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Donations towards the cost of producing the Magazine would be greatly appreciated. A tin has been placed at the back of the Church for this purpose but can also be given or sent to the Rector or Treasurer.



From the Rector

January 2014

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...” (Ecclesiastes 3: 1 ff)

The writer of this particular book of the Bible recognises that there is a timeliness to much of life, that there are seasons: times when one thing is appropriate, times when the opposite is needed; times when it is right to do one thing, times when something else needs to be done; times when things begin and times when things draw to a close.

The Feast of Candlemas, 2 February, will be my final service here in the Linked Charges, as I move on then to take up a new position as Associate Priest in Dumbarton and Alexandria. It is a time to say goodbye; followed (for me at least) by a time to say hello. It is a time to draw to a close our current life as three Linked Charges together, followed by a time of new beginnings and opportunities for us all. Everything is changing (again!).

All of us experience change everyday, but inevitably it is the sudden or big changes we feel most acutely – whether it is a change we have freely chosen or one we have had forced upon us; a change that we welcome or one that we definitely don’t want. For a while the anchors are hauled up and we float free. Usually there is a whole mixture of feelings to contend with – yet perhaps two feelings underpin them all as we go through the process of change: fear and trust.

Fear: will it be alright? Is it the right thing? What will it be like? What happens if...? Can we do this? Fear is an awful abyss to fall into – it drags us under into worry, panic, dread; it undermines our sense of wellbeing, direction, hope. Fear can freeze the soul. Break you down.

Trust is rather different, speaks a different language: It will be alright; you can survive this, no, not only survive, but thrive; there are new possibilities to be explored, new opportunities to be seized, new horizons to glimpse. Trust can bear you up. Set you free.

In times of change, I think, we often walk a tightrope between these two – fear and trust. Both are there but fear is the one which holds us back and causes us to stop and to wobble. Only trust is the one which enables us to step forward. Somehow, though we must inevitably experience and listen to both, trust is the only one which will carry us through.

Mother Julian of Norwich’s well known words are the words to hold onto in all times of change:

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

Blessings

Alison

CANDLEMAS: 2 February 2014

As mentioned in my letter above the Feast of Candlemas will be my last service as Rector. We will come together for a final time as 3 Linked Charges on Sunday 2 February at St Martin’s at 10.30am.

FROM THE BISHOP

This month St John's and St Martin's Churches say farewell to Rev Alison Jones as she takes up her new appointment in Glasgow Diocese. We thank her for her ministry in Dundee since 2010 and wish her and Angela well for the future.

The Partnership Review undertaken by the diocese last year, together with Alison's departure, has led to the ending of the Partnership St John's and St Martin's and St Margaret's Churches. Some people are sad that this is so but will no doubt keep up the new friendships they have made.

I am happy to say that my suggestion that St John's and St Martin's operate as one congregation, worshipping together at a 10.30am Sunday Eucharist, alternating between the two church buildings, has been taken up by the two vestries. With the help of your three Readers Sunday Eucharists, Evensong and midweek communion services will be retained as far as possible.

I am confident that you can work well together and will gain critical mass by doing so. The separate legal and financial identities of the two churches would be retained. But Vestry meetings, planning and officeholder sharing can largely be undertaken jointly, saving time and energy.

On this basis I believe I can provide you with an Interim Rector from amongst the diocesan clergy who can work with you during the coming year to develop a way forward for mission and ministry.

I believe that these arrangements will give St John's and St Martin's a good chance to move on from the Partnership. As I have often said: 'I want to re-invent churches, not close them.' Both churches are well placed to serve the Stobswell and Hilltown areas, as your busy church halls testify.

I will review how things are going with the Interim Rector and the Vestry later in the year. Meantime I ask you to say your prayers and support your congregations in challenging and exciting times. We Christians are, after all, a people of hope.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ngi', with a small cross symbol to its left.

A MESSAGE FROM ANNALU

My dear friends

Thank you all for making my final service as a member of the ministry team so special. Epiphany is one of my favourite festivals as it resonates with my work in the university where we minister to people of all faiths and none. And so the call for us to shine and to share the good news with others is so poignant. You may have noticed me failing to keep the tears back as Alison spoke. Your gifts will remind me of how much I have received from all three congregations. My 20 years at St Margaret's has nurtured and fed my vocation, first as a lay person, as deacon and then as priest. The past three years have been an added gift. I have grown in so many ways within the ministry team and I will cherish my time working with Alison, Robert, Jean and Iain. And I have made new friends in St Martin's and St John the Baptist. Thank you all for allowing me to minister to you and for the ministry I have received from you!

