

# September 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

## General Synod News

The Director of Communications of the SEC General Synod publishes an online newsletter



Current and back copies can be found via the following weblink:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/>

and there's a sign-up box at the bottom of that webpage to receive emailed copies of inSpies.

Topics include:

## The St Ninian Declaration

The signing of the Saint Ninian Declaration between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Catholic Church in Scotland will take place in Edinburgh on Tuesday 16 September 2025 – the Feast of St Ninian.

The Declaration supports a deepening relationship between Episcopalians and Roman Catholics in Scotland, allowing both to work more closely together while acknowledging that there are distinct differences between the two churches. The historic declaration of friendship will be signed at the capital's two 'St Mary's' cathedrals. The first part of the signing will take place at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in York Place, and the second part at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Palmerston Place.

## Yeek Photobook

Find out what teenagers in the Scottish Episcopal Church did at this summer's Provincial Youth Week [Yeek] in the Yeek 2025 Photobook!

## Diocesan News—"Together"

Print copies of the second edition of "Together" are on the Noticeboards in the porch and at the bottom of the stairs. Here's a taster of it, beginning with Bishop Nick's message:

Dear friends,

As I write, I have just returned from my Southern Tour—thirteen churches in three days, travelling through the beautiful and varied landscapes of Galloway. In every charge, I found the same deep love for Christ and commitment to serving the communities we are called to bless.

One highlight was the special service in New Galloway for the appointment of the Rev Dr Elizabeth Breakey as Rural Dean. This role will give the south of our Diocese a stronger voice, recognising that each part of Glasgow and Galloway has its own unique gifts to offer. We are not called to be identical, but to be "together"—a body where difference enriches, rather than divides.

In Mark 10:17–31, which we had at Elizabeth's service, Jesus speaks to a man who longs to inherit eternal life. He is invited to lay down what he treasures most and follow. The road of discipleship is never simply about preserving what we have; it is also about letting go, trusting God, and discovering that we are richer together than we could ever be alone.

I hope you enjoy this month's offering of 'Together' news, there are some great stories for you to read and share with your friends and family.

+Nick

One of the articles reports on the Nigerian Community which meets in St Serf's Shettleston. Bishop Nick baptised and confirmed new members:



You can 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.

The Newsletter is best viewed online as there are links to follow and photos which aren't all captured in a print-off.

Other topics include: **Holiday Clubs across the Diocese**, **Bishop Nick's Diary Highlights** and a **Future Events List**

## Dorcas Group Update

Dorcas, is a character in the Book of Acts. known for her "good works and acts of mercy", sewing clothes for the poor." She is remembered in the church's liturgical calendar on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

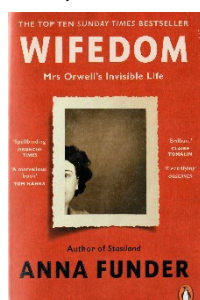


Last month a small group enjoyed making wreaths and made a donation to Médecins sans Frontières [MSF UK] who are working in Gaza.

The next meeting is at 11.15am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. All welcome!

## Book Group Meetings

After a very lively discussion at Andrea's on 'Cloistered' by Catherine Coldstream, the true memoir of her time as a nun, we look forward to our next get-together on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the regular time of 2.30pm. It will be hosted by Karine on the book she has chosen: "Wifedom" by Anna Funder



New members of the group would be welcome.

## Golden Wedding

We celebrated Robert and Freda's Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. With many congratulations and much love, they were presented with flowers, chocolates, wine and a beautiful card. In the centre was the lovely picture [below, right] of Robert and Freda surrounded by a montage of St Andrew's photos.



The celebrations were rounded off at coffee with a delicious chocolate cake made by Penny.

## Vestry News

Good progress is being made with property maintenance jobs resulting from the 5-yearly inspection of St Andrew's properties:

- This month the Fire Alarm Systems in the Church, Hall and Friendship House are being upgraded and interlinked to meet current regulations. The work will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> September in a chequered pattern to fit with the regular usage of the Hall, Church and Friendship House.

Many thanks to Catriona for her negotiations in getting this arranged.

## General Synod Net Zero Team

Iain Johnstone [Net Zero Sustainability Officer employed by the General Synod] visited St Andrew's last month to hear about the Eco-congregation steps we have already taken and give advice/ help with funding of further steps. The Vestry will be considering next steps.

A presentation on the church's Net Zero policy can be found on the General Synod website.

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