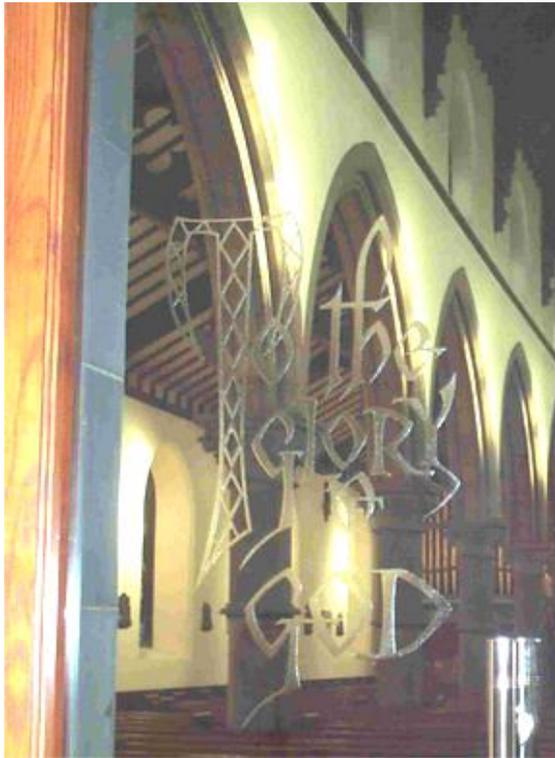


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**July/August 2017**

## *Service Times*

### **Sunday Services**

month only) **8am** Morning Prayer (first Sunday of the

**8.30am** Eucharist (said)

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist

### **Weekday Services**

**Thursday** **9.30am** Morning Prayer

**10am** Eucharist (1970)

**Saturday** **10am** Healing Service (first Saturday of the month only)

**Saints' Days** Eucharist as announced

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## *CALENDAR FOR JULY 2017*

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2 Sun ***Pentecost 4***

8am Morning Prayer 8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy

9 Sun ***Pentecost 5***

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

16 Sun ***Pentecost 6***

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

23 Sun ***Pentecost 7***

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

30 Sun ***Pentecost 8***

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy\*\*\*

### *July Mindings*

2	Bill Kelly	16	Katy Wymart
4	Tim Edwards	19	Maria McQueen
7	Jim Montgomery	21	William Fraser
8	Irene Green	24	Elspeth Hunter
9	Norah Ruxton		Jean Hastie
10	Annie Scott	27	Jack Hardy
15	Nan Harper	28	Ina Fraser
	Kenneth McDonald	29	Eric Corney

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2017

\*\*\* indicates use of incense

6 Sun *The Transfiguration*

8am Morning Prayer 8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy\*\*\*

13 Sun *Pentecost 10*

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

20 Sun *Pentecost 11*

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

27 Sun *Pentecost 12*

8.30am Eucharist

10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

### *August Mindings*

4	Peggy Marr	17	Connie Foley
6	David McCubbin, priest	21	Louie Clucas
	Phyllis MacDonald	24	Sydney Harris
8	Neil W Cameron	25	Ian Fowler
9	Thomas Reid		Hilda Rankin
	Robert Richardson	27	Cynthia Nairn
	Bob Foord		Isabel Chalmers
12	Caroline Long		David Smith
13	Edith Reidford		Hugh Nicol
15	Thomas Irvine	30	James Boyd Anderson, priest
	Lilias Graham		
16	James Hinds, priest	31	Diana, Princess of Wales
	Lady Joyce Hughes		
	Hallett		

## *Rector Writes*

We should be approaching our summer break with a mixture of anticipation and relief that we can enjoy a period of rest and recuperation. Unfortunately, the start of summer has been blighted by the plethora of terror attacks in Manchester and London and the apocalyptic destruction of the London tower block. The fire most certainly cannot claim for itself the euphemism of an “act of God”. The story emerging is one of greed, cost-cutting and a blatant disregard for best practice. Equally, let’s not forget the massive uncertainty that is now the daily diet of the nation following the recent general election and the start of the Brexit negotiations. Can any of you ever recall (war apart) such a sense of unease and pessimism in the mood of the country?

It is well known that at times of such stress people turn to the Church for a sense of calm and continuity. I am not sure we can offer utter tranquillity and a turbulence-free zone. The recent decision by General Synod to alter the Canon regarding marriage opens us, at least on the international front, to attack and rejection. It may not matter to you at a local level what the Anglican Communion thinks of the Scottish Episcopal Church but it must at the least be a matter of regret that the Communion would see fit to “punish” us for breaking the discipline understood on the question of marriage by the rest of the Communion throughout the world. To add to the complication our current Primus, Bishop David Chillingworth, demits office for all practical purposes at the beginning of July.

