

**THE MAGAZINE OF
SAINT NINIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(Corner of Albert Drive and Pollokshaws Road Glasgow)**

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November 2019

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)

First Saturday of each month: 10:00 am Healing Service

Saints' Days Eucharist as announced

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Rector writes

The weekend I wrote this missive has been a weekend of memories – or, to be more precise, the recall of memories. On Sunday morning, we gathered at St Margaret’s for our annual South Regional Council joint Eucharist. It was, as ever, a splendid occasion underlining the deep links that exist between the clergy and people of the respective churches. Sitting in my stall, the memories flooded back of my time as an NSM at St Margaret’s. It was interesting to observe that in some ways nothing has changed but, yet, all had changed. We have created something special in our joint services. This, at best, should be the setting for creating our own bank of memories to sustain us into the future.

In the afternoon of the Sunday, I joined my cousins at my aunt’s house as we looked at her belongings following her recent death. My cousins were anxious that I take some mementos as keepsakes as I had been particularly close to my aunt and uncle. On the face of it, then, a melancholy event but not so, for in the discovering of items in her house, the memories and the stories came flooding back. For instance, we found an old photo album which contained photos of my childhood – photos of my siblings, my parents and grandparents; photos I had never seen nor even knew existed. I returned to the rectory with several photos and other keepsakes - a mixture of emotions as yet another set of family memories flooded my grey cells. To complete my Sunday, I watched Woody Allen’s semi-autobiographical film *Radio Days*. A splendid and charming film in which the narrator uses listening to the radio as a boy in the New York of the 1930s and 1940s as the means to recall the significant events of his childhood and what happened to his extended family.

The Jewish people as our spiritual ancestors were and are a people of recalled memory and by extension, as Christians, so are we. There are many examples of the Jewish people being asked to “remember” some or other event displaying God’s graciousness or glory. To give but one example, in the book of Exodus, at chapter 13, Moses tells the tribes: “When in the future your child asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall answer, ‘By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.’” And so, to this day, at every Passover ceremony a child is given the task of asking the vital “why?” questions and in turn the eldest male supplies the answers and thus re-creates through re-lived memory the deliverance of God’s people.

We learn and grow by meditating upon the experience of the past – of those memories, good and bad, that make us and shape us into the people God would have us be. By the time you read the next edition of the magazine, the season of Advent will have commenced. I think this Advent (quite separately from the work tackled in the Thursday Advent course by those who attend) would be a good opportunity to look back at events in order to better understand the coming of Christ. Advent supremely exists to mark the climax of the imminent fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies on God’s complete participation in God’s creation through the incarnation.

The Rector

November mindings

1	Alice (Babs) Gravell	15	Zbigniew Zochowski
2	Jack Gravell	16	Kathleen Tait
	Douglas Gennis		Jeanette Neesham
	Margaret Scott	17	Jean Whalin
	Alan Lyell	21	Alaster Hinds
7	Hilda Pickford	22	Elizabeth Irvine
8	Artemio Lumbag	27	Gilbert McDougall
	Brian O’Hara		Hilda Kirk
11	Douglas Marr	29	Margaret Beattie
12	Thomas White	30	James Beattie
	David Sharpe		John Lowrie



DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2019

*** indicates use of incense

- 1 Fri** *All Saints*
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Eucharist

- 2 Sat *All Souls*
 9.30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Eucharist
HEALING SERVICE CANCELLED
- 3 Sun *Pentecost 21*
 8am Morning Prayer
 8.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
 Baptism of Louis Arrol
 6.30pm Taizé service
- 7 Thu 10am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 9 Sat 10.00am-12.00 noon Coffee morning
- 10 Sun *Remembrance Sunday*
 8.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
VESTRY MEETING
- 12 Tue 12.30pm Men who lunch
- 14 Thu 10am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 17 Sun *Pentecost 23*
 8.30am Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 21 Thu 10am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 7.30pm PCT meeting at Pollokshields Parish Church
- 24 Sun *Christ the King*
 8.30am Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy***
- 28 Thu 10am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
WEEK 1 OF ADVENT COURSE
- 29 Fri 7.30pm The Wonderers at the Rectory

Coffee morning

Many thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and effort to make the coffee morning a success. We raised £275 for church funds and £46 for Save The Children.



