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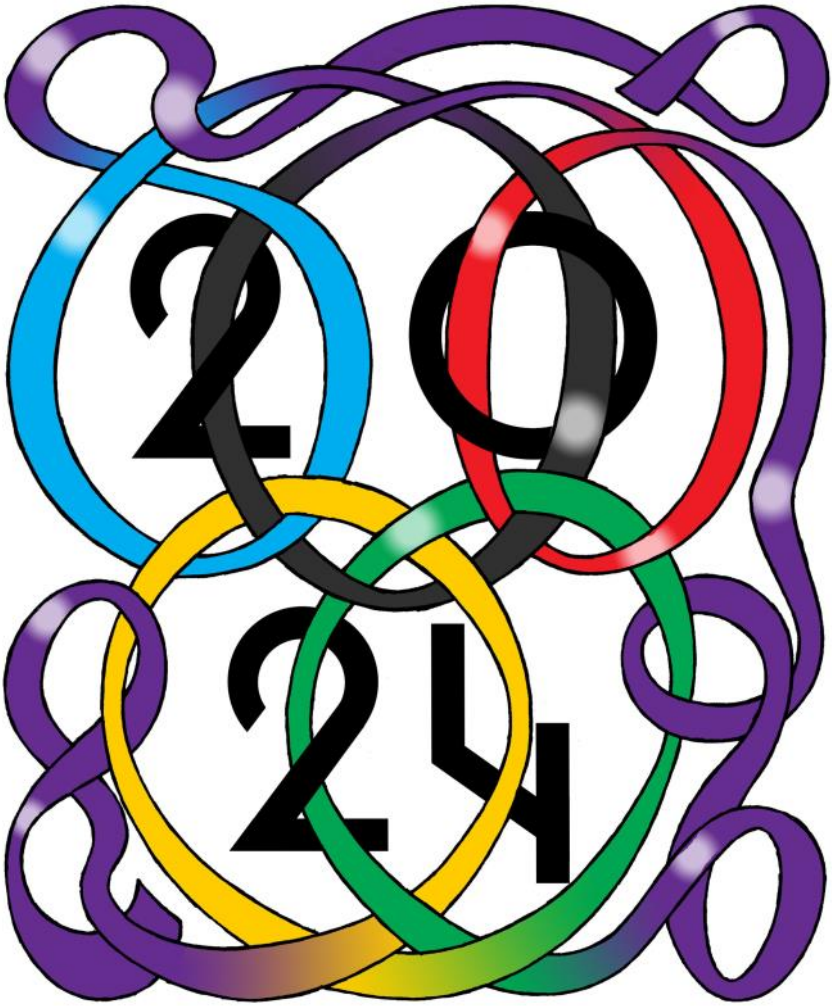

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

On Sunday the 27th of May Christoph handed me the keys for the church, and his three-month sabbatical began. This is an exciting opportunity for Christoph to spend time in research into the life and times of Hildegard of Bingen. It will be very interesting to hear from him about his findings when he returns at the beginning of September.

The last time I was given the keys to Holy Trinity was when Alison Peden left in 2015. My role then was to be interim rector until a new incumbent could be appointed. This time is different, we have an ordained ministry team of Ian Boa, Rebekah Sims and me. Not only that, Cathy Johnston is chairing the Vestry and we have groups of people attending to our mission development (Flourishing Future) and to giving pastoral care. Phone calls to the rectory are diverted to the church mobile phone which Rachel Campbell is looking after and she will pass on any enquiries that need my attention. The church email addresses are similarly covered and I am grateful to David Brown for preparing the weekly service sheets.

Whilst Christoph is away, he agreed that we should reduce the frequency of the 8.30am Sunday service to the first Sunday in the month only but the 10.30am Sung Eucharist continues, as does the 11am Holy Communion on Thursdays. The home communions for the housebound will also continue as usual. The church hall will again be used as a polling station for the General Election on the 4th July.

May I wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday season, and some better weather than we have had so far in June.

Yours in Christ

Val Nellist

14/06/24

Important date for your diary!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2024

In the morning

More details to follow

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June Update from HT Garden Group

An exciting step forward - seventy five plants have now been planted in our new Bed for Bees so please watch this space carefully and look out for signs of growth and life. It will look very different in a couple of years but we were delighted to make a start. A huge thank you to RePollinate for the provision of these plants and for their advice.
https://www.repollinate.org.uk

The lavender hedge along the front wall is coming along well. The grass across the whole garden is beginning to grow slowly and already there are wild flowers appearing amongst the longer grassy stalks. You are now able to see more clearly the walking paths which have been marked out throughout the garden and will be kept mowed – feel free to wander but please use the paths rather than walking on the longer grass.

