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Rector's Letter

Dear all,

Our Fellowship Groups in May and June this year are dedicated to the writing of Julian of Norwich (ca1342 - after 1416), the first writer in English who can with certainty be identified as a woman. Julian lived as an anchorite and is remembered for her profound reflections titled *Revelations of Divine Love*. She is perhaps best known for the line: 'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.' Out of context this line may appear a bit naive, for we certainly know that very often not all is well – we do not even have to tune into the news to know that.

But Julian doesn't say that bad things don't happen nor that we do not experience pain in our lives; rather, she seems to see the bigger picture of God's love as having the last word. Julian writes this: 'God is our clothing, wrapping and enveloping us for love, embracing us and guiding us in all things, hanging about us in tender love, so that he can never leave us.' It is this love which we are to remember when things aren't so great in and around us. As Julian also relates in the words she heard from God: **''God did not say, 'You shall not be tormented, you shall not be troubled, you shall not be grieved', but he said, 'You shall not be overcome.' God wants us to pay attention to his words and wants our certainty always to be strong, in weal and woe; for he loves and is pleased with us, and so he wishes us to love and be pleased with him and put great trust in him; and all shall be well.''**

May we learn a sense of this true well-being in God, as we come to know God to be with us in our lives always.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

Fellowship Groups will meet on the 4th June at 11.30am and 8pm.

From the Registers

Burial:

Pamela Bruce 5th May

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

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Christian Aid Week 2026

This year, our Christian Aid e-envelope raised £1,013.20, equivalent to £1,253.80 with Gift Aid included. We also received cash donations of £190 at the Ascension and Easter 7 services, taking the total **to £1,203.20,** equivalent to **£1,461.30** with Gift Aid included. Thank you to everyone who helped to achieve this excellent total.

David and Sheila Brown

Time for a New Editor

There are a few reasons why I have decided to give up the editorship of HT magazine in September. The main one is that I've been editing the magazine since 2012, and I think that's long enough. Another is very practical; under Piers Jones's (HT organist and publishing wizard) excellent instruction I learned about desktop publishing on the Microsoft Publisher app. This app is to be discontinued in October this year. There are many other options, but I am not familiar with them. It seems an ideal time for someone else to take over. Please speak to me or to Christoph if you would like more information about the role. I have found it very worthwhile and have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in HT's outreach.

Libby Coats

Open Church 2026

2026 will be our third year of community outreach in opening our beautiful building to visitors. In order for this to be successful both in attracting visitors and indirectly through visitor numbers raising money via grant applications, members of the congregation need to support this venture.

Potentially the church will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays between June 17th and September 23rd. The Doors Open initiative will follow on the next weekend September 26th and 27th.

Over this period the church could be open on **29 days,**

this is **58 blocks of 2 hours volunteering slots**

OR, support from 116 volunteers!!

Unfortunately, last year we were unable to maximise our potential for outreach due to a lack of volunteers.

Each session needs two volunteers to welcome and support visitors who may either wish for time for private prayer or meditation or to tour the building. Volunteers are able to choose which of the two daily sessions, (11am – 1pm or, 1 -3 pm) in which to participate.

We have specific resources for children and regarding the church building and also in a variety of languages, so, don't worry, new helpers will be fully supported.

Any offers of extra language translations will be much appreciated. We currently have *Arabic, French, Italian, German and Polish* information packs about our building.

Any questions or for further information:

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Our Favourite Biscuits

In the May edition we were invited to name our favourite biscuit and to relate any biscuit related anecdotes/stories. Thank you for your responses.

Sheila Brown

I like various biscuits but don't really have a favourite. However, David's late aunt Bessie had an interesting connection with biscuits. She worked in Mennie's, a confectionary factory in New Zealand. She returned to Glasgow in 1936 and after a period working as a domestic servant in Kirkintilloch and Glasgow, she then went to work at Gray Dunn's Biscuit Factory in Kinning Park, Glasgow. She went from there to be secretary at a private school in Glasgow where the actor Tom Conti was a pupil.

Tony Mitchell

1. I love those dutch honey wafers that you rest across a a mug of hot coffee until the honey is soft, the trouble is, I can never wait long enough!
2. My favourite "indulgent" biscuit is a ginger crisp covered in dark chocolate
3. For a less indulgent every day coffee break, an oat flip is always welcome

   Having said that, in our household the biscuits are reserved for visitors. (Thats the official story!)

   Please come round and we will be allowed the chocolate gingers!