Christine and Joyce

November coffee morning

Saturday 9 November

10:00am – 12:00 noon

Please come along and support us!

Prayers for healing

Please pray for Moira Watson, John Murphy, and Ian and Twinks Read. Very many thanks, your prayers are always very much appreciated.



Alva Caldwell

Magazine

Many thanks to Mr G and Mrs V Vahey, and Mrs D Wason for your generous donations.

JS

Lent hymn competition

You have one month to submit your entries, in person, by email, post, interpretive dance, anything except oral dictation. Thank you.

DS

AGM

Date for your diary – the AGM this year will take place on 8 December.

This year we will be looking for 5 members of the congregation to join the vestry to bring us up to full strength – perhaps YOU could give this some serious thought. If you have any questions about what the role involves, please feel free to ask members of the present vestry.

Irene

Men who lunch

The November meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 12.30pm at the White Cart Inn, Busby. Intimations to me by Sunday, 10 November 2019 please.

Graham Vahey

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Mothers' Union Christmas lunch

Please join us at the Redhurst Hotel on 11 December for a three-course meal followed by tea or coffee. The cost is £20. There is a menu in the hall with a sign up sheet. Everyone is welcome. Please add your name so that I can give approximate numbers to the hotel and make the booking.

Lesley Lucas

Church cleaner

At the present moment, the vestry is looking for a cleaner for the church. Does anyone know someone who would be interested in this position? 2 hours per week and we can be fairly flexible about the timing. If you know anyone who is interested – please ask them to give me a call on 639 2973.

Irene

Glasgow walks

Margaret Anderson has offered to organise a guided walk of Glasgow in aid of church funds. For those who may not know, Margaret is a professional tour guide and has a wealth of knowledge on Glasgow. The walk will last for approximately 75 minutes and it is intended to finish with a tea/coffee and cake at a suitable venue. The cost will be £10 per person - £5 to cover the refreshments and £5 for church funds. It is hoped that this walk (which could be the first of many as Margaret has 52 walks in her repertoire) will take place in the spring when the weather is hopefully more favourable. If you are interested there is a list on the notice board for you to sign up - after the names have been collected, a date and time will be decided.

Irene

Doors Open Day

This was very successful, with 75 adults and 14 children visiting the church on the Saturday, all very impressed with the size and beauty of the church. Thanks to all the helpers who gave out information. Ghauri (5) and Dhanashree (3) Bansode were among the visitors.

Rosemary Anwar



Photos: Liz Booth

A life remembered

If you have been attending St Ninian's for over 30 years, you will remember Joan and Henry Zinn. Joan was a faithful member of St Ninian's and was instrumental in setting up the PCT holiday club.

Joan Zinn was born at 11 Hyde Road Eastbourne on 2 September 1936 to Lucinda and Frank Loftus. She was raised an only child and during the second world war was evacuated to Newmarket, Watford and Glasgow. In Newmarket she spent 18 happy months with family and in particular with her cousin Margaret. Returning to Hyde Road after the war, she began helping her mother with running the guest-house in which they stayed. Her role was to talk to the guests and make them feel at home; experience that prepared her well for life. She enjoyed school and especially Eastbourne Grammar School where she was a diligent student. At 18 mum worked at a local chemist in Meads and this prompted her to take up a medical career, starting nursing training at Eastbourne General Hospital. After a successful SRN qualification, mum moved to Spitalfields in the East End of London. Based at the London hospital, she began her district nursing qualification and served the poor in the East End for many happy years. At Christchurch Spitalfields, mum met her husband-to-be, Henry, and they were married on 9 May 1964. In 1965 and 1966, Jonathan and I were born and after beginning life in Manor Park, the family moved to Ilford, Essex, in 1971. We enjoyed many family activities together with mum teaching Jonathan and me tennis and cricket. Mum and I ran an art club on Saturday morning for my friends. The Jewish faith was important to both my mum and dad and as well as attending St Andrew's Parish Church in Ilford they were active members of Messianic Testimony and CMJ. We always celebrated the Passover meal with mum providing food for sometimes over 30 friends in our home.

