

Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Christ Church, Dalbeattie



Issue No. 2

September 2014

Sunday Services

August

31 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

September

7 September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6.30 p.m. Taize Service

14 September Holy Cross Day 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

21 September St Matthew 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

28 September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 10.30 a.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

October

5 October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Midweek Service

Thursday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Third Sunday in the month All Welcome

TOUCHÉ!

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read, ***"I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."***

When he returned, he found a parking ticket from a traffic warden along with this note, ***"I've circled this block for ten years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."***

Copied with permission from St Ninian's Summer Review 2014.

Dear Friends

In the course of June, the congregations of St. Ninian's, Castle Douglas and Christ Church, Dalbeattie, each agreed in principle to the establishment of a linked charge. The two Vestries will now meet with the Bishop or his nominee to work out a memorandum of agreement between them. It is hoped this will be ready for scrutiny by the Annual Meetings of the congregations in the Autumn.

This has the potential to be an exciting time, with the expected appointment of a Curate next year, and the opening up to both charges of the ministries of the several distinguished clergy who have recently retired to this area. They have been officiating at Dalbeattie in rotation for some time and will be introduced to Castle Douglas over the coming months. There will also be opportunities for the development of lay ministries in both places. Meanwhile, "The Auld Rector" will be trying to get his head around how all this talent and energy can best be applied to the purposes of the Kingdom.

A new Rector will also be appointed to Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse, and it is intended that all the clergy resident in the Stewartry will operate as a team. For the moment, though, the vacancies at Dalbeattie and Kirkcudbright/Gatehouse will be continued, until we have developed an organisational structure that we believe will work.

Inevitably, this means there will have to be adjustments to the way we go about our shared ministry here. And, because I hate change as much as anyone else, I shall be working to try to ensure that whatever emerges will be a positive experience for us. The new structure will have to be seen to enhance the experience of ministry for the people of the Stewartry, and not be merely a matter of administrative convenience for the diocese. Watch this space.

I pray that, as these matters develop, you will all continue to enjoy this –so far–splendid summer, that the Commonwealth Games will lift our spirits, and the Referendum do nothing to dampen them!

Yours in Christ's service,

David Bayne

From the Editor

I would like to thank everyone for the positive comments about the first edition of our new format magazine. Especial thanks are due to the people who sent such interesting articles for inclusion. It has been a positive tool of outreach which is most encouraging.

The answer to the question - '*How often do you want the Magazine to be produced?*'; was 2-monthly. Therefore, as I have so much material for this edition and to be able to get the bi-monthly editions into the correct pairings this edition is for September only. The next edition will be for October/November; so copy for this magazine to me please by 15th September. Thank you.

Many, many thanks to Sue Thomas for the new image of Christ Church.

Muriel Palmer



The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

SEA SUNDAY 2014

In a letter to the Charges of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Primus the Most Revd David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane endorsed this year's theme 'Trade Journey' and encouraged us to mark this day. As, one of my best friends, Jenni Gray, has worked for the Mission for many years both as a paid employee and as a volunteer, it was inevitable that my thoughts would turn her. With Canon David Bayne's approval and the approval of the Officiant for that Sunday, the Revd Beryl Scott, Jenni was invited in her capacity as a Director & Trustee of Mission to Seafarers, Scotland to come and speak to us about the work of the Mission. Jenni told us of the many aspects of the Mission's work using the example of the journey made by a tea-bag. A retiring collection was held for the Mission, over £65.00 was raised.

Jenni goes nowhere without her clutch of knitting patterns - hats, balaclavas, fingerless mittens, scarves and more - that are needed for the Seafarers. If you can help in this project please ask for patterns. Finished goods can be passed to me and I will ensure that Jenni gets them.

Muriel Palmer

To learn more about the Mission's work visit their website

Theological Reflection at St. Peter's Church Hall

Revd Beryl Scott

On Tuesday 24th June, the **Sixth Theological Reflection** was held at St Peter's Hall, Dalbeattie. The Revd Dr. Frances Henderson; talked about ***"Language, Religion and National Identity"***.

