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Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Christ Church, Dalbeattie



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Sunday Services

October

5 October	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Evening Prayer
12 October	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
19 October	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
26 October	Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

November

2 November	All Saints' Day	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Taize Service
9 November	Remembrance Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
16 November	Second Sunday before Advent	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
23 November	Christ the King	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
30 November	St Andrew	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	First Sunday of Advent	Evening Service (details to follow)	

December

7 December	Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
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Midweek Service

Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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Advent and Christmas 2014

Sunday, 21 st December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.30 a.m.	Carol Service , followed by Holy Communion . Celebrant the Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Refreshments in Hall after Service.
Wednesday, 24 th December	Christmas Eve	10.00 p.m.	The First Eucharist of Christmas
Thursday, 25 th December	Christmas Day	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 26 th December	St Stephen	tbc	service at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas
Saturday, 27 th December	St John	tbc	service at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas
Sunday, 28 th December	Holy Innocents	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

I had hoped to have a letter from one of our visiting clergy for this magazine, Bishop Gordon, it may be circling around the ether but it has not arrived in my in-box. So instead I am using this space for an article that was going to be included in the next magazine (see page 17) about the Dalbeattie School pupils commemoration of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War One. The article is based on the report from Dalbeattie Matters. The photographs are copyright of Ann Attwell. Unfortunately due to a previous commitment I was unable to be there. MP

Visit www.dalbeattiematters.co.uk for more information and the photo gallery of this event.

WORLD WAR ONE COMMERMORATION AT DALBEATTIE WAR MEMORIAL

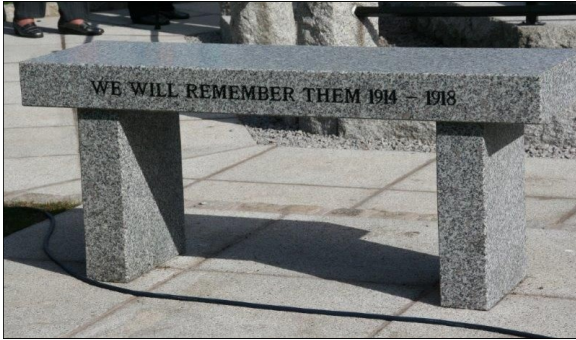
Following a £12,000 upgrade to the town's war memorial, the local Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland held a commemoration service on Friday 26th September to allow people to pay their respects to the young men and women of the town who gave their lives during this War. It is the most important event that has been held at the memorial since it was built in 1921.

A good turnout of people, on a sunny September day, saw the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Malcolm Ross, lay a wreath at the newly-refurbished memorial and the children from the local primary school lay named crosses in a '**Garden of Remembrance**' beside the memorial. The children had researched the 146 names on the memorial, as part of the World War 1 Commemoration events and had listed them in chronological order of their date of death. This is how they laid the crosses; nine names from another memorial had crosses laid in their memory. Crosses for unknown soldiers were also laid. The children scattered poppies. (Please turn to page 4 for photographs.)

This event was well supported by local schools, church groups, local youth groups, members of the **Royal British Legion Scotland**. The local pipe band was in attendance, **the Galloway Pipes and Drums**, the majority of whose members are either past or present members of schools in Dalbeattie and the surrounding area.

The Dalbeattie Branch of Royal British Legion Scotland thanked the community for their support in this endeavour, local groups for their generous donations and local builder, Mick Gaffney, for his excellent work.

The Pipe-Major and Pipe-Sergeant of the Galloway Pipes and Drums are going to Belgium with the **Stewartry Area Wind Band** on 10th October, where they will be playing at the **Menin Gate Memorial** and at **Tyne Cot Cemetery**.



Top left from L-R the Revd Mark RS Smith; the Revd Canon David Bayne; Father William McFadden and Sir Malcolm Ross.

Top right: named crosses laid by the primary school pupils. The circled cross is for Private Harriman, one time member of Christ Church

Bottom left: One of the beautiful granite seats.

