



## October 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](mailto: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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### Dean Graham Writes



Dear Friends,

It is with much joy I write to you, as the new Dean of St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane. After much prayer and consideration after Bishop Ian approached me to become the Dean, I truly believe that God has called me to fulfil this role for the next stage of my ministry.

All of you will not know me, and some of you I have never met yet, including some of the new clergy in our diocese. Perhaps, not so new now, but with the pandemic it has not been possible to meet. I look forward in time to doing my visits around the diocese and meeting you, friends old and new.

I have been the Rector of St. John's here in Perth for exactly seven years this month, before this, all of my ministry was in my home diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, serving there in various parishes and committees, as well as being a Canon of the Cathedral. Originating from Morayshire, I was involved in our local Episcopal church from an early age and have a great love for our beloved Scottish Episcopal Church.

I believe with all my heart that this church, small though it may be in some ways, carries much weight and influence, and has so much to contribute and offer in today's society.

In my first few weeks as Dean, I now serve on most committees in our diocese as well as meeting and working closely with Bishop Ian. Everyday for me at the moment is a school day! However, as each new day brings its own challenges, it is a joy to be at the heart of such a wonderfully welcoming and inclusive diocese.

At the beginning of this new ministry, I am incredibly grateful to Bishop Ian for giving me this opportunity and to the diocese for all the encouragement I have been given so far. I give thanks for the Vestry and people of St. John's, Perth for being so encouraging and patient as I have taken up this new post. I am incredibly grateful to those who allow ministry to continue there in my place when I'm out and about doing Dean's duties and working away from St. John's for our diocese.

In the pilgrimage of life our God of grace and love, calls us on, calls each of us into unfamiliar places and new opportunities, giving thanks for all that we have been given in the past and looking forward with much hope for all that is to come. I hope and pray that as we journey together into the future, we will do just that, reflect, and give much thanks to God.

I look forward very much to meeting you all, as we journey in this diocese with God's love and grace freely given to us, as we reach out into the communities with the people we serve, and as we tell the story of Christ's wonderful love for all.

Every blessing to you and yours,

Dean Graham.

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## 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](#)

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**Pilgrimage**



Thank you everyone who joined the pilgrimage walk from Ceres to St Andrews on 10th September. We hope everyone found the journey spiritually rewarding and we look forward to meeting up again for future pilgrimages. We thank everyone for their feedback and we hope you enjoy reading some of our pilgrim experiences.

*"I came with my friend and we both enjoyed the walk, fellowship and services. I am a member of the RC church in Crieff and felt very welcome as part of the group. I have passed a leaflet onto my priest in the hope that we might be able to do something similar in the future."*

*"Thank you for all that you [Alasdair] and Nick did to make the pilgrimage run smoothly. I realise how much effort and time was expended in planning the logistics, including for you a preparatory walk, and in getting so many people involved in facilitating the spiritual aspects of our walk, as well as providing hospitality at the end."*

*"It was a wonderful day. It was my first pilgrimage but hopefully not my last."*

*"We really enjoyed the walking, reflecting, and finally worshipping (and of course refreshments!) at All Saints."*

*"I enjoyed the Pilgrimage. The stages were easy. I joined at Craigtoun, which was interesting and poignant for me since I was born there when the large house was a maternity hospital. It was good to have pauses for spiritual moments. It was an opportunity to meet old friends and to make new ones. In the latter case there was one gentleman who had been an undergraduate at St Andrews in the 1950s and had come all the way from London principally to walk the Pilgrimage."*

## Our (digital) pilgrimage – Pilgrims on the way!



In September, we had the chance as a diocesan community to literally embrace the inspiring theme of *Pilgrimage* that the Scottish Episcopal Church has adopted for the next while as an enduring season.

Diocesan pilgrims joined together on the Fife Pilgrim Way from Ceres to St Andrews on 10th September 2021, led by guides Revd Alasdair Coles and Nick Cooke. About 30 began the journey in Ceres, and with those joining along the way at stops at Craigtoun Park, Hallow Hill and Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, we were about 60-strong by the time we reached All Saints' Episcopal Church for refreshments and Evening Prayer.

