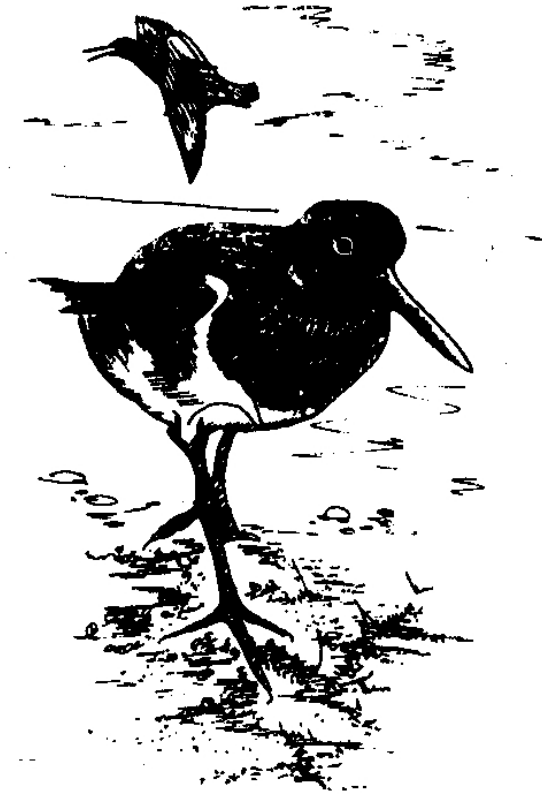


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## THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

Throughout the ages people have suggested that the physical world is evil and that our bodies serve only to corrupt us. Indeed, it has been argued that our ultimate salvation depends upon our ability to escape our earthbound state.

When we reflect upon the inequalities inherent in our world and upon the seemingly irreconcilable differences between warring communities it is easy to understand why people write off our world, and look instead to a universe where disembodied souls, set free from the strains and stresses of a physical nature, dwell together in harmony. And yet, at the heart of our faith is the radical truth that human existence, though marred by greed and selfishness, can be transformed.

The Feast of the Ascension, which falls this year on Thursday 21 May, teaches us that Jesus, who lived and died as one of us, carried our humanity into heaven transformed and glorious but still bearing the marks of sin and oppression. This profoundly affirming act proclaims both the goodness of God's original creation and the victory over death and sin that Jesus won. Though many bewail and bemoan the brokenness of human existence, Jesus has shown us that, transformed and redeemed, we can be at one with our Creator.

No wonder the disciples, having witnessed the Ascension of our Lord returned to Jerusalem to stand continually in the Temple praising God and no wonder people still gather together today to celebrate this feast. Though some may believe that the story of the Ascension is fanciful with little relevance for the world today, we know that there can be no greater story than this, that God has humbled himself to share our humanity that we walking in the ways of righteousness might be the people God intended us to be. This is our Good News, that Jesus the perfect man shows us what it is to be truly human.

Through our Lord's life of unconditional service we are shown that compassion, love and kindness are the hallmarks of true humanity and through his cruel death upon the cross we are shown that violence, power and oppression serve only to maim and disfigure it. Though some may argue that sin and oppression are synonymous with human existence, Jesus has shown us that human beings need not be destructive, sinful or abusive.

Our faith proclaims that there is another way of being human that is life-affirming and life-enriching. It is the way of life revealed to us in the person of Jesus. May we have the courage to follow in his footsteps and together play our part in transforming our world.

With love and prayers,

**Fr James**

## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Out of the great festival of Easter there emerged, in the second century, the first Christian season. Commencing on Easter Day and lasting for fifty days, Pentecost was a glorious celebration of the Easter story. Every day was akin to a Sunday and during this period Christians neither fasted nor knelt for prayer.

Inspired by the suggestion in the closing chapter of St Luke's Gospel that Jesus ascended into heaven on the day of his resurrection, some Christians chose to celebrate his ascension on Easter Day itself. Others celebrated his ascension on the fiftieth day, which coincided with the Jewish Day of Pentecost, on which the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai was commemorated. This festival, falling fifty days after the Passover, was the day on which the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the fledgling church, and to the Christians of the third and fourth centuries it seemed only right that the ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit should be commemorated together.