Vestry Meeting

At the meeting held on the 24th September the following items were discussed:

1 Way Ahead

It is planned that the vacancy will be continued until the turn of the year or possibly until Easter. This will give us more time to get on a more established financial footing. We will still be supported by our visiting clergy.

2 The Tower

Estimates have now been received for the extra work needed. Muriel Palmer is to meet with Canon David Bayne on Tuesday to complete the necessary pre-Canon 35 (permission to do the work) paperwork.

Stop press: Canon Bayne has been advised by the Diocese that our application for a grant of £5K towards the cost of the extra work has been approved.

3 The Electrics

The three-yearly inspection of the Electrics has been carried out by Lotus of Kirkgunzeon. Canon David Bayne is to meet with Keith Dennison and George Sims to study the report and to assess what needs to be done.

4 Dalbeattie Churches Together

The next joint service is to held on Friday, 28th November at 7.00 p.m. at St Peter's RC Church, Dalbeattie. It will be a service to mark the start of Advent. More details to follow.

Churches Together in Dalbeattie and District



Dalbeattie & Kirkgunzeon Parish Church linked with Urr Parish Church is one of the Churches Together in Dalbeattie & District. The other Churches are St Peter's RC Church; Galloway Christian Centre and Christ Church, Dalbeattie.

The image above is of their magnificent stained-glass windows which depict the Ascension of Christ.; the windows were installed as a memorial to the Revd Duncan Stewart in 1882. The present church was built on a site gifted by Mr Wellwood H Maxwell of Munches. The church spire was gifted by Mr Maxwell. The church opened for worship in January 1880. The organ, built by Messrs Forster and Andrews of Hull, was dedicated on the 30th April, 1897.

The Church Hall was opened on the 10th December 1880. The Church Centre adjacent to the Church was completed in the early 1990s. It was opened by the then Moderator Revd Hugh Wylie.

They, too, have been without a Minister since last 15th September, 2103 but have in the interim been well looked after by locum minister the Revd Mark RS Smith. On the 14th September, they heard the preaching of the sole nominee for the post of Minister - the Revd. Fiona Wilson. It is part of the selection process in the Church of Scotland for the Congregations to hear the nominee preach before a final decision to offer the post is made. The vote on went well and their new minister should be inducted in the last week of October.

To find out more about this church visit their website www.dalbeattiechurch.co.uk

Next month there will be a 'bio' of St Peter's RC Church Dalbeattie.

Bishop Gregor's Lecture - A Brief History of the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC)



Smiling for the camera!



Bishop Gregor



Waiting for the start!

About 80 people attended the lecture held on the 1st September at St Ninian's, Castle Douglas. They came from as far away as Wigtown and Moffatt; more and more chairs had to be brought into the Main Hall AND the Lesser Hall had to be used as well. Thanks are due to Canon David Bayne for the photographs.

Bishop Gregor gave a thought-provoking talk of how the SEC was in the beginning and how it has developed to how it is today. There is not room here to give justice to his lecture. The Bishop said that he would present a scattered approach based on two questions

- ♦ 1) Why is there something in Scotland called the Scottish Episcopal Church?
- ♦ 2) Why is there an Anglican Church in Scotland?

There are approximately 35,000 Episcopalians in Scotland with about 6,000 in our Diocese. The Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholics both have about 400,000 members; the Methodist and the United Reform Church have 2,500 and 4,000 members respectively. The Bishop stressed that the SEC is not an off-shoot of the Church of England.

On the Diocesan website there is a synopsis of the history of the SEC. On the SEC website a copy can be downloaded of ***A CHURCH for SCOTLAND*** A History of the Scottish Episcopal Church by Gerald Stranraer-Mull. The Very Revd Gerald Stranraer-Mull is Dean Emeritus of the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney.

