

# ST. NINIAN'S NEWS

## June, July & August 2024



### Welcome to the Newsletter for St Ninian's Troon

All are welcome to our Services

10.30am Said Eucharist with Hymns on Sunday

10.00am Morning Prayer with music on Monday

10.00am Holy Communion on Wednesday

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### *Message from Rev Keith Thomasson....*

#### *June 2024 - Generosity and Giving*

Dear All,

At the Autumn Clergy Conference Canon Dave Richards from St Paul's & George's (Ps & Gs) Scottish Episcopal Church gave a presentation on giving. Here are some of the numbers that show a transformation in generosity within that church community in connection with their Project 21.

In 2001 the General Fund was £350K and in 2023 £950K

The amount allocated to World Mission rose from £35K to £83K in the same two decades.

All in all, they gave away just over a quarter of the income.

The church is now a superb centre for the whole community as well as the church worshipping community, and it has an outward facing ministry. [Ps & Gs Church \(psandgs.org.uk\)](http://psandgs.org.uk)

#### **What made the difference?**

One person spoke movingly, and totally unprompted of how they, as a



then high earning member at Ps & Gs, was so caught by the vision of mission and outreach, went to the cash machine one Sunday morning and took out £300. They were trying to stuff all the cash into their bag, so that no one would see them, and likewise then put it all in the offertory bags during the service.

It was the vision for a refurbished church plant in the centre of Edinburgh, a place of welcome and hospitality, that also supported mission way beyond the Charge that drew the necessary support.

**Surely, something more than vision was needed?**

Yes, most definitely. Here I outline five further points from Canon Dave.

**First**, there was an awareness of the wider culture in which we live. Canon Dave spoke of these myths:

If we have more, then we will be happy.

Debt is a given.

If only I had a little bit more (e.g. another million before I retire/a more generous pension)

**Second**, Canon Dave spoke of how money is central to society, and how it is central to faith commitment.

Dr Lee Salk said, ‘People jockey to find what each other earns in our society because in our society, money is a symbol of strength, influence, and power’.

Darrell Bock observed, ‘For Christ, money is an idolatry we must be converted from in order to be converted to Jesus. Money has many of the characteristics of deity - it gives us security, it can induce guilt, it gives us freedom and power, and can seem to be everywhere. Most sinister of all is its bid for omnipotence.’

**Third**, a theology of giving was shared.

The Psalmist writes, ‘The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it’ (Psalm 24). We give in response to God’s immense generosity.

Jesus presumed ‘when’ and not ‘if’ we give (Matthew 6).

Jesus spoke more about money than anything else (yes, even more than sex, heaven, and hell). Canon Dave indicated that over 2,000 verses in the bible are concerned with money. Two thirds of the parables address the topic of money.

**Fourth**, the early church was a generous community (Acts 2 & 4).

**Fifth**, this should lead to a relationship between leaders and the people of the church that involves a very regular and frequent conversation about giving. Here are Canon Dave's thirteen 'If' statements:

- If leaders talk about
- If people are helped to plan
- If leaders set an example
- If leaders know the reality
- If people are envisioned
- If leaders are realistic
- If you keep going
- If you realise every financial decision is a spiritual decision
- If you distinguish between sacrificial and generous giving
- If you earn people's trust
- If you understand it is a spiritual journey
- If you accept you will lose people
- If you learn to manage change well

Essentially Canon Dave's presentation, which was the third of three presentations, the other two being on spirituality and mission, and which I have already shared with you in this year's newsletters, is about 'why do we give?'.

### **The current reality at St Ninian's**

During Lent regular giving directly from bank accounts, from twenty-one sources, was c. £1,300 each month. Six sources gave half of this amount. A further four hundred is given in cash most months.

I am delighted to report that in April 2024 this changed. There are now twenty-eight regular monthly gifts, totalling £1,700. Gifts range from £10 - £130 per month. Cash giving on the plate remains constant. This means we are receiving a little over £2,100 per month from regular giving.

This is a very welcome and delightful development. Yet we as a church are living beyond our giving. In April £3,500 was transferred across from the Sandilands account (monies coming from the three apartments we still own and rent out), and £3,000 in May. And whilst this amount is not required every month it indicates the amount that it would be good to generate from personal giving. The monies from Sandilands will ideally be used for maintenance and updating of the properties so that we can generate a fair income from them.

The congregational roll has sixty-two entries (per household). There are about thirty more opportunities to give in response to God's

overwhelming generosity to humanity and to each one of us. There are twenty revised opportunities to give. The vision of God's outward mission is emerging and is exciting. The narrative could become so different. It is in (y)our hands in response to God. The Psalmist writes, 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24).

Bob Keene is our giving officer. Please speak with him to arrange your regular monthly giving through the bank, and if you pay tax arrange for it to be gift aided. (For the last quarter we received £1,162.50 in gift aid). The crucial factor now is ensuring everyone who pays tax and gifts money to the church has filled out the relevant form which Bob Keene oversees.

Alternatively, just sort out your giving through your electronic banking account and let Bob know. Please be assured I have no idea who gives and how much anyone gives.

I think that a commitment to realistic and sacrificial giving in response to God's love for us and our participation in God's mission could be very exciting. We are at, if not already beyond, a tipping point. And it's down to us as community and to us as individuals to respond well and prayerfully and generously. Now.

