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**Singing Sands, Ardnamurchan**

I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me;  
I will hold your people in my heart.

*Daniel L Schutte*

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## Notes and Reminders

### Rector's holidays

The Rector is on holiday during the weeks beginning Sunday July 3 and Sunday August 7. Tuesday morning communions will continue throughout July and August and Rev Nicholas Taylor from St Aidan's (638 3080) will provide pastoral cover as required.

### Support a budding author!

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### Dates for your diary

#### Thursday 1 September

Vestry meeting 7.30

#### Friday 9 September

Ordination of Maggie McTernan as curate  
St Margaret's 7pm

#### Saturday 17 September

Institution of Paul Romano as Rector of St Ninian's, Pollokshields  
St Ninian's 11am.

## Scott writes.....

It's difficult to believe how quickly this year has gone for the Robertson family. It only seems like five minutes ago that we were moving in! Now Stephen has left school and Craig is about to finish his first year at his new school. They say age has a lot to do with it! I'm sure that's true, but I reckon it is also true to say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. And this year has been enjoyable, getting to know new people and finding our feet in our new church family. That it has been so enjoyable is thanks in no small measure to Paul Romano who, as you know by now, begins his appointment as Rector of St Ninian's Pollokshields in September. Paul has been very generous with his time and talents and has been a great source of support to me and to Alison. And so, whilst I'm sorry that we won't be working as closely together, I am delighted that he has now the opportunity to exercise his considerable gifts in, what is for St. Margaret's, the mother church.



We have also had to say goodbye both to Jan Whiteside, who is moving to Sri Lanka with Tom later in the summer, and to Paul Hibbert, who has been head-hunted by St Andrew's University (I always thought they were a primitive lot over there!!). Seriously, we will miss both of them from the life of our church family and are grateful for all they have done to enrich our life here in St. Margaret's. And so, on your behalf, I wish them both well. But, of course, this is also a moment in our church life where we prepare to say hello to Maggie McTernan, who joins us in September as our new assistant curate. So all in all there has been a great deal for us to be grateful for in our short time here. And saying hello to Maggie brings something else to mind.

We are, as you know, in the season of Pentecost - the season of the Spirit. As I mentioned on Pentecost Sunday, it is easy for us to lose sight of what being reconnected with the Spirit means. Too often (if we think about it at all) we are tempted to associate it with the extra-ordinary rather than simply realising that to be connected to the Spirit is to be more *fully* connected to the ordinary...and it is that connection which makes the ordinary extraordinary. I call these experiences of connection or re-connection 'hello' moments.

As you may know, Stephen and I are Liverpool fans and a good example of a 'hello' moment was when Liverpool were 3 – 0 down at half time in the Champions League Final a few years ago. Everyone thought that all was lost (including me I have to say). The second half duly got underway and within a few minutes of the restart Liverpool got a goal back. The rest, as they say, is history... they went on to win 4 – 3 and it became probably the greatest night in Liverpool Football Club's long list of outstanding sporting achievements. I mention all this (yes there is a point!) because when that first Liverpool goal went in, the commentator made the immortal remark, 'Hello?' It was a single word, but it held within it a whole world of possibility.

That's what 'hello' moments are. They are moments of revelation where a whole world of possibility is open to us. They are moments when we become aware of the extraordinary in the ordinary. The Spirit's job is to get alongside us and gently nudge us in the direction of consistently saying 'hello' to life. As we journey together here in the St Margaret's family, in all our comings and goings, let us always be prepared to show one another those unique 'hello' moments. If we do, then we will be people of encouragement and joy. We will be people of the Spirit.

God Bless and have a good summer.

*Scott*

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**Sally forth, Sally!**

As we say hello to Maggie, we are pleased to report that Sally Anne McDougall, who did part of her curate's training with us from 2005 to 2007, is due to be ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Salisbury early in July. Our prayers and best wishes go with her.

