

From the Rector



‘Harvesting of Fruit’

By the time you are reading this Gordon and I will be on holiday. It seems a bit strange to be going away after only six weeks here, but a holiday will be appreciated after, what have been, six full-on weeks! We depart whilst fields are busily being harvested. We have picked the first of the apples from the trees in the Rectory garden, with many more still ripening. It is such a picture of abundance. And we didn’t plant it. Scripture comes to life here in the Rectory garden! 'This one sows, that one harvests.' Without lifting a finger, I have walked in on these fruit trees, no doubt worked long and hard by others. We will be celebrating with our harvest festival on Sunday 30th September, combining it with a special gift day to help raise funds for the ministry and mission of St John’s which helps bring in the harvest for the kingdom.

In what often feels like a society more of scarcity than plenty, or even ‘enough’, it is important to challenge this. As stewards of God’s bounty, we are called to manage what isn’t ours, including what we normally believe we own. Secular society regards our resources as belonging to us. Challenging our thinking about how we manage these resources is not only about the amount we give. It is also about our collective stewardship of the earth’s resources.

Over time we will be looking closely at all our resources, our people and their gifts, our money, our buildings as well as how we use the world’s resources in our church and worship. We will be doing this prayerfully.

God of the living,
with all your creatures great and small
we sing your bounty and your goodness,
for in the harvest of land and ocean,
in the cycles of the seasons,
and the wonders of each creature,
you reveal your generosity.

Love

Elaine



THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 28TH JULY

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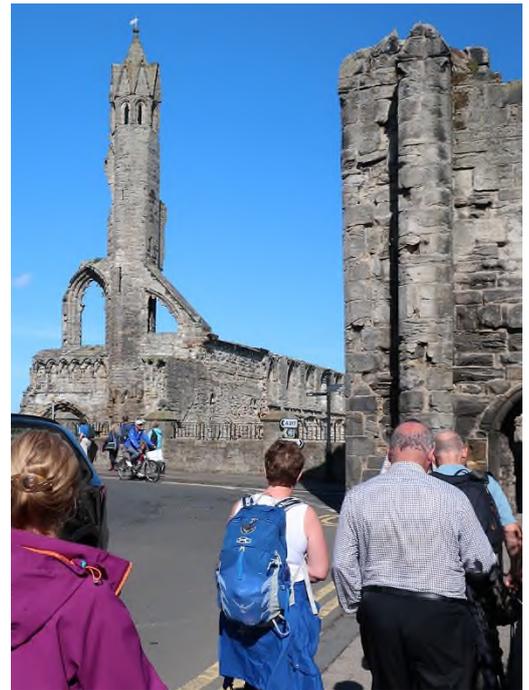
28th July, the day of our first diocesan pilgrimage to St Andrews, was a day to remember. It was a day of sunshine and showers, a day for prayer and song, conversation and laughter.



Those hardy souls who tramped the first five miles from the picturesque village of Ceres were rather damp when they arrived at Craigtoun Park. It was easy to distinguish between them and those who joined them for the second half of the journey.



The excitement grew as we caught a glimpse of the twin towers of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in the distance and the sun had dried clothes and hair by the time we arrived at Hallow Hill where even more pilgrims were waiting for us. A long line of about 70 walkers threaded their way along the Lade Braes towards St Andrew's Church. There were Episcopalians from Leven, Lochgelly and Kinross, Dunfermline and Rosyth, Aberfoyle, Doune, Dunblane and Dollar, Stirling, Perth, Blairgowrie, Forfar, Cupar, Ladybank and St Andrews. There were Catholics from Tayport and Dundee, Methodists and members of the Church of Scotland, two medievalists from Glasgow University and a couple who live near the Camino in France.



We arrived at our destination in bright sunshine and then made our way to All Saints for a welcome cup of tea and evensong.

Thank you, Alasdair Coles and Nick Cooke for organising the pilgrimage, to the two churches at St Andrews for their hospitality and to all who led the reflections along the way and the final worship, including bishops Bruce and Bob. On the day, there was talk of another pilgrimage next year and some were even planning a trip to walk the Camino. In the meantime, should any church group like to walk part of the Fife Pilgrim Way in the coming months, Alasdair would be happy to be your guide. He can be contacted at alasdaircoles@btinternet.com.

Nerys Brown

A St. John's view of this event

Nora Craig writes:-

I had the good fortune to travel down with our Rector, Elaine, to join the Pilgrimage party gathering at Ceres, in fife, and heading for

St. Andrews. We were advised of the day's programme and that we had to cover 12 miles. We had left Forfar in thick fog but across the Tay things improved and Ceres put smiles on our faces. Some rain offered a strong wind and developed into lashing rain as we scrambled up to Drumcarrow Craig to open picnics. We set off again marching steadily, confidently, towards Craigtown country Park and so on into St, Andrews, drenched in sunshine!



