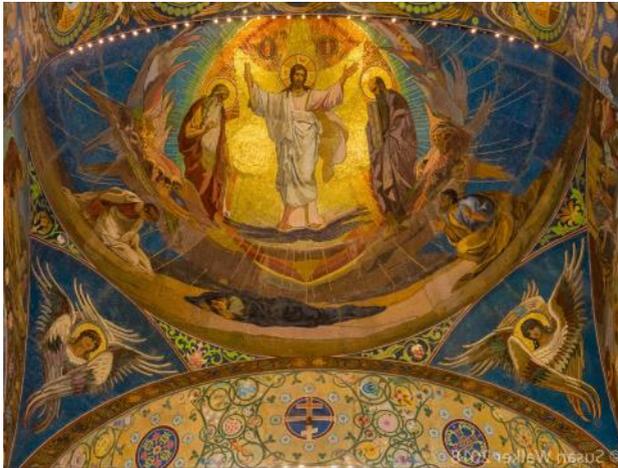


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Service Times

Sunday Services

8am Morning Prayer (1st Sunday in the month only)

8.30am Eucharist (said)

10.15am Sung Eucharist

Weekday Services

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Eucharist (1970)

Saints' Days Eucharist as announced

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Rector Writes

On 25th January we celebrated the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. As I reminded the Thursday congregation in my sermon, conversion is about an on-going, life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, about walking with God day by day and converting the way we live in the light of that. It seems to me that this is at the heart of what we mean by “discipleship”. At our congregational meeting of a few months ago we were rightly concerned about how we might attract new members and many good ideas were proffered. However, one member reminded us that the ultimate responsibility rested upon our shoulders as *disciples* having been called to be so through our baptism, reinforced by the sacrament of Confirmation. Of course, it is easy to use buzz-words but it is much more difficult to make them come alive. As another member at that meeting reminded us, for some folk it is not easy to articulate their faith. I have great sympathy with that view. Some of us are shy by nature. Some of us feel we don't have the “technical” knowledge and might embarrass ourselves by saying the “wrong” thing. On the other hand, if St Paul had kept his head down it is not too fanciful to suppose that Christianity as we know it would not have spread in the almost miraculous way it did. It was the sheer life-changing power of his conversion experience that gave him the words to say at the right time and in the right place. The principle remains the same for us – admittedly in not so dramatic fashion as St Paul. Why would we think anybody would appear at the front door of the church unless we have been instrumental in some way in inviting them to come and see? To be able to do so means we have to be able to articulate what being at St Ninian's means for us. If we are not sure ourselves how can we influence others? That brings us right back to the notion of on-going conversion. We need to work on ourselves so that we have the confidence and rich faith to influence others. It is important that we plug into the many spiritual aids at our disposal which keep us sharp. For example, you will read in this edition information about the forthcoming Lent course. These courses are designed to stretch your thinking about matters of personal devotion and wider discipleship. This is part of the process

of encouraging discipleship. On a more personal level, you will also read an insert about training with Rev Lesley-Anne Craddock and that might be the very thing to give you the boost required to transform your life. I leave you with the Collect for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul which expresses all we need to say - Almighty God, who by the preaching of your blessed apostle Paul caused the light of the gospel to shine among the nations: grant that we, who celebrate his wonderful conversion, may follow him in bearing witness to your truth. Amen.

The Rector

Calling All Disciples!

You may recall that at the recent congregational meeting one of the subject matters raised was the issue of the difficulty of sharing the faith with others who are not members of the church family. Some folk felt it would be helpful to have training in how to express the faith. We are most fortunate in the South Region to have an expert in this very aspect of discipleship in the shape of the Rev Lesley-Anne Craddock of St Oswald's. Lesley-Anne is a Pioneer Minister whose primary calling is to work "outside the walls of the church" and has been trained for this very purpose of sharing the faith with those who are not regular church attenders. I have spoken with her and she has told me that the first step would be to meet with those who would appreciate encouragement in this area to ascertain what their hopes and expectations might be and then to be able to tailor any help that can follow. Accordingly, if you wish to be part of this exciting enterprise please contact me and in turn we will arrange to meet with Lesley-Anne.