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"I saw the blessed Trinity working and I saw that there is Fatherhood, Motherhood and Lordship."

*Julian of Norwich*

## Who is Maggie....what is she?

*A note from our new assistant curate.....*

I've been asked to write a piece for the magazine to introduce myself to you, but I'm not quite sure where to start – how do I sum myself up in 250 words?



There are some things that you will be able to work out for yourself. When I speak, you will realise I am not from Glasgow, but from that “other place” about fifty miles east of here. Though I do have some Glaswegian heritage, with a grandfather born in Govan, and a father educated at Glasgow University. Most of my family are still through in Edinburgh, and there are a lot of them – I am an auntie to fourteen nieces and nephews, which gives me a lot of fun without the early mornings!

I'm sure you'll pick up on my interests soon enough. I never miss an episode of Doctor Who, and Radio 4 is almost always on in my flat. I hope you like the picture I've chosen; I think it makes me look all active and outdoorsy. I'm not a Munro bagger, but I do love getting out into the hills, particularly the North West Highlands. Closer to home I love all things musical – my choir sing folk music from all over the world (I can sing in more languages than I can speak).

In my day job I'm a social worker. Having worked for years with vulnerable families I now teach child protection, and I'm concerned about social justice and speaking up for those who cannot speak up for themselves – hopefully I'll get you fired up about this also.

Oh dear, I've used up my words. Ah well, I'll have to leave the rest till I come and join you in September, and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you as well!

*Maggie McTernan*

## Thank you for the music!



As we come to the end of another season of splendid Second Sunday concerts, we say thank you very much to Michael for organising them. This season has included performances of works not only by Bach, Handel, Brahms, Schubert and other “usual suspects”, but pieces by Jacques Ibert, Toru Takemitsu, Arvo Part, James MacMillan and others old and new. We have heard pianists, cellists, flautists, trumpeters, singers, violinists, viola players, organists, clarinetists and horn players.

The performers, drawn from Michael’s extensive network of contacts have all been first rate and many have commented that St Margaret’s is a wonderful performing space with excellent acoustics.

The concerts represent a good opportunity for outreach into the community, as audiences have averaged around 50, more than half of whom are not church members. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, whose support we most gratefully acknowledge, the season has raised £1,600 for church funds.

## Curry on filming!

The lovely aroma of spices, the atmospheric Indian music and the tastefully laid out tables at the West end of the church set the tone for a wonderful evening’s entertainment on Friday 17 June.



52 people sat down to such an excellent selection of home cooked Indian food that nearly everyone came back for ‘seconds’ and some ‘thirds’, thus giving the church cooks the ultimate satisfaction of having no leftovers. After an interlude for a raffle and a fascinating “tryyourskillatrollingapoundcoininordertowinabottleofwhisky” competition we sat down to enjoy the “Golden Oldie” film “Kim” starring Errol Flynn and telling the story of the boy Kim’s adventures with the British secret service in India when the Raj was at its height.

Warm thanks to the organising team and the ‘cooks’. We are delighted that Jan Whiteside’s last fundraising event before going to Sri Lanka raised just over £1,000 (including Gift Aid) for the Organ Fund.

## Lift off for Diocesan growth strategy!

A full house of around 150 people attended Holy Trinity and St Barnabas Church in Paisley on 7 June for a celebratory Eucharist to launch the Diocesan Growth strategy for the Glasgow South and Renfrewshire regions. The churches involved are St Aidan's, St Oswald's, St Ninian's, the Church of the Good Shepherd and St Margaret's in the Glasgow South region, and, for the Renfrewshire region, St Mary's Bridge of Weir, St Bartholemew's Gourock, St John's Greenock, St Mary's Port Glasgow, St Fillan's Kilmacolm, Holy Trinity and St Barnabas, Paisley, St John's Johnstone and St Margaret's Renfrew.