For the next Newsletter I shall write about legacy giving. Yet don't wait for me - go ahead and please arrange your legacy to St Ninian's without delay. Once again let Bob know of your intentions.

Thank you in anticipation.

*Keith*

## **LIVE STREAMING AND RECORDING OF SERVICES**

Services of worship at St Ninian's are now being video live streamed via YouTube. You can find these by opening YouTube and searching for St Ninian's Troon

To find the St Ninian's YouTube channel please use the following link [youtube.com/@stninianstroon](https://www.youtube.com/@stninianstroon)

Then click on the subscribe button and the notification bell to receive notification of services as they start.



The liturgy can be found at

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/scottish-liturgy-1982-alternative-eucharistic-prayers/>

## ORDINATION

You are invited to the ordination of the Rev Anthony Clapham to the priesthood, and also the ordination of Margaret Williams to the diaconate, which will take place at a service in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, 300 Great Western Road Glasgow, G4 9JB, on **Sunday 9 June 2024 at 5pm.**



Tony will continue as curate at Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock while Margaret will begin her curacy at St Peter's, Dalry and St Andrew's, Ardrossan.

We pray for Margaret and Tony and for the communities they are called to serve.

Please also continue to actively pray for the emergence, discernment, and nurture of vocation of all kinds at St Ninian's Troon.

## INVITATION TO CELEBRATE BISHOP KEVIN'S 45th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY & HIS FAREWELL EUCHARIST

You are invited to a special diocesan service celebrating the 45th Anniversary of Bishop Kevin's Ordination and his Farewell Eucharist for the Diocese, as he prepares to retire at the end of August.



The service will be on **Saturday, 29 June** (Feast of St Peter & St Paul), **at 11am, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral**, 300 Great Western Road, Glasgow G4 9JB. Refreshments will follow the service.

Please RSVP to the Bishop's PA at [office@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:office@glasgow.anglican.org) by 15 June 2024.

## DIOCESAN WORSHIP LEADERS COURSE

The Bishop's Adviser in Lay Ministries, the Rev Canon Gordon Fyfe, is hosting a short course to prepare people to become Lay Worship Leaders. This will take place from September.



Currently this is a ministry that requires imaginative resourcing and development at St Ninian's. If you wish to explore a calling to this and are willing to work whole heartedly in conjunction with Keith, to nurture current and/or emerging worship, then please speak with him by the middle of June.



At the Easter Vigil on Saturday 30 March Dorothy Ferguson and Julia Izatt were commissioned as Pastoral Assistants and presented with their certificates.



On Mothering Sunday it was also the Royal School of Church Music Woman Composer Sunday and St Ninian's launched the use of Joanna Forbes L'Estrange's The St Helen's Service with the congregation given a chance to learn the music before the service. Pictured above are the organists Daniel Floyd and Greg Abrahams either side of the Keith.

## SCOTTISH GUILD OF SERVERS

The Liturgical seasons are still quickly passing by; having recently celebrated Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The Altar is now dressed with the seasonal colour green of Trinity.



It was delight that Diane Bolland was made a full member of the Scottish Guild of Servers on Pentecost Sunday and a pleasure to include her in the team of servers at St. Ninian's.

This may be a good time to ask if you are thinking of becoming a server; I will be delighted to hear from you.

***Roger Robinson***

Guardian of Ayrshire and St. Ninian's Troon



## SCOTTISH GUILD OF SERVERS TRAINING DAY - 24 FEBRUARY 2024

Having recently begun training as a server for St Ninian's I was invited to a Training Day at Holy Trinity, Ayr.

This involved moving around 4 stations involving the order of Altar serving. After the welcome, registration and introduction we split into four groups.



### **Workshop A:** Serving at the altar.

Serving moves, postures, setting up at the Altar, handling cruets and lavabo.

### **Workshop B:** Principles and Practice of Thurifying.

The use of charcoal and incense: the rhythm of swinging the censor and shown how to process with the thurible and use at times during the service.

### **Workshop C:** Setting up for Mass.

Laying out chasable, stole, maniple and preparing the chalice.

### **Workshop D:** Processions.

Carrying the cross in church; at the Gospel and in processions.

It was a most enjoyable day of learning, meeting servers from other churches. Lunch and teas/coffee were provided. The homemade soup was delicious!

*Ros Fallows*



Bishop Kevin came to meet with the Story & Song Group in April. He brought his bubble

machine to entertain them. He also dedicated Ninian's Community Garden during his visit.



## **BISHOP KEVIN GIVES FORMAL NOTICE OF RETIREMENT**

The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, has given formal notice of his resignation (as required under Canon 7 of the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church) to the Primus, the Most Rev Mark Strange, following Bishop Kevin's announcement earlier this year that he will retire on 31 August 2024 shortly after his 70th birthday.



Bishop Kevin's notice sets in motion procedures to prepare for the upcoming episcopal vacancy. A mandate to inaugurate the electoral process is expected to be issued within 21 days of the Diocese becoming vacant at the end of August.

Bishop Kevin was elected by an Episcopal Synod on 18 January 2020 and was translated to the Diocese in July 2020 from the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, where he had served as bishop since 2011.

## **DIOCESE OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES ELECTS NEW BISHOP**

A new Bishop has been chosen in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, with the Rev David Railton elected to the position that has been vacant since the death of Bishop Keith Riglin in September 2023.

