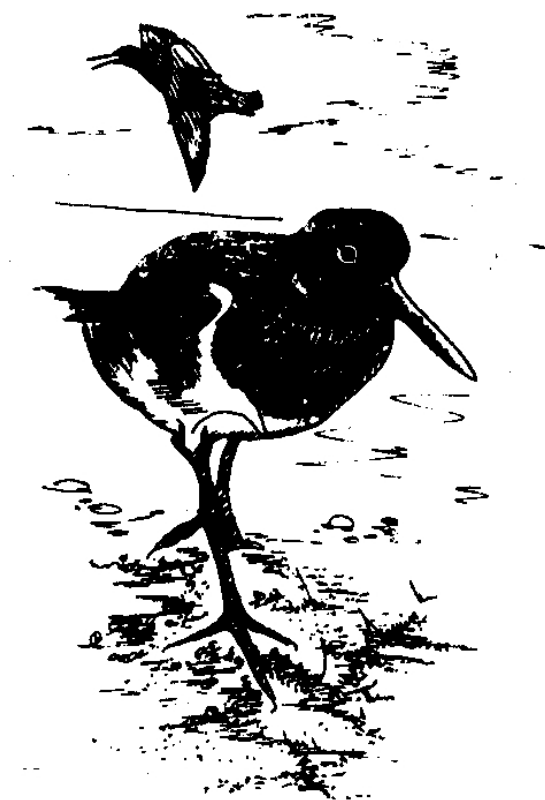


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THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the life of our Church and the launch of a new Liturgy Booklet for St Bride's Church. The booklet contains the traditional service, with which we are all familiar, but there are a few changes to which I would like to draw your attention:

- We have introduced a responsorial introduction to the Prayer over the Gifts. The Celebrant says: *"Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"* and the people respond: *"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church."*
- We have restored, for use on Sundays, the full text of the Prayer of Consecration. We shall continue to use the shorter version at weekday celebrations.
- We have introduced the traditional "embolism" or "addition" said by the Celebrant during the Lord's Prayer: *"Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."* This prayer is found in various forms in the primitive liturgies of both eastern and western churches.
- We have introduced an ancient prayer for peace and unity before the Breaking of Bread and the Peace: *"O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant unto all Christian people that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."*
- We have restored the traditional text of the invitation to Communion. The Celebrant says: *"Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb,"* and the people respond: *"Lord, I am not worthy that thou should'st come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed."*

- In keeping with the traditional practice of the Church it is suggested that:

- The Congregation sits for the Psalm.
- The Congregation remains standing until the Choir have finished singing the Sanctus & Benedictus.
- Members of the Congregation remain seated for the Organ Voluntary at the end of the service or leave quietly if preferred.

We hope that you find this booklet both helpful and informative. My thanks go to John Davies for preparing the text and the accompanying notes, Philip Reeves for designing the cover (which takes its inspiration from the colours of the Liturgical Year), and Suzanne Muir Scott for organising the printing of this booklet.

Copies of this Booklet are available for sale priced £2.50.

With love and prayers,

Fr James

NEW ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Mark Browne to St Bride's as our new Organist and Choirmaster. Mark is a former Organ Scholar of Canterbury Cathedral and of Downing College, Cambridge.

Our thanks go to Chris Bragg, Henry Russell and Alison Gifford for all their hard work during the interregnum.

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be cleaning and decorating the Church for Christmas from 9.00 a.m. on Saturday 24 December. All help will be gratefully received!

Donations towards the cost of flowers at Christmas will be gratefully received. If you are a UK Tax Payer please complete a Gift Aid Envelope and indicate that your donation is for the Flower Fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Fair

There will be a Christmas Fair in the Church on Saturday 10 December from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Tickets priced £2.00 (which includes entrance and refreshments) will be available shortly. Donations for the various stalls of books, DVDs, Christmas gifts, bric a brac, home baking, tombola prizes and items for a hamper will be gratefully received. If you are able to help on the day, please speak to the Rector. We will be setting up from 10.00 a.m. on the day. Many supermarkets are offering "Buy one, get one free" promotions on tins of chocolates and biscuits. Why not buy one for yourself and donate the free one to the Church?

Congregational Dinner

Members of the congregation will be going out to a local restaurant for Dinner on Saturday 7 January. If you would like to join this outing, please sign the list at the back of the Church. Friends and family are welcome too!

ST BRIDE'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The SBWG Christmas Party will take place on Thursday 8 December from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of Sylvia and Henry Russell, Windsor House, 15 Kirklee Terrace, Glasgow. There will be mulled wine and Christmas refreshments available. Alison and Henry have kindly agreed to play the piano for us again this year so there will be carol singing around the piano. Please let Sylvia know (telephone 339 0938) if you are coming or not as she needs to know numbers for catering and seating. Thank you.