### Adventure



Bishop Gregor welcomed us and invited us to join the adventure which the strategy offers. The hymns were well chosen, from 20th century writers combined with well known tunes like Blaenwern and Hyfrydol. The readings, telling of Elijah's encounter with the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17), the descent of fire at Pentecost (Acts 2) and Jesus healing on the Sabbath (Luke 13), challenged us to take our faith outside.

### Encouragement

The Bishop developed this theme in his sermon. God encourages us, by asking us to take risks, as the widow of Zarephath did by doing what Elijah asked her and baking bread for him, and then finding that her jar of oil did not run dry. God energises us, as he did the disciples at Pentecost; we all have a contribution to make as God pours out his Spirit upon us. God challenges us as he breaks through; as Jesus healed on the Sabbath, the leaders of the synagogue replied with what to us are often all too familiar words "This isn't the way we do things here"!

We may understandably be of a conservative nature but that does not mean that our conservatism should become rigidity. May the strategy help God to help us to break through to those outside.

### **Empowerment**

The strategy is not a “one size fits all” blueprint for the diocese, but selects a number of areas of growth and then asks each congregation to work on whichever of these areas are most appropriate in light of its own resources and situation. These areas are

- Prayer and spirituality
- Learning and discipleship
- Missional leadership
- Numerical growth, welcome and integration
- Children and young people
- Imaginative outreach into local communities

A number of facilitators, including our own Jenny Whelan, have volunteered to help implement the strategy around the diocese, and they were each enabled by the Bishop’s laying on of hands. Representatives of each congregation in the two regions then came forward with symbols of hope for their own situation; I found it fascinating to see the variety demonstrated, for instance with reference to children’s work, outreach, café, new building, new beginnings and church gardens.

In good Episcopalian tradition, a sumptuous “purvey” was provided afterwards!

I found the evening very uplifting, and it was good to feel part of a larger group and to receive encouragement as we set about the task here at St Margaret’s to turn the strategy into a reality in the months ahead. In the words of the prayer which we are all asked to use:

*Spirit of our Loving God, in your mercy and compassion, inspire, encourage and empower us to live and work together as a Diocese, to allow Your mission for to take flesh through Jesus Christ or Living and eternal Lord. Amen*

*Jim Gibson*

## 400 years on from the Authorized Version

### *Reflections on “The Word” - Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon*

Selina who? And what has she to do with a piece on the Authorized Version? The aim of these articles has been to highlight the work of some of those who have been convinced of the relevance of the Bible in their lives and that of the world around them. When we think of those whom God has used in a particular way over the years, one might be inclined to think of great preachers or church leaders, but here we reflect on a lesser known lady whose energy and influence played a pivotal role in the life of the church in her day.



The spiritual state of Britain in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century was dire, with public morality low (as for instance shown by Hogarth’s pictures of “A Rake’s Progress”) and the church apparently asleep and unconcerned. Selina Shirley was born in Leicestershire 1707 and married Theophilus Hastings, the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Huntingdon in 1728, and thus became Countess of Huntingdon. In 1739 she joined the first Methodist society in London and became friends with John Wesley and George Whitefield. After her husband’s death in 1746 she threw in her lot with Wesley and Whitefield, and used her wealth to support them in their work of revival.

Under Wesley and Whitefield’s influence a number of ministers, such as William Romaine, Rowland Hill and Henry Venn flourished and brought about a revival of religion. Selina Hastings encouraged them, helped them and supported them when they faced discouragement and disillusion. She also counted hymnwriters such as Isaac Watts (“When I survey the wondrous cross”) and Augustus Toplady (“Rock of Ages, cleft for me”) among her friends. She died in 1791.

Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon is an unsung heroine of faith in Britain. She did not make the headlines but was there in the background supporting others with her resources and energy. Without her, some of the preachers and teachers who have become key figures in our Christian heritage would never have had the support which gave them their start in life and made them famous.

Her influence on those who have influenced us is incalculable and her example is one for us to follow.