Mr Railton accepted the post following a vote of the Electoral Synod, held in Oban. He becomes Bishop-Elect, and a Consecration is expected be arranged during the next three months.

He is the current Rector of the linked charges of Holy Trinity in Dunoon and St Paul's in Rothesay since 2019.

The Bishop-Elect said: "Having been in the Diocese for five years I know the people here and it's a huge privilege to be elected by them. I am delighted but it's humbling too, and a little daunting.

Mr Railton was ordained in 2008 in the Diocese of Derby following a career as a pharmacist in both hospital and retail. During his time in Derbyshire, he was the Vicar of three churches and Ordained Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby, before moving to Darlington in the Diocese of Durham in 2015, where he was Vicar of three churches and Area Dean of Darlington.

He is a keen hiker and Munro-bagger, and has climbed 186 of the 282 mountain peaks in Scotland over 3,000 feet in height. He also enjoys cooking and bread making, and has recently taken up stand-up paddle boarding.





## **WEEKDAY WORSHIP**

During June and July there will be no Thursday evening services (Plainsong and Taizé) and no choir rehearsals.

Please watch the pew sheet for Monday and Wednesday morning arrangements.

## **CHURCH REGISTER**

### **FUNERAL (CREMATION)**

**FRIDAY 22 MARCH**

at Holmsford Bridge and service of Celebration for Sarah Williamson at St Ninian's

**MONDAY 29 APRIL**

at Holmsford Bridge, Nan Inglis

### **BURIAL OF ASHES**

**THURSDAY 16 MAY.**

Ruth (Ruby) Buchanan



## EASTER AT ST. NINIAN'S







## CHURCH AT HOME

Doreen Jardine is still having quite a few falls, which is why she is not supposed to move about on her own. She still always attends the services, but has to be brought down in a wheelchair. However, she was looking really well when I was last in to give her Holy Communion, and was delighted to have been able to celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, with the family that live locally, and her daughter who flew in from Tenerife.

Edith Cooper is very happy in Belhaven, which she thinks is a lovely house. She wasn't looking very well the last time I was in, and is still in quite a lot of pain. She enjoys singing the hymns when there is a church service, and remembers singing in the choir at St. Ninian's.

The Wrights were both well and bright. John is still able to enjoy reading, and Constance keeps up with current affairs on the T.V. As always they ask to be remembered to their friends in St. Ninian's who still remember them.

Jean Inch had a bad fall, in which she broke her hip. She spent some time in a very crowded orthopaedic dept. in Crosshouse, but is now at Biggart, and is hoping to get back to Sandilands soon.

Nan Inglis died very peacefully at the beginning of April, and her Funeral Service at Holmsford Bridge was very uplifting, and quite well attended. Nan was one of the last of a close group of attendees at the Wednesday morning service. Although not a church goer himself, her husband Bob, brought Nan to church faithfully every week, and then also collected Kath Hardwick and Frances Findlay, whom he continued to bring even when Nan herself became housebound. Please remember him, and her niece Carol, in your prayers.

*Norma*

## WATERAID

One of the two nominated charities being supported by St. Ninian's over the next three years is WaterAid. Please pick up a pamphlet from the Welcome Desk about WaterAid on your way out of church one Sunday.



It is hoped to have a speaker from WaterAid at a Fellowship evening in the next season, explaining how they deliver clean water to those who need it.

*Roger*

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 2024

Income & Expenditure Account Summary (excluding depreciation and changes in investment valuation) for the financial year 2023 - 24 – October 2023 to April 2024:

Total Income	£70,934
Total Expenditure	£60,864
Surplus/(Deficit)	£10,070



Total income exceeded expenditure resulting in a surplus of £10,070 (excluding depreciation and changes in investment valuation).

A donation of £2,000 was received in March.

A legacy of £20,000 was received in April.

**Bank Account Name:** St Ninian's Church Vestry

**Sort Code:** 82-68-21 **Account Number:** 20510140

**Reference:** OFFERING GIFT AID envelopes available

Donations can also be made on our **Just Giving** page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/stninianschurch>

or by cheque made out to: St Ninian's Church Vestry

*Karen McPherson*

Bookkeeper



## GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church will meet this year at St Paul's & St George's Episcopal Church in Edinburgh, from Thursday 13 June to Saturday 15 June 2024.

The agenda and papers have now been sent to members and published on the Scottish Episcopal Church website, detailing the business scheduled.

Proceedings will begin on the Thursday with the Opening Eucharist at St Paul's & St George's. The offering taken as part of the Synod Eucharist will be donated to Friends of the Holy Land and will also be taken online .

The first day's business sessions of Synod will involve sessions on the Church's Net Zero strategy and the work of the Provincial Youth Committee, as well as a presentation from the College of Bishops on church membership statistics and an update on the SEC's pension fund.

On Friday morning, Synod will consider a motion committing the Church to support nuclear weapons disarmament. The motion invites Synod members to agree that "the use of nuclear weapons can never be theologically justified, and the church commits to a policy of advocating for arms control, disarmament and no-proliferation of weapons".

The morning session will also see Synod discuss changes to Canon 15 and 16, which formalise the Church's ecumenical relationships and provide a framework for Clergy of other churches to officiate in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Before lunch, Synod members will have the opportunity to 'Meet the Board Conveners', where Conveners will give an update on their Board's workplan and answer questions. Synod members are free to choose which session they wish to attend.

