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From the Lay Reader's Desk

Recent events in Jerusalem have reminded us of the significance of the city to three world faiths. In particular, the Temple Mount is held by Jews as their holiest place, though the nearest they can come to pray is the Wailing Wall.

To Moslems, the mosque that now occupies the place where the Jewish Temple stood until the Sack of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70, is revered as the third holiest place after Mecca and Medina. Jeremy Bowen, the BBC Middle East Editor recently described the dispute over the site of the Temple as being like an unexploded bomb waiting to detonate. Quite apart from its religious significance, the area of East Jerusalem is contested by Palestinians and Jews, with the encroachment of Jewish settlements seen as a provocation to hard-pressed Palestinians. Israel, surrounded by hostile Arab nations, seems to the West to lack the caution we expect would be prudent. Without actually living there and seeing the suffering of the Palestinians caged in the Gaza Strip, or sharing the daily fear of Israelis subject to random terrorist rocket attacks, it is difficult for us to make a clear judgement on the rights and wrongs of a fractured and dangerous part of the world.

Zionist aspirations to rebuild the Jewish Temple on its original site bring differing responses. To religious Jews this might seem a reasonable goal, while to concerned people in the West this is obviously a hugely significant step that would antagonise the entire Moslem world – hardly a desirable path to take when the whole region is already so unstable.

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To some American evangelicals it is something to be encouraged as it is seen to hasten the time when Jesus will return. It really seems that the Middle East is the vortex of much of the violence and tragedy afflicting the world. This is actually no surprise if we read our Bibles and try to discern where events are leading. Who knows what 2015 holds for an increasingly unsettled world? Economic and political uncertainties abound. Extremists readily turn to the gun and bomb rather than pursuing democratic means. Inequality is widening rather than narrowing, while global warming poses a threat to the security of food supplies to a growing population. Within the UK we face an unusually significant General Election in May, with every prospect of no clear winner and the inevitability of much unhappiness among aggrieved minorities who feel their voice is not heard. Thankfully we can bring these concerns to God in prayer, commending all the unrest, uncertainty and sadness in the world into His loving hands. We need to focus our faith in God, who we have confidence will work out His purposes at the right time and in His way, while at the same time serving as salt and light in our community. We need to show God's love for this fractured world. We need to pray for strength and courage, and above all to remember the hope that lies before us.

Make this your prayer in 2015.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122: 6

Kevin Boak

Two thoughts for the New Year.

'God has higher plans; indeed, His ultimate plan is to save us as He saved Israel of old, and He can do that despite our mistakes and sins. As we have seen before, maybe an even harder lesson is to be patient and to wait for God's saving action when we are in a mess, depressed, or at rock-bottom. The philosopher John Lucas gives an encouraging analogy for God's providential action, using the picture of rug-making in a Persian family. The children weave from one end and the father from the opposite end of the rug. The father takes into account whatever mistakes his children make, and skillfully works the whole into a beautiful pattern. That is what God does with our lives.'

(From 'Longing, Waiting, Believing' by Rodney Holder. Pub. Bible Reading Fellowship.)

If you have read the recent Trustees' Annual Report for our church you should

have noted the following statement by our Treasurer: 'More than one third of our regular gift income comes from only a dozen families. Thus our main source of income is vulnerable to the departure of certain key individuals.'

On his recent Visitation Gregor Duncan, our Bishop, TWICE expressed serious concern about this on-going situation. This figure has not changed in the last 11 years since I became Rector, despite the fact that I have flagged it up on several occasions.

Given that we are a largely-wealthy church community in a wealthy secular community, if our Bishop is seriously concerned about the imbalance in giving to St. Michael's, then we should be seriously concerned too. I know full well that we all have great financial demands made upon us, but would you please note what I wrote at the end of my Report for 2014, where I ask you all to consider if your level of giving to your church is realistic.

Thank you for giving this your attention.

David Cook

DAVID AND ANNE, AT THE RECTORY, WISH YOU ALL A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS-TIDE AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF BLESSINGS

Notices

Monthly Coffee Morning

Everyone is invited to the Monthly coffee mornings.

There is **no Coffee Morning** in January.