*Jim Gibson*

## July / August Calendar of events

### July

- Sun 3rd Pentecost 3  
Tues 5th Holy Communion 10am
- Sun 10th Pentecost 4  
Tues 12th Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 13th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- Sun 17th Pentecost 5  
Tues 19th Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 20th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- Sun 24th Pentecost 6  
Tues 26th Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 27th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- Sun 31st Pentecost 7

### August

- Tues 2nd Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 3rd Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- Sun 7th Pentecost 8  
Tues 9th Holy Communion 10am
- Sun 14th Pentecost 9  
Tues 16th Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 17th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- Sun 21st Pentecost 10  
Tues 23rd Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 24th Rector's Hour at the church 6pm  
**Sat 27th Newlands Fete in Newlands Park (afternoon)**
- Sun 28th Pentecost 11  
Tues 30th Holy Communion 10am  
Wed 31st Rector's Hour at the church 6pm
- ### September
- Thurs 1st Vestry meeting 7.30pm

### **“Keep her Safe”, by DM Simons**

DM Simons is the pen name of Delyth Reid (Alison Robertson’s sister), who has just written a children’s book.

This is a thriller/adventure that weaves hints of science into an action packed plot and is aimed at readers aged 9-13. A critic has said, “It is a particularly moving and unusual story of suspense and intrigue with well drawn out characters with whom readers will be able to empathise. The scientific nature of the story and the ethical questions it raises will challenge readers’ opinions and encourage discussion.” For further information see [www.dmsimonsauthor.co.uk](http://www.dmsimonsauthor.co.uk).

Copies of the book are available from Alison (or from Waterstone’s and Amazon) and Delyth is donating all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her mother who died of cancer, and to Saving Sight in Grampian.

## Readings for July and August

3 July Pentecost 3	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
10 July Pentecost 4	Genesis 25: 19-34 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
17 July Pentecost 5	Genesis 28: 10-19a Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
24 July Pentecost 6	Genesis 29: 15-28 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
31 July Pentecost 7	Genesis 32: 22-31 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21
7 August Pentecost 8	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33
14 August Pentecost 9	Genesis 45: 1-15 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28
21 August Pentecost 10	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20
28 August Pentecost 11	Exodus 3: 1-15 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28

## The Big 5

*This month's contributor is Adrian Osmond*

*Who is your hero and why?*

Jim Henson was the driving force behind the Muppets and many other creations. His life was hardly heroic, and it may seem ridiculous to mention him here, but through his inspired creations he spread hope and joy, and that's no mean feat. The apparent simplicity of some of those felt creatures makes it easy to underestimate what they have given to people; and his contribution to *Sesame Street* was integral to what that programme has achieved worldwide.

In 1990 I attended Henson's public memorial service in St Paul's Cathedral. It concluded with the song *Just One Person*. At first, just one Muppeteer sang while holding one Muppet; but as each verse progressed more people joined in, until the area was teeming with performers and their beloved characters. It was indescribably moving to see these real and fictional families standing together, in mourning and in celebration. It crystallised what this one person had begun, and what he had left behind.

*What is your favourite piece of music, favourite painting, favourite poem?*

With each of these questions, I'm deeply aware of the possible answers that I have had to leave behind. My musical tastes are eclectic: Bach, Bartok, Beach Boys, Beastie Boys, Bjork, Bowie and Britten co-exist happily on the shelves (and that's not to mention the extensive Springsteen collection...). Perhaps I'd choose *The Valley* by Canadian singer Jane Siberry, which borrows imagery from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm to provide deep solace. Siberry actually performed a concert in our home last year, as part of her endeavour to connect with audiences in intimate environments.

I'd rather choose any sculpture of Rodin's over a painting; the energy that streams out of his figures is astonishing. My favourite poem is the magnificent *Dream of the Rood*, probably dating from the 9<sup>th</sup> Century, which relates the crucifixion from the perspective of the cross.