To see highlights from the day, please check out this video:

<https://youtu.be/Lb5W-9clYU8>

To see the full reflections and prayers at each stop along the way, follow the links in the video description!

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### ***As we continue to journey on...***

Embracing this theme can help shape how we look at our mission, how we work, and what messages we convey – digitally and otherwise.

We will have more opportunities to consider our mission and how we journey together in our communities, as pilgrims on the way, during the engaging Area Council gatherings planned in our four areas between 23rd October and 13th November. I will be there to help us consider how pilgrimage can guide us in our inspiration and our planning in the year ahead!

Don't miss your Area Council Gathering in the coming weeks!

West St Andrews Area Council: 23rd October

East St Andrews Area Council: 30th October

Dunkeld Area Council: 6th November

Dunblance Area Council: 13th November

From these gatherings and other conversations, we will prepare to launch a **Diocesan Digital Pilgrimage** – with YOUR communities and your stories as the focus!

I look forward to having conversations with your congregations about your own pilgrim journeys!

*We are pilgrims on the way... may we journey well*

~ Karen



## Glamis Harvest



Harvest Thanksgiving took place in the Chapel of St Michael & All Angels, Glamis Castle, on Sunday 3rd October 2021. The offering included a harvest loaf made with wheat grown

on the Strathmore Estate and baked by Wendy, the baker at the Castle. Produce, including grapes, grown in the Castle gardens was provided by Des, the Head Gardener. Hymns were accompanied by fiddle music played by congregation member Sandy.

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## Stirling Eco Congregations network - Refresh, Renew, Reset



As we all emerge and reflect on the impact of the pandemic on the whole of life on earth, it is a good time to refresh, renew and reset our thinking on many things. Churches in Stirling have taken part in the ecumenical Great Britain & Ireland initiative called Climate Sunday. The idea is to hold a climate focussed service in the run up to COP26 to explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care and action on climate, to pray, and to commit to action. This initiative fits well with the season of 'Creationtide' that is being promoted by Eco-Congregations Scotland. Their Eco-Chaplain, David Coleman, will be speaking in Stirling on 14th October at Stirling Methodist Church on 'Faith and the Environment' as part of Stirling's Climate Festival. The run up to COP26 is also time for us to renew and refresh our collaboration and partnerships with other people of faith in tackling the complexities of Climate Change and more that 50 religious leaders have signed 'The Glasgow Multifaith Declaration for COP26'.

The Stirling Eco-Congregations Network is, through the leadership of the Stirling Methodists Green Team, helping to support the Young Christians Climate Network as they complete their relay to Glasgow from Cornwall. Their #RiseToThe Moment initiative has engaged many people in prayer and action, and you could help by volunteering your time

and talents to walk with them, welcome them, or feed them on Saturday 30th October: for more information contact [jon@cameroncape.net](mailto:jon@cameroncape.net)

Could you join in by taking some small steps? Could this help you to refresh, renew and reset your personal view on human relationships with creation?

Useful links:

[<http://Climate Sunday> <https://www.climatesunday.org/>]Climate Sunday  
<https://www.climatesunday.org/>

Eco-Congregation Scotland <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>  
Glasgow Multi Faith Declaration for COP26 <https://interfaithscotland.org/glasgow-multi-faith-declaration-for-cop26>

Stirling Climate Festival <https://stirlingclimatefest.info/whats-on>  
[<http://Young Christians Climate Network – Relay to COP26> <https://www.yccn.uk/>]Young  
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## Music in Aberfoyle- Next concert

For those of you who missed the wonderful concert given by Alastair Savage and his friends, our next concert will be given by the **Wallace Collection Brass Ensemble** on **Sunday 17th October** at **3 o'clock**.

