

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

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February 2020

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

A recent article in a magazine caught my eye which was entitled "Singing for the Soul: The Joy of Singing Together". It seemed a happy coincidence that it was just a couple of weeks ago that I had announced the winner of the competition to write the lyrics of a hymn suitable for Lent. I shall return to that. In the meantime, I want to quote two extracts from the article. The first is this:

"Congregational singing has the power to create community, form and transform the heart and mind, and transport a person completely into a spiritual dimension unlike any other". The second is this: *"community has always been something that human beings have longed for, we are created to live in community and we need to find places to meet and share our lives with others".*

Both quotes sum up for me what is precious about the role of music in the liturgy. At best, music is the binding agent that assists the Holy Spirit in turning a group of very different people, who meet to worship, into a community. Music in church should never be about individual egos nor a docile congregation listening to what amounts to a concert delivered by the choir. This is *our* music and David S. and I have worked very hard over the years to bring as much variety of styles to the hymn singing and settings for the Eucharist that are practical in our particular circumstances.

It was in that spirit we decided to invite you to write the words for a new Lent hymn. As you know, David Pritchard submitted his entry entitled "Save Us". David S. has composed a very fitting setting for it and in due course you will sing it. I wanted you at this stage to familiarise yourselves with the lyrics to better appreciate the skill of David P. David has chosen a very classic Lenten theme to anchor the verses: the temptation of Jesus in the desert. However, instead of just focussing on what Jesus may have suffered, David has very movingly linked Jesus' suffering with our very human struggles. Each verse deals with a different aspect of our human condition; thus, verse 1 deals with hunger (literal and spiritual) and pain. Verse 2 tackles perverted political power and pomp; and, verse 3 tackles the vexed issue of false versions of religious experience. Each verse is separated by a refrain but, unusually and brilliantly, each refrain is subtly

different from the one preceding it. Here is the hymn in its entirety –

Save us when our hunger wracks us,
When our pain is hard to bear,
When we cannot see beyond them,
Nourish us to praise and care.
Jesus, fasting in the desert, share your strength and meet us there.
Save us when the earthly rulers
Offer us authority,
Whisper “You could end injustice
If you’d only worship me.”
Jesus, tempted in the desert, share your strength and set us free.
Save us when religion fools us,
Teaches us contempt for all,
Raises us in pride to power,
Bids us leap – and lets us fall.
Jesus, humble in the desert, share your strength and hear our call.

David S. has composed a memorable setting with an arresting simplicity that does not obscure the strength and power of the lyrics but serves to partner them in the best traditions of hymn composing. It also has the happy advantage of being very singable! I am very sure the hymn will be another uplifting addition to our growing list of hymns which enhance our worship. Both Davids deserve our praise and thanks for their gifts to our community. Lent will soon be with us and this new hymn can only serve to enhance our spiritual experience of the season.

The Rector

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2020

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| 1 Sat | 10am Healing Service |
| 2 Sun | <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> |
| | 8am Morning Prayer |
| | 8.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy |
| | 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy |

- 6 Thu** **10am** Memorial Eucharist for Rose
Lumbag 1970 Liturgy
7.30pm South Regional Council meeting at
St Ninian's
- 8 Sat** **10-12** Coffee Morning
Requiem and Service of Dedication of Holy
Cross Memorial Gardens at St Bride's
- 9 Sun** ***Epiphany 5***
8.30am Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 13 Thu** **10am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 16 Sun** ***Epiphany 6***
8.30am Eucharist 1982 Eucharist
10.15am Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
Vestry meeting
- 20 Thu** **10am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 23 Sun** ***Epiphany 7 - Sunday before Lent***
8.30am Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy***
- 26 Wed** ***Ash Wednesday***
10.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Sung Eucharist
- 27 Thu** **10am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy

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		



Fire evacuation

The Vestry would like to thank the congregation for participating in the fire evacuation in November. The Vestry reviewed the evacuation and has taken on board some things to do differently in future including

1. Asking people with mobility issues to stay seated until a fire warden can give assistance
2. Everyone should go to the meeting point once they have left the building, i.e. the first set of wooden doors at the Tramway
3. We will, as previously decided, increase the number of fire wardens so that we are adequately covered for holidays and illnesses etc.

You may be interested to know that we managed to get everyone out in under 3 minutes. Perhaps next time we will not announce that a fire evacuation will take place but in the meantime many thanks for taking part.

Irene Nairn

December coffee morning

The Vestry would like to thank everyone for their help in organising the December Coffee Morning. We are grateful to those who donated items to the stalls, raffles and the Christmas Hampers and to Lorna Hawker for assembling the hampers. We would thank everyone who supported the coffee morning which raised over £500 was raised for church funds.

