

# August 2025

St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church,  
Milngavie, G62 6PJ

## Regular services

10am Sundays Sung Holy Communion

10am Tuesdays Prayer [Garden Room]

10am Thursdays Said Holy Communion

## Bishop's Visit

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, at the start of Andrea's Summer holiday, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Nick to lead our service. The sun shone and after the service we were able to enjoy tea & coffee in the garden, as well as Penny's delicious cake.



It was really good to have this opportunity to chat and get to know the new Bishop. We pray for him, Rachel and Sophie as they all settle in after the final stage of their move from Manchester to Bearsden.



Nick had encouraging words for us that 'God is with us' and 'God is near'. In referring to the Parable of the Good Samaritan in which a stranger comes to aid a person in need, he mentioned how on his first visit to Milngavie, a person of another faith had been of great help.

Bishop Nick, with assistance from David Guest (Rector of All Saints' Bearsden) and Petko Marinov (Diocesan Digital Officer based in St Oswald's Maybole) has initiated a Diocesan e-newsletter.

Here's Bishop Nick's introduction from the first edition. Full copies are on the Noticeboards in the porch and at the bottom of the stairs.

The word "together" matters. It's more than a sentiment—it's the heart of who we are called to be as Christians. In a culture that too often rewards individualism and division, the Church stands as a living witness to a different way: *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* (1 Corinthians 12.27). Each Charge, each person, each act of love or service contributes to the whole. We belong to one another.

This new eNews is simply called *"Together"* because that's what it's for. Once a month, we'll share stories, glimpses of local life and ministry, and news from around the Diocese. It's a chance to see how God is at work in places you might never visit, among people you may never meet—but to whom you are nonetheless deeply connected.

My hope is that *"Together"* helps us feel the ties that bind—not just structurally, but spiritually. As we listen to one another's stories, celebrate each other's joys, and hold one another in prayer, we begin to live into the truth that we are, in every way that matters, one Church.

*"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."* (Col 3.14)

Please do tell your friends, neighbours and fellow travellers about this new newsletter.

Please sign up to receive *"Together"* by email by visiting the Diocesan website [www.glasgow.anglican.org](http://www.glasgow.anglican.org) The sign-up box is at the bottom of the home page.

## Charitable Giving

The Vestry has a policy of supporting other charities, locally, nationally and internationally. This financial year the aim is to give £2,500.

Individual donations are usually between £150 and £250 and so far the beneficiaries have been:

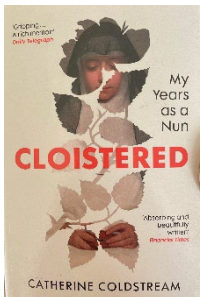
UNICEF; the Simon Community Glasgow; the Leprosy Mission, Tearfund (for its work in the Democratic Republic of Congo); Homestart; Enable; Refuweege [which was the Bishop's Lent Appeal, congregational donations of £141 were topped up to £200]; Glasgow Association for Mental Health, Combat Stress, and the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow

Suggestions of charities for future donations would be welcome. Please email details to Helen.

## Dorcas Group Update

The Dorcas group met on Monday 28 July and made progress on members' individual projects as well as deciding on a charitable donation of £30 to Médecins sans Frontières [MSF UK] who are working in Gaza. The next meeting is at 11.15am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August when Morag will lead a session on wreath-making. All welcome!

## Book Group Meetings



We look forward to our next get-together on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at the regular time of 2.30pm. It will be hosted by Andrea on the book she has chosen: *"Cloistered"* by Catherine Coldstream.

Last month we enjoyed a warm and sunny afternoon sitting in Clare's garden, with cool drinks and sun hats provided! After we'd finished discussing all the questions on her book, *"The Safekeep"* by Yael van der Wouden, which won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2025, we had tea and delicious strawberry pavlova. A real summer treat! New members of the group are welcome.

## Gordon's Piano



We are grateful to the Rutherford family for the donation of Gordon's piano which is now installed and tuned in the hall. It will be used for piano lessons so Gordon's music legacy will live on.

## Flower Rota

Please look at the new rota on the flower cupboard [to the right as you enter the hall] and consider whether there is a significant date in your life/family for which you could sponsor/arrange flowers. They don't need to be specially "arranged". A bunch of flowers of favourite colours simply arranged in a vase is all that's needed.



## Vestry News

Good progress is being made with various property maintenance jobs:

- The cause of the dampness around the windows in the sanctuary has been cured and redecoration is complete.
- The tired-looking horizontal cladding of the hall has been repainted as well as the doors which had had some repairs.
- Brickwork: in the garden; around Friendship House; and in the front of the church, will be repaired or replaced in the coming months.
- The Fire Alarm Systems in the Church, Hall and Friendship are being upgraded and interlinked. Some changes will be made to doors/ exit routes to improve ease of exiting.
- All three heating systems are receiving their annual maintenance. Some repairs to radiators and other plumbing will be done at the same time.
- The skylight in Friendship House has been replaced as the amount of rain was beginning to exceed the clever temporary repair created by Robert....



Many thanks to Catriona, Robert and Steve for their work in getting all this arranged.

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