The Rector

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2018

*** indicates use of incense

- 4 Sun *The Presentation of the Lord*
8am Morning Prayer
8.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy***
- 11 Sun *Sunday before Lent*
8.30am Eucharist
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 14 Wed *Ash Wednesday*
10am Said Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
7.30pm Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 18 Sun *Lent 1*
8.30am Eucharist
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 25 Sun *Lent 2*
8.30am Eucharist
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy

Cover photo: Detail of the inside of one of the domes in the Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, St Petersburg, Russia. The church marks the spot where Tsar Aleksander II was fatally wounded in an assassination attempt in 1881, so is known to locals as the Church of the Saviour of the Spilled Blood, or just the Church on the Blood.

Susan Walker

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I.S.

*The Funeral of Chris Zochowski,
St Ninian's Pollokshields, 17th January 2017*

Ecclesiastes 3.1: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die...

I think it would be fair to say that death came kindly, peacefully and in a timely manner to Chris, delivering him and his beloved ones from the terrible effects of a horrible and cruel disease. But we may be worrying that such a random and senseless destroying of a good and faithful life is permitted in our good God's world. Any attempt to address that worry and the questionings it inevitably raises is a very complex theological task which no one, however great, has ever done entirely satisfactorily, and this sermon for Chris is hardly the place for any of that. Suffice it to say that I learned many years ago from a very wise priest, Duncan Sladden, one of my predecessors at St Columba's, Largs, whom some of you may very well remember from his time in our diocese, that we are not likely to find God so much in what happens to us in this world as in how we respond to what happens. So, I am sure that Chris, whose faith did not waver, and who thanked me from his last bed for offering him the church's ministry to the dying – a moment of sheer grace I will never forget – found God with him in the love and devotion of Kate, David and Nathan, his older sister Julie and younger brother Paul and their families, in the knowledge of the prayers and good will of so many people, as also in the Holy Communion brought to him regularly by his Rector and occasionally by his Bishop. For, as we must trust, *ubi caritas, ibi deus est*, where there is love, there is God. And Chris lived and suffered and died in love, human and divine.

Throughout all of that Chris did not lose his great, unique sense of humour, a good example of which was his proposing to Kate a romantic weekend. This turned out to be an overnight stay at a B&B in Moffat followed by a day at last year's Diocesan Synod, an event which I, for one, have never associated with anything remotely romantic! Anyhow Kate told me how much she appreciated that synodical day as so many people, delighted to see Chris there among them, expressed to her their affection and respect for him and I know that that has continued in lovely letters and messages since his death. Of course, none of that is accidental because it is evoked by the kind of person Chris was – unfailingly interested in people and concerned to do his best for them. One of my correspondents has described him as a *good, faithful and unassuming servant*. As our Diocesan Secretary, efficient, effective and immensely helpful, he exhibited all of these qualities and so endeared himself to many, many people all around the diocese. Speaking personally, and having known Chris from my time as

Rector here, I always found him supportive and understanding and very willing to make his contribution. His terrible illness and enforced withdrawal from St Ninian's and Diocesan work have been hard for us all to witness and to bear.

Of Chris's faith there can be no doubt – he was a cradle Episcopalian, brought up and nurtured in the faith at All Saints', St Andrews, where he was a chorister, devoted to serving Christ in that tradition, not least here at St Ninian's as Lay Rep and choir member. Nor can there be any doubt of how great a dad he was, never happier than when he was spending time with his boys. No doubt also, that his faith and capacity for love had much to do with the incredible strength, patience and determination he showed whilst living with MND, all the time knowing how it would kill him in the end.

So it is that we all, knowing all of this, and offering the funeral liturgy of our church, commend Chris with undimmed faith, hope and love to the love and mercy of Christ who loves him and all of us with an everlasting, overwhelming love and who, as the gospel assures us, has prepared a place for his beloved child, Chris. **Amen.**

Bishop Gregor Duncan

Chris was born in St. Andrews in 1955, son of Ann and Zbyszek and brother to Julie and Paul. From a very early age he demonstrated a great determination which was to guide him through all of his life. Once he made up his mind about something it was very difficult to persuade him to alter it. When his Polish grandmother visited when he was a baby he would turn to see who was at the handle of his pushchair and if he saw it was her, he yelled every time. He was determined that she should not be the one to push him. Aged about three or four and determined not to be blamed for a crash at the front door, he rushed round the back with blood dripping down his face from a cut on his head, saying "It wasn't me!"

