

September 2026

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

*Regular services
to which all are welcome*

10am Sundays Sung Eucharist

10am Thursdays Said Eucharist

On Tuesdays at 10am an inter-church prayer
group takes place in the Garden Room.

On Thursdays at 8.45am Daily Prayer [SEC2024]
is said in the Church.

Barrowfield 23 October 1995



Is this our city ?
Waste ground, empty spaces,
uncut grass, broken trees.
Everywhere litter.
Utter poverty.
Set apart,
an island of rejection.
Paint peeling, windows boarded.
Dogs wander aimlessly.
Desolation, deprivation,
no inspiration,
no hope, only decay,
but wait,
Christ is here,
will we be his fellow workers,
To bring change into this world?
To take his love,
hope,
joy,
peace,
into his world.

Sue Brough. 27. 08.2026.

*As mentioned in a recent sermon, there were
Franciscan monks in Barrowfield in 1995. They had
a candle in their tower block window symbolising
Christ's presence in the gloom.*

Ordination

Sunday 27 September 7pm

Please include Stephen Parratt, Fiona and their family in your prayers as he prepares to become a cleric in the Scottish Episcopal Church; a transfer from the Baptist Union.

Stephen and Fiona have worshipped with us in St Andrew's for many years and Fiona is now a Lay Minister in Boclair Community Church, Bearsden.

Stephen's ordination will take place here in St Andrew's and he will then gain experience of other churches in the Diocese while his base will remain here.

His ministry of spiritual accompaniment will continue in this new context and on a freelance basis after his years of service with the Glasgow Ignatian Spirituality Centre.

Please attend the service if you can and enjoy fellowship afterwards with the usual sort of purvey in the hall. There will be a signup sheet nearer the time to help with estimating numbers.

Book Group News



Our July book group met on a warm, sunny afternoon and we were able to enjoy relaxing and discussing 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' by Mark Twain in the shade of trees in Kate's lovely garden. August's book was Jan's choice, 'The Hail Mary Project' by Andy Weir. As always there was plenty to discuss with a range of views about this very clever science fiction thriller and for some of us, seeing the recent film was an exciting bonus.

September's book is 'Foster' by Claire Keegan on Thursday 17th 2.30 at Helen's, and October's is 'The Correspondent' by Virginia Evans on Thursday 22nd 2.30 at Marie's. New members are very welcome.

Dorcas Group Update

The Dorcas group made coasters in July and lavender bags in August using lavender from our gardens and the church garden. We will meet again in the church hall on Monday 28 September to make pot holders, and on Monday 26 October when we will be starting to think about Christmas items. All welcome between 11.15 and 3pm on any of these dates.



Confirmation Sunday 22 November 10am

Bishop Nick will be with us to conduct a service which, since the church's revision of its Initiation Rites in 1998, is called "Re-affirmation of Holy Baptism". The revision brought about a significant change in tradition in that it is now possible to make the re-affirmation more than once. We all re-affirm our Baptisms annually and corporately as part of the Easter Liturgy but people who are at a significant stage of faith development may wish to take the opportunity to make it more personal at the forthcoming service.

Our young acolytes [candle bearers] Xander and Patrick are at an appropriate stage of their faith development and will be part of the service. The first time Baptismal vows are re-affirmed at a service conducted by a Bishop continues to be called Confirmation.

Anyone in St Andrew's who wishes to take the opportunity to mark a significant stage of their faith development could also be involved in the service. Please speak to Robin if you would like to know more.

Xander and Patrick's mother Amanda is kindly arranging more than the usual refreshments that day. To help her estimate numbers, please indicate on the signup sheet at the bottom of the stairs if you plan to attend.

Season of Creation/ Harvest Thanksgiving

A seasonal change in the order of service starts on Sunday 6th September when the Season of Creation begins. It continues and includes our Harvest celebration on Sunday 4th October at the usual time of 10am. There will be the usual soup n' pud lunch after the service. Please bring the usual range of donations to create a display of harvest offerings which will be passed on to the local foodbank. There will be a signup sheet nearer the time if you are able to bring a soup or pud.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place in the church after the usual morning service at 10am. The business will include electing Vestry members to replace those whose term of office is concluding at the AGM. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry or willing to nominate someone please speak to Robin or Helen for more information.

Remembrance Sunday 8 Nov

At its next meeting on 21 Sep, the Vestry will be considering whether to follow the lead of other Milngavie churches and retime our Remembrance morning service to 9.30am so that people can join in the community service at the War Memorial in the Precinct without curtailing worship. Please let Tim or Helen know your views on this.

Concerts

There are some more Sunday afternoon concerts at the Cathedral of the Isles in Cumbrae on 20 & 27 Sep, 3pm [free but there will be a retiring collection] For more information see <https://www.cathedraloftheisles.com/>

St Cyprian's Lenzie also has a season of Saturday evening concerts starting on 26 Sep. See the poster in the hall or www.musicstcyprians.co.uk

Walking group

We are invited to join All Saints' Bearsden's annual afternoon Cake Walk which takes place on Saturday 26th September beginning at Eden Mill and finishing at Easter Carbeth. Time TBC. More information nearer the time or from Tim. The next St Andrew's walk is being planned for October.

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