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**March 2018**

## 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)

**Last Saturday of each month:** 10:00 am **Healing** Service

**Saints' Days** Eucharist as announced

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## *Rector Writes*

In St Andrew's Drive there is a Home (Overbridge) run by the private sector for the profoundly disabled. Overbridge is unique because it caters for nine residents with very complex needs that no other establishment in Scotland can offer. I came to know this establishment very well as a number of years ago a Lay Reader friend from the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane was obliged to have her adult son admitted to Overbridge as there was no facility in Perth & Kinross that could meet his needs. I, then, began to visit this young man on a regular basis together with his mother who would travel from Perthshire for the occasion. You may imagine my dismay to learn that the private sector company running the Home is closing the facility effective from the end of February. The company concerned feels, amongst other issues, that they can no longer cope with the massively increased bureaucracy concerning the reporting of "incidents" to the Social Work Department. The increase in paperwork is a direct result of the Winterbourne Stoke Care Home scandal. Under the new regime "incidents" do not mean, as the average person might expect, solely inappropriate behaviour between carer and resident (and no one would argue with that), but encompass any incident between resident and resident. Now, a moment's thought will lead to the conclusion that this is, in a sense, to be expected as the residents all have challenging behaviour patterns as a direct result of their disabilities and not out of any moral choice of theirs to be "naughty". The result of the decision to close has profound implications for the current residents. The view is that each resident ought to return to their "home" local authority. The problem is that for the young man concerned, Perth & Kinross do not have specialist services that could meet his needs and he ended up in Pollokshields precisely because they could not meet his needs! Quite shockingly, it is being suggested that he could be sectioned to a locked ward in Ninewells Hospital Dundee. The young man's doctor is firmly of the view that it is not in his best interests.

All of this raises some profound questions for society. Have we reached an appropriate balance between bureaucratic regulation and putting the disabled person first? Why is it that, in a civilised society, we cannot offer reasonable facilities to those who need us the most? Why has the state managed, over a period of decades, to distance itself from being the “safety net” for the needy and ceding the job to the private sector which is driven by very different priorities? A study of the New Testament leads to the conclusion that the focus of the attention of Jesus was a deep empathy for the suffering. Surely, it cannot be any different for us. I appreciate that we cannot step in and run Overbridge Home and meet the needs of those residents. However, that is no excuse for dismissing the whole episode from mind. If the whole affair has reminded you that the profoundly disabled need your care and support, however you choose to interpret those two concepts, then the telling of this story will have been more than worthwhile. Of course, you can always make their plight the focus for special prayer during this period of Lent.

The Rector

### *The Bishop's Lent Appeal*

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Scotland in memory of dear Chris Zochowski who, as well as contributing so much to our life at St. Ninian's, was also the Secretary for the Diocese. MND Scotland not only supports people affected by Motor Neurone Disease and their families, but also funds vital research trying to find a cure for the disease.

Collection boxes are available as usual at the back of the church for people who wish to contribute money regularly throughout Lent. If, on the other hand, anyone would prefer to make a single donation please give it to Vivian Davey, the Treasurer, or Liz Booth, the Rector's Warden.

Vivian Davey

# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2018

\*\*\* indicates use of incense

- 4 Sun            *Lent 3*  
8am Morning Prayer  
8.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 11 Sun           *Lent 4 Mothering Sunday*  
8.30am Eucharist  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 18 Sun           *Passion Sunday*  
8.30am Eucharist  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy  
6pm Taizé Service
- 25 Sun           *Palm Sunday*  
8.30am Eucharist  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy\*\*\*
- 27 Tue           *Tuesday of Holy Week*  
9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharist
- 28 Weds         *Wednesday of Holy Week*  
9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharist
- 29 Thur          *Maunder Thursday*  
9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharist  
8pm Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy\*\*\*, procession  
to the Altar of Repose and Watch of Prayer
- 30 Fri            *Good Friday*  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
1pm Liturgy of the Cross  
2pm Liturgy of the Eucharist

## *Taizé Services*

David Spottiswoode and I are offering a “Taizé Service” for Passion Sunday (Sunday 18th March) at 6pm. We would very much appreciate your feedback as, if there is enthusiasm for this type of service, we would like to offer one on a regular basis.

