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SEVEN BRAVE DIP WITH A NIP

SEVEN hardy members of St Ninian's Troon plunged into the sea on Boxing Day to raise cash for charity.

Rector Revd Canon Tom Montgomery was joined by Janet Keene, Helen Mawson, Fiona Welsh and her brother Alan, Ros Fallows and Alan Lawson. Some wore fancy dress as they braved the waves with hundreds of others at Prestwick beach.

It was alleged to be a 'warm' day, with sea temperature at 8°C and the air temperature 6°C!

And Team Ninian members insisted their wintry 'Dip wi a Nip' in aid of CLIC Sargent 'wasn't too bad'. Some waded in up to their waist and others even managed to swim a few strokes before dancing along to PSY's chart-topping *Gangnam Style*. The longest anyone stayed in the water was nine minutes.

The team's mad venture looks set to raise more than £1,400 to help children with leukaemia and other cancers. Coffee mornings and a bridge drive have also contributed to the charity.

CLIC Sargent is the good cause chosen by the Fellowship at St Ninian's for fundraising along with the congregation between September and March.

Members, who pick a charity each year, nominated it for 2012-13 after Billy Herd, a fundraiser from Malcolm Sargent House in Prestwick, told them how the house provides a holiday home for families from all parts of the UK who have a child with cancer or have lost a child to the disease.

Impressed by Billy's talk, Fellowship member Pamela Dowson and Janet Keene did a sponsored walk in November from the church to Malcolm Sargent House, a distance of about five miles along the Ayrshire Coastal Path.

They were joined by six other members of the congregation and completed the walk in a little over 75 minutes to be greeted with tea and home baking. Events coordinator Anne Brown then took

them on a conducted tour of the House, an amazing place offering all kinds of opportunities for rest and renewal for families at such a difficult time in their lives.

A total of £550 was raised from the walk. It was Anne who told the walkers about Dip wi a Nip, inspiring the formation of Team Ninian.

Two other charities have benefited from events staged during St Ninian's centenary celebrations in 2012: Mary's Meals and North Ayrshire Girl Guides Activity Centre in the Blair Estate, Dalry. On Sunday 23 December cheques for £3,000 were presented to each organisation. Mrs Sheila Smith, from Mary's Meals, also accepted 31 Mary's Meals Backpacks filled with items collected by the Sunday School.

Team Ninian's donations webpage has a photo from the Dip wi a Nip day and offers the chance to add to the total. Visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ninian.

Ignatian Lent events

IN addition to the usual programme at Glasgow's Ignatian Spirituality Centre (ISC) the following events are offered during Lent.

◆ Monday 11 February–25 March (first day 7–9pm): Lent Retreat in Daily Life

This individually guided retreat will be run over seven weeks. After an initial group meeting, each person will meet with his or her prayer companion once a week. These meetings will be mostly in the evening, but some afternoon slots are also available.

◆ Sunday 17 February (2.30–4.30pm): Is Lent for Senior Years?

This afternoon will provide an opportunity to look at the seasons of the life journey as we enter Lent.

◆ Saturday 2 March (10.30am–4.30pm): Journeying to Jesus in Lent

This gentle day with Magdalen Lawler SND will help you journey to the heart of Jesus by means of paintings, scripture and poetry.

◆ Saturday 9 March (10.30am–4.30pm): 'My Kingdom is not of This World'

Zen Brayley will introduce icons as a window through which to experience the humility and self-emptying love of Jesus as he journeys to his passion. The day will include input on praying with icons, music and space for personal prayer and reflection.

The Centre is at 35 Scott Street, G3 6PE. For further information visit iscglasgow.co.uk or call 0141 354 0077.

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Action plans one year on — how did they do?

WITH 11 Mission Action Plans (MAPs) now published and a further 30 in process, it is time for the first two to be reviewed.

St Augustine's Dumbarton and St Aidan's Clarkston will be visited by the Bishop in February and at their congregational gatherings will recount to him what they have attempted and achieved these past 12 months in accordance with their MAP.

The 'Review' meeting is what happens one year from the date of the signing of the MAP. It should occur with as many members of the congregation as possible in attendance and be as celebratory

as possible, ideally set within the context of a Eucharist and with the sharing of refreshments afterwards.

