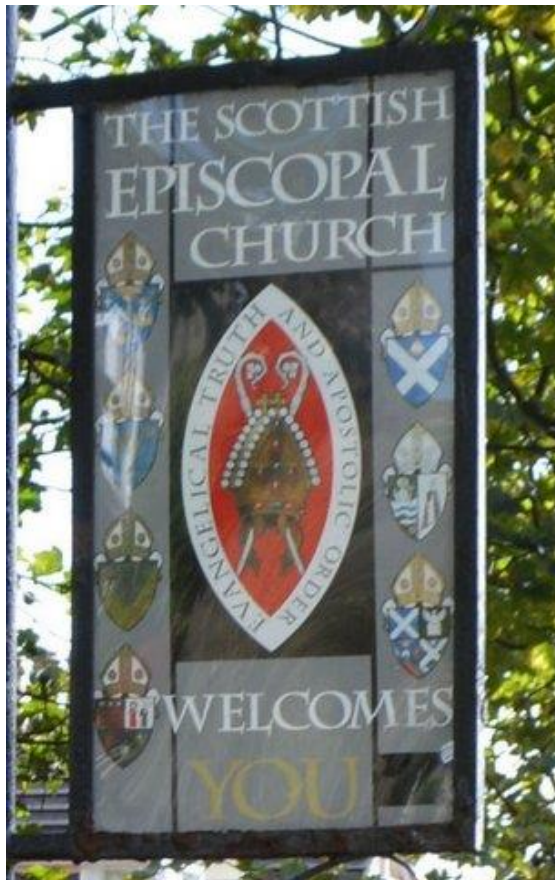


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A glimpse from the rectory.

So, once again the decorations are put away and the tree sent to recycling. The mad, crazy, rush of Christmas and Hogmanay are once again, behind us and we have another 12 months before we face it all again.

Many years ago, I belonged to religious community, the motto of which was, Caritas Christi Urget Nos, the love of Christ urges us on. Those words are from St Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth and it seemed to me that perhaps it is these words that we should be paying attention to and not the mad, crazy rush of the whole festive season.

One of the things that I have discovered in ministry is that it is rare for someone to drop me a new e-mail or leave me a telephone message saying, "don't worry it's not urgent get back to me when you can". And I really have had to become rather adept at rooting out those situations which really do demand instant action and those which might diplomatically be scheduled for a little later.

Of course, urgency very much depends on your own values and perspective. Many people place urgency on and making money and would drop everything if their personal finances or the finances of their company were sent to suffer. For me of course, the transition from working in the heart of war zones to living and ministering to you all here has changed my priorities of urgency significantly. The sort of bullets the priest must learn to dodge are hardly the same as those I had to avoid while serving in the crown forces. At least so far!

For us as Christians there has to be a guiding principle enabling us to choose between those situations where we might be robust and those situations where a gentler approach may be required. In other words which problems to tackle urgently and which to pull back from. St Paul, in this case, gives us a real insight into how we should approach this. Our urgency as Christians should be to serve Christ. The God who lived and died for love, and motivates us, training our hearts to be gentle and compelling us to be brave.

As we enter this new year we will be faced with competing demands for time and for our attention. If we root our lives in prayer and in Christ, He will enable us to reach out to those around us time and time again. And we do this with great confidence because Jesus has given us his command to do so. In his final moments before leaving this earth Jesus says to his disciples, “go therefore and make disciples of the nations baptising them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit”.

Our urgency as Christians is god given, not as this world directs. Love above all is our priority and is the most urgent call of all our lives.

A blessed and joyous new year to you all.

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Visiting our Church

We are a registered Scottish charity No. SCO06732

An Induction Loop System has been installed in this Church to aid the hard of hearing whose hearing aids should be switched to the 'T' position.

Large print and Braille copies of the liturgy and large print hymn books are available if required

If you know of someone who would like a visit, please talk to the Rector

If you know of someone who might like to be included in our prayers of intercession during our Sunday Eucharist please talk to the rector or complete one of the slips at the back of church

From the Vestry 28th November 2017

I) Treasurers Report for October

Income included

- a. Freewill Offerings for October £1,699 a 5 week month similar to October 2016. Total to date £2,900 - last year £3,010, this year down by £110.
- b. Gift Day donations £230.00 from 13 envelopes returned.
- c. Hall lets £522.00.

Total income £3,071.

Expenditure included

- a) Locum fees and expenses £257.40.
- b) Organists' fees £120.
- c) Mission £100 - gifted through Airdrie Council of Churches to Salvation Army to support Christmas Carol Service in Airdrie Town hall.
- d) External donation to Leprosy Mission £200.50.
- e) Quota, Insurance, Electricity and Telephone usual monthly costs – Electricity is 2 months.
- f) Repairs and renewals:

Rectory included

- i. Skip hire £183.
- ii. Downstairs flooring £1,402.
- iii) Stair carpet £480.

