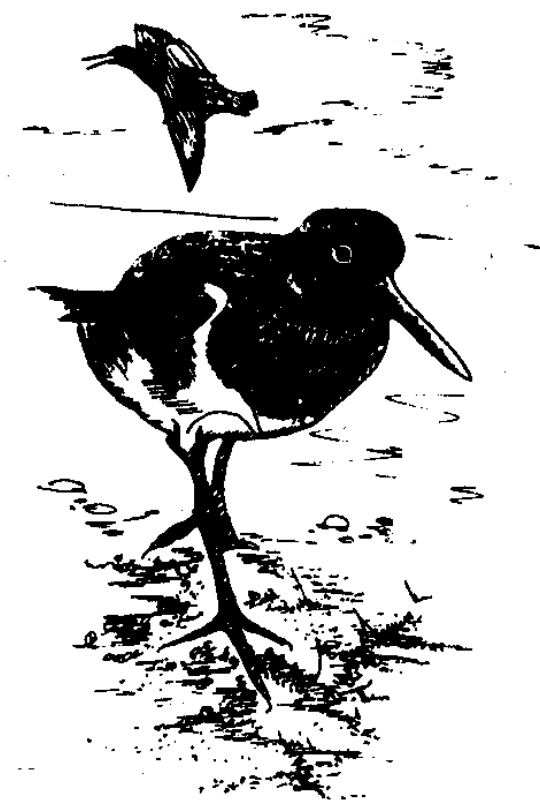


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THE RECTOR'S COLUMN

My dear friends,

The hypocrites, about whom we hear on Ash Wednesday in the traditional reading from the Gospel of Matthew, had turned fasting into an art form. They paraded themselves in the marketplace with unkempt hair and tattered clothes, declaring to all and sundry the depths of their self sacrifice. Some even went so far as to whiten their faces, in the hope that others would be impressed by how pale they looked. But in truth their penitence was skin deep because it transformed neither their lives nor those of their neighbours.

By contrast, the fast which Jesus urged his disciples to keep was a life-giving fast, of which Isaiah had spoken many years before. It was a fast through which the bonds of injustice were loosed, the oppressed were set free, and every yoke was broken. It was a fast that transformed the lives of those who wholeheartedly embraced it, inspiring them to share their bread with the hungry, to offer shelter to the homeless, to clothe the naked and to seek reconciliation with those from whom they had become estranged.

This ancient Jewish fast, which the hypocrites of whom Jesus spoke, had manifestly failed to embrace, was a fast that Jesus himself embodied during his earthly life. As he journeyed from village to village proclaiming good news, stilling the storms, healing the sick, confronting the corrupt and feeding the multitudes he transformed, like no other, the lives of his compatriots.

As we hear again the call to observe a holy Lent by prayer, fasting and self-denial, let not our words be empty, nor our gestures skin deep. Rather let them be true and living signs of our desire to be faithful disciples of Jesus in our own day, looking beyond our own needs to those of our neighbours. May we be known in the marketplace not for the depths of our self-sacrifice but for the transformation that God has worked in our lives and in the lives of those alongside whom we live.

With love and prayers,

Fr James

THANKS

Many thanks to all who helped make our Patronal Festival on Sunday 29 January such a special day. The Rector and Vestry would like to thank the congregation for contributing so generously to the special appeal for funds to assist with the costs of major repairs to the Church roofs and stonework, planned for the Summer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls this year on Wednesday 22 February. There will be a Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7.00pm. This service will replace the usual early evening services.

Lunch with Readings and Music

There will be Lunch (sandwiches, gateaux, wine and juice) in the Church at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday 26 February followed by half an hour of readings and music. Tickets priced £7.50 will be available in Church.