The purpose of this gathering is to rejoice over the signs of growth that have emerged over the past year and give thanks to God for those, as well as noting the goals that have not been achieved for whatever reason. This is an opportunity for congregations to reflect with their Bishop on what has been fruitful and why, as well as on what has not developed as was hoped, and why.

At the review, the Bishop will work through a series of ques-

tions about the work attempted. The reflections gained from that discussion will be fed back to the MAP facilitator, who will then meet with the MAP group and help them both build upon the God-given growth signs of the previous year and discern new challenges and avenues, either within the same strands or new ones.

By means of this simple iterative process, the MAP is kept alive and current, and the goal of growth held in the forefront of the congregation's life.

*Revd Canon Anne Tomlinson,
ministry development officer*

PILGRIMAGE — FROM DESERT TO DAILY

A HOLY Land pilgrimage, starting with two nights in a hotel in the desert, then moving to Galilee for three days before arriving in Jerusalem, will be co-led by the Rev Cedric Blakey, vice provost of St Mary's Cathedral, 13-24 May. Cedric's fellow leader is the Dean of Brecon, a highly experienced tour leader and guide not only to the famous sights but also alongside the 'living stones' - the people who live there now.

For itinerary and costs email viceprovost@thecathedral.org.uk as soon as possible.

REVD Michael Paterson, Episcopal chaplain to St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh and veteran pilgrim, is planning to lead two walking pilgrimages along the Camino de Santiago this year.

There is a choice of two routes: seven days from Cathedral of Le Puy to Abbey of Conques; or nine days from the Knights Templar castle of Ponferrada to Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Numbers will be limited to eight. Luggage will be carried on both walks. Visit www.joiningthedots.org.uk or contact michael@joiningthedots.org.uk for more details.

YOUTH WEEKEND

A DIOCESAN weekend for 12-18s will be hosted in St Silas' Church, Glasgow, with music, games, worship and deep stuff, 8-10 February.

The Unforgettable Journey will let young people and leaders spend time together, have fun, learn, reflect and deepen relationships with one another and with God, and hopefully give everyone a greater sense of belonging to the larger faith community of the diocese.

Another weekend is being planned for 18-25-year-olds later in the year, aimed at building relationships and 'containing elements of leadership training and discipleship for all' in the programme.

For information or to register, contact Simon Lidwell: 07949 292335; youth@stjohnsdumfries.org.

CELEBRATING its 850th anniversary, Paisley Abbey is staging a monthly series of 11 one-day pilgrim walks, ending at Whithorn in June.

The next leg is from the Carrick Centre, beside Maybole Station, on Saturday 23 February, bound for Dailly, a distance of about 11 miles.

The published time for setting off is 10am but organisers may change that to 11am, depending on transport arrangements.

After the monthly walks, there will be a continuous pilgrim walk all the way back from Whithorn to the Abbey.

To confirm this month's start time, contact info@paisleyabbey.org.uk.

Meet the new SEC Rough Guide

JUST about everything you might need to know about today's Scottish Episcopal Church is offered in the new *Rough Guide to the SEC*.

If you're ever stuck for the formal way to address a Dean (Very Reverend) or where to put your hands on the recommended mileage allowance for a pushbike (20p), here is where to start.

This little gem runs to fewer than 4,000 words yet packs together essential information on our history and identity, relationships with other Churches, structure, nomenclature, liturgy and more. It neither claims to be a glitzy publication, nor an original piece of text. Rather it gathers information that is scattered about into one simple document.

The *Rough Guide* is the work of four people with experience of running induction days for new clergy and Readers: Revd Canon James Milne, Revd Canon Jeanette Jenkins, Bishop Gregor and Revd Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson. It will be helpful for anyone applying for posts from outside Scotland, but will doubtless prove popular with many others — including this editor.

Download the Guide from md.glasgow.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Rough-Guide-to-the-SEC-2013.pdf

Training opportunities for pastoral assistants

A PASTORAL care course will start in March at Elshieshields Tower, near Lockerbie.

It is open to anyone but primarily directed at trainee Episcopal pastoral assistants or members of a Kirk pastoral care team. Participants should be sponsored by their minister or rector, and able to attend all five sessions.