Some of you may be familiar with the concept but if not, in general terms, a Taizé service combines the use of candlelight, silence, spoken meditative material and, most characteristically, the singing of “simple” melody chants just as we often do during the Sunday Eucharist. Such services have become very popular right across the Christian divide because, at best, an atmosphere is created which allows the individual to slow things right down and have a sense of peace and contentment even if they are not in a good place at the beginning of the service. In a mysterious way, a Taizé service allows the person to enjoy a sense of peace at the same time as feeling the corporate enthusiasm and atmosphere of the whole group. This style of worship was created by the ecumenical Taizé Community. Taizé is in Saone-et-Loire in Burgundy. It is composed of religious brothers, both Catholic and Protestant, and founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, a Presbyterian in upbringing. The Community has become one of the foremost pilgrimage sites with a focus on youth. As a sign of the ecumenical success of the Community, when, in 2005, Brother Roger was murdered in a knife attack by a deranged woman, his funeral was presided over by Cardinal Walter Kasper, the President of the Vatican’s Council for the Unity of Christians, and assisted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Community, although Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide. This is reflected in the music and the prayers at Taizé where songs and chants are sung in many languages. The music emphasises simple phrases, usually from the Psalms or Scripture, repeated and sometimes sung in canon. As I said above, the atmosphere at a Taizé service can be unique and many have found it a wonderful way to relax into the arms of the Almighty! Come and give it a try.

The Rector

## *Orkney Historic Churches*

The most important and amazing of these is St. Magnus’s Cathedral, the oldest surviving mediaeval cathedral in Scotland. It was founded in the early 12th century, just ahead of Glasgow Cathedral, but nothing of that early Glasgow building still survives. St. Magnus’s Cathedral is built of two local

sandstones, red and yellow. The name 'Kirkwall' means the church on the bay and refers to this church that was then on the edge of Kirkwall Bay. The cathedral is Romanesque in style and seems to have had masons working on it who had previously worked at Dunfermline Abbey and at Durham Cathedral. St. Magnus's Cathedral was built by the Norwegians since Scotland did not take over the islands till 1468, as part of a marriage treaty, where the dowry could not be paid by the king of Denmark and Norway. The Orkney islands were a loan till the dowry could be paid, but it never was. A skull found relatively recently in a pillar in the cathedral with the appropriate injury for Magnus's martyrdom and with carbon-dating for the correct period is thought to be his. With its tall tower and steeple, the cathedral is the tallest building in Kirkwall and can be seen from far off, especially if approaching by sea. An unusual feature of the running of the cathedral is that it is owned by the people of Orkney, though services are provided by the Church of Scotland. This can make for some unusual problems for the minister.

Part of an earlier church in Kirkwall, St. Olaf's, still survives as an archway but has been moved a small distance away from the original site. Other early churches are at St. Mary's at Burwick, ruins on the Brough of Birsay, foundations on the Brough of Deerness, St. Boniface's church on Papa Westray, Crosskirk and Ladykirk on Westray, St. Mary's on Wyre and St. Magnus's on Egilsay (church island). Some of these date back to late Pictish times, while others are from the Middle Ages. Some, like St. Peter's on Skail Bay and St. Magnus's in Birsay, may well be on very early foundations. This last may be where St. Magnus's bones were first buried in Christchurch Cathedral or that may have been on the Brough of Birsay. St. Peter's comes under a trust now but can still be used for weddings. St. Magnus's Birsay is also under a local trust and is used for concerts, exhibitions and other events. The church at Burwick, which contains a stone with a footprint carved into it, possibly a Pictish installation stone, is soon to be developed as a heritage centre. St Magnus's Egilsay is near the site of the martyrdom. It is unusual in having a tall round tower. A round church, or part of one, is at a Norse site in Orphir. It is thought that an earl on returning from a crusade brought the idea of such a church back from the Holy Land. There are many other churches around the islands or sites of them. Several have become homes in recent years with the amalgamation of parishes, or church union earlier in the 20th century.

Margaret E. Anderson

## *Christian Aid*

Christian Aid Week 2017 focused on the plight of the tens of millions of people fleeing their homes because of war, conflicts and disaster. Thanks to your generosity, we have provided refugee camps in Greece with new kitchen facilities and food assistance, reaching more than 62,700 refugees. This year the focus is on internally displaced people who fall under the radar for most help.