Lent Course

Throughout Lent, the Rector will be giving a series of talks on the Early Church. These presentations, which will include plenty of opportunities for discussion, will be held in the Upper Crypt Meeting Room at 7.00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday 29 February – “Why study the Early Church?”
- Wednesday 7 March – “Persecution & Martyrdom in the Early Church”
- Wednesday 14 March – “Early Christian Apologists”
- Wednesday 21 March – “Fighting Heresies in the Early Church”
- Wednesday 28 March – “Constantine: The first Christian Emperor”

Piano Recital by Gustav Fenyő

There will be a piano recital by Gustav Fenyő featuring music by Schubert, Haydn and Mozart in the Church on Friday 2 March at 8.00 p.m. For full details visit www.fenyo-musicmakers.co.uk.

Daffodil Tea

There will be a Daffodil Tea in the Church on Saturday 24 March from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Tickets priced £2.00 (which includes entrance and refreshments) will be available in Church. Donations for the various stalls of books, DVDs, Easter 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 10.00 a.m.

ST BRIDE'S WOMEN'S GROUP

The SBWG meetings for 2012 resume this month. 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.

Cards giving the programme of events for the year are now available. We have a full calendar with something for everybody.

SOLUTION TO JANUARY CROSSWORD

Across 1 Asia, 4 Sable, 8 Rounder, 9 Elan, 10 Might, 12 Castor, 15 Tarmac, 17 Agree, 19 Anon, 20 Camelot, 21 Moyra, 22 Note

Down 2 Stung, 3 Audit, 4 Spruce, 5 Blessing, 6 Erato, 11 Hogmanay, 13 Robert, 14 Acacia, 16 Annum, 17 Amman, 18 Relet

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STARTER PACKS NEWS

When he took office, David Cameron expressed his confidence that what was lost through benefit cuts would be made up by charities.

For more than ten years, Starter Packs, working from their base in Govan, have been giving the basic requirements to start up life in accommodation provided by the Glasgow housing associations, to people who have nothing. The number of people in this situation is growing daily. The charity dealt with 50% more referrals in January 2012 than in January 2011

Donations of goods and furniture are pouring in. Fifteen to twenty volunteer workers make up packs, worth £200 -£300 each, and deliver them daily. They are seeing families who sleep on the floor, eat cold food from tins, old people unable to take care of themselves, and now disabled army veterans.

But to carry on, they need a new larger warehouse and for that they need money. They are doing exactly what Mr Cameron expects them to, yet their many applications for funding have all been turned down: 'Not a new project', 'We don't fund premises', 'No money' etc... Sarah Findlay, the Development Manager, begs us to write to our MSP, to Alex Salmond, Nicola Sturgeon, John Swinney to plead with them to allocate funds for this vital work. Please help the poor of our city by writing , and please pray for the team at Starter Packs and for the many Glasgow people who are sent to them for help.

Another carload of items was delivered to Starter Packs in January. The items included a kettle and microwave, clothes, food and toiletries. Many thanks again to all who gave so generously. It is really heartening to get offers of items every month from members of the congregation and friends of St Bride's.

The workload for Sarah and her team is increasing daily and Sarah is struggling to afford bigger premises and a bigger van. The new van is excellent but the old one has given up. Because of all the cutbacks it is increasingly difficult to access funding. If anyone knows of a funding organisation which might help, please speak to James, Elizabeth Briggs or Jan Carlisle and we will pass the word on. Alternatively you can contact Sarah herself on 0141 440 1008

A recent Evening Times printed a two page spread and an editorial about Starter Packs. These will be displayed in the Upper Crypt for all to see and of course you can view the website at starterpacks.org.uk.

Elizabeth Briggs and Jan Carlisle

VESTRY REPORT

At its meeting on 11 January the Vestry agreed that minutes of Vestry, Events Committee and Property Committee meetings should be displayed on the board at the back of the church once they had been approved by the following meeting. The Rector agreed to contact the Bishop to confirm that this was acceptable to him. Older Vestry minutes would continue to be filed in the Sacristy, where they would be available for inspection by members of the congregation.

The Rector reported on the Advent and Christmas services. The Quiet Day had been a successful occasion.

The Treasurer reported on the accounts for the first six months of the year. She forecast a deficit at the year end similar to the one incurred in the last few years. Arrangements were finalised for the two Stewardship events to be held at the Rectory on 19 and 22 January.