Frances, a young Church of Scotland Minister, gave us a very interesting and lively talk on the importance of language using Lowland Scots and English to illustrate its importance in the history of Britain, not only affecting local communities but also religion, politics and everyday living. All languages often produce dialects in different regions and liable to cause lack of communication at times.

At the reformation there was a revival in schools and in the use of the English language. John Knox and his compatriots produced the Church's Confession in the English language not in Scots. At this time there was no revival of Scottish Gaelic. This differed in Wales when the country experienced a great religious revival which also revived the Welsh language.

Frances illustrated her talk with poems and literature, spoken and on screen, and we looked at the affect of language in culture, politics and religion, and its history.

One event which greatly affected the use of English in both Scotland and England was the production of the **King James Bible** with its influence not only on religion but also on secular writing. The churches in Scotland and England accepted it as the standard translation. Although in Scotland cultural activities mostly used the local language, the Church of Scotland relied on the English language for its Confession of Faith and other religious writings.

Questions and comments were made from those present and we all learned much about the importance of language in uniting countries as well as at times being a barrier

The **Seventh Theological Reflection Meeting** is to be held on Tuesday, 21st October, 2014 at St Peter's Hall, Dalbeattie. The speaker will be Dr Margie Tolstoy (Retired Lecturer in Theology and Ethics, University of Cambridge) on the topic of ***"Christianity, the Bible and Judaism"***. Dr Tolstoy is an authority on Holocaust studies and on Christian attitudes to Judaism.



St Ninian's Mothers' Union meets monthly on Tuesdays, September-June at 12.30pm. Contact Branch Leaders, Mrs Ann Gault (01556 502583) or Mrs Elizabeth Woodburn (01556 610519).

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16 September at Castle Douglas.

Website of St Ninian's CD

www.stninianscastledouglas.org.uk

Website of Mothers' Union

www.muscotland.org.uk

Churches Together in Dalbeattie and District

Service for Peace and Reconciliation

On Friday 8th August, Churches Together in Dalbeattie & District held a Service for Peace and Reconciliation to mark the centenary of the start of the Great War. The service, held at Christ Church Episcopal Church, was extremely well-supported with almost 70 people attending from various churches (and none) around the area. Readings and prayers from representatives of the four member churches reflected upon the sacrifice of those who died in the First World War and the on-going cost of armed conflicts, before inviting the congregation to join in asking forgiveness for those of our own attitudes which contribute to on-going injustice and hostility, and to pray for a growth in the things which lead to peace.

Following the service, many of the congregation took the opportunity to meet over refreshments, and take in a very informative display reflecting the part played by Dalbeattie residents in the events of the Great War.

Our thanks go to the ministers and congregations of the Dalbeattie Churches who supported this event, particularly to the various readers, Maggie Kelt, our volunteer organist, and Muriel Palmer for her research in putting together the display.

Anthony Duncalf



From the Registers

Blessing 28th June, 2014

Anthony Duncalf & Joseph Duncalf

Marriage 2nd August, 2014

Francis Edward Dickinson & Jacqueline Ann Campbell

A quote from Kay Whitby of Colvend Parish Church:

"For a new start, ask God for a new heart."

The Church Tower

The Revd Canon David Bayne has provided an updated summary of his report of 2nd July 2014 which was sent to the Bishop, the Dean, the Diocesan Architect and the Vestry.

The tower of Christ Church has been troublesome for at least two generations due to water ingress. Having followed the Diocesan architect's advice in instructing the contractors for the current round of repairs, we had thought that the worst of the trouble was now over: the tower was drying out nicely over the summer and the last element of the project was to replace the porch ceiling and redecorate. Sadly, when the ceiling was removed on the 25th June, it became clear that there had been a (very expensive) bodge-up a number of years ago that had left the joists soaked and incubating dry rot.

As the joiner stripped out the damaged woodwork, it became evident that the infection had travelled, and the whole tower/porch is now stripped back to the stonework. An unsuitable metal support beam was removed and replaced with concrete cills.