Mindful, however, that in the Acts of the Apostles Jesus remained with his disciples for forty days prior to his ascension, Christians began, at the end of the fourth century to keep a distinct feast of the ascension on the fortieth day. With this development, the unity of the Easter season was disturbed. In time the distinct celebrations of the resurrection, the ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit came to overshadow and disrupt a season in which every day was a celebration of these wonderful events.

In recent years, however, Christians have sought to recapture something of the ancient season of Pentecost. The Sundays that follow Easter Day are now termed "Sundays of Easter" not "Sundays after Easter," reinforcing the concept of an extended celebration of Easter. Likewise, in an attempt to maintain the unity of season, the Sunday following the Feast of the Ascension is also termed a Sunday of Easter. Furthermore it is now suggested that the Paschal Candle, which burns throughout the Easter season, should be extinguished after worship on the Day of Pentecost, not during the Gospel on Ascension Day, as had become the custom. (The latter was particularly problematic inasmuch as it drew attention to the absence of Christ, when in truth the Paschal candle was, to quote the hymn of praise sung at the Easter Vigil, a symbol of "*Christ the Morning Star who has risen never again to set.*")

Visually of course, the unity of these fifty days is also proclaimed through the long established custom of wearing white or gold vestments, symbolic of joy, throughout the season, with the exception, of course, on the final day, when it is customary to wear red vestments reminiscent of the tongues of fire that appeared to rest upon the heads of the Apostles.

When we consider the development of the liturgical year through the ages, we discover that the Church has often extended fasts whilst curtailing feasts. Having fully immersed ourselves in the rigours of Lent, however, it seems only right that we, like those early Christians, should embrace the joys of Easter with all the joy and the enthusiasm we can muster.

**James Milne**

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I don't think that we are the only people who would like to say a great big "thank you" to Father James for a pleasant, happy, enjoyable and very generous Easter supper to which we were all invited.

**Maureen & David Graham-Service**

Our thanks are due to Anne Mackill and Mrs Irene Fraser for flower donations in April. Thank you all for your contributions to the Easter decorations. Now that the better weather has come we hope to do some work in the garden. If you can help, please let Eileen Maitland or the Rector know to arrange a suitable time.

## **SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD**

**Across** 1 Consecrate, 6 Antrim, 7 Forum, 9 Simnel, 10 Ill, 11 Goya, 14 Urge, 15 Ash, 16 Swampy, 17 Singe, 18 Theory, 20 Adam's Apple  
**Down** 1 Can, 2 Narnia, 3 Ermine, 4 Ruffle, 5 Tertiary, 6 Anagrams, 8 Mulberry, 9 Syphoned, 12 Esteem, 13 Martha, 14 Upkeep, 19 Roe

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## *Evening Concert*

**Monday, 11 May 2009. 7:30 pm**

**John Van Lierop - double bass**

**Gent Koço - violin**

**Lynda Cochrane – piano**

Programme:

De Fesch - Sonata for Double Bass and Piano

Sperger - Sonata

Bottesini - Fantasia on Bellini's 'Beatrice di Tenda'

Beethoven - Romance in G major Op.40

Bottesini - Grand Duo Concertant

**St. Bride's Church;**

69 Hyndland Road

Glasgow G12 9UX

**Tickets (at the door) £5.00**

**Club Members £3.50, Students £2.00**

Includes Interval Refreshment Drinks

*All Welcome*

## VESTRY REPORT

At the Vestry meeting held at the Rectory on 22 April the Rector announced that Mrs Alison Gifford had accepted his invitation to serve as Rector's Warden for the remainder of the current year. It was agreed not to fill the casual vacancy for Vestry membership caused by this appointment.

The Rector reported that he had begun a programme of visits to members of the congregation, with particular reference to the housebound. The congregational roll was under review. A Baptism would take place on 24 May. There had been favourable comments on the worship, and it was noted that there should be prayers for the Queen each week. There would be a supper party at the Rectory on 24 April.

The accounts for the previous two months were tabled and approved. Discussions continued regarding the replacement of the hot water system in the kitchen and toilets. It was agreed that a small group should be appointed to examine all aspects of income and expenditure, and that a change of energy supplier should be considered.

Quotations for making the Lower Crypt watertight were tabled and discussed. It was agreed that two more quotations should be obtained to allow the matter to be considered in more detail. It was noted that the defective lights in the sanctuary had been replaced under guarantee. It was agreed to obtain quotations for sealing the old boiler against asbestos.

