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Pastoral Letter

Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch, Rector

"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them..... Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.....They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24

The holiday season is well under way here in Scotland. Outside the streets are noticeably quieter and the roads less congested. All being well, in a week's time we also shall be on the road heading south for a two week break.

Hurray for holidays!

Here at St Andrew's we certainly all need one. We have had a busy spring and early summer. Over the last weekend in May a group of us went to The Whitchester Retreat House just outside Hawick. We had a marvellous time.

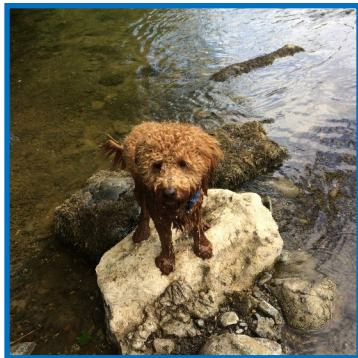
On the first evening Marie was charged with the task of after dinner entertainment. She produced a great "ice breaker" involving asking each other random questions and then – oh joy of joy – my favourite – charades! well a variation of the game anyway. It was all highly amusing and much fun. Liz then sobered us up introducing our

theme for the weekend.

We were reflecting on "Encountering God" in the context of our chosen bible text and our own experience. The passage we were studying was the resurrection appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus – one of the greatest and most poignant texts of the bible – reminding us of the fact that Jesus does walk beside us as we journey along this earthly life even if we don't always recognise the fact.

Over the next two days we explored the area, enjoyed some bible study, sang, ate well, socialised and attended a very good service at the SEC in Hawick. It is a beautiful church where we were made very welcome.

At the last minute my daughter said she would join us. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we had a lovely time



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pottering around the locality.

We visited the home and gardens of Sir Walter Scott which was very interesting. We also spent a lot of time dodging showers while walking the dogs.

I particularly enjoyed walking along the banks of the Teviot. Ted of course enjoyed being in the Teviot!

Thanks to Robert and Helen' supreme technical skills we were able, on the

The weekend finished with a Eucharist on Monday morning. It was a very special time.

Thank you to all who took part and supported it but especially to Liz F who initiated and organised it.

The following week I was off to Edinburgh for the General Synod. There is always quite a buzz at the Synod with plenty to discuss plus time for socialising. This year high on the agenda was the issue of ethical investments.

Meanwhile back home the flower festival was in full swing. As usual beautiful blooms, arranged by various Milngavie churches, adorned St Andrew's, Friendship house hosted an incredible number of teas and a tidy sum was raised for Water Aid.

The beginning of June also saw the St Andrew's Annual Tea Party. This year held at our place – always an excellent and much needed incentive to tidy the house and garden! The weather was terrible both the day before the party and the day after. But on the day, itself, The Lord smiled on us and the sun shone! It was a lovely afternoon. We desperately tried not to over cater this year but typically failed!

As a result, an elaborate spread was put on and consumed. This then had to be



final night, to watch the last episode of "Pilgrimage" a story of a group of people walking to Rome. There was a very moving last scene in which they all met the Pope.

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worked off in the garden by playing games. For some reason George thought it would be a good to have an axe logging competition - not sure why - but it did produce some interesting pictures and much hilarity!

On Thursday we look forward to the Fellowship outing to Lunch at Luss.

In August we are planning a repeat of the very successful Talent Auction that was held three years ago. So, get your thinking caps on! Any suggestions, Angela is now

taking orders.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for your very generous Easter Offering. I have tried to

tell Gordon that I think this practise is somewhat outdated and no longer the norm – certainly this has been the case in the Church of England for a long time! But he insists.....and so I am very grateful and touched by your kindness.

Enjoy the rest of the summer

Andrea



Notices



The Very Revd. **Derek Taylor** has recently confirmed that he is to be married on 2 November to Lorna, a long term friend. We

all send Derek our best wishes for their future happiness together.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

We require more people on the Coffee rota. This is an Equal Opportunity position and no previous catering experience is required. The only skills required are:

- * Know how to switch a kettle on
- * Know where the cakes and biscuits aisle is at Marks & Spencer's
- * Own a fetching apron or tabard (entirely optional)

Pamela will be delighted to add your name to the rota...

Flower Festival 2019



There was also the very creative.....