Following the felling of the large and rather dangerous coniferous trees on the left side of the main entrance path to the church, we are looking forward to some art work from Tots Café in the shape of some colourful handprints or flowers on the remaining stumps. We have future hopes of making a more enclosed picnic area there.

We continue a necessary but less glamorous task – weeding round the base of the church wall. Hopefully our recent rain will make this job a little easier.

There is a good garden shed at the east end of the church building. We would like to build up our own stock of tools so that volunteers do not need to bring their own.

If you have any of the following which you could offer to the Garden Group, we'd be very grateful. Just bring them along any Sunday and leave them at the back of church entrance area or contact Revd Joan Lyon on joanblyon@gmail.com to arrange a pick-up or to offer a specific donation for purchase of new or second hand tools.

3 hand forks	1 hoe
3 small trowels	1 lightweight long garden fork
1 pair secateurs	1 rake – spring loaded
Wheelbarrow	Edging shears – 1 pair long, one short
2 Bulb planters	2 x 2 handled plastic buckets for weeds etc
Gloves (medium and large)	

If you'd like to come and help, please contact Joan on joanblyon@gmail.com or 07807 783168

Please turn over to see the garden team at work:-

HT Garden Group in Action

Joan directs operations

All working hard!

Towards 2028 and a Flourishing Future: Update

We reported last month on the work and conversations that will be taking place over the summer as we gather information to bring to the Annual Congregational Meeting in September. There has been significant progress on the workshops that have taken place that focussed on Energy Usage, Buildings Use and Community involvement. Many thanks go to Revd Ian Boa and Andrew Tyler for bringing their experience and expertise in guiding the groups and garnering all the creative input from everyone who came along.

A summary of the outcomes has been produced for the Vestry meeting on 18th June and this will be easily available on the church website – it's a bit too long to go in the magazine, however it's useful to let you know that it is focussed on 6 key questions:

1.1 Who will be using the building(s) in ten years from now, and for what?

1.2 What will the Church look like?

1.3 What are the heating requirements?

1.4 What are the heat loss measures?

1.5 Who should we be communicating with?

1.6 What are we unsure off?

As you might imagine, there are a lot of interesting responses and ideas!

The second part recorded the outcome of the discussions that we had using the Net Zero Cards to look at the energy considerations in the Church.

So…to be continued! It is likely that you will begin to see some of the outcomes displayed in church, and in other places but the Vestry's communication on all of this is that it is a 'work in progress'. Please do ask any of us if you want to hear more.

Cathy Johnston

July 1924

Day School

On the 11th June the Rev. W. S. Jenkins paid a visit to the School. We understand that this was Mr. Jenkins' twenty-first annual visit. His object in coming is to report upon and encourage the religious teaching in the schools. A chance remark made to us recently by a parent whose children attend another school gave the impression that the new position of our School under the last Education Act has made some difference to the religious teaching. "All the schools are now alike," she said, "and it makes no difference where the children go." We want to make it quite clear that the religious tone and character of the School is in no way affected by coming under public control and support, and the Episcopal School in Stirling is the only public school where our Prayer Book and Catechism are taught. It may interest those who are unfamiliar with the details of the Education Act that the Rector is the recognised "Supervisor," who, by visiting and observing, and to some extent taking part in the religious teaching, is able to satisfy himself that it is being properly done.

August 1924

Mothers' Trip

The "Mothers" had a very successful trip on Monday,14th July, to Edinburgh. The party of 90, which included a good many friends and children, travelled in charabancs. The morning was spent in the city, after which the journey was resumed to the Zoo, where a very good lunch was provided. The weather was delightfully fine, and the gardens very charming, and on returning to Stirling all agreed that they had had a splendid outing. The mothers very pleased that Miss J. S. Houston was in Edinburgh at the time and joined them at the Zoo. Mrs. Welsh, Mrs.

Osborn, and Miss Dorothy Alston also accompanied the party. It is reported that one of the sea lions became very sad and restless after saying farewell to the Stirling mothers. The latest news is that it has broken loose and is still at large, to the great discomfiture of the inhabitants of Corstorphine.