Readers may find of interest the account by the Revd Canon David Main which is available on the website of St Ninian's Castle Douglas website

www.scotland.anglican.org

www.glasgow.angican.org

www.stninianscastledouglas.org.uk

After the Referendum on the 18th September 2014, speaking on behalf of the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Primus, The Most Revd David Chillingworth, said: **"The people of Scotland have decided that Scotland will continue to be part of the grouping of nations which make up the United Kingdom. The Scottish Episcopal Church is an historic Scottish Church. Our story is interwoven with the story of Scotland. We commit ourselves to work with all the people of Scotland as our relationships with our neighbours continue to evolve. We hold particularly in our hearts and in our prayers today those for whom this decision brings a feeling of hopes dashed and vision lost. With our partner churches and all in the faith communities, we pledge ourselves to work for reconciliation and pray for healing in our community."**



The First Base Agency

6 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries, GG1 2AH Tel: 01387 279 680

Scottish Charity No. SC6903330 www.first-base.org



This year our Harvest Festival donations are being given to this Agency. It is hoped with Vestry and Congregation approval that Christ Church will start regular donations to this Charity. If we do this we will be following in the footsteps of many Churches of different denominations in the area; and of many schools, offices and Charities.

The statistics are heart-rending:

- ♦ In **February, March and April** they issued **1409** food parcels.
- ♦ **30%** of the parcels were '**Non Cooking**' parcels for people with **no gas** or **electricity**.
- ♦ **20%** of the parcels were handed to out to people who had been 'sanctioned' **i.e. people who had been deprived of all their benefits**
- ♦ They helped **over 100 people** with emergency food for their **dogs and cats**.

Referrals - making a referral for someone to collect one of their food parcels could not be any easier. All you need to do is jot down their name and how many people are in the family on a compliment slip or a piece of letter-headed paper. They take it to the Agency and they are given the appropriate food parcel.

In the 11 years that the First Base Agency has been open in Dumfries they have never had to turn anyone away. This is a record they are very proud of and a record they are determined to keep.



The first meeting of 2014/2015 started with a Service of Dedication. A delicious soup lunch followed and then there was an open meeting to discuss the planned programme for the year.

The next meeting is to held on the 21st October at 12.30 p.m. David Lawrence is to give a talk on "The Road to Bukittnggi., Sumatra".

Website of St Ninian's CD

www.stninianscastledouglas.org.uk

Website of Mothers' Union

www.muscotland.org.uk

The Revd Beryl Scott writes about her recent holiday in Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

My daughter, Catriona, moved down to Oxfordshire last year and recently I visited her now settled in her own house in the lovely town of Abingdon. As most of you know I enjoy an early morning walk and wondered if there were any suitable walks, and very surprised to find that her house was only a few minutes away from the River Thames where there were footpaths both sides of the river. Not only could I enjoy the countryside and the wild life on the river, but also the many boats passing through the lock nearby.



River Thames

It took me back to our time in Argyll where we kept a boat at Crinan and sometimes sailed through Crinan Canal. In those days it was hard work physically opening the lock gates, but here on the Thames everything is done automatically. We had a whole day on one of the cruise boats and thoroughly enjoyed it except for the heavy shower which sent all of us on the top deck scurrying down for shelter.

Another day was spent on the Sherborne Estate, now owned by the *National Trust*, visiting the Lodge, built in the seventeen century by an eccentric very rich owner of Sherborne House, purely for all the local gentry to enjoy gambling. As well as indoor pursuits they could watch dog and deer racing from the roof of the three-storey building. A rather long walk through woods led us to the church originally belonging to the estate where a time of silence and rest was appreciated.