In the afternoon in light of Net Zero commitments made by the Church there will be discussion on alterations to Canon 35 (where changes to church buildings are proposed). The final sessions of the day will consider new Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgies and will hear from the Primus on the recent ecumenical pilgrimage to Jamaica which examined the legacies and continuing impact of the slave trade.

The final day's agenda features safeguarding, budgets, quota and elections, before business is concluded with a closing act of worship.

As usual, the proceedings at Synod will be live-streamed online.



## VESTRY NOTES MARCH/APRIL 2024

The Full Vestry met on Tuesday 9 April in the Rectory. The Property and Mission & Ministry Vestry Subgroups met in March and February respectively. All meetings were chaired by the Rector and commenced with devotions.



Vestry Notes

Main issues of note are: Mission Vestry will be organising a Parish Away Day at River Garden at Auchincruive on May 31 to see the work undertaken there.

Of note amongst the regular reports:

1. A report was welcomed on current progress with Ninian's Garden
2. As Lay Rep, Reuben had submitted a comprehensive report on Diocesan Synod.
3. The Rector commented on the joy and quality of Holy Week and Easter services, and the commissioning of Julia Izatt and Dorothy Ferguson as Pastoral Assistants.

Points of note included:

- Bishop Kevin retires in the summer.
- Comments on the financial situation of the diocese and sustainability.
- Provincial matters regarding Net Zero and liturgical revisions.

Plant Work is being undertaken in the process for employing a Cleaner of the Church/Hall.

A meeting is to be held with a Representative of Royal and Ancient about the Letting of the Church Hall for the 2024 Open.

The volunteer Health and Safety Officer is still being sought.

Vestry are currently looking at appropriate Rent Increases for Church properties at Sandilands.

The repairs at the Rectory should require attention in the next few months.

**Finance** The current deficit following six months of this year, is £4,000. This is of concern. The Rectory is actioning the formation of a group to look at budget for the year October 2024/25.

Two legacies have been received and these will be looked at as to how best allocated. Church Hall charges will be reviewed in June 2024.

*Debbie Combe*



## Palm Sunday



below: Easter Sunrise  
Service on Troon  
beach



Worship on the beach was lead  
by Father Martin who so sadly  
passed away a few  
days later





**St Ninian's Church Hall  
Bentinck Drive, Troon  
KA10 6HZ**

**Friday 23 August**

**6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**Raffle**

**£10/£5 for young people in full time education**

Tickets will be available nearer the time  
from Julia Izatt  
All are welcome,  
please invite your family and friends

### **SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION**

The last small change collection for April and May amounted to £14, so thank you to all who contributed.



### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next edition is  
**Sunday 18 August**

**THIS EDITION WILL COVER  
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

Articles should be emailed to  
[\*\*stninianschurchtroon@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:stninianschurchtroon@gmail.com)

## LENT DISCUSSION GROUP

We met at the Rectory during Lent to discuss Gregory Boyle's book 'The Whole Language – The Power of Extravagant Tenderness'. Gregory is a Jesuit priest who works with the most damaged and violent members of society in America, his book is a best seller.



We prepared for the meetings by selecting a passage in the book which struck a chord with us. We explained why we had chosen it and often this would lead to a good discussion and sharing of thoughts and experiences.

It is a fact that churches today are not attracting young people, although they often have a deep spiritual thirst.

Gregory Boyle's simple approach of true acceptance of each person produced amazing results and transformed lives. The message is clear, that mirroring Christ and following his example is all we need to do. It is very easy to judge, and we do it all too readily.

As a church, if we show Christ like love and acceptance, perhaps by the grace of God we will become a place of welcome and healing for all.

**Val Bryant**

## ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

*We remember those close to our hearts whose anniversary falls in coming months,*

..in JUNE, Harry Watson, Kay Peters and Dora Mann;

in JULY, Betty Welsh, V. Allan, Anne Young,  
Douglas Laird, Kathleen Lawrence, Stan Kewney, Tom Holden,  
Sidney Radford, Anne Lambie, Ruth McKenzie,  
James Walker and Jeanette Haempel.

and in AUGUST, Fiona Irving and her mother  
Elaine McWilliam, Rose Greenwood and her son  
Ray, Bill Izatt, Marjorie Mackay and  
Vera Kewney.



## MEDITATION GROUP

Since we started the meditation group in January this year we have met regularly once a month. The whole session lasts approximately 40 minutes.



We have learnt a great deal and have adopted a method taught by the World Centre for Christian Meditation (WCCM). Their Lawrence Freeman has delivered a 4 week course which has been extremely helpful.

He explains that we learn to meditate just as we learn to ride a bike, by doing it. We need to practice regularly which requires discipline. Belonging to a group and meditating together makes it easier to find the discipline to do it on our own at home.

Meditation is natural to us, but modern life makes it difficult, and silence is rarely available. As we meditate gradually we see a benefit in our relationship with ourselves, and in our relationships with others. It takes time but we become calmer, less anxious, less judgmental.

The group is open to all – you do not need any experience. We meet usually on the last Monday of the month at 10.30 am in the church. The next dates are 24 June, 29 July & 26 August. You will be made very welcome.