Church included

- i) Skip hire £183.
- ii) Post box and fitting and refitting hall notice boards after water ingress and replastering 78.99.
- iii) Roofer for passageway £601.
- iv) Toilets flooring and fitting £148.
- v) Disabled toilet time switch £ 98.40.

Total expenditure £5,930.

Deficit for month of £2,859, mainly due to the one off costs in repairs and renewals.

Bank Balance at 31 October £50,263.

II) Fees

Discussion took place on revising fees for special services in the church. The following fees were agreed:

- a) Marriage
 - i. Families within congregation £231
 - ii. Families external
£424
 - iii. Organist – per event £ 60
 - iv. Flowers – agreed per event
- b) Baptisms – no fee, donation only
- c) Funerals – church and/or crematorium £182
- d) Search of church registers £28

MINISTRY LICENCES for

- i. Lay Assistants
- ii. Pastoral Visitors
- iii. Worships Leaders
- iv. Continuing Personal Development (CPD)

Working agreements have been obtained by PJ for the three groups. He will meet with these groups to discuss roles and teaching. He plans to have a teaching plan for 2018 by January.

IT and COMMUNICATIONS

- v. Website – RO and PJ will meet to plan, hopefully with Diocesan support.
- vi. Magazine – Allison will produce Jan/Feb edition. PJ will take over for March edition.
- vii. Social Media – twitter and Facebook to be dropped from website for now. Website design and development is number one priority.
- viii. Press – Ian Bunting (A&C Advertiser) is willing to post weekly updates from us.
- ix. Photography – PJ will arrange for Martin Hammond to photograph Vestry Members.
- x. Holy Communion – we will open this to all in good standing with the church including children

- xi. Deputising – we will establish deputies for key position. Nominations for next meeting.
- xii. Retreat - 2018 event will remain at Millport. Topic on prayer will be called “Opening to God”. Booked for July 12 -15, 2018.

The next Vestry meeting will be 23rd January and subsequently on the third Tuesday of each month.

Please contact Ann Diamond or Geoff Sage if you have any questions about this meeting.

Lanarkshire Regional Council-29th November 2017

From: Geoff Sage

The Council’s AGM took place at St Paul & St John’s. We start AGMs with a Said Eucharist, this year led for the first time by our new Rector. Unfortunately attendance was very poor with four out of eight congregations not represented. We therefore had to defer elections for key positions until the January meeting. In the past year Regional meetings have proved a useful means of information sharing among the Episcopalian congregations of Lanarkshire. It also was an important forum for discussion of the Same Sex marriage canon revision that, ultimately, was accepted by both Diocesan and General Synod. This year I am Lay Rep once again, and for the first time Ronnie Orr is Alternate Lay Rep. Please let us know if there are any issues relating to the wider church that you would like information on. Our Diocesan Synod this year will once again be on the first Saturday of March – the 3rd.

Stuff from a foreign land

From Jean and Hugh Macauley

We had a wonderful holiday with Elaine, Steve and Drew in Australia. While there I went with Elaine’s neighbour Megs to her church which is Anglican and really enjoyed it.

Drew had his 5th birthday when we were there, and it was so good to see him growing into a funny, caring and most loving little boy. We send our love as always to everyone at St. Pauls and wish you all Feliz Navidad y felix ano nueve.

Sunday Readings for Eucharist Year B

Sunday 7th January –The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 29

Ephesians 3:1-12

Mark 2:1-12

Sunday 14th January – Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3, 1-10

Psalm 139

1 Corinthians 6, 12-20

John 1, 43-51

Sunday 21nd January – Epiphany 3

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm 139

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Sunday 28th January – Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

Sunday 4th February – Epiphany 5

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm 147

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

Sunday 11th February – Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Mark 9: 2-9

Sunday 18th February – Lent 1

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

Sunday 25th February – Lent 2

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38



Flower Rota Jan/Feb 2018

JAN	
7 th	Flower fund
14 th	Mrs A Gordon
22 nd	Flower Fund
29 th	Flower Fund
FEB	
4 th	Mrs J.Dunn
11 th	Flower Fund

Church Rota

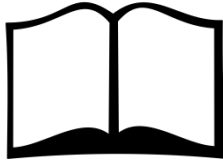
If you cannot fulfil the commitment to being absent, please arrange alternative cover

Date	7 Jan	14 Jan	21 Jan	28 Jan	4 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb	25 Feb
Welcome	T2	T5	T3	T2	T5	T3	T5	T2
Reader	ADI	PL	JCH	MO	GSA	RO	JCH	ADI
Server	RO	Mo	AG	SL	RO	MO	AG	SL
Lay Assist	RO	JCH	GSA	ADI	RO	JCH	ADI	GSA
Intercessor	MO	GSA	RO	GSA	MO	GSA	RO	MO
Counting	T11	T14	T1	T11	T14	T1	T11	T14
Teas	T10	T15	T16	T2	T10	T15	T16	T2
Cleaning		T16		T17		T22		T16