At a site meeting held on the 1st July, 2014 between the main contractor, Michael Gaffney, the joiner, Richard Brown, the Property Convener, George Sims, the Vestry Lay Chair, Keith Dennison, Mr Alfred Thorp and myself, it was agreed that Messrs Gaffney and Brown would produce asap a quotation for the cost of this new and inescapable work.

The plan is not to reinstate the plastered finish in the porch but to clean and point the stonework, leaving it and the ceiling joists (which will be finished and stained) exposed. It is hoped that, combined with the waterproof membrane that will be reinstated above the ceiling, the improved ventilation and visibility will bring to an end a long and expensive saga – and much improve the appearance of the porch at the same time. Some repairs and re-plastering will also be necessary around the doorway inside the Nave.

There is some further work to be done on the specification, so the quotation is not yet finalised. The current estimate is of the order of £13K, which is rather less than originally feared. I am presently in discussion with the Diocesan Property Committee on the necessary paperwork under Canon 35 and on the possibility of an emergency grant towards the cost. This process is always akin to wrestling with an octopus, but I hope to have positive news by mid-September.

Unfortunately, this essential work means that the work on the first phase of the lighting scheme has had to be further postponed – *but not cancelled*.

World War One



As many of you know I am researching the names of the fallen named on the several Memorials in Dalbeattie & District. The Roll of Honour for the Fallen Comrades of the Royal British Legion Scotland, Dalbeattie Branch together with the Roll of Honour of those who went to serve from the Colliston United Free Church, Dalbeattie are held at Dalbeattie Parish Church. The Kirkgunzeon Roll of Honour to those who went to serve is held in Kirkgunzeon Parish Church but is to be moved (now that Kirkgunzeon Church has closed) to the Kirkgunzeon Memorial Hall. The Roll of Honour to the former pupils of the Dalbeattie Higher Grade School is held in the Dalbeattie Museum, but when the new Dalbeattie High School is opened, the Roll will be moved to the School

I am planning to publish a book about these men and women; to include a short bio together with the details of the one or more memorials where their sacrifice is recorded. I am fully aware of the many records held on the Internet (this after all is where I have found most of my information) but as a retired librarian I know that many prefer the printed page even when they have computer access. I hope to have this book ready by the end of October. Copies will be provided for all the Churches, the Ewart and Dalbeattie Library. Before publication I will obtain Copyright permission for the material I have downloaded from the Internet.

Concurrently to this project I am collecting stories from members of the Christ Church Congregation about what their relatives did in this War. I am happy to collect stories from anyone who has a story to tell and is prepared to share it.. To date I have 12 story-tellers with 24 stories. If you do not have much information about your relatives I am happy to see if I can find out anything for you. The planned date for publication of this booklet has been postponed to Spring 2015. This is to give more time for new story tellers to take part in the project.



Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red

Each hand-made poppy planted in the moat will be available to purchase for £25.00 (+p&p) and 10% from each poppy, plus all net proceeds will be shared equally amongst six service charities.

Visit the website of the Tower of London for more information



Keith Dennison has written an account of how Dr John McCrae came to write his famous poem ***In Flanders Fields***. Unfortunately there is not room in the magazine to print it all. The full story will be included in the Christ Church book of memories and is well worth reading.

The Poem was written in May 1915 by John McCrae following the brutal death of a friend struck down by a shell. It was published anonymously on December 8th of the same year in Punch magazine in England. The public response to the poem was overwhelming and the poet's identity subsequently revealed. The poem rapidly became the most popular English poem of the Great War as it became widely circulated. In just fifteen lines John McCrae had captured the essence of the mood and feelings of the times.

After the publication of John McCrae's poem in 1915 the poppy gradually became the universal symbol of remembrance. The scarlet poppies worn today are a symbol of remembrance and new life, just like the blooms which John McCrae saw in 1915 on the battle fields of Flanders inspiring him to write these epic and unforgettable lines.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

**Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



World War 1 reflection by the Most Revd David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. On the 4 August 2014 he said:

"The Centenary of the outbreak of the conflict which became the First World War deserves quiet reflection with humility on the part of people, nations and their leaders around the world. During the next four years, we shall constantly be reminded of the unimaginable suffering and loss of that period.