*What is your favourite book / film?*

One of my most treasured books is *Triptychs* by the photographer Milton Rogovin. He took shots of people living in Buffalo's Lower West Side during the early seventies, returned a decade later to take their pictures again, and did the same once more after another decade. There are no captions in the book, no explanations - just three still images to convey each journey of 20 years. One of my favourite sequences depicts an elderly man (a grandfather?) standing proudly beside a baby in a pram. By the third picture, the man is in a wheelchair, with a

young woman (the baby now grown?) standing over him.

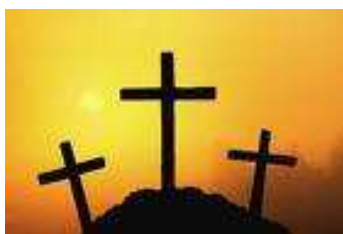
The film I have watched most often is probably *My Dinner with Andre*. Essentially, it's a conversation in a restaurant between a writer and a theatre director. It should be tiresome and un-cinematic, but in fact I find it a profoundly moving and detailed experience that has the potential to shift your perspective on life. It reveals new facets to me each time I return.

*What is your favourite significant memory of St Margaret's?*

Walking into the church for the first time, one Sunday morning. The high-reaching contours of the building, the wonderful music, and the warm welcome made me feel an instant connection that hasn't diminished.

*Who would you like to be locked inside St Margaret's with?*

My grandparents. There is much that I would love to have understood and learnt from them, and now I feel ready to listen.



### ***Words from “Dream of the Rood”***

Now, my beloved brave one, I command  
you to reveal this vision to mankind,  
unravel in words that this is the tree of glory  
on which almighty God suffered  
for the many sins of mankind  
and for the old deeds of Adam.  
He tasted Death; yet the Lord rose again  
with mighty power for the sake of man.  
He ascended into the heavens. The Lord himself,  
almighty God and his angels as well,  
will travel to this middle-earth once more  
on doomsday to seek mankind.  
Then will he, who wields dominion, judge each one  
as each shall have earned for himself  
here in this fleeting life.

## Fragile Planet

*Global warming is here to stay....or is it?*

*One of our youth group ponders an uncertain future and challenges us to act NOW.*



We are all going to die, unless we make a change in how we treat our planet. Many scientists agree that our earth is undergoing a major change in its climate. They also agree there is a significant change in the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere. The ice caps are melting, sea levels are rising, we are experiencing more water shortages and we will see more of the disasters such as hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones and many others. A lot of countries are already being affected by global warming because of the sheer rise in heat levels. Countries that are affected already are Asia, Australia (we have seen very recently the disaster of flooding in Queensland where many people



died) Pacific, Indonesia and Europe. If global warming doesn't stop it will be the whole globe that is affected.

### **The greenhouse effect**

Global warming is when greenhouse gases trap the heat and the light from the sun in the earth's atmosphere, causing the temperature to rise. A good way to explain it would be if you think of a car on a very hot day. The car heats up because the heat and the light from the sun can get into the car but it can't get back out. This is what the greenhouse effect does to the earth. The heat and light can get through the atmosphere but it can't get back out. This causes the temperature to rise.

### **Recycle...just do it!**

It's not all doom and gloom though. There are ways we can stop global warming or at least decrease the disasters it may spring upon us, such as recycling. We can recycle cans, paper, glass, plastic, some metals, cardboard, old tyres from a car or bike etc. Some ways to recycle are as simple as passing



an old phone or computer down to a younger family member or giving clothes to charity, or even buying clothes from charity, which is not only a lot cheaper but isn't supporting shops which are involved in child labour. Another thing is compost; if you have a garden, compost is a great way to keep your soil and plants healthy and if you don't have soil of your own, why not give it to a friend? Think about saving electricity, by switching lights off when you leave a room, or turning the T.V. off at the wall instead of leaving it on standby.

