

*Scottish Episcopal Church*  
*Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway*

# Christ Church, Dalbeattie



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## **Services at Christ Church**

### **May**

31<sup>st</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY                      10.30 a.m.      Sung Eucharist

### **June**

7 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Trinity	8.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
14 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
21 <sup>st</sup> Third Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

### **July**

5 <sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
12 <sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
19 <sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> Eighth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

### **August**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

**There is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday at 10.00 a.m. at Christ Church.**

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

**Munches Park Care Home, Dalbeattie  
Third Sunday in the month**

**Ecumenical Service 2.00 p.m.  
All Welcome**

### **Peggy Roberts 1924 – 2015**

Margaret Mary Roberts, a former member of Christ Church died on the 12th March. Her funeral service was held at Roucan Loch Crematorium; friends from Christ Church were there. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Bishop Gregor's Easter Message - 2015

As I sit down to write this, in Passiontide, I am still reading Vladimir Grossman's *Life and Fate* (1960), one of the great Russian (or Soviet?) novels of the last century. At about page 480 I'm just a little more than half way through! It tells the story of the Soviet Union around the time of the Battle of Stalingrad through the interlocking lives and fates of a huge range of characters in a huge range of contexts – domestic, academic, political, military, prison and concentration camps. But the overwhelming context of the novel is the unspeakable suffering and destruction brought to human beings by totalitarian regimes and this soaks through every page. And yet, in many pages too, in the middle of all this, love, kindness, humour make their mark.

As I sit down to write this, like all of us, I am aware that not a day goes by in our world without the merciless, cruel and senseless killing of innocent people – terrorist attacks, suicide bombings, massacres of whole populations go on all the time. These things drench our consciousness. And we know not only that they can happen and indeed have happened here, but also that there are plenty of dark goings on in our own midst. And yet, these things are not the sum total of our experience of the world or of our life – in the middle of it all peace-making, reconciliation, justice make their mark.

And, as I sit down to write this, I am to offer you an Easter message. What to say? Well, something simple: Easter faith resonates with the experience of the world I've just described and speaks to it. Jesus himself was overwhelmed by the darkness of his world and destroyed by it, his attempt to speak of and live out a new kind of world, a new way of being in the world, snuffed out. And yet millions of us still speak of him, know him, worship him, follow him, still speak of and try to live out a new kind of world, often right in the midst of the worst the world can offer. And this, not because we are simple-minded optimists refusing to face the terrible facts, but because God raised Jesus from the dead, because God, in doing that, did not allow the darkness to have the last word and because we believe that what was true for Jesus Christ is true for us and for the whole world. God calls us, through the gift of Easter, to take the same view, as it were, that we should not allow the darkness to have the last word in our own day and in our own lives, and to rejoice in the evidences all around us that it does not. And having this faith we are bound to be people who persist in believing that the Light shines in the darkness and that the darkness has not overcome It and that, indeed, the Light will one day scatter all darkness from the face of the earth and from the whole creation. And that the world, as we experience it, already encourages us in this hope because it is God's world and because God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead is at home and at work in it.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Eastertide.

**+ Gregor**

*Anthony Duncalf, Honorary Secretary, has provided this summary of the Meeting of Christ Church Vestry held on 20th May, 2015*

- ♦ **Lighting**; the first stage of the electrical/lighting works outlined in our MAP documents has now been completed; some concerns over the lights at the front of church may need addressing. Possibly at Stage Two, rather than replace the existing pendant lights these might be supplemented by additional spotlights in the nave.
- ♦ **Noticeboard**; the Vestry approved designs for a new noticeboard, but this cannot be actioned until the works on the tower are complete. In the meanwhile a temporary banner has been attached to the railings, outlining our main services.
- ♦ **The Tower**; the architects have submitted plans for the construction of a ramp, and should be making a presentation to the planners at the end of this month relating to the proposed remodelling of the tower itself. Mr M. Gaffney has been asked to rectify the current problems with the temporary waterproof covering.
- ♦ **Rectory**; the current tenants have given notice to quit at the end of May. We will be looking to find a new tenant with effect from 1st July.
- ♦ **Clergy**; a possible curate has been provisionally identified by the College of Bishops, but he will not complete his training until Summer 2016. In the meantime, the Revd Mark Smith has agreed to make himself more available both for leading services and for pastoral duties at Christ Church and St Ninian's (details to be confirmed).
- ♦ **Canon Bayne** has indicated to the Bishop that he would be happy to proceed towards Induction as Rector of the to-be linked charges of St Ninian's and Christ Church - possibly in September, to be confirmed. Canon Bayne is also acting as Interim Priest-in-Charge to the linked charges of Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright. and St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet.
- ♦ **Harvest Festival**; is to be held on **4th October**, with produce to be donated to the Food Bank.
- ♦ The **Plant Sale** held on the **16th May**; was very well-attended; raised **£1,139**. (See page 14 for report.)