It seems that we have learned little during the past century. The world is beset by vicious conflicts, and suffering continues unabated. It is a particular concern that global institutions such as the United Nations seem relatively impotent and unable to fulfil the hopes of people across the world for a peaceful and just world order.

People of faith as always must commit themselves to prayer and to the task of building peace. Peace-making is as much a spiritual as a political task. Our prayer must be that the suffering of the past will not have been in vain."

Christ Church Retreat to Cumbrae 7-9 July 2014 Revd Beryl Scott

This year the retreatants came from different churches and different denominations which made for a good mix of personalities which created a wonderful fellowship.. We were blessed by dry weather which enhanced our stay. As usual we were very well looked after by the staff of the Cathedral of the Isles. The Warden, David Todd, was on a course so we were ably looked after by Anthea Clarke. Her friend Wendy came to visit her and we delighted to learn that Wendy had been confirmed at Christ Church when she was 18; she had been a pupil at Dalbeattie Primary School and Kirkcudbright Academy. Both Anthea & Wendy are members of Holy Trinity, Ayr; the Church where Kenneth & Helen now worship.

There was free time for us to be able to do our own thing, be that resting in our rooms, walking up to the viewpoint at 'The Glaid Stone'. Sue and Muriel stayed an extra night and before going for a meal with Anthea and Wendy; Wendy, Sue & Muriel held a service of Evening Prayer in the Cathedral.

Our Retreat Leader was Father William McFadden, VG; the Priest of the the four RC Churches in the Stewartry. He spoke about *Encountering the Risen Lord; Entering into the Mystery of the Resurrection Narrative*.

Before beginning the first of the four sessions Father William reminded us that retreats were a time of winding down, relaxing and sleep, letting the Spirit speak to us as we listened to God. At each session we read the resurrection passage prayerfully at the beginning and end of the four differing accounts. The background of each narrative influenced the author's view point, depending on the time written and the recipients of the story. This helped us to understand the differences between the Gospel accounts, for each situation was greatly influenced by the period in which it was written, many years after the event and in times of persecution.

We began with **Mark**, the first Gospel written and used as a basis for each of the others. Mark's short account was an encounter with the good news of Jesus. There was no mention of the Old Testament and probably written for Roman converts, who were struggling with 'Jesus as the Son of God'. In each Gospel women were first to see the resurrected Jesus, and entrusted with the mission of telling others. The number of the women and their emotions differed. Mark records fear and astonishment and a lack of faith, and they left the scene telling no one. The women were challenged just as we are. We too have fears and need to encounter God through prayer and be assured as we ask 'where, who and why.'

Matthew's Gospel was written in a time of severe persecution. He has a background of Judaism and is eager to teach that the authority of Jesus is greater than that of Moses. He doesn't reject Judaism but uses it to show Jesus as its fulfilment. Events recorded show the power of Jesus and although the women show fear, also joy and respond by taking the message to the disciples that they must go to Galilee to see the risen Lord. God is presented as Trinity and the mission is to all the world.

Luke's Gospel is for the Gentiles bringing out the compassion of Jesus to the poor, outcasts and women. He records the prayerfulness of Jesus. Three women encounter the risen Christ. Similarly to Matthew there are other events added to Mark's account, especially in the resurrection story, introducing the Emmaus appearance and importance of journeying. His emphasis is on repentance, forgiveness and peace and the role the scriptures play. Christ's suffering leads to glory. He sets the scene for the importance of the Eucharist, and God's presence in the Spirit.

John's Gospel is very different from the others, written later. Jesus is never represented as the victim but always in charge, even in death. He is the divine Jesus from the beginning of creation and blessed are those who believe without seeing. Darkness leads to light. Only Mary sees Jesus and takes the good news to the disciples. The risen Christ is the Son of God not the Jesus of history, his resurrected body renewed.

We all returned from our retreat refreshed by the wonderful two days we experienced from our sessions and times of worship.