In 1981 we moved to Glasgow as my father's career in insurance progressed. After 8 months he sadly suffered serious brain damage from a car accident and my mum's life changed forever. Many would have abdicated responsibility at this point; my mum didn't. As Churchill said: "If you're going through hell, keep going!" And she did.

Mum always had a caring nature and was welcoming to anyone who was in need. During her time in Glasgow she developed a kids' club with her friend Lesley for some of the children from the local housing estate. The children responded to her warmth and simple welcome and many young people were led to faith in Jesus. St Ninian's Church welcomed my mum and these children so warmly.

There were many happy moments too and Mum absolutely loved holidays – to Egypt, Russia and visiting her nephew for a family occasion in New Zealand. Of

course, trips to the Holy Land were a major feature of our early family life.

Returning to Eastbourne in 1992 brought mum a lot of happiness, especially her frequent school reunions. A spiritual home was found here in St Mary's church where she became a well-known and faithful, if not entirely punctual, member of the congregation. She enjoyed the Towner Art Gallery, the sea front and trips to the pantomime at Christmas. She welcomed foreign students into her home and continued to host and lead the Jerusalem Prayer Fellowship; a faithful witness over many years.

In the last few weeks of her life we saw a fusion of beauty and sadness. Ken, Lois, Tatiana, Angus and I realised we were privileged to spend so much time with my mum. In the midst of the discomfort there were many happy moments, boisterous silly songs and storytelling.

We will always be grateful that my mum was able to come home for her final days. Our home became her home, which extended a palliative approach – surrounding us all with beauty and shining grace. Solace was found in the trust of our Lord, which seemingly presented as a moment of utter powerlessness which constantly became a core moment of greatest love and comfort. My mum loved to sing *Abide With Me* and I loved the last verse.

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heavens morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

Please remember Joan and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Zinn Family, contributed by Lesley Lucas

Cover photo: the west window at St Ninian's. Photo: Graham Vahey.
If you have any photos suitable for the front cover, please send them with a brief description. Credit will be given for any photos used. Thank you.

Advent course 2019

This year I will be offering an advent course entitled “Expecting Christ” written by Bishop David Wilbourne. In the words of the author, “...in this course we look at several moments in our faith and lives where a door opens and lets Christ in, catching the sense of expectancy which not only comes at the season of Advent, but throughout the year...” The course is divided into four sessions: *Expecting Christ in family; Expecting Christ in me; Expecting Christ in prayer* and *Expecting Christ in the end*.

Each participant will receive their own booklet to take home and use, which has material to read and questions to tackle pertaining to the session. Also, there is a CD of interviews with different people to illustrate and amplify the session. As we have developed over the past years we will tackle the sessions and listen to the CD over a nice cup of tea. You will appreciate that you will not get the best out of the course if you are not willing to take a booklet and read the material for each session and, of course, bring your booklet to each session. I will put a “sign-up” sheet on the notice board nearer the time so I can get an idea of how many booklets to distribute. Of course, even if you don’t sign up you are still very welcome to attend. The logistics of the calendar this year mean that we will need to start the course in the week before Advent starts to fit in all four sessions. The sessions will occur on 28 November and 5, 12 and 19 December.