The SBWG meetings for 2012 will resume in February. Professor Andrew Hook has kindly agreed to talk to us again about Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "In Memoriam". The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Crypt on Thursday 9 February from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served as usual afterwards.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY.



Christmas Services

Sunday 18 December

3.30 p.m. - Christmas Carol Service

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

11.30 p.m. - Midnight Mass of the Nativity
(with Procession and Blessing of the Crib)

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

10.30 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Procession

Monday 26 December - St Stephen

5.30 p.m. - Evensong 6.00 p.m. - Eucharist

Tuesday 27 December - St John the Evangelist

8.15 a.m. - Eucharist

Wednesday 28 December - The Holy Innocents

5.30 p.m. - Evensong 6.00 p.m. – Eucharist

Thursday 29 December – Thomas of Canterbury

10.00 am - Eucharist with hymns

Sunday 1 January - The Naming of Jesus

10.30 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Procession

Friday 6 January - The Feast of the Epiphany

6.00 p.m. - Eucharist with hymns

For details of other services during the Christmas period
please see the Calendar of Events

ACTIONAID NEWS

First of all I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so generously lately to our charity. I was quite taken aback when I saw all the huge bags of coins in the plate, plus some very generous bank notes.

Funds have been rather low for some time now, possibly because I was absent from Church for a while. This very generous donation has boosted the funds considerably, but we still have some way to go.

Please come to the Christmas Fair on 10 December, where my stall will be solely for ActionAid funds. I send a cheque for £180 in June and another in December for £180. At present we have about £120 in the funds so I am hoping you will help me to make the target.

I think I told you that ActionAid were scaling down their work in Narok after ten years there. They have improved the quality of life so much for the people there. One of the main projects was to install fresh water to the village. This was a huge task which took a great deal of hard work and a very long time to complete.

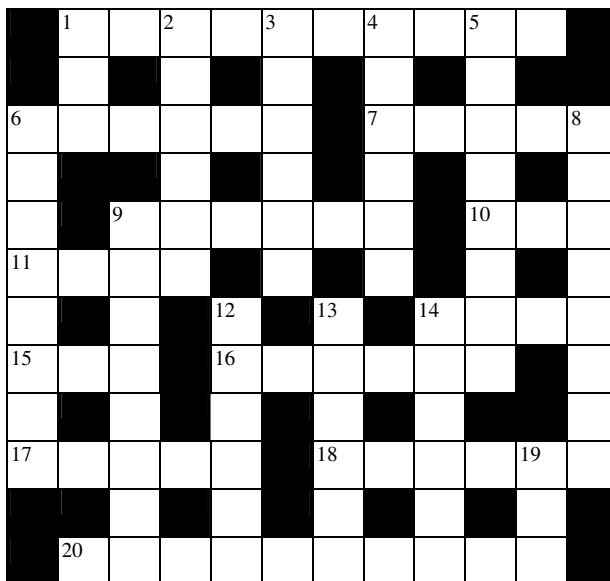
We still continue to sponsor Masiany, a young girl in Narok. We also sponsor Lemokin, a boy of about seven in Elangata Wuas, in the south-west of Kenya where ActionAid have once again begun their hard work.

They rely so much on thousands of people like you to finance them and support their work. I am sure that, like me, you will have received many requests from various charities through the post lately, all very worthwhile. We cannot give to them all, however deserving, but I do hope you will continue to help ActionAid. Please save all your little 1ps and 2ps etc: this does help enormously.

I don't know who puts all the money in the ActionAid plate. God will know, and will reward you for your kindness.

Betty Wright
ActionAid Co-ordinator

ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 "... awake! Salute the happy morn
(EH 24) (10)
- 6 Unable (anagram) (6)
- 7 Drink including very soft fruit (5)
- 9 Cutter for chesty trouble (6)
- 10 The sheltered side (3)
- 11 Skin irritation (4)
- 14 Imitate (4)
- 15 Frozen water (3)
- 16 Ferryman of the river Styx in Greek
mythology (6)
- 17 Plant (5)
- 18 House for car (6)
- 20 Silly peace (anagram) (10)

Down

- 1 Hint (6)
- 2 Coarseness (6)
- 3 City of Greece (6)
- 4 Pictures (6)
- 5 French Emperor (8)
- 6 25 December, Feast of the (8)
- 8 "... suddenly burst out singing and
I was fill'd with such delight"
(Siegfried Sassoon) (8)
- 9 Branches of knowledge (8)
- 12 Predicament (6)
- 13 Old Testament prophet (6)
- 14 Enclosure for animals (6)
- 19 Fellow (3)

Compiled by Lily Bland
Solution next month

Coming soon in time for Christmas – *The St Bride's Crosswords 1989-2011*, compiled by Lily Bland. An ideal stocking filler at £7.50! Our thanks to Helen Purchase and John Hamer for all their work in producing the book.

