

St.Saviour's Church, Bridge of Allan

Newsletter



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Summer 2022

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we will be in Ordinary Time, the longest season in the Church Year, stretching from Trinity Sunday to the beginning of Advent. After the extraordinary year you've experienced with its great uncertainties, challenges and unexpected joys, I'm sure that you are ready to settle into the rhythm of the *tempus ordinarius* which literally means 'measured time'. With the great festivals of the church behind us and the lifting of restrictions to worshipping and meeting together, my hope is that the summer and autumn months will be a time to enjoy some of the ordinary things of church life, things we all took for granted before March 2020.

Those of you who wish to receive communion in both kinds will be able to do so once more from July. As receiving communion in the form of the bread alone is regarded as complete in the Anglican tradition, there is no necessity for anyone to drink from the chalice unless they are confident to do so. Intincting (dipping the host into the cup) is generally regarded as more risky than drinking as fingers often make contact with the wine, and is not recommended. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please feel free to return to your seat after receiving the host.

During the weeks ahead, I hope that we will continue to listen deeply to each other and to God as we discern together the way ahead for St Saviour's, embracing new initiatives, encouraging and supporting those who are ready to work for the future of the church. Members of the Vestry and others are making great progress on different fronts to ensure that there will be opportunities

for growth in the years ahead, our Ministry Team will be experimenting with new patterns to make our worship more accessible to the elderly and families with children, and figuring out ways to better respond to the needs of those who are unable to attend church. We are also in the process of putting together a Pastoral Care Team. I invite you to prayerfully consider whether you are called to do this work. Please pray for all who are giving their time and please get involved if you are able. We will be doing our utmost to communicate any developments with you when appropriate.

I hope that we will also listen out for the voices of those in need in our midst and across the world and find ways to respond with compassion.

Please be assured of my prayers for you

With love to you all, Nerys

Pastoral Care Team

Nerys, Nick & Sue write;

Nerys, Nick and Sue are looking for volunteers to join a Pastoral Care Team for St Saviour's. If you are already regularly visiting or phoning members of the congregation who are unable to attend church or if you feel called to get involved in this vital work of ministry, please get in touch.

The role requires a Disclosure Certificate for working with vulnerable adults, some training and attendance at a quarterly team meeting for review and prayer. General oversight will be provided by the Interim Pastor / Rector. In the next few months, the Lay Readers can be contacted for immediate feedback and support after a visit.



Change of Treasurer

Alastair Duncan writes;

After thirteen years in post as Saint Saviour's treasurer Robert Franks is handing in his books. He was approached by Dom and appointed by the Vestry – they made him wait outside the room while they deliberated – on 20th January 2009. His meticulous spreadsheets, and lively accounts of his tussles with utility companies, have been a feature of Vestry meetings ever since. Keeping account of our varying income and expenditure, projecting the future state of our finances, winking our own money out of an investment company reluctant to part with it: none of this has given Robert an easy ride. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you, Robert, very much. We pass you back to Angèle who is heaving a great sigh of relief. We are delighted that Bill Logie has agreed to take up the reins. Bill is no stranger to the job of treasurer. His previous stint lasted ten years and only came to an end in 2005. On this occasion Bill takes up the post with conditions. He has to be relieved of his current responsibility as convener of the fabric committee and he agrees to serve for only two years. It has not been easy to find a replacement for Robert. We are very grateful to Bill for standing into the breach. We shall be in safe hands as we begin the search for a new rector.