Irene

Valentine's coffee morning

Saturday February 8
10.00 - 12.00

100/100 Santa boxes

I was lucky enough to have the winning ticket for the Santa Poster, and I wish to give my grateful thanks to Joyce and David Sinclair for all their hard work in running this fundraiser for the church. Many thanks.

Eileen Graham

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

Glasgow City Walks

Just a reminder that the sign-up sheet for those interested in taking part in the Guided City Walk(s) with Margaret Anderson is on the notice board. Sign up by 16 February, so that a suitable date can be arranged - thank you.

Irene Nairn

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is for Glasgow City Mission, the world's first city mission. Since 1826, it has been showing Christian care to vulnerable adults and children by fighting against poverty and disadvantage in Glasgow. Collection boxes will be available as usual at the back of the church for those 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, Treasurer, or Liz Booth, Rector's Warden.

Vivian Davey

Magazine donations

Thank you for your generous donations: Mrs R Whyte and Anon. Robin sends her best wishes to all her friends.

JS

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer organisation is indeed world-wide. At the more local level, we have a Scottish Committee, a Glasgow one, a south-west Glasgow area and a Pollokshields district one. I'm involved with the latter three but in touch with members of the Scottish committee. Alison Gifford and I are the SEC reps on the Glasgow committee, which meets about five times a year, to prepare the service for the following March and to report on it afterwards; we also have bible studies linked to the service.

I am also convener of the south-west Glasgow area. This consists now of eight groups of churches Newton Mearns, Cardonald, Thornliebank/Darnley, Pollokshaws/Shawlands, Ibrox, Govan, Pollok, and Pollokshields. Some of these are large groups of about nine churches, while others are only three. In the areas, we meet after the main Glasgow meeting held in early October, maybe in later November, when the materials for each area are handed out to the reps of each group. In some cases the same person organises the area each year, while in others it rotates; there are advantages in both ways. We discuss the service and any problems which might arise. After this the reps of each district hold a meeting in late January of the churches in their group and plan the actual service. In Pollokshields, unusually, the group is the same as PCT churches, but in other district it is different.

Another challenge recently is that in the past it was the Guild which organised the service. Many churches no longer have Guilds or equivalent, and in any case, in Scotland it has not been the Women's World Day of Prayer for many decades, so there is no reason why only women are involved. In Pollokshields we have ourselves, St Albert's, Pollokshields Parish Church and Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish church. This year St Albert's will host it, on 6 March at 2 pm. The theme is from the women of Zimbabwe about the man lying beside the pool waiting for healing, when Jesus told him to take up his mat and walk.

Many of you will know how interesting these services are. They show us the problems faced by women in these other countries and it is interesting to see how they differ from ours - or how they are just the same. Do try to come along, or even offer to take part in one of the readings or activities. You will be very welcome.

Margaret E. Anderson

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

We are asked in February to pray for the work CSW and others do at the UN and with the Human Rights Council to fight for freedom of religion, and those persecuted as they fight for that and other human rights. Cuban laws have made things much more problematic for churches. They are 'more at risk than criminals and bandits' from the police. The churches are defying the rules and taking risks. China is imprisoning many for religious beliefs, including Christians and Uyghur Muslims, the latter being 're-educated' in camps. John Dayal in India is facing death threats for his stance against the religious persecution of minorities in India. Many others are in a similar position and suffering injustices and false imprisonment. Please pray for all these situations. As always you can get detailed information from the CSW website.

Margaret E. Anderson

Getting to know you: Jim McLean

How long have you been coming to St Ninian's? Approx. 40 years.

Please tell us something about your faith journey.

As a boy of 12, I was staying near St Matthew's Church Possilpark, and was a member of the 140th Glasgow Company of the Boys' Brigade attached to it. This required attendance at Bible Class every Sunday and several Church parades in the Church at Evensong or Sung Eucharist.

At Evensong, it was the custom during the sermon to switch off the lights except the one in the pulpit. This had the effect on me of transcending the uninspiring surroundings.

The words of the Eucharist were a revelation, such as "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the glory, the victory and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all: both riches and honour come of thee, and of thine own do we give unto thee".

With several others, I was enrolled for a catechism class and was duly baptised and confirmed.

What is/was your job/profession?

In June 1951, I started work as an office junior with B.E.A., the airline that flew within the UK and to Europe. This was at the booking office at Renfrew. The transition from school to office routine took a bit of getting used to, but the

promise of getting on a flight after a year more than compensated!

Where did you grow up?

