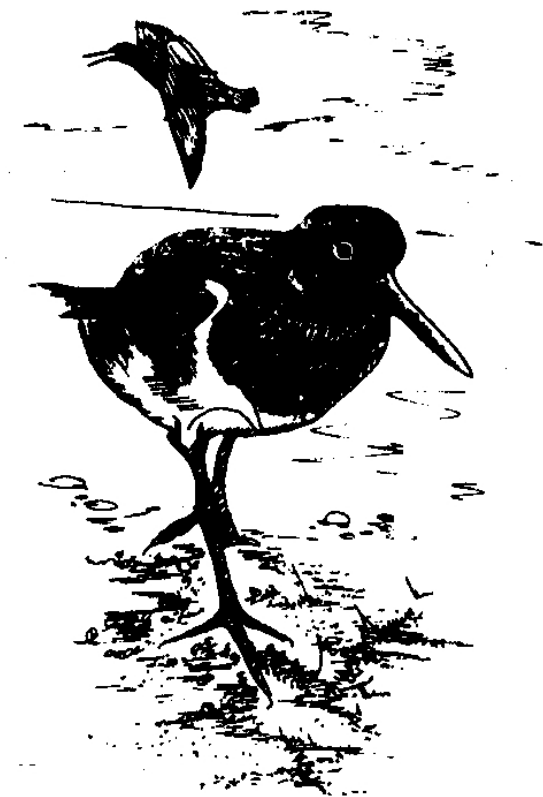


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THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

The increased use of Scripture within the Holy Eucharist is one of the great liturgical changes of recent decades.

The Scottish Prayer Book of 1929, in keeping with earlier Anglican prayer books and traditional Roman Catholic missals, provided just two readings for each Sunday and Holy Day: an Epistle and a Gospel. These readings were the same in each year. By contrast the modern lectionary that we now use provides four readings for each Sunday and Holy Day: an Old Testament Reading, a Psalm, an Epistle and a Gospel. The readings are spread over three years with portions of Saint Matthew being read in Year 1, Saint Mark in Year 2 and Saint Luke in Year 3. Passages from the Gospel of Saint John are read every year.

Based on the 1969 Roman Lectionary, but modified by a panel of international scholars from differing Christian traditions, this lectionary has been adopted by a number of denominations. It is certainly comforting to know that, despite the differences between us, the same passages of Scripture are being read in Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and Church of Scotland churches each Sunday.

Change has also taken place with regard to weekday readings. Although the Scottish Prayer Book provided readings for the Holy Eucharist for weekdays in Lent, Easter Week, Rogationtide and Whitsun Week, no provision was made for other days of the year. By contrast, however, the modern Weekday Lectionary provides an Old Testament Reading or Epistle, a Psalm and a Gospel for every day of the year.

I know that some members of the congregation, owing to the size of our Church, struggle to hear all that is said during the Eucharist. If you find it hard to hear the readings you may wish to consider bringing a bible to Church. The readings on a Sunday are taken from the New Revised Standard Version, (a scholarly translation in the tradition of the King James Version), whilst the readings at weekday celebrations of the Eucharist are taken from the Jerusalem Bible. You may, however, for ease, wish to purchase a Sunday or Weekday Lectionary which gives the text of the readings for each day in much the same manner as the Scottish Prayer Book.

The Sunday readings can be found in the "Revised Common Lectionary in NRSV – Pew Edition", published by Mowbray, ISBN 0-264-67469-3, (cheapest Internet price £18.74). The weekday readings can be found in "The Weekday Missal", published by Harper Collins, ISBN 978-0-00-720915-6, (cheapest Internet price £25.50). I hope to purchase a few copies of these volumes to be kept at the back

of the church for use by the congregation as required.

We are, of course, always looking for members of the congregation to read in church. If you are interested in reading please speak to me or to Dr John Ferguson Smith who organises the readers on a Sunday morning.

With love and prayers,

Fr James

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

There will be a Eucharist with hymns on Saturday 15 August at 6.00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of St Mary the Virgin.

There will be a Eucharist on Saturday 29 August at 12.00 noon to commemorate the Beheading of St John the Baptist.

There will be a Summer Fair in the Church and Grounds on Saturday 29 August from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m... Tickets priced £2.50 (which includes entrance and Afternoon Tea) are available from Mrs Alison Gifford and the Rector. Donations for the various stalls of books, DVDs, gifts, bric-a-brac, home baking, plants and tombola prizes will be gratefully received. If you are able to help on the day, please speak to the Rector.