The College of Bishops has the task of deciding which of the remaining bishops is to fill that role of Primus. For historical reasons the SEC has been uncomfortable with the notion of having an Archbishop, unlike the Church of England which has two, and has lived with the notion of the Primus being the first amongst equals. The difficulty is that in a fast-moving media-savvy world, the press and internet are not interested in moving at the pace of the College of Bishops consulting in a very collegiate way on every important topic. No, on the contrary, instant news demand instant access and thus the pressure on the new Primus will be considerable as he leads the College in untangling all the unintended consequences that may flow from the decision now made. On top of that, the Primus will have to fight the good fight on the international front as he represents us to the rest of the Anglican Communion. Let’s not forget our ecumenical relationships which must now be impaired given the very clear positions held by the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and mainstream Presbyterian churches.

Accordingly, the new Primus is entitled to your prayers and support. This is the most crucial time in our post-war history when the vice of “congregationalism” must be crushed in favour of clear support for the episcopal nature of our Church. Let our Bishops lead and let us trust them. Make no mistake, there are forces that wish to dismantle us piece by piece. Where you stand on the topic, pro or contra, is a red herring. The true issue is whether we can remain in communion with each other and hold in tension the fact, as the amended Canon says, that there are differing understandings of the nature of marriage.

Shortly after the vote, the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), which represents conservative Anglicans worldwide, named a “missionary bishop” for Scotland, Canon Andy Lines, to “serve the needs of those who oppose gay marriage.” Such a thing is a Canonical abomination. Such a thing is an act of schism. You cannot be a member of Diocese X and its Bishop and at the same time take direction from “Bishop” Andy Lines. I sincerely hope that our College of Bishops will have the courage to ban the man from operating in any of our seven dioceses.

Of course, no person can be prevented from leaving one of our Scottish parishes (or a whole parish leaving for that matter) if that is what they desire but they need to understand that they will be no longer Scottish Episcopalians. God knows, we are small enough as a Province but in that lack of size lies our strength for as a family we can stand in solidarity to proclaim that what we hold infinitely more in the shared love of being a Pisky than what divides us.

## General Synod – The Vote on the changes to Canon 31 on Marriage

Having written before about the consultations, the debates and the votes at both Diocesan Synod and at General Synod, I had hoped to be at General Synod in Edinburgh for the crucial vote on the proposed changes to Canon 31 on Marriage. If General Synod voted in favour then the changes would be made and the Scottish Episcopal Church would make history by becoming the first church in the UK to allow same sex marriages to take place in church. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to my current illness, but I followed what was happening and wanted to report on proceedings for you.

The two important areas of change are that the Canon no longer defines marriage but says that there are differing understandings of marriage within our Church (something which is the case already as the Canon allows for couples to marry in church if one or both of them are divorced). Secondly no one is obliged to solemnise a marriage against their conscience, and those clergy who wish to solemnise marriages between couples of the same gender must be nominated to the Registrar General by their Diocesan Bishop. These deliberate steps were included to protect clergy who for any reason would not wish to solemnise such marriages. To pass any amendments to Canon Law takes time, and that time is deliberately there to allow everyone, whether clergy, laity or bishops to hear what is proposed, to listen, to debate, to make up their minds and to take note of voting. The process started in 2015 with General Synod receiving a paper by the Doctrine Committee and was followed by the decision to consult widely within the Church and to hold a listening process, moved to General Synod in June 2016 for agreement on the text changes (the first reading), came to the Diocesan Synods for further debate and comment, and in our Diocese we held open meetings for all interested to attend, before the final, (second reading) debate and vote on June 8th 2017 at General Synod.

At General Synod the three Houses, that is the House of Bishops, The House of Clergy and the House of Laity all vote. Under Canon Law, each House has to receive two thirds or 66.6% of votes or more in favour for the motion to be carried. I am sure that many of you know already that the vote was passed in all three Houses, and this was the result;

House of Synod	For / %	Against / %
Bishops	4 / 80%	1 / 20%
Clergy	42 / 67.7%	20 / 32.3%
Laity	50 / 80.6%	12 / 19.4%

Once the nomination process is completed, probably by the autumn of this year, it will be possible for nominated clergy to solemnize marriages between persons of the same gender in church. The processes and guidance will take some time but I am convinced that an episcopal solution will be the outcome as the last thing anyone wants, and the Faith and Order Board and College of Bishops have stressed all along, is fraction and upset. They have worked very hard to provide a process that unites us even through our different views. I also expect that congregations and vestries will need to agree on the holding of same gender marriages in their churches, and I expect that like the clergy, everyone will be able to act according to their own conscience.

