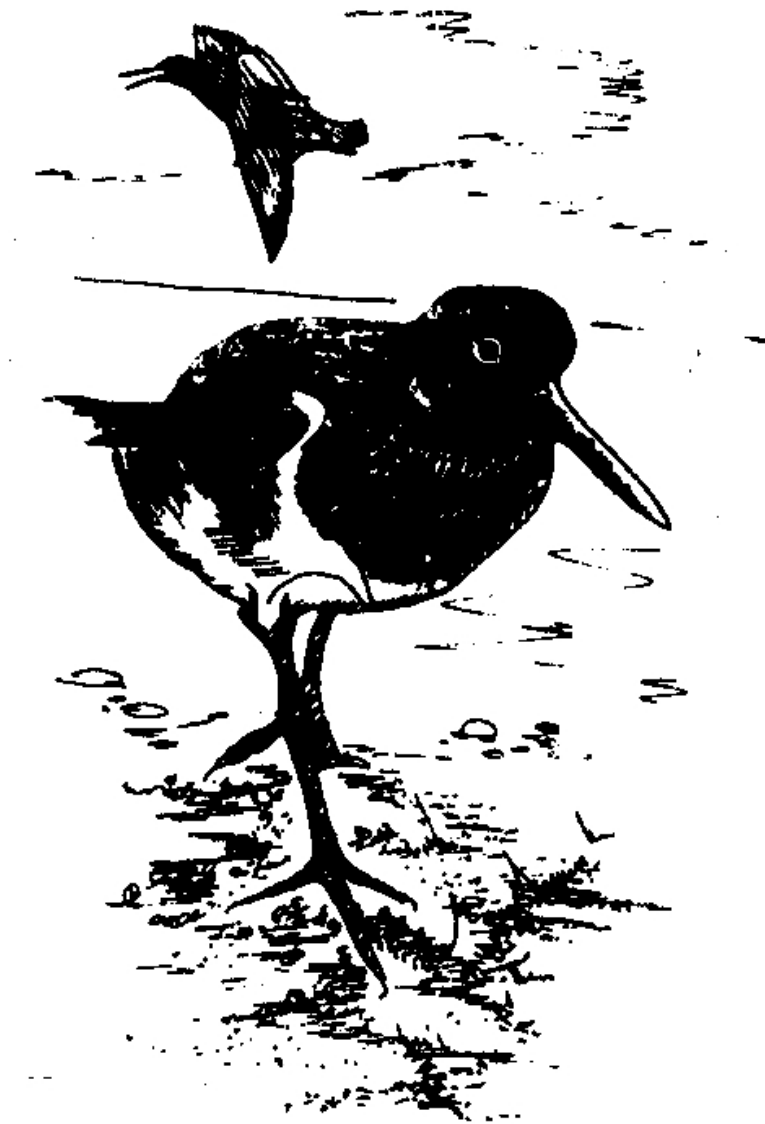


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THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

The people who travelled with Jesus to Jerusalem believed that he was about to assume the throne that was rightfully his, ushering in the long awaited reign of God. Jesus, however, perceived that their enthusiasm and loyalty was inappropriate. Though he trusted that this great journey would end in triumph, he knew that there would first be torture, humiliation, suffering and death. Other religious leaders may have allowed these faithful people to continue to Jerusalem blissfully ignorant of all that lay ahead, but Jesus, mindful of the reality of this world, stops them on the road and tells them in no uncertain terms that Christian discipleship is a costly business.

The imagery he employs is that of a builder designing some stupendous tower and of a king contemplating a battle. Just as a builder considers his design before laying the first stone and a king the strength of his army before invading another country, so we must think very carefully about the cost of discipleship before declaring that we too will follow in the footsteps of our Lord. Discipleship is not some easy task, declares Jesus, but a lifetime's work as important as that carried out by a great king or a famous architect. Our Lord's suggestion, however, that those who would follow him should first hate their father and mother, their wife and children, their brothers and sisters and even life itself, is shocking to us and deserves some explanation.

Scholars are quick to remind us that near eastern people of this period often expressed themselves in very strong terms. Indeed, the Gospels are full of polar extremes. People are either wise or foolish, saved or damned, rich or poor. By contrast, the reasoned midway positions that characterise both our culture and our Church are rarely found. Things seem to be either true or false, seen or unseen.