There will be a congregational walk around the island of Inchailloch on Loch Lomond on Saturday 5 September. The island includes an oak woodland, a 13th century ruined church of St Kentigern who is thought to have founded a community of nuns on the island in the eighth century and a sandy beach. We will be leaving the Church in cars at 10.30 a.m. and expect to return home around 4.30 p.m... If you would like a lift please sign the list at the back of the Church. Likewise please sign the list if you are able to offer someone a lift. The walk will be very gentle and suitable for all abilities. Please bring a packed lunch!

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across 1 Termagants, 6 People, 7 Twain, 9 Bandit, 10 Tam, 11 Tory, 14 Corn, 15 Nun, 16 Trojan, 17 Exile, 18 Adders, 20 Whit Monday

Down 1 Toe, 2 Replay, 3 Agenda, 4 Astute, 5 Traction, 6 Pretence, 8 Numinous, 9 Brandish, 12 Attest, 13 Tomato, 14 Candid, 19 Ray

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which falls on the 6th of August, celebrates the occasion when Jesus led Peter, James and John up a mountain and was transfigured before them. This festival originated in the Eastern Church towards the end of the fourth century and today is one of the twelve great festivals of the Eastern Orthodox Church. We cannot be entirely sure why the 6th of August was chosen, but there is a tradition that the Transfiguration took place forty days before the Crucifixion, and notably this festival falls forty days before the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Some sources suggest that this commemoration may have supplanted an older pagan festival of nature. It certainly coincides with the harvesting of grapes in many countries and consequently it has been customary, in both Western and Eastern Churches, to offer and bless grapes on this day. Though the Feast of the Transfiguration was kept in some Western Churches from the ninth century it was not until 1457 that Pope Callixtus III, inspired by the victory over the Turks at Belgrade by the Hungarian John Hunyadi on the 6th of August the previous year, decreed that it should be universally commemorated.

Many of the reformers considered this feast to be a modern innovation and consequently it was omitted from the Calendars of most reformed Churches, not least that found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. As scholars became increasingly aware of the Eastern Orthodox tradition in the nineteenth century, however, this feast was gradually adopted by Anglicans. The American Episcopal Church made this festival a red letter day in 1886 and similar provision was made in our own Prayer Book of 1929. Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration is on a par with the other Feasts of the Lord namely the Annunciation, the Naming of Jesus, the Presentation, and the Baptism of the Lord.

The 6th of August is not, however, the only occasion in the year when Christians reflect upon the Transfiguration. Historic Roman lectionaries provide for the story of the Transfiguration to be read on the Second Sunday of Lent, and in the Lutheran Tradition, where it was customary to reflect upon a different manifestation of the nature of Jesus on the Sundays following the Feast of the Epiphany, the Transfiguration is read on the Sunday before Lent. Our own three year Lectionary allows for either tradition. Reflecting upon the Transfiguration at the start of Lent is highly appropriate. That vision of glory on the mountain which gave the closest disciples the courage to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem can likewise give us the courage to embrace the rigours of Lent, and to journey in heart and mind even unto Calvary.

Though some have queried whether this Lenten observance will replace the traditional commemoration of the Transfiguration in August, Christians in recent

decades have continued to celebrate this feast, painfully aware that on the 6th of August, 1945 an atomic bomb was dropped upon Hiroshima “transfiguring” that city in a blinding nuclear explosion. That the two events are the very antithesis of each other has inspired much reflection and in our seemingly divided Anglican Communion has led to many transforming celebrations of the Transfiguration in which survivors of Japanese Prisoner of War Camps worshipping together with American and Japanese Anglicans have become living witnesses of the transfiguring power of Christ.

Elizabeth Taylor has recently moved and would like members of the congregation to note her new address: Flat 11, 32 Newark Drive, Glasgow, G41 4PZ.

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 and music by Kodaly

BACH CELLO SUITES

7.30pm Friday 28th August @ St Bride's, Glasgow
 6.00pm Sunday 30th August @ St Giles, Edinburgh
 Entry Free (donations for Amnesty International)

GLASGOW & GALLOWAY

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Message from Bishop Idris

AS I write this I am preparing to go to California at the invitation of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America and to represent the College of Bishops at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

This will be another 'first' for me and so, in a remarkable way right up to the final days of being Diocesan Bishop, I am getting to do new things and meet new people.

So when folk ask me how I am feeling, the answer is that I am remaining so busy with the ordinary and routine things of diocesan life – plus these little extras like going to America – that I don't have much time to feel anything at all.

There will no doubt be some sort of reckoning when I begin to catch up and I have no idea how I shall cope with that except that life is often about living through transition of one sort or another and, since I have survived in the past, there is reasonable hope that I shall survive retirement as well.