### **Our children's children's future is at stake**

There are lots of different way to help the environment and they are not all huge tasks. You can play your small part to helping save the world. The



story is changing all the time but the latest is if we go the same way as we are going or get worse the Arctic will be an open sea in 20 years' time - not very good for polar bears or other animals who call the Arctic their home.

No one knows how the world is going to end. Some think it will eventually get too hot and everyone will boil. Some think the complete opposite and there will be a freeze and the whole world will be frozen. Others think a black hole will open up and gobble us all up. Some say a huge tidal wave will swarm over the whole world sweeping out the whole of the human race. The truth is though, no one knows. But why wait to find out when we can act now? It won't be us that has to suffer the most, but our grandchildren or grandchildren's children will be the ones that get hit hard. Now is that really fair? Global warming isn't just a story, it's real and it's happening now. It's time to change.

*Kirsty Fraser (aged 11)*

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Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul.

*John Muir, 1907*

The Kingdom of God is creation healed.

*Hans Kung*

## Intercessions for Trinity Sunday

Praise to you, O God the Father, who did create all things by your power and wisdom, and did so love the world as to give your Son to be our Saviour. Praise be to you, O God the Son, who was made man like us in all things, except sin, and was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification. Praise be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, and sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts. All praise and glory be to you, O God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, who formed your Church to be of one heart and soul in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, renew her evermore in her first love; and grant to your peoples such measure of your grace that their life may be hallowed, their way directed, and their work made fruitful to the good of your Church and the glory of your holy name.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

You Lord, are the God of all compassion, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from You. We think of all who need that comfort this day. We think especially of those whose health is less than it should be, and those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. May Your Holy Spirit be the great Comforter for them this day.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for the United Nations Organization and other international organizations which serve peace and understanding, that they may be strong in helping settle differences fairly, with respect for the rights of people, and without recourse to violence; we pray for political leaders who negotiate peace, that they may learn to trust each other and that the agreements they achieve may be respected.

We pray for the superpowers that they be aware of the value and responsibility of each nation in the family of nations and that they may turn from the paths that could lead to war.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Father, in this financial crisis that our nation is facing today, we think of those, who no fault of their own have lost their jobs and are now searching for work for the sake of their families. We pray that they will not become despondent, or come to regard themselves as useless. Help them to employ their skills and gifts in other directions and to find a measure of fulfilment in the service of the church or community till employment comes their way again.

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and who is to come.

*Moira Linnegan (19 June)*

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Which famous 20th century personality said:

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.” (Answer on page 21)

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## **Sun shines on Sukhita cycle ride!**



The intrepid souls who ventured out to Drumpellier Country Park on Saturday 11 June certainly had the best of the day. The weather started off well and stayed fine for the morning while the cyclists were doing their 13 miles, before turning thoroughly wet and nasty in the afternoon.



A good time was had by all and while the sponsorship money has not yet all come in, the editor understands that a good sum was raised for this very worthy cause. Reports of umpteen very sore backsides are not to be trusted!



## **Traidcraft news**

A few thoughts at the end of another good year for Saint Margaret's Fair Trade Group.

A big thank you again to all those who supported our Fair Trade sales at the Sunday services and at last year's Newlands Fete. We have maintained a steady income and donated to Traidcraft Exchange, but we could do more.

I would like to make a plea to all of you to consider buying on a regular basis from the stall. I know the prices are not cheap. I know you can buy Fair Trade goods in supermarkets and sometimes at a lower price but please read this small extract from a letter I received from Traidcraft.