So how do I feel about it all? I am old enough to have lived through the times when homosexuality was illegal, and certainly not out in the open, and my experience of weddings and marriage was one of one man and one woman coming together in the face of God to profess their love for each other. I was surprised as most of us when public opinion changed so rapidly in the recent 15 years. I felt that sense of inequality when listening to gay and lesbian members of our church talk of their feelings. I have found myself wondering what gave us the right to say to a couple in a loving Christian relationship that they cannot be married where they worship on gender grounds, but we can agree to marry a different gender couple who may have much less of a Christian understanding or may not actively attend church. I have also occasionally asked myself what Jesus would have thought about it, and on the evidence of his sense of justice for the poor, the downtrodden, the outsiders in society, and his willingness to show compassion and love to all, I cannot believe he would turn away a couple who wished to marry but happened to be the same sex.

I do however understand that everyone has their own views and reasons on the subject which must be accepted and respected as we go down this new route which embraces both understandings of marriage. We have a history in our Church of facing big challenges such as the ordination of women and the marrying of divorcees and finding a way through...I sincerely hope that we have paved the way for other denominations who are getting to grips with the same issues; The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church, The Church of England and the Church of Scotland being the most recent examples.

**Chris Zochowski**

Lay Representative

## **From a grateful Allan**

On the first or second Sunday of 1945 was the first time I entered St. Ninian's. My wee baby sister was to be baptised in the afternoon in a private ceremony. About 3 months later waiting in the vestibule for the service to start, Canon Bullough got hold of my arm (you would be surprised how many people have twisted my arm) and said, 'Get Allan into a cassock and surplice'. And for the next 8 years approx. I was in the boy's choir. My voice never really broke properly and at 16 years old I was a choir boy, started my apprenticeship (in a boiler suit) in April, left in June, the last of my pay days as a choir boy. I was a server for a number years, got married, had two boys, had a wee "shot" of being a vestry member and property convenor over a number of years.

Whilst I have my own opinions of religion, St. Ninian's has been very good for me – it kept me on the straight and narrow – ok there was (is) a number of bent and wide bits but I'm sure I am a better person because of St. Ninian's.

And so here we are in 2017 (emm 2017 minus 1945 is - no, no, no, there's something wrong with the mathematics here, it cannot be right).

So my friends I thank you for my gift, putting up with my nonsense and I'll try to be good in future.

**Allan**

## **Margaret Arrol R.I.P.**



Words cannot properly express the utter heartbreak and devastation my brother and I suffered during our Mum's illness and sad passing. As our Mum was, she faced illness and death with her usual stoicism and sense of humour, even in the darkest hours. If we didn't admire her enough before her illness, we certainly did after. It was crushing to watch her suffer but the personal support and prayers from the congregation and clergy at St Ninian's were invaluable and

for that we thank you.

When Mum knew that there was nothing more which could be done for her, she gave clear instructions about her wishes for her funeral requiem.

To the credit of everyone at St Ninian's, her funeral was without doubt, exactly as she had requested. Indeed, we're sure that she will have enjoyed looking down onto a packed St Ninian's celebrating her life in glorious technicolour, in what was described by one mourner as akin to a 'Byzantine Mass'. We hoped that the mourners would understand how important our mother's quiet faith was to her and we have no doubt that they did.

Shortly after our mother passed over, her dear friend Joyce Maxwell said to us that losing your Mum was "like losing your captain". There is no doubt that this is true but we know that the continuing support from all at St Ninian's will provide us with the strength to weather this and future storms without our beloved mother.

*Louise and James Arrol*

### *Prayers for Healing*

Please keep praying for Thelma Clarke, Bishop Gregor, Kitty Falconer, Gladys Hunge, Fiona Paton, Joan Pethrick, Dorothy Ward, Moira Watson and Chris Zochowski.

Very many thanks for all your prayers; they are always greatly appreciated. **Alva Caldwell**

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### **Men Who Lunch**

The next meeting at the White Cart Inn, Busby will be on Tuesday, 12/09/2017 at 12.30pm. Intimations to me by Sunday, 10/09/2017.

### **Graham Vahey**

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### **Magazine**

Thanks for your generous donation – Anon.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the magazine – it is much appreciated.

### **Joyce Sinclair**

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### **Inspires Subscription**

The Rector has received sight of a letter from the General Synod Office intimating that the Church has decided to stop publishing Inspires magazine. The Information & Communication Board has come to the conclusion that publication in a hard format is no longer viable. The

current edition now available will be the last. The Board has launched an inspires-style website where content can be brought together more easily.

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Pilgrimage to Whithorn led by Bishop Gregor and David Wostenholm on Saturday 2nd September 2017.

Transport will be arranged where possible, to arrive around mid-day at St. Martin & St Ninian's Church, where the Eucharist will be celebrated. After lunch (please bring a packed lunch), the options will be to explore the Whithorn Museum and Iron-age Roundhouse, or to scramble over the rocky beach to St Ninian's cave, before leaving for home about 4.30 pm.