With the Scottish government, Christian Aid has supported communities in Balaka, Malawi, to demand quality maternity and child health services with funding from the Malawi Development Fund. As a result, government spending in health has increased in the region, improving services and reducing maternal mortality rates. Also, with the Side By Side movement and the Scottish Episcopal Church, training sessions were delivered on how to use the Biblical discussion toolkit on gender justice called Loving Another.  
Rosemary Anwar

### *From a letter to the Members of St Ninian's from Save the Children*

A **HUGE THANK YOU** for raising £405 in aid of our Rohingya Crisis appeal. Since 25th August, 647,000 people have fled an eruption of violence in the Northern Rakhine state of Myanmar, arriving in the Bangladeshi district of Cox's Bazaar hungry, exhausted, and often with nothing but the clothes on their back. They are in desperate need of food, shelter and healthcare. Cold weather and heavy rainfall is making a desperate situation even worse.

Save the Children is on the ground, working closely with the Bangladeshi government to meet this need. We've distributed hundreds of shelter kits, set up 'child friendly spaces' to support children's emotional wellbeing and we're running child protection services and providing support to unaccompanied children.

Your support has helped us reach people like Majuma and her one-year-old son Rahmmot (not their real names). They were forced to flee their village in Northern Rakhine State after the breakout of violence and ruthless attacks put their lives at risk. When they arrived in Bangladesh, our Save the Children team on the ground provided Majuma's family with vital

## *March Mindings*

3	Stanley Coulsell	17	Albert Pickford
	Wynne Clark		Harry Merrick
4	Larry Moncrieff		Mary Christine Edmunds
7	Joy Quinn	18	Martha Scott
8	Helen Webb		Douglas Reid, priest and Rector
	Margaret Arrol	19	Florence (Maud) Parsons
9	Ernest Black	21	Jessie Porteous
	Violet Black	22	Mary Oswald
10	Marjorie Smillie		Marjorie White
11	Frank Cole		Sheila Moncrieff
12	Jimmy Kirk	23	John McQueen
13	Isa Cauley	24	Tommy Coupar
	James Walker		Edward Hardy
15	Gordon Rendall	30	Gladys Brown
16	Elsie Shearer Junior	31	Isabelle Slingo



life-saving distributions including shelter, food and basic kitchen and hygiene items.

We will continue to do whatever it takes to brighten the future of Majuma and her family and support them through the struggle of this desperate situation. We would not be able to do this without the help of supporters like you – thank you.

Contributed by Vivian Davey

Cover photo: detail of St John the Evangelist from the Vyšehrad Codex, Prague, dating from the 11th century, probably created for the coronation of King Vratislav in 1085. Photo: David Pritchard.

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### **Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Valentine coffee morning. Despite the small turnout, we raised £270 for church funds. Thanks also to the generous donations given by those who could not attend. Many thanks to Lorna "Hawker" for making up the illuminating basket for the raffle. Rory Anderson won this and was delighted.

Yvonne & Joyce S

My thanks to those who contribute to the baking stall by donation of kind and cash. It is all very welcome. However, re the raffle, may I point out that food or drink handed in for the raffle – or for the bottle stall – **must be in date**. We cannot risk people becoming ill because of out-of-date products. It would reflect very badly on the church. At the last raffle a large box of chocolates was won by one of those running the coffee morning and was out-of-date. Luckily it was not one of our visitors who won it.

Margaret E. Anderson.

### **March Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 10 March, 10:00 – 12:00**

### **Book Group**

We would welcome new members. We read a book chosen by the members once a month and usually meet after the coffee morning at Coco's across the road.

Rosemary Anwar

### **Foodbank**

Thank you to our regular donors; we could do with some more as the need is still great. All donations go directly to the foodbank. At the last time of asking, they said that they could do with tinned fruit, but long-life milk, tinned veg, soup, etc. are always needed.

Rosemary Anwar

### **Prayers for Healing**

Please keep praying for little Jacob Eli Chapman (5) who is recovering from a 7-hour operation. Please also keep his parents, Paul and Suzanne, and his grandparents, Michael and Bernadette, in your prayers. Many thanks, your prayers are always greatly appreciated.

Alva Caldwell

### **Men Who Lunch**

The next one will be on Tuesday, 13/03/2018 at 12.30pm in the White Cart Inn, Busby. Intimations to Graham Vahey on 0775 481-2836 or gvahey@mac.com by Sunday, 11/03/2018 please.

### **Mary's Meals.**

The donations raised at Pollokshields Churches Together lunch in our church hall recently amounted to £215.00.

### **Magazine Donations**

Thank you for your generous donations - Mrs A Young and Mrs D. Rendall. Much appreciated.