The Lodge, Sherborne

The day before returning home was very special as we went to visit Douglas, now in his nineties - a former curate of my late husband John, when John was Rector at St Cyprian's, Lenzie. Originally, my holiday included a stay at Helmdon in Northamptonshire, with Douglas, but was cancelled as he suffered a severe stroke earlier this year. Prayers were



Douglas Hadfield,
at the opening of the
Museum in New
Caledonia.

asked for him in our prayer corner and I'm pleased to report that he is recovering well and now at home after two months in hospital. Douglas' grandparents were the first missionaries to take the gospel to the New Caledonian Islands, staying for forty years. He and Joan were invited to open the museum built in their honour. It was good to hear about this and reminisce about times past. On our drive home we passed a local air port and watched the Red Arrows in action and later were entertained by motor bikes hurling themselves over obstacles.

I thoroughly enjoyed my break, but it's always good to be home again.

From the Archives

In the Christ Church magazine dated OCTOBER 1964 - at another time of Interregnum it was announced that the Bishop had offered the Charge of Christ Church to the Revd Norman Wyatt. There was also a detailed list of the collections taken at the different services from 30th August to 27th September. The grand total for these 5 Sundays was £51 5s 1d. I wonder how this compares to today's offerings?

But to me what is of much more interest and I think it may be to you, too, is the Who's Who (though they did not call it that then).

Lay Reader:	Mrs E Lightfoot, 18 Albert Street, Dalbeattie
Rector's Warden:	Mr R Hanbury, Drumstinchall, Dalbeattie
People's Warden:	Mr J Duncan, 40 Maxwell Street, Dalbeattie
Lay Elector:	Brigadier G.F. Hutchinson, Tarlillyan, Rockcliffe
Lay Representative:	Mr J.E. Scott, Alderburn, Kippford
Secretary of Vestry:	Mr D McQueen, Roughhills, Colvend
Treasurer of Vestry:	Brigadier G.F. Hutchinson, Tarlillyan, Rockcliffe
Other members of Vestry:	Mesdames McGinn, Forbes, Young, Dunn, Captain Kennedy, Dr McFadyean, Messrs T McCartney, A.S. Harriman
Organist:	Mr J.E. Scott, Alderburn, Kippford
Verger:	Mr A Smith, 140 Southwick Road, Dalbeattie
Magazine Convener:	Mrs T McCartney, 1 Craignair Street, Dalbeattie (Single copies of the magazine may be had from Mrs McCartney 4d. each).

Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of Christ church, Dalbeattie 2014

Sunday, 23rd November, 2014 following the 10.30 a.m. Service

Copies of the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2014 together with copies of the AGM Agenda and Reports will be available in Church on Sunday the 9th November. The revised Communicant Roll will be on display; Communicant Roll application forms and Nomination Forms for the election of Lay Representative. Alternate Lay Representative, People's Warden and two constituent members to serve a three-year term on the Vestry. If you have any queries do not hesitate to ask.

Muriel A Palmer, Honorary Secretary to the Christ Church Vestry

In the last magazine Anthony Duncalf told us something about himself. He mentioned that 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. So guess what ,I asked him if he could tell us something about this. Anthony writes:

Mission Ukraine (Part 1)

Over a period of some eight years, beginning shortly after the break up of the USSR, I was privileged to pay several visits to Ukraine, hosted by churches in the city of Kiev.

The first occasion, the pastor of my then church in Leeds had been invited to lead a mission, organised by an African missionary to the city. Me and two other members of the congregation accompanied the pastor, helping to counsel the many people coming forward each evening for prayer. The meetings were well attended – the auditorium, seating about 250 people, was usually close to full and the needs represented quite dramatic; the poverty and deprivation of so many of the local people was clear to see, with a large number of alcoholics and many clearly seriously ill folk flocking in to the meetings, frequently moved to tears by the message of God's unconditional love for them. The Sunday service at the end of the week, attended by about 400 people, was a very joyous event, with some very lively worship, led by a group of young students – mainly a mixture of modern English/American choruses, translated into Russian, but somehow transformed by a distinctly Eastern European rhythm and use of harmonies.