Bridge of Allan Open Gardens

Sylvia Broomfield writes;

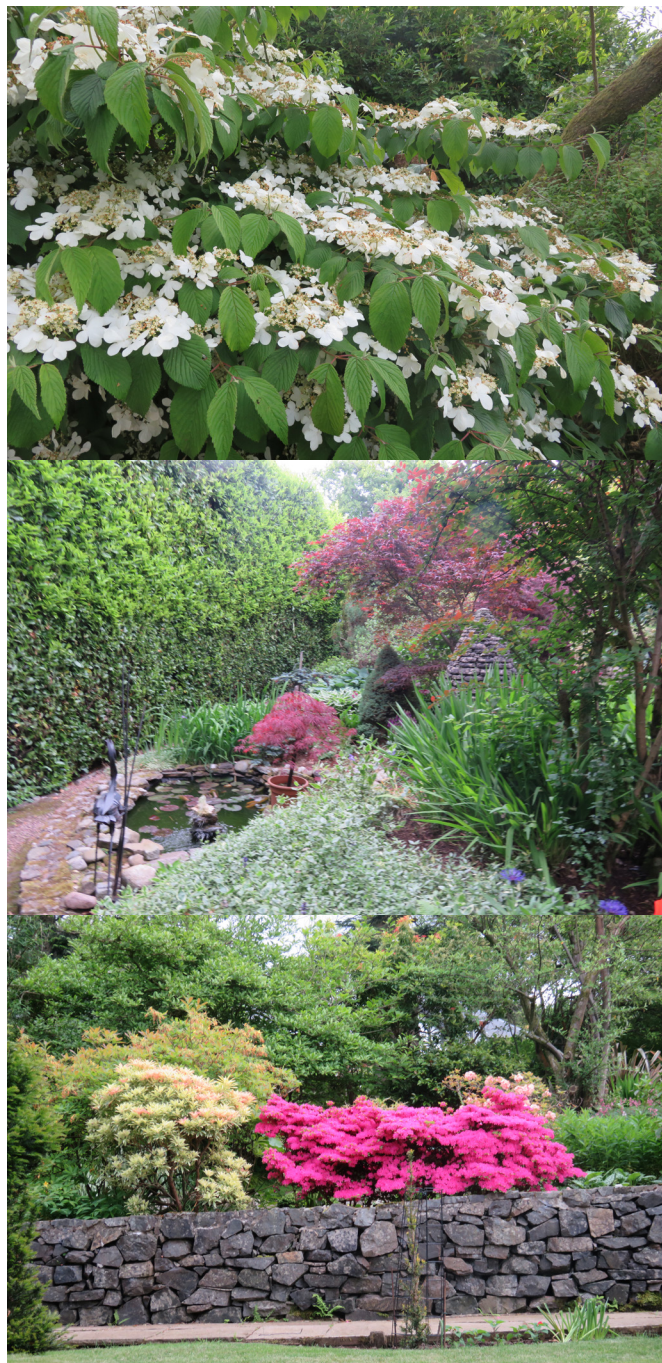
On 29th May, the sun shone and, after what some of us know will have been weeks of hard work, five gardens and the allotments opened their gates to the public to raise money for various charities. The event was well attended and from comments made was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

All the entrance ticket money was collected in St Saviour's Church and this gave a number of visitors their first opportunity to see the lovely new chairs and upgraded lighting.

After a working party had been held the week before, the Church garden was looking immaculate and a large variety of plants had been donated to the very popular Plant Stall. Those left have gone to the Bield at Blackruthven (known to a number of us from Vestry away days) for their Open Gardens day on 11th June. Children were entertained and educated by Froglife (a nationwide wildlife charity committed to the conservation of amphibians and reptiles) who had a stand in the garden.

After a walk round, visitors were refreshed in the Church Hall by a cup of tea or coffee, accompanied by a scone with jam and cream.

Many thanks are due to the large number of volunteers who made the day possible in too many ways to list. The total raised is just over £2000, of which St Saviour's and Artlink should receive £600 each and Scotland's Gardens Charities (The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Maggie's and Perennial) will share the rest. It was a lot of hard work for many people but a successful and enjoyable day.



Plant Sale

Maggie Moss writes;

Sylvia has written a full general account of Sunday May 29th, but I should like to add my formal thanks, not only to the St. Saviours' garden team, who worked hard in the church garden on Saturday, May 21st (as they do every third Saturday in the month) to prepare the garden ,but also to the many other volunteers, who joined the team on the 28th to label and price the plants.