Cathy Johnston

I do miss a good biscuit, but fortunately a good friend introduced me to the BBC Good Food recipe for Peanut Butter Cookies - just peanut butter, sugar, a bit of salt, and an egg. They are very quick to cook, and very quick to eat. They don't last long! The recipe is easy to look up on line.

My other favourite is the Tunnocks Tea Cake - not to eat, but for the wrapper. I recommend visiting the Smith Art Gallery just to see what can be done with them.....

Ian Anderson

My favourite biscuit is the humble digestive, due to its versatility. A good 'everyday' all-rounder, it is also robust enough for dunking. A good addition to the oatcakes and crackers of a cheeseboard. Lastly, it makes an excellent base for cheesecakes.

Libby Coats

A good gooey flapjack

A chocolate biscuit that's more chocolate than biscuit

For me, biscuits are associated with a break, a chat or a read of the paper, in short, relaxing.

Prayer Diary June 2026

Mon 1 The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, for those who live in hope and expectation

Tue 2 Justin of Rome, Martyr, c165, that we seek the truth in our worship

Wed 3 Charles Lwanga and his companions, 1886; Janani Luwum, Bishop, 1977, Martyrs of Uganda, that we have the courage to stand against tyranny.

Thu 4 Corpus Christi, that we worship in spirit and truth

Fri 5 Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary, 754, that we have the courage to reject modern idolatry

Sat 6 John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Reformer, 1963, for the Scottish Episcopal Institute

Sun 7 Pentecost 2

Mon 8 Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon and Teacher of the Faith, 373, for poets and all who improve our lives through the arts

Tue 9 Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597, that our light shines in the darkness

Wed 10 for the work of the Order of Lazarus

Thu 11 Barnabas, Apostle, that we seek to love more deeply

Fri 12 John Skinner, Priest, 1807, and John Skinner, Bishop, 1816, for all who are persecuted for their faith

Sat 13 for all who work in the nighttime economy

Sun 14 Pentecost 3

Mon 15 Commemoration of Members of the Church who suffered under the Penal Laws, for religious communities under attack in Britain today

Tue 16 Basil of Caesarea, 379; Gregory of Nazianzus, c390; Gregory of Nyssa, 394, Bishops and Teachers of the Faith, that the mysteries of the Word may find a place in our hearts.

Wed 17 for all feeling the pain of separation or bereavement

Prayer Diary June 2026

Thu 18 Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896, for the Church in Africa

Fri 19 for the Samaritans and their work

Sat 20 Fillan, Abbot, c750, for our Bishop Ian

Sun 21 Pentecost 4

Mon 22 Alban, Martyr c303, for our Primus Mark

Tue 23 for all on vacation here in Scotland

Wed 24 The Birth of John the Baptist, for all who proclaim the Good News

Thu 25 Moluag of Lismore, Bishop, 592, for all who feel lost and afraid

Fri 26 Robert Leighton, Bishop, 1684, for our sister church St Mary, Dunblane

Sat 27 Alexander Jolly, Bishop, 1838, for all who minister at Holy Trinity

Sun 28 Pentecost 5

Mon 29 Peter, Apostle, for our Open Church team

Tue 30 Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, c202, for peace in our world

HT Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree situated at the back of church is an aid to prayer. Feel free to take a label and write your prayer/ message on it and hang it on the tree. **Please add the current date.** The label will be removed one month after this date but if you would like to leave the label on the tree please just alter the date or write another label.

Readings June 2026

Thursday 4th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Corpus Christi		
Sunday 7th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 2	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Hosea 5.15-6.6; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
Thursday 11th	**No service**	
Sunday 14th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 3	**Readings**	Exodus 19.2-8*a*; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8
Thursday 18th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 4	**Readings**	Jeremiah 20-7-13; Romans 6.1*b*-11; Matthew 10.24-39
Thursday 25th	**11am**	Holy Communion

Readings June 2026

Sunday 28th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 5	**Readings**	Jeremiah 28.5-9; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

Our Services

Sundays
10.30am Sung Eucharist

First Sunday in the Month
8.30am Holy Communion

Thursdays
11.00am Holy Communion

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

Rotas June 2026

	Readings	Intercessions
7th June	**W Wheeler**	**A Shaw**
14th June	**S Shaw**	**A Pont**
21st June	**G Lamb**	**D Brown**
28th June	**T Mitchell**	**R Nellist**

Sidesduty

7th June C Watson and A Lees

14th June R Piper and R Campbell

21st June L Coats and C Kendall

28th June A Lees and S Goss

Feed the Birds

You are invited to send in your bird feeding tips for the next edition. And a photo of birds at your feeder would be lovely. Should there be insufficient space in the next double edition, please don't be discouraged as we can insert your thoughts and images in the September edition.