## SUNDAY'S@3

We were delighted to welcome children into our Church community. The theme this month was The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

The children enjoyed the interactive bible story read to them by Anna-Claar, using props from her suitcase. They watched in anticipation as to what is going to come out of the case next.



It was not raining so everyone went into the Church grounds to play with bubbles and the parachute.

The children then all did a fantastic job of their Ascension themed craft.

The afternoon was rounded off with a lovely selection of snacks and drinks. It was a fun informative afternoon for the children.

*Clair Milne*





The  
development of  
Ninian's  
Community  
Garden



## NINIAN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ninian's Community Garden opened on Tuesday 12 May 2024. It was a joyous morning, meeting representatives from our sponsors HP Inc. (Hewitt Packard) whose funding made this possible. HP Inc. generously supplied the funds needed to prepare the grounds made available by Vestry for a Community Garden.

The funding included HP Inc. instructing an exceptional Project Manager, Nick Trull, from the Charity Re-Pollinate. Nick designed the outline plan for Ninian's Garden, after the initial onsite meeting in 2023, when he visited with HP Inc's Sustainability Account Manager, Alexandra Corder.

The main stakeholders involved in the funding were HP Inc. Public Sector Team, the Scottish Government and the NHS Community Benefit Supplier Bid Portal. Representatives from each of these sectors attended the Open Day.

They were welcomed by our Rector Keith Thomasson and helped with planting to mark the opening of Ninian's Community Garden. Together with members of the congregation we shared hospitality with a celebration rose cake, a selection of cakes, fruit teas and coffee.

The herbs for the herbal spiral and the vegetables from one of the raised beds, to be used by Suncourt Nursing Home, have now arrived and were planted on Thursday 23 May in the evening. This was a chance to meet Nick Trull on his last day on this phase of the Community Garden Project. To find out how you can volunteer please speak to any of the team.

**Shirley McKernan** Ninian's Garden Committee Representative



A chance to meet the  
HP Inc. Team over  
coffee and cake



## **SARAH WILLIAMSON**

**04.02.84 - 03.03.24**

On Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, a large crowd gathered in St. Ninian's for a service to celebrate the life of Sarah Williamson, who had died so suddenly in Crosshouse Hospital. She was the daughter of Dorothy and Alan Williamson, who himself was to die tragically young, the first grandchild on both sides of the family, and had a full complement of Great Grandparents on Alan's side of the family. She was a much loved and loving child; very content and sociable, and more than happy to be centre-stage at family gatherings.

She loved going to nursery school, and especially loved her nursery nurse, Miss Jack, who surprisingly ended up living near to Sarah, when she retired. Sarah then went to Struthers, and in P5 transferred to Richmond Park, which had the benefit of a Physiotherapy Department as well as one for Speech and Language. She made very good friends there whom she retained for the rest of her life. She then went on to Ashcraig, and then to college.

She was baptised in St. Ninian's and attended Sunday School, then run by Catriona Thom, with whom she formed a very special bond. She was confirmed here, and, more recently, became an acolyte under Roger's caring mentorship. She loved to take part, and enjoyed having a specific role to play.

She had her own home in Loan's for the last 16 years. She knew exactly the furniture and décor that she wanted for it, and, most stylish it was too. She knew exactly how she wanted the garden, not that she dirtied her manicured fingers in it, but was very good at directing Dorothy and Jim, as to exactly what needed doing. She would, though, keep them going with cups of tea.

She loved live music, either performing with her mum, or travelling to Glasgow, Edinburgh, and even London to see the latest musicals, some of them several times. She loved to travel and visited France, Mallorca, Portugal, Italy and even Australia, enjoying the journey as much as the destination.



Although she was not able to recover from her last illness, Dorothy and Jim remain very grateful for the excellent care and attention they, and Sarah, received from the staff at Crosshouse.



We will all have our own memories of Sarah. She was such a bright, bubbly, and loving personality, who managed to achieve so much in her, sadly, short life. The numbers who came to her Thanksgiving Service bore testimony to that, and we hope that their presence and love, gave some comfort to her mum, Dorothy in her time of loss.

### **AGNES MCDUGALL (NAN) INGLIS**

**14.09.1927 – 04.04.2024**

Nan was born in Clarkston, and baptised in St. Aiden's. She and her older sister Maimie were very close and remained so for the rest of their lives. Nan was twelve when war broke out, and she mostly remembered that it was always her spaniel, Terry, who was first to the air raid shelter in the garden when the sirens went.

After school she trained as a shorthand typist, and worked first for British Rail, before getting a job with East Kilbride Development as a PA. She then moved to Irvine Development where Bob also worked as an engineer. It was after meeting him at "the dancing" (as one did in those days) at the Plaza Ballroom in Glasgow, that they started courting. They were both very quiet natured, and it was six years before they finally got married. That took place in Inverness Registry Office, followed by a service of blessing in St. Ninian's.

Bob's career blossomed and he went on to work for different companies, often having to do a lot of foreign travel. They travelled quite a lot on holiday too, mainly exploring every part of Britain, but also occasionally travelling abroad. She also went on holiday with her sister. Nan and Bob always had a dog, and the 'Terry' of her youth was replaced by Heather and then Bonny.

