Away-Day**; no further details to date.
- **The Dean's Visitation** will take place in the morning, 6th October.
- **Bishop Gregor's visit** will probably take place in November.
- **The Tower**; the Galloway Regional Council has agreed to support our application to the Diocesan Council meeting (11 October) for a grant of £12,000 under the MAP disability access project. The disability access is included in the tower project; the granite from the tower is to be used to face the ramp. It was agreed to go ahead with the project and to use either Roddick or Waugh as the contractor, the approximate cost £50,000. Canon David Bayne and Dr Keith Dennison are to meet with the Diocesan Architect to seek her advice as to whom to use.

NEWS FROM DALBEATTIE & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Our representative, Anthony Duncalf, reports:

Christians Against Poverty; you may have seen posters and leaflets in church about this organisation, which aims to help those struggling to make ends meet.

A small group of folk from the ***Galloway Christian Centre*** have recently completed a short training course to enable them to run sessions here in Dalbeattie for people who would like help in understanding their finances, planning realistic budgets etc. They will be running a pilot course for church members in the run up to Christmas, with a view to offering a service to everyone early in the New Year. Sessions will take place at the Community Room at the Medical Centre and will be open to anyone needing help to gain more control over their finances.

For those in more serious debt, there is a debt counselling service based in Castle Douglas which works with individual households to help them overcome their immediate crisis and then to learn more effective ways of managing their money and keeping control over spending to put them back on a more stable footing.

There will be posters appearing shortly to advertise the new courses in Dalbeattie, meanwhile anyone needing help can enquire in confidence via CAP's central office on **01274 760720** or via their website **www.capuk.org**

News from the District

From Saturday, September 10th there is to be a weekly **Praise Service** in Dalbeattie Parish - **4.15 p.m.-4.45 p.m.** The services are all-age worship to which everyone is welcome. There will be lively songs, activities and stories.

News from the Region

Regional Council Report - 24 August 2016

Edith Thorp reports

The invited speaker at the meeting was the **Revd Les Ireland** from **St Cyprian's, Lenzie**, see Revd Mark Smith's message on page 3.-4

Canon David Bayne reported that the Diocesan Council had talked about the need for a Risk Assessment Register firstly for the Diocese and then for each congregation.

Several Charges reported on their MAP progress, with the Wigtownshire Group not yet started on the process. St Ninian's, Castle Douglas and St John's, Dumfries need new facilitators because of circumstances beyond their control. The new Canon Missioner, Audrey Stewart, will be going to the annual meeting of the Galloway facilitators on the **9th November**, before speaking to the **Galloway Regional Council AGM** later that day. The meeting is to be held at St Ninian's, CD at 5.45 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

The new Rector of Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet will be instituted on the 29 September by the Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan; Bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Firstly at Greyfriars and then at St Mary's; the institutions will be followed by a celebration lunch at the Gatehouse Community Centre.

The Revd Beryl Scott reports on the **Theological Reflection Meeting** held on September 13th:

The speaker, Jenny Henderson, runs 'Faith in Older People' and 'Keeping the spiritual light burning for people with dementia'. She has worked for 18 years with people with dementia, ten of those years in the Dumfries region. She has a wide range of experience and knowledge.

The reason for coming to speak to us is to encourage all churches to become more involved with those with dementia. There are many different types of dementia although we associate it with memory loss, and losing account of time. Medically it can become progressive.

Although the character of the person may have changed, it is essential that we remember that the patient is still the same person. Also it's important that we realise we must treat them carefully, not hassling them and causing them more anxiety. Dementia friendly communities are necessary where they can be themselves. Their daily needs are still the same and to make life easier for them signs that can be seen at their height are necessary for when they become disoriented. They still, like us have physical,

mental ,spiritual and emotional needs. Often they can be reached through music, nature and other stimulants.

Communication is very important, like us they have hopes, goals and purpose. It's good to talk with them and let them reminisce about the times they remember. Kneeling by them and touch can facilitate connection and conversation. It's good to involve their family.

A meeting has been arranged for February 7th, although it is hoped that there will be another meeting before this.

CHRIST CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday, 29th October 2016

10.00 a.m.-12 noon at Dalbeattie Town Hall

Your Church needs your help!!

Refreshments: it is asked that more savoury and less very sweet items be made.

Cake Stall: more savoury items please

Vintage Stall: items for Sue Thomas can be left at the back of the Church.

Books, DVDs and Jigsaws: donations can be left at the back of the Church. Muriel & Nicholas will store them until the sale.