VESTRY REPORT

At its meeting on 23 November the Vestry noted the success of the All Souls' Day service, and in particular the use of the choir stalls for seating the congregation. Mr Mark Browne had been appointed Organist and Choirmaster. The new liturgy booklets had been printed and would be used with effect from Advent Sunday.

The financial report for the first quarter was noted and approved. Arrangements were approved for the setting of the claim against the estate of the late Mr James Russell. The plans for the launch of the stewardship campaign in January were approved.

It was agreed that the St Bride's Day appeal for 2012 should be aimed at raising funds for the major repair works scheduled for later in the year.

The Property Committee reported on work carried out to the heating and electrical systems. The CCTV system in the organ loft had been replaced.

It was reported that Vodafone's appeal against the planning decision had been disallowed and consequently Vodafone was unable to proceed with the proposed installation on the tower of St Bride's.

The installation of the sound system had been approved by the Diocesan Buildings Committee, and formal confirmation of this decision and that of the Bishop was awaited.

The Events Committee was considering the possibility of another Quiet Day and a congregational visit to Iona.

The Vestry's Five Year Plan was updated.

Arrangements would be made for photographs of clergy, office-bearers and Vestry members to be displayed at the back of the Church.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Wednesday 11 January.

Jonathan Lord
Secretary to the Vestry

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE DAYS
TO
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**



Bishop Gregor warmly invites you to join him next Lent on a day of Pilgrimage to our Cathedral

- 1000 - Arrivals, coffee and welcome
- 1030 - Tour of the Cathedral (on theme of Sacraments) led by the Provost
- 1130 - Time for photographs, personal exploration of building etc
- 1200 – Lunch (please bring a packed pilgrim lunch. The Cathedral will provide tea/coffee etc)
- 1300 - Activities around growth strategy themes including optional visit to local Gurdwara or Mosque
- 1500 - Eucharist led by Bishop Gregor
- 1600 - Pilgrims blessing and depart

Please register through your Charge – your Vestry Secretary and Priest know how to do this!

Dates for the Pilgrimages

Saturday 25th February for Ayrshire and Renfrewshire Regions

Saturday 17th March for Glasgow North-West, North-East and South Regions

Saturday 24th March for Galloway Region



STARTER PACKS NEWS

The charity has been nominated for numerous awards this year. They were the only community project named in the TOP 100 of the Year by WASTE MAGAZINE. They collected and redistributed 240 tonnes of household goods and furniture in the first 6 months of 2011, most of it donated. It is handled by volunteers, many unemployed young men, some with criminal records.

There is a great esprit de corps which starts at the top. Everyone is having to work flat out to keep up with the number of referrals from the Social Work Department. It is always inspiring to visit them.

In spite of receiving no government funding, they battle on to alleviate the distress that they see every day. All their applications for funding have been rejected. Sarah wants people to write to both governments and invite them to visit Govan to see the charity at work.

Please pray for all the workers and the people they help.

Elizabeth Briggs

The Editor of the Oystercatcher would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine during 2011 (our twenty-third year of publication). We'll be back on Sunday 1 January 2012, Christmas and New Year festivities permitting. Meanwhile, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our contributors and readers, both of the printed version and the online edition.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY						
4	Sunday Advent 2	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Short Service <i>Batten</i> Motet: The Truth from Above <i>Vaughan Williams</i> Voluntary: Prelude in B minor BWV 544 <i>Bach</i>	Hymns: 15, 12, 466, 1, 500 Psalm: 85, v 1-2, 8- 13	
11	Sunday Advent 3	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Mass for Three Voices <i>Byrd</i> Motet: Rejoice in the Lord <i>Redford</i> Voluntary: Wachet auf BWV 645 <i>Bach</i>	Hymns: 8, 5, 286, 2 495 Psalm: 126	
18	Sunday Advent 4	10.30 15.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST CAROL SERVICE	Setting: Communion Service in D <i>Leighton</i> Motet: Adam lay ybounden <i>Ord</i> Voluntary: Le Verbe <i>Messaen</i>	Hymns: 7, 3, 10, 501, 19 Psalm: 89, v 1-4, 20-27	
24	Saturday Christmas Eve	23.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Communion Service in F <i>Darke</i> Motet: Carols Voluntary: Toccata in F BWV 540 <i>Bach</i>	Hymns: 34, 29, 30, 35, 26 (om. v 4) Psalm: 98	
25	Sunday Christmas Day	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: St Anne's Mass <i>MacMillan</i> Motet: O little one sweet <i>Bach</i> Voluntary: Fugue in F BWV 540 <i>Bach</i>	Hymns: 24, 39, 25, 22, 32 Psalm: 96	
1 Jan	Sunday The Feast of the Holy Name	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: St Anne's Mass <i>MacMillan</i> Motet: A new year carol <i>Britten</i> Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729 <i>Bach</i>	Hymns: 338, 44, 258, 21, 33 Psalm: 8	