During the week, we were taken on a visit to the city's Heart Hospital, where our host church had a visiting programme. They were very proud of this facility, which was apparently the top hospital in the country. However, we were really taken aback by the primitive conditions; all very drab and grubby looking with furnishings and equipment which, to me, looked to have stepped straight out of 'The Royal' – the TV series set in a 1960s hospital – but to have been used constantly for the intervening 30 years!

Before our return home, accompanied by the African missionary who acted as our interpreter, we made a trip to a small Pentecostal church in a village some 30 miles from the capital, whose elderly pastor had been imprisoned under the Communists. This was like going back in time by about 100 years! The church building was a converted barn on a run-down farm (reminding me of the film 'Fiddler on the Roof'!) and we were treated to a tour of the pig-pens before the service! The congregation consisted of a group of about a dozen elderly matriarchs, all dressed in worn overalls and brightly coloured headscarves and one very stern-looking middle-aged man in a dark, if shabby, suit. At the start of the service, they all seemed very dour and forbidding, but as things progressed the ladies began to smile, and then to cry tears of joy at the unexpected privilege of a visit from four young Englishmen, sharing their worship with them. Mr Suit remained unsmiling throughout!

Their hymns were traditional Russian tunes unfamiliar to us, but we hummed along as best we could, then taught them one of our own favourite choruses. The most moving part of the evening came at the end of the service, when the plain wooden benches were turned around, some trestle tables brought in and they shared with us a spartan feast of home grown vegetables and fruit, bread and one small plate of cold sausage – clearly the simple fare had cost them dear, but they were overjoyed to be sharing hospitality with their foreign visitors. All except for Mr Suit, who seemed intent on trying to debate obscure points of theology; we later learned he did not approve of having a black man helping lead the service!

A couple of years after this, I was invited back by the African pastor, to visit his church and spend some time teaching in their newly established Bible School. By now, the church had grown enormously, and met in the largest auditorium in the city – seating about 1500 people – which was so well attended they had to hold two services every Sunday morning to fit everyone in! (To be honest, I found this a bit over-powering, especially the volume of the praise and worship!) I stayed for 3 weeks, but the language barrier severely limited the scope of my visit, as the church were unable to provide me with an interpreter outside of formal meetings. A lot of my time was spent exploring the neighbourhood on foot, taking in the unfamiliar sights and sounds (and smells!). However, towards the end of my stay I re-established contact with a young man from another church in the city, who had acted as interpreter on our first visit to Kiev, and who was delighted to take me around the city and show me some of the historic sites, as well as showing me how the city was already beginning to show rapid signs of Westernisation. He also took me along to his church's Sunday service, where the Pastor invited me to give an impromptu address to the congregation of about 300. It was out of this contact that I later became involved with supporting a small orphanage run by this Church on the outskirts of the city.

Mission Ukraine (Part 2) will be in the next magazine.



A Church in Kiev



Rural Kiev

Many of us know Winifred, Edith Thorp's sister, so I asked Edith to write about the church her sister worships at. Winifred has agreed that this article can be included. MP

St Werburgh's, Chorlton, Manchester



Because I have been at my sister Winifred's for several Sundays recently to look after her, post hip operation, I have had the opportunity to worship at St Werburgh's the church which Winifred is committed to. A small congregation in an outer city area, it has been interesting to see how that congregation functions. St Werburgh's has been served by priests-in-charge for several years, and most recently by a lady of great ability and imagination who, through ill-health, had to resign her part-time appointment after only a year in-post.

Three priests ago the then Rector shook things up in a big way, and subsequently the nave was re-ordered, with new altar and furniture installed; the pews in the side aisles had been previously removed so that in one aisle space was created for children, and in the other, a 'kitchen' - no cooker - was created; the entrance to the church was revamped to include a toilet and the cold draughts kept at bay. That Rector moved to The Minster Church of St John the Baptist, Halifax, the church where Sue Thomas used to worship.