February Coffee morning is on Thursday 5th February at Jill Braid's, 41 Charlotte Street

Not looking forward to winter blues?

**Cheer up!
There's a
New Year Party
Saturday
January 31st**



PRESHAL TRUST: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Wow! What a magnificent response from our congregation. I am writing this on Sunday night of 14th December 2014. We have received an amazing number of quality presents from you all. Just shy of 50! Tomorrow the Kyles & Hoeyes are delivering these to May at the Trust. I am not sure if we can get them all in Brian's car, or if we will need two vehicles, but that doesn't matter. The important thing is the joy the presents will bring to so many deserving children on Christmas Day.

St. Michael's outreach is still strong and healthy, and in advance of a thank you from the Trust we would like to say 'Well done one and all and Happy Christmas'.

Shaun Hoey

THE VALE OF LEVEN HOSPITAL TEA BAR

On 25th November we attended the Annual Meeting of the Tea Bar Volunteer Co-ordinators.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that everyone's efforts have raised enough money to pay for all the 'bids' for equipment that were made, apart from a very expensive one for the refurbishment of the Hospital Chapel. The others included Fans for the Audiology Department, Trolleys for Outpatients, Wheelchairs for the Care of the Elderly Department Day Hospital and a variety of seating for Wards 14 and 15. In addition there is some specialist equipment for the Physio & O.T. Departments. We have requested that some funds be made available for refreshing the Tea Bar itself. Donations will also be made to all Wards for Christmas.

Each 'Team' was given its dates for the coming year and it would be good if all Volunteers could mark these in their Diaries now – before they get too full with everything else!

St. Michael's 2015 Weeks are:-

March 2nd-6th

June 1st-5th

August 31st -September 4th

and November 30th-December 4th.

We do appreciate that 'working conditions' in the Tea Bar are not ideal – particularly with the multiplicity of instructions, etc. We have therefore drawn up our own 'Guidelines for Tea Bar Volunteers' and are providing a copy for everyone in the hope this will make things easier. Comments will be welcome! The new year will bring a rise in some of the prices so please be aware of this. Finally – Judith desperately needs a new person to work alongside her as a Co-ordinator. Sophie is long overdue retirement and in any case she and Angus are

busy house-hunting and may not end up living close enough to continue to do this – so please consider whether this something you could take on. It really isn't difficult!

With many thanks – *Sophie Hamilton and Judith Adams.*

ST MICHAEL'S WEBSITE

The new website for St Michael's is now up and running and will be updated regularly with the latest information about services, church events, groups/clubs, the weekly notices and the latest issue of the Messenger. It includes links to the Diocesan and Provincial magazines, Eco Church, Messy Church, ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland) and Facebook.

The intention is for clubs and groups to forward dates, reports and photographs to be uploaded to make the website another important means of communication and outreach for St Michael & All Angels Church in Helensburgh.

The website address is: stmichaelhelensburgh.org.uk

Jo Scott

CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS OXFAM COLLECTION

Thank you to all who gave generously to our "Goat Fund". We have £120 to date (Dec. 14th) so we will buy 4 goats and maybe some bees or water this week.

Angela Russell

DATES FOR MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 15th January at 10.30am

Monday 2nd February at 2.30pm

Thursday 19th February 10.30am

Monday 2nd March at 2.30pm

Further information will be in the weekly Pew Sheets

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Mothers' Union

On Thursday 20th November, we welcomed Lorna Douglas to talk about her interfaith work and the magazine that she produces with her colleague Heather Wells. Her interest and love for other faiths and cultures began at an early age

and she learned Arabic at 13, going on to study divinity at university. The Faith Initiative Magazine grew out of the United Religions Initiative, originally fostered by the UN. So much world conflict involves religion. The magazine has been running for 14 years, and the 32nd issue is about to be published. In the last 5 years, given the conflicts for example in Gaza, Syria and Iraq, Lorna said, it has become clear that there is a need to move beyond niceties of diplomacy and for some hard, honest talking about the issues, with difficult questions being posed and addressed. There is also a need for hard listening. The study of other faiths aids understanding. It challenges our own faith but also enriches it. Lorna's talk sparked some lively debate and we all took away some of the back issues that she brought with her.

