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September 2021

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. We hope you enjoy reading this month's news! We welcome any suggestions and comments from everyone in our diocese at media@standrews.anglican.org

Further information can be found on our website at <https://standrews.anglican.org> You can also download a printable version of this month's E-News by [clicking here](#).

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Bishop Ian Writes

Welcome to our new Dean



I am very pleased to announce the appointment of the Very Revd Graham Taylor as Dean of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, in succession to the Very Revd Kenny Rathband, who retired on 31st August 2021.

Graham continues to serve as Rector of St John the Baptist, Princes Street, Perth, where he has been since 2014, becoming a Canon of St Ninian's Cathedral in 2019. Before coming to this Diocese, Graham served in several charges in the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, where he was ordained in 2001.

The role of Dean is one of the most important in the life of any diocese. It includes support for the Bishop's ministry; sharing in leadership of the Diocese with the Bishop and others; encouraging the clergy, lay ministers and vestries of the Diocese; and fulfilling the other duties specified in the Code of Canons. Graham brings to this ministry his love of the Scottish Episcopal Church, his long experience of congregational ministry, his priority of pastoral care, and his warm sense of humour!

I am very glad that Graham accepted my invitation to become Dean, and I am looking forward very much to welcoming him as a colleague and adviser, and to helping him as he settles into this new ministry.

Graham will be Installed and welcomed, in the presence of many more people, at a full Diocesan service at the Cathedral before Advent. At that service other Canons, appointed during lockdown, will also be installed, and we will be able to thank Kenny Rathband as retiring Dean.

Please welcome Graham, and pray for him as he becomes Dean of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

Bishop Ian

The Very Revd Kenny Rathband - Thank You!



Many in the Diocese and beyond have been giving their support and care to our Dean, the Very Revd Kenny Rathband and to Ruth in the months since Kenny had to step back from active ministry because of a serious health issue. They, and all of us, have had to come to terms with his early retirement from full-time ministry which Kenny's doctors advised. As Kenny wrote to us about making this difficult decision: "This has not been an easy decision to make and follows on from my recent heart attack. I have greatly enjoyed working with both congregations, and the privilege of being Dean for a number of years. I continue to hold everyone in my prayers."

Kenny's last day as Dean of the Diocese, and as Rector of Dunfermline and Priest at Rosyth, was on 31st August, and he retired from 1st September.

Two Bishops of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Bishop David and Bishop Ian, the clergy who have served, and each vestry and congregation, have so much to thank Kenny for in his 14 years as Dean of the Diocese. There will be a significant Diocesan service - before Advent, we hope - at which the Diocese will express its thanks to Kenny, and celebrate his 14 years service as Dean. Congregations and individuals may wish to

contribute to the Diocese's gift which will be presented to Kenny and Ruth as a sign of appreciation and love. Details of where to send contributions will be announced shortly.

Please continue to hold Kenny and Ruth in your prayers as they prepare to move into a new chapter of life for them. And please pray for Holy Trinity and St Margaret's as they begin to seek a new Rector and a new Priest-in-Charge.

Bishop Ian

Online Worship From the Scottish Episcopal Church



The Scottish Episcopal Church will broadcast the Eucharist service every week at 11am through [YouTube](#) enabling people to worship in fellowship. The service will be held in private, in line with SEC guidelines but all are welcome to access the service online. The liturgy is also available to download from the Scottish Episcopal Church website. Many worshippers from our diocese have found the services deeply spiritual and up lifting.

In line with current guidance, some churches within the diocese are reopening for worship. During this time clergy and vestries are working hard to ensure that all guidance is followed and the safety of the congregation is maintained.

Online services will continue and we ask for all those who are working to ensure that worship both in churches and online can continue to be remembered in your prayers.

[More information can be found here](#)

[Click here for the Weekly Eucharist Online](#)

Pilgrimage



The 2021 Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Friday 10th September. There are different starting places on the route from Ceres to St Andrews, depending on how far pilgrims wish to walk. We hope to see members of all congregations who are able to come as pilgrims.

For detailed information and to register, please see

<https://standrews.anglican.org/pilgrimage/>

A Prayer for Pilgrimage

Christ our Guide, stay with us on our pilgrimage through life: when we falter, encourage us, when we stumble, steady us, and when we have fallen, pick us up. Help us to become step by step, more truly ourselves, and remind us that you have travelled this way before.

Amen

Our (digital) Pilgrimage

Karen McClain Kiefer - Diocesan Digital Missioner

It's all about the journey – physically, spiritually and even digitally!

Many people find it easier to walk rather than talk their faith, and find encouragement through treading in the footsteps of countless pilgrims before them.