Work was continuing on the development work related to the Heritage Lottery Fund application. Some additional work would be required which was not specified in the application, and additional expenditure to cover this was authorised. A new agreement had been signed with Scottish Power which would result in a substantial reduction in energy costs.

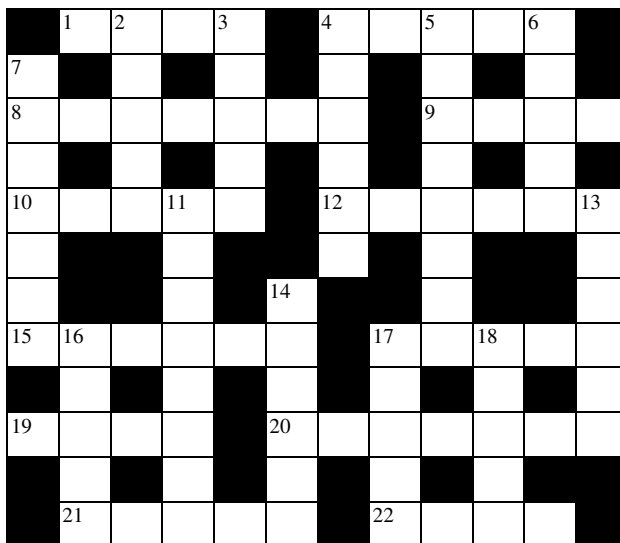
Quotations had been received for the refurbishment of the Upper Crypt. The sound system had been installed in the church and was working satisfactorily following minor adjustments. The external security lights were being repaired. The Rector reported on damage to the Church following the storms in December and January. Quotations for repairs were being obtained and the insurers had been informed. It was agreed that the font should be moved to the back of the central aisle in the nave subject to the approval of the congregation and the Diocese.

Arrangements for the Vestry Away Day on 17 March were agreed. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 February.

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting	Sidesmen
5 February	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford	Jeannette Fenyő Vacant
12 February	Anne Lawrence	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black	Brian Carlisle Vacant
19 February	June Roach Betty Wright	Alison Gifford Mary Sillitto	Christopher Black Elizabeth Black
26 February	Veronica Matthew	Jonathan Lord Andrew Lockyer	Christopher Bragg Emma Bragg
4 March	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Alison Gifford Michael Rae	Jeannette Fenyő Vacant

ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Island east of Java (4)
 4 "Out, out ... candle! Life's but a walking shadow" (Shakespeare, Macbeth) (5)
 8 Laconic (anagram) (7)
 9 "All the little boys he killed at Bethlem in his ,,,," (EH 39 v 3) (4)
 10 One in my cash (5)
 12 Assault (6)
 15 Forest officer (6)
 17 Does this fruit's name suggest that eating it would be fatal? (5)
 19 He was "terrible" (4)
 20 Happens in a bet, Ides of March was unlucky (7)
 21 Vassal (5)
 22 Words set to music (4)

Down

- 2 Scottish Borders town (5)
 3 Skin is irritating (5)
 4 North European sea (6)
 5 Plant in broken nail like hell (anagram) (8)
 6 Terra, dry land (colloquial) (5)
 7 MP races (anagram) (7)
 11 Refinement (8)
 13 Sundry (6)
 14 Boy soprano (6)
 16 Blacksmith's iron block (5)
 17 Composition for eight players (5)
 18 Forefinger (5)

Compiled by Lily Bland

Solution next month

Available now at the back of the Church – *The St Bride's Crosswords 1989-2011*, compiled by Lily Bland. Only £7.50! Our thanks to Helen Purchase and John Hamer for all their work in producing the book.

MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY						
5 Feb	Sunday Epiphany 5	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: <i>Sumson</i> in F Motet: O nata lux <i>Tallis</i>	Hymns: 433, 341, 440, 308, 359 Psalm: 147, v 1-11	
12	Sunday Epiphany 6	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: <i>White</i> in E flat Motet: Mine eyes for beauty pine <i>Howells</i>	Hymns: 436, 391, 310, 307, 333 Psalm: 30	
19	Sunday Next before Lent	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Darke in E Motet: O taste and see <i>Vaughan Williams</i>	Hymns: 271, 394, 296, 298, 446 Psalm: 41	
22	Ash Wednesday	19.00	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: Mass for three voices <i>Byrd</i> Motet: Miserere mei <i>Byrd</i>	Hymns: 70, 71, 382, 507, 74 Psalm: 51, v 1-17	
26	Sunday Lent 1	10.30	SUNG EUCCHARIST	Setting: <i>Plainsong</i> Motet: Purge me O Lord <i>Tallis</i>	Hymns: 64, 70, 75, 61, 67 Psalm: 22, v 23-32	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2012						
	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4		
	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist				
Sunday 5 Epiphany 5 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 6 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 7 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 8 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry	Thursday 9 10.00 Eucharist 14.00 Women's Group	Friday 10	Saturday 11 12.00 Rosary and Votive Mass
Sunday 12 Epiphany 6 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 13 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 14 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 15 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 16 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 17	Saturday 18
Sunday 19 Sunday before Lent 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Church open 15.30 E & B	Monday 20 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 21 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 22 Ash Wednesday 19.00 Sung Eucharist	Thursday 23 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 24	Saturday 25 09.00 Church open 12.00 Healing Eucharist
Sunday 26 Lent 1 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Lunch	Monday 27 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 28 08.15 Eucharist	Wednesday 29 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.00 Lent Course	Thursday 1 Mar 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 2 Mar 20.00 Piano recital	Saturday 3 Mar

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

5 February <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 40, v 21-31 Psalm 147, v 1-11 1 Corinthians 9, v 16-23 Mark 1, v 29-39
12 February <i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	2 Kings 5, v 1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9, v 24-27 Mark 1, v 40-45
19 February <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	Isaiah 43, v 18-25 Psalm 41 2 Corinthians 1, v 18-22 Mark 2, v 1-12
22 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Joel 2, v 1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51, v 1-17 2 Corinthians 5, v 20b – 6, v 10 Matthew 6, v 1-6, 16-21
26 February <i>Lent 1</i>	Genesis 9, v 8-17 Psalm 25, v 1-9 1 Peter 3, v 18-22 Mark 1, v 9-15
4 March <i>Lent 2</i>	Genesis 17, v 1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22, v 23-32 Romans 4, v 13-25 Mark 9, v 2-9

KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

February

1	Wed	Feria	The People of Ireland
2	Thur	The Presentation of the Lord	The Elderly
3	Fri	Saints and Martyrs of Europe	The European Union
4	Sat	Feria	Parents
5	Sun	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
6	Mon	Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597	The People of Japan
7	Tue	Feria	The Medical Profession
8	Wed	Feria	Victims of War
9	Thur	Feria	Victims of Natural Disasters
10	Fri	Scholastica, Religious, 543	Benedictine Communities
11	Sat	Feria	Travellers
12	Sun	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
13	Mon	Feria	The Vestry
14	Tue	Cyril, Monk, 869 & Methodius, Bishop, 885	Slavic Peoples
15	Wed	Thomas Bray, Missionary, 1730	SPCK
16	Thur	Feria	Exiles
17	Fri	Finan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661	People of Northumbria
18	Sat	Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 676	Artists
19	Sun	Sunday before Lent	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
20	Mon	Feria	Starter Packs, Glasgow
21	Tue	Feria	ActionAid
22	Wed	Ash Wednesday	Penitence and Discipline
23	Thur	Polycarp of Smyrna, Martyr, 156	Defenders of the Faith
24	Fri	Feria	St Peter's, Partick
25	Sat	Feria	Hyndland Parish Church
26	Sun	1st Sunday of Lent	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
27	Mon	Feria	Street Pastors
28	Tue	Feria	Youth Groups
29	Wed	Feria	Bishop Gregor

March

1	Thur	David, Patron of Wales, c 544	People of Wales
2	Fri	Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672	The Church of England
3	Sat	John & Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788	Methodist Communities