On Monday 2nd December we welcomed Christine MacTaggart, the Outreach Carers Support Worker from Helensburgh and Lomond Carers, based in East King Street. Christine spoke warmly and convincingly about how her organisation provides free support for unpaid carers (shockingly, some as young as 5 years old) in the area, giving information, training and advice about benefits and services, encouraging people to seek help before reaching crisis point. The centre also offers therapies for carers, such as massage, reflexology, aromatherapy - giving them 45 minutes or so of chill time. There is also a befriender service, which matches up a volunteer with someone who needs care in order to relieve their carer for an afternoon or morning. The centre is open Tuesdays through to Fridays from 10am - 3pm and anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat and a cuppa to learn more about the services offered. There is more information at the back of the Church.

Sarah Beveridge

Mothers' Union and Women's Aid

Mothers' Union shared a stall with the Argyll and Bute Woman's Aid at the Winter Festival in Colquhoun Square. We collected over 300 signatures on our petition to prevent Violence to Women and Children. We handed out literature, purple balloons and sold White Ribbon Badges. Many people were astounded to learn that this year alone 131 women had been killed in Britain as a result of domestic abuse. Since highlighting the problem, Margaret Horrell has received many gifts and messages of support for the Women's Refuge. Donations of diaries and toiletries are most welcome.

Margaret Horrell

Eco Congregation

Some Dates for your Diary 2015

- 4th March Local Network Meeting URC Hall
- 25th April Eco Congregation Annual General Meeting
- 20th May Local Network Meeting URC Hall
- 24th May Beach Clean at Kidston park (Fun annual event)
- 13th June Coffee Morning at the URC Hall 10am -12pm. A variety of interesting stalls

At the next AGM of Eco-congregation in April, the meeting will be addressed by a minister for the Environment in preparation for the Climate Change Summit to be held in Peru in December 2015. I am not expecting a demand for a coach party to be arranged! But since the latest talks in Lima have just failed to achieve real united effort on the part of the participating nations, it is a subject for our urgent prayers. The Anglican diocese of Oxford has recently voted to urge the Church of England's National Investing Bodies to disinvest from fossil fuels. Oxford has become the first diocese to pass such a resolution, making huge steps forward in the disinvestment campaign. By the way, I am sure you will not have forgotten that the first day of every month is a world wide fasting and prayer day for the saving of the planet, with particular regard to climate change and the resulting injustices for the poorest of the world.

On a lighter note, I have recently discovered that my search for some purpose in life for the Naked Mole Rat, has finally been rewarded with success. This creature is best described as a cocktail sausage on four legs. It has no fur, has extremely sharp teeth, and is very aggressive. It lives below ground in the deserts of North Africa, and hitherto I had wondered on occasions of idleness, why such a horrible creature existed. Now scientists have discovered that it alone in the mammalian kingdom, does not and cannot get cancer of any kind. They are conducting many experiments on its genetic make-up and it may prove eventually to have helped us in our fight with such a terrible disease. I feel there is a moral in this story somewhere. There is also a trial production of a natural substitute made from the mycelium of fungi which can be moulded into the shapes usually found formed by polystyrene, that dangerous and polluting packaging which everywhere clogs up our waste dumps and kills animals and fish. Have a very Happy and Nature based New Year.

Selina McGeoch

Calendar for January / February 2015

Wednesday December 31st

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Sunday 4th January Feast day of the Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche)

No Evensong

Monday 5th January

7.30pm Vestry Meeting in the Rectory

Tuesday 6th January

9.15am Prayer Meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 7th January

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Saturday 10th January

Rambling Club (*see page 16*)

Sunday 11th January 1st after Epiphany

Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche)

6.30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

Tuesday 13th January

9.15am Prayer meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by

refreshments.