- ♦ The **Winter Sale** is to held on the **6th November** at Dalbeattie Town Hall; convenor needed.

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**Galloway Regional Meeting;** the meeting that was to be held on the 5th May at Moffat has been postponed until 6th July; this meeting will be held at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.

**Regional Ascension Day Service** was held at Christ Church, Dalbeattie. A well-attended service was led by the Rt Revd Gordon Mursell; the address was given by Canon David Bayne. After the service refreshments were served in the Hall.

**Dalbeattie and District Churches Together;** as reported in the last magazine Colvend and Southwick Church has joined the Group. The next scheduled event is for an **open-air service** to be held at the Band Stand in **Colliston Park** on the afternoon of **Sunday 2nd August** as part of the annual Civic week celebrations. There will be the opportunity for each member Church to vote on their favourite hymns for inclusion in the service. Further details nearer the time will be on the Church website and Facebook page.

*Anthony Duncalf*

Christ Church raised nearly **£1,000.00** for the **Bishops' Lent Appeal**; from the Lent Boxes; Lent Lunches and the sale to the end of March of the Recipe Booklet. Thanks to all concerned and many thanks to our visitors from outwith the Christ Church congregation.

The booklets will be available for purchase throughout the summer either direct from me or at the VIP, Dalbeattie.

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Christ Church **Summer Sale** is to held on **Wednesday, 22nd July**  
at **Colvend Village Hall;**      **10.00 a.m.-12 noon.**      Convenor - Robin Charlton

**Refreshments; Raffle; Tombola; Cake Stall; Craft Stall; Book Stall**



## Holy Week and Easter at Christ Church

There were daily services of Holy Communion at St Ninian's and Compline at both Churches on the first three days of Holy Week. On Tuesday of Holy Week a Chrism Mass was held at 12 noon for the Galloway Region.

On **Maundy Thursday** Bishop Gregor served at the service of Holy Communion at Christ Church. In the evening both he and Canon David Bayne attended Christ Church for the service of Stripping the Altar; before going to St Ninian's for the Eucharist of the Last Supper and the watch until Midnight.

On **Good Friday** they both joined us for the annual Good Friday Service of the **Cross at the Cross**. This was a well-attended Ecumenical Service.



The 'flower ladies' got to work on the Saturday to ready the Church for our Easter Sunday Services. The Church looked beautiful. On the evening of Easter Day a Joint Service of Eastertide Songs of Praise was held at Christ Church. After the service there was time for refreshments and fellowship.



*Above*  
*Right*

*Easter Garden*  
*Paschal Candle 2015*

*Keith Dennison has written this account of the concert given by the Balliol Consort at Christ Church on Tuesday, 5th May.*

The Balliol Consort gave a splendid performance in Christ Church to an audience of 61 including several children. Many of the choir had travelled long distances to sing and we are very grateful for that and for money generated on behalf of the tower fund. (Amount raised yet to be advised.)

This particular performance was, Marion's the conductor, penultimate as leader and I feel that the quality of the singing was a tribute to her expertise in bringing out the highest standard of singing from the very talented choir members. Fortunately Marion is not lost to the Balliol but is to continue as a choir member.

I felt that there was something for everyone in the music. I noticed at the beginning how appropriate the words were at the start of the first half of the programme, which summed up our last two years or so grappling with the leaky tower and the water running down the inner walls Those two words were "Blessed Weather".

This was a truly memorable musical evening and I hope that we can persuade the Balliol Consort to sing for us on a future occasion.



