



## NEWSLETTER ❖ 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Dear friends

Even in this strange year, September brings the start of the new academic session and the arrival of many new people in the town. As followers of Christ, and as a Christian community, we are called to provide as best hospitality as we can to those who find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings, many far from home for the first significant period of time in their lives. Others will be moving to new academic or support roles within the University in difficult circumstances, some wishing to start again after difficult experiences elsewhere. I've already met people who feel drawn to work here despite enormously long commuting journeys. Let us hope and pray that, for each new person in the town, what is on offer by our wider community in professional work, academic opportunities and social life, fulfils what is needed and indeed surpasses it.

Much of this relating is now taking place through face coverings, which does not greatly help communication. However, requirements from Government are not - we trust - completely misguided in seeking to balance ways of maintaining the myriad patterns of life that keep us creatively engaged, while mitigating risk. We know what strict lockdown feels like and have worked hard to minimise risk for others as for ourselves. The economic and psychological consequences of that period are not apparent yet but they are likely to cause hardship for many people. Others of us remain in quite strict isolation due to fragile health conditions and, of course, remain in our prayers.

It has been claimed that the Christian communities affected least by the COVID pandemic are enclosed religious houses - monks and nuns. Imagine being 'socially isolated' in an enclosed family of twenty or thirty people living separately from the world as a witness to one aspect of the Christian vocation. Apart from the lack of guests, this year might not have been *that* different. It's not an enormous leap from that experience to fantasise about the Church as a closed society, like some great geodesic dome, sealed safely from the dangers of the outside world and comprised solely of those we know and trust. That is perhaps how Caribbean immigrants found English churches in the 1950s in which they frequently - and tragically - found no genuine welcome.

One of the earliest characteristics of Christian communities, inherited from semitic and Greek culture, is hospitality. *Philoxenia*, the New Testament Greek word for the love of strangers, is the opposite of *xenophobia*, the fear of them. It was this characteristic of love - meeting the needs of strangers - which distinguished Christians in the early Church from their social context.

While we may not be able to practice hospitality as we would wish, we can pray that this important spiritual virtue is still found by those who come to All Saints' for the first time and by all who are new to St Andrews.

Fr Alasdair

## THIS WEEK

Sunday	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer 1900 Mass	<b>TRINITY 14</b>
Monday	0800 Morning Prayer 1800 Evening Prayer followed by Mass	<i>Exultation of the Cross</i>
Tuesday	<i>as Monday</i>	
Wednesday	<i>as Monday</i> + Compline at 2100	<b>St Ninian</b>
Thursday	<i>as Monday</i>	<i>Hildegard of Bingen</i>
Friday	<i>as Monday</i>	
Saturday	1100 Morning Prayer followed by Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	

### Zoom Meeting

To help keep in touch with other members of the congregation, join the Zoom meeting on Wednesday at 10 am using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82546386442?pwd=Nklvc005SGINVldDSlJTZEZHalkUT09>

Audio recordings of some services will continue to be placed on the website here:

<https://www.allsaints-standrews.org.uk/category/virtualservices/>

## MALAWIAN RICE

A renewed supply of Malawian rice is available from Lil at the Rectory, should you wish to purchase some. With thanks to Margaret Duffy who first made us aware of this source of excellent, ethically-sourced food.

## MARMALADE & OTHER PRESERVES

Jill Cameron has produced a good supply of items that would normally be available at the produce stall, which we cannot arrange at present due to restrictions on gatherings. If you would like to receive some jars of preserves to support church funds, please let Jill know your requirements and she will bring it to church. If you are not coming to church at present, other arrangements might well be possible. Jill can be contacted by email [jillcameron38@yahoo.com](mailto:jillcameron38@yahoo.com) or telephone 01334 474474.

## CHURCH FUNDS

Thanks are due to all who have made donations to All Saints' in recent weeks and to those who have contributed towards a retiral gift for Fr Malcolm - this will comprise a cheque as well as some bottles of singular character.

For those who would like to support the mission and ministry of the church either through one-off donations or regular giving, please either contact the Treasurer, Ian Palfrey, or use the details given below.

Our bank details:

<i>Bank</i>	Royal Bank of Scotland
<i>Branch</i>	113 – 115 South Street, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9QB
<i>Sort code</i>	83-26-28
<i>Account name</i>	All Saints Episcopal Church – St Andrews
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## CHURCH OPENING

Members of Vestry (the Trustees of All Saints') wish to continue opening the church each day ostensibly for private prayer but also for those who might like to come inside and have a look; people are naturally moved towards prayer in churches like ours, where tourists perhaps become pilgrims rather easily. While we are mindful of the amount of time that is involved for those who supervise these openings, it does seem an important thing to do when many churches remain closed.

Should you be willing to spend a couple of hours in the church every so often, it would be much appreciated. Sometimes several people come in during those hours, sometimes none; some are chatty, others are silent. However, the Government asks that we supervise the building and encourage people, when necessary, to observe protocols to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission taking place.

If you are able to help - once or twice a month would be splendid - you can use the online rota to book times here: <https://bit.ly/allsaintssupervision>

Alternatively, if you would prefer to book a time by 'phone or email, please contact the Rector.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### ***In particular need***

Debbie & Priscilla White, Eleanor Ross, David McLean, Anne Zweers, *Priest*, Amy Cox, Robyn Seenan, Anne Clayton, Ian Sadler, Wilson Sibbett, Janet Reid, Julie Quantrill, Dorothy Clark

### ***Continuing need***

Lenora Mahoney, Effie Keracher, Jonah & Chris Andrews, Gareth & Jenni Saunders, Judy, Ashley & Kathleen Cummins, Charles & Thomas Ware, Ann Noltie, Lawrence Reynolds, Sally-Marie Gardner, Edie, Alice Bullough, Joan Day, Catherine Rowe, Bill Hyland, Samantha, Steve Scott, Angela Allaway, Lori-Mark Quate, Elizabeth Talbot, Rebecca, Beatrice, & Alexander

### ***Residential care***

Catriona, Fiona Ingham, John Shillaker, *Priest*, Marie-Louise Moffett, *Priest*, Charlie Mather, Berenice Smith, Robin White

### ***Recently departed***

#### ***Year's mind***

- 13/9 Agnes Campbell Gordon, 1932, Donald Stanley Pyke, 2003
- 15 James Grierson, 2007, Penelope Anne Ede, 2017,  
Arthur Chenery, 2019
- 17 William Manson, 1928, Margaret Douglas Gilmour, 2013