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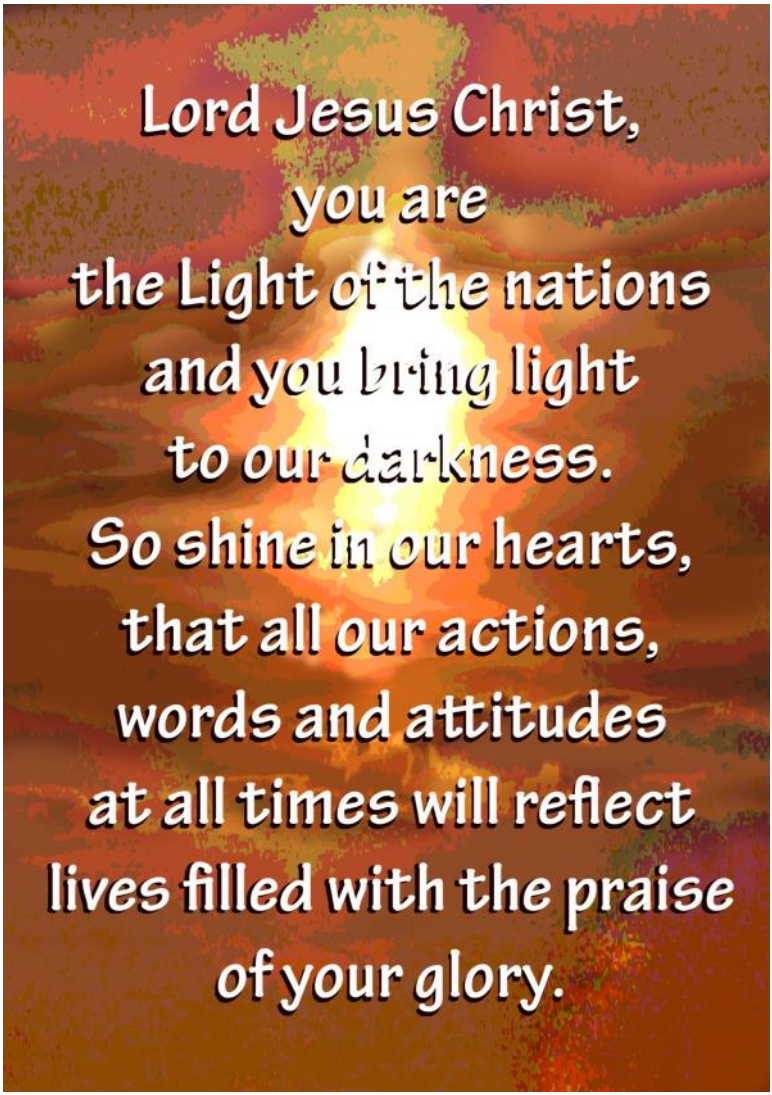

The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

At Holy Trinity, our worship is very much coloured by the different seasons of the Church Year. However, at present, it may feel like being between seasons, as Christmas has firmly come to an end (with Candlemas on the 2nd of February) and Lent & Easter are not yet on the horizon. But our present spell of Ordinary Time is an important part of the whole cycle which forms the Church Year: we need the different colours and themes, the highpoints and feasts, as well as the stretches of time in between so that our own spiritual lives can organically grow out of our yearly cyclical walk in God-time. For our lives are cycles of growth as well, as we learn to let go of things no longer life-giving and re-enter perhaps familiar space with deepened insight, in order to find God at work within us anew. The poet and priest Malcolm Guite puts it like this:

Tangled in time, we go by hints and guesses,

Turning the wheel of each returning year.

But in the midst of failures and successes

We sometimes glimpse the love that casts out fear.

Sometime the heart remembers its own reasons

And beats a Sanctus as we sing our story,

Tracing the threads of grace, sounding the seasons

That lead at last through time to timeless glory.

The Rector's Letter

From the first yearning for a Saviour's birth

To the full joy of knowing sins forgiven,

We start our journey here on God's good earth

To catch an echo of the choirs of heaven.

I send these out, returning what was lent,

Turning to praise each 'moments monument'.

Wishing you deep God-moments wherever you may be in your own cycles of life.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

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From the Registers

Funeral : 8th December 2021 Frances Ward

In Memoriam

Denis King 1950-2022

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Plans for Wellsprings

Due to Covid restrictions, the plans to begin Wellsprings, a "lectio divina" prayer group have been put on hold. Having discussed this with Rev Christoph, I hope to begin with a first meeting on **Tuesday 26 April** meeting fortnightly in my house, 17 Randolph Court, Stirling FK8 2AL from 10am – 11am followed by simple refreshments. If you would like to find out more, please speak to **Joan Lyon** (07807 783168)

Crossword Answers (Crossword on page 14)

ACROSS: 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

DOWN: 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

Hurrah for **Mary Kenyon** who has been awarded the **British Empire Medal** in recognition of nearly three decades' voluntary work with military families, veterans, and serving personnel for SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity.