Once again St Andrews hosted our annual Flower Festival in aid of Water Aid over the weekend of 7-8th June, and as usual there was a variety of brilliant floral arrangements on display—and one or two with a very unique twist on a theme.

There was the very colourful...



Including this one by St Luke's, based on the theme of a fresh water supply giving life and 'Thirst Relief' ...



Flower Festival 2019

As well as a very brilliant and unique display created by Gail, who started, quite literally, with a blank canvas and her imagination...



We were delighted to welcome a good number of visitors to the church who in turn admired all the flowers and arrangements on display—and we were particularly delighted to welcome our local MP Jo Swinson CBE..(that's her on the left by the way..)



In fact, not long after these pictures were taken, Jo Swinson was elected leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, so perhaps her visit to St Andrew's had a beneficial impact on her—perhaps assistance from a higher authority than the House of Lords even....



This is Jo signing our Visitors Book—and who knows—if she were to become the next female Prime Minister that would certainly be a very noteworthy autograph to have in the context of the history of our church.

(Photos reproduced by kind permission of Jo Swinson's office who were in a hurry to leave the office and celebrate)

Parish Weekend



On the weekend of 24-27 May, we had our Parish Weekend retreat to Whitchester Retreat Centre in the Borders. Above is a photograph of the building, and Robin helpfully stayed in shot in order to give you all a perspective of the scale....

'Encountering God' was the theme of the weekend, and passages from the Bible reminding us of the fact that Jesus does walk beside us as we journey along this earthly life even if we don't always recognise the fact.

We did some Bible Study, singing and socialising, visited the local SEC church in Hawick and also did some craft work..



Parish Weekend



We ate very well, courtesy of the excellent staff at the Centre and we all sat at a very long Dining table. In fact we got Robin to sit at the far end of the table to give you some perspective on just how long the table was. As a matter of fact we could have done with a small train set manned by Casey Jones for the condiments.



We went walks in the garden and the surrounding area and saw the Riding of the Boundaries on the Saturday from a safe distance as in the photograph above. We took a photograph of



ourselves as well but maybe stood too close to our photographer as we all had to lean in a funny position to get in shot..

Anyway we all had a great time—highlight of the weekend was Marie's 'ice breaker' which was a game that involved asking different people a random question from a list of 10 questions. Some of the answers produced so much hilarity that it has been decided that to protect the innocent and for data protection reasons, the answers and the identity of the persons involved are to be withheld.

At least until the next issue anyway...

Summer Garden Party



On Saturday 1 June we had a Garden Party or Summer Tea Party, hosted once again, by Andrea and Stephen on a lovely sunny afternoon in their very recently manicured garden. There's lots going on as you can see—Caroline is selling pieces of her fabulous gingerbread cake; Mark is trying to sell some very odd looking plants; Tim and Veronica are taking in the mini zoo; George and Peter are discussing the quality of the render on the wall of the house and Stephen looks to have stepped on something left behind by one of their dogs....



There was more going on indoors as well as there were tables heaving with plates of sandwiches, cakes and scones and strawberry tarts, all served with copious amounts of tea and coffee, and where the rest of the attendees could be found..

The early bird gets the worm.....

And so to games—this year George/Stephen decided that we needed a change from lawn croquet so he bypassed the lawn quoits, putting or tiddlywinks and went instead for log splitting with an enormous axe ...

Summer Garden Party



This is the bit before George puts his neck on the block a la King Charles I...



'Shoes? What shoes? I don't know what you are talking about...



'..drat!...I missed! ..' quoth the executioner with his natty footwear (now cleaned)



King Charles—head reinstated, joins the rest of the assembled and endeavours to consume the remainder of the cakes and sandwiches but an army would have been required to complete the task...

A great day out was had by all.

The Wedding



Saturday 6th July was a red letter day for the McVey family as not only was it Clare's Birthday, but it was also the day of Kelly and Anton's wedding. And what a day— just the best of days for us all. Even the weather was perfect. The service in the cathedral was very special—not least as Clare and I were also married there in 1987 so it holds special memories for us.

The Provost made the service relaxed and enjoyable—aided in no small part by a wonderful array of music from Frikki Walker on the church organ, a full choir, cathedral bells and a special appearance by Bernard Docherty (Scottish Symphony and Chamber

Orchestras) on violin. Amongst the guests and family there was also a special appearance by the Royal couple....



