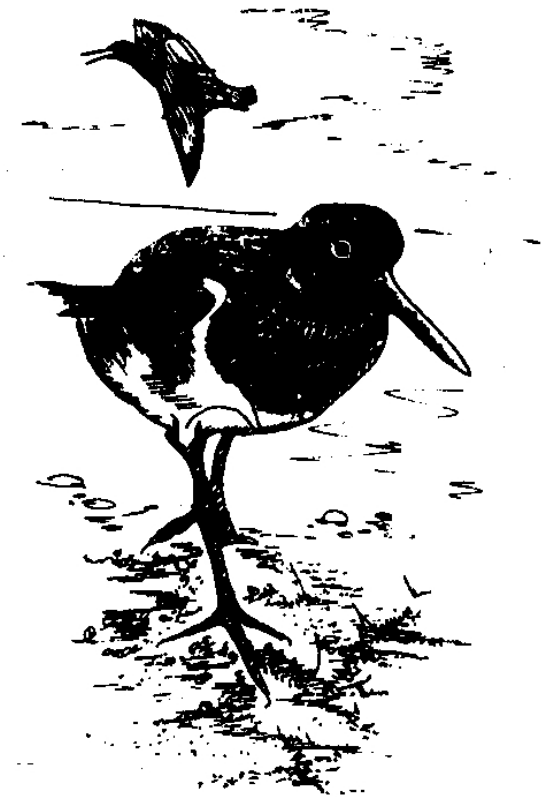


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## THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

So many of the wars and conflicts we remember on Remembrance Sunday took place a very long time ago, before some of us were even born, and yet, when we gather together to remember them it seems as though they happened only yesterday. Indeed, the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, which have claimed the lives of so many young soldiers, have continued to remind us of the horrors of war and of the overwhelming need for peace.

If there is any hope and comfort to be found at this time is to God and to our sacred Scriptures that we must turn. Though it is fashionable in certain circles to argue that religion is the cause of the world's problems, the truth remains that the most evil regimes the world has ever seen are those that have dispensed with God and with the ancient faiths of their people.

The passages we read on Remembrance Sunday remind us that God alone can transform the evil that we have unleashed upon each other. We have a Redeemer who lives and whom, one day, we will behold. We have a Saviour who through his own death has shown us that love is stronger than hatred and violence. We have a loving and compassionate God who has lost nothing of all that he has created, but restores to life all that this world seeks to destroy.

At this time year we are called to hear again those great truths and to shout them from the rooftops. Our God has conquered evil and has established a kingdom of love and happiness where those whose lives were lost in war now live in peace, awaiting that glorious day when all the people of this world will share with them the good things of God.

Though this is a hard and painful season that reminds us, like no other, that there is much in this world that is amiss, it is also a time of great hope that teaches us that, there are better times around the corner. God has not left this world to its own devices. God has not abandoned the people he has created. On the contrary he is with us in all the pain and anxiety of this current age, whispering words of comfort and of peace.

So as we gather to remember the dead of past conflicts and those who still suffer the consequences of fighting and terror, let us proclaim to all whom

we meet that lasting peace and happiness is to be found, not in war or terror, but along the way of peace trod by him who in his life and death shouted from the rooftops: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting”?

With love and prayers,

**Fr James**

## **THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS EXPLAINED**

It was customary in the early church for local Christians to gather at the gravesides of those who had been martyred to celebrate the Eucharist and to read aloud accounts of their deaths. In due course, sanctoral calendars recording the names of martyrs and the dates of their deaths were drawn up which allowed for wider commemoration. In the fifth century, however, mindful that the names of many martyrs had not been recorded, there arose a feast for all known and unknown martyrs. This feast, celebrated on the Friday after Easter in the Syrian liturgy and on the octave day of Pentecost in the Byzantine liturgy, is the origin of the feast of All Saints.

On the 13th of May 609 Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome, (to which he had moved the relics of many martyrs from the catacombs), in the name of *St Mariae ad Martyres*. This day became, thereafter, an annual celebration of “All Martyrs and All Saints and of Our Lady.” The feast was moved, in the Western Church, to the 1st of November in the time of Pope Gregory III (731-41) who dedicated a chapel in St Peter’s in Rome to the Saviour, Mary, the apostles, martyrs and confessors on that day. It was renamed the feast of All Saints in 835. The Eastern Church, however, mindful that the ancient feasts of all known and unknown martyrs followed Easter and the extended celebrations of Christ’s victory over death, did not move this feast and continue to celebrate All Saints following the season of Easter.