The **Balliol Consort** was founded in Dumfries in 1992, the choir draws its members from a wide area around Dumfries. Membership is by invitation but they are always keen to hear from singers with relevant experience who might be interested in joining.

The choir prides itself on an adventurous sacred and secular repertoire, ranging from medieval up to contemporary settings. Annually they perform four concerts in venues around the region, two at Christmas and two in the spring, usually for charity.

Visit their Facebook page for more information.



# PENTECOST 2015

Bishop Gordon was the celebrant at our Pentecostal Eucharist Service on the 24th May; as always he gave an excellent sermon, making us laugh but in such a way that his main message is never forgotten. The Church looked beautiful with flowers and the Pentecostal flames. We were encouraged to write on an individual paper flame a gift that we had been given by the Holy Spirit; these were later placed on the Altar.

After the service we were treated to a slice of the delicious Pentecostal Cake made by Edith Thorp. Thanks Edith.



## Barlochan Care Home, Palnackie



On the first Tuesday of the month the Revd Beryl Scott goes to the Home to take a service of Holy Communion. Many of the residents take part in the service.

I was 'chauffeur' for Beryl in April and took the chance to take a photograph. Several members of the congregation have been Beryl's chauffeur since she sold her car. MP

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





Visit St Ninian's website for more details

[www.stninianscastledouglas.org](http://www.stninianscastledouglas.org)

The **April meeting** was held on Tuesday, 21st April; the speaker was Graham Brignall who gave a very insightful talk about a Chaplain who served in WW1.

The **May meeting** was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May; when we had a most interesting and thought-provoking talk about the work of Women's Aid.

Alison Coolican has been a member of St Ninian's Branch since her move to Scotland,



during which time she has been a very hard-working member. Jenny Wright presented her with a small memento of her time with the Branch. She moves to her new home in Lancashire at the beginning of June we all wish her well in this new phase of her life. She has been a member of the

Mothers' Union for over 48 years.

The meeting to be held on the **16th June** will be a Service of Enrolment in the Church; this will be followed by a buffet lunch in the Rectory Garden (weather permitting).

Thanks to Graham Brignall for these questions:

*'If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree-surgeons debarked and dry-cleaners depressed?'*

*'Why is it when someone tells you that there are a million stars in the Universe, you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch to check?'*

In the last magazine we read about **Vanessa Martin's** time at the first three hospitals she worked in, during her long and varied nursing career. She started her student nursing days at **The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street**; she then worked at **The Hammersmith Hospital** and at **Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton**, London. In this magazine we will learn about her time at **The Royal Brompton Heart and Chest Hospital**, **North Cambridgeshire Hospital** and at **the Nottingham University Hospitals**

In the 70's, I was appointed Night Sister at **The Royal Brompton Heart and Chest Hospital**. At that time one could not become a Day Sister running a ward until one had done at least a year as a Night Sister. I was responsible for the children's unit, and some nights was also allocated adult wards to oversee. We then had bleeps for staff to call us but my routine was checking the morning and evening drugs, teaching, giving advice, helping out in a crisis and attending emergency situations. I also had to contact families if there was a death, and take enquiries especially from the press. This was again a high profile hospital with patients flown to us from around the world especially from Saudi Arabia, whose government paid to have many children sent to us with congenital heart complaints. I remember a night when 2 children collapsed in one bay. As we only had one emergency trolley, we were throwing equipment from the trolley on to the beds.

Leaving London was difficult, and I expected any hospitals outside London to be far less demanding. This was not the case; the first ward of my own was a children's ward at the **North Cambridgeshire Hospital**. It was here that I experienced my first Major Incident in 1979. I was the Senior Nurse in charge of the hospital when two Harrier Jump Jets touched wings over the town of Wisbech and one of the Harriers crashed into a housing estate. One never expects to implement a Major Incident Plan, though it is frequently revised, but it all went very smoothly. The theatres stopped operating and all medical and surgical staff came to the casualty department. Off-duty staff came in voluntarily. A ward was cleared for patients and the Lady Almoner, (now a social worker whom hospitals used to employ) knew everyone who came through the door and gave us a thorough history of the casualties. One pilot was brought in by ambulance with a leg injury and I just managed to clear a side ward so he was on his own. The RAF were remarkably

prompt at collecting the pilot, landing their helicopter on the hospital drive, so no one else could get in, and rushing him out on a stretcher. The unfortunate result of the crash was that three people died but many survived under miraculous circumstances.