Back Row L-R Pat Hindle, Paul Hindle, Keith Dennison, Julie Dennison, Judi Duck, Stephanie Dewhurst, Sue Thomas, Revd Beryl Scott, Muriel Palmer, Father William McFadden, Edith Thorp, Alfred Thorp, Edna Elliot-McColl, Matthew Wright, Jenny Wright

Front Row L-R Vivienne Sims, Beryl Dowgill, Pat Miles, Marion Blake, Glennis Taverner

Visit the website of St Ninian's, CD for Jenny & Judi's account of the Retreat.

Christ Church Summer Sale at Colvend Village Hall

On the 30th July a very successful Sale was held; the wonderful sum of more than £1,200 was raised for Church Funds. Many thanks are due to so many people for all their hard work but especial thanks are due to Robin Charlton, Convenor.

Here are a few photos of the lull before the storm!



Llyn and Billy Glendinning getting ready to sell raffle tickets; they will soon be getting writer's cramp!!



Elizabeth Woodburn and Jane Greenwood ready to sell the cakes.



Ruth Jardine looking at the books before running around serving refreshments. I wonder if it is a cook book?



Pam Horner and Pat Miles getting their stall ready - clothes & shoes



The next Christ Church Sale will be the Winter Sale. This is to be held on Saturday, 29th November in the Upper Room at Dalbeattie Town Hall. 10.00 a.m.-12 noon.

Sue and Little Clyde's Adventures

You may remember how I was commissioned earlier this year to make a piece of artwork for the Commonwealth Games. On Thursday 19th June, the day that the Queen's Baton was carried through Galloway, I went with the Feral Choir and sang a welcome to it in Castle Douglas, on to Kirkcudbright and lastly to Stranraer. It was a very happy day with large crowds at each venue, including lots and lots of primary school children, sunshine and blue skies. At Stranraer there were speeches and presentations and I saw my work handed over to the Grenadian and Northern Ireland representatives along with other greetings from the people of Dumfries & Galloway.

With such involvement in the Baton Relay and having my own tickets for sporting events in Glasgow I became, not surprisingly, very enthusiastic about all things Commonwealth. So when Muriel arrived at church one Sunday with a knitted Clyde - the Games mascot - I immediately asked if I might take him with me on my travels. Since then Little Clyde has been far and wide - following the Baton to Stranraer, on retreat to Cumbrae, to Ireland on a short holiday and finally up and down to five events at the Games. Like me, he had a fantastic time and enjoyed being photographed at all the venues - Celtic Park (Opening Ceremony), the Hydro (rhythmic gymnastics), Kelvingrove Park (lawn bowls), Glasgow Green (the Big Sing) and Hampton Park (athletics). The Commonwealth Games was a brilliant event not just for Scotland, but for everyone involved - those who trained and competed for their countries, people from all over the UK who came to Glasgow to host and help the visitors and everyone worldwide who donated an amazing £5 million to Unicef as part of their Put Children First campaign. It was wonderful event and Little Clyde and I were proud to be a part of both the Games and the Commonwealth.



*Sue & George
with both Clydes*

Sue Thomas



*A very excited Little Clyde at the Opening
Ceremony & outside the Athletic Stadium*



Little Clyde meets a friend

Dalbeattie Hard of Hearing Group



Dalbeattie Hard of Hearing Group is part of the wider group of Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group which has now been awarded charity status. The website address is www.dghhg.org.uk.

We also have further information on our own Christ Church website christchurchdalbeattie.wordpress.com. The Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, Blair Street.

My parents discovered I was deaf at 2 years of age. I attended two schools for the deaf from age 8 as I was unable to cope in a normal school classroom. I have held various jobs but a few years after moving up to Dalbeattie I started work as an admin assistant at Dumfries and Galloway Social Services, Older Adults Department. For the first few years I worked there I also worked part time at **The Sensory Support Unit**, then based at Catherine Street. I was asked if I would provide cover for one of the two admin ladies who was away for most of the year having a serious operation and then recovery and rehabilitation. I loved working at Sensory Support, and I always said (despite always being hard up!!) that I would have worked there for nothing.