12 noon-12.45pm Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 14th January

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Thursday 15th January

10.30am Mothers' Union

Sunday 18th January 2nd after Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist (Crèche)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 19th January 6.30 for 7.00pm

MAP meeting & dinner in the Rectory

Tuesday 20th January

9.15am Prayer meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 21st January

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Sunday 25th January Feast Day of the

Conversion of St. Paul

End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'

contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30am-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

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10.30am-11.30am Sung Eucharist
(Crèche)

6.30pm Prayer Book Choral Evensong

26th-28th January

Diocesan Clergy Conference (Rector is not available Mon-Wed afternoon)

Tuesday 27th January

9.15am Prayer meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 28th January

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Saturday 31st January

Rambling Club (*see page 16*)

10.30am-12.00 Messy Church URC Hall

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st February Feast Day of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'
contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist
(Crèche)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 2nd February

2.30pm Mothers' Union

7.30pm Vestry meeting in the Rector

Tuesday 3rd February

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

12 noon-12.45pm Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 4th February

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Thursday 5th February

Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am at 41 Charlotte Street

Sunday 8th February 2nd before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'
contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist
(Crèche)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 10th February

9.15am Prayer meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

12 noon-12.45pm Rector available in the Choir Vestry

Wednesday 11th February

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Sunday 15th February 1st before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)

9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'
contemporary worship (Crèche)

10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for children

10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist
(Crèche)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 17th February

9.15am Prayer meeting

10.30am Said Eucharist followed by refreshments.

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12 noon-12.45pm Rector available
in the Choir Vestry
Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday. Eucharists with
imposition of ashes 10.30am & 7.30pm
Thursday 19th February
10.30am Mothers' Union
Saturday 21st February
Rambling Club (*see page 16*)

Sunday 22nd February First in Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist (1970 Rite)
9.30-10.00am 'Open Spirit'
contemporary worship (Crèche)
10.30-11.30am Sunday Clubs for

children
10.30-11.30am Sung Eucharist
(Crèche)
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Tuesday 24th February
9.15am Prayer meeting
10.30am Said Eucharist followed by
refreshments.
12 noon-12.45pm Rector available
in the Choir Vestry
Wednesday 25th February
7.30pm Said Eucharist
Saturday 28th February
10.30am-12.00 Messy Church in St.
Margaret's, Churchill

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Maggie Sheen Writes.....

My interview with Vernon Perrin will be a little different. I had asked Vernon to talk about his faith journey. As it turned out we found that there were two aspects to this which began to emerge as I listened. As you read about his faith journey you will begin to understand why there is more to follow which will appear in a future edition of "The Messenger".

The foundation of Vernon's Christian faith was laid in childhood where he lived in a small village in north west Oxfordshire. In those days just after the War churches were the focus of village life. Everyone went to church and, for Vernon, that meant three times on Sunday: Holy Communion in the morning, Sunday School in the afternoon and later Evensong. When old enough, Vernon became a bell ringer alongside his father, uncles and brother and he also sang in the choir. After Sunday School the family often went for an afternoon walk taking with them their much-loved Golden Labrador Danny who would dash off in exciting new directions often uphill and out of sight only to be called back to heel (see later).

Vernon recalls with fond love and gratitude his mother's early nurturing in his faith. His father was away a great deal both during and after the war working both in uniform and then as a civilian for the RAF.

Then life changed suddenly with his father's job and the family moved north to the Staffordshire/Derbyshire area. Whereas the Church had been his life, this new village was much bigger and the church no longer a small golden sandstone welcoming place; his new church seemed vast and severe and, to cap it all, there were girls in the choir! Nothing felt the same and Vernon describes it as his time in the desert. It was a change of focus too as he became very much wrapped up in studying engineering and making new friends. That is when he met Dee, a Catholic, who had a very deep faith. Dee was also an incomer to the area having been brought up in a small village in the Spey Valley. Later Vernon and Dee wanted their children (a boy and two girls) to be given a strong Christian foundation. As the children were growing up Church was just one of many things in his busy life, Church on Sundays, but he often attended the local Catholic Church with Dee and the children.

Later Vernon's work took him to the South East of England, with the occasional visit to production units in Germany and France, and involving several moves including to Felixstowe. When the children had flown the nest, a final move took Vernon and Dee to a village in Northamptonshire called King's Cliffe. This felt like going back home to his childhood especially with the small sandstone Anglican Church at the centre of the village, so Vernon decided this was where he would worship. The Rector was Father John of an anglo-catholic leaning. On leaving the service the first morning Father John noticed this new face. Father John welcomed him and enquired whether he was a visitor or had come to stay in the area. Having answered in the affirmative that he had come to live in the village, Vernon was not a little surprised to hear Father John ask him if he would visit him during the week as he had work for him to do. And this is where our second piece will take off in another direction next time.

