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Church Services

**St. Andrew's
Leny Road, Callander**

Sunday service in church

Holy Communion
Every Sunday, 10.00am

*1st Sunday in the month:
Holy Communion according to
Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

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Midweek service in church

BCP Holy Communion
every Wednesday, 10.00am

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**St. Mary's
Main Street, Aberfoyle**

Sunday service in church
Holy Communion
Every Sunday, 11.15am

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Balfon BCP Holy Communion
3rd Sunday in the month, 8.00am
St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church
Dunmore Street, Balfon

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Killearn Holy Communion
1st Tuesday in the month, 10.00am
Killearn Kirk Session Room

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Palm Sunday, 5 April
Holy Communion, 10.00am

Palm Sunday, 5 April
Holy Communion, 11.15am

<p>Holy Week Ecumenical/Linkage Devotions Monday - Wednesday, 6-8 April Callander Kirk Library, 7.30pm</p> <p>Maundy Thursday, 9 April 'In Remembrance' St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm</p>
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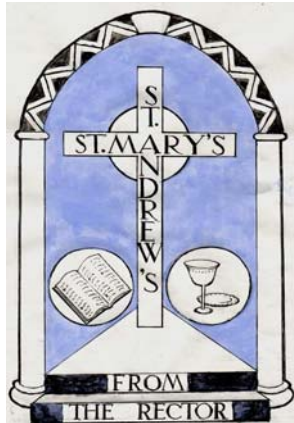
Good Friday Devotions, 10 April
St Andrew's Church, 12 noon
Callander Kirk Hall, 7.30pm

Good Friday Devotion, 10 April
10.30am

Easter Day, 12 April
Holy Communion, 10.00am

Easter Day, 12 April
BCP Communion, 8.00am, Balfon
Holy Communion, 11.15am, St Mary's

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Messiah

The South Sea Company was a British enterprise founded in 1711. The Company was granted by royal ascent a monopoly to trade in Spain's South American colonies. Extravagant promises about its potential profitability created a wave of speculating frenzy. Between January and June 1720, the share price of South Sea rose from £128 to £550. By August, the knowledge that heads of Government and even the King's mistress had invested money drove the price of a share to exceed four figures. By the end of September however the bubble had burst with disastrous results. Banks and goldsmiths as well as thousands of individuals were ruined. Parliament was recalled, and a subsequent investigation revealed corruption within the Cabinet. Amongst those implicated was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was imprisoned. A series of measures had to be quickly introduced to restore public confidence. It led to a prolonged recession: can you believe it?

It was against such a background that the composer Handel was striving to earn a living. A series of unsuccessful operas, as well as damaging his reputation, drove him to the brink of financial ruin. Then in 1737 he suffered a stroke that paralysed his right arm and affected his eyesight. As a consequence organ performances, his last source of income, became impossible. Handel retreated from public life to a house in Brook Street in London's West End.

Many believed him to have left the country or to have died.

Handel had previously had some dealings with a writer or librettist named Charles Jennens. Jennens was a devout Christian who had become disturbed by a sudden increase in free-thinking and contempt for religion. Christian revelation was under attack, and Jennens became determined to defend belief in Christ as Redeemer through whom God revealed himself. As well as this, Jennens' intention was that this truth should be brought afresh to the public's ears by way of word set to music; an oratorio. Choosing passages from the Bible and Prayer Book, Jennens set about his self-imposed task, in the vague hope that Handel might be persuaded to collaborate.

Jennens carefully divided his score into three parts. The first part recalls the prophecy of the birth of a Messiah. 'For behold darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee'. (*Isaiah 60:2-3*). 'And the angel said unto them "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord"' (*Luke 2:13*).

Moving to the second part, Jennens selected passages describing Christ's passion 'Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities.' (*Isaiah 53:4*). That section finishes triumphantly with the words of what has become known as the Hallelujah Chorus 'The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever Hallelujah!' (*Revelation 19:6,16*).

The final part of Jennens' manuscript starts with an affirmation of everlasting life. 'I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God' (*Job 19:25,26*).



Progress of implementation of the Diocesan Policy

The implementation of the new Diocesan Policy is moving ahead strongly.

The new Diocesan structure provides for an enlarged and more representative Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has already been enlarged by the addition of the Convenors of the five Policy and Action Groups. It will be enlarged by a further eight members, both clergy and lay, following election at the forthcoming Diocesan Synod. This will give us a stronger and much more representative Standing Committee which will be able to carry forward business on behalf of the Diocese between meetings of the Diocesan Synod.