Unwanted Gifts

Thank you for your responses to the request in the December/January edition for examples of unwanted gifts. Here they are:

Sandy Goss

David and I always fill a stocking for each other with several little gifts. A few years ago, when David was wrapping (last minute, of course) he thought he had not bought enough for me. In panic he reached out to something on the windowsill, quickly wrapped it and stuffed it in the stocking! Job done. Only problem was the item he had grabbed had been bought by me the year before for his stocking! Moral is "Don't panic!" as Lance-corporal Jones would say.

Sarah Shaw

A fringed scarf with blue/green Impressionist print pattern It's nice, but I have so many scarves I am unlikely to ever wear it! It would be good to have a swap shop!

(Great idea, Ed)

And **Cathy Johnston** sent in the following suggestion:

transition Stirling

Wondering what to do with that unwanted Christmas present, or all the bits and pieces that you have emptied out of the cupboard in your new year clear out…?

Did you know that Transition Stirling, who have a variety of different share and repair projects, and workshops, have started a Community Reuse Hub? You can donate items or discover things that you might use at the Reuse Hub at 4 Borrowmeadow Road, Springkerse Industrial Estate, Stirling.

Unwanted Gifts

There is also a container at Lower Polmaise Recycling Centre where you can leave things for Reuse to pick up.

They can take all sorts of unwanted items, such as electronics, tools, art supplies, furniture, clothing, spare materials. You may also find unique and unusual products that have been made by people in Stirling, or just straightforward spare parts or raw materials for you to buy.

It's best to follow them on social media for the latest news but here is the website information too.

https://www.transitionstirling.org.uk/

https://www.transitionstirling.org.uk/reuse-hub

Magazine Subscriptions

We have now resumed the option to pick up a copy of the magazine in church. Thanks to all who have written to state a preference for a paper copy. There will be **no charge** for these (donations welcome: suggested figure £5 per annum)

Postal Charge remains at £**10**. Please pay in February. Any of the following methods of payment are welcome:

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Bishop Gleig

Bishop Gleig's monument, after being hidden for many years behind a curtain in the Sacristy, was removed last November to a more worthy place in the Nave, where all can see it. That may lead to renewed interest in the most distinguished of all the Rectors of Stirling Episcopal Church.

George Gleig was born at Arbuthnot, near Stonehaven, in 1753. Both the place and the time are worthy of note. Most people know that after the Reformation, Presbyterianism established itself most strongly in the South of Scotland, while the remoter North remained a stronghold of Episcopacy. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that "the history of our Church has been to a great extent the history of Aberdeen men." And the year 1753 was only eight years after the ill-fated Prince Charlie rising. The Penal Laws were in full force and the cause of Scottish Episcopacy seemed hopelessly entangled with politics and the House of Stuart.

From the village school at Arbuthnot, Gleig proceeded to the King's School, Aberdeen. A brilliant University career followed, such as would certainly have led to a professorship, but for his pronounced Jacobite views.

Acts of Parliament had done their best to stamp out Scottish Episcopacy. It is doubtful whether there were fifty priests in the whole country, when Gleig threw in his lot with this faithful remnant and was ordained in 1773 to the charge of Pittenweem. But there were better days coming. King George III was less unfriendly than his predecessors. The penal laws were no longer as rigidly enforced and a movement for their repeal, in which Gleig took an active part, was already at work. Fourteen years later, he was appointed to the charge of Stirling. The date is noteworthy.

From The Archives 1922

Gleig came to this town in 1787, the year before Prince Charlie died, an event soon followed by the repeal of the Penal Laws, and a new era for the Episcopal Church. In the needful work of reconstruction and reorganisation, George Gleig became a foremost leader. The condition of the Church in Stirling was typical. The congregation had been entirely broken up by the enforcement of the penal laws. For some time, a clergyman named Cheyne had done his best to minister to the scattered members of the flock, going by stealth to their houses and administering the sacraments always at the risk of being arrested. And so Gleig came to a congregation without a church. In one of his letters he speaks of "the intellectual and well cultured society of Stirling." He first resided in Baker's Wynd – now Baker Street – living over a baker's shop, and later removed to a house in Bridge Street, where he lived to the day of his death.

Thanks to Sheila Brown for transcribing and sending in this article from the February 1921 magazine.