Nan was a constant presence at the Wednesday morning service, and as she didn't drive, it was her friends, the Kemps, - who also hailed from Clarkston, who brought her to St. Ninian's. When Jim Kemp died, Bob would bring Mary and Nan to church, and then when Mary became housebound, he brought Kath Hardwicke and Frances Findlay.

Nan, in her own quiet way, had a good sense of humour, was kind and generous to a fault, and was a staunch friend and a good neighbour. She was always deep in her latest murder mystery novel.

Despite several health issues in her later years, she continued to soldier on, and enjoy her time with Bob. Although she was housebound latterly, she still always appreciated receiving her communion at home, and when that no longer became possible, she enjoyed listening to the psalms and joining in the prayers. She died, as she had lived, very quietly and very peacefully.



## THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AYRSHIRE

As we begin to work even more closely together across the region, Petko Marinov from St Oswald's Maybole has provided this fascinating glimpse into the history of the various churches within the region.



Although there appears to be a north/south divide with Ayr and Ardrossan both starting missions, it's worth noting that a lot of the initial growth in the region happened during the time of Rev William Wilson of Ayr (born 1806, priest at Ayr 1832-1888), who goes on to be Dean from 1845 and then Bishop from 1859. I have a feeling he would have been heavily involved in all the church communities started in the period, with Troon and Prestwick following in the few decades after him originally as missions of Ayr.

The other big connection for a lot of our churches (not just in the region) would have been the influx of Irish protestants fleeing the Famine. I don't think for a second that Maybole and Girvan could have existed without them and I'm sure we can track them over the following decades as they make their way through Kilmarnock to Paisley and Glasgow, too. Perhaps a connection to ponder too.

Reading this from the perspective of Troon I am aware that we came quite late to the party!

\* denotes communities that have ceased to gather.

### **Ardrossan**

St Andrew's – first meeting June 1873 (grew out of Mission at West Kilbride), church building opened for worship 28 November 1875

### **Ayr**

Holy Trinity – congregation of Episcopalians expelled from the parish church in 1689, existed variously during Penal Laws as small gatherings, chapel, qualified chapel (?), rejoined SEC in 1832, first church building on present site 18 September 1839, enlarged 1852, present church building from 1888 (i.e. third building on the site, then tower added in 60s).

\*St John's – Mission of Ayr opened in November 1893, mission hall to St John the following year, church building 1934, closed 1954.



\*Butlin's Holiday Camp Chaplaincy – served from Holy Trinity, Ayr from 1948 to 1974.

### **Beith**

\*Chapel of Ease of St Paul's – dedicated in 1961, serving the workers of the Royal Naval Armaments Depot, chapel served from Dalry, charge closed in 1981.

### **Coodham**

\*Private Chapel of Sir William Houldsworth (near Kilmarnock), opened in 1878, closed ca. 1930.

### **Dalry**

St Peter's – congregation gathered in 1886 as a Mission (of Ardrossan), church building in 1888, dependent mission of Ardrossan since 1997.



### **Girvan**

\*St John's – in 1847 petition from Rev William Wilson (later bishop, at that time Dean and Rector of Ayr) to Bishop Tower for services to Episcopalians in the district (possibly significant cohort of Irish Potato famine (1845-1852) refugees), building dedicated in 1857, Maybole served from Girvan (1847 - 1911 and 1984 - 1995), Girvan served from Ayr from 1995, church building closed 2012, congregation final service in 2014.

### **Glaisnock**

\*Private Chapel of All Saints, Glaisnock House, near Cumnock, of Capt R. Mitchell Campbell of Auchmannoch, built 1885, closed after WWI.

### **Kilmarnock**

Holy Trinity – formed as a Mission by Bishop Trower in 1851. Building 11 Aug 1857, enlarged 1876.



### **Irvine**

\*1889 Mission from Ardrossan discontinued in 1902

\*1960 Mission supervised from Troon, until 1972 in Guide Hall

Kirkgate until demolition (briefly at Troon), then at St Andrew's, Irvine in 1973 with an Episcopal wing being built in 1981, linked with Ardrossan from 1975, closed ca. 2022.

### **Largs**

St Columba's – first meeting Easter 1849 (grew out of Mission at West Kilbride), current building 1876-1877.



### **Maybole**

St Oswald's – in 1847 petition from William Wilson (later bishop, at that time Dean and Rector of Ayr) to Bishop Tower for services to Episcopalians in the district (possibly significant cohort of Irish Potato famine(1845-1852) refugees), served variously from Girvan and Ayr, then from 2017 as an independent congregation.



### **Pinmore**

\*Chapel of Ease built by the Hamiltons of Daljarrock, occasional services from Girvan 1928 - 1963 (closed, then reopened) 1975 - 1990.

### **Prestwick**

St Ninian's (previously St Martin's) – 1915 Mission of Ayr to soldiers stationed in the district, when troops left, services continued and charge became independent as St Ninian's church built in 1926, reverted to Mission of Ayr 1940, then Incumbency 1974.

### **Stevenston**

\*Dependent Mission of Ardrossan, 1914-1918.

### **Troon**

St Ninian's – first Episcopal services held in 1888 but not well attended. In 1905 as Mission of Ayr, restarted with summer services until 1909. Mission restarted again in 1911. Church building dedicated 18 May 1913, incumbency in 1919.