Following pagan practice it was also customary in the Early Church to remember the faithful departed on the anniversaries of their deaths and to offer the Eucharist in the hope that they, like the great martyrs and confessors, would share the life of the risen Christ. More generally the departed were commemorated in the eucharistic prayers and particularly, in the Byzantine church, on Saturdays. Within the Syrian church, Holy Saturday was a day to remember “all priests and monks and all the faithful departed.” A similar feast linked to Easter is to be found in the rule of Isidore of Seville (who died in 636), which provided for the liturgy of the dead to be celebrated on the day after Pentecost. It was Odilo of Cluny, however,

who instituted the 2nd of November as a commemoration of All Souls in 998.

Today, the feast of All Saints is an opportunity to remember, alongside those commemorated by the wider Church, those saintly Christians who have nurtured us in the faith, while the feast of All Souls remains a day to remember, often by name during the Eucharist, all whom we have known and loved but see no longer. White or gold vestments are traditionally worn on the feast of All Saints which is, by its very nature, a great celebration of the heroes and heroines of the faith. These vestments are also worn by some for the feast of All Souls, following the modern custom of wearing white or gold vestments, the colour of Easter, at funerals. Others, mindful that this is for many a deeply painful day, continue to wear black or purple vestments, the traditional colour for funerals.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (SSO) Club** will be hosting a concert in the Church on Monday 9 November at 7.30 p.m.

The **Glasgow Chamber Choir** will be giving a concert in the Church on Saturday 14 November at 7.30 p.m. The programme includes “*Mass for Double Choir*” by Frank Martin, “*Mass for Five Voices*” by William Byrd and “*O Sacrum Convivium*” by Olivier Messiaen. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions).

There will be a **Bible Study** at the Rectory at 7.30 p.m on Wednesday 25 November. We will be reflecting on the Old Testament Lessons for the Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent, namely Zephaniah 3.14-20 and Micah 5.2-5a.

There will be an **Advent Carol Service** on Sunday 29 November at 3.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church after the Service.

There will be an ecumenical service to celebrate the **Feast of St Andrew** on Monday 30 November at 7.30 p.m. at St Peter’s Church, Hyndland Street. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Church on Saturday 5 December from 10.00 a.m. to midday. Tickets priced £1.50 (which includes entrance and coffee and cake) are available from Mrs Alison Gifford and the Rector. Donations for the various stalls of books, DVDs, Christmas gifts and crafts, 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 or Mrs Gifford. We will be setting up on Friday 4 December from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

## SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Six degrees of separation is the theory that anyone on the planet can be connected to any other person on the planet through a chain of acquaintances that has no more than five intermediaries. Whether this is literally true is doubtful but we do have an experience of it here in St Bride's.

When I first spoke to James, I mentioned that my son volunteered in an organisation called Starter Packs which provides packs for homeless people as they move into settled homes. James had been involved with Starter Packs in Dundee and he knew that one of our number here in St Bride's, Elizabeth Briggs, was already involved. James suggested that I could be a representative also. So now you have two people who are happy to collect any of your unwanted or unneeded belongings and deliver them to Starter Packs. James is also happy if you prefer to bring the goods to St Bride's. You can leave your bags at the back of the church or in the cupboard at the back of the crypt and we will collect them.

On my first visit to Starter Packs we took several bags of goods and met Sarah Findlay, the manager of the charity in Govan. She was delighted with your gifts and was especially grateful for some toiletries that had been donated, as they make a very nice addition to the packs. Sarah mentioned that her specific need just now is for bedding, towels and tea-spoons and already two of our congregation have promised bedding, but actually anything in good, clean condition is welcome, including clothes, because whatever is not needed for the packs can be sold in their charity shop, 'The Magpie's Nest'. Tinned food is also welcome and already Elizabeth has delivered items donated for Harvest Festival.