The five Policy and Action Groups have also come into being. The Convenors have been appointed:

- Casting the Net: Dr Karen Gaskell
- Ministry & Education: Canon Alison Peden
- Children & Young People: Rev Anne Haselhurst
- Charges & Groupings: Very Rev Kenny Rathband
- Administration: Dr John Ferguson-Smith

Members of all these groups have now agreed to serve and the groups are beginning to shape their programme for the future. An important early task has been shaping the job descriptions and other information for the appointment of the three Diocesan Officers as outlined in the Diocesan Policy. The closing dates for applications to these posts was 13 March and interviews will take place at the end of March.

The development of the Casting the Net Group is of particular interest. The primary task of this group will be to encourage our congregations to take part in a review of their life against the Nine Marks of a Healthy Mission-Shaped church. This group will also be responsible for the way in which the whole programme is given identity and for the way in which it is launched.

The Casting the Net programme, covering the work of all Action Groups, will be launched in every congregation across the Diocese on Pentecost Sunday (31 May). Fishing nets will be available for each congregation to use in the launch service (and throughout the year) to symbolise their commitment to mission and growth and Casting the Net to draw in new members. Other material to promote Casting the Net will also be issued on that day. We are then considering bringing together the whole Diocese in the Cathedral for a celebration on the eve of St Andrews Day.

The implementation of this programme is, of course, a major task but it is encouraging that so much progress has been made so quickly. We look forward to being able to begin to enrich the lives of our congregations as the programme develops.

Bishop David Chillingworth
www.bishopdavid.net

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Dear Friends,
I know that you will want to know details of our Lent Appeal for 2009.

We have had visits from two bishops from overseas since the Lambeth Conference - Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo of the Province of Myanmar and Bishop Enoch Kayeeye of Congo.

I suggest that we might divide the proceeds of our Lent Appeal between projects which Archbishop Stephen and Bishop Enoch are undertaking.



In the case of Archbishop Stephen, the work is part of the continuing effort to recover and rebuild following Cyclone Nargis. He refers particularly to the needs of a medium term rehabilitation programme with a budget of US\$ 1.55million.

Alongside the continuing need for food and medical aid (which we now estimate will continue until December 2009), we have drawn up plans for a medium-term rehabilitation programme that will take approximately 18 months to implement upon commencement. The budget for this rehabilitation programme is approximately US\$1.55 million, of which we have already received funds/pledges for about 60%. We are now appealing for financial assistance only from amongst the Anglican Communion to help support this rehabilitation programme. The immediate priority is to restore livelihoods in the fisheries and agricultural sectors.

Alongside this, work on permanent construction work in our areas of focus will commence in earnest once the monsoon season ends in late October/early November. Other rehabilitation categories include water, sanitation, health, counselling and children. Included in our fund-raising appeal is the need to raise funds for the repair required to some of our major church buildings, namely the Provincial Office, Holy Cross Theological College, and the Anglican Religious Training Centre.

There are close links between the Episcopal congregation in Kirkcaldy and Archbishop Stephen. He has visited a number of times and Carol Latimer, a member of the congregation, will visit Thailand shortly to work in the refugee camps where many of the Karen people (the minority Christian community of Burma) are living.



Bishop Enoch is a missionary bishop of the Church in Uganda who has been sent to Congo to develop diocesan and parish life. Like many of his clergy, he has no stipend and I find his commitment humbling. Archdeacon Gordon Ogilvie, who is now retired and living in St Andrews and who has been part of a group which has given long-term support to Bishop Enoch, writes:

Bishop Enoch is Missionary (Assistant) Bishop in war-torn North Kivu Diocese of the Anglican Province and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is promoting, those good principles and practices of strategic development which he led for over 20 years as Founder/Director of African International Christian Ministry in Uganda, from where he was called to his current post.

His hope is to see established work, such as primary health care, literacy, vocational skills training and re-settlement of displaced peoples, all blossom in Congo as they have in south-west Uganda around Kabale in the Diocese of Kigezi.

In each case, we have a clear channel through which funds can be transferred. **Funds raised for the Lent Appeal to support the work of these two bishops should therefore be sent to the Diocesan Office, 28a Balhousie Street, Perth PH1 5HJ - cheques made payable to the Diocese of St Andrews.**

With all good wishes,

Bishop David Chillingworth

Special Events

Quiet Day *Jesus the Servant*

Saturday 28 March
10.00am - 4.00pm
St Catherine's Church Centre, Blairgowrie

We often speak of serving God, yet God comes among us in Jesus 'not to be served but to serve'. Do we really believe this, and if so, how does it reflect our relationship with Jesus and with other people?