A recipe

Perhaps it is not quite appropriate to publish a recipe for A CHEAT CAKE in a church magazine, but I was given this, and it is so easy and so delicious that it seemed good to share. It might, though, be rather too squidgy for a picnic?

One box of Red Velvet shop cake mix. Don't add eggs or oil as instructed - instead add one can of fizzy juice i.e. ginger beer, fanta or coke.

Mix together and bake for approx 30 minutes in 180 degrees in an 8x10 cake tin.

WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY COFFEES

Over the course of this financial year, a total of **£1.145** has been given to the treasurer. This is the total amount of loose change collected in the donation jar at Coffee-time each Wednesday and Sunday - **£643** donated on Wednesdays and **£502** on Sundays - a phenomenal total altogether! I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** on behalf of St John's to all those who contribute.

THANK YOU must also go to all the tea ladies, and occasionally gentlemen, who serve from the trolley each week and do the washing-up. The Wednesday morning tea parties are extremely successful and special thanks go to Wilma and Ray for being the regular dish-washers! Come along and join us sometime and enjoy the friendship and sample the home-baking. Mmmmmh!

As I have intimated before, **£1,145** is a marvellous total, but fund-raising is **NOT** the aim of the game. How nice to be able to have a chat with friends, make some new friends, catch up on Church news, have some retail therapy at the Sales Table, check out the notice board or the table for forthcoming events etc. and, of course, most importantly, extend a warm welcome to any visitors to St John's. These visitors just may, in time, become members.

Carol Douglas

FUNDS RAISED BY THE BINGO

For several years now, during August, Colvina has organised a Bingo session in aid of St. John's. Each year it has become more popular, and each year the proceeds gifted to St. John's have been greater. This year the sum of £681.50 has been added to St. John's coffers.

We are all very grateful to Colvina for all the effort she puts into what is clearly a greatly enjoyable evening for all who attend, and a very welcome and substantial addition to our funds. Perhaps she already has the date for 2019? We all very much hope so, and extend our good wishes and very grateful thanks for all she does.

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Sunday September 2nd Pentecost 15

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Deuteronomy 4: 1–2, 6–9, James 1:17–27, Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Reader: Madeline Kingston

Wednesday September 5th

10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist

Sunday September 9th Pentecost 16

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a, James 2: 1 – 10 (11 – 13) 14 – 17, Mark 7: 24 – 37

Reader: Eleanor Rowlands

Wednesday September 12th

10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist

Sunday 16th September Pentecost 17

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a, James 3: 1 – 12, Mark 8: 27 – 38

Reader: Lee Winks

Wednesday September 19th

10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist

Sunday September 23rd Pentecost 18

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Wisdom 1: 16 – 2:1, 12 – 22 or Jeremiah 11: 18 – 20

James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7 – 8a, Mark 9: 30 - 37

Reader: Fay Slingsby

Wednesday September 26th

10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist

Sunday September 30th Pentecost 19 Harvest Festival/Gift Day

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Joel 2: 21 – 27, 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10, Matthew 6: 25 – 33

Reader: Eryl Rowlands

The church will be decorated on that Sunday with mainly floral contributions, so that our celebrating the gift of the harvest, will be to give monetary donations for St. John's ministry and Mission.

Wednesday October 3rd

10.15 a.m. Said Eucharist

Sunday October 7th Pentecost 20

11a.m. Sung Eucharist

Genesis 2: 18 – 24, Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, 2: 5 – 12, Mark 10: 2 – 16

Reader: Nora Craig

Forthcoming Events

Sunday September 30th At the Harvest Festival, monetary donations will be asked for St John's ministry and Mission.

Sunday October 14th Congregational meeting after 11 am service to discuss ideas for the future direction of St John's.

Saturday October 20th Consecration of the Revd. Ian Paton as Bishop of our Diocese, at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.

Sunday October 28th Diocesan Evensong 4:30 pm
at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.

November 11th Remembrance Sunday. The time of our service will be changed to **9.30am** so that we can be at the Cross for 10.50 and proceed to Lawson Memorial Church for their hosting of the British Legion service thereafter.

Friday November 16th Supper with speaker: - Angus Macmillan Douglas will be speaking on "50 years working around the world".

Sunday November 18th AGM after 11 am service

Saturday 1st December Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am – 12 noon

Tuesday Club

Tuesday 9th October Speaker: The Revd. Elaine Garman

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down Life's Highway a long time ago,
One day, I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'.

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said, "My Child, shop with care".

Everything a Christian needs was in that grocery store,
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, Love was in the same row,
Further down, was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some GRACE.

I did not get SALVATION, for SALVATION it was free,
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my Grocery Bill,
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.

At sea! As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Songs and praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?". He just smiled and said,
"Just take them everywhere you go". Again, I smiled, and said,

"How much do I really owe?". He smiled again and said,
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"