A neighbour felt we had underpriced the plants, but we wanted to get rid of as many as possible and better to have satisfied customers feeling they had got a bargain than hear grumbles about overpricing.

The Parish Church kindly lent seven tables for the garden.

It was good to feel a buzz once again in St. Saviour's Church garden and Church Hall. It was indeed hard work but well worthwhile.

Lament

Liz Wrathmell writes;

The College of Bishops has authorised for experimental use, eucharistic and non eucharistic liturgies for times of lament.

Lament is not only about bemoaning suffering and tragedy in the world but also about acknowledging God's sovereignty, God's saving work in the past and discerning God's saving work into the future - and committing ourselves to it - being part of that work of transforming the world so that humanity may live in justice and peace.

The experimental liturgy can be found on the Scottish Episcopalian website 'liturgies authorised for experimental use.'

Church and Church Hall Letting

If anyone wants to use the Church or Church Hall or has any ideas, please contact one of the letting team who are Elaine Cameron, Terry Moran, Margaret Price and Sylvia Broomfield (H&S advisor).

Obituary – Eva Fermor

Liz Wrathmell writes;

Eva died last year of Covid during the pandemic lockdown. A native of the Czech Republic region of Moravia Eva moved to Scotland when she was 21, over 50 years ago. on marrying John.

Eva was a language graduate and spoke 4 languages fluently. She is survived by her son Adam and granddaughter Mathilda who was born shortly before she died. She was considering moving nearer the family in Wales when, very sadly, Covid struck.

Eva continued with her career all her life and when Adam was born would take baby and Nanny down to London for the week while she worked.

John and Eva loved walking and knew the Scottish hills and mountains intimately, taking groups of friends walking midweek, after a reconnaissance walk at the weekend. Eva's mother often visited and herself joined in the considerable walks well into her 80s. Prior to an evensong held by St Saviour's in Doune Eva simply walked across the carse to attend.

Eva was a member of St Saviour's in more recent years following the staunch example of her husband John. Eva was also linked to the Bahai faith and attended meetings in Stirling where she had many friends. Eva struggled in recent years particularly after John's death. Her mother died in Moravia more recently and Eva had the onerous task of sorting out the family assets alone.

Eva's funeral was held in St Saviour's during lockdown, and was fortunately linked by video to friends and relatives in the Czech republic from the crematorium.

New Dance Class, Movement for Seniors at St. Saviour's

Elaine Cameron writes;

Our first Dance Class, or movement for seniors' class was held in the Church Hall on Thursday the 16th June. The class, led by Julie Symmonds, began with a group of 10 people and happily I can say we all enjoyed ourselves and it was a great success. The class is for everyone including those with mobility issues. We have agreed to an initial block of classes in the Church Hall on the following dates: 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 21st July, and 28th July. They will start at 10.15am to include an hour of dance and social coffee afterwards which is just as important as the dancing. The price is £8 per person or £10 for 2 people coming together.

I would say that we don't want this class to be in anyway exclusive so if you want to discuss anything such as cost or accessibility please get in touch with Elaine Cameron (the Church letting team).

Please come and join us for a session to see if this is something for you and spread the word. We would love to welcome you.

The General Synod

Liz Wrathmell writes;

At the time of writing the General Synod is underway in Edinburgh. The outcomes of the Synod will be reported in the next edition of the newsletter. In his opening address, the Primus condemned the UK decision to send asylum seekers to Rwanda. Items on the agenda over the 3 day event include - the covid pandemic: the war in Ukraine and help for refugees: environmental issues including ethical investment and a presentation by the provincial youth committee. On Thursday Synod members were invited to take part in Thursdays in Black as part of the campaign to end violence against women.

Let's Get Together

Vanessa Berridge writes;

"Let's Get Together" is up and running again.