There is, I already experience, a great difference between preparing to leave a congregation as Rector and going from a Diocese as its Bishop – that's all I can say, that it feels different.

One reason for this is that, as many

know, Alison and I are retiring to live in Largs – so we shall be 'in the Diocese but not of it'.

It is very important, therefore, to observe some boundaries very carefully.

The College of Bishops has given me permission to fulfil a couple of engagements that were committed to prior to my announcement of my retirement, but those apart it is absolutely necessary for me to 'disappear' at least until a new Bishop has been consecrated.

So no invitations please and then I shall not have to say 'No'!

The past 11 years have been very special and I am profoundly grateful to have had the opportunity to have served as your Bishop – grateful to you and grateful to God under whose providence the call to serve came.

It used to be said that there were two tasks in the Episcopal Church that no one should ever take on: being principal of the theological college

and Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway.

Many things have changed over the years – no college exists now – but my experience is that being Bishop in this Diocese is a huge privilege and I have never regretted for one minute the opportunity for ministry among you.

I have made mistakes, for which I ask your forgiveness, but the vitality of the Diocese has meant that these have been absorbed and worked with along the way and I have been supported in the most wonderful way by clergy and office staff and by congregations almost without exception.

If there have been achievements, these have largely been through the gifts of others – Bishop John, my predecessor, among them – on whose work and goodwill it has been possible to build.

So my sense is that, whilst it is right for me to move on at this point, there remain other opportunities for more building and development and I leave the diocese in good heart. I do have a deep feeling that for the Diocese the best is yet to come and that God's mission will be faithfully carried forward in the years ahead. We have in the Diocese the most

amazingly gifted individuals among the clergy and in the congregations in every region. There is a growing confidence in our faith and in the determination to live it out in every community where we are present.

It is with total honesty that I can echo the sentiments of St Paul – 'I thank my God for every remembrance of you'.

My prayers will continue for this Diocese and for those who now have the task of preparing for the election and for the electors when the time comes to exercise their judgement under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As a student admitted to the theological college by the then-Primus, Bishop Francis Moncreiff, I had not the slightest notion that I would be called to serve the church in Scotland and certainly not as Bishop and Primus.

I can only hope that when the time comes to stand before my maker and, remembering that 'from those to whom much is given much is required', I may be judged to have been faithful in my stewardship. Who could ask for more than that?

May God's blessing remain with you now and always.

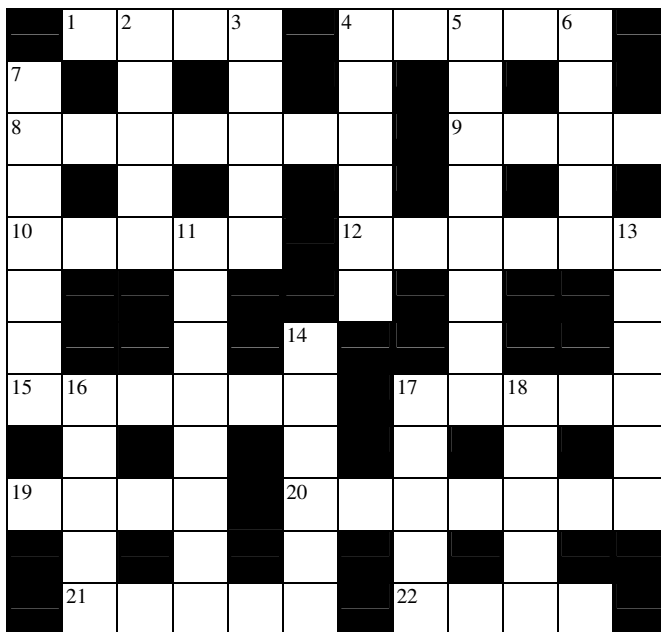
+*Idris*

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ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Among (4)
 4 Counterfeit (5)
 8 Dog (7)
 9 Went on horseback (4)
 10 Flower means much to us (5)
 12 Composer of "Messiah" (6)
 15 Rubbish (6)
 17 Correct 500 to last word (5)
 19 Trade (4)
 20 Sale prices usually are (7)
 21 "Firmly I believe and ..." (John Henry Newman) (5)
 22 Lonely fish? (4)

Compiled by Lily Bland
Solution next month

Down

- 2 Damp is in upstanding pussy cat (5)
 3 Fruits of romance? (5)
 4 Beginnings of possible second class shirt (6)
 5 Me in a rug (anagram) (8)
 6 "The ... is withered from the lake" (Keats, *La belle dame sans merci*) (5)
 7 Clap a very quiet old Archbishop (7)
 11 Shelter from rain with chaotic lamb rule (8)
 13 Came down (6)
 14 Bird of fat plunder (6)
 16 Vote in (5)
 17 High mountain range (5)
 18 Surpass (5)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2009

