

July/August 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.

South Downs Summer

Sunlight dances on the daisies,
palest pink roses crown the hedgerows,
beneath a clear blue sky.
Beside the ripening corn,
a splash of scarlet poppies,
fields of golden buttercups,
are enclosed by the last blooms of May.
Gently rolling hills echo memories of times past.

Sue Brough. June 1997.

Bishop Nick speaks on Mission

This was at the June General Synod. See:
<https://youtu.be/PGNReAQEGmo?si=sjSceLirj4ELpECu>

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A new issue of Bishop Nick's Diocesan Newsletter
"Together" has also been published recently

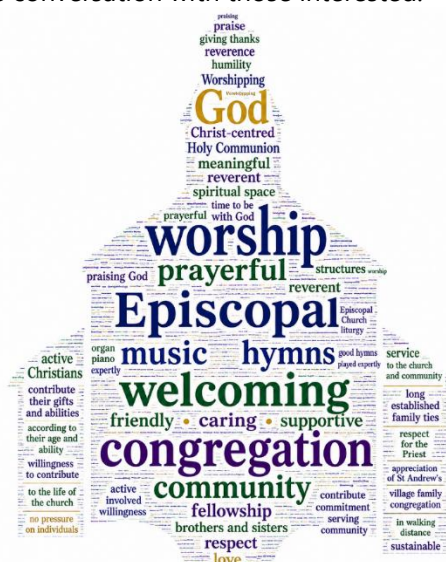
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Calling a new Rector

The Vestry has produced the Church, Priest and Financial Profiles which are required at the first stage of discerning the call of a new Rector to succeed Andrea. They used the views which members of the congregation expressed via the questionnaire which a high proportion of the congregation returned.

Johanna was able to use an AI tool to turn words in the questionnaires into a WordCloud describing the church which is an interesting image which we hope will stimulate conversation with those interested.



The profiles have been sent to the Bishop for his approval and advice. Another church in the Diocese has already advertised for a part-time Rector and interest has been shown.

So the Vestry hopes to be able to meet with interested people, at least informally, in the coming months.

It may be early in 2027 before a new person is in post.

News of Ordination

Stephen Parratt has been recommended to Bishop Nick for ordination. Stephen has provided the following account of the process.

"Following a conversation with Andrea prior to her retiring, in which she invited me to consider exploring ministry within the SEC, I have taken some months to reflect on and pray about this and to begin this exploration. This resulted in an invitation to go before the Panel which advises the Bishop on candidates for ordination. In my case this is a transfer of ordination from the Baptist Union to the SEC. The panel meeting took place at the start of June. The result of the meeting was a recommendation to the Bishop that I be accepted for ordination within the SEC, whereupon an email from the Bishop warmly welcomed me to the SEC.

*Your prayers in this season would be greatly valued.
Thank you very much."* Stephen

Plans are now being made for his SEC ordination service in the Autumn. He will continue to be based at St Andrew's and widen his knowledge of the Diocese by attachments eg to Bearsden and Lenzie. He will continue in his main, portfolio ministry of spiritual accompaniment in the Ignatian tradition.

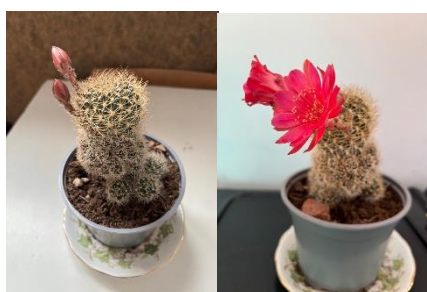
Cacti

From the time I joined St Andrew's a few years ago I was aware of two small, sad-looking cacti on the bookcase in the church hall. Each was just a thin column, about the size of my index finger.



Having some experience of growing cacti (and getting them to flower) I suggested I repot them and give some cactus fertiliser. This I did about two years ago.

I thought they probably needed more light than they had been getting (and less water) so on return they were placed, a bit precariously, on one of the hall window ledges. I added a label to each pot asking that no water be given to them between September and March. (I did occasionally break the rule, applying a meagre dribble of water, given how warm the hall can be.)



Last year they responded with considerable growth, producing 'babies' around and up their enlarging stems.

This year in mid-June flower buds appeared which developed rapidly and some two weeks later the flowers were fully open. Unfortunately, like many cacti, the flowers were short-lived so members of the congregation may not have seen them. At the time of writing there is a suggestion of new buds developing so there may be further flowers.

The two small church cacti have responded well to a bit of TLC - as do most of us! Deirdre

Dorcas Group Update

Dorcas continues to meet over the summer: on Monday 27 July and Monday 24 August. At our June meeting Vee showed us how to paint little watercolour flowers that may end up on greetings cards. Donations were to Save the Children, for Gaza. In July we may have a go at making coasters. Do come and join us or drop in and say hello. We start at 11.15 with coffee and finish around 3pm.



Milngavie Week Music Day

At the start of Milngavie week St Andrew's hosted a very successful Music Day. Young performers from the Haydock Music School performed their pieces, including Katy who confidently gave her first public piano performance after only starting to learn the piano a few weeks earlier.



In the afternoon there was a 'Come and Try' session when youngsters had the opportunity to try their hands at a variety of instruments with the drum kit being the most popular! Thanks to Mary-Lou who organised the day, and to all the musicians and their families and friends who came to listen. It was a great musical day!

Cumbrae Concerts

On Sunday afternoons at 3pm from June to October 11th the Cathedral of the Isles in Millport, Isle of Cumbrae is holding a wide range of free concerts [there will be a retiring collection]. The final concert is on Saturday 24th October by Quines—celebrating Scotland's Women. See the leaflet on display in the hall or <https://www.cathedraloftheisles.com/>

Travel to Millport can be via Train to Largs, short Ferry [7mins] and bus to the town centre and the Cathedral is a short walk up College Street, adjacent the Garrison.

Book Group

Our next meeting is on the Wednesday 15th July at Kate's when we look forward to discussing her choice 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn', the classic by Mark Twain. The August meeting: date and book tbc. New members are very welcome to join us.