This is an open invitation for anyone who fancies a cuppa and catch up, especially after our long period of isolation. We had a lively chat at our first get together on May 20th, and will have had another couple in June by the time you will be reading this. Our next is on July 20th at 10.30, so do come and join us.

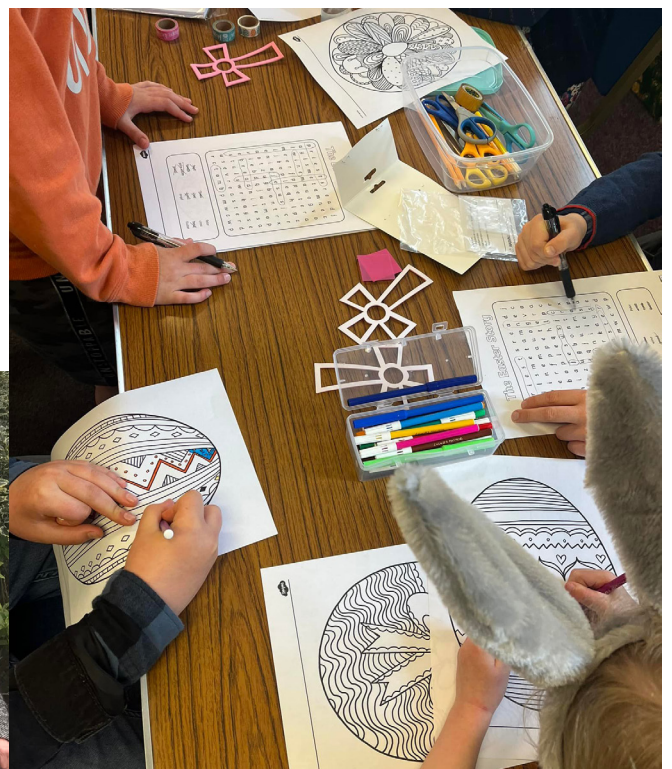
It's held at Vanessa's home. Please ring to let me know you're coming 07740178689. Hope to see you soon.

Young Church

Gillian Burr writes;

It was great to be back to having Easter crafts, an egg hunt and the fabulous bonnets on display at Easter. Definitely been missed over the last couple of years!

Young Church will return after the school holidays. We will begin by trialling meeting once a month. Exact dates will be publicised near the time.



The Walking Group

Anne Williamson writes;

The Walking Group had a short term during April & May, beginning with the customary University walk, then to the Pineapple at Airth, Scotland's oldest Architectural Folly, which belongs to the National Trust & Landmark Trust and offers holiday accommodation.

The following walk took us to Muiravonside, Falkirk's only Country Park and the magnificent Avon Aqueduct, the longest and tallest in Scotland.

Finally, in the King's Park, we saw the Peace of Mind Garden where specific plants are grown according to their seasons and school children can learn about their environment.

We ended our session with a celebratory lunch for Cedric in honour of his special birthday the following month.

Our next venture will be the Dundee trip from 30th. Aug -1st Sept, before our autumn walks resume.



Inspired by the Spirit

Suzanne Horne writes;

Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early apostles of Jesus. In the Christian tradition this event is often represented by the flight of a dove. This inspired the 87 peace pigeons which were made by members of St Saviour's congregation over two workshops and assembled to hang over the font from Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, until the Sunday after Trinity.

Why Peace Pigeons and not Doves? The larger pigeons made from felt were adapted from my daughter Sarah Culfeather-Wilson's Parker Pigeon design. These Pigeons can be found scattered round the UK and abroad and it is rumoured that there is a photograph of an Archbishop of Canterbury holding one. I had the idea of making them in white with a tail adaptation and calling them Parker Peace Pigeons for an exhibition that Sarah was holding earlier in the year. The remainder of them flew back to St Saviour's and because time was limited, I designed the smaller card species.