Thanks to *Sheila Brown* for transcribing and sending in these extracts.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

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Prayer Diary July

Mon 01 Serf, Bishop, c500, for all who are opening Church

Tue 02 For our Flourishing Futures Groups

Wed 03 Thomas, Apostle (if not kept on 21 December), for all whose faith has weakened

Thu 04 For all involved in the General Election

Fri 05 For families starting their school holidays

Sat 06 Palladius, Bishop, c450, for our Bishop Ian

Sun 07 Pentecost 7

Mon 08 For a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians

Tue 09 For all who journey

Wed 10 For all involved in our legal system

Thu 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot, c550, that we learn to trust in God's providence

Fri 12 Drostan of Deer, Abbot, c600, that we seek to extend God's kingdom

Sat 13 For a just peace between Russia and Ukraine

Sun 14 Pentecost 8

Mon 15 For all affected by addictions

Tue 16 For our new Government at Westminster

Wed 17 Jane Haining, for an end to discrimination in all its forms

Thu 18 For SSAFA and its work

Fri 19 For all who live and work in the care sector

Sat 20 For all in the role of mothers

Prayer Diary July

Sun 21 Pentecost 9

Mon 22 Mary Magdelene, for the ministry of women

Tue 23 For our local mountain rescue teams

Wed 24 For all who work in healthcare

Thu 25 James, Apostle, for all working as fishermen

Fri 26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of Mary, Mother of the Lord, for grandparents everywhere

Sat 27 For all users of our Church Hall

Sun 28 Pentecost 10

Mon 29 Martha and Mary of Bethany, for all who live lives of service

Tue 30 Silas, Companion of Saint Paul, that we have the strength to be good friends and companions

Wed 31 Ignatius Loyola, Priest and Religious, 1556, for Christoph as he continues his sabbatical

Articles for the **September** magazine are requested on or before

August 11th

The magazine will be available on

August 25th

Prayer Diary August

Thu 01 For our farmers and all with stewardship of the land

Fri 02 For all with housing problems

Sat 03 For all in Scotland on vacation

Sun 04 Pentecost 11

Mon 05 Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642, for a spirit of truth for all those in positions of temporal power

Tue 06 The Transfiguration of the Lord, for all of us to understand the changes needed in our lives

Wed 07 For teachers preparing for the new school year

Thu 08 Dominic, priest and Friar, 1221, that our hearts are open to the Word of God

Fri 09 John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866, for all in Holy Orders

Sat 10 Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258, for all Deacons of the Church

Sun 11 Pentecost 12

Mon 12 Blane, Missionary, c590, for our Sister church, St Mary's Dunblane

Tue 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, 1667, that we are aware of the shortness and uncertainties of this life

Wed 14 Maximilien Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, 1940, for all who fight injustice

Thu 15 Mary the Virgin, that we trust in God's will

Fri 16 For our Armed Forces

Prayer Diary August

Sat 17 For all who work in the Prison Service

Sun 18 Pentecost 13

Mon 19 For a just peace in Ukraine

Tue 20 Bernard of Clairvaux, for the work of Startup Stirling

Wed 21 For truth to prevail in the USA

Thu 22 For the Episcopal Church across Europe

Fri 23 For Stirling Street Pastors

Sat 24 Bartholomew, Apostle, that we have courage to speak of our faith

Sun 25 Pentecost 14

Mon 26 For HT TOTS

Tue 27 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387, for the Church in Africa

Wed 28 Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430, for all affected by addictions

Thu 29 The Beheading of John the Baptist, that we rejoice in the diversity of people

Fri 30 For our Emergency Services

Sat 31 Aiden of Lindisfarne, Bishop, for all who live a Christian Life

Readings July

Sunday 7th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 7	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Ezekiel 2.1-5; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13
Thursday 11th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 8	**Readings**	Amos 7.7-15; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
Thursday 18th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 9	**Readings**	Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56
Thursday 25th	**11am**	Holy Communion
St James, Apostle		
Sunday 28th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 10	**Readings**	2 Kings 4.42-44; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

Readings August

Thursday 1st	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 11	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35
Thursday 8th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 12	**Readings**	1 Kings 19.4-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,41-51
Thursday 15th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Mary the Virgin		
Sunday 18th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 13	**Readings**	Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58
Thursday 22nd	**11am**	Holy Communion

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Readings August

Sunday 25th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 14	**Readings**	Josuah 24.1-2*a*,14-18; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69
Thursday 29th	**11am**	Holy Communion

Rotas July

	Readings	Intercessions
7th July	**D Brown**	**R Nellist**
14th July	**M Kenyon**	**T Mitchell**
21st July	**L Green**	**N Morris**
28th July	**R Campbell**	**D Brown**

Sidesduty

7th July C Kendall and R Nellist

14th July J and N Morris

21st July A Lees and tbc

28th July R Campbell and H Kemp

Rotas August

Readings	Intercessions
4th August S Stirling-Aird	C Johnston
11th August R Piper	A Shaw
18th August J Morris	A Pont
25th August T Mitchell	M Kenyon

Sidesduty

4th August C Kendall and C Watson

11th August L Coats and R Nellist

18th August J and N Morris

25th August R Campbell and A Lees

Our Services

Sundays
8.30am Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursdays
11.00am Holy Communion

At present Sunday School (HTKidZ) meets according to demand.