Jam Jars: please leave at the back of the church.

Children's Funnies from Mochrum Parish Magazine

I had been teaching my three-year old, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally , she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer.

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, 'and deliver us from E-mail!"

I am sure Canon Bayne wishes he could be delivered from E-mails!! MP

CHRIST CHURCH GARDEN TEAS 2016

Three garden teas were held this year, the total monies raised is **£561.00**. Thanks are due to the hosts and their helpers and to the many visitors we had not only from Christ Church but from other Churches in the area and to friends and neighbours of the three hosts.

On **Tuesday, August 16th** Pam & Matthew Pumphrey hosted the first garden tea. On a glorious sunny afternoon, in glorious surroundings over 40 people enjoyed themselves eating and chatting.



L-R: Michael & Barbara, Pam, Matthew, Ruby & Keith- thanks to Stephanie Dewhurst for these photos

On **Wednesday, August 24th** Muriel & Nicholas Palmer (ably assisted by the ladies of the Chat & Craft Group) hosted the second garden tea. Over 20 people enjoyed their tea and fellowship on another sunny day. (Sorry no photos.)

The third tea was hosted by the Revd Beryl Scott and her band of helpers on **Wednesday, September 7th**; the weather this time did not cooperate so tea was indoors. At least there were no pesky wasps. Thanks to Ron Newton for the photographs.



Alison, Llyn & David

Beryl D

Celia with her son Roland

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The AGM will be on **Sunday 6 November**. Would everyone who would like to include a report on the life and work of their particular group, please send it to me for typing up by Sunday 16 October so that I can produce the Report for distribution on Sunday 30 October.

We are on the move in October, date not yet fixed, but your reports would be very gratefully received earlier, rather than later, so that I can get the document well on its way before we move. Many thanks, Edith.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, DBT and ST NINIAN'S, CD

Christmas Eve

4.00 p.m.	Christingle	St Ninian's
7.00 p.m.	Carol Service	Christ Church
11.30 p.m.	First Eucharist of Christmas	St Ninian's

Christmas Day

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Ninian's
10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	Christ Church
11.00 a.m.	Family Service	St Ninian's
12 noon	Holy Communion	St Ninian's

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, December 3rd 10 for 10.30 a.m. –3.00 p.m.

Advent Quiet Day at St Ninian's, CD. The day will be led by Bishop Gregor. ***Advent: an end and a beginning.***

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND



Our Harvest gifts for the Stewartry Food Bank

As for the past two years our Harvest Gifts were for the Stewartry Food Bank; it continues to amaze that the Church can look so beautiful filled with tinned and dried goods. Folks had been very busy getting the church ready for the Open Afternoon when not only could they view the decorated Church but be able to see the plans for the building work.

Over 30 people gathered to give thanks. It was good to see friends from other Churches and visitors joined us. After the service it was off to the Hall to enjoy the first ever Harvest Meal at Christ Church, let's hope it becomes the first of many.



What shall I have? Decisions, Decisions.

Mother Earth

Mother Earth, Mother Earth, take our seed and give it birth.
Father Sun, Gleam and glow, until the roots begin to grow.
Sister Rain, Sister Rain, shed thy tears to swell the grain.
Brother Wind, Breathe and blow, then the blade green will grow.
Earth and Sun, Wind and Rain, turn to gold the living grain.

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Healing Blankets



After a visit to church in Kentucky by Canon David Bayne and his wife Alison where this scheme has been most successful; Alison suggested that the making of these blankets be adopted by the Mothers' Union at St Ninian's. CD.

The blankets which are crocheted, knitted or sewn, and tied in a ribbon, are intended as a comfort to anyone who is undergoing grief or stress or illness. They are meant to show the recipients that they are being thought about and prayed for. Each one is

blessed by a member of the clergy and contain a prayer.

The idea was introduced to Christ Church by Helen Stephen, our then Rector's wife. Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from these just needs to take one and deliver it to that person.

At the back of the church there is a box of wool which can be used. The finished blankets need to be approximately 36 inches square. The squares can be knitted, crocheted or be made from material. Donations of wool and ribbon_always gratefully received.

You do not have to make enough squares for a completed blanket; just make as many as you can manage and leave the squares in the box.