Cost: £6 incl. tea/coffee/soup
Bring your own sandwiches and bible

To book, contact, by 23 March:
Catherine McManus, Heathbank, Coupar
Angus Road, Blairgowrie, PH10 6JY.
01250 872360

Forfar Gala Week

St. John's Church: open 22-28 June
Historical exhibition
Lunch-time musical recitals

28 June, 11.00 am: Gaelic Eucharist service
at Restenneth Priory with picnic lunch

Contact: Rev Andy McCafferty
01397 463440

Exploring Healing Ministry

Saturday 17 October, 10.00am - 4.00pm
St Saviour's Church, Bridge of Allan

Workshop on the nature of healing ministry,
healing services and guidelines for practice,
ending with a healing liturgy.

Cost: £5 (bring your own lunch)
Contact: Rev Dom Ind
01786 832368

Regular Events

A School for the Lord's Service *An exercise in Benedictine Spirituality*

First Saturday of each month
9.15am - 12.15pm

All Saints Church, St Andrews
Free

Contact: Canon Jonathan Mason
01334 473193

Questions of Belief *Discussion of a range of matters of faith*

Last Wednesday of each month
1.45pm

St Catherine's Church, Blairgowrie

Contact: Very Rev. Kenny Rathband
01250 874583

Yearbook 2009

Thanks to all those who have made
donations to the Yearbook. All
these have been forwarded to the
St Mary's renovation fund.

If you would still like to make a
donation, please send a cheque to
Nick Cooke, Easter Stonefield,
Port of Menteith, FK8 3RD
for £3.00 made payable to
St Mary's Church, Aberfoyle.

Alterations

Addition

Jamie & Rozie Parker, The Moss,
Killearn, G63 9LJ
Phone: 01360 550053
Email: themoss@freeuk.com

Alteration

Colin Johnson and family
Phone: 01877 382404

Food was provided by St Andrews church, where we would be leading their service on the Sunday. The racecourse was small, but it was enough for us, we played games on the Friday night, one a flour based one that was a bowl of flour upside down and a jelly sweet on top, we had to cut away at the flour and if the jelly sweet fell we had to pick it up with just our mouths! Some got flour all over their face, including it has to be said, me.

I was the only one that night to get a good nine hours sleep and others were wondering how? I think it was all the travelling I had done that day!

On Saturday we woke to porridge and toast and went down to the town by foot for a treasure hunt. Some got a bit lost in the town, lucky we had mobiles! Others relaxed and had a hot chocolate in a cafe, to keep warm.

In the afternoon after lunch at St Andrews, we planned the worship for the following day, some did drama, some did the prayers and some did the main worship practice and others did the readings. We finished in time to go into the town again and do our own thing for half an hour before we had to go back and get ready for the ceilidh in the town. I was expecting like Glenalmond that it would be just us, but the town was invited, which made it even more enjoyable.

On Sunday, the service was led by us, apart from the Eucharist. The presentation/drama of the bible reading made peoples day. There were lines like: the star saying to the wise men on the way to Bethlehem 'on your right hills, and on your left Jerusalem.' And at the crib/manger 'no flash photography please, postcards available on the way out.' We also had wiser women who were like the angels to the wise men.

When they said homage the wise men were confused and said 'we don't have any of that, does he accept MasterCard?' They also made us laugh, even the rector when they were presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and they said 'sorry for these unusual gifts but you are too young for an Xbox.'

This set the tone for the rest of the service, which was a great success and everyone enjoyed it, especially the congregation of St Andrews.

It was a great weekend, meeting people again after the summer and hopefully we will see each other at Glenalmond 09.

If you are at secondary school and want to come to Glenalmond 2009, let me know and I will get you involved.

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Bring and Buy

First Sunday of each month
after renovations complete
(May or June)

St Mary's church
Open to all

Please bring along produce, home
baking or preserves (not bric a brac).

If you'd like to help out or for
further information, contact
Carol Seymour on 01786 870710
or info@thorntreebarn.co.uk.

Child in Need Institute (CINI) Adopt a Mother and Save Her Child

You will recall that last year St Mary's agreed to support the *Friends of CINI's 'Adopt a Mother and Save a Child'* programme in Kolcata, India.