~ Ian Brady, The Fife Pilgrim Way

I remain very inspired by the SEC's Season of Pilgrimage and have continued undertaking my own pilgrimages, in both geographical and spiritual contexts. I have been fortunate to visit and be inspired by a few wonderful spots at the western and eastern edges of the Diocese with a stop in the middle.

Killin

My most westerly stop was the newly designated Pilgrim Chapel in Killin to visit 'Wild Church' so thoughtfully developed by Revd Gennie Evans.



In addition to visiting the lovely chapel and seeing the many materials and activities available through Wild Church, I was able to meander from the chapel to beautiful vistas along a heritage trail, inspired by a Wild Church leaflet offering reflections on nature, creation and spirituality.



With the rich heritage and phenomenal beauty of the area, it offers wonderful possibilities to be a pilgrimage launching spot or a stop along the way for pilgrims on various journeys.

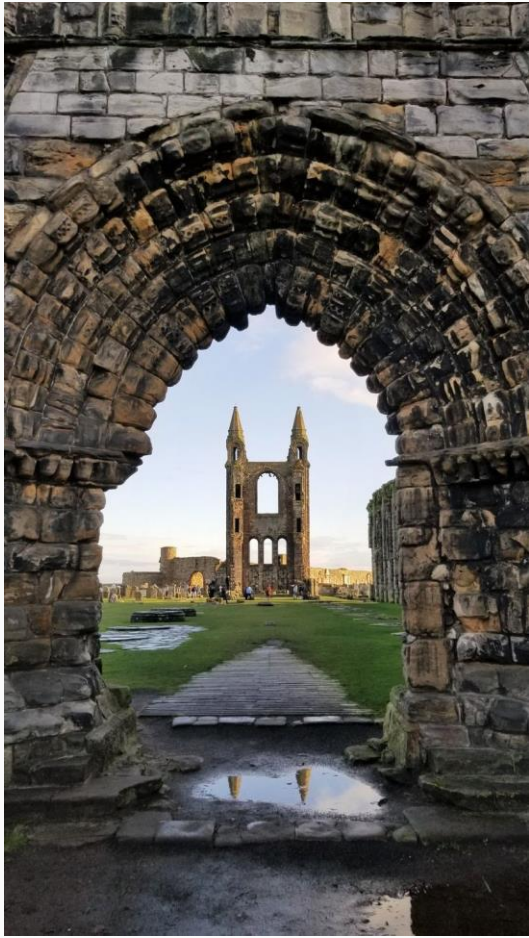
The Bield

In the centre of the Diocese I was able to embark on more of a spiritual pilgrimage, in a stayover at The Bield retreat and conference centre, just west of Perth. I find refreshment in walking the grounds, enjoying and partaking in the art incorporated throughout the property, and walking one of my favourite labyrinths. Even though it was more of an internal pilgrimage, I found that I was not 'journeying' alone – the resident chickens were happy to accompany me! Sometimes they make the best spiritual directors.



St Andrews

Upon returning home to St Andrews, a walk into the town centre and past the cathedral ruins once again reminded me of the rich history that is far too easy to take for granted. For centuries, pilgrims have gone to great effort to visit this place of immense spiritual, religious and historical significance.



As summer winds down we have even more opportunities to explore the theme and the sense of pilgrimage together.

Perhaps the most obvious opportunity is walking together on Friday 10th September on a journey formally declared a 'pilgrimage', as we traverse the culminating route of the Fife Pilgrim Way from Ceres to St Andrews (or joining in from points along the way!). I invite you to reflect on your own pilgrimages (spiritual, physical, digital or otherwise!) as you walk. I hope to see you there!

An invitation

There are so many interesting, significant and beautiful places around our Diocese that pilgrims had trod before us. As I have briefly captured a few places in this piece, I want to encourage all of you to consider the places near you and around the Diocese. In keeping with this Season of Pilgrimage, I would like to launch a 'digital pilgrimage' of sorts, capturing places and stories from around the Diocese and within your congregations.

The Fife Pilgrim Way has its own 'badge' as you can see on the markers and on the informational materials. What image might represent your own journey and that of your community?

Watch for more nudges about this, but in the meantime, please send me or Eleanor at the Diocesan office photos and stories about what is happening in your congregations and communities, so that others may be able to venture through our Diocese as 'digital pilgrims'!

An Eco Pilgrimage

As we enter Creationtide, I would be remiss not to mention our collective journey toward becoming better stewards of God's creation, as the SEC commits to be net zero in carbon emissions by 2030.