Contact Gen Pont for further information: gandapont@yahoo.co.uk

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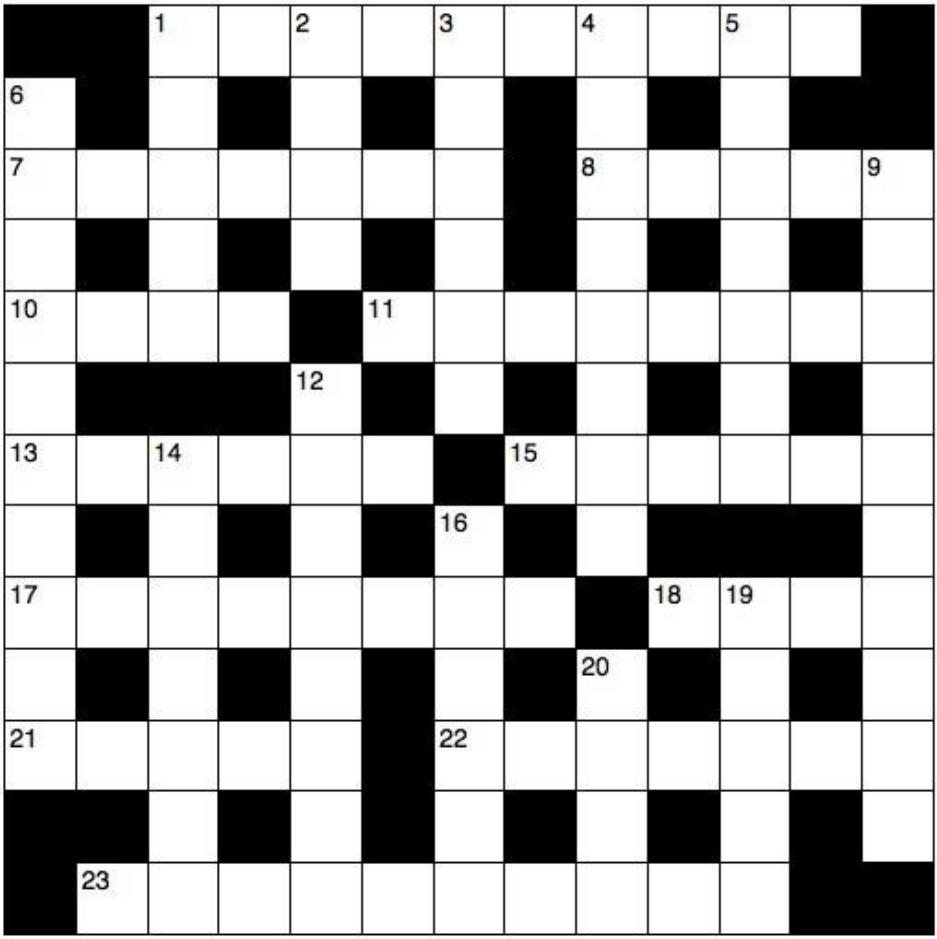

Across

1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)

7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)

8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)

10 Girl's name (4)

11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)

13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)

15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)

17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)

18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)

21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)

22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)

23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)

2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)

3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)

4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)

5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)

6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)

9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)

12 Abusive outburst (8)

14 Are loud (anag.) (7)

16 Printing errors (6)

19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)

20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Answers on page 9

Miscellaneous observations:

~ I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

~ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

~ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

~ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

~ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

~ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for President, and 50 for Miss America?

Wishing all our readers a happy summer and looking forward to resuming the magazine in September.

Libby. Liza and Ann

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10-12noon HTTots Gen Pont: gandapont@yahoo.co.uk

4.00-6.15pm Destination Judo: info@destinationjudo.com

6.15-7.45pm Mindbodysoul Yoga: grant@mindbodysoulyoga.co.uk

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10-12noon Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com

6.30-8pm Lishi Self Defence: damien@lishi.org

Wednesdays

9.15-10.15 Pilates Mini Ball Class: Jackie.govan@live.com

12-1pm Latin and Ballroom Dance Class: stirling4community@gmail.com

5-7pm Dance: francescahamill@icloud.com

7-9pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

Thursdays

11-2pm Stirling Community Lunch: stirling4community@gmail.com

7pm Stirling4 Community Choir

Fridays

9.10-9.55 Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com

10-12 noon Art Group: stirling4community@gmail.com

2-5pm University of the Third Age (monthly): membership@fvu3a.org.uk

5-6pm Capoeira class: dendemaruouk@outlook.com

Saturdays

9-10am Babyballet: livingstonandfalkirk@babyballet.co.uk

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