As part of the feedback to the Vestry on this sponsorship, we have received a second report and photograph from CINI on the young mother Raji Mahato and her newborn baby, who are doing well.



Raji is very happy to have delivered a beautiful, healthy baby girl and she has started to exclusively breastfeed from day one, which will help promote the physical and mental development of the child. The baby hasn't received the first immunization against infectious diseases, but zero dose polio is completed. Both the mother and the child are in good health. After the delivery, she went to spend some months at her parents home where the CINI health workers couldn't contact her. That's why they had to wait for her coming back to complete this report.

Organ recital in aid of CINI

Dunblane Cathedral
Saturday 18 April: 7.30pm

Tickets: £10 from Margie Stephen on
01360 660263

A light supper will be available after
the recital for £5, payable on the
night.

All proceeds go to CINI

New Arrival

Congratulations to Tim and Anne Winther after the birth of John Anthony, born on 17 December. A wonderful brother for Lily. He was welcomed by all at church in February and it's only Dr Gaskell that made him cry!

Do you have any spare shoe boxes?

A charity that fills shoe boxes with useful things, for distribution to people of all ages in Eastern Europe, India and Pakistan at Christmastime, is in desperate need of empty shoe boxes. With the closure of many shoe shops, a major source of boxes has dried up and yet the need remains.

If you have any shoe boxes, or even just one, please donate to this charity. Last year we sent over 100 boxes. Barbara Carruthers will be happy to receive any if you can bring them to church.

Thank you.

*Barbara Carruthers, 01360 440386
bainaspin.btinternet.com*



Well at this time there isn't really much news as we have been biding our time waiting for the rainy season to pass – almost over thankfully! We have not however been resting on our laurels as we have been busy preparing project proposals to send to various donor organisations, finalising annual accounts in preparation for auditing and generally keeping busy.



Patrick, the design consultant, on the day of handover

I am happy to report that the 'Ubale Bridge' has given safe access throughout this period to the children walking to school and no school days have been lost as a result of being cut off by flooding. The community has benefitted immensely from this development.



The bridge in use

With the end of the rains, we are now in a position to commence construction on the school. So we are currently arranging meetings with the architect and the chosen contractor to finalise the contract agreement. We will be organising a ground breaking ceremony and this will be the subject of the next report for the summer issue of the Newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers. Wishing you all the joys and blessings of the risen Lord. Happy Easter.

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Become a MiDGie

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality, empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria & other diseases
7. Ensure environmental stability
8. Develop global partnership for development.

Halfway to 2015 progress has been made:

- 3 million more children survive every year
- 41 million more children in school
- 2 million people receive AIDS treatment
- 2 million lives saved every day by immunisation
- Polio, leprosy and neonatal tetanus are on the verge of elimination
- African economies growing at 6% for past 3 years and set to grow faster in years ahead.

This progress inspires the SEC to do more and so it has created MiDGies, to remind Episcopalians that we need to persistently agitate (like midges!) to achieve the MDG and that they should inform decisions we make. So we are called to promote the MDG in prayer and action. Become a MiDGie today!

The Bible and Holy Scriptures Edinburgh, 1579

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE) has a wonderful library of really old medical works. Items from the 17th century warning of the dangers of tobacco and alcohol and promoting healthy eating and physical activity. Whilst perusing their old works at a recent meeting, I came across this exposition of a somewhat different nature.

The RCPE library was founded over 325 years ago, so it is not surprising to find several editions of the bible among the collection. Most are rather plain editions, a few are of interest, but one in particular, has a special place in the history of Scottish printing the - Bassandyne Bible, which was first printed in 1579 by Thomas Bassandyne.

The text was taken from the 1562 'Geneva' translation, popularly known as the 'Breeches' bible from the translation of Genesis 3:7 'they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches'.

Thomas Bassandyne was a burgher of Edinburgh who had learned the art of printing in Paris and Leiden. The General Assembly of the Kirk took offence at two books he printed in 1568 entitled *The Fall of the Roman Kirk* and *Psalmes Booke*. The books were modified and Bassandyne was ordered to abstain from printing anything he did not have a licence for. As a supporter of Mary Queen of Scots, he was in further trouble in 1572 when he was denounced as a traitor for supporting the rebels who held Edinburgh Castle for the Queen. However, by March 1575 he had made amends with the Kirk and along with an Edinburgh merchant, Alexander Arbuthnot, he was granted permission to undertake the printing of the bible in English.