They will be playing:

“It all began in Venice”

The programme begins with three compositions for brass from Giovanni Gabrieli’s posthumous masterpiece, Canzone e Sonate (1615) and continues by exploring the first flowering of new compositions written around 1850 for the new chromatic brass championed in Paris by Adolphe Sax and other makers. It finishes with some masterly British song arrangements penned by Beethoven for Edinburgh publisher George Thomson.

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612) Canzon V a 7 (1615 op. posth.);

Canzon VI a 7 (1615 op. posth.);

Canzon VII a 7 (1615 op. posth.)

Jean-François Bellon (1795-1869) Quintette no 7 (The Sea Journey)

Auguste Mimart Quintette no 5

Auguste Mimart (1828-68) Septuor no 2

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) Die Alte Gute Zeit



They will be bringing with them an **ophicleide**, so if you do not know what this is, this is your chance to find out!

As always, entrance is by voluntary donation, and the concert will last an hour.

Tickets may be booked in advance by replying to this email.

The Wallace Collection performed in Aberfoyle this summer so we know we can be assured an excellent hour of music. Come and enjoy!

## Perthshire Rainbow Table



### PERTSHIRE RAINBOW TABLE



**7.30pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**St Columba's** Perth Rd. Crieff. PH7 3EB.

We are an ecumenical Christian worship community which offers a warm welcome to people who are: **LGBTQIA+** and their friends- all who seek an inclusive Church.

**We** aim to create a safe sacred space for you to explore your faith and what it means for you.

Whoever you are, wherever you come from,  
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## Godly Play - 9th October 2021



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Godly Play workshop. It was a very interesting day and enjoyment was had by all!

Godly Play is a very different, but amazingly engaging, creative and imaginative method for exploring our Christian faith and heritage.

It is not about learning lessons, keeping children entertained or telling children what they need to know. It's about experiencing and exploring the sacred stories of God's people, of knowing Jesus through his life and his parables and understanding the way in which we approach God through liturgical action.

Jessica Lang, the Young Church Coordinator at Saint Andrew's, St Andrews who has developed a thriving Godly Play community there, provides a further description of its impact:

*'During Godly Play the children are invited to discover who God is through multi-sensory storytelling, open-ended wondering, and creative hands-on response time. Children are invited to engage their imagination as they experience their faith through sacred stories, parables, and liturgical actions while gaining*

*Christian language and enhancing their spiritual experience through wonder and play. '*

Although it was originally developed as a resource for children, 3 years through the end of primary school, Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups, in a diversity of settings.

More information can be found at <http://www.godlyplayscotland.co.uk>

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## 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](mailto:elizabeth@benton.org.uk)

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## Sunday Lectionary

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 3 October**

Collect: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 2.18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – 10 October**

Collect: Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Amos 5.6-7,10-15, Psalm 90.12-17, Hebrews 4.12-16, Mark 10.17-31

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – 17 October** Collect: Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of

your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 53.4-12, Psalm 91.9-16, Hebrews 5.1-10, Mark 10.35-45

#### **St Luke, Evangelist - 18 October**

Collect: Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son: give your Church, by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the gospel, the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Sirach 38.1-4,6-10,12-14, Psalm 147.1-7, 2 Timothy 4.5-13(14-17), Luke 4.14-21 or 10.1-9

#### **James of Jerusalem, Martyr c.62 - 23 October**

Collect: Almighty God, whose servant James was faithful in prayer, devoted to the poor, and accepted persecution: grant us grace to follow his example; to walk in the way of the just; and to witness to our risen Lord, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 15.12-22a, Psalm 1, James 1.26-27 or 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Mark 3.28-35 or Matthew 13.54-58

#### **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – 24 October**

Collect: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah 31.7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7.23-28, Mark 10.46-52

#### **Simon and Jude, Apostles - 28 October**

Collect: Almighty God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Deuteronomy 32.1-4 or Isaiah 28.14-16, Psalm 119.89-96, Ephesians 2.13-22, John 15.17-27

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – 31 October** Collect: Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Deuteronomy 6.1-9, Psalm 119.1-8, Hebrews 9.11-14, Mark 12.28-34

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## **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