After reading how a blanket (with prayer attached) gave comfort to a friend of Debbie's Mother*, **Beryl Dowgill** wondered about the reactions of other recipients. She writes:

'On a personal note - the blanket given to my great-great granddaughter was laid on her cot whilst in hospital and then wrapped around her for her funeral. The blanket brought a soft, warm comfort to Daisy. Her mum Megan also received comfort knowing that the blanket was made and given in love. Receiving positive feed-back is a great encouragement to the crafters making these blankets. Anyone willing to participate should get in touch with Jane Greenwood.'

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Our **Year 3 Mission Action Plan (MAP)** was signed-off on Sunday 28th August. Copies are available at the back of the Church for reference

Anne McWilliam, our facilitator, has advised that the MAP documents have been sent to the respective people and have now been posted on the Diocesan website. She said that it was lovely to meet so many people at the dedication service.



L-R:

Canon David Bayne

Edith Thorp

Anne McWilliam

Sue Thomas

Revd Mark Smith

(Thanks to Ron Newton
for the photo.)

Anyone who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist.

SAINT of the MONTH

Saint Regulus: 17th October

Regulus (or Rule) was a monk or bishop of the city of Patras, in present-day Greece, but, at the time, a part of the Roman Empire. In 345AD he was told by an angel in a dream that Emperor Constantine had decided to move the relics of St Andrew from Patras to Constantinople. Regulus was told to move as many bones as far away to the western ends of the Earth as possible; then he was to found a church dedicated to St Andrew. He was accompanied on his voyage by several consecrated virgins. He was either shipwrecked, or landed intentionally, at the Pictish settlement of Kilrymont, in Fife; this is now St Andrews. It is claimed he brought with him three fingers of the saint's right hand, the upper bone of an arm, one kneecap and one of his teeth. The church he founded would eventually develop into the cathedral of St Andrews.

There are, of course, other versions of how the relics of St Andrew reached Scotland.

In response to the request for memories of Christ Church, **Ann Little** has written about her Grandfather's move to Dalbeattie in the 1880s.

"In the 1880s quarry men arrived in Dalbeattie and opened the quarry at Craignair. They came from Leicester, my grandfather, James Stretton was a set-maker at the quarry. He came from Mount Sorrel and married my Grandmother who was a local girl. My Grandfather helped to build the Church; the inside was altered in the 1950s

They had three children, who were all christened and confirmed at Christ Church, as were me, my brother and three cousins.

The minister who confirmed us was the Reverend Watson. His daughter, Louise, was the Sunday School teacher and she helped with the confirmation classes."



"Nothing is wasted - the smaller stones are made into road sets and even the chips are used for road surfaces."

High angle shot of the landscape - small huts are scattered around.

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Mothers' Union News

Miranda Brignall reports:

Our new term started, on the 20th September, with an enjoyable Service of Dedication in St Ninian's, Castle Douglas, led by Canon David Bayne. There were hymns, prayers, Communion and an atmosphere of faith and fellowship.

After the service we adjourned to the Gordon Memorial Hall, where most of our meetings are held, for a soup lunch followed by tea/coffee.

Then Alison Bayne, the Joint Branch Leader, talked us through the coming year's programme, which will be the usual eclectic mix of topics of general interest.

The next meeting will be on 18th October, when the speaker will be Jeff Clayton from D&G Befriending.

New members are always welcome. A copy of the meeting schedule is attached to the noticeboard in Christ Church.

WORLD WAR ONE

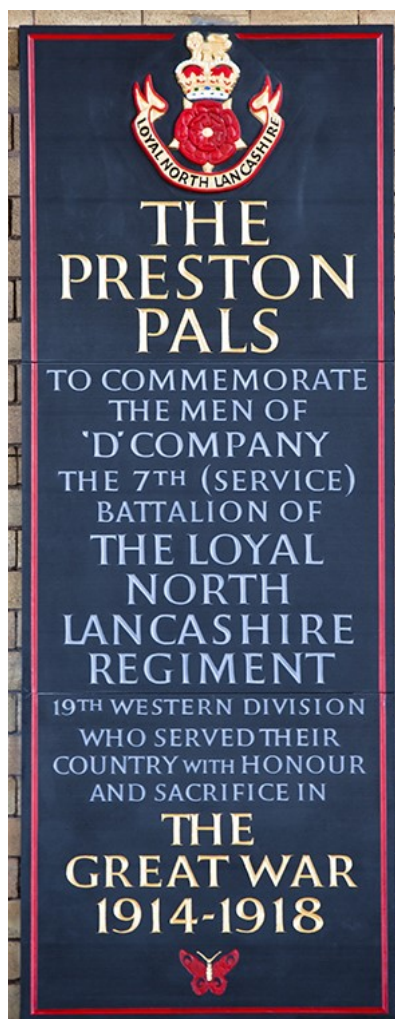
Muriel Palmer writes:

Whilst waiting for the train home from Preston I was fascinated to realise I was sitting in the waiting Room where so much happened during the Great War.