### Postscript

I worked for another 27 years in the NHS making a total of 40 years service. I was the Ward Sister/ Manager (Senior Charge Nurse, as they are now referred to) of three more wards. One was an adult surgical ward which I ran for 8 years and the other two were children's wards which I ran for over 10 years. I also worked as a practice nurse at a GP surgery. I was fortunate to work with two Directors of Nursing Services in the **Nottingham University Hospitals** for my last 16 years in the NHS who encouraged and supported staff who wanted to improve services.

With such support I served on a government steering committee reorganising cleft services for children nationally. I was the Nursing Standard "**Nurse of the Year**" in 2000. I worked as a Nurse Consultant. In my last 2 years as the Clinical Director of my service; I was supported to do my degrees and I was given special leave to work in Romania annually. The **Royal College of Nursing** offered me a Fellowship in 2008.



*Night Sister at the  
Royal Brompton Hospital*



*Children's Ward North  
Cambridgeshire Hospital*



*Working in Romania*

I am still passionate about the NHS and worried that many of the problems in hospitals today are as a result of huge cuts to frontline staff. In **Midstaffs. Hospital** at the time of the scandal 2 Registered Nurses and 3 Health Care Support Workers

could be caring for 42 elderly patients on a ward at night. (Health Care Support Workers have taken over the role that students used to perform.) In 2010 the Audit Commission stated that "A hospital's costs can be significantly cut by moving to the lowest levels of nursing staff". The Safe Staffing Alliance argues that there should be minimum staff ratios of 1 Registered nurse to a maximum of 7 patients.

Unlike the general public who believe we should bring back the old style Matron, many of us believe that bringing back the old style Ward Sister would improve patient care. During the past two decades, the traditional role of the Ward Sister has been eroded. It needs now to be reinstated. There must be one manager on a ward who is supernumery, visible and not expected to have a patient caseload. This manager should have 24 hour responsibility for all patients and be ultimately responsible for all staff, their actions and their training. Patients and staff need to know and trust the chain of command.

Vanessa is a member of the Balliol Consort; see page 7 for an account of the concert held at Christ Church on the 5th May. Vanessa's husband, the Revd John Martin is one of several retired clergy who take services at the Episcopal Churches in the Stewartry and especially at St Mary's Gatehouse of Fleet and at Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright. See page the next page for information about these churches.



Over the last few months I have written articles about the Churches who are part of Churches Together in Dalbeattie & District. I have decided it would be good to write about the other Episcopal Churches in the Stewartry; in this issue St Mary's, Gatehouse and Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright. In the next magazine I will include an article about St Ninian's, Castle Douglas and St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway. MP

The churches of Greyfriars and St Mary's were linked in 1923. They are in vacancy; the Interim Priest-in-Charge is Canon David Bayne (Rector of St Ninian's, Castle Douglas).

They have bought a new Rectory for a new incumbent; and are now inviting applications for the post of Rector. Details can be found on the Diocesan website and on the website of the two churches.

[www.glasgowanglican.org.uk](http://www.glasgowanglican.org.uk)

[www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk](http://www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk)

This is a full-time position offering the opportunity to minister to the congregations of two beautiful churches in an area of outstanding natural beauty in Dumfries and Galloway. The two towns are seven miles apart. The two churches are progressing very well during this time and a very warm welcome is given to all visitors to Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse of Fleet. So please visit them.. Service times are:

**Sundays:**        9.30 a.m.     Sung Eucharist at St Mary's  
                     11.00 a.m.     Eucharist with Hymns at Greyfriars.

**Wednesdays**        9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's

**Thursdays**        10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Greyfriars



*Sue Thomas has written this report of this year's very successful Plant Sale*

Saturday 16th May dawned brightly and, preparations completed, we were all ready for the doors to be opened at 10 am to the gardening enthusiasts of Dalbeattie. The plants, as always, looked wonderful stretching out in serried ranks and disappeared at an amazing rate. Like all well-run events - many thanks to Robin Charlton, who tirelessly kept us moving forward before, during and after - it must have seemed easy to those who came, ate, drank, blethered and raffled.