And now ...my increasing work at the university, both as an academic and as a member of the Chaplaincy team, will keep me busy.

My prayer for you all is that you will move forward in hope, trusting in God's goodness despite the inevitable setbacks. Alison reminded us all that we have gifts to share if we allow ourselves to acknowledge and use them. Go and shine and let your many and varied gifts light up the world.

With my love and blessings

Annalu

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH LIFE

FUND RAISING:

Christmas Fayre

Our 'Joint' Christmas Fayre was very well attended and raised a total of £700 which was equally shared with our friends at St John the Baptist. A big 'thank you' goes to all stallholders who spent many hours baking, making goods, setting up and serving on the stalls. My personal thanks (from the Kitchen) go to Irene Dailly, Jean Forbes from St John's, Liz Davidson from St Margaret's and our Rector, Alison, for their assistance in keeping up with the demand for Pies, Tea, Coffee and dishwashing.

Ann Gibb



Prize Bingo

Our Bingo re-started on Wednesday 29th January and my thanks go to everyone who supported us in 2013. Our numbers have been steadily increasing and our afternoons are becoming quite a 'social' event. Future dates for your diary are: **February 26th, March 26th and April 30th**. Why not come along and give it a go?

Ann Gibb

Bonus Ball

Congratulations to the following Winners of the Bonus Ball –

Oct 26 th	No 9	Rollover	Dec 7 th	No 25	Rollover	Jan 4 th	No 8	J Duncan
Nov 2 nd	No 27	A Duncan	Dec 14 th	No 35	A Gibb	Jan 11 th	No 24	Rollover
Nov 9 th	No 13	L Duncan	Dec 21 st	No 17	E Reid	Jan 18 th	No 33	Rollover
Nov 16 th	No 38	Rollover	Dec 28 th	No 49	Rollover	Jan 25 th	No 11	D Hood
Nov 23 rd	No 15	K Duncan						
Nov 30 th	No 15	K Duncan						

If you would like to participate, please speak to Anne Duncan or Irene Dailly. As you can see from the 'Rollovers', there are some numbers available. Thank you to Anne Duncan for continuing to 'run' this important, ongoing fundraiser in aid of Church Funds.

Hall

The Hall continues to be used as a centre for various community activities, including a Pipe Band, Line Dancing, Zumba and Tea Dances. A Church group also make use of the Hall on a Sunday afternoon. If you know of anyone looking for premises for a group activity or hosting a party, contact Irene Dailly for further details.

OUR GIVING TO OTHERS

Starter Packs:

We are continuing to support this worthwhile Charity with donations of goods and cash. Unfortunately, for some people, Christmas is not always a happy time and there always seems to be a greater need for donations at this time of year. As usual, the box for items of cleaning materials etc is in the Baptistry and if you are considering replacing any household items such as pots & pans, dishes, curtains, bedding etc these donations would be very welcome.

Ann Gibb

Pasture Valley Orphanage:

Our boy is now 16 years of age and is going to continue his education in 2014. The Christmas parcel I sent this year included a toilet bag containing toiletries, a torch, a small alarm clock and socks. These were items suggested by Michelle.

Our 'special' collections will commence again on Sunday 16th February. Thank you all for your continued support.

Ann Gibb

S.E.C.M.A. (LINKS)

I attended a Committee meeting in December and the Draft Programme of Events for 2014 is as follows:

Lunch - **February 19th** at St Ninian's – 12 for 12.30pm. Guest Speaker and Bring & Buy stall.
Quiet Day - **May** possibly at St Mary's, Arbroath
Summer event - **August** possibly at Muchalls (transport dependent) Speaker to be arranged
Musical Event - **October** possibly at Invergowrie with a Bring & Buy stall

Ann Gibb

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PARISH REGISTER:

Baptisms – Nil
Marriages – Nil
Funerals – Nil



Joint Charges News

Craft Group:

The Craft Group continues to meet on a Wednesday at Angela Kilby's house at 27 Charlotte Close. If you are interested in joining the group and would like further information, please contact Angela (Tel 01382 818096).

Walking Group :

The Walking Group continues and a list of proposed Spring walks will be posted and announced in Church. If you would like to know more, please contact our own Kay Black or Tricia Paton (St John the Baptist), tel 01382 803382/e-mail triciapaton1@virginmedia.com, who will be delighted to hear from you.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

'Suffer the little children to come to me.....'

Unfortunately, we have no children attending our Sunday School at the moment. However, Ellen is still willing to lead the Sunday School, if we can get some children to come along. Do you know of anyone?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank him yesterday. . .