The cost is £25 per person. Course materials will be distributed in advance. Coffee and tea will be available. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Sessions cover: The core skill of listening; Communicating well; Good practice for visitors; Visiting

in the name of the church; and Dealing with loss.

Sessions run 10am-2.30pm on Mondays: 4, 11 and 18 March; 15 and 22 April. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

This course is jointly facilitated by tutors from the SEC and the Kirk and springs from the new learning agreement between our Galloway Region and the Presbytery of Annandale & Eskdale. Book with Martyn Sanders: 0783 069 7976 or martyn.sanders@furtherministriesteam.com.

A COURSE in the basics of pas-

toral care is also being held in St Margaret's Newlands. The first session is on Saturday 2 February, 10am-3pm with a BYO lunch break. The following three sessions are on consecutive Tuesday evenings from 12 February, 7.30-9.30pm. Topics cover: The core skill of listening; The core skill of communicating; Visiting in the name of the church; Good practice for visitors; and Dealing with loss and bereavement. If you are already involved in pastoral visiting or would like to learn more contact Eileen Smith on 0141 423 2801. You must register for the course before it starts.

WEEL-KENT GUIDES ON PATHWAY TO PRAYER

OUR own Bishop Gregor and Canon Scott Robertson are on this year's Pathway to Prayer team.

Pathway to Prayer is an annual ecumenical day exploring our relationship with God through prayer. It regularly draws more than 100 participants.

This year it will take place in Troon on Saturday 16 March. Participants select three workshops from a choice of five. These are led by Bishop Gregor Duncan (Praying the prayers of the Old Testament), Mrs Chris King DCS (From modern art to prayer), Revd Canon Dr Scott Robertson (Prayer and popular culture), Jo Love DCS (Singing the journey), and Revd Peter Miller (Prayerful insights from other cultures). Tea, coffee and lunch provided. Registration is £8 (£5 for unwaged).

To book or find out more visit pathwaystogod.org.uk or call 01563 851197.

Creativity, Resilience and Spiritual Care for Older People

Organised by Faith in Older People in collaboration with MHA, this fifth International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality will include speakers, workshops and papers following the themes of: Ageing Gifts, Ageing Changes, and Ageing Hopes. Keynote speakers include Professor Elizabeth Mackinlay, Professor Susan McFadden, Professor John Swinton, John Killick, Claire Craig, Baroness Neuberger and Professor Phil Hanlon. It will be held in Edinburgh, 7-10 July.

Visit fiop-mha.events-made-easy.com.

Five speakers lined up for Lent talks

SATURDAY Mornings in Lent at Elshieshields, near Lockerbie, offer a talk followed by silence for personal reflection then prayers together.

The series runs from 16 February to 23 March (no meeting on 2 March), 10.30am-12.45pm, with coffee from 10.15am. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay on to enjoy the tower and the grounds in the afternoon. Suggested donation for each session: £2.

Speakers are: Bishop Gordon Mursell, Canon Chris Atkinson, Revd Ann Shukman, Revd Rob Brown, and Canon Michael Bands.

Canon Chris Atkinson recently retired as Warden for spiritual direction in the Durham diocese.

Canon Michael Bands recently retired as Rector of Lockerbie, now lives in Lochmaben.

Revd Rob Brown, NSM in the Bewcastle group of parishes in the Carlisle diocese, is now establishing a community 'house of prayer' near Bewcastle where care for the land and God's creatures will be central to their life of prayer.

Bishop Gordon Mursell, retired bishop of Stafford, now lives on the Borgue near Kirkcudbright.

Revd Ann Shukman lives at Elshieshields and has a longtime interest in Russian spirituality.

Contact Ann Shukman, 01387 810280, or visit www.elshieshields.co.uk.

THE 34th German Protestant Kirchentag takes place in Hamburg, 1-5 May, with around 30,000 participants expected from all over the world.

As much manna as you need is this year's theme. How much do we actually need to live? What will cities of the future look like? What's our responsibility to the world of economics and global finance? What are the resources for stable democracy? How do we work together with other faith communities? How can we create a successful society that meets the needs of all people?

Knowledge of German is helpful but not a necessity.

