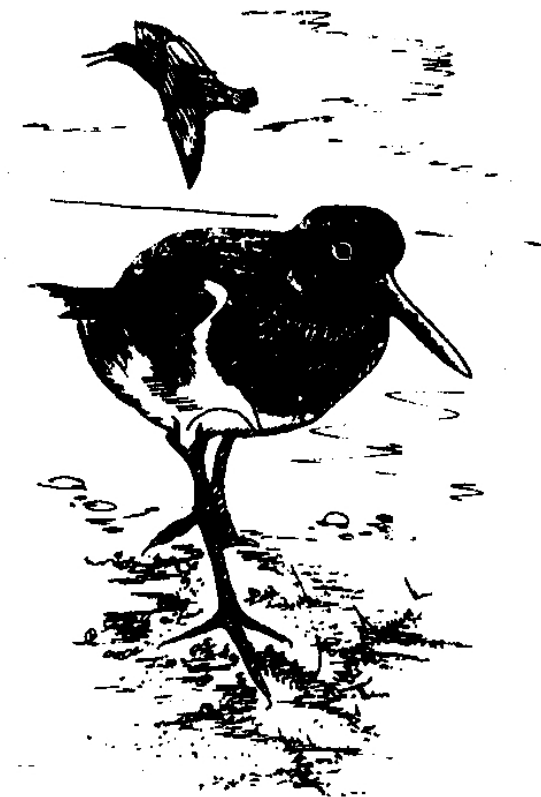


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St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt.

On weekdays the services are as follows:

Mon:	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
Wed:	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
Thur:	Mattins 9.30 a.m.	The Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

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FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

Among the many paradoxes of our faith is that which requires us to be able to explain our faith to others – whether interested or scoffers – but which does not require us to excuse our worship. Our faith is reasoned and reasonable, and it starts with God, as both the creator and the instigator of our salvation when the whole character of humanity was tainted by corruption and compromise and self-interest.

But the starting point is always with God and not with ourselves. If we start with ourselves and continue in this way, we can never escape from ourselves, so that we become isolated for the whole of eternity. But by making God the starting point, we apply reason without having to control the reasoning process, and this is the manner in which our faith leads us. It is faith that guides and informs our reasoning, and so we learn inductively rather than deductively. By yielding the initiative of our reasoning to God, we gain His love and majesty without losing ourselves. By clinging to our own interests and perspective, we distort our own vision and render ourselves blind to how God has given us Himself, that we may love Him and enjoy Him for ever. It does however require a letting-go of self – and that is always a challenge. And we are then freed to apply the most rigorous tests of cause and effect, or collecting and assessing data, of forming and then amending hypotheses and theories.

For in knowing God we come to worship Him – not so much telling Him things that He does not already know, but rather in putting ourselves in a position of trust and wonder where we may receive Him more intimately and wonderfully. In this sense our worship expresses our dependence on God, and the less we feel like it, then the more sacrificial and committed is the worship. We worship God for Himself alone, and not just because of what He has done. That initiative rather has brought us into the position where we may indeed dare to approach and to worship, and so place ourselves in the way of His mercy and grace.

For that brings me to the next point: we do not need excuses to worship, and to offer the very best that we have and are. And as we do so more regularly, with greater commitment and depth, so we feed on the good things that He has given us in Jesus Christ and that He wishes to bestow on us in the Holy Spirit. God is worthy to be worshipped in all times and all places, and has given us the way in Jesus whereby we may approach with confidence. So when we choose to come before Him with prayer and music and hymn, and when we sit at His feet in receiving and pondering the scriptures, we do nothing self-centred or self-indulgent. And so we need no excuse for our worship and our offering.

One may ask what all this has to do with justice or peace or meeting the needs of the world. The answer is that the first need of the world is reconciliation with God

and the salvation He has wrought in Jesus Christ. Christianity is not a western contrivance to control the resources of the world: rather it is the acknowledgement in faith of what God has already done for us, and it is available to all.

But secondly, the health of our social and political and economic and cultural relationships and transactions is tied up in the interactions and the motivations of the people who conduct them. Just as an evil tree cannot produce good fruit, so a world governance devoted to power and control and glamour cannot be expected to deliver the fruits of the Kingdom of God. It may provide for economic growth, but at a cost to those who do not hold the levers of power, and to overwhelming the benefit of those who do. In our day it those who control the dissemination of information, the formation or moulding of opinion, and the direction of the political processes who determine the distribution of the outcomes of education and economic productivity. These may produce works of great complexity and even grandeur, but that do not add up to a vision of the world as the people of God engaged in the worship and service of God, and finding peace with one another as they find peace with God. Unfortunately it is rather more self-interested than that – the interests you would expect from a world composed of sinners, very much like you and me, but trying to justify the sin and not seeking to find freedom in deliverance from it.