The Wedding



The cathedral is a very special place and a magnificent setting for any wedding—and while I walked down the aisle with her mother before her 32 years ago—this time I walked up the aisle with the bride which was a very special moment



for a very proud dad.

A special thanks must go to Robert Anderson as he managed



to get these wonderful photographs of the wedding—and a lot more besides—and we are very grateful to him as he managed to capture the pure joy of the whole day without anyone seeming to realise he was taking photographs—even the Provost—which is probably just as well...!

Thanks also to those who attended the service and to all who sent cards gifts and best wishes to the newly weds—I know Kelly has a mountain of thank yous to get through following their return from honeymoon!

We were truly blessed in that we were able to enjoy the most perfect day for a very special couple, however I still can't get used to calling my daughter 'Missus'...

Labyrinth



The Milngavie labyrinth in Lennox Park is now complete including information notices. As reported at Vestry, there was a bit of a setback with the council cutting the labyrinth grass! However Robert, Freda and Tim have laid it out again and the opening ceremony will now be delayed until the autumn when the labyrinth will be more established. Until then, it is still possible to walk around it, following the white lines.

The labyrinth is next to the football pitch and community orchard.



Dunblane Visit



The North West Regional Council is having a trip to Dunblane on Sunday August 11th, hosted by the Rector of St Mary's. The trip coincides with St Blane's Day so there will be an ecumenical pilgrim walk in the afternoon.

The plan is to assemble in Dunblane after our morning services and have packed lunches in the church hall at Dunblane. In the afternoon, we can explore the town and cathedral and hopefully join in the pilgrim walk and possibly finish with a service in the church.

The trip is open to all so if you wish to attend or require further information please speak to Tim.



We've had another two enjoyable craft sessions over the summer making greeting cards in June and some beautiful pieces of jewellery in July.

In fact here is one of our top models displaying the finished jewellery to best advantage...



Morag and Vee also represented Dorcas at the Fraser Centre on 13th June to provide a craft taster session as part of Milngavie week.

Looking ahead to August we're making purses, bags or placemats using some upholstery material samples we've been given. Sounds like a cushy number...

Caroline



Summary notes from the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Monday, 19 May 2019:

Matters arising: Ethical Kitchen - Gail and Angela have spoken to those on the refreshment team and all have agreed to provide organic milk & were happy for Gail to replenish supplies of tea/coffee/sugar from Gavin's Mill as needed.

Labyrinth - There was a bit of a setback with the council cutting the labyrinth grass! However Robert, Freda and Tim have laid it out again and the opening ceremony will now be delayed till the autumn when the labyrinth will be more established. Till then, it's still possible to walk around it, following the white lines.

Healthy Habits Quiet Space - More publicity was needed for this and also to promote it on Dorcas Days when the church will be open as a quiet space for people to enjoy.

A Music Sign-up sheet - will be put in the hall at coffee time for people to write down favourite hymns to be included in services through the year.

Milngavie Choir Concerts held at St Andrew's were a big success. Andrea thanked everyone for supporting this.

Treasurer's Items: A generous donation from Ann Orr's estate has been

received & acknowledged. Concerning the aim of trying to balance church funds, Gordon will write an item for the magazine informing the congregation of the reduction in financial support from the diocese & encouraging the congregation to prayerfully reflect on their pledged giving.

Rector's Items: Gavin's Mill - Andrea had a meeting with John Riches who is keen to find ways that St Andrew's and Gavin's Mill could work together. The possibility of having a fund raising event in support of his charity & other ideas were discussed but nothing was decided. We will continue to keep this in mind.

Ethical policy: Investment - Gail & Gordon shared more information to help us in addressing the complexities of becoming more ethical in our investments. It was decided to consider moving our energy supplier from British Gas and Southern Electricity to Good Energy. It was also agreed that we should think about divesting from Shell where we have £4000 invested and look to a more ethical renewable alternative such as Tidal Power though it is understood that there would be little in the way of returns if we were to do this. Addressing the challenge of being more ethical in the way we operate as a church is an on going process, which will continue to be on the agenda over



the coming months.