Behind the scenes, of course, it was a different story. Our gardeners began their preparations long ago. George Thomas began sowing seeds in February and had been taking cuttings and dividing plants throughout the previous year. I have no doubt that Julie Dennison and Celia Hanbury did the same. The patience and forward-thinking of gardeners never ceases to amaze me! The same story is true of the Chat and Craft Group who also produced a table of delights showcasing their many skills.

Thanks to Elizabeth Woodburn and her bakers the refreshments looked gorgeous, enticing us all to eat and drink more than we meant to. The atmosphere in the hall was 'buzzing' and those anticipating the raffle were, as ever, not disappointed. Despite her incapacity Llyn Glendinning did us proud with her famous hampers and wonderful tombola (more forward planning).

This year we were delighted to welcome the Revd Mark Smith as our priestly presence and enjoyed his humour as he announced the raffle winners. All in all, it was a very successful and enjoyable event raising a much-needed **£1,134** for church funds and strengthening our presence in the town. A big thank you to all who supported it in so many different ways.



**1 Billy Glendinning at the Tombola Stall**

**2 Elizabeth Woodburn & Miranda Brignall with the food!**

**3 George Thomas at the Plant Stall**

**4 The Raffle winners being announced**

**This has been copied (with permission) from the Spring 2015 Mochrum Parish Magazine. *Have you something similar to share with our readers?***

### **Life in the 1500s**

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the temperature of the water isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s.

Most people married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub of hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of nice clean water; then all the sons and other men would have a bath. The women came next and finally the children,. Last of all the babies had their bath but by then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, 'Don't throw out the baby with the bath water!'

Also from this magazine; this gem of 'Holy Humour':

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

*'Is there anything breakable in here?'* asked the postal clerk.

*'Only the Ten Commandments.'* answered the lady.

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The dead-line for articles for the next magazine **August/September 2015** is the **15<sup>th</sup> July**; the magazine will be available on **Sunday, 26 August 2015**.

Articles from the wider community in the Stewartry are most welcome and from friends in other parts of the UK..



**WWI Memories** - apologies yet again for the delay in organising a gathering of story-tellers. The delay is due to many problems but I hope, and I do mean hope to be able to organise something during June. Muriel Palmer.

**ANOTHER SCHOOL TRIP** to the **WWI BATTLEFIELDS**; in this article Graham Brignall recounts a school visit to the Somme area.

In 2003 a colleague and I decided to take another mixed group of 12- and 13-year-olds on a battlefields trip to France. It covered a wide range of dates, ranging from Crecy and Agincourt to the Normandy beaches. One day was devoted to the Somme area. It is always difficult to know how to do justice to the Somme area in just a day, so we started by visiting the grave of a former pupil of the school, though it gave everyone much to think about when an inscription on a shared headstone read “believed to be buried here”. Nevertheless, we laid a wreath and said a prayer, before moving on to **Serre Road No.1 Cemetery**, where 8 thousand war dead lay buried. One of the boys quickly spotted the grave of a German soldier and asked, “*Why is he buried here; I thought it is a British cemetery?*” I replied, “*He was probably a Christian and was buried as a Christian, where he fell; we owed that to him.*” On closer inspection the children discovered the graves of Chinese, Indians and even some Jews, much to their surprise. I explained that that is what war does, it does not choose who dies and who survives, only God can do that.

We moved on to the **Thiepval Memorial** via the grave of another former pupil, and the children had time to explore the panels of names of the more than 75 thousand missing; most of them managed to find someone with the same surname as their own.

Finally we went to **Vimy Ridge** and explored the tunnels leading to the trenches. Just by the entrance an unexploded Allied shell (now made safe) is wedged into the wall of the tunnel, pointing towards the enemy. It is a wonderful example of how so many shells fell short of their target and caused death by what is known as friendly fire. Much of the terrain of the Ridge is cordoned off as it is still dotted with unexploded shells. The signs of warfare are still visible everywhere, not least all the Commonwealth cemeteries which seem to lie every mile along the roads.