To support the venture, the General Assembly ordered that each parish should purchase a copy by paying in advance the sum of £5.

The New Testament was completed in 1576 and the complete Bible was finally published three years after the subscribers had paid their £5. Thomas Bassandyne died before he could see the work finished and the general title page gives Alexander Arbuthnot alone as the printer.

It was hoped that there would be an 'intense desire' among the populace for a Bible in English. This did not materialise and so measures were taken to ensure further sales. The Privy Council passed a law *'that each householder worth 300 merks of yearly rent, and all substantial yeomen and burgesses esteemed as worth £500 in land and goods, should have a Bible in the vulgar tongue, under penalty of £10'*. Edinburgh Town Council also ordered all householders to purchase Bibles. 'Searchers' were to go from house to house throughout Scotland requiring each householder to produce their copy or pay the penalty. Each copy had to be signed by the owner to ensure that copies were not passed between households.

In spite of the large numbers which must have been printed, only three or four complete copies are known to exist. The RCPE copy was the family Bible of Dr Andrew Duncan. It appears to have been a bible that was well used. It was embossed with the Duncan family gold crest on the cover and contains several manuscript pages of genealogical entries made by him and his family. Dr Duncan is well remembered in Edinburgh for his work in mental health. He was so appalled by the conditions in the City Bedlam, that one of the very first actions he took on being elected RCPE president was to appoint a committee for the establishment of an asylum for the humane treatment of the insane.

Karen Gaskell, adapted from RCPE leaflet by John Dallas, Rare Books Librarian

The Chocolate Cake

Look no further. This really is the ultimate chocolate cake and easy enough for children to make on a rainy day- it's the golden syrup that does it!

Sieve together:

175 g plain flour
125 g caster sugar
1 tspn baking powder
1 tspn bicarbonate of soda
2 tblspn best cocoa.

Beat in:

150 ml warm milk
150 ml sunflower oil
2 eggs
2 tblspn golden syrup.

Bake in two 6" cake tins @ 180C for 20 minutes. Sandwich with chocolate butter cream (butter, melted chocolate pieces, icing sugar).

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Strathendrick Singers Spring Concert

Sunday 29 March, 7.00pm
Killearn Kirk

Zadok the Priest, Handel
Gloria, Vivaldi
Magnificat, Rutter

Tickets £8 adult, £4 children
Available from Philip Gaskell, Margie
Stephen or Bill Richardson



You have taught us,
O Christ, to love the world.
You have shown us the light
that is within us and within all things.
May we learn to love you more
and in loving you more
learn to love the earth
and all its people more,
for you are the light of all life.

Rev J. Philip Newell - Celtic Treasure

Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm
Beechwood, Croftamie

All welcome to these meetings of open prayer, or just pop a request for prayer in the 'prayer basket' at the back of church.

Book Review
Conversations & Prayers:
Breaking Through, Eddie Askew
Leprosy Mission International, 2006

Eddie Askew has a suite of wonderful books including daily reflections on a bible passage with a prayer from the heart that we can all relate to and his own original watercolour paintings.

This book is in a new style. It studies five bible readings in this way, each over several days, picking out specific sentences, exploring the background and considering what it means for us. I have found it inspiring.

'Your love wraps me safely, not in the soft and comforting hot-chocolate kind of love, but love's espresso: strong, dark and challenging, that wakes me up to think and work for you.'

Karen Gaskell



Church Lessons

Spring 2009

To help you prepare for or reflect further on a service,
here are the readings for the coming season.

Date	Sunday Theme	Lessons and Gospel
29 March	Passion Sunday	Jeremiah 31. 31 – 34 Hebrews 5. 5 – 10 John 12. 20 – 33
5 April	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11
12 April	Easter Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-9 1Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8
19 April	Second Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-end,15:20-21 Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19 - end
26 April	Third Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3:14 - end Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48
3 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18 Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18
10 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Genesis 22:1-18 Acts 8 26-40 John 15:1-8
17 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17
24 May	Sunday after Ascension	Daniel 7:9-14 Acts 1:15-17,21-26 John 17:6-19
31 May	Pentecost	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 2: 1-12 John 15:26-27,16:4b-15
7 June	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
14 June	First Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 Mark 4:26-34
21 June	Second Sunday after Trinity	Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
28 June	Third Sunday after Trinity	Lamentations 3:23-33 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5 21-43