Property: The railing outside the church, which was no longer safe, is to be refixed in cement. As the hall floor was to be treated at the weekend, alternative arrangements were made for Sunday. Steve has received a comparable estimate from John McDaid for sanctuary work. Advice will be sought from the electrician about church lighting and from the plumber to see if we can get heating into the sanctuary.

Music: Music Sunday, 16th June - Plan for an Anthem & Introit & to get the small singing group together on the 2 Sundays beforehand to practise.

Milngavie Churches: Summer Praise – 7pm on 16th June at the United Free Church. The plan for joint 2020 Holy Week Services is to have the same preacher all week. Association of Milngavie Churches next meets 12th September, 2pm.

Calendar Dates: Whitchester Weekend 24th-27th May, Summer Tea – 1st June, Flower Festival – 7th-8th June, Refugee Film at Douglas Academy 13th June, NWRC trip to Dunblane, 11th August, Talent Auction 18th August, Cake Walk – 31st August tbc, AGM – 20th October.

AOCB: Cupboard Reorganisation – Plan for an organised approach starting with big hall cupboard, followed by the

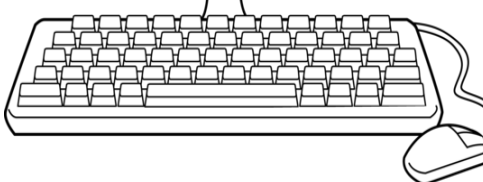
cleaning cupboard and then the flower cupboard to facilitate the process. Angela will liaise with Robert. Spring Clean will now take place in the autumn! (when cupboard reorganisation has been completed).

It was decided to create Liturgy booklets for the seasons Advent, Christmas/Epiphany, Lent, Easter & Ordinary Time to reduce amount of resources needed for the congregation during services.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th August at 7.30

Magazine Material

The next issue of the magazine will be issued on Sunday 29th September 2019, so may I have any articles or photos/material etc. by **Sunday 22nd September 2019** please - thank you!



St Andrew's August Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	
Sunday 4th August 7th Sunday after Trinity Proper 13	Veronica	Fraser	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14,2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Pamela	Andrea	Gail	
Sunday 11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity	Mark	Wilma	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-42	Olive	Helen	Liz M.	
Sunday 18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	Stephen H	Steve McV	Jeremiah:23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Margot	Andrea	Veronica	
Sunday 25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	Clare	Robert	Isaiah 58:9b-end Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17	Tim	Stephen P	Marie	

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

	4 AUG	11 AUG	18 AUG	25 AUG
Music	194,561,465,659, 192	584,733,595,468, 643	470,469,438,799 739	630,520,451,514 810
Hymns	John Rutter	John Rutter	John Rutter	John Rutter
Setting				

St Andrew's September Service Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee		
Sunday 1 st September 11 th Sunday after Trinity Proper 17	Robert	Fraser	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1:7-14	John	Andrea	Clare		
Sunday 8 th September 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Robin/Helen	Wilma	Deut 30:15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Helen	Liz M	Helen/ Robin		
Sunday 15 th September 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Veronica	Steve McV	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Wilma	Andrea	Gail		
Sunday 22 nd September 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Steve McV	Robert	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Stephen H	Gail	Clare		
Sunday 29 th September St Michael and All Angels 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Mark	Fraser	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-end	Caroline	Andrea	Marie		

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Music	1 Sept	8 Sept	15 Sept	22 Sept	29 Sept
Hymns	192,544,553,770, 286	335, 489, 563, 748	461, 462, 399, 559 160	704, 637,690,441 739	132, 540, 470, 794 352
Setting	St Thomas	St Thomas	St Thomas	St Thomas	St Thomas

SERVICES CALENDAR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

DAY	DATE		SERVICES
SUNDAY	4 AUGUST	7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	8 AUGUST		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	11 AUGUST	8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	15 AUGUST		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	18 AUGUST	9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	22 AUGUST		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	25 AUGUST	10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	29 AUGUST		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	1 SEPTEMBER	11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	5 SEPTEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	8 SEPTEMBER	12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	12 SEPTEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	15 SEPTEMBER	13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	19 SEPTEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	22 SEPTEMBER	14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST
THURSDAY	26 SEPTEMBER		10AM SAID EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	29 SEPTEMBER	15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	10AM SUNG EUCHARIST