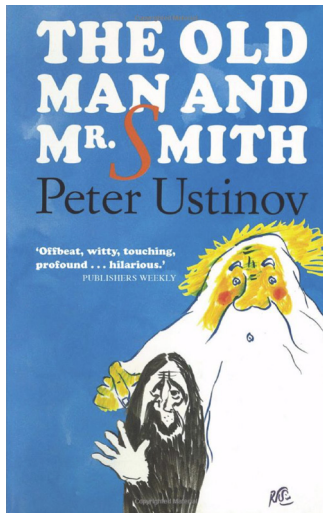
Pilgrimage

Alastair Williamson writes;

It is planned to hold a pilgrimage walk from St Saviour's to the Labyrinth at Stirling University, later this summer, probably early in September. Bishop Ian hopes to join us and lead us on the walk, which would take about 2 hours there and back, with a concluding coffee in the Church Hall. Anyone interested, from the congregation, the Parish Church and the wider community would be welcome to join us. There are several longer-distance pilgrimages, around the country, planned for the year ahead and it will be good to play our own part with a local walk. Full details will be announced in due course. I hope you can join us.

Book Group Report

Sylvia Broomfield writes:



The Old Man And Mr Smith by Peter Ustinov

The Old Man and Mr Smith are in fact no less than God and Satan and they are on a fact-finding mission to planet Earth. Published in 1990 but set in the mid-20th Century, perhaps in the last decade of flower-power, it is an interesting scenario as it follows the exploits of the unlikely pair, portrayed as two elderly gentlemen ("Immortality does not mean Eternal Youth"!) who are out of touch with what were then modern developments. It could be seen as dated by many, but those above a certain age may instead find it quite nostalgic and reviving memories of their youth.

The book was recommended by Trish Jones and she confessed to having done that when only a few Chapters into it. The beginning is a good read, written with all Ustinov's wit and wonderful turns of phrase. He was a very entertaining raconteur and this 'fable' was both satirical and philosophical too. It was felt by everyone, however, that it did not fulfil its early promise and became repetitive as it progressed,

and didn't really go anywhere. It needed a bit of something else to prevent the reader from becoming disengaged as the situations to do with money, the men disappearing, the FBI, lack of the appropriate currency and so on kept coming up.

The choice of countries to visit (the US, Russia, Israel, China, and India with only a brief UK stop) was interesting, as were the reactions of people from completely different places and walks of life to their presence. There were some amusing comments about TV, Mr Smith becoming almost addicted, and the choice of names was clever. There were some philosophical gems and God being out of date and the better informed devil, Mr Smith, keeping him out of trouble and their changing relationship was intriguing.

The general feeling was not so much that we would not recommend it at all but that we should be selective and it would not be a blanket recommendation but might appeal to some readers but not others.

The next meeting will be held at Sandra Rutt's house on July 14th to discuss the poetry of Brendan Kennelly, the Irish poet who died in October 2021.

Possible summer holiday reading to discuss on September 8th is "The Queen's Necklace" by Alexandre Dumas.

November 10th "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams.

Maggie Moss adds; Anyone is welcome to come to any meeting if there is a book or poet that is of interest. We meet in different houses and the last few meetings have taken place in the afternoon with plenty of ventilation. This is of course becoming less of an issue and we might revert to evening meetings.

Ask me if you are interested and I can let you know where and when to come.

FUNdraising

Alison Logie writes;

Vanessa, Terry and I (your fundraising team) have been trying to think of fun ways to raise money for St Saviour's and here are a few things to put in the diary.

28th October – Singalong to Abba. Hopefully this will encourage all ages to come into the church and should be great fun! Dressing up in Abba gear and having a great sing could lighten the darken days of late October. More information will be given later.

26th November – Winter Fair. Stalls will include toys, books, baking, arts and crafts, jewellery, knick knacks, Christmas décor etc. If you feel you could adopt a stall please give your names to Alison, Terry or Vanessa. Please plan now and collect goods. Hopefully we'll make it as fun as the last fair.