Prayer Diary for February

1 Tues. *Bride of Kildare,* Abbess, 525, for the Revd. Val Nellist.

2 Wed. *THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST,* for Oblates of the Holy Child.

3 Thu, Saints and Martyrs of Europe, for the establishment of the Kingdom.

4 Fri, Consecration of Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, for his Diocese.

5 Sat, *Agatha,* Virgin and Martyr, date uncertain, for the Mothers' Union.

6 Sun, EPIPHANY 5, for those who work in the Mission Fields.

7 Mon, *Paul Miki,* Priest, and Martyrs of Japan 1597, for our neighbours.

8 Tues, *Jerome Emiliani*, 1537, for the Rt. Revd. Bishop John Crook

9 Wed, for Alistair Warwick, Ulrika Wutscher, the Choir & Music Group.

10 Thu, *Scholastica*, Religious, 543, for Helen Kemp our PVG Co-ordinator.

11 Fri, for Rachel Campbell, Vestry Secretary & Vestry members.

12 Sat, for Robert Nellist, our Treasurer & Diocesan PVG Co-ordinator.

13 Sun, EPIPHANY 6, for all those who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

14 Mon, *Cyril ,Monk & Methodius, Bishop,* 855, for our Altar Servers.

15 Tues, *Thomas Bray,* Priest and Missionary, 1730, for those who read for us.

16 Wed, for those who use the hall & for Sarah Shaw, its Convenor.

17 Thu, *Finan of Lindesfarne,* Bishop, 661, for Mary Kenyon, our Flower Convenor.

18 Fri, *Colman of Lindisfarne,* Bishop, 676, for Monastic Communities.

19 Sat, *Martin Luther,* 1545, for Cathy Johnston, our Lay Representative.

20 Sun, EPIPHANY 7, that we may all endeavour to live a Christian life.

21 Mon, *Peter Damian,* Bishop, 1072, for Christoph Wutscher, our Rector.

22.Tues, for our Media production team, Libby Coats, Liza Green & Ann Lees.

23 Wed, *Polycarp of Smyrna,* Bishop & Martyr, 155, for those in Lay Ministry.

24 Thu, for those who have given their lives while caring for those with Covid.

26 Fri, for Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe and all innocent people who are suffering imprisonme

27 Sat, for our local Police Force.

27 Sun, SUNDAY BEFORE LENT, that we may bear good fruit for the Lord.

28 Mon, for our fishermen.

Saints and Heroes of the Faith to inspire our prayers in February

1st. St. Bride (Brigit, or Bridget). Historical facts about her life are extremely rare. She is believed to have been born near Uinmeras near Kildare, of parents of humble origin, baptised by St. Patrick and to have become a nun at an early age. She is also believed to have founded the monastery at Kildare and so contributed to the spread of Christianity. Many miracles are attributed to her, illustrating a compassionate nature, directed mostly to the poor. She enjoyed a very wide following both here and across Europe. She died in 525.

7th. St. Paul Miki, born in Japan about 1565 to an aristocratic family. The first Christian apostle to Japan was Francis Xavier, who landed in 1549. When he left, two years later, the Christians numbered perhaps 2000. Some fifty years later they were even more numerous and the ruler of Japan, Hideyoshi, incensed by their increase, embarked on a policy of persecution. Paul Miki entered the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits), became a priest and was a successful preacher of the gospel. With twenty-five companions, he was tortured and crucified at Nagasaki on 5th February 1597. In the following years many hundreds were martyred. We remember them today, 7th, as their feast falls on a Sunday. It is therefore transferred to the next day .

14th. Saints Cyril & Methodius, were brothers born in Salonika (Thessalonica) about 825. They both became priests and were educated further in Constantinople. They translated the bible and liturgical texts into the Slavonic language. Cyril became a monk and was librarian at Santa Sophia. He died in Rome on 14th February 869. Methodius was consecrated archbishop of Sirmium by Pope Clement and returned to Moravia. He spent many years preaching the gospel in Hungary, despite resistance and hostility. Pope Paul Ⅱ nominated Cyril & Methodius as joint patrons of Europe with St. Benedict on 14th Feb. Methodius died in 885.

23rd. St. Polycarp, born around 69, he became a disciple of St. John the Apostle, becoming in time the bishop of Smyrna and one of the most important Christian voices in Roman Asia in the mid-2nd century. He defended orthodox Christian belief against the heresies of Marcion and Valentinus, the most influential of the gnostics. The martyr Ignatius met him on his last journey to Rome and invited him to take care of his church in Antioch. There is much more! He died in 155.