We should not respond these words as though they had been today, imagining that faithful followers of Jesus must hate their relatives. Rather we should look to the truth they express, namely, that we should not allow our closest relationships to hinder our Christian calling. That is not to say that we should ignore or forget the needs and aspirations of our family and friends. Such a course of action would, indeed, be contrary to the Kingdom of God. But it is to suggest that if we are serious in our desire to follow Jesus we must be prepared to forsake some of the comforts and securities that we have grown up with, just as those first disciples forsook the comforts and security offered by a life of humble fishing beside the Sea of Galilee.

As we reflect upon our common life together it is fair to say that, as Church, we have known something of the cost of discipleship. Though we have shared many happy times together we have also wrestled with the difficulties of making ends meet, the struggles of caring for a historic building and the pain of seeing old friends die. The road we are travelling together has at times been very hard and I suspect that, with hindsight, this great Christian journey has not been as we first imagined. But let us not be disheartened for like those first disciples we journey with Jesus at our side, and as Easter people who gather week by week to celebrate the resurrection, we know that at the end of the road their lies glory, joy and happiness. As we hear again of the uncompromising and challenging words of our Lord, let us like him have the courage to air and to own the frustrations, pains and anxieties we feel as journey through life, but let us also rejoice that we travel in his company to a yet more glorious place.

With love and prayers,

James

FROM OUR KIWI CORRESPONDENT

Following the Christchurch earthquake, news has reached us that St Bride's isn't the only church to have moved a wooden building – though we can do without the rest of the excitement!

Dibley has the redoubtable vicar Geraldine, and Hororata has the Rev Jenni Carter. The vicar of St John's says she is lucky to have a "spare church" across the road. And when she first saw the damage the earthquake had done to the newer church, she realised that the bell tower masonry had fallen through the roof and shattered the church organ, from the old Canterbury Cathedral, into a million pieces.

The shake was so violent she could not get out of bed to seek shelter. "It literally felt like we were lifted up and then dropped and then thrown sideways and then screwed around." After half an hour she went over to the church but it was not until the sun rose that she realised the roof had collapsed. The bell remains intact but Ms Carter wasn't game to pull the cord.

It was 101 years ago that the first wooden St John's church was rolled across the road so a new stone church could be built. It has now become the spare church where parishioners gathered to worship before forming a working bee to collect what they could out of the damaged building before more of it came down.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Requiem for Fr John Farrant

There will be a Requiem Mass for the Reverend Canon John Ames Farrant (Rector of St Bride's Church from 1974 to 1981) in the Church on Saturday 30 October at midday. Bishop Gregor will preside and Fr Ivan Draper will preach. Lunch will be served in the Upper Crypt after the service. All are welcome to attend.

All Saints' Day

There will be a Eucharist with hymns on Monday 1 November at 6.00 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

All Souls' Day

There will be a Said Eucharist at 8.15 am and a Eucharist with hymns at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 2 November to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. If you would like a loved one remembered at these services, please include their name on the list at the back of the Church.

Lunch and Auction

There will be a sandwich lunch at midday on Sunday 14 November. Tickets priced £5 will be available in Church. The lunch will include an auction of "Gifts and Talents" in aid of church funds. Is there something that you would be prepared to offer? Members of the Congregation have already offered to –

- Provide a flower arrangement.
- Cook a meal for four.
- Spend an afternoon gardening.
- Walk a dog.
- Spend an afternoon cleaning.

If you have something to offer, please speak to the Rector!

Christmas Fair

There will be a Christmas Fair in the Church on Saturday 20 November from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Tickets priced £2.00 (which includes entrance and refreshments) will be available from Mrs Alison Gifford and the Rector. Donations for the various stalls of books, DVDs, Christmas 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. We will be setting up from 10.30 a.m.

THE STORY OF FRANKINCENSE

For thousands of years, Frankincense has been burned for its aroma. This precious commodity, once priced by its weight in gold, is harvested from small trees which are indigenous to Southern Arabia.

