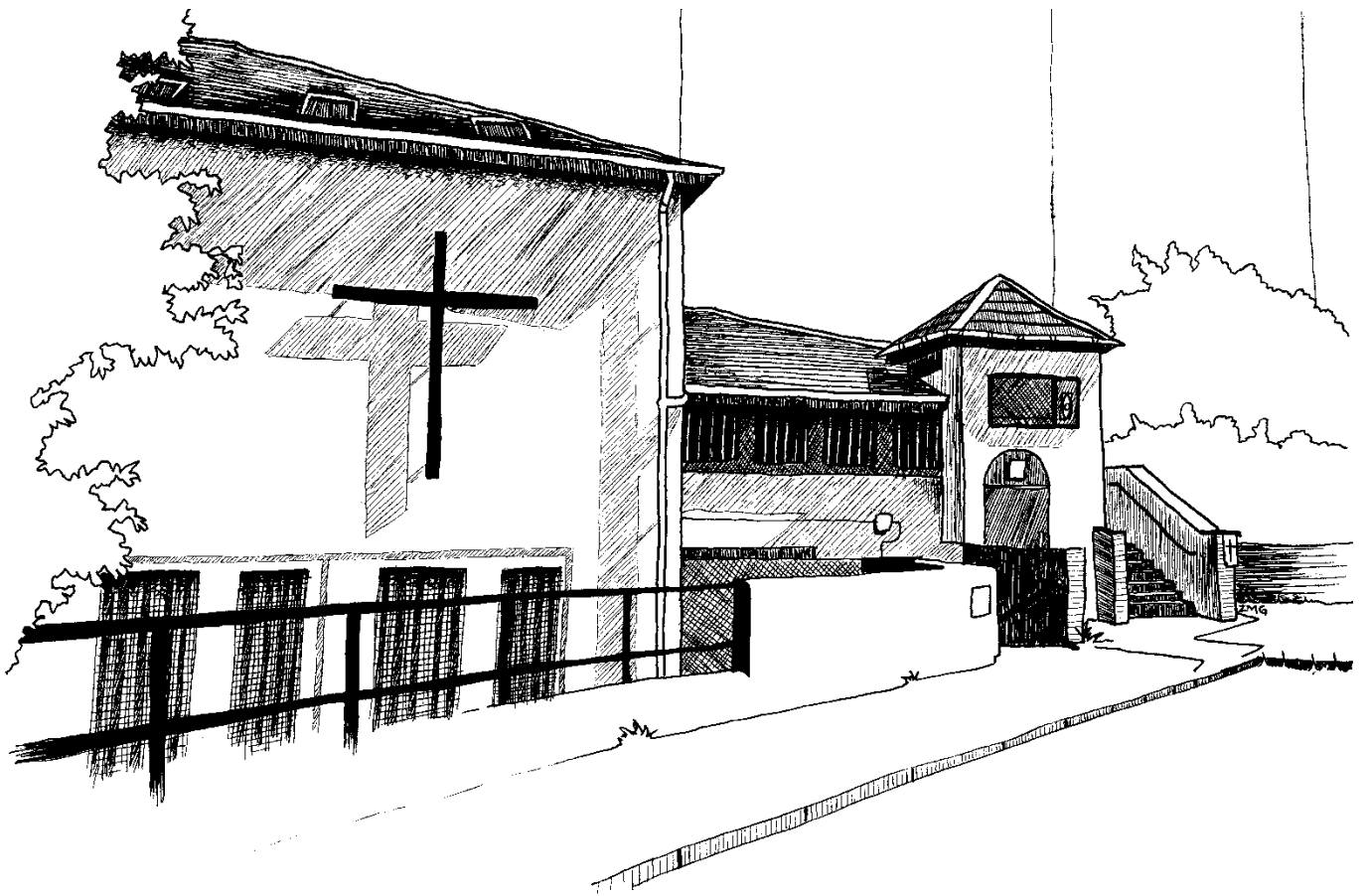


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Material for the **next edition** should reach me ***no later than Sunday 21st November.*** You can also e-mail me at ann.gibb@blueyonder.co.uk

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 Treasurer



From the Rectory

AN AUTUMN (AND A HOPE) LIKE NO OTHER

Autumn is a beautiful season. The ever-changing colours, the crisp mornings, the leaves piled up, the varieties of light all make for an uplifting time of year. Its sheer colourfulness warms the soul before the long, dark days of winter.