However to stay with where we are now, Vernon and Dee came to the decision that they would go to church together on alternate Sundays worshipping in both the Catholic Church in Oundle and in the village Church. It was at the Catholic Church that they met the parish priest Father David Woodard. Both Father John and Father David became Vernon's "mentors" and Father David became a firm friend coming round of an evening for a drink of whisky while they had long discussions. Father David was a man of great faith and a considerable scholar. Vernon went on: "Through Father David I developed a strong faith, and Father John showed me how to put my faith into practice and how to go out into the community." Both of them made the same

point: you have to make a decision; no longer can you leave church on the outside. You have got to bring God into the centre of your life, and build up a personal relationship with God through meditation and daily prayer, by which means you allow God to work through you, by using the opportunities he gives to witness your faith at work, play and home. Vernon was to observe at first hand the work of God while on mission in South Wales. Sadly Father David Woodard died unexpectedly. It was Dee who recognised the growing commitment Vernon was making to the village Church and decided that they would both worship there full time.

As a result of all this mentoring Vernon took the decision to study seriously. As part of a drive for revival, Peterborough Diocese decided to create the new position of licensed Parish Evangelist necessitating three years of training. There was indeed much to be done in the sleepy hollows and comfortable living in the Anglican Church of which more will be told in our next episode. To return to Danny, Vernon's beloved golden labrador on those childhood Sunday walks, Vernon found that he sometimes felt like Danny, excitedly scampering off up the hill only to find he was called back by God and told, no not that direction, but this direction.

When it came to retirement and where to live, Vernon and Dee decided to seek pastures new. With Dee being from the Highlands and Vernon looking for new challenges, they looked north. They bought a house off plan in Clynder, put their house on the market and rented property in Dumbarton for eight months. It was a risky situation as the buyer of their house in the south, a young teacher, had got caught up in a stalled chain, but two weeks after they had moved to Dumbarton all was resolved, Vernon's step forward in faith had paid off.

And so to Saint Augustine's in Dumbarton for eight years even after moving to Clynder. The outreach work being done by Rector Kenny Macaulay and his team was certainly different to that to be found in rural Northamptonshire. Vernon enjoyed the time spent at Saint Augustine's Church, but eventually he had to call a halt to all of the travelling it required. So to Saint Michael's where Vernon is now on the Vestry and is one of the MAP team. Watch this space!

"My faith is a living faith that is constantly under review, sometimes changing"

Vernon

Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Scotland November 27, 2014

“Encouraged” “inspired” and “heartened” were some of the comments expressed by a range of people who met the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, during his two day visit to the Scottish Episcopal Church. Accompanied by his wife, Caroline, Archbishop Justin visited St Luke’s Episcopal Church – a cafe church project in Dundee run in partnership with the Church Army. While there, he addressed a packed church of people involved in the project, chatted with some pupils from the local Academy and met other members of the community and said “Here we see a community that clearly has real challenges but it has the capacity to face them, which is inspirational,” “I think this is exactly what the church should be doing. This should be emulated around the country, both in Scotland the rest of the UK.

“I want us to be the kind of church that welcomes everyone.”

“We want a world where it is not necessary for people to sleep rough in church doorways, where it is not necessary to have food banks or refugee camps, and there are enough resources for everyone.”

During the two day visit the Archbishop met with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon; attended a reception for church and other faith leaders; met with the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church; and gave a blessing on a new church graft project of churches in Fife. He also spent time meeting with and addressing clergy in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane.