Incisions are made in the bark from which the resin oozes and hardens to form tear drops. The Frankincense trade began some 5000 years BC and was transported by camel caravan and sea to the ancient temples of Babylon, Egypt, Rome, India and China. It was used by King Herod as an antiseptic during the great plague, the Queen of Sheba as a perfume and anti-aging treatment and by the Egyptians for embalming the Pharaohs. According to the Bible, it was also one of the gifts offered by the Magi at the Birth of Christ, which was when the civilised world sought incense for religious purposes. Every one of the world's religions has a purpose for, and attributes significance to, Frankincense.

The finest resin known as "Silver Frankincense" symbolises divinity and purity. When burned the incense gives off an aroma which creates a calming and soothing effect. The phenol fumes act as a natural air freshener as well as assisting in respiratory and digestive disorders. Burn a piece to experience one of the world's most prized substances: a reminder of old values in a rapidly changing world.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Our interviewee for this month is Mary Sillitto. Mary says:

I have been the Lay Representative for a number of years, a member of the Vestry on and off a number of times, including a long stint as secretary. I like being Lay Rep because it gives me a chance to see aspects of the wider church through attendance at Synod and other meetings.

Q: Thanks, Mary, for agreeing to be this month's interviewee and my first question is about your childhood. Can you tell us a little about any religious influences there were in your childhood?

Mary: Both my parents were non-believers, but my mother was strongly of the opinion that to reject something you had to know about it, so I was sent to the local (Presbyterian) Sunday school from about age 6 to 12.

I had little formal contact with religion, apart from school assembly, until I went to St Andrews University, where I attended chapel, mainly because my room-mate did. In second year we went to see what it was like at All Saints' Episcopal Church and I was hooked! The form of the service, the music, the spirituality and the very beautiful building made a deep impression, and I attended regularly. In third year I was confirmed by Bishop John Howe and made my first communion on Ascension Day.

Q: What brought you to St Bride's?

Mary: The short answer is the petrol shortage in the early 1970s. I was living in Novar Drive and attending St Mary's (rather unhappily). I decided it was silly to drive there when there was an Episcopal church at the top of the road. Fr Farrant was installed 2 weeks after I started coming and I found the service very beautiful, particularly when there was a power cut and the servers rushed in with more and more candles - the theme of the service was bringing the light to the church! Also Fr Farrant impressed me very much when he stopped me on my way out on his second Sunday saying he hadn't met me yet.

Q: How long have you been worshipping at St Bride's?

Mary: For nearly 40 years!

Q: What one aspect do you especially like about St Bride's? And why?

Mary: It is difficult to single out one thing - the beauty of the service, the music, the feeling of great peace in the building, the preaching, all contribute.

Q: Is there anything you feel might enhance our common life together in St Bride's?

Mary: I think we could do more to make sure every one feels included, particularly at times like the coffee after the service, when people seem to get into their own little groups without considering that there are people standing about or sitting, with no one speaking to them.

Q: I think that's something we can all take on board and I want to say thanks very much for giving us this small insight into your spiritual life, Mary. To finish is there a verse or a quotation or a song or a piece of music, a painting – anything at all that has been a particular help or inspiration to you?

Mary: One of my favourite hymns is *Eternal Father of the ceaseless round*, which I first encountered at the wedding of my best friends. I was particularly struck by the second verse:

*We are of thee the children of thy love
The brothers of thy well-beloved son,
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove
Into our hearts that we may be as one.
As one with thee to whom we ever tend,
As one with him, our Brother and our Friend.*

This seemed to me to be a wonderful prayer for a young couple setting out on life together, particularly as the groom - a Presbyterian minister with an excellent voice - was described at the reception as leading the praise at his own wedding. I think of them whenever we sing it.

Thanks again, Mary, for your time and your interesting and thoughtful responses.

STARTER PACKS UPDATE

Phoning Sarah Findlay for the latest news of Starter Packs is like jumping on to a speeding roller-coaster then trying to take notes, so fast does she talk. She went from the enormous upheaval of moving the entire contents of their rooms at 41 Burleigh Street to 47 Burleigh Street because the ceiling fell in, to her being the only British person invited to speak at the National Reuse Recycling Conference in North Carolina, at which the inaugural address will be given by Barack Obama. To help raise the cost of her trip, Sarah did a 24-hour sponsored silence. On the eleventh of August, her husband greeted the day and his silent wife with a beaming smile and the words: "I've waited 17 years for this".