From the Archives June 1926

The Education Authority have selected for the headmastershp of the Episcopal School, Mr Donald Macintosh, M.A., now working in Glasgow. Some people have spoken as if the appointment rested with the Church. This, of course, is not so. All appointments to elementary schools are made by the public authority. The only responsibility left to us is that we can object to any proposed appointment if the teacher does not satisfy us on religious grounds. The Authority are required to appoint "teachers who are approved as regards their religious belief and character by representatives of the Church in whose interest the school has been conducted." We have gladly given our approval to Mr Macintosh's appointment, and hope that he will be very happy in the work.

Thank you, *Sheila Brown*, for transcribing this.

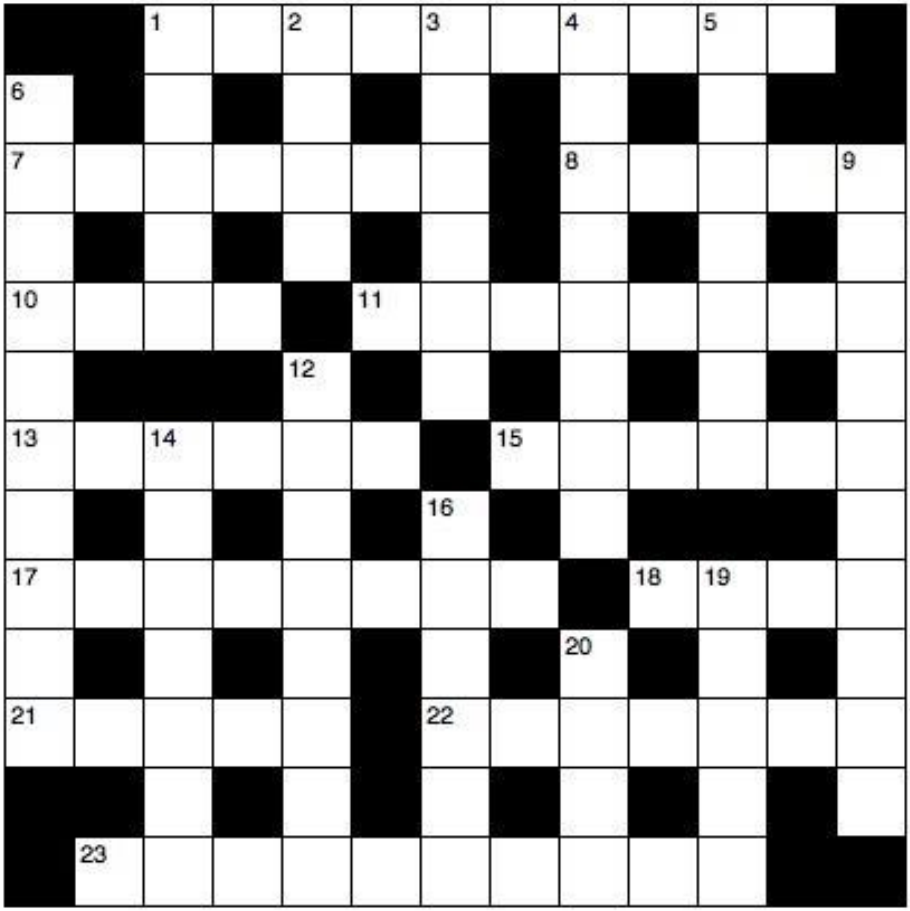
The archive article is in a different colour. This is deliberate and is to distinguish it from the rest of the magazine. One reader pointed out that such a distinction could help to avoid any confusion For example, in last month's edition. there was reference made to the General Strike and it's important to stress that that was in May 1926, not May 2026!

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

Crossword



Across

1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2 Corinthians4:8)(4)
11 Fraud (2 Corinthians6:8)(8)
13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)

15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25)(4)
21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4)(10)

Down

1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts22:19)(8)
14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)
16 Discharge (Acts 21:3)(6)
19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation19:7)(4)

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Some of the great questions of life

Why are buildings called buildings when they are finished? Shouldn't they be called builts?

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

If your supermarket has been lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If a firefighter fights fire and a crime fighter fights crime, what does a freedom fighter fight?

Do you find it unnerving that what doctors do is called 'practice'?

A lesson in lies

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Oops

I went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and am now the proud owner of Aisle 4.

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

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

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

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7-9pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

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7pm Stirling4Community Choir

Fridays

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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

9-12.30 Babyballet: livingstonandfalkirk@babyballet.co.uk

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