The Preston Soldiers' and Sailors' Buffet was set up in 1915 following concerns that many men were turning up in the town with no money for food or drink, having hurriedly left their jobs to join up. The women realised the town wasn't coping. They organised themselves into rotas, working 12-hour shifts to provide a 24-hour service in what is now the Stattin's waiting room.

As well as food and drink, there were pens and paper so the men could write home. Tired soldiers and sailors could also get some sleep, safe in the knowledge that the women would wake them up in time to catch their train.

When the troops didn't have time to get off their train, the women went onto the platforms to hand out tea in special mugs. Those mugs were often kept as souvenirs and even taken to the trenches. The Buffet operated beyond the end of the fighting until 1919. Millions of troops on their way to the battlefields of World War One were fed and watered thanks to round-the-clock efforts of a team of women volunteers at Preston railway station.



The Preston Pals War Memorial was installed on Preston Railway Station in July 2012; situated between platforms 3 & 4. It honours the men who volunteered to fight in World War One within 7th Battalion, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (now part of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment).

Until the plaque was put in place there was no official Memorial to the Preston Pals, so a board of trustees was created by Andrew Mather to honour the men who left from Preston Railway Station on their fateful journeys.



To Lancashire and Back

Muriel Palmer writes:

Many of our regular readers will know that I visit the Tabor Retreat House in Preston approximately once a year as it is a wonderful place to take time out from what is now a very stressful world. I made a fourth visit this September.

My first two visits in 2013 & 2014 gave me the opportunity to meet up with my sister and brother-in-law, Margaret & Bob; this extended in 2015 to meeting them and Alison Coolican and this year to meeting Brian & Elizabeth Woodburn as well! If many more friends move to the area I will need to stay longer.

My visit this year was planned round the fact that I wanted to be in Preston when the De Loitte Charity Ride 2016 passed through the city on the Wednesday I had hoped to meet up with Margaret & Bob to watch their son-in-law ride by. I soon realised that it would be nigh on impossible to spot him, so contented myself by following the action via the Internet. As it turned out the only day I could meet up with Margaret & Bob was on the Monday.

By coincidence that Monday was Alison Coolican's 80th Birthday, I visited Alison on the Tuesday and stayed overnight so we had chance to have a real good blether.

On Thursday it was off to Leyland to see the Brian & Elizabeth. I had travelled down by train so went to Leyland by bus; Brian met me at the Tesco bus stop. I had no idea Leyland was such a big place. It was lovely to see them settled into their new home. The weather was beautiful so we had lunch in the garden. After lunch I went a short walk with Elizabeth and their dog. And then after another blether Brian took me back to catch the bus back to Preston.

Ron Newton had visited them on the previous Sunday - I wonder who will be next to find their way there. Ron writes:

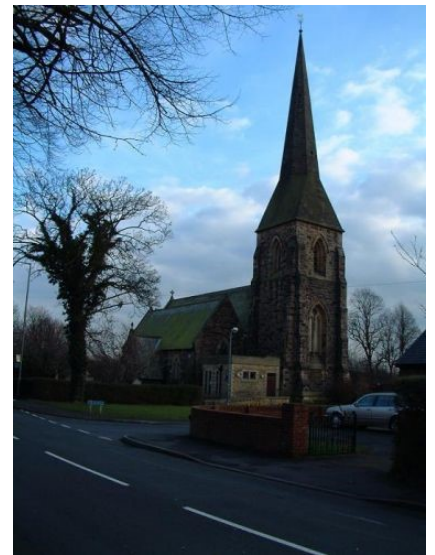
"It was good to see Brian and Elizabeth happy and settled in their new home in Leyland. I spent some time at Martin Mere Wetland Centre on my way south to my daughter's in Bristol and on the Sunday made the short journey to Leyland where I went to church with Brian and Elizabeth and afterwards to a nice pub for lunch which they very kindly paid for. I liked everything I saw – their lively and welcoming church and their comfortable and convenient house, nicely situated for making friends and for secluded walks in the forest with their little dog.

They sent their best wishes to everyone and I'm sure they would appreciate more visitors from Christ Church."