On the darker side, Sarah reported that all four of the enormously detailed and time-consuming applications for funding that she had submitted had been unsuccessful, while demand has risen so much that they are giving out more packs than ever before – in July, 157, and in August, 169.

Thank you to the two former members of St Bride's who phoned to offer bed linen. Sarah reports empty shelves and a desperate shortage of bed linen and cutlery. And thank you to all of you who have contributed food and goods to the large pile in the lower crypt. Please keep your donations coming, and please pray for the workers and the people who need their help and ours in these increasingly hard times.

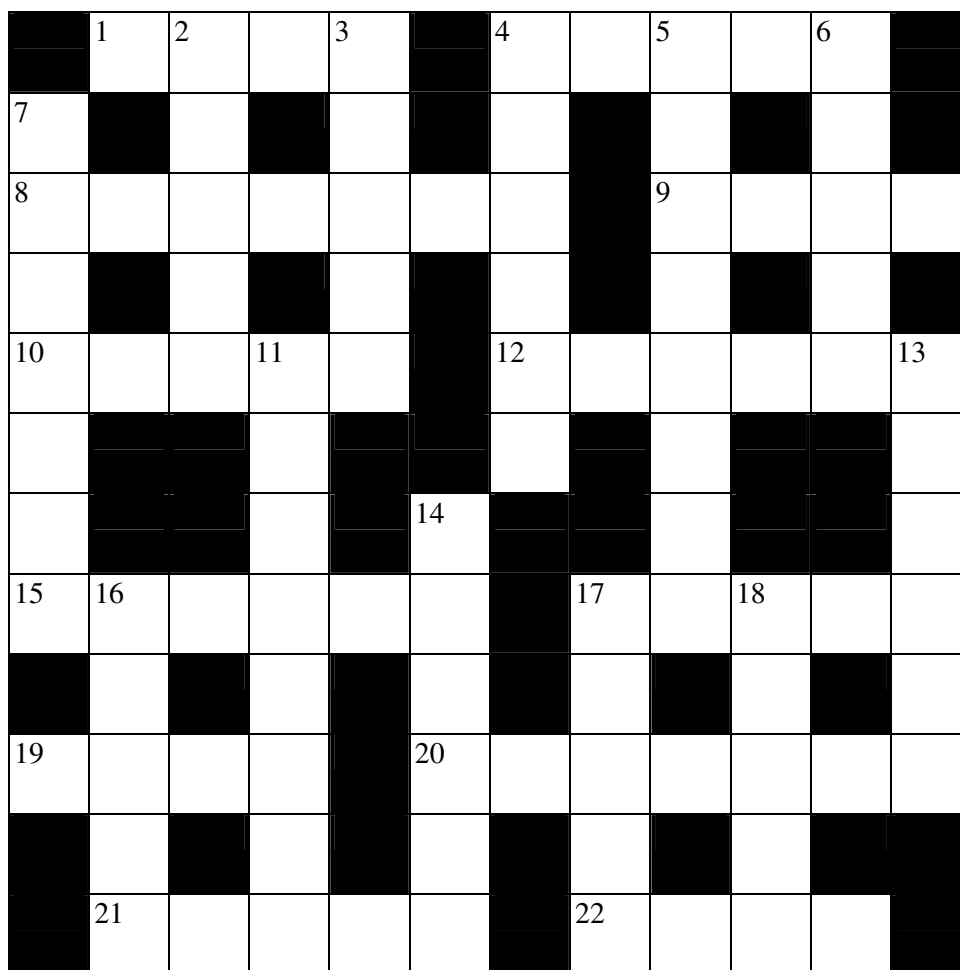
Elizabeth Briggs

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Work has continued, particularly in the Meeting Room. All electrical fittings and lighting have been completed. The ceiling has been painted and it remains for the walls and entrance door to be painted and carpet tiles to be laid. Illness, family commitments and holidays slowed progress but we are pleased with what has been achieved this month

Dr Brian Carlisle
Property Committee Convener

ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Carver of statue in St Bride's Lady Chapel, Gill (4)
 4 Composer of *The Merry Widow* (5)
 8 "Where Alph, the sacred river ran through ... measureless to man" (Coleridge, *Kubla Khan*) (7)
 9 Gives light to this Scottish town? (4)
 10 Could be mushrooms (5)
 12 Loathes of Arab horses (6)
 15 Flower (6)
 17 Rage found in Russian geriatric (5)
 19 Talon (4)
 20 A landing strip reveals fugitive (7)
 21 Chasm (5)
 22 Scarf (4)