The Rector

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

I apologise for not keeping you all up-to-date on this recently. We are asked to pray for the public affairs team as they try to raise awareness in the UK parliament, the UN, the EU and other international arenas of the many millions suffering due to religious persecution and human rights violations. In the Central African Republic, despite the restoration of democratic rule, there is still much violence often with sectarian aspects. Some Christian and Muslim groups have been able to celebrate their big festivals in peace. In Vietnam, nearly all religious groups are reporting severe violations of freedom of religion. Prayers are particularly asked for the imprisoned Pastor Ton and the human rights lawyer Nguyen Bac Truyen. Cuba is still suffering lack of religious freedom and of human rights. 17 November is the International Day for the Persecuted Church, and Red Wednesday, 27 November, is to raise awareness of Christians persecuted. As always, please refer to the CSW website for more details.

Margaret E. Anderson

Journeying: pilgrim holidays in Britain and Ireland

Journeying started life in 1988, leading small groups of people on pilgrimage to the more remote parts of Britain and Ireland, following in the footsteps of the early Celtic saints. We remain non-profit-seeking with a spiritual ethos and a faith journey in a small, informal, personal way.

Leaders are volunteers and come from all walks of life, and from a wide range of denominations, from ordained ministers to charity workers and business people. They are all experienced in leading group walking holidays and have discovered a closeness to God through travel to remote places and have a passion to share this with others.

Below is the 2020 Journeying Holiday Programme:

Dates	Title	Location
27 April-4 May	Magic Mull... including Staffa, Iona and the Treshnish Isles	The Isle of Mull
16-23 May	North Wales Odyssey	North Wales, based at Old Colwyn
22-25 May	By gentle waters... Llangors Lake and the Brecon Beacons	Brecon Beacons, mid Wales
27 June-3 July	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire
13-18 July	Croagh Patrick... Ireland's Holy Mountain	Co. Mayo, Ireland
18-24 July	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire
15-21 August	Way of St David	St Davids, Pembrokeshire

Extra... The close cultural and spiritual links between South West Wales and South East Ireland, form the backdrop to an additional set of holiday journeys currently being prepared for 2020. Details will be available, early New Year.

If you would like further details including photographs, about Journeying and our 2020 programme, do get in touch by any of the means noted below. Feel free to use any items on the website. We offer a warm Christian welcome to all.

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DUTY ROTAS

Date	3 November Pentecost 21	10 November Remembrance	17 November Pentecost 23
Sidespeople	L Arrol J Arrol	J Sinclair D Sinclair	J McLean M Montgomery
Readers	L Lucas	C Shearer	J Maxwell
Readings	Is 1.10-18 2 Th 1.1-4,11-12 Lk 19.1-10	Job 19.21-27 1 Cor 15.51-57 John 6. 37-40	Mal 4.1-2a 2 Th 3.6-13 Lk 21.5-19
Servers	(r) I Nairn (l) P Whitton (th)	R Anwar I Nairn	I Nairn P Whitton
Intercessions	S Walker	Y Grieve	P Whitton
Elements	E Graham A Forrest	N Gordon T Baylis	R Anwar L Arrol
Coffee	A Forrest T Baylis E Laurie	J McLean C Shearer J Maxwell	D Sinclair J Sinclair A Forrest
Welcomer		E Graham	

DUTY ROTAS

Date	24 November Christ the King	1 December Advent 1
Sidespeople	E Graham C Graham	A Marr A Caldwell
Readers	G Vahey	T Baylis
Readings	Jer 23.1-6 Col 1.11-20 Lk 23.33-43	Is 2.1-5 Rom 13.11-14 Mt 24.36-44
Servers	(r) S Whitton (l) P Whitton (th) J Whannel	I Nairn R Anwar
Intercessions	E Rodgers	I Nairn
Elements	L Booth A Forrest	E Graham N Gordon
Coffee	A Marr Y Grieve V Rodgers	A Forrest T Baylis E Laurie
Welcomer	C Graham	



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Vestry Secretary	Irene Nairn
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Property Convener	Vacant

The Vestry

The Rector, Liz Booth, Irene Nairn, Vivian Davey, Angela Forrest, Thomas Baylis, Joyce Maxwell, Eileen Graham, Catherine Cumming, David Spottiswoode, Nancy Bain.

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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