But this year there's an added dimension, far from heartwarming and full of menace. I mean, of course, the prospect of a renewed surge of Covid-19. Set alongside this, the blustery winds, the intermittent rain downpours, and perhaps above all, the sense that we will soon be hunkering down for grey, damp and chilly months ahead are put into perspective.

The autumn of 2020 may turn out to be the most significant of our lifetimes, marking an astonishing year in which our lives have been turned upside down in ways none of us would have believed possible twelve months ago.

As I write, even the most optimistic predictions are that we shall soon be facing a difficult winter fraught with many unknowns: Will Covid-19 take off again? Will we be adequately prepared for it? Will the health system cope? Will the multiple attempts to produce a vaccine bear fruit? The simple answer is: We just don't know.

This is where the symbolism of autumn becomes important. For autumn is a season of transition, and, as such, points beyond itself and beyond winter to new, more hopeful, possibilities offered by spring, the season of new life and renewal.

And undergirding this symbolism lies the profound Christian truth that God, who is the Creator of the seasons and who orders them, is also the One who upholds and sustains us through them, whatever they might bring. In our worship, our prayers and our support for one another, he gives us grace and strength as we anticipate the future with hope that is to be found in his Son Jesus. Let's not forget this.

So, as we face the challenges of the coming months, let's always recall the promise of God that: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews chapter 13, verse 5). For in the midst of all things, he is faithful and true – whatever the season.

Wishing you every blessing,

Francis Bridger

Although Sunday worship has resumed in St Martin's, following the criteria issued by the College of Bishops and agreed by Bishop Andrew, there may still be some of you who do not feel able to return to the building at the moment. Helen and Francis are always available and would be delighted to discuss your concerns with you. Their telephone number is on Page 2.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



'Tea & Blether' Club

Our Tea & Blether sessions continue to be suspended until further notice. The opening of the Hall for events remains 'on hold' but please consider joining **the 'ZOOM' Coffee Morning**. It takes place **every other Saturday at 11am** and can be a 'lively affair', with lots of chat and laughter while enjoying tea or coffee in the comfort of your own home. **Also, at 10am every Tuesday there is a 'ZOOM' Service of Morning Prayer followed by a short 'chat'**. If you are interested in joining in both/either of these please contact Helen and she will send you the 'link' and appropriate information.

Walking Group Dates:

For updates and details please contact Kay Black (01382 825912) or Tricia Paton (01382 803382)

FUNDRAISING:

Unfortunately, we are still unable to restart our fundraising events.



Prize Bingo

As with Tea & Blether, Prize Bingo continues to be suspended until further notice. In the meantime, stay safe.

Ann, Irene, Joyce & Duncan

Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball also continues to be suspended meantime.

Hall

Hall Lets remain suspended. For up to date information please contact Irene, telephone number on Page 2.

OUR GIVING TO OTHERS

Starter Packs:

'Starter Packs' is as busy as ever and Fiona (the Admin) would be delighted to speak to you to arrange acceptance of any donations you may have. **Donations are accepted every Wednesday and by appointment**. If you have goods please contact Fiona on telephone number 223977 or email dundeestarterpacks@gmail.com.

Ann

Foodbank:

Unfortunately, St Salvador's is without a Rector following the retirement of Rev Clive Clapson and regular services there have not yet resumed. Due to this, their weekly foodbank and 'larder' are also unavailable. However, I would ask you to please support any 'in store' collections for local Foodbanks. These are available in most supermarkets. Thank you.