Compiled by Lily Bland
Solution next month

Down

- 2 Quoth the ..., "Nevermore" (Poe) (5)
 3 "Royal" dog (5)
 4 This sailor can be a rascal (6)
 5 Playing what brass instrument to a tree? (8)
 6 Come round again (5)
 7 Gulped a mixture of very loud codes (7)
 11 The way all go in SW Scotland (8)
 13 Fortified wine (6)
 14 "The time has come", the ... said, "to talk of many things" (Lewis Carroll) (6)
 16 Scottish "craig" (5)
 17 Female relatives (5)
 18 Dresses (5)

ST BRIDE'S WOMEN'S GROUP

Meeting on 9 September 2010

The subject for this meeting was INTERFAITH.

Opening prayer – Father James, on St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 12
"One Body in Christ".

Two members of the group took the meeting. The first speaker was Mairi Fraser on the Gaelic Church. Mairi gave us the history of the Gaelic Church and of St Columba in St Vincent Street in particular, where she has been a member for many years. It is a challenge to attract young people to continue worship in the Gaelic language. She played some of the sung part of the service which is led with the congregation joining in and copying after a few bars. She said the singing had been likened to African in format. Mairi showed photographs of the Church and it was amazing to see the interior of the Church we so often pass by but know so little about.

The second speaker was Pat Hay on Christian Meditation. Pat handed out leaflets about the World Community of Christian Meditation. Nearly every country in the world has a centre but not China. The WCCM mission statement is "To communicate and nurture meditation as passed on through the teaching of John Main, in the Christian tradition, in the spirit of serving the unity of all". Pat explained to us that meditation is a way of being rather than a way of thinking. She showed us how to come to stillness by reciting a mantra and recommended maranatha – the Aramaic word for "come Lord". We had the opportunity to do this for a few minutes. More information online at www.wccm.org.

Jan Carlisle warmly thanked our speakers on behalf of everyone. It was both interesting and fascinating to learn more about Interfaith.

The small room in the crypt is being prepared now and should be ready for our next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 October at the earlier start time of 2.00 p.m.
Our subject is *Ideas for Christmas Decorations* and our speaker Eileen Maitland.

The meeting closed with refreshments and the opportunity to use the bring and buy stall.

MUSIC FOR OCTOBER						
3	Sunday Trinity 18	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: TBC Motet: Gaudent in caelis (Victoria)	Hymns: 52, 435, 383, 277, 427 Psalm: 37.1-9	
10	Sunday Trinity 19	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Communion Service in F (Sumsion) Motet: Lord, I trust thee (Handel)	Hymns: 149, 399, 359, 288, 388 Psalm: 111	
17	Sunday Trinity 20	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Communion Service in D (Leighton) Motet: Thou knowest Lord (Purcell) Responses: Smith	Hymns: 334, 428, 479, 411, 437 Psalm: 121 (Davies)	
	Eve of St Luke	15.30	CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION	Canticles: Sumsion in A Anthem: O pray for the peace (Howells)	Hymns: 214; 415 omit* Psalm: 33	
24	Sunday Trinity 21	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Mass in 4 parts (Byrd) Motet: Cantate Domino (Pitoni)	Hymns: 403, 452, 418, 313, 443 Psalm: 84.1-7	
30	Saturday Requiem	12.00		Setting: Communion Service in F (Sumsion) Anthem: Nunc Dimittis: Walmisley in D Minor	Hymns: 436, 113, 408, 294, 235 Psalm: 121	
31	Sunday Trinity 22	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Missa L' Hora Passa (Viadana) Motet: O Lord, increase our faith (Loosemore)	Hymns: 345, 198, 432, 307, 410 Psalm: 32.1-8	

BONUS BALL

Results of Bonus Ball Game

Date	Number	Winner	Amount	Church Amount
28 August	22	Alison Gifford	£19.50	£19.50
4 September	34	-	-	£16.00
11 September	28	-	-	£16.00
18 September	14	Douglas Briggs	£57.00	£25.00

The winning ball numbers were not sold for two weeks so it was a double rollover, with Douglas the lucky winner. The amount raised so far for Church Funds since the game started in August is £103. Thank you for your support.