Chris loved swimming, water sports and the beaches in St. Andrews. Determined to jump into a pool at the East Sands around the pier, which was deep enough for adults to swim in, he took off and ran towards it. His Mum, frozen with fear sent his sister running after him. Fearlessly he went straight in – and straight under. It required a man swimming there to pull him out. Completely undaunted he set off again and again to try to repeat his great run to the water. We had to go home early that day. Later when he *could* swim well he responded to a challenge to jump from the high dive board on holiday. He said it was easy. He didn't have his glasses on so he couldn't see where he was going!

Chris was always a thrill seeker, keen to try out the "dangerous" rides at the Lammis Market and other fairs and parks and sometimes building them himself at Scout camps. He had a lifelong interest in Scouting, sport and



cycling, going on youth-hostelling holidays with friends from a young age and always returning with grand tales of his adventures.

His schooldays at Madras College were full of successes and after a brief flirtation with dentistry as a career he graduated with a degree in Business Studies. He worked with Glasgow District Council, married Katherine and settled in Glasgow. There was great joy when his sons David and Nathan came along, and he demonstrated his patience and determination when passing on his knowledge and skills to them. He was always willing to help out, a trait

possibly learned from Scout Bob-a-Job weeks. There are many houses of family and friends with rooms wallpapered by Chris.

As a family member he was always there for you. You could talk to him about anything and he would listen and give considered advice where needed. He was also incredibly funny, not exactly a comedian but in his company we all had some of the best laughs we've ever had, such as the time empathising with Polish relatives and family friends, but lacking the language skills with which to do so, he repeatedly nodded and encouraged the conversation on with a "bardzo... bardzo..." believing this to be saying okay... right... but in fact *bardzo* simply means "very". Chris had a great, unique sense of humour and his brilliant laugh continued to the end. As difficult as it became for Chris to speak during the past year, he never gave up saying something funny even if just to raise the spirits of those closest to him.

Chris always loved a family gathering, making a point of speaking to everyone, and having the ability to include everybody effortlessly. Always kind, always thoughtful and considered, he was a good brother, husband, father, uncle and friend.

Don't cry because it's over – smile because it happened.

Kate, David, Nathan and all of the family would like to thank everyone who was able to attend Chris's funeral and who sent cards, flowers and messages. Also those who prayed for Chris during the past year which meant so much to Chris and ourselves. It was a beautiful service and we have had so many comments from people who attended.

Photo: Susan Walker

February Mindings

1	John Emery	14	Edwin John Duncan
2	Robert Harris	16	Joyce Livingston
4	William Brown		Dorothy Bullough
5	Ann McDonald	21	Edmund Cody Merriweather
	Elsie Shearer	23	Mary McMorris
6	William Owen McIntosh	25	James McGifford
7	Gladys McCutcheon		Robert Marshall Todd
10	Arthur Tully	28	Harriet Murdoch
	Roy Scott	29	Helen Weston
11	Ernest Clucas		Muriel Kelly
12	Annie Watson		
13	Jane Peterson Scott		
	Mary Pate		



CSW - Themes for Prayer in February

CSW's diary for the early part of 2018 highlights children who are being deprived of education because their parents are Christian in Cuba, being taught false information in Pakistan, or in refugee camps in Nigeria after attacks by the Fulani, with too few school places or too high fees. The horrors being inflicted on the Rohingya peoples in Burma, press freedom being restricted in Nigeria, great pressure being imposed on Cuban churches to close them, Chinese human rights lawyers - hundreds of them - being imprisoned without trial and tortured, extremist Buddhist groups in Sri Lanka attacking religious minority groups and the Coptic Church in Egypt and other minority religious groups being subject to fatal terrorist attacks - these are all matters for us to pray about. If you want to know more, look up Christian Solidarity Worldwide online.

Margaret E. Anderson

Christmas Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who donated to the baskets – very much appreciated. Thanks to Lorna Sinclair who made them up. Also thanks to everyone who bought numbers, especially R.A.T.S., who were very

generous. £100 went



to the church and £100 to the winner.

JS

The Vestry would like to thank everyone who helped at, contributed to and supported the December Coffee Morning. We raised a record-breaking £710. Many thanks to everyone who got involved and helped achieve this amount.

I.N.

February Coffee Morning

Saturday 10 February

10:00 – 12:00

My sincere thanks to you all for your phone calls, cards and well-wishes. Much appreciated.