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting	Sidesmen
4 December	Anne Lawrence	Jonathan Lord Andrew Lockyer	Jeannette Fenyó Vacant
11 December	June Roach Betty Wright	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black	Brian Carlisle Vacant
18 December	Veronica Matthew	Alison Gifford Mary Sillitto	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black
25 December	No Tea and Coffee	Alison Gifford Michael Rae	Christopher Bragg Emma Bragg
1 January	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford	Jeannette Fenyó Vacant

BONUS BALL

Date	Number	Winner	Winner's Amount
5 November	43	Rollover	-
12 November	10	Veronica Matthew	£53.50
19 November	45	Rollover	-
26 November	15	June Roach	£29.50

Veronica kindly donated a substantial amount back to the Church so the amount raised so far is £1136.00. I would encourage you to pay in advance for your numbers especially in December as I don't expect anyone will be thinking of paying for the bonus ball on Christmas Day! Please see Kathy and thank you in advance.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2011							
					Thursday 1 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 2	Saturday 3
Sunday 4 <i>Advent 2</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 5 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 6 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 7 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 8 10.00 Eucharist 14.00 Women's Group	Friday 9	Saturday 10 12.00 Rosary and Votive Mass	
Sunday 11 <i>Advent 3</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 12 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 13 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 14 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 15 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 16	Saturday 17	
Sunday 18 <i>Advent 4</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Church open 15.30 Carol Service	Monday 19 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 20 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 21 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 22 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 23	Saturday 24 09.00 Church open - Decoration 12.00 Healing Eucharist 23.30 Midnight Mass	
Sunday 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 26 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 27 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 28 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 29 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 30	Saturday 31	

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. The Church is open for visitors on the third Sunday of the month from 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9.00 a.m. to midday. We will also happily open the Church for visitors at other times on request.

READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

4 December <i>Advent 2</i>	Isaiah 40, v 1-11 Psalm 85, v 1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3, v 8-15a Mark 1, v 1-8
11 December <i>Advent 3</i>	Isaiah 61, v 1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-24 John 1, v 6-8, 19-28
18 December <i>Advent 4</i>	2 Samuel 7, v 1-11, 16 Psalm 89, v 1-4, 20-27 Romans 16 v 25-27 Luke 1, v 26-38
24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Isaiah 52, v 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1, v 1-4 John 1, v 1-14
25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 9, v 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2, v 11-14 Luke 2, v 1-14
1 January <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	Numbers 6, v 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4, v 4-7 Luke 2, v 15-21

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

December

1	Thur	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit, 1916	Hermits
2	Fri	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637	People who live in community
3	Sat	Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552	People of India
4	Sun	Advent 2	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
5	Mon	Feria	Bishop Gregor
6	Tue	Nicholas of Myra, Bishop	People of Turkey
7	Wed	Ambrose of Milan, Bishop & Teacher, 397	Hymn writers
8	Thur	Conception of Mary	Expectant Mothers
9	Fri	Feria	Starter Packs, Glasgow
10	Sat	Feria	ActionAid
11	Sun	Advent 3	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
12	Mon	Feria	Shelter
13	Tue	Feria	Oxfam
14	Wed	Ember Day	Vocations to the Ministry
15	Thur	Feria	Aberlour Child Care Trust
16	Fri	Ember Day	Vocations to the Ministry
17	Sat	Ember Day	Vocations to the Ministry
18	Sun	Advent 4	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
19	Mon	Feria	Hyndland Parish Church
20	Tue	Feria	St Peter's, Partick
21	Wed	Thomas, Apostle	Those who doubt
22	Thur	Feria	The homeless
23	Fri	Feria	The lonely
24	Sat	Christmas Eve	Children
25	Sun	Christmas Day	Peace for all people
26	Mon	Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	Those persecuted for their faith
27	Tue	John, Apostle and Evangelist	St John's, Baillieston
28	Wed	The Holy Innocents	Innocent victims
29	Thur	Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr, 1170	The Archbishop of Canterbury
30	Fri	Josephine Butler, 1905	The oppressed
31	Sat	John Wycliffe, Priest, 1384	Translators