In Maryhill, Ruchill and Milton.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

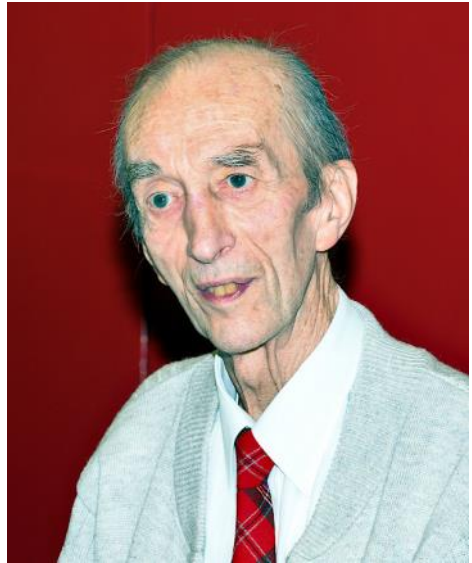
A steam engine driver.

Who or what is the greatest love of your life?

My wife (she says I have to say that!)

What do you owe to your parents?

From my mother, her unconditional devoted loving care of me, from my father, an enquiring mind and a love of music. He liked to sing and we had a 78rpm gramophone.



When were you happiest?

When I was four, my parents took me by train on a daytrip to Saltcoats. It was sunny and my first trip to the seaside. I was given a bag of popcorn and buttermilk. For a short time I experienced a brief feeling of ecstasy that I committed to memory and has never been surpassed.

What is your greatest fear?

Thank God, at the moment I don't have any conscious ones.

What is your earliest memory?

Looking over my father's or uncle's shoulder at the Empire Exhibition at Bellahouston Park in 1939.

What is your favourite book?

Fate is the Hunter by Ernest Gann. An autobiography of a commercial pilot during the period 1930-1970, when flying was not as safe as it is today. He lost more than a few colleagues and had the gift of making you feel you were in the cockpit with him.

What is your favourite hymn, and why?

The strife is o'er, the battle done: mainly because of the words and music, but if you have languished in Lent, it provides a restrained but triumphant contrast.

Which Biblical character (other than Jesus!) would you most like to meet, and why?

Pontius Pilate. I think we might have an interesting conversation over an excellent meal and of course wine!

What is the most surprising thing about you?

Given that I was given a grade IV at my national service medical, that I'm still around!

Photo: Susan Walker

Volunteers for future issues are always welcome - let me know! IS

Requiem and Service of Dedication

The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus and Interim Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, extends to all a warm invitation to the Dedication Service of the new Holy Cross Memorial Garden. This will take place on Saturday, 8 February 2020. The Garden is in the grounds of St Bride's Scottish Episcopal Church, 69 Hyndland Road, Glasgow, G12 9UX.

A requiem will be celebrated at 11.00am for all those whose remains are in the Holy Cross Memorial Garden and the Dedication Service will follow at 12.00 noon.

There will be a buffet lunch in the church hall immediately following the Service of Dedication, to which all are welcome.

Contributed by Irene Nairn

Cover photo

A Candlemas arrangement from 2019. Photo: Susan Walker.

If you have any photos suitable for the front cover, please send them with a brief description - thank you.

IS

DUTY ROTAS

Date	2 February Presentation	9 February Epiphany 5	16 February Epiphany 6
Sides-people	J Sinclair D Sinclair	J McLean M Montgomery	E Graham C Graham
Readers	G Vahey	Y Grieve	S Walker
Readings	Mal 3.1-4 Heb 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40	Is 58.1-9 1 Cor 2.1-12 Mt 5.13-20	Sir 15.15-20 1 Cor 3.1-9 Mt 5.21-37
Servers	(r) S Whitton (l) P Whitton (th)	R Anwar I Nairn	S Whitton J Whannel
Intercessions	P Whitton	E Rodgers	I Nairn
Elements	R Anwar A Forrest	N Gordon T Baylis	R Anwar L Booth
Coffee	A Forrest T Baylis E Laurie	D Sinclair J Sinclair A Forrest	A Marr Y Grieve V Rodgers
Welcomer		E Graham	C Graham

DUTY ROTAS

Date	23 February Sunday before Lent	1 March Lent 1
Sides-people	A Marr E Laurie	J Sinclair D Sinclair
Readers	D Pritchard	I Stainsby
Readings	Lev 19.1-2, 9-18 1 C 3.10-11,16-23 Mt 5.38-48	Gen 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Ro 5.12-19 Mt 4.1-11
Servers	(r) R Anwar (l) P Whitton (th) I Nairn	I Nairn R Anwar
Intercessions	Rector	S Walker
Elements	E Graham A Forrest	L Arrol N Gordon
Coffee	J McLean C Shearer J Maxwell	A Forrest T Baylis E Laurie
Welcomer		



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The Vestry

The Rector, Liz Booth, Irene Nairn, Vivian Davey, Angela Forrest , Thomas Baylis, Catherine Cumming, David Spottiswoode, Nancy Bain, David Pritchard, Rosemary Anwar, Alison Gifford, Jim Whannel

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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