<p align="center">Sunday 30 <i>Trinity 12</i></p> <p>10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Monday 31</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>					<p align="center">Saturday 1</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 2 <i>Trinity 8</i></p> <p>10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Monday 3</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 4</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday 5</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry meeting</p>	<p align="center">Thursday 6</p> <p>10.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Friday 7</p>	<p align="center">Saturday 8</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 9 <i>Trinity 9</i></p> <p>10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Monday 10</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 11</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday 12</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Thursday 13</p> <p>10.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Friday 14</p>	<p align="center">Saturday 15</p> <p>18.00 Eucharist with hymns</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 16 <i>Trinity 10</i></p> <p>10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Monday 17</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 18</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday 19</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Thursday 20</p> <p>10.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Friday 21</p>	<p align="center">Saturday 22</p> <p>12.00 Healing service</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 23 <i>Trinity 11</i></p> <p>10.30 Sung Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Monday 24</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 25</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday 26</p> <p>17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Thursday 27</p> <p>10.00 Eucharist</p>	<p align="center">Friday 28</p> <p>19.30 Bach cello recital</p>	<p align="center">Saturday 29</p> <p>12.00 Eucharist 14.00 Summer Fair</p>

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
2 August	Betty Wright June Roach	Christopher Black Michael Rae
9 August	Janette Fenyő June Roach	Anne Currie Andrew Lockyer
16 August	Anne Currie David Fergus	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford
23 August	Brian Carlisle Jan Carlisle	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black
30 August	Anne Currie	Christopher Black Michael Rae

READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

2 August <i>Trinity 8</i>	Exodus 16, v 2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78, v 24-30 Ephesians 4, v 1-16 John 6, v 24-35
9 August <i>Trinity 9</i>	1 Kings 19, v 4-8 Psalm 34, v 1-8 Ephesians 4, v 25- 5, v 2 John 6, v 35, 41-51
16 August <i>Trinity 10</i>	Proverbs 9, v 1-6 Psalm 34, v 9-14 Ephesians 5, v 15-20 John 6, v 51-58
23 August <i>Trinity 11</i>	Joshua 24, v 1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34, v 15-22 Ephesians 6, v 10-20 John 6, v 56-69
30 August <i>Trinity 12</i>	Deuteronomy 4, v 1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1, v 17-27 Mark 7, v 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
6 September <i>Trinity 13</i>	Isaiah 35, v 4-7a Psalm 146 James 2, v 1-10, 14-17 Mark 7, v 24-37

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August

1	Sat	Feria	The People of Hyndland
2	Sun	Trinity 8	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
3	Mon	Feria	Action Aid
4	Tue	Feria	Starter Packs, Glasgow
5	Wed	Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642	St Oswald's, Kings Park
6	Thur	The Transfiguration of the Lord	The People of Japan
7	Fri	Boisil, Prior of Melrose, c642	The People of the Borders
8	Sat	Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221	The Dominican Order
9	Sun	Trinity 9	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
10	Mon	Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, 258	Linguists
11	Tue	Clare of Assisi, Religious, 1253	The Community of St Clare
12	Wed	Blane, Missionary, c590	The People of Dunblane
13	Thur	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, 1667	Preachers
14	Fri	Maximilien Kolbe, Priest & Martyr, 1940	Victims of the Holocaust
15	Sat	Mary the Virgin	All Christian People
16	Sun	Trinity 10	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
17	Mon	Feria	Foster families
18	Tue	Feria	Teachers
19	Wed	Feria	Schools
20	Thur	Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Teacher of the Faith, 1153	The Cistercian Order
21	Fri	Feria	The Mothers' Union
22	Sat	Feria	Coastguard Service
23	Sun	Trinity 11	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
24	Mon	Bartholomew, Apostle	St Bartholomew, Gourrock
25	Tue	Ebba of Coldingham, Abbess, 683	Counsellors
26	Wed	Feria	Health Workers
27	Thur	Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387	Mothers
28	Fri	Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430	Theologians
29	Sat	The Beheading of John the Baptist	Justice in the Middle East
30	Sun	Trinity 12	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
31	Mon	Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 651	St Aidan's, Clarkston

September

1	Tue	Feria	Prison Chaplaincy
2	Wed	The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942	Papua New Guinea
3	Thur	Gregory the Great, Bishop, 604	Church Musicians
4	Fri	Feria	Hospital Chaplaincy
5	Sat	Feria	University Chaplaincy