Ann

Bishop Andrew's Lenten Appeal tins are being accepted at Church now. Ellen will let us know how much we at St Martin's raised when all are collected in and counted.

Pasture Valley Orphanage:

Unfortunately, since the last Magazine, there is no news to report from Pasture Valley, but Val will report when she hears from there. Hopefully, there will be a Newsletter by our next edition. Meantime, we ask you to remember them in your prayers. Arrangements will be made to send Christmas cards and 'our girl' her birthday and Christmas gifts.

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

Events have been cancelled until further notice.

FUN QUIZ

The answers to the following are all parts of the body this time!

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| 1. Fruit of Eden | 9. Trouble coming & trouble going! |
| 2. Dates grow on these | 10. Kind people have a big one |
| 3. Mixed with steak to make a pie | 11. Church instrument |
| 4. Sounds like shellfish | 12. Scholars |
| 5. It could be funny | 13. To be found in a book |
| 6. A tasty dish with onion | 14. Large box |
| 7. River exit | 15. You could be out on it |
| 8. Place of worship | 16. Tom who? |

Answers over the page. No cheating now!!

'CONGRATULATIONS'

to: Lilian Chalmers, who celebrated her 80th birthday at the end of August.

Sharon Dickson, who celebrated her 50th birthday in September

Betty Hood, who celebrated her 85th birthday in September.

Congratulations and best wishes from your friends at St Martin's. It's lovely to share happy moments, especially during these strange times.

On 'sadder' note, we say goodbye to **our little friend Hazel** and her Mum, **Nicole**. They have been a welcome addition to our St Martin's family over the past 2 years but are now moving out of Dundee. We will miss them both. We wish Hazel, her Mum & Dad, lots of happiness in their new home. Nicole is going to keep in touch with us via the Magazine.

If you have a message you would like included in the Magazine or any celebration of birthdays, anniversaries etc, please email or phone me and we can include it.

Ann

Bella Boal

St Martin's was saddened to hear of the death of our dear friend Bella Boal on 14th September. Bella was a faithful and much-loved member of St John's for over six decades, and those of us from the St John's community remember her most fondly. The Sunday and Thursday congregations at St John's came to love her delightful, gracious personality, her great sociability and her love and concern for her church family. We were privileged to share eucharist, tea, plenty of cake and lots of blether with Bella, but most of all we were blessed by sharing friendship with her. Her companionship, chat and pervading kindness were wonderful gifts and we shall treasure the memory of them for a long time to come. We keep her family in our prayers, and we give thanks for the years we shared our lives with her.

Helen Bridger

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms – Nil

Marriages – Nil

Deaths – Bella Boal (96)
Jack Lamond (91)

SERVICES



Sunday morning service has resumed.

10.30am Service of Holy Communion (unfortunately without hymns)

Sunday 11th October will be our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Unfortunately, due Covid-19, gifts of food cannot be accepted. However, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation is welcome to do so and a plate will be placed on the table at the back of the Church for this purpose. The donations will be used to purchase goods for the local Foodbank.

Tuesday 10.00am the weekly 'ZOOM' Service.

Helen usually takes 'home communion' to housebound members of the congregation but in light of the current 'climate' please contact Helen directly if you have requests or require advice. Telephone number is on Page 2.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October – 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th – Tuesday morning ZOOM Service of Prayer at 10.00am

October – 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th – Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am

October - 10th & 24th – Saturday ZOOM Coffee Morning at 11am

November – 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th – Tuesday morning ZOOM Service of Prayer at 10.00am

November – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th – Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am

November – 7th & 21st – Saturday ZOOM Collee Morning at 11am

Answers to the Fun Quiz

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| 1. Adam's Apple | 9. Teeth |
| 2. Palms | 10. Heart |
| 3. Kidney | 11. Organ |
| 4. Muscle | 12. Pupils |
| 5. Humerus | 13. Nose |
| 6. Liver | 14. Chest |
| 7. Mouth | 15. Limb |
| 8. Temple | 16. Thumb |

TAKE CARE EVERYONE AND STAY SAFE