*Thiepval Memorial © CWGC*



*Vimy Memorial © CWGC*



This year there has already seen so many milestone memorials of battles fought in both World Wars. Some of these are:

**WW1                      26th April 2015                      100th Anniversary of the start of the Gallipoli Campaign.**



**HELLES MEMORIAL** Amongst the many that made the ultimate sacrifice at Gallipoli are twenty men who are remembered on the Dalbeattie War Memorial. There are 146 names on the War Memorial. Thirteen of these men attended the Dalbeattie Higher Grade Public School. The other seven men have graves.

**WW2                      8 May 2015                      70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day**

There was a whole weekend of events to mark this very important day, however, for many it was not such a joyous occasion, either because they had lost one or more loved ones or because like my father (and thousands more) they were still fighting in the Far East. Victory in Japan (VJ) Day was not achieved until 15th August 1945.



*Family friend Edna with friend Kay feeding the pigeons in Trafalgar Square on the 28 May 1945. Edna & Kay were WAAFs and served at Chicksands Priory, nr Bletchley Park, MP*



*Shepherd Lad (formerly Ferry Nymph)*

**WW2                      21 May 2015                      75th Anniversary of the evacuation from Dunkirk.**  
My friend Jenni Gray, with her late husband Peter Saunders, took part in the **50th Anniversary of the Dunkirk Evacuation** as owners of a Little Ship, **Ferry Nymph**.

**WW1                      22 May 2015                      100th Anniversary of the Quintinshill Railway Disaster at Gretna Green.**

## What's On June/July 2015

### June

**Tuesday, 9th**      12.30-2.00 p.m.      Maxwell Hall Dalbeattie

**Theological Reflection Meeting;** the speaker will be Father Joe Boland, parish priest of St Bride's Church, West Kilbride. He will present a brief history of Pope Francis.

**Monday, 22nd**      7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.      St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.

**Bishop Gregor's Lecture on the Gospel of St John.**

### July

**3rd-5th July**      **A Flower Festival** is to be held at **Urr Church** during these three days; refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

**Sunday 5th**      **Joint Service at Urr Parish Church** with Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon to **celebrate 100 years** since the current Urr Church opened in 1915

**Monday, 6th**      **Galloway Regional Meeting** (this will be the meeting postponed from the 5th May) at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.

**Wednesday, 22nd**      10.00 a.m-12 noon      **Christ Church Summer Sale** at Colvend Village Hall.

### Dates for your diary

**August 2nd**      **Dalbeattie and District Churches Together;** open-air service Band Stand Colliston Park. More details to follow.

**October 4th**      10.30 a.m.      **Harvest Festival** Christ Church, Dalbeattie.  
Donations for Food Bank'

3.00 p.m.      A Service to launch the **Scottish Episcopal Institute** will take place in **St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.**

### Healing Blankets

Over the last few months we have been given many blankets from the stock held by St Ninian's Mother's Union. They are now running out of stock so PLEASE CAN YOU HELP by knitting or crocheting squares. The squares need to be 6x6 inches; the finished blanket being 36x36 inches plus edging. There is a box of wool at the back of the church please help yourselves. Donations of wool and/or ribbons will be gratefully received.

Both St Ninian's and Christ Church receive positive feedback from recipients. The blankets are there for anyone to have for friends, family or for themselves. A prayer is enclosed in the blanket.      **Jane Greenwood**

## **Groups and Activities**

### **Chat and Craft Group**

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

### **Hard of Hearing Group**

**Church Hall, Dalbeattie**      10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Monthly on  
Second Tuesday  
Contact person: Mrs Jenny Edkins      01556 611740

### **House Groups** (Ecumenical)

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

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

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

### **Julian Group** (Ecumenical)

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

**Apologies are due to the Revd Yvonne Glass.** In the last magazine I added old pictures of the Hospital Chapel at Nottingham Hospital. I have been unable to find photos of the new Chapel. Yvonne has written 'that that chapel hasn't been used for around 30 years which is why it looks so forlorn! We had a lovely space to use as a sacred space, the cross that you see on google images, made from driftwood was behind the altar and much admired.' MP

## Who's Who

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