Sydney Maitland

PREACHING AND PONDERING

You may wonder how our liturgical texts fit together, so here is a simple summary based on the lectionary of the Scottish Prayer Book:

ADVENT: The four last things are traditionally taught on the successive Sundays of Advent – death, judgment, hell and heaven. Advent 1 also deals with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and in that sense follows on from Christ the King (the previous Sunday). Advent 2 covers the “mini-apocalypse” of Jesus’ teaching; Advent 3, the inquiry of John the Baptist of who Jesus was; Advent 4 – the person and ministry of John the Baptist.

CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY: The birth and early life of Jesus. Note however the feasts of St Stephen (26th), St John the Evangelist (27th), Innocents Day (28th), the Circumcision (1st).

EPIPHANY to LENT: The early ministry of Jesus. Epiphany 6 also refers to the “mini apocalypse”. Quinquagesima (Sunday next before Lent) anticipates Jesus’ passion.

LENT: Lent 1: Jesus' denunciation of empty religious practice; Lent 2: His temptation in the wilderness; Lent 3: spiritual warfare; Lent 4: feeding the 5000 (i.e. a sign of His kingship); Lent 5 (Passion Sunday): dispute with Jewish authorities. Lent 6 is Palm Sunday and we recall both the entry into Jerusalem (the Palms) and the reading (well, singing) of the Passion Narrative.

HOLY WEEK: Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, His passion and death.

EASTERTIDE: Jesus' resurrection appearances. Easter 2 has the Good Shepherd reading, Easter 3, 4 & 5 Jesus "farewell discourses" from John 16.

PENTECOST: The coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, the New Testament church.

TRINITY: Jesus' ministry; the teachings of the apostles and the life of the church.

CHRIST THE KING: The glory of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We normally regard the period of Advent to Pentecost as the "Dominical" season when the stress is on the life and ministry of Jesus and on the gospels while in the period of Trinity the epistles have greater prominence and the stress is more on the life of the church. In practice, I normally find that the preaching seeks a thread running through the readings from the Old Testament, the epistle and the gospel, in order to present a more coherent response to the readings as a whole.

This summary deals with the liturgical year as a whole and does not refer to the Marian feasts: Annunciation, Immaculate Conception, Assumption; or to Corpus Christi, the Transfiguration, or to Rogation or Ember Days.

Sydney Maitland

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across 1 Many, 4 Happy, 8 Returns, 9 Lily, 10 Bland, 12 Ninety, 15 Not Out, 17 Psalm, 19 Ague, 20 Trueman, 21 Ninth, 22 Eddy

Down 2 Astra, 3 Ydred, 4 Hosing, 5 Paleness, 6 Ye Let, 7 Grobian, 11 Napoleon, 13 Yeoman, 14 Stitch, 16 Organ, 17 Pause, 18 Armed

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers in July were donated by Mary Sillitto, Amy Caddell and Alison Gifford.

I intend putting the large collecting jar at the back of the church for donations for Doors Open Day and Harvest Festival to allow us to have a good display without relying totally on the people who have put their names on the list for those Sundays.

HARVEST DONATIONS

This year we would like to decorate the church in a traditional manner for Harvest. Richard Smith will see to the arrangement and disposal to worthy causes of our donations. To make it easier for everyone, gifts of tins and dried goods should be given to him from now onwards. In this way, we can collect items over the next few weeks without a lot of expenditure at the beginning of October, or only remembering on the day that we meant to bring something, however small.

Eileen Maitland

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jonathan

Thank you for the copies of The Oystercatcher. I greatly appreciate you sending them to us.

We, too, are having a busy summer. Charles has taken a new job in Port Washington (part of Long Island, New York) and Robert and I are getting ready to join him at the end of the summer. I will provide you with a new mailing address when we get down there. I am pretty sure the email will stay the same.

Give my best to all of the people at St Bride's. Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Best regards
Nancy Golightly

CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

The **Edinburgh Churches Climate Change Conference** is to be held on **Saturday 11 October 2008** and organised by the Edinburgh Climate Network, an ecumenical group of Christians concerned about climate change. The conference is supported by the Scottish Episcopal Church, as well as a number of other church and environmental groups.

The conference will be a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the science and theology of climate change, as well as how to respond to the challenge as a community, in our churches and individually. The day will be hosted by **The Rt. Revd Brian Smith**, Bishop of Edinburgh, with expert speakers: **Chris Rapley**, Director of the Science Museum in London; **Elaine Storkey**, President of Tearfund; **Michael Northcott**, Professor of Ethics at the University of Edinburgh; and **John Ferguson**, Manager of Strategic Projects at the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. There will also be a choice from 20 workshops focusing on a wide range of practical responses. Although designed primarily for people attending churches in and around Edinburgh, anyone who wants to engage positively with Christians on tackling climate change is welcome to register.

The conference is **open for registration now** and an early-bird discount applies to full rate bookings made before 15 August 2008. To find out more, download posters and flyers and register on-line visit:

www.edinburghclimate.net

A city-centre initiative
offering a series of monthly lunchtime talks

How Can I Sustain

..... energy levels at work – Professor Phil Hanlon, Professor of Public Health, Glasgow University.
Tuesday 2 September 2008

Venues –normally – Renfield Centre, Bath St. but check our web site each month for fuller details.