25th February 2023 – Wedding Fair - more details later.

Bridge Of Allan Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Ceremony

Sheila Hutton writes;

On Saturday 4th June, Friends of Bridge of Allan held a tree planting ceremony to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Guests including Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk Mrs Marilyn Stenhouse, Provost Douglas Dodds and local councillors gathered at "The Triangle" on Keir Street for the event. Many of the Friends of Bridge of Allan volunteers and supporters, as well as many local residents and visitors also joined the celebration.

Mrs Stenhouse gave a very engaging speech on the work and achievements of HM Queen Elizabeth, highlighting her commitment to tree planting over the last seventy years, and "The Queen's Green Canopy" initiative.

Mrs Stenhouse also took the opportunity to congratulate Friends of Bridge of Allan on their Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, in recognition of the hard work they undertake to maintain beautiful flower displays and inviting open spaces for everyone's enjoyment. She commended them and the local residents and businesses who continue to work together to make Bridge of Allan a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

The tree, a magnolia, was planted by senior volunteer and life-long resident Mr Ian Anderson and Mrs Stenhouse. A commemorative plaque marks the tree, which now joins the magnolia planted in Queen Elizabeth's honour in 2012 to mark her Diamond Jubilee. All those attending enjoyed the glorious sunshine and took time to linger and socialise awhile with friends and neighbours.



St Saviours Groups and Organisers

Ministry and Pastoral Team: Rev Nerys Brown (Interim Pastor)

Prof Nick Price (Lay Reader) - Sue white (Lay Reader)

Vestry Members: Alastair Duncan, Robert Franks, Michael Horne, Jean Kelly, Alison Logie, Bill Logie, Vicky McDowell, Terry Moran, Sue Power, Margaret Price & Elizabeth Wrathmell

Child Protection & PVG: Sue Power

Young Church: Sue White

Gillian Burr

Jean Kelly

Communications: Alastair Duncan

Magazine: Alastair Duncan
Andrew McDowell
Jacquie Macpherson

Pew Slip: Sandra Rutt

Music: Sue Horne (Choral)
Alastair Duncan (Machine)

Safety Officer: Sylvia Broomfield

Fabric Team: Brian Bridgewater
Melvin White
Michael Horne

Walking Group: Anne and Alastair
Williamson

Treasurer: Bill Logie

Craft and Knitting Groups: Sue Horne

Prayer Shawl Group: Jean Kelly

Flower Group: Sandra Rutt

Angèle Franks

Environmental Co-ordinator: Elaine Cameron

Church Cleaning: Christine Caldwell

Church Garden: Maggie Moss

Rectory Garden: Terry Moran

Readers: Graham Barratt

Welcomers: Margaret Price

Intercessions: Alastair Williamson

Bin Czar: Liz Coleman

Property Letting: Terry Moran

Elaine Cameron

Margaret Price

Sylvia Broomfield

The Family Christening Robe

Alison Logie writes

On the 19th June 2022 our latest grandchild, Charlotte Elizabeth (Lottie,) is being christened in St Mary's Church, Haddington. She will be wearing the family Christening robe. The first baby to wear it was my great grandmother, Hannah Gilbert Macainsh. The year was 1874 and the robe was gifted to her by a relation, Mrs Graham Gilbert, who bequeathed a considerable sum of money to my great grandfather, who was a Minister in the Free Church. Since that first baby was christened thirty nine babies have worn the robe. As you can imagine it is becoming very fragile. Recently I sent the robe to a company called Little Doves who have washed it and mended some of the fragile bits of lace – ready for Lottie's day. I attach photos of two of the babes who have worn the robe. It's lovely that Alexander's daughter should wear the same robe as he forty four years later. Like all families they will need our prayers. Please keep them in your thoughts



My great grandmother, grandmother and aunt - 3 Hannahs.



Alexander Logie's Christening. June 1978



Maggie Moss, Godmother, and Alexander



Detail on the robe



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