T1		A Diamond & M Orr
T2		A Gordon & M Stevenson
T3		T&J Cummings
T5		P Maguire
T10		P Maguire & M Orr
T11		J Charnley & T Cummings
T14		G Sage & R Orr
T15		J Lowrie & M Jeffery
T16		R & M Orr
T17		E McLoughlin & A Clark
T22		P Maguire & S Lawson
T25		A&A Harbison

ADI	A Diamond
AG	A Gordon
AHA	A Harbison
ASA	A Sage
GSA	G Sage
JCH	J Charnley
MO	M Orr
PMA	P Maguire
SH	S Hainey
RO	R Orr
PL	P Livingstone
SL	S Lawson

Book of Remembrance



January

4th Bobby Hotchkiss
5th George Reilly
8th John Miller McLoughlin
9th Mary Roberts
Elizabeth Robinson
10th William Wigfield Cole
Joyce Gordon
11th Mary McKinnon
15th Michael Ward
16th James Paton Laurieston
Andrew Lowrie
17th Andrew Lowe
18th George Walker
19th Arthur Shevill
20th Thomas McLaughlin
Margaret Bell
21st George Richardson
24th James Gillespie
Ronnie McCulloch
25th Margaret Gray
26th Mary Daffurn
27th Rev. Kenneth Wigston
28th Albert Dunn
29th Euphemia Lowrie
31st Lila Miles

February

1st Douglas Francis
Frances Mary MacGregor
3rd William Taylor
John Miles
5th Violet Laurieston
10th Christine Mangham
11th Ruth M. Johnston
14th Isabella Henry
Allan Morrow
16th Suzanna Clelland
Alfred (Fred) Robert Smith
19th William John Daffurn
22nd Eleanor Findlay
23rd Robert MacLean
24th Christina Adams Taylor
Victor Irwin (Priest)
Josephine Richardson
26th Euphemia B. Gardner
George MacDougall
28th Susan Barnsley

Daily prayer calendar

January

- 2 Seraphim of Sarov, 1833
- 3 Our hopes for the coming year
- 4 The unemployed
- 5 Local industry
- 6 The Epiphany
- 7 Hospital chaplains
- 9 The Diocese of Byumba
- 10 William Laud, Bishop, 1645
- 11 David, King of Scots, 1153
- 12 Gregor, our Bishop
- 13 Kentigern (or Mungo) Bishop, c 603
- 14 Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop & Teacher of the Faith, c367
- 16 Vacant charges
- 17 Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, 356
- 18 Christian Unity
- 19 Our neighbours
- 20 The Helping Hands Project
- 21 Agnes, Martyr, c304
- 23 The Diocese of Kentucky
- 24 Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622
- 25 The conversion of Paul, Apostle
- 26 Timothy & Titus, Bishops
- 27 John Chrysostom, Bishop & Teacher
- 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Teacher
- 30 Vocations to the Priesthood
- 31 Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1862

February

- 1 Bridget of Kildare, Abbess, c525
- 2 The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- 3 Saints & Martyrs of Europe
- 4 The recently bereaved
- 6 Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597
- 7 Queen's Accession 1952 HM Queen Elizabeth II
- 8 Local Government
- 9 Our Vestry
- 10 Scholastica, Religious, 543
- 11 For those Episcopal Sees in vacancy
- 13 Victims of crime
- 14 Valentine, Martyr, c269
- 15 Thomas Bray, Priest & Missionary, 1730
- 12 St Andrew's Hospice - patients, families & staff
- 16 Our neighbours
- 17 Finan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661
- 18 Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 676
- 20 Lanarkshire Regional Council
- 21 Gregor, our Bishop
- 22 Our neighbours
- 23 Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop & Martyr, 156
- 24 Home Communicants
- 25 Local Industry
- 27 Backa Parish, Gothenburg
- 28 Monklands Hospital - patients, staff & visitors
- 29 The Emergency Services

Thoughts to ponder

Mahatma Gandhi

To refuse to struggle against the evil of the world is to surrender your humanity

To struggle against the evil of the world with the weapons of the evil-doer is to enter into your humanity

To struggle against the evil of the world with the weapons of God is to enter into your divinity.

Irish Blessing

May the roads rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May god hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Time is

Time is too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who love, time is
Eternity

Smile lines

Much reading is like much eating.
Wholly useless without digestion.

All things come to he who waits
Except the last bus.

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Magazine Distribution

If you are aware of any household in the Congregation which does not receive a copy of **SPRINGWELLS**, but should, please let Geoff Sage know.

FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit items for the next magazine by Sunday 18th February

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Thank you,

Allison