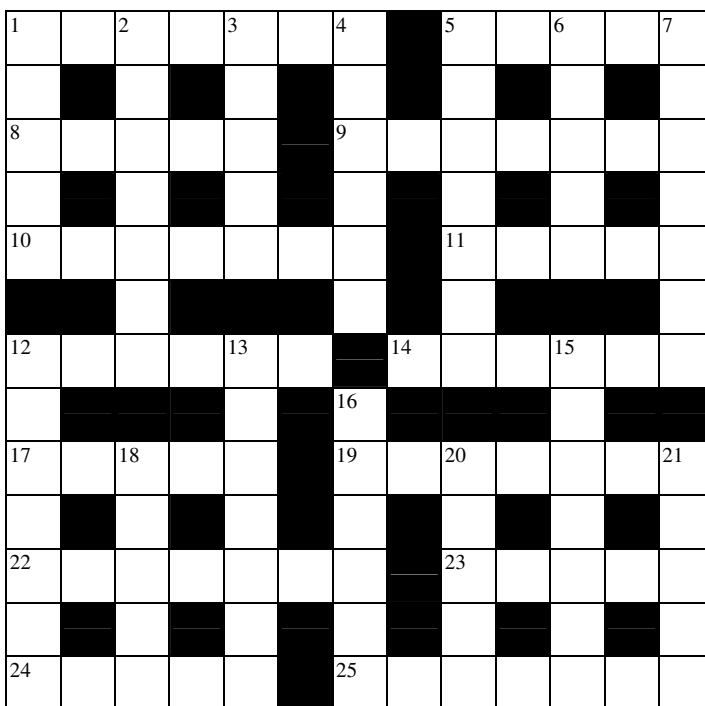
In 2008 Starter Packs redistributed over 170 tonnes of household goods, saving on landfill as well as providing items for those moving to their new home so Sarah was pleased and excited that the charity won the prize for best green community initiative at the Scottish Green Awards. Sarah is also a short-listed nominee in the Community Champion awards.

Now you may have counted only five degrees of separation listed at the start of this article. Of course, the sixth is YOU, the people of St Bride's and we will keep you up-to-date on Starter Packs' needs and activities monthly in *The Oystercatcher*.

If you would like more information visit [www.starterpacks.org.uk](http://www.starterpacks.org.uk)

**Jan Carlisle**

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 ".... and mussels alive, alive-o"  
(Irish song) (7)
- 5 "The curfew .... the knell of  
parting day" (Gray's Elegy) (5)
- 8 Scottish dialect (5)
- 9 Real fun could be inappropriate  
here! (7)
- 10 Type of ship (7)
- 11 Subcontinent (5)
- 12 To cast off surplices (6)
- 14 Female name (6)
- 17 Eastern race members (5)
- 19 Agitated (7)
- 22 Could be "found wanting" when  
weighed in this (7)
- 23 Long and limp (5)
- 24 Oppose authority (5)
- 25 Red opal (anagram) (7)

### Down

- 1 Tailpieces (5)
- 2 Just short of a Ben (7)
- 3 Substitute (5)
- 4 As fair as trek (6)
- 5 Strain of New Testament noise (7)
- 6 Ghastly cover round old city (5)
- 7 Mistress of Eastern ruler (7)
- 12 Room for church on traffic light (7)
- 13 Seal ran (anagram) (7)
- 15 Country turns into sea (7)
- 16 Leaver (anagram) (6)
- 18 Extempore (2,3)
- 20 Stringed instrument (5)
- 21 Wood nymph (5)

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

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thanks to Lily Bland, Eileen Walker and Helen Corlett for gifts towards the flower fund. Having changed the position of the flower stand, I'd ask everyone to be patient while I experiment with the new position to obtain the best arrangement of flowers. I hope to be able to have different display for Remembrance Sunday and I have a fresh idea for a way to represent St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, whose day falls on 22nd November.

There will be a new Advent wreath this year which I hope will bring pleasure to all. Invite your friends to the carol services to see it.

**Eileen Maitland**

After living in Leven Street for 64 years, I have at last moved on further into Pollokshields: Flat 11, 32 Newark Drive, Glasgow, G41 4PZ.

I shall be pleased to welcome there anyone who would care to visit me, and I shall continue my membership of St Bride's Church. My phone number 0141 423 2000 remains the same as before. My late holiday is from 2 to 16 November in Largs.

**Elizabeth C. Taylor**

### ***Glasgow Chamber Choir*** ***MASSES OF THE MASTERS***

**Mass for double choir *Frank Martin***

**Mass for five voices *William Byrd***

**Motets by Byrd and Messiaen**

**St Bride's Saturday 14 November at 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £10 (£6 concessions) at the door**

## ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
1 November	June Roach Betty Wright	Jonathan Lord Andrew Lockyer
8 November	Jeanette Fenyő June Roach	Anne Currie Alison Gifford
15 November	Anne Currie David Fergus	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black
22 November	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Christopher Black Michael Rae
29 November	Anne Currie	Alison Gifford Andrew Lockyer

**This is the time of year when the counting rota for the next twelve months is being prepared. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with this job. If you can help, please speak to Jonathan Lord. The work is not onerous, although the ability to add up accurately is an advantage.**

### SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

**Across** 1 Playthings, 6 Nectar, 7 Gloom, 9 Broads, 10 War, 11 Holy, 14 Writ, 15 Ain, 16 Wigwam, 17 Kayak, 18 Opiate, 20 Meandering  
**Down** 1 Poe, 2 Artery, 3 Thread, 4 Ingest, 5 Glowworm, 6 Noah's Ark, 8 Maritime, 9 Blantyre, 12 Awaken, 13 Ignore, 14 Wapiti, 19 Tug