As the re-ordering work progressed, so money was given, mostly by unexpected legacies, but a gift day was also included. Before the process, there was very little money in the kitty, but on completion provision had been granted and there was nothing of red in the accounts!

The congregation as I say is small, but very varied and very eclectic. One member lives in a tent in his garden, another has been in prison, there are various hues of skin, including a couple of Indian from the West Indies! The white haired ladies make up a large percentage of the congregation and a few hold the thing together - what changes!

In the current interregnum, the curate from the neighbouring church was given responsibility for the care of the church, and I was privileged to hear him preach, but he has now, in the past few weeks moved on. Interestingly, he had been a member of the ***St Ninian's, Glasgow*** congregation while under the care of Bishop Gregor, and also did a lay placement at ***All Hallows by the Tower***, London, where we were married - small world!

The week after he left, there was no priest available, and the laity took the 'Ministry of the Word' Service. This may well be a regular pattern for the congregation until a new priest is appointed. So here is a small congregation in outer city Manchester, keeping the faith, bearing witness to the love of God for them and their local community.

Stop press - a new priest has been appointed.

Edith Thorp

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.

A VERY OLD YORKSHIRE PRAYER AS TOLD TO LINDA GAUKROGER

When my heart is troubled	I know He stood the tempest
And I'm lost in deep despair,	And calmed the troubled sea,
I bundle all my troubles up	I humbly ask that in His love
And go to God in prayer.	He'll do the same for me.
I tell Him I am heartsick	Then I just keep quiet
Lost and lonely too,	And think only thoughts of peace,
That my mind is deeply burdened	If I abide in stillness
And I don't know what to do.	My restless troubles cease.

Ministries Celebration Service 20 September

This service was held at St John the Evangelist, Dumfries. Before the service there was ample time to meet old and new friends and to enjoy the delicious refreshments. Bishop Gregor led the service, assisted by the Revd Dr James Clark-Maxwell. The service was held for the re-licensing and admission of Lay Readers and the Celebration and Renewal of Authorised Ministry. The organist was the Rt Revd Gordon Mursell. It was intended that in the main that the service be lay-led so it was encouraging to see that many clergy came in support of their congregations and of the Diocese.

Before starting the service, Bishop Gregor read out the statement from Primus about the decision of the Scottish people to continue to be part of the United Kingdom.

I had attended not only to support Christ Church's Eucharist Assistants but because I knew my friend Jenni would be there. From Christ Church Edith and Alfred Thorp were there (Keith and Elizabeth were unable to attend); from All Saints' Challoch Jenni Gray, David Sorrill and Anne Yate were there (Veronica Almgill and Anna Line were unable to attend), supported by Jim Gray and Di Sorrill. So, it was a double pleasure for me to be there with friends from both the Churches I have been a member of since moving to Scotland.

After the Presentation, Licensing & Affirmation of the Lay Readers; all those in Authorised Ministry were asked to stand in their places whilst the rest of the congregation stayed seated. They were presented to the Bishop by Michael Graham, Reader:

"Bishop, I present to you those persons who have been authorised to minister as Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants in the diocese. They have been found to be faithful followers of Christ, sound in understanding and equipped to serve God's people. Called by their own churches to serve God in these ministries I ask you to affirm them in their authorised roles."

The Bishop replied ***"Brothers and Sisters, you have accepted the call to your fellow members in the body of Christ to minister amongst them as Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants. I give you the authority to assist in the administration of the Sacraments to your local congregations, to lead worship and administer pastoral care, as may be directed by your Rector or priest-in-charge."***

The Bishop then invited the congregation to pray, in silence, for all who hold licensed and authorised ministries, for those who intercede for us, and all who carry responsibilities within their congregations.

After the service it was back to the Hall for more refreshments and the presentation to Dr Paul Wilson who was standing down after 34 years as a Lay Reader.

