



NEWSLETTER ❖ EASTER 4

Bob Harley's Visit to Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong India; March 2015

Dear friends

Dr John Graham, a Church of Scotland missionary, founded a boarding school for Anglo-Indian children in 1900 in Kalimpong up by the Himalayas in West Bengal, India. It is still going today, now catering for local children and underprivileged children from Kolkata. Alistair McCabe, owner of McCabe's Pilgrimages, was born there in 1953, while his father was Farm Manager. Alistair organised the visit for about three dozen of us, some who had started life in India, some whose parents had been pupils at the Homes, some who were sponsoring children, some interested parties (like myself as my then congregation, St Mary's, Kirriemuir, was supporting the Homes) and some who just wanted to visit India.

The school chaplain, Revd Henry Simon, invited me to preach at the Sunday service. Back in UK it was Mothering Sunday. I began by saying that we had seen an excellent example of Indian motherhood on the way to Kalimpong. (We had stopped at Teesta to see a suspension bridge but were captivated by a hen with six chicks, which she was gathering under her wings.) I also spoke about tea and recalled how my grandmother had saved wrappers from Brooke Bond tea so that I could retrieve the picture cards. I recommended a much worthier treasure that could be found between sheets of paper, citing John 20. 31, where John says that he recorded Jesus' miracles to bring readers to faith and life in Jesus. My main theme was the transforming meeting between the risen Christ and doubting Thomas, the patron saint of India. The School Chapel is a splendid building that had been severely damaged by an earthquake in 2013 and had not been used until our visit. We tried not to raise the roof with our singing.



In a tea garden near Darjeeling

In addition to our three nights in Kalimpong, we had two nights in Darjeeling and four nights in Kolkata. The Windamere Hotel, Darjeeling, recalls the last days of the Raj and is absolutely fantastic. One morning we rose at 3.00am to see the sunrise on the Himalayas. A red fingernail slowly rising out of the mist became a red tomato. We had a ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway on a steam train from Darjeeling to Ghum, pausing en route to see the Gurkha Memorial. A highlight in Kolkata was a river cruise on the Hooghly. The Victoria Memorial is an impressive piece of architecture.



St Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata

St Paul's Cathedral is a replica in white of Westminster Abbey. I wore my kilt every day and was refused admittance to the Bengal Club because I was inappropriately dressed – legs have to be covered. Only long trousers will do. The Indian people are universally friendly and gracious. My favourite road sign states: 'Elephants have right of way'.

I have visited Kolkata several times because of our Diocesan Link with the Diocese of Calcutta. We had hoped for a visit from the Bishop of Calcutta, the Rt Revd Dr Paritosh Canning, *en route* to the Lambeth Conference, for Anglican Bishops. The conference keeps being postponed because of COVID 19.

This week's news from India is not good. They are overwhelmed by a second wave of the virus. Please remember India in your prayers.

Keep safe! Love and prayers.

– Canon Bob Harley

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 25	0800 Ante-Communion (from Reserved Sacrament) 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	Easter 4
Monday 26	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	St Mark
Tuesday 27	1800 Mass	
Wednesday 28	0900 Morning Prayer 0930 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer 2100 Compline	
Thursday 29	0900 Morning Prayer 1215 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>
Friday 30	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	
Saturday 1/5	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	Sts Philip and James
Sunday 2	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	Easter 5

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

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

Rector's Annual Leave

The Rector will be on annual leave returning this Friday 30 April, so there will be no Wednesday Zoom coffee morning this week (28th).

Please contact one of the church wardens for any concerns arising during this time.

- Fiona Seenan: 01334 479941 or fiona.seenan@allsaints-standrews.org.uk
- Frances Spencer: 07931 722221 or frances.spencer@allsaints-standrews.org.uk

Reserving seats

Please email allsaints-seats@mail.com by Friday evening with your name and number of seats requested for the following Sunday's 10 am mass.

If access to the internet is an issue, one of the church wardens (Fiona: 01334 479941 or Frances: 07931 722221) can reserve a seat for you.

Produce Stall

If anyone is needing to stock up their larder, Jill has **Marmalade, Jams, and Chutneys** available to boost church funds. Jill can be contacted by email jillcameron38@yahoo.com or telephone 01334 474474 to arrange. Payments best made electronically with the details below. All proceeds in support of church funds.

A 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.

Help with a Community Project

Nathaniel Tønning is working on a community project through his school and is hoping for our assistance in forming a rota to write to residents at St Andrews House Care Home. He explains, 'This is because during the lockdown the older generations have suffered from loneliness and depression and I believe that a genuine handwritten letter will make them feel safer and less lonely.' We are awaiting a response from the management but hope to have a rota put up soon.

Christian Aid 2021

Christian Aid Week is scheduled for week commencing May 10th to 16th and will go ahead this year but without the usual house to house collections.