Kathy Thomas

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
3 October	Anne Lawrence Betty Wright	Andrew Lockyer Alison Gifford
10 October	Anne Currie June Roach	Michael Rae Jonathan Lord
17 October	Anne Currie David Fergus	Alison Gifford Mary Sillitto
24 October	Jan Carlisle Kathy Thomas	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black
31 October	Anne Currie	Andrew Lockyer Alison Gifford

CALENDAR OF EVENTS							OCTOBER 2010						
Sunday 31 Trinity 22 10.30 Sung Eucharist					Friday 1	Saturday 2 10.30 Congregational walk 19.00 Concert							
Sunday 3 Trinity 18 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.00 ACM and Vestry	Monday 4 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 5 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 6 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 7 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 8	Saturday 9 12.00 Rosary and Votive Mass							
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Sunday 24 Trinity 21 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 25 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 26 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 27 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 28 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 29	Saturday 30 12.00 Requiem							

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:

Mon: Evensong 5.30 p.m. The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.

Tues: The Eucharist (1982) 8.15 a.m.

Wed: Evensong 5.30 p.m. The Eucharist (1970) 6.00 p.m.

Thur: The Eucharist (1970) 10.00 a.m.

Sat: 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. except July and August.

READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

3 October <i>Trinity 18</i>	Habakkuk 1, v 1-4, 2, v1-4 Psalm 37, v 1-9 2 Timothy 1, v 1-14 Luke 17, v 5-10
10 October <i>Trinity 19</i>	2 Kings 5, v 1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2, v 8-15 Luke 17, v 11-19
17 October <i>Trinity 20</i>	Genesis 32, v 22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3, v 14 - 4, v 5 Luke 18, v 1-8
24 October <i>Trinity 21</i>	Ecclesiasticus 35, v 12-17 Psalm 84, v 1-7 2 Timothy 4, v 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18, v 9-14
31 October <i>Trinity 22</i>	Isaiah 1, v 10-18 Psalm 32, v 1-8 2 Thessalonians 1, v 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19, v 1-10
7 November <i>Trinity 23</i>	Job 19, v 23-27a Psalm 17, v 1-9 2 Thessalonians 2, v 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20, v 27-38

KALENDAR FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

October

1	Fri	Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, “Apostle of Armenia”, c 332	People of Armenia
2	Sat	Feria	Hyndland Parish Church
3	Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride’s
4	Mon	Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226	The Society of St Francis
5	Tue	Feria	Preachers
6	Wed	Feria	The housebound
7	Thur	Feria	St Peter’s, Partick
8	Fri	Alexander Forbes, Bishop, 1875	St Paul’s Cathedral, Dundee
9	Sat	Feria	Bishop Gregor
10	Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride’s
11	Mon	Kenneth, Abbot, 600	People of Ireland
12	Tue	Elizabeth Fry, 1845	Prisoners
13	Wed	Feria	The Society of Friends
14	Thur	Feria	The homeless
15	Fri	Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582	Mystics
16	Sat	Feria	The Women’s Group
17	Sun	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride’s
18	Mon	Luke, Evangelist	Doctors
19	Tue	Henry Martyn, Missionary, 1812	People of India
20	Wed	Feria	Nurses
21	Thur	Feria	Physiotherapists
22	Fri	Feria	Occupational therapists
23	Sat	James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c 62	People of Jerusalem
24	Sun	Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride’s
25	Mon	Feria	Fire fighters
26	Tues	Feria	Paramedics
27	Wed	Feria	Police officers
28	Thur	Simon and Jude, Apostles	Those in trouble
29	Fri	James Hannington & Companions	People of Uganda
30	Sat	Feria	The Scottish Guild of Servers
31	Sun	Twenty-Second[^p Sunday after Trinity	Life and Ministry of St Bride’s

November

1	Mon	All Saints	All Saints’, Jordanhill
2	Tue	All Souls	The faithful departed
3	Wed	Richard Hooker, Teacher, 1600	The Anglican Communion
4	Thur	Feria	Vocations to the priesthood
5	Fri	Feria	Vocations to the religious life
6	Sat	Feria	Military veterans