Muriel Palmer

Garden Teas

Millbrook Cottage, Rockcliffe

The third Garden Tea of 2014 was held at Millbrook Cottage, Rockcliffe on Friday 29th August. Muriel & Nicholas were very ably helped by Sue & George, Robin and Jenni (of Mission to Seafarers fame); thanks folks we couldn't have managed without you. Though the rain cleared later it meant that tea had to be eaten indoors. It was a delight that so many people came from outwith the Christ Church Congregation.



Deep in thought!



The snazziest
waitress in DSG
(aka Sue Thomas)



Hope they are enjoying the food!!

Islecroft House, Dalbeattie

On Wednesday, 10th September the fourth and final Garden Tea of 2014 was held at the home of the Revd Beryl Scott. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious as always and again we were blessed again to have so many visitors (fast becoming friends) from St Ninian's, Castle Douglas.



Enjoying the sun,
fellowship & food



Julie, Keith & Beryl



Friends from Castle Douglas

The total funds raised from the Summer Teas this year for Christ Church, Dalbeattie was over £700.00. We would like to thank everybody for supporting these events. Especial thanks are due to the hosts - Anthony & Joseph Duncalf; Sue & George Thomas; Muriel & Nicholas Palmer and Robin Charlton; the Rev Beryl Scott ably assisted by Beryl Dowgill, Jane Greenwood, Keith & Julie Dennison, Jenny Edkins and Ron Newton

Favourite Hymn Kay Whitby of Colvend Parish Church has written about her favourite hymn ***Spirit of God who dwells within my heart.*** This hymn is not in the Hymn Book we use at Christ Church.

*She writes: 'This hymn is outstanding in its beauty, a prayer that is fitting for everyday use. It leads one to the throne of grace, putting before God our weaknesses, faith, our disappointments. We then see the Cross - saying **'there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek thee, and O let me find'**. We then in humility ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, that we may love Him with a 'holy passion' and in so doing, we love one another.'*

She adds that Tune 22 is an easy hymn to sing enabling us to concentrate on these wonderful words.'

George Croly was born in Dublin, on the 17th August 1780. He was educated at Dublin University (M.A. 1804, LL.D. 1831). In 1835 he succeeded to the united benefices of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, and St. Benet Sherehog, He died on the 24th November, 1860.

**1 Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**3 Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and
mind?**

***I see the cross there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!***

**4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.**

**5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one *holy passion* filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

Tune 22 by Orlando Gibbon

Have you a favourite Hymn? If so please let the Editor know.



WORLD War One



In the September Magazine there was a report of the Service for Peace & Reconciliation held to mark the 100th Anniversary of Britain's entry into World War One. On the 11th September the following article was printed in the Galloway News. They also printed a letter sent to them from the Chairman of the RBLs Castle Douglas Branch. The Vigil, held on the 4th August was led by the Rt Revd Gordon Mursell (Branch Chaplain; Canon David Bayne was on holiday).

Delighted by support for vigil

SIR – May we thank everyone who helped in any way to make our WW1 Candlelight Remembrance Vigil such a success. (There are too many to name individually).

We were delighted with the turn out, even at such a late hour and also with the

generosity of both those who attended the event and also the many people who gave donations for Erskine Hospital but could not attend the vigil.

Martin R Fortnum
Chairman RBLs
Castle Douglas branch

Congregations pray for peace

More than 70 people attended a First World War commemoration in Dalbeattie.

The service, held at Christ Church Episcopal Church, was extremely well supported with many attending from churches around the area.

