

November 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 Morning Prayer
[SEC 2024] is said in the Church.

After Autumn Rain, Loch Katrine

Distant hills of burnished bronze
Disappear into a mist of peace and solitude.
Bright green and gold,
bracken carpeting the ground,
beneath a canopy of dying leaves
alight with the last glow of autumn.
Impatient streams,
rushing incessantly,
tumbling over rocks,
'til reaching the stillness of the loch,
all is calm.



A rocky islet crowned
with shimmering gold.
and beneath the water,
a hidden world.
Mist brushes the hilltops,
rain drips from delicate larch fronds,
and bold Scots pines.
Tiny tear drops,
shimmering, fragile,
on blades of grass,
and a million globes
light the silver birch.

Sue Brough, November 1996.

AGM

St Andrew's Annual General Meeting took place on
Sunday 18th October after the Sung Eucharist
remembering St Luke. [See Evangelists' article page 2]

Kate McLean became our Lay Representative with
Tim Rhead the Alternate. Other Vestry Members are
now Johanna Sahi-Proto, Catriona Craig, Veronica
Colin & Claire Scougall with Robert Anderson as
Treasurer and Helen Paisley as Secretary.

Confirmation

Sunday 22nd November 10am

Bishop Nick will be with us to lead this service with
hymns and music again played by Alison, a
combination which created a very sacred space for
Stephen's ordination in September.

Our acolytes Xander and Patrick, accompanied by
their mother Amanda will take this special opportunity
to affirm faith. Those present can do so too and there
will be an opportunity to celebrate together
afterwards over refreshments arranged by Amanda.
Please surround this service with prayer.

Seeking a New Rector

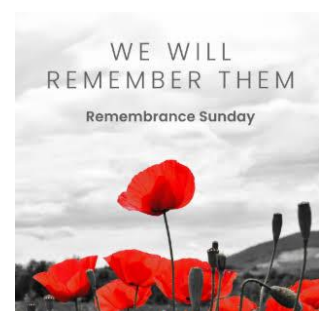
The role has now been advertised in the Church Times
and on the Provincial and Diocesan website.
See www.scotland.anglican.org & www.glasgow.anglican.org
where links to the Church and Priest Profiles can be
found. There are also printed copies of the Profiles in a
folder at the back of church.

Walk planned for Sat 7 Nov

Meet at 1130am at the car park opposite Strathblane
Church to walk to Campsie Glen, finishing at the
Schoenstatt Convent where cars will be available to
bring people back to Strathblane. Travel by bus is also
possible. See website for details. Pics will be in next
month's Newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday 8 Nov

The Vestry has decided that
St Andrew's service will be at
the usual time of 10am but it
will be in an abbreviated
form to finish by 10.45am.
This is to enable people to
attend the Milngavie
Community Remembrance
Service. See details below.



The Service will be held at the War Memorial in
Milngavie Precinct commencing at 10.50am and will be
conducted by the Rev Ramsay Shields, St Luke's Church.
The Garden of Remembrance outside the Fraser Centre,
will be dedicated on Wednesday 4th November at 11am.
On Armistice Day itself there will be a short and
reflective Service at the War Memorial on Wednesday
11th November at 11am.

Visit to Iona Part 2

My friends from Iona all keep in touch now on WhatsApp with Prayers required from each one. We had a very beautiful time with the weather being very kind and warm. It was great for all those that had travelled from Canada, America, Wales, England, Wales and Scotland.



Coming Together

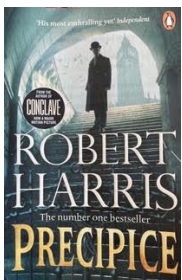
As the ferry crosses the Sound of Iona
the joy and excitement comes to you,
Stepping onto Iona,
with its white sands and clear waters,
you feel the beauty and tranquillity,
walking along the footsteps of others,
passing the Nunnery and McLean's Cross
onto the Abbey, the Spirit of God walks with you,
guides and inspires you, challenges and changes you,
as you come together with others
with Hope for Justice and Peace.

James Carrick, Iona Abbey 2026



Book Group News

Last month's book *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans was chosen by Marie. It is totally compiled by letters written and received by the central character, which was the way she found easiest to communicate with others. We enjoyed the book and it produced much discussion about communication and relationships. Next month's book is Caroline's choice: *Precipice* by Robert Harris, Thursday 3rd December at 2.30. Letters form an important part of this book too in that the actual letters from PM H. H. Asquith to his lover at the time of the First World War are included!

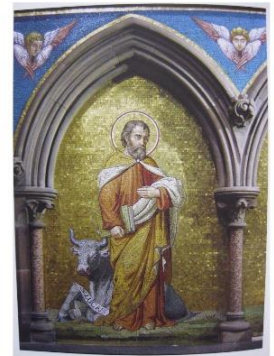


Symbols of the Evangelists Part 1

In his 18 October sermon Robin mentioned that Luke's symbol is an ox. (Matthew's symbol is a man or an angel, Mark's a lion, John's an eagle.) These creatures are derived from two biblical visionary descriptions, one in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament.

In the first chapter of the book of Ezekiel the prophet attempts to describe his vision of God. Within this strange vision Ezekiel saw 'something like four living creatures' (verse 5). Each creature had four wings and four faces - 'the face of a human being, the face of a lion, the face of an ox and the face of an eagle' (v10).

In the book of Revelation the writer has a vision of heaven in which he sees the throne of God around which are four living creatures, the first like a lion, the second like an ox, the third with a face like a human face, the fourth like a flying eagle (chapter 4, verse 7). As in Ezekiel's vision all four creatures had wings, this time six wings each.



The Bible itself does not link these four living creatures with the evangelists but from at least the late second century Christian writers interpreted both visions as representing the four gospels, although which creature was linked to which evangelist varied somewhat.

It was Jerome's (AD347-420) formulation which eventually stuck. The creature allocated to each evangelist represented the aspect of Christ's life which seemed to predominate in the particular gospel. St Luke's symbol, the ox (or bull), is a sacrificial animal. The gospel according to St Luke deals with the sacrificial aspect of Jesus's life and opens with the story of Zechariah making an offering (albeit incense rather than an animal sacrifice) in the temple.

Deirdre Holding

Dorcas Group Update

The Dorcas Group will have its own tree in the St Paul's Christmas tree festival. At our last meeting we started to make angels and we will finish this on Monday 23 November before decorating the tree on 27 November. The festival runs from 28 November till 4 December - please come and have a look and enjoy the delights of the festival. No meeting in December but we will start the new year on Monday 25 January.