Will all those interested please notify Jennifer FitzGibbon at [j2fg@aol.com](mailto:j2fg@aol.com), or Christine at the Diocesan Office, by 20th July.

Please indicate if you will require/could provide transport.

## DUTY ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>2nd July</b>	<b>9th July</b>	<b>16th July</b>
	Pentecost 4	Pentecost 5	Pentecost 6
<b>Sidespeople</b>	E Graham C Graham	J Sinclair D Sinclair	J McLean M Montgomery
<b>Readers</b>	V Rodgers	L Lucas	C Shearer
<b>Readings</b>	Jer 28.5-9 Rom 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42	Zech 9.9-12 Rom 7.15-25a Mt 11.16-19,25-30	Is 55.10-13 Ro 8.1-11Mt 13.1-9,18-23
<b>Servers</b> (r) (l) (th)	I Nairn P Whitton	S Whitton R Anwar	R Anwar P Whitton
<b>Intercessions</b>	S Walker	I Nairn	P Whitton
<b>Elements</b>	R Anwar J Seenan	T Baylis C Seenan	L Booth E Graham
<b>Coffee</b>	C Shearer J McLean J Maxwell	A Marr Y Grieve A Grieve	D Sinclair V Rodgers K Zochowska
<b>Welcomer</b>	B Smith	E Graham	B Smith

<b>Date</b>	<b>23rd July</b>	<b>30th July</b>	<b>6th August</b>
	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8	Transfiguration
<b>Sidespeople</b>	A Marr A Caldwell	G Vahey E Laurie	E Graham C Graham
<b>Readers</b>	J Maxwell	G Vahey	T Baylis
<b>Readings</b>	Wis 12.13,16-19 Ro 8.12-25 Mt 13.24-30,36-43	1 Kg 3.5-12 Ro 8.26-39 Mt 13.31-33,44-52	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36
<b>Servers</b> (r) (l) (th)	I Nairn R Anwar	S Whitton P Whitton I Nairn	R Anwar I Nairn
<b>Intercessions</b>	Y Grieve	Rector	S Walker
<b>Elements</b>	B Smith R Anwar	J Seenan T Baylis	C Seenan L Booth
<b>Coffee</b>	J Sinclair T Baylis A Forrest	C Shearer J McLean J Maxwell	A Marr T Baylis A Forrest
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Graham	B Smith	E Graham

<b>Date</b>	<b>20th August</b>	<b>27th August</b>	<b>3rd Sept</b>
	Pentecost 11	Pentecost 12	Pentecost 13
<b>Sidespeople</b>	J McLean M Montgomery	A Marr A Caldwell	G Vahey E Laurie
<b>Readers</b>	V Davey	Y Grieve	S Walker
<b>Readings</b>	Is 56.1,6-8 Ro 11.1-2a,29-32 Mt 15.21-28	Is 51.1-6 Ro 12.1-8 Mt 16.13-20	Jer 15.15-21 Ro 12.9-21 Mt 16.21-28
<b>Servers</b> (r) (l) (th)	I Nairn R Anwar	S Whitton P Whitton I Nairn	R Anwar I Nairn
<b>Intercessions</b>	P Whitton	Y Grieve	E Rodgers
<b>Elements</b>	R Anwar J Seenan	T Baylis C Seenan	L Booth E Graham
<b>Coffee</b>	J Sinclair Y Grieve A Grieve	D Sinclair V Rodgers K Zochowska	A Marr T Baylis A Forrest
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Graham	B Smith	E Graham

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The Rector, Liz Booth, Irene Nairn, Vivian Davey, Chris Zochowski, Val Vahey, Angela Forrest, Thomas Baylis, Joyce Maxwell, Christine Shearer, Nicola Gordon, Lesley Lucas, Eileen Graham, Graham Vahey, Kate Zochowska.

### *The Church*

At St. Ninian's, as in nearly all Episcopal Churches in Scotland, we reserve the sacrament of the Eucharist. From this reserved sacrament Holy Communion is given to the aged, sick or infirm at home, in hospital or in hospice to assure them of Christ's love and presence and to enfold them in the communion and fellowship of the church. The sacrament is also reserved to assure us all of Christ's constant presence with his people.

For Baptism, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, Marriages and Confession please speak to the Rector.

At St. Ninian's, we meet our needs largely through planned giving envelopes. Every member of the church is urged to pledge a definite amount and, if possible, to Gift Aid their offering. Please apply for information and envelopes through either the Recorder or the Treasurer.

The Vestry has reluctantly decided that it is unwise to keep the church open on weekdays. If you need access at times other than the services and events posted on the notice board please phone the Vestry Secretary.

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