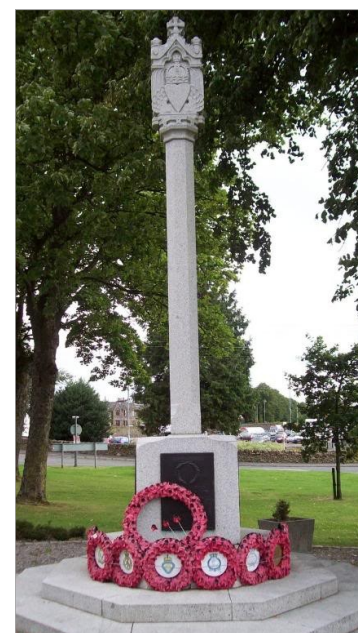
Readings and prayers from representatives of four churches reflected on the sacrifice of those who died in the First World War and

the ongoing cost of armed conflicts, before the congregation were asked to join in asking forgiveness for attitudes which contribute to ongoing 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 an informative display reflecting

the part played by Dalbeattie residents in the events of the Great War.

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



**Castle Douglas
War Memorial**

In Dalbeattie there has been much work and refurbishment carried out on the War Memorial in Colliston Park. The Memorial has now wheel-chair-friendly access, new seats and the lettering of the names has been re-blackened.

RBLs Dalbeattie are to hold a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Colliston Park on Friday 26th September at 2 p.m. to commemorate local soldiers lost during World War One. Pupils from Dalbeattie Primary School will be laying 174 wooden crosses, each bearing the name of a local soldier who's name appears on the memorial. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant will be laying a wreath. The local churches have been invited to send representatives and there will be around 300 primary school children and their parents attending, with the Galloway Pipes and Drums providing the music. Photographs and a report of this event will be included in the next magazine.



Dalbeattie War Memorial

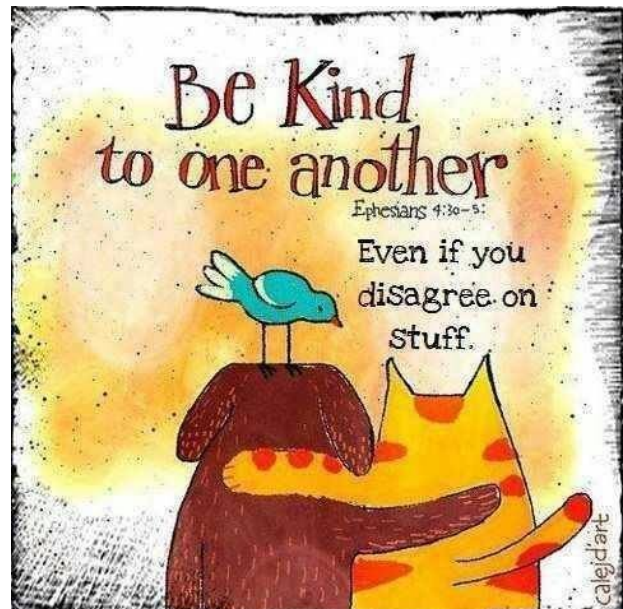
What's On

October

- Saturday, 18th **Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Training Meeting.** St John's, Dumfries; 11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 21st 7th Theological Reflection Meeting at St Peter's Church Hall Dalbeattie. See page 13 for more details.
- Mothers' Union Meeting at St Ninian's Castle Douglas. See page 7 for more details

November

- Wednesday, 12th 5.00 p.m. Eucharist before the AGM Regional Council
- Tuesday, 18th 12 noon tbc **Year 1 MAP Review with Bishop Gregor**
- Lunch will be served in the Hall prior to the Review. Details to follow.
- November 23rd **AGM of the Congregation** after the morning service.
- November 29th 10 00 a.m. **Christ Church Winter Sale** Dalbeattie Town Hall



The deadline for copy for the next magazine is 15th November. Issue 4 December 2014/January 2015 will be available in Church on the 30th November. Editor

Groups and Activities

Chat and Craft Group

12 Park Terrace, Dalbeattie 2.00 p.m. Second Thursday in the month

Contact person: Jane Greenwood 01556 611144

Hard of Hearing Group

Church Hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Second Tuesday in the month

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

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

Third Sunday in the month

All Welcome

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