What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow him today. . .

What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as his day. . .

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain. . .

What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others. . .

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today. . .

What if God took away his message because we failed to listen to the messenger. . .

What if God didn't send his only begotten son because he wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin. . .

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door to our heart. . .

What if God answered our prayers the way we answer his call to service. . .

--Author Unknown--

I knelt to pray but not for long
I had too much to do
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer
And jumped up off my knees
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer
No time to speak of Christ to friends
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do
That was my constant cry
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time to die.

I went before the Lord, I came
And stood with downcast eyes
For in His hands God held a book
It was the book of life.

God looked into his book and said,
"Your name I cannot find
I once was going to write it down
But never found the time."

--Author Unknown--

HUMOUROUS

RULES FOR DIETING

If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

If you drink diet soda with candy bars, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.

Food used for medicinal purposes never counts, such as hot chocolate, toast, blueberry pie and Sara Lee cheesecake.

Movie-related foods don't have additional calories because they are part of the 'entire entertainment package' and are not part of one's personal intake. Examples are buttered popcorn, 'pick & mix, hot dogs and choc ices.

Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something. Examples are peanut butter on a knife while making a sandwich, or ice cream on a spoon while making a sundae.

Foods that have the same colour have the same number of calories. For instance, spinach and pistachio ice cream, cauliflower and whipped cream.

Note: Chocolate is a universal substitute and may be used in place of any other food.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

Tuesdays **10.00am Holy Communion followed by Tea and Rolls.**

Sundays **10.30am This Service will now alternate between the St Martin's and St John the Baptist buildings and will be the ONLY Sunday Service.**

The Proposed Sunday Timetable is as follows:

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	2nd	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Joint Service at St Martin's to say farewell to Alison
	9th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	at St John the Baptist
	16th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	at St Martin's
	23rd	10.30am Sung Eucharist	at St John the Baptist

MARCH

SUNDAY	2nd	10.30am Sung Eucharist	at St Martin's
	9th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Lent I	at St John the Baptist
	16th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Lent II	at St Martin's
	23rd	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Lent III	at St John the Baptist
	30th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Mothering Sunday	at St Martin's

March 5th – Ash Wednesday – details will be announced in Church

APRIL

SUNDAY	6th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Passion Sunday –	at St John the Baptist
	13th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Palm Sunday -	at St Martin's
	20th	10.30am Sung Eucharist – Easter Sunday	at St John the Baptist
	27th	10.30am Sung Eucharist –	at St Martin's

PLEASE NOTE: The venue for Sunday Services may be subject to change and notification will be given at Church. There will no longer be any 9.00am Service.

Evensong, which is held at **5.00pm** will continue to move between the two charges so check the Weekly Sheet for details.

READINGS

February 2nd

Mic 6.1-8
Ps 131
1 C 1.18-31
Mt 5.1-12

March 2nd

Ex 24.12-18
Ps 2 *or* Ps 99
2 P 1.16-21
Mt 17.1-9

April 6th

Ezek 37.1-14
Ps 130
Ro 8.6-11
Jn 11.1-45

February 9th

Is 58.1-9a,(9b-12)
Ps 112.1-9(10)
1 C 2.1-12(13-16)
Mt 5.13-20

March 9th

Gen 2.15-17;3.1-7
Ps 32
Ro 5.12-19
Mt 4.1-11

April 13th

Is 50.4-9a
Ps 31.9-16
Phil 2.5-11
Mt 26.14-27.66
or Mt 27.11-54

February 16th

Dt 30.15-20 *or* Sir 15.15-20
Ps 119.1-8
1 C 3.1-9
Mt 5.21-37

March 16th

Gen 12.1-4a
Ps 121
Ro 4.1-5,13-17
Jn 3.1-17 *or* Mt 17.1-9

April 20th

Acts 10.34-43 *or* Jer 31.1-6
Ps 118.1-2,14-24
Col 3.1-4 *or* Acts 10.34-43
Jn 20.1-18 *or* Mt 28.1-10

February 23rd

Lev 19.1-2,9-18
Ps 119.33-40
1 C 3.10-11,16-23
Mt 5.38-48

March 23rd

Ex 17.1-7
Ps 95
Ro 5.1-11
Jn 4.5-42

April 27th

Acts 2.14a,22-32
Ps 16
1 P 1.3-9
Jn 20.19-31

March 30th

1 Sa 16.1-13
Ps 23
Eph 5.8-14
Jn 9.1-41