When I retired I really did not know what I wanted to be involved in. I always have had a busy life anyway because Richard my husband still works mostly full time now and his hours of work do make it difficult to commit to certain times etc. I also have daughters and grandchildren, have always provided childcare for my daughters, my eldest daughter lives in Lockerbie and my youngest daughter lives in County Durham.

I found out about the Hard of Hearing Groups from a notice in the Dalbeattie Initiative Window when up the street. I made enquiries and met Julie, the Co-ordinator, and the rest is history. I went for training and have been shadowing in the Castle Douglas Branch. I am still learning as are most of the Volunteers.

I have been so pleased with the response; the attendance has been between 9 and 12 attending. This will grow as the Audiology Department point people in our direction if they live in Dalbeattie when they are issued with new aids and of course re-tubing is done every 3 months and rewiring and new domes every 4 to 5 months. My friend Eileen makes a note of the personal information we need for our returns to Head Office. She also fills in the referral forms if required requesting a visit from Sensory Support or a request for the services of the Audiology Department.

She is also very good at chatting to those who attend and that is meant to be a part of the whole service as well. It was always meant to be an informal, comfortable place to drop in to

and have a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits as well. For this service I must thank Alfred Thorp he always has a chat as well with our customers - he knows most of them. We also welcome and appreciate the help of Nicholas Palmer, who will help us out from time to time. The service would not be the same and as informal were we not to have the tea and coffee service whilst folk are waiting.

To go back to the beginning of my story I always wanted to be involved in and found myself called to be involved in services to The Hard of Hearing. I could not walk past the shop window and not do anything, I thought of all the other things I am always rushing to do, am I doing the right thing, but I do believe that God spoke to me that day and I went into enquire and we now have Dalbeattie Hard of Hearing Group. *Jenny Edkins*

The Scottish Referendum

On Thursday, 18th September, 2014, the people of Scotland will be voting in what will probably be the most important election of their life.

The member churches of **Action of Churches Together in Scotland** (ACTS) have remained neutral – but not uninterested – on the question of Scottish independence. Scotland's churches have sought to urge respectful dialogue in the independence debate and consideration of the most vulnerable and marginalised in Scottish society (irrespective of the result of the referendum). website

For those who can spend only a short time in prayer, it may help to pray slowly, line by line, the Prayer offered in the 'Values for Scotland' sessions prepared by ACTS on the basis of the four words inscribed on the Scottish Parliamentary Mace: **WISDOM, JUSTICE, COMPASSION, INTEGRITY**. This prayer may also be used in the main Sunday services.

Almighty God, Creator and Father, we come to you in trust and hope, Grateful for your many gifts to us, Your countless blessings. Thank you for this our country and all its people; Thank you for the history which has made us who we are. As we gather here, instil in us your Spirit of wisdom and integrity, Of true justice and compassion. Help us to move forward in that Spirit as brothers and sisters of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive the conflicts and the evils that have influenced us. Gently heal the scars of pain and resentment That can remain in and among us all. Strengthen and increase among us The love and harmony of purpose That belong to your reign. Make of us apostles of truth and peace as we move among our fellow citizens at this time. As we talk together here, remind us of your call To be disciples of your Son. May we turn to him for light and ask through and with him for your grace. With him we pray together, **Our Father ...**

On the 18th September at 7.00 p.m. there is to be an hour-long **Silent Vigil for the Referendum** at **Christ Church**. Revd Richard Stephens

Christ Church Garden Teas Garden Teas

The **first Garden Tea** of the season was hosted by Anthony & Joseph Duncalf. As the weather did not co-operate it had to be held indoors! The people who attended had a good time in comfortable surroundings and all eating a wee bit too much of the delicious food.



The people in the Conservatory are enjoying fellowship and food.

This group seem to be having a more serious discussion; Church finances maybe?



The **second Garden Tea** was hosted by Sue & George Thomas. This time the weather was perfect and the people who attended enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon in the delightful garden and again possibly eating too much cake!