For those who wish to donate this can be done by phone at 08080 006006, by texting GIVE to 70040, by sending a cheque to FREEPOST Christian Aid or online at caweek.org.

Castle Wynd Garden

We are in need of someone with a green thumb willing to maintain the Castle Wynd garden. Benefits include shared use with the residents of Castle Wynd House and Tower Flat. For more information of duties or for a tour of the garden, please contact the Rector when he returns from leave, or one of the Wardens.

Supervising Church Open Hours

Members of Vestry (the Trustees of All Saints') wish to resume 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.

We hope to reopen the church **daily from 3–5 pm beginning this Saturday, 1st May**. If you are able to help - once or twice a month would be splendid - you can use the online rota to book times here: <http://bit.ly/allsaintsopendoors>

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

Update from the Treasurer

Easing of the Pandemic and our Finances

I last reported to you in November 2020 since when we have held our AGM and a meetings of Vestry and Fabric & Finance Committee all virtually, courtesy of Zoom. Our new world presents many challenges of which Zoom is one and masks another but for Church Treasurers the art of budgeting is also a difficulty. You will find an extract from our half year accounts which contain a great deal of information but with the difficulty of meaningful interpretation and I offer the following comments to help:

General fund

For the six months ending 31st March we have notched up a surplus of £16,341 which is ahead of budget. Our principal income sources were £31,230 from the Trust properties and £20,344 of Gift Aid donations. General collections, Hall lets, Agape have all virtually collapsed and it is not yet clear when normality will return. My thanks go to all for your support in getting us through the last year. In this second six months we face another Quinquennial and the budget provides for substantial costs in the period ahead. As I write this the redecoration of the North Hall is nearing completion and will benefit us for many years going forward.

Centenary Restoration 2020 fund

The restoration was signed off in the first quarter and the detailed schedule in the management accounts shows that all works were completed within budget and to a high standard. Vestry is grateful to our professional advisors and Stuart Niven and Ross Watson in particular. The final call upon our General fund is projected at £7,643 subject to snagging and retention later in the year but this much less than the budgeted £19,744, mainly due to the full recovery of VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

Heritage fund

The fund balance at 31st March stands at £41,237 and details are provided on the second page of the management accounts. We are working on a new interior lighting system, sound system and electrical improvements to the Church to enhance services and events for those attending and I am most grateful to St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation for their grant of £6,000 towards this project and to the Trustees of All Saints' Trust who have promised £5,000 to come. I am working on other grant applications at the time of writing. We may still be a little short based on one quotation received but we are working to obtain competitive quotes and are guided by a greatly respected professional adviser.

Bundle Kirk fund

This fund was launched in the first quarter of the year to raise funds to assist members of the Church and friends who find themselves in straightened circumstances. To date members of the congregation have donated £1,725 and we have provided support of £438 to two members.

I hope you are encouraged by the foregoing which reflects a great deal of work but an outcome which is much better than I anticipated a year ago. We have completed the Church restoration, upgraded and let the shop with a happy new tenant, redecorated the North Hall and are now tackling the 2021 Quinquennial and working to improve the enjoyment of the Church. We have also created an outreach fund to help members and friends in difficult times and we continue with heritage improvement works too. If you have contributed generously during the last year you have my heartfelt thanks every time I look at a bank statement and see the names of those giving electronically or open the post and receive letters and cheques. If you have been holding back until Church reopens or are interested in all we are doing or would like to no more then please contact me as 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
<i>Account number</i>	00104363

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My thanks to all who contribute so generously to our Church for your safety during this difficult time.

Best wishes,
Ian Palfrey,
Honorary Treasurer

INTERCESSIONS

Just married

Sally-Marie Gardner and Alex Osborne

In particular need

Debbie & Priscilla White, Robyn Seenan, Anne Clayton, Jeremy & Elizabeth, Elma, Jenny Bisset, Alec, Steve Scott, Samantha Thomas, Millie Gall, Colette Mignal, Margaret Trimble, Malcolm Macgregor

Continuing need

Effie Keracher, Jonah & Chris Andrews, Gareth & Jenni Saunders, Judy, Ashley & Kathleen Cummins, Lawrence Reynolds, Edie, Alice Bullough, Joan Day, Catherine Rowe, Bill Hyland, Angela Allaway, Lori-Mark Quate, Rebecca, Beatrice, & Alexander, Dorothy Clark, Jay Sterling, David McLean, Regan, Florence & Harrison McMillan, Shelagh Brown

Residential care

Catriona, Fiona Ingham, Marie-Louise Moffett, *Priest*, Janet Reid, Ann Noltie

Recently departed

Anne Brumfitt, Heather le Dieu, *Deacon*

Year's mind

25/4 Thomas Duncan, 1927, Eleanor Anne Duncan, 2016
27 Grace Bond, 1931, Frederick Warnes, 1962
29 James Fairbairn, 2009
1/5 Janet Buddo, 1924