Commenting on the visit, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev David Chillingworth says “The vitality and distinctiveness of the Scottish Episcopal Church was much in evidence as Archbishop Justin shared the life of our Church and the energy with which we approach our ministry and mission. “The visit of Archbishop Justin and his wife Caroline to Scotland was a gift. We greatly valued the warmth of their friendship and the encouragement which they brought to us”

The visit marked the last of the Archbishop’s visits to his fellow Anglican Primates– the most senior of the bishops or archbishops in each autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion – during in his first 18 months in office. -

- See more at: <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/archbishop-canterburys-visit-scotland/#sthash.rC1meDZN.dpuf>

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ST MICHAEL'S RAMBLING CLUB

WALKS FOR January / February 2015

Walks are on Saturdays and start outside St Michael's Church at 9 am unless otherwise indicated by the leaders of the individual walks.

Date	Grade	Description	Leader
10th January	Moderate/ Easy	Overtoun and Lang Craigs Rambling Club Dinner	James, Sue & Ethnee
31 st January	Easy	The Dam Road Dunblane to Bridge of Allan	James Ashby 675541
21st February	Easy	Milton of Campsie to Strathblane (John Muir Way)	James Ashby 675541
7 th March		T.B.A.	

The grade (or the walk) may change after a recce. There will normally be an easy(ish) option.

Please let us know if you have ideas for walks that you'd like to lead, or to have led on your behalf.

More information will be provided by the leaders shortly before the walk; please contact the leader if you want to know more

The new committee is:

Sue Hume, Ethnee Ashton, John Lewis and James Ashby. .



LECTIONARY –January / February 2015

Sunday	Eucharist	Evensong
4 th January	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 52:7-10 Matthew 12:14-21 Psalm 2
11 th January	Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Joshua 3:1-8+14-17 Matthew 3:13-17 Psalm 89:20-29
18 th January	1 Samuel 3:1-20 Revelation 5:1-10 John.1:43-end	Ezekiel 2:1-7 Matthew 8:5-13 Psalm 145:1-12
25th January	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Acts 9:1-22 Matthew.19:27-end	Isaiah 45:18-25 Matthew 10:16-22 Psalm 67
1st February	Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40	1 Samuel 2:1-10 John 8:31-36 Psalm 84
8 th February	Proverbs 8:22-31 Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14	2 Kings 2:1-12 John 12:27-36a Psalm 99
15 th February	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Amos 3:1-8 Mark 1:40-45 Psalm 6
22 nd February	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-end Mark 1:9-15	Deuteronomy 6:4-9+16-25 Luke 15:1-10 Psalm 119:17-32

READERS' LIST –January / February 2015

DATE	8:00am	10:30am	6:30pm
4 th January	Selina McGeoch	Julie Semens	No Evensong
11 th January	Penny Johnston	Helen Gibson	Margaret Gilbert
18 th January	Anthony Laceby	Susan Lewis	Penny Johnston
25 th January	Nigel Allan	Richard Smith	Maurice Steuart-Corry
1 st February	John MacCallum	Angus Hamilton	Maureen McCormack
8 th February	Chris Sanders	James Ashby	Jill Braid
15 th February	Katherine Black	Jill Braid	Kate Moos
22 nd February	Selina McGeoch	Trevor Quickfall	John Sadden

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- Crèche	Pauline and Ray Williams	673944
- Infants, Juniors and Bible Class	Anne Cook	672500
Sidespersons	Brian Kyle	672951
Bellringers	Kitty Fleming	676963
Reading (Lessons) Rota	Nigel Allan	671875
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Flowers	Sue Ashby	675541
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Sunday Coffee Rota	Margaret Horrell	676936
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Mothers' Union Branch Leader	Margaret Horrell	676936
USPG	Marion Blake	673960
Keep Fit/ Hall Convener/ Monthly Coffee Morning Rota	Maureen Kyle	672951
Eco Church	Selina McGeoch	676074
Hill walking and Rambling Club	James Ashby	675541
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Sunday Services

Eucharist.....(1970 Rite).....	8:00am
Open Spirit Contemporary Worship	9:30am
Sung Eucharist.....(1982 Rite).....	10:30am
Prayer Book Choral Evensong.....	6.30pm

Weekdays

Eucharist Tuesday.....(1970 Rite).....	10:30am
Eucharist Wednesday.....(1982 Rite).....	7:30pm

Tuesday at 9:15am to 10:00am. Prayer Group in Choir Vestry