Accommodation in private homes can be arranged for a small fee. A pass for the five days costs €89 and covers programme booklet, songbook, city map and free public transport in Hamburg.

Visit kirchentag.de.

Find out about reduced rates and subsidies from John Lindsay: johnlindsay@gofast.co.uk.

News and events in brief . . .

ST Mary's Hamilton invites all church organ enthusiasts to a special week celebrating the inauguration of its restored Forster & Andrew organ of 1889.

After 14 years of restoration work by Clarkston organ builder James A MacKenzie, this impressive instrument is now as good as when first commissioned. On Wednesday 6 February at 7.30pm there will be demonstrations by local organists. Saturday 9 February sees a recital at 7.30pm by Dr John Kitchen of Old St Paul's Edinburgh.

And on Sunday 10 February, the 10am festal Eucharist for Transfiguration Sunday will include Vierne's Messe Solennelle.

AMUSICAL director is needed at St Columba's Largs. For details contact rector Gordon Fyfe (01475 673143). Closing date: 28 February.

REV Dr Sydney Maitland celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 12 December when, on behalf of the congregation of All Saints Jordanhill, Mary Marshall, the People's Warden, presented tokens to Sydney and Eileen.

ECO-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering and AGM will be on Saturday 20 April at the Grassmarket Community project, Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh. The event will be held in the new centre behind the church yard which will allow space for additional workshops and group discussions. The programme this year will be about food – and will include workshops on a range of subjects from food security to local food production.

THIS year's Earth Hour takes place on Saturday 23 March. Eco-Congregation Scotland has an information pack for churches. It can be downloaded from <http://gh.cm/W6vP5Q>.

REGISTERING on the Eco-Congregation programme is

easy and free. It gives your church access to free resources, the chance to be part of a local network, and to work towards an Eco-Congregation Award. Visit ecocongregationscotland.org

REV Dr Professor Peter Neil continues leading 'Let's Do Theology' sessions at Bishop Court, Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Paisley, 10am–12noon. They will be held on the following Saturdays: 9 February, 16 March, 13 April, 11 May and 15 June. The series is part of the Journey in Faith programme for lay people. Contact Revd Gordon B. Fyfe: 01475 673143.

DIOCESAN Synod will meet at the Barony, Lochmaben, on Saturday 2 March.

REV Dr Anne Tomlinson was installed by Bishop Gregor as Canon of St Mary's Cathedral at Evensong there on 18 November. At the same service, Revd Jeanette Jenkins and Revd Kenneth Stephen were made honorary Canons.

DIFFERENT Voices is a national music event to help people involved in worship or outreach find new ways of using music in their ministry. It's on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 March in Edinburgh.

Workshops will be offered related to contemporary, classical, community and children's music. Each category has three workshops and you can mix and match over the day. The fee is £40 and there are group discounts.

Visit www.madstuff.biz.

SKILLS for Dialogue is a half-day workshop offering skills to respond to tricky conversations or situations in life, in church and in the world.

It is facilitated by Place for Hope, an ecumenical resource initiated by the Church of Scotland to respond to conflict and offer skills for constructive dialogue. The workshop will be run

in the morning of 2 February in Castle Douglas and repeated on 23 April and 27 June in Lockerbie and Dumfries respectively. Attendance is free but booking is essential. Contact Place for Hope on 0131 240 2258 for more details.

ACOURSE for worship leaders in the Renfrewshire Region takes place on Friday evening on 22 February and all day Saturday 23 February at St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow.

It will be based upon the five-session Diocesan Workbook on Worship Leading and involve taught input, facilitated group-work and practical exercises. It's organised by the Development Team for Worship and Liturgy. Details from Revd Drew Sheridan: drew@frsheridan.fsnet.co.uk.

AVACANCY exists on the Provincial Committee for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Contact the Secretary General at the General Synod Office: secgen@scotland.anglican.org.

ACHURCH for Scotland – A History of the Scottish Episcopal Church, by Gerald Stranraer-Mull, has been updated. The book can be downloaded from scotland.anglican.org/index.php/about/history.

NEXT DIOCESAN NEWS

ITEMS for the March issue may be submitted by **Monday 11 February** as ordinary prose (not leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown, c/o Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH, or dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk.

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