

February 2025

St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Milngavie



Regular meetings....10am, each week in the Church, or Garden Room

Sundays.....Sung Holy Communion

Tuesdays.....PrayerGroup

Thursdays.....Said Holy Communion

THE CHURCH MONTH...

Sun Feb 2.....Candlemas Festival (See later)

From the Book of Common Prayer:-

'Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ did give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and did charge them to feed Thy flock: give grace, we beseech Thee, to all bishops, the pastors of Thy Church, that they may diligently preach Thy word, and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Election of a new Bishop:-

There are seven Scottish regions, each known as a Diocese, which form the Scottish Episcopal Church. Each Diocese is run by a Diocesan Bishop, who oversees the spiritual and practical concerns of the clergy and lay people within their own diocese. Glasgow & Galloway Diocese moved quickly to replace Bishop Kevin, who retired last August. An Electoral Synod,

comprising clergy and Lay Reps met in September to agree the process and to appoint a Preparatory Committee, to advertise and draw up a short list of three approved candidates. The process is totally confidential and the only name published is that of the successful candidate, who has to be approved by both clergy and laity. Andrea and Tim went on Jan



11th to join with others to interview the candidates, and returned on Jan 18th for the election. **The Rev Canon Dr Nicholas John Bundock, from Didsbury, is the new Bishop-elect. Consecration Service will be on 3rd May at Glasgow Episcopal Cathedral.**

Tim Rhead

A Bishop's note to an Archbishop:-

St Francis de Sales, who was the French Bishop of Geneva, sent a letter in 1604 to the Archbishop of Bourges, in which he stated "**It has been well said that heart speaks to heart, whereas language speaks only to the ears**". A salutary charge to us to speak from our hearts.

Spreading the word:-

- The Newsletter now comes with Andrea's Sermon by email, on the first Sunday of the month. They are also accessible on the Church Website. **There will be a few copies at the rear of the Church, for those who are not on-line.**
- If you know of anyone who might like a copy sent to them by email, please let me know.

Hilda Muriel Olsen 3.7.38-7.12.24

For those who could not attend Hilda's funeral in January there are a few copies of the very informative Tribute by her daughter and the Address by Rector Andrea, at the rear of the Church. Please take a copy.

Candlemas....a lot happens:-

A proverb from the 17th Century tells us:-
"*If Candlemas is sunny and bright, winter will*

have another flight. If Candlemas be cloudy with rain, winter is gone and won't come again".

Always 40 days after Christmas Day, it celebrates the Presentation in the Temple, the Purification of Mary, and the blessing of candles, when Christ was acknowledged as the 'Light of the World'

Young kings help celebrate Epiphany:-

Just as the wise men followed the star and discovered Jesus not in a palace but in a lowly stable, so too in our life's journey we may find God in unlikely places and the greatest gift we can offer is our love and ourselves, even the parts that we do not feel are worthy.



*If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart'.*

.....Thanks, Helen, and Kings

Address on Epiphany 1:-

Baptismal fonts are often hidden away until needed for a Christening, but this time it had been brought out into full view for the address, as the story of the Epiphany was portrayed, with a lovely little drawing of a dove descending with a leaf in it's beak.



The prominence of the Font was striking, and it reminded me of a little font owned by Canon Robert Bisset, which he treasured deeply and it has been in our possession for some time. It is barely 9cm high and 6.5cm across the top, so it was highly portable for the 'Cycling Cleric'



During wartime ministries in Lanark and the East End of Glasgow, he rode his bike to see members in town and country and it went with him. He may well have used it for a final baptism for ill children, and adults, when many diseases were

fatal, with lack of modern medications. He also served as the Padre at an Italian prisoner-of-war camp near Lanark, and he may well have baptised a number of adults then.

Book Reading Club:-

Jan's choice for the February meeting on 26th, is 'Small Things Like These', written by Claire Keegan.



(It must be good, as it won the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction, and was shortlisted for both the Booker prize and Rathbones Folio Prize.....Ed)

Walking Group:-

A walk round Kilmardinny Loch will be organised for 1st March, (weather permitting) including tea and cakes in Church premises for survivors..... More details later.



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