Brian and Elizabeth outside their new Church, St James. They can see the spire from their garden

There are four Church of England Churches; two Roman Catholic; two Methodist; one United Reform Church and one Greek Orthodox Church in Leyland.



On the Friday I had a quiet day at the Retreat House, joining the Friday Lectio Divina. And then back home on Saturday.

The Montages

Christ Church has recently adopted a practice from St Ninian's of presenting a montage to members of the congregation who move away from the area.

The first one was presented to Brian & Elizabeth Woodburn when they left Dalbeattie to move south to be nearer to their family.



As Alison Coolican's 80th Birthday coincided with Muriel Palmer's visit, a montage was created for Alison.

Alison's montage includes photographs of her time as a member of Christ Church, Dalbeattie and as a member of the Mothers' Union, St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.



Alison was delighted to receive her montage which has brought back fond memories of her time at Christ Church. She send her best wishes to all of us.



GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS

Having a visual focus in your place of prayer can help to eliminate some distractions. When the eyes wander, the mind follows. If we keep our eyes open and gaze on a cross, a candle, a picture or another object our ability to concentrate on our prayer increases.

From the Editorial Team

We said we would produce a monthly magazine until Christmas; your feedback is now requested.

Do you want **11 copies** a year (December/January will be a two month issue);
6 copies a year (as we had before)
or a **quarterly edition**?

Perhaps a decision can be made at the AGM.

Of historical interest you may like to know that in the 1960s & 1970s Christ Church had a monthly magazine; with adverts on the last two pages.

The **quiz** has not had a good response so this will be dropped.

The **What's On** page has been moved to the back cover, maybe there people will read it and transfer dates of interest to their diaries!! (I have copied this idea from the magazine of St Mary's, Whalley, Alison Coolican's church).

The cut-off date for copy for the November magazine is **Monday, 24th October**. The magazine will be in Church on the 30th October.

From a Christ Church Magazine dated December 1993:

Appealing for Church Funds, a minister said *"Those who smoke, put in the price of a packet of cigarettes. Those who drink, the price of a whisky. Those without sin can wrap up their halos in a £5 note"*.

Tailpiece

'I've got a confession to make' said the Rector's wife to him one evening. 'I've bought a new dress.' The Rector was reproachful. 'We did promise - no luxuries in Lent.' 'I know,' she replied. 'But I was taking a short cut through the department store, and I saw the prettiest dress, and I thought it wouldn't do any harm to just try it on. So I did and it looked really nice, and - well, Satan tempted me, and I fell.'

'But my dear!' cried the Rector. 'You should have said 'Get thee behind me, Satan!'

Oh I did' she said earnestly. 'But he said 'Looks just as great from the back.'

(From St John's, Dumfries Magazine March 2005.)

What's On in October at Christ Church and District

<u>Sunday, 2nd</u>	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
<u>Monday, 3rd</u>	10.30 a.m.	Study Group at Islecroft House
<u>Tuesday, 4th</u>	11.00 a.m. 12 noon	Holy Communion at House Group at 3 Blair Street
<u>Wednesday, 5th</u>	2-4 p.m. Parish Church.	Musical Minds at the Church Centre, Dalbeattie
<u>Thursday, 6th</u>	10.00 a.m. tbc 12 noon	Holy Communion Dean's Visitation to Christ Church, Dalbeattie House Group at Struanlea
<u>Sunday, 9th</u>	10.30 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Sung Eucharist Evensong at St Ninian's, CD
<u>Tuesday, 11th</u>	10 a.m.-12 noon	Hard of Hearing Drop-In Clinic at Christ Church Hall
<u>Thursday, 13th</u>	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Chat & Craft Group at 12 Park Terrace, DBT
<u>Sunday, 16th</u>	10.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Sung Eucharist Ecumenical Service at Munches Care Home. All welcome.
<u>Monday, 17th</u>	10.30 a.m.	Study Group at Islecroft House
<u>Tuesday, 18th</u>	12.30 p.m.	MU Meeting at St Ninian's, CD
<u>Thursday, 20th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>Sunday, 23rd</u>	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
<u>Tuesday, 25th</u>	2.30 p.m.	Julian Group at Savat
<u>Thursday, 27th</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>Saturday, 29th</u>	10a.m.-12 noon	AUTUMN BAZAAR at the Town Hall, Dalbeattie
<u>Sunday, 30th</u>	10.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Sung Eucharist Iona Service in the Gordon Memorial Hall, St Ninian's, CD