George with Stephanie & John, in a photograph that proves that the sun does shine in Galloway.

Sue with the Garden Quiz, Celia won! She was presented with a beautiful fuchsia.



There are two more Garden Teas planned, the next one being hosted by Muriel & Nicholas Palmer on the 29 August at their home in Rockcliffe. The last one is to be hosted by the Rev Beryl Scott at her home in Dalbeattie.

The reports of these two events will be included in the next. The monies raised from these teas will be announced after the last tea of the season.

It has been suggested that we could include a short bio of members of our Church. Anthony Duncalf has volunteered to be the first to tell us something about himself. Thanks Anthony.

As the 'new boy' on the Vestry, and a relative newcomer to Christ Church, I am glad of the opportunity to tell you a few interesting facts about myself. A Yorkshire man born and bred, I grew up just outside Leeds. After attending University in Reading (where I also had my first job), I moved back up to Yorkshire, until moving to Dumfries and Galloway in 2007.

In the early 90s for a couple of years I was involved in fund-raising for a church-run orphanage in Kiev, and spent quite a bit of time out there visiting local churches. I'm a qualified Primary teacher, BUT I only lasted one term in school, before returning to work in Residential Care with people with learning difficulties and autism. However, after a brief spell as B&B owners, then caterers at Dalbeattie Golf Club, my partner and I now run **Idlehour Gifts**, Burn Street, Dalbeattie. We also have a holiday cottage in Garlieston which we rent out.

Church-wise, I was brought up in a village and attended the local church (Church of England), where I sang in the choir. I also spent a stimulating few years attending St Michael-le-Belfrey in York, under the late David Watson. After moving away from home, I found myself at various points attending Baptist, Anglo-Catholic, Methodist and Pentecostal churches! Which perhaps explains how I've ended up as Christ Church's representative on Churches Together! (See page 6 for an account of the service to commemorate the sacrifice made by men and women in World War One.)

I am an only child, as were both my parents, and single until meeting my partner, Joseph, shortly after my mum died in 2004; my dad had died some 12 years previously, and for the last year or so of her life, I cared for my mum after she developed a brain tumour. Joseph and I were civil partnered in 2006, and have been delighted to be able to celebrate a Blessing in Christ Church on the 28th June this year.

We have two retired greyhounds, Paddy (black) and Zak (brindle). I'm a keen gardener – but struggle to find the time to do all I would like!

I read avidly (mostly historical fiction or fantasy), and my musical tastes range from Handel to Steeleye Span (and, indeed, beyond!).



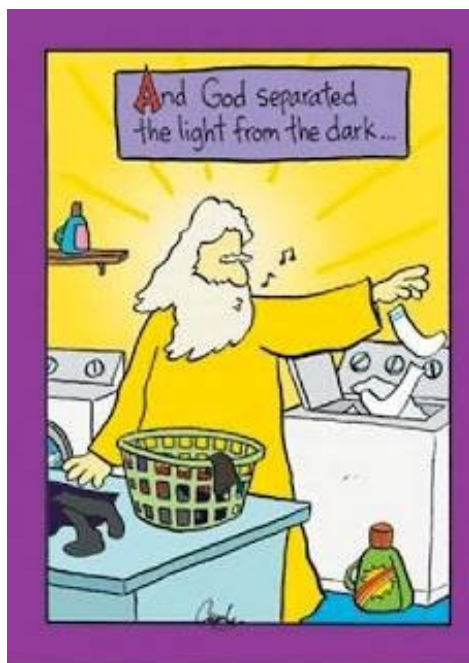
Joseph and I are really grateful to Canon Bayne and the congregation of Christ Church for their support in making the occasion possible (and a special 'thank you' to Julie Dennison and Beryl Dowgill for the lovely flowers); a really joyful and enjoyable service much appreciated by ourselves and our guests.