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2009						
Sunday 1 <i>All Saints</i>	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
10.30 Sung Eucharist	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	08.15 Mattins	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist		
Sunday 8 <i>Trinity 22</i>	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
10.30 Sung Eucharist	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 BBC SSO Club	08.15 Mattins	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist		12.00 Rosary and Votive Mass y19.30 Concert
Sunday 15 <i>Trinity 23</i>	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
10.30 Sung Eucharist 15.00 Choral Evensong	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	08.15 Mattins	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist		
Sunday 22 <i>Christ the King</i>	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
10.30 Sung Eucharist 15.30 F & B	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	08.15 Eucharist	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Bible Study	10.00 Eucharist		12.00 Eucharist with prayers for healing
Sunday 29 <i>Advent 1</i>	Monday 30	Tuesday 1 Dec	Wednesday 2 Dec	Thursday 3 Dec	Friday 4 Dec	Saturday 5 Dec
10.30 Sung Eucharist 3.30 Advent Carol Service	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	08.15 Eucharist	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry	10.00 Eucharist		10.30 Coffee Morning

## SERVICES

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:

<b>Mon:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.
<b>Tues:</b>	The Eucharist (1982) 8.15 a.m.	
<b>Wed:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.
<b>Thur:</b>	The Eucharist (1970) 10.00 a.m.	
<b>Sat:</b>	2nd Saturday Rosary and Votive Mass of Our Lady (1982) 12.00 noon	
	4th Saturday The Eucharist (1982) with prayers for healing 12.00 noon	

Choral Evensong and Benediction is on the third Sunday of the month at 3.30 p.m.

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

<b>1 November</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i>	Isaiah 25, v 6-9 Psalm 24, v 1-6 Revelation 21, v 1-6a John 11, v 32-44
<b>8 November</b> <i>Trinity 22</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Job 19, v 21-27 Psalm 90 1 Corinthians 15, v 51-57 John 6, v 37-40
<b>15 November</b> <i>Trinity 23</i>	Daniel 12, v 1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10, v 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13, v 1-8
<b>22 November</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	Daniel 7, v 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1, v 4b-8 John 18, v 33-37
<b>29 November</b> <i>Advent Sunday</i>	Jeremiah 33, v 14-16 Psalm 25, v 1-9 1 Thessalonians 3, v 9-13 Luke 21, v 25-36
<b>6 December</b> <i>Advent 2</i>	Malachi 3, v 1-4 Luke 1, v 68-79 ( <i>The Benedictus Dominus</i> ) Philippians 1, v 3-11 Luke 3, v 1-6

## KALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### November

1	<b>Sun</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
2	<b>Mon</b>	<b>All Souls' Day</b>	The Faithful Departed
3	Tue	Richard Hooker, Teacher, 1600	The Anglican Communion
4	Wed	Feria	Vocations to the Priesthood
5	Thur	Feria	Vocations to the Religious Life
6	Fri	Feria	Military Veterans
7	Sat	Willibord, Bishop & Missionary, 739	People of the Netherlands
8	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Trinity 22</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
9	Mon	George Hay Forbes, Priest 1875	Liturgists
10	Tue	Leo the Great, Bishop & Teacher, 461	Theologians
11	Wed	Martin of Tours, Bishop, c397	Soldiers
12	Thur	Machar, Bishop, c 600	People of Mull
13	Fri	Feria	Action Aid
14	Sat	Feria	Starter Packs
15	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Trinity 23</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
16	Mon	<b>Margaret of Scotland, 1093</b>	St Margaret's Hospice
17	Tue	Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, 1200	People suffering from Leprosy
18	Wed	Fergus, Bishop, c750	People of Aberdeenshire
19	Thur	Hilda of Whitby, 680	Librarians
20	Fri	Feria	Teachers
21	Sat	Columban, Bishop, 615	Seafarers
22	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
23	Mon	Clement of Rome, Bishop & Martyr, c 100	Pope Benedict XVI
24	Tue	Lucy Menzies, 1954	Christian Unity
25	Wed	Feria	Hyndland Parish Church
26	Thur	Feria	St Peter's, Partick
27	Fri	Feria	Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch
28	Sat	Feria	Leaders of the Free Churches
29	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
30	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Andrew, Apostle</b>	People of Scotland

### December

1	Tue	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit, 1916	Hermits
2	Wed	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637	All who live in Community
3	Thur	Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552	People of India
4	Fri	Clement of Alexandria, Teacher, c210	Christian Apologists
5	Sat	Feria	Philosophers