### **West Kilbride**

\*Prior to 1849, Episcopalians in the Ardrossan, Largs, Dalry area travelled to the home of Dr Ritchie in West Kilbride. Kirkton Hall had a small chapel served by itinerant priests. From 1873, West Kilbride was a mission of Ardrossan with monthly services, chapel closed in 1903, briefly reopened in 1916 - 1918. *Keith*

## CREATIVE COMMUNITY GROUP

The Creative Community Group will meet next on **Saturday 1 June** in the church hall 10.00 - 12 noon. At this session we will be looking at how to use a sewing machine. If you have a machine in your cupboard and you would like some help using it then do bring it along.

We will also have some machines set up for you to practise on. Hopefully we will have time to make a small sewn project that day too. Our July meeting will be on **Saturday 6 July** with a project still to be decided.

We will not meet in August but will look forward to seeing you again on **Saturday 7 September**.

Please remember everyone is most welcome even if you just want to pop in to see what we are doing and share refreshments with us.

*Shona*



Knitted hats for the  
Mission to Fishermen and  
embossed cards.



## SUMMER SUPPERS



This summer all the suppers will be at  
Scotts.

**Tuesday 4 June, Tuesday 2 July,  
Tuesday 6 August  
Tuesday 3 September**

Each month please sign the list on the Welcome  
Desk by the preceding Sunday.

All are most welcome to any of the suppers which  
begin at 6.00pm

## EVAN'S TRAVELS TO TANZANIA

I have long thought I would like to volunteer abroad and my opportunity came earlier this year.

In February, I departed the wet and miserable UK for somewhere a bit warmer - the United Republic of Tanzania! I was involved in a construction project to build a little house for an elderly widow whose existing home was literally made from sticks and mud, with a tin roof.

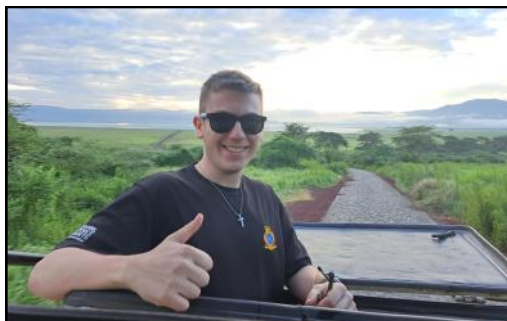
I acclimatised quickly and our small team made lots of progress on the house, whilst sharing lots of laughter too! Due to the heat, work would last from 9am until 12 noon, and our weekends were free to allow the opportunity to explore, often travelling outside of the city. I played golf in Moshi, the last town before Kilimanjaro, and visited different areas such as the exotic island location of Zanzibar.

However, the highlight of my trip was a fantastic four day safari in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Starting with a four hour drive from Arusha to the main gate of the Serengeti, it took a few more hours to reach our first campsite. Although we saw a few animals such as giraffes on the first day, the majority came later in the trip.

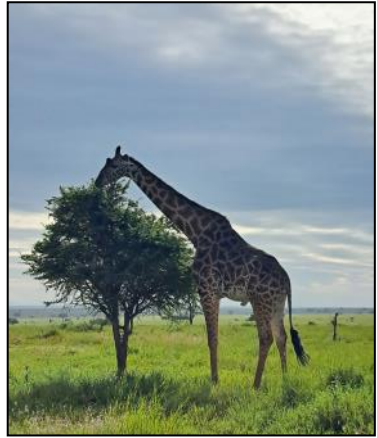
In order to make the most of the day, day two started with a very early rise. Covering miles, we drove for hours and saw lots of animals and birds, from monkeys and lions, to the hundreds of Wildebeest travelling in the great migration.

Day three saw us travelling to the Ngorongoro Crater campsite, which was inhabited by a herd of buffalo! The final day on safari was spent driving through the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is home to some 25,000 animals and is known as "Africa's Garden of Eden".

*Evan McLaughlin*







## SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS (YEAR B)

The numbers in brackets refer to the page in the pew bibles

**Sunday:** Said Eucharist with hymns 10.30am

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 10.00am

We shall adopt the continuous reading pattern from June onwards.

### Sunday 2 June Trinity 1

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10 (11 - 20) (214), Psalm 139: (1 - 5)12 - 17,

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12 (939), Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6

### Wednesday 5 June

### Sunday 9 June Trinity 2

1 Samuel 8: 4 - 20(11:14 - 15) (218), Psalm 138,

2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1(939), Mark 3: 20 - 35

### Wednesday 12 June St Columba



**Sunday 16 June Trinity 3**

1 Samuel 15: 34 - 16:13(226), Psalm 20,  
2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10(11 - 13)14 - 17(939), Mark 4: 26 - 34

**Wednesday 19 June**

**Sunday 23 June Trinity 4**

1 Samuel 17: 57 - 18: 5 + 10 - 16(228), Psalm 133,  
2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13(940), Mark 4: 35 - 41

**Wednesday 26 June John the Baptist**

**Sunday 30 June Trinity 5**

2 Samuel 1: 1 + 17 - 27(240), Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8: 7 - 15(941)  
Mark 5: 21 - 43

**Wednesday 3 July**

**Sunday 7 July Trinity 6**

2 Samuel 5: 1 - 5 + 9 - 10(243), Psalm 48,  
2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10(943), Mark 6: 1 - 13