D.S

Prayers for Healing

Please keep praying for little Jacob Eli Chapman (4), and his grandfather Michael (who is still waiting for an urgent operation); also for Dorothy Ward and Dorothy Wason. Many thanks, your



prayers are always greatly appreciated.

Alva Caldwell

Magazine Donations

Thanks to Mrs R White and Mrs J Reid for their generous donations. Robin and Janet send their best wishes to their friends at St Ninian's.

J.S.

Morning Prayer booklets.

These booklets are now available for you to collect and use for private prayer at home or wherever. They can be collected from the church table at the back of church or in the small cardboard box in the hallway on the cupboard top where we keep the service booklets. We hope that these may help your personal, inner and spiritual lives.

Graham Vahey

Fund-raising group.

Do you have any ideas to raise money for the church? We have a fund-raising committee who would love to you to join them. Fund-raising events are a good way to try and attract other people into the building as well as raising money. Do you think you could help? Contact Liz, Angela or Irene

Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Many thanks to everyone who donated their used stamps. All contributions gratefully received!

Valerie Rodgers

Lent Course 2018

As has become our practice, a discussion course will be offered this coming Lent. The discussion period takes place immediately after the Eucharist on Thursday mornings. The material chosen for this year is entitled *No Body but Yours*, and the title is a reference to a prayer attributed to St Teresa of Avila, who prayed –

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

*Yours are the eyes through which he looks
with compassion on this world.*

As Christians, we are all challenged by Jesus' final commission to his disciples: that they were to go and make disciples of all nations. Clearly this has not been accomplished and the realisation of this fact is the springboard for the Lent reflections which take, through six sessions, the sentiments expressed in the prayer by St Teresa and examine them in detail. The material is designed to make us reflect not just upon how we live our faith but how this faith is proclaimed and how we can be Christ to and for others. The six sessions are entitled - *No body but yours; No hands but yours; Your eyes of compassion; Let nothing disturb you; and All things pass away: God never changes.* The dates for the sessions will be 15th and 22nd February; 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March. Past courses have proved to be very popular indeed so why not bring a friend with you to make it an even richer experience.

The Rector.

Saints Alive

There is a long list of saints/people of notable backgrounds in February in the Church Calendar. Here are just two.

01/02/2018: St Brigid of Kildare, cAD525: St Bride, Brigid or Naomh. Bride was born in Co Kildare and is one of Ireland's patron saints, along with Patrick and Columba. She was one of the earliest Christian nuns and founder of several monasteries of nuns, including the one in Kildare itself.

17/02/2018: ++Janani Luwum, AD1977: Archbishop Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, was a very popular and an influential developer of the Church. He came into conflict with Idi Amin and was arrested. He died in a car crash just after he was arrested. It is thought that this was murder.

Graham Vahey

Four baptisms and a confirmation!

Some pictures of the baptism of Hew Seenan on 7th January 2018, and the baptism of Sewedo and Semande Hunge and baptism and confirmation of Mauton Hunge on 21st January 2018. Please uphold Hew, Mauton, Sewedo and Semande in your prayers. Thanks to Susan Walker for the photos.



DUTY ROTAS

Date	11 February Presentation	18 February Sunday before Lent	25 February Lent 1	4 March Lent 2
Sides-people	G Vahey E Laurie	J Sinclair D Sinclair	J McLean M Montgomery	A Marr A Caldwell
Readers	Y Grieve	S Walker	D Pritchard	I Stainsby
Readings	2 Kg 5.1-14 1 C 9.24-27 Mark 1.40-45	Gen 9.8-17 1 P 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15	Gen17.1-7,15-16 Rom 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38	Ex 20.1-17 1 C 1.18-25 John 2.13-22
Servers	(r) S Whitton (l) I Nairn (th)	J Whannel R Anwar	S Whitton P Whitton	S Whitton P Whitton
Intercessions	I Nairn	Y Grieve	P Whitton	Rector
Elements	A Forrest L Booth	E Graham J Seenan	T Baylis C Seenan	N Gordon A Forrest
Coffee	A Forrest T Baylis K Zochowska	J McLean C Shearer J Maxwell	A Marr Y Grieve A Grieve	D Sinclair J Sinclair V Rodgers
Welcomer	C Graham	S Whitton	E Graham	C Graham



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The Vestry

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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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