Further discussions had taken place regarding the proposed Arts Festival in the Spring of 2010. A working group was appointed to consider this and other social and fund-raising events. It was noted that the Russian congregation was no longer using the church, and their equipment had been removed.

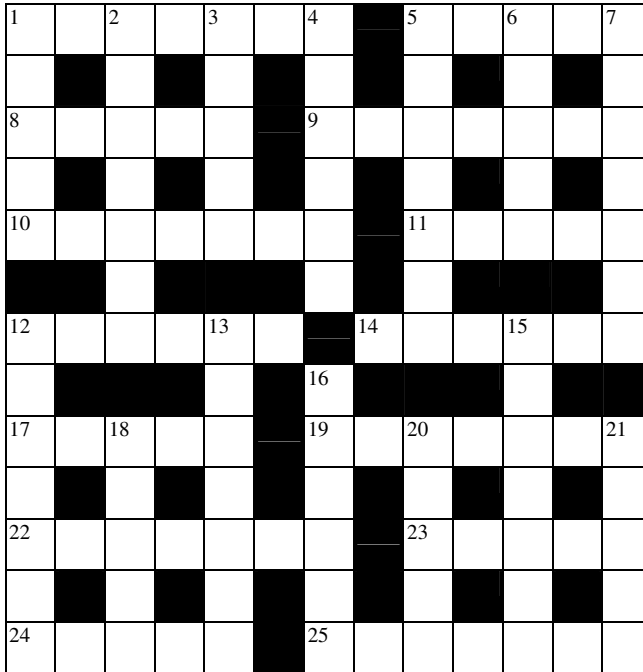
Discussion took place regarding the St Bride's website, which was being maintained by Dr Suzanne Muir Scott and Dr Stuart Purdie. It was noted that meditations for the Stations of the Cross would be added shortly and that the Contextual Bible Study tab would be replaced by Events and Photographs.

The Rector reported that he had met representatives of the Youth Club.

It was agreed that a stewardship campaign would be held once clear financial goals had been set.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 May.

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



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### Across

- 1 Prudent (7)  
 5 "The ungodly .... are like the ....  
 (Psalm 1, v 5) (5)  
 8 "... of the Antarctic" (explorer)  
 (5)  
 9 For dizziness get Ivor (7)  
 10 Estimation (7)  
 11 Insertion (5)  
 12 Phrase (anagram) (6)  
 14 Of the choir (6)  
 17 Is it fun to be ill? (5)  
 19 Student (7)  
 22 Female wailer (7)  
 23 Poison (5)  
 24 Duck (5)  
 25 Succession of rulers (7)

### Down

- 1 Italian sauce (5)  
 2 So lie in (anagram) (7)  
 3 All players (5)  
 4 100 ovens for the witches (6)  
 5 Type of pasty (7)  
 6 Sign of the Zodiac (5)  
 7 Hanging for the Altar (7)  
 12 Set bulb to make straw (7)  
 13 Does he throw a jug? (7)  
 15 Regrets (7)  
 16 Dances can climb (6)  
 18 Fiend could be (if caught) (5)  
 20 Shelter (5)  
 21 Card game (5)

**Compiled by Lily Bland**  
**Solution next month**

<b>Music List - May 2009</b>			
<b>3</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Sumsion <i>Communion Service in F</i> Psalm 23 Britten <i>Jubilate Deo</i> Hymns 436, 457(ii), 282, 120
<b>10</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Viadana <i>Missa L'Hora Passa</i> Psalm 22, vv 22-31 Vaughan Williams <i>O taste and see</i> Hymns 112, 408, 331, 118
<b>17</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30</b>       <b>16.00</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Byrd <i>Mass in four parts</i> Psalm 98 Durufié <i>Ubi caritas</i> Hymns 333, 137, 416, 265  <b>CHORAL EVENSONG &amp; BENEDICTION</b> Responses: Smith Psalms 134 & 135 Office Hymn: TBC Canticles: <i>Short Service</i> (Tallis) Anthem: <i>Mine eyes for beauty pine</i> (Howells)
<b>21</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>19.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> TBC Psalm 47 Croft <i>God is gone up</i> Hymns 109, 130, 302, 134
<b>24</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Batten <i>Short Communion Service</i> Psalm 1 Attwood <i>Come Holy Ghost</i> Hymns 130, 271, 311, 443
<b>31</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Darke <i>Communion Service in E</i> Psalm 104, vv 26-35 Palestrina <i>Sicut Servus</i> Hymns 137, 431, 138, 296 (t.1)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS							MAY 2009						
<b>Sunday 31</b> <i>Pentecost</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist						<b>Friday 1</b>	<b>Saturday 2</b>						
<b>Sunday 3</b> <i>Easter 4</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 4</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 5</b>	<b>Wednesday 6</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 7</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 8</b>	<b>Saturday 9</b>							
<b>Sunday 10</b> <i>Easter 5</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 11</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 BBC SSO Club	<b>Tuesday 12</b>	<b>Wednesday 13</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 14</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 15</b>	<b>Saturday 16</b>							
<b>Sunday 17</b> <i>Easter 6</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 16.00 Choral Evensong	<b>Monday 18</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 19</b>	<b>Wednesday 20</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 21</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> 10.00 Eucharist 19.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Friday 22</b>	<b>Saturday 23</b> 12.00 Healing service							
<b>Sunday 24</b> <i>Easter 7</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 25</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 26</b>	<b>Wednesday 27</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry meeting	<b>Thursday 28</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 29</b>	<b>Saturday 30</b>							

## ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Counting</b>
<b>3 May</b>	Betty Wright	Christopher Black Jonathan Lord
<b>10 May</b>	June Roach	Anne Currie Andrew Lockyer
<b>17 May</b>	Anne Currie David Fergus	Michael Rae Alison Gifford
<b>24 May</b>	Brian Carlisle Jan Carlisle	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black
<b>31 May</b>		Alison Gifford Jonathan Lord

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

<b>3 May</b> <i>Easter 4</i>	Acts 4, v 5-12 1 John 3, v 16-24 John 10, v 11-18
<b>10 May</b> <i>Easter 5</i>	Acts 8, v 26-40 1 John 4, v 7-21 John 15, v 1-8
<b>17 May</b> <i>Easter 6</i>	Acts 10, v 44-48 1 John 5, v 1-6 John 15, v 9-17
<b>21 May</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	Acts 1, v 1-11 Ephesians 1, v 15-23 Luke 24, v 44-53
<b>24 May</b> <i>Easter 7</i>	Acts 1, v 15-17, 21-26 1 John 5, v 9-13 John 17, v 6-19
<b>31 May</b> <i>The Day of Pentecost</i>	Ezekiel 37, v 1-14 Acts 2, v 1-21 John 15, v 26-27; 16, v 4b-15
<b>7 June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Isaiah 6, v 1-8 Romans 8, v 12-17 John 3, v 1-17

## KALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE

### May

1	<b>Fri</b>	Philip & James, Apostles	Workers
2	Sat	Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 373	Theologians
3	<b>Sun</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
4	Mon	Feria	Action Aid
5	Tue	Feria	Save the Children
6	Wed	Feria	Christian Aid
7	Thur	Feria	Oxfam
8	Fri	Julian of Norwich, c1413	Spiritual writers
9	Sat	Feria	Age Concern
10	<b>Sun</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
11	Mon	Feria	Musicians
12	Tue	Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743	Liturgists
13	Wed	Feria	Translators
14	<b>Thur</b>	Matthias, Apostle	The people of Ethiopia
15	Fri	Feria	Teachers
16	Sat	Feria	Carers
17	<b>Sun</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
18	Mon	Feria	Bishop's House, Iona
19	Tue	Feria	St Drostan's Lodge, Glenesk
20	Wed	Feria	Scottish Churches House
21	<b>Thur</b>	Ascension Day	The faithful departed
22	Fri	Feria	The College, Millport
23	Sat	William of Perth, 1201	Bakers
24	<b>Sun</b>	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
25	Mon	Bede, the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735	Historians
26	Tue	Augustine of Canterbury, c604	The Archbishop of Canterbury
27	Wed	Feria	The Actors' Union
28	Thur	Feria	The Church Army
29	Fri	Feria	The Aberlour Child Care Trust
30	Sat	Feria	The Mothers' Union
31	<b>Sun</b>	The Day of Pentecost	Life and Ministry of St Bride's

### June

1	<b>Mon</b>	The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth	Expectant mothers
2	Tue	Feria	Travellers
3	Wed	The Martyrs of Uganda	The people of Uganda
4	Thur	John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963	Pope Benedict XVI
5	Fri	Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary & Martyr, 754	The people of Germany
6	Sat	Feria	The Mission to Seafarers