**Wednesday 10 July**

**Sunday 14 July Trinity 7**

2 Samuel 6: 1 - 5 + 12b - 19(244), Psalm 24, Ephesians 1: 3 - 14(949)  
Mark 6: 14 - 29

**Wednesday 17 July**

**Sunday 21 July Trinity 8**

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 14a(245), Psalm 89: 20 - 37,  
Ephesians 2: 11 - 22(950), Mark 6: 30 - 34 + 53 - 56

**Wednesday 24 July Mary Magdalene**

**Sunday 28 July Trinity 9**

2 Samuel 11: 1 - 15(248), Psalm 14, Ephesians 3: 14 - 21(950),  
John 6: 1 - 21

**Wednesday 31 July**

**Sunday 4 August Trinity 10**

2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 13a(248), Psalm 51: 1 - 13,  
Ephesians 4: 1 - 16(951), John 6: 24 - 35

**Wednesday 7 August**

**Sunday 11 August Trinity 11**

2 Samuel 18: 5 - 9 + 15 + 31 - 33(255), Psalm 130,  
Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2(951), John 6: 35 + 41 - 51

**Wednesday 14 August Mary the Virgin**

**Sunday 18 August Trinity 12**

1 King 2: 10 - 12; 3: 3 - 14(265), Psalm 111,

Ephesians 5: 15 - 20(952), John 6: 51 - 58

**Wednesday 21 August**

**Sunday 25 August Trinity 13**

1 Kings 8: (1 + 6 + 10 - 11), 22 - 30 + 41 - 43(272), Psalm 84,

Ephesians 6: 10 - 20(952), John 6: 56 - 69

**Wednesday 28 August St Bartholomew**

WEDNESDAY ROTA	
5 June	S. Henderson
12 June	D. Ferguson
19 June	D. Combe
26 June	N. Rayner
3 July	L. Rayner
10 July	R. Robinson
17 July	S. Henderson
24 July	D. Ferguson
31 July	D. Combe
7 August	N. Rayner
14 August	R. Robinson
21 August	S. Henderson
28 August	L. Rayner



COFFEE ROTA	
2 June	G. & E. Wilson
9 June	E. Wilson & S. Henderson
16 June	R. & J. Keene
23 June	J. & I. Stack
30 June	H. Henderson & J. Greenwood
7 July	A. & N. Livingstone
14 July	S. Henderson & E. Wilson
21 July	R. & J. Keene
28 July	G. & E. Wilson
4 August	A. & N. Livingstone
11 August	R. & J. Keene
18 August	J. & I. Stack
25 August	H. Henderson & J. Greenwood

SOUND/STREAMING			
2 June	R. Keene J. Deason	30 June	J. & I. Stack
9 June	R. Keene A. Milne		
16 June	J. & I. Stack		<i>continued overleaf</i>
23 June	R. Keene J. Stack		

# ROTAS FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2024

DATE	TIME	WELCOMERS	OFFERING COUNTERS	READER (R) INTERCESSOR (I)
2 June	10.30am	<b>J. Cassidy</b> E. Cassidy	N. Rayner C. Milne	J. Deason (R) E. Wilson (I)
9 June	10.30am	<b>M. O'Leary</b> G. Wilson	C. Milne G. Wilson	G. Wilson (R) D. Ferguson (I)
16 June	10.30am	<b>A. Livingstone</b> N. Livingstone	E. Wilson M. O'Leary	A. Livingstone (R) N. Livingstone (I)
23 June	10.30am	<b>M. O'Leary</b> E. Wilson	G. & E. Wilson	D. Ferguson (R) A-C.Thomasson-Rosingh (I)
30 June	10.30am	<b>J. Cassidy</b> S. Henderson	M. O'Leary J. Stack	P. Dowson (R) D. Ferguson (I)
7 July	10.30am	<b>M. O'Leary</b> E. Wilson	N. & L. Rayner	G. Wilson (R) C. Phillips (I)
14 July	10.30am	<b>C. Milne</b> Family	J. & E. Cassidy	D. Ferguson (R) E. Wilson (I)
21 July	10.30am	<b>J. Cassidy</b> M. Lamont	J. Stack C. Milne	P. Dowson (R) P. Steed (I)
28 July	10.30am	<b>N. Rayner</b> L. Rayner	J. & E. Cassidy	J. Deason (R) D. Ferguson (I)
4 Aug	10.30am	<b>M. O'Leary</b> A. Milne	A. & C. Milne	A. Livingstone (R) N. Livingstone (I)
11 Aug	10.30am	<b>J. Cassidy</b> M. O'Leary	G. & E. Wilson	D. Ferguson (R) C. Phillips (I)
18 Aug	10.30am	<b>C. Milne</b> Family	N. & L. Rayner	P. Dowson (R) P. Steed (I)
25 Aug	10.30am	<b>E. Wilson</b> G. Wilson	J. & E. Cassidy	J. Deason (R) A-C Thomasson-Rosingh (I)

Responsible Person in **BOLD (for Health & Safety issues only)**

SOUND / STREAMING			
7 July	R. Keene	4 Aug	J. & I. Stack
14 July	R. Keene A. Milne	11 Aug	R. Keene J. Stack
21 July	J. & I. Stack	18 Aug	R. Keene A. Milne
28 July	R. Keene & J. Deason	25 Aug	J. Deason