All at 12.30 for Sandwiches & Refreshments, 1pm for the Talk and 1.45 pm – back to work refreshed ! Cost – Donation to cover refreshments (we suggest £5).

To book : Contact Gayle Cattanach at gayle@businessinglasgow.net or call or text her on 07740 467235

Telemann Ensemble

J.S. Bach - Concerto for 2 violins
Soloists *Justine Watts and Christina Knox*
and *Concertos by Vivaldi and Telemann*



Sunday 24th August 7.30pm
Fotheringhay Centre Fotheringhay Road
Tickets £10 (£5 concession) available at the door

Music List - August 2008			
3	SUNDAY Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Merbecke Psalm 17 Hymns 436, 311, 276, 36
10	SUNDAY Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST <i>TBC</i> Psalm 105, vv 1-6, 16-22 <i>TBC</i> Hymns 237, 535, 273, 186
17	SUNDAY Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST <i>TBC</i> Psalm 133 <i>TBC</i> Hymns 324, 378, 419, 486
24	SUNDAY Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST <i>TBC</i> Psalm 124 <i>TBC</i> Hymns 431, 285, 305, 484
31	SUNDAY Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST <i>TBC</i> Psalm 105, vv 1-6, 23-26 <i>TBC</i> Hymns 437, 408, 357, 441

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2008

<p>Sunday 31 <i>Trinity 15</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>					Friday 1	Saturday 2
<p>Sunday 3 <i>Trinity 11</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday 4 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Tuesday 5	<p>Wednesday 6 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Thursday 7 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 8	Saturday 9
<p>Sunday 10 <i>Trinity 12</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday 11 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Tuesday 12	<p>Wednesday 13 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.00 Vestry</p>	Thursday 14 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 15	Saturday 16
<p>Sunday 17 <i>Trinity 13</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday 18 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Tuesday 19	<p>Wednesday 20 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Thursday 21 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 22	Saturday 23
<p>Sunday 24 <i>Trinity 14</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p>Monday 25 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Tuesday 26	<p>Wednesday 27 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	Thursday 28 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 29	Saturday 30

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
3 August	Veronica Matthew Betty Wright	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black
10 August	Jeannette Fenyő June Roach	Christopher Black Andrew Lockyer
17 August	Anne Currie David Fergus	Jonathan Lord Michael Rae
24 August	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Anne Currie Alison Gifford
31 August	Reserves	Eileen Maitland Jonathan Lord

: READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

3 August <i>Trinity 11</i>	Genesis 32, v 22-31 Romans 9, v 1-5 Matthew 14, v 13-21
10 August <i>Trinity 12</i>	Genesis 37, v 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10, v 5-15 Matthew 14, v 22-33
17 August <i>Trinity 13</i>	Genesis 45, v 1-15 Romans 11, v 1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15, v 21-28
24 August <i>Trinity 14</i>	Exodus 1, v 8 – 2, v 10 Romans 12, v 1-8 Matthew 16, v 13-20
31 August <i>Trinity 15</i>	Exodus 3, v 1-15 Romans 12, v 9–end Matthew 16, v 21-end

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August

1	Fri	Feria	ActionAid
2	Sat	Feria	St Ninian, Troon
3	Sun	Trinity 11	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
4	Mon	Feria	Sportsmen and sportswomen
5	Tues	Oswald of Northumbria, 642	The North--East of England
6	Wed	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Visionaries
7	Thur	Boisil, Prior of Melrose, c642	Religious
8	Fri	Dominic, Priest & Friar, 1221	College of Preachers
9	Sat	Mary Sumner, 1921	Mothers' Union
10	Sun	Trinity 12	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
11	Mon	Clare of Assisi, Religious, 1253	Poor Clares
12	Tues	Feria	The Vestry
13	Wed	Florence Nightingale, 1910	Nurses
14	Thur	Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, 1940	Self-sacrifice
15	Fri	Falling Asleep of BVM	Churches Together in Scotland
16	Sat	Feria	Members of British Parliament
17	Sun	Trinity 13	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
18	Mon	Feria	The needy
19	Tues	Feria	The Bishop and Chapter
20	Wed	Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, 1153	Love of God
21	Thur	Feria	Police Service
22	Fri	Feria	Stranraer St John & Portpatrick St Ninian
23	Sat	Feria	Mental Health
24	Sun	Trinity 14	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
25	Mon	Bartholomew, Apostle	People & Churches of Armenia
26	Tues	Feria	Members of Scottish Parliament
27	Wed	Monica, Mother of Augustine, 387	Family life
28	Thur	Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Teacher, 430	Teachers
29	Fri	The Beheading of John the Baptist	Prisoners of conscience
30	Sat	Feria	People of Hyndland
31	Sun	Trinity 15	Life & Ministry of St Bride's

September

1	Mon	Feria	Interpreters
2	Tues	Feria	Broadcasters
3	Wed	Gregory the Great, Bishop 604	Monastic life
4	Thur	Feria	ActionAid
5	Fri	Feria	Community of St Margaret
6	Sat	Feria	Secondary Schools
7	Sun	Trinity 16	Life and Ministry of St Bride's