What's On

September

- Monday, 1st 7.00 p.m. **Bishop's Lecture** at St Ninian's Church, CD
A Brief History of the Scottish Episcopal Church
- Saturday, 6th 7.30 p.m. **Charity Recital by Jonathan Scott at St John's, Dumfries** in aid of the Bhopal Medical Appeal
- Wednesday, 10th 3.30 p.m. **Garden Tea at Islecroft House, Dalbeattie**
- Thursday, 11th 2.00 p.m. **Chat & Craft Group**, 12 Park Terrace, Dalbeattie
- Tuesday, 16th 12.30 p.m. **Mother's Union**, Castle Douglas
- Thursday, 18th 7-8.p.m. **Silent Vigil for the Referendum**, Rev Richard Stephens
see page 15
- Saturday, 20th 1.15 p.m. **Ministries Celebration Service 2014 at St John's, Dumfries.**
- 10.a.m.-4 p.m. **Doors Open at St Mary's Cathedral**, Glasgow
- Sunday, 28th 10.30 a.m. **HARVEST FESTIVAL**



Another gem copied
from the Facebook page of
Dalbeattie Parish Church

Healing Blankets knitters wanted

There is only a very small group of excellent knitters for these much appreciated blankets, however they are finding it very difficult to keep up with demand. Crocheted squares are much quicker to produce but we need people who can crochet.

Can you help? The squares are 6 inches by 6 inches; 36 squares are needed for each blanket, we have a knitting pattern and wool available, please ask. The blanket is then given a crocheted edging, tied up with ribbon with a prayer for healing enclosed. The blanket is then blessed and left in the Church for anyone to have and we hope they bring comfort to the recipients.

A huge thanks to our current knitters KEEP KNITTING!!!!

Jane Greenwood

Groups and Activities

Hard of Hearing Group

Church Hall 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

Chat & Craft Group

The Group wishes to thank everybody for their support at the Christ Church Summer Sale. There is to be a change of venue. It will now be held at the home of Jane Greenwood, 12 Park Terrace, Dalbeattie.

It is to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m. starting in September. This can be reviewed.

We will be making crafts for the Christmas Sale. Everyone is welcome as will any ideas. Please do not think the group members are 'arty crafty' types. Even if you do not want to make anything just come along for a chat. After Christmas we will be making different articles for Charities.

Jane Greenwood

Who's Who

Interim Priest-in-Charge	Revd Canon David Bayne	01556 503818
Assistant NSM	Revd Beryl Scott	01556 610283
Diocesan Reader Emeritus	Mr. Brian Woodburn	01556 610519
Lay representative/Munches Park Co-ordinator	Mrs. Edith Thorp	01556 610816
Honorary Musical Director/ Organist	Mrs Margaret Kelt	
Honorary Secretary/Alt. Lay Representative	Mrs. Muriel Palmer	01556 630314
Honorary Treasurer/Free Offering Recorder (envelopes)	Mrs. Llyn Glendinning	01556 610676
Gift Aid	Mr Alfred Thorp	01556 610816
Rector's Warden/Health & Safety Co-ordinator	Dr. Keith Dennison	01556 630413
People's Warden/Property Convenor	Mr. George Sims	01556 612069
Vestry Members	Rector's Warden (Lay Chair) Lay Representative Alt Lay Rep/Honorary Secretary People's Warden/Property Convenor	
Elected Vestry Members	Mrs Robin Charlton	01556 630625
	Mr Anthony Duncalf	01556 612322
	Mrs Jenny Edkins	01556 611740
	Mrs Llyn Glendinning	01556 610676
	Mrs Helen Stephens	01556 610627
	Mrs Sue Thomas	01556 612863
Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator	Mrs Helen Stephens	01556 610627
Bible Reading Fellowship	Dr Keith Dennison	01556 630413
Church Flowers	Mrs Vivienne Sims	01556 612069
Gardening Co-ordinator	Mrs Julie Dennison	01556 630413
Hospital Emergency Bags	Mrs Jenny Edkins	01556 611740
Link Visiting Co-ordinator	Revd Beryl Scott	01556 610283
Magazine Editor	Mrs Muriel Palmer	01556 630314
Reader Co-ordinator	Mrs Julie Dennison	01556 630413

Christ Church, Blair Street, Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire

Scottish Charity Number SC010918