JS

## *World Day of Prayer*

By the time the magazine is out, this year's service will have taken place. Those taking part will have come from the four participating churches in Pollokshields. Unusually, the WDP group is the same for Pollokshields as the Churches Together group, with the addition now of Mossspark, previously in a Mossspark group. The Pollokshields group is part of the wider South West Glasgow area which comprises nine groups of churches. I have recently become co-coordinator of the area. We go as far west as Cardonald and as far south as Newton Mearns. Some of the groups have about eight churches while others have only three. We are part of the Glasgow group which has about five area coordinators. The Glasgow committee meets most months from October to April to plan for the service and to have Bible studies based on the theme of the year's service. The Glasgow executive has a more hands-on role dealing with finances and general administration. The overall Scottish committee provides the material for us that we have requested for each year. Representatives from Scotland go to international meetings to plan the services ahead - about six years ahead now - and what the theme will be and who the host country will be. We are part of a world-wide organisation.

Margaret E. Anderson.

## *Christian Solidarity Worldwide for March.*

Coptic Christians in Egypt are being targeted, include a priest killed with a cleaver in the autumn, and bombings. Other religious groups are being attacked too. Tying into International Women's Day, a series of women fighting for religious freedom are being prayed for - Ladies in White in Cuba, Michelle Chaudry in Pakistan, Wang Hongwu in China fighting for her husband, a pastor's, release from prison for his work with Living Stone Church, Tran Thi Hong of Vietnamese Women for Human Rights who has been suffering harassment and beatings, and Helen Berhane of Eritrea, beaten and imprisoned for over 32 months in a container with no light, ventilation or food. Vietnam has many instances of severe persecution against Christians, such as individuals like Nguyen Van Dai, now nearly 800 days into his imprisonment without trial for his stance as a human rights lawyer, or Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh, serving an 11 year sentence for his beliefs, though the crime is disguised as a political one. The campaign goes on for the Iranian Christians imprisoned with severe sentences for attending weddings or having church picnics. Protestants in Mexico are having to deal with major problems but so are Roman Catholic priests. Some of the themes may seem to you to be repeated from earlier articles but that is sadly because so many of these situations continue. Check the CSW website for more details.

Margaret E. Anderson

## DUTY ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>4 March</b> Lent 3	<b>11 March</b> Lent 4, Mothering Sunday	<b>18 March</b> Passion Sunday
<b>Sides-people</b>	A Marr A Caldwell	E Graham C Graham	G Vahey E Laurie
<b>Readers</b>	I Stainsby	L Lucas	C Shearer
<b>Readings</b>	Ex 20.1-17 1 Cor 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	Exodus 2.1-10 2 Cor 1.3-7 Luke 2. 33-35	Jer 31.31-34 Heb 5.5-10 John 12.20-33
<b>Servers</b>	(r) S Whitton  (l) P Whitton  (th)	I Nairn  R Anwar	R Anwar  I Nairn
<b>Intercessions</b>	Rector	E Rodgers	S Walker
<b>Elements</b>	N Gordon A Forrest	L Booth T Baylis	J Seenan E Graham
<b>Coffee</b>	D Sinclair J Sinclair V Rodgers	A Forrest T Baylis K Zochowska	J McLean C Shearer J Maxwell
<b>Welcomer</b>	C Graham	S Whitton	E Graham

## DUTY ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>25 March</b> Palm Sunday	<b>1 April</b> Easter Sunday
<b>Sides-people</b>	J Sinclair D Sinclair	J McLean M Montgomery
<b>Readers</b>	J Maxwell	G Vahey
<b>Readings</b>	Passion Gospel	Isaiah 25.6-9 1 Cor 15.1-11 Mark 16.1-8
<b>Servers</b>	(r) S Whitton  (l) P Whitton  (th) J Whannel	S Whitton  R Anwar  I Nairn
<b>Intercessions</b>	I Nairn	P Whitton
<b>Elements</b>	C Seenan N Gordon	A Forrest L Booth
<b>Coffee</b>	A Marr Y Grieve A Grieve	
<b>Welcomer</b>		C Graham



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## *The Vestry*

The Rector, Liz Booth, Irene Nairn, Vivian Davey, Angela Forrest, Thomas Baylis, Joyce Maxwell, Christine Shearer, Lesley Lucas, Eileen Graham, Graham Vahey, Catherine Cumming.

## *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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