This is certainly one of the most important pilgrimages of our lives, led by many strong leaders within the Climate Change group within our Diocese. Please watch for communications, posts, articles and presentations about important initiatives and actions you can take (or cease) on your own eco pilgrimage.

Global thinking can only do to the globe what a space satellite does to it: reduce it, make a bauble of it. Look at one of those photographs of half the earth taken from outer space, and see if you recognize your neighbourhood. If you want to see where you are, you will have to get out of your space vehicle, out of your car, off your horse, and walk over the ground. On foot you will find that the earth is still satisfyingly large, and full of beguiling nooks and crannies.

~ Wendell Berry, 'Out of your car, off your horse' in *The Atlantic Magazine*, February 1991

Passion Play - Oberammergau



The Revd Tracy Dowling is leading a group to Austria and then on to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau next year and has a few spare places. Flights are to and from Edinburgh and the dates are May 11 - 18th 2022. In Austria, they will be staying in St Gilgen, a village

on the shores of the Wolfgangsee,- sound of music country- before moving on to Oberammergau for two nights.

Further details can be obtained from elizabeth@benton.org.uk

Sunday Lectionary

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 5 September Collect: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23, Psalm 125, James 2.1-10(11-13),14-17, Mark 7.24-37

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 12 September Collect: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 116.1-8, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-38

Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop - 19 September Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Ninian, whom you called to preach the gospel to the people of northern Britain. Raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your Church may make known the immeasurable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Harvest - 19 September Collect: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah 1.4-9, Psalm 67, 2 Corinthians 5.17-6.2, Matthew 9.35-38

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - 21 September Collect: Almighty God, who through your Son called Matthew to be your apostle and evangelist: free us from all greed and selfish love, that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Proverbs 6.1-6(13-18), Psalm 119.33-40, 2 Corinthians 4.1-6,

Matthew 9.9-13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 26 September Collect: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29, Psalm 19.7-14, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

Michael and All Angels - 29 September Collect: Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Readings: Genesis 28.10-17, Psalm 103.19-22, Revelation 12.7-12, John 1.47-51

Godly Play - 9th October 2021

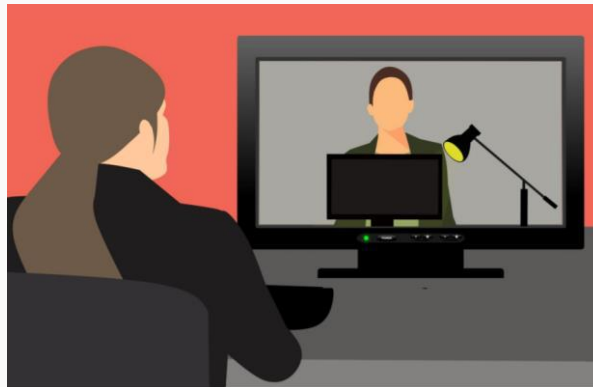
There will be an opportunity on Saturday 9th October 2021 to take part in a Godly Play experience. The venue is St Ninians Cathedral, Perth and the day begins at 10am finishing at 4pm. This day is for anyone who works with or is interested in working with children and young people.

See their website at <https://www.godlyplayscotland.co.uk/>

Please pass this information on to anyone in your congregation you think would be interested in taking part. If you would like to register for this event please let Carol know at bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org

Further information will be given when you have registered.

Autumn 2021 Chaplaincy Training Programme



Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland is pleased to announce our diet of training modules for this autumn. We had significant interest in our training in the first half of this year with thirty people attending each of our sessions. The outcome being that over twenty people have completed all their foundation sessions, and are moving on to become volunteer workplace chaplains. We aim to provide interactive and engaging sessions that will explore workplace chaplaincy ministry, and how the skills and abilities you already have can be exercised in this context. If you would like to talk to someone to find out more about workplace chaplaincy, setting up a local workplace chaplaincy, or to explore if this ministry is for you please contact either: Andrew Gregg Andrew.Gregg@WPCScotland.co.uk 07834 748129 Paul Wilson Paul.Wilson@WPCScotland.co.uk 07703 585987

For more information please visit <http://www.wpcscotland.co.uk/index.php/news/autumn-21-chaplaincy-training-programme>

A Prayer for Creationtide

In a world whose web of life is intricate and beautiful, save us, Lord, from carelessness and blindness.

In a world whose creatures are so varied and vulnerable, save us, Lord, from plundering and cruelty.

In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should cleanse, save us Lord, from wanton polluting.

In a world whose forests protect our air and wild-life, save us, Lord, from the systems that drive us to destroy them.

In a world whose fruits are rich and plentiful, save us, Lord, from waste and greed.

- Angela Ashwin