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Readings

Sunday 6th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EPIPHANY 5	**Readings**	Isaiah 6.1-13; Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
Sunday 13th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EPIPHANY 6	**Readings**	Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26
Sunday 20th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EPIPHANY 7	**Readings**	Genesis 45.3-11,15; 1 Corinthians 15.35-38,42-50; Luke 6.27-38
Sunday 27th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EPIPHANY 8	**Readings**	Isaiah 55.10-13; 1 Corinthians 15.51-58; Luke 6.39-49

Rotas

	Readings	Intercessions
Feb 6	**A Pont**	**C Johnston**
Feb 13	**C Johnston**	**V Nellist**
Feb 20	**N Morris**	**D Brown**
Feb 27	**A Tyler**	**M Kenyon**

	Sides Duty
Feb 6	**J and N Morris**
Feb 13	**B and C Watson**
Feb 20	**A Lees and C Kendall**
Feb 27	**D Brown and J Foster**

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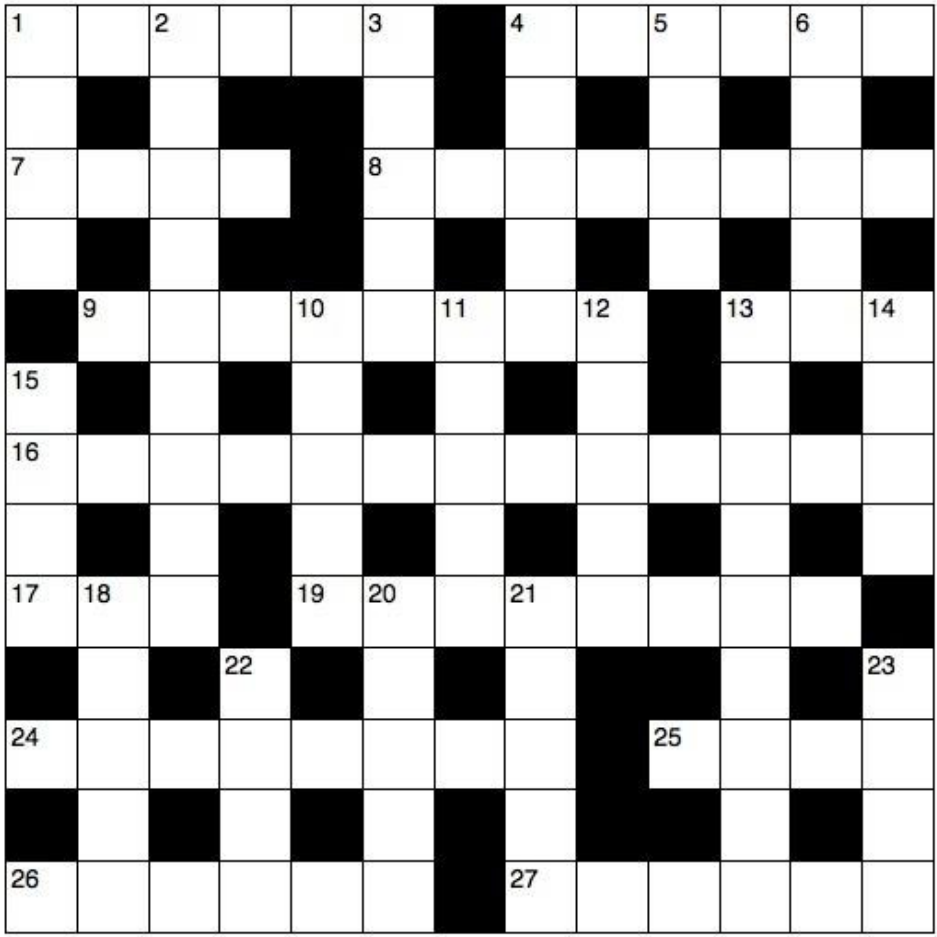


Across

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people

(Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1Corinthians 13:13) (4)

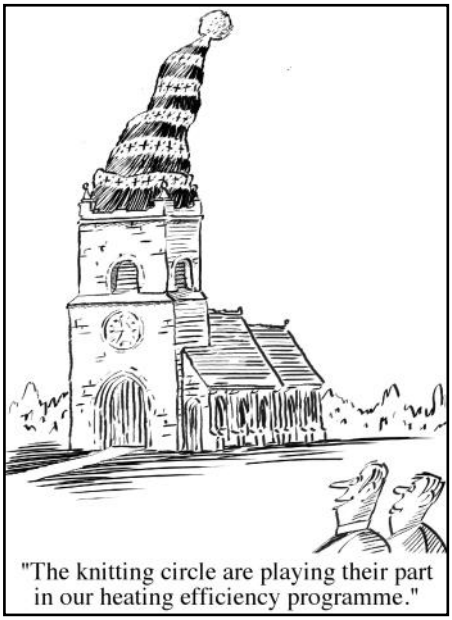
23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

With Valentine's Day in mind

Say it with flowers

A man stopped by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He asked the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'Say it with flowers'?"

"I do indeed!" the florist enthused. "How about three dozen of my finest roses?" The man hesitated. "No, make it just a half dozen roses. I'm a man of few words."



"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."

The Rules of Marriage

Here are the real-life answers from a group of children:

How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

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