*“Imagine that you spend half your income on food, and that the price of food has almost doubled. This is the daily reality for the people Traidcraft is working with in Bangladesh.*

*Traidcraft have a partner organisation working with farmers in Bangladesh. They help farmers work together in groups enabling improved productivity by sharing knowledge and skills and increasing their revenue through sales. The farmers are becoming more confident and are therefore better able to negotiate good deals for themselves.*

*This is a small part of Traidcraft's work and there are thousands of small scale farmers in the developing world who urgently need help to increase the production of food and secure their incomes in the long term.”*

Traidcraft have faced challenges in terms of raising money and as an organisation they want to do more, not less. We at Saint Margaret's can help. There are many more products we can stock. When you have a moment please look at their website or have a look at our catalogue and let us know what you would be prepared to buy.

Here are a couple of suggestions:

- As a Fair Trade church should we use toilet rolls and kitchen towels sold by Traidcraft?
- Would you like to buy or share a case of Fair Trade wine?

Finally, the Newlands Fete is again taking place on Saturday 27 August, and this year they have decided to hold it for three hours so it would be brilliant if we could have a few new helpers. Please speak to anyone on the stall for more information. This is an excellent outreach event for the Fair Trade cause as well as for the Church.

*Liz Bryce*

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**Answer to last month's Sudoku puzzle - STCOLUMBA**

T	M	B	A	S	U	C	L	O
O	U	L	B	T	C	S	M	A
C	A	S	L	O	M	U	B	T
B	O	M	U	A	L	T	C	S
S	C	T	M	B	O	L	A	U
A	L	U	S	C	T	B	O	M
M	B	C	O	U	S	A	T	L
U	T	O	C	L	A	M	S	B
L	S	A	T	M	B	O	U	C

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**The Bible - recipe for a God centred life**

Did you know that the shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117 and the longest is Psalm 119. The chapter in the middle is Psalm 118. There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after it.

594 and 594 equals 1188. The centre verse of the Bible is Psalm 118.8, which says "It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man".

Coincidence? Or Providence?

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Answer to question on page 19 (surprisingly perhaps) - Dwight D Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe in World War II and United States President 1952-1960.

## Summer Quiz

Get your thinking caps on and solve the cryptic clues! The answers are all the names of Scottish islands. Put your answers in the magazine editor's drawer or hand them to me. Closing date Sunday 21 August 12 noon. The first all correct (or most nearly correct) answer drawn at random immediately after the closing date will receive a £10 voucher, to be redeemed at the St Margaret's Traidcraft stall. *Jim Gibson*

1. Stop and speak .....
2. Ban the artist .....
3. Place for a detective .....
4. Suburb of Melbourne strictly for the birds.....
5. No winter here! .....
6. Lulu's song? .....
7. Thus an unknown appears .....
8. Also in France .....
9. Begins to sound pretty .....
10. I kill, do I? .....
11. Two and a half acres follow a performance.....
12. Sounds blue .....
13. Mixed nuts .....
14. Nearly afraid, and mixed up .....
15. With ham please .....
16. Think on it! .....
17. Artilleryman went back and sprinted .....
18. Get fifty after a pass .....
19. Often linked with a river .....
20. An Archbishop of Canterbury switches a letter.....
21. Go very slowly to the house, we hear .....
22. Make mine with Bacardi .....
23. Place for an old man, or a cyclist .....
24. Source of jumpers .....
25. Island of sheep .....
26. Bridge player would have this with first letter.....
27. Sounds as if one should shut up .....
28. Careful Scotsman, or incapable? .....
29. Dirty place .....
30. A thousand mistake the time .....

Name:

Phone no:



## **The Last Word**

A minister was praying at the bedside of a sick old lady who had a poodle and a hen-pecked husband. Half way through the prayer, the dog became agitated and jumped on the bed. "Get him out George. Get him out," hissed the old lady. The obedient husband, not realising it was the dog she was referring to, took the minister firmly by the elbow and made to lead him out of the room!

## **St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands**



### **Service details**

#### **Sundays**

9.00am Said Eucharist  
10.30am Sung Eucharist,  
Crèche, Sunday School & Youth Group

#### **Tuesdays**

10am Holy Communion

For other services not listed please see Diary inside

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