



Clyde Walkway in Autumn

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2017

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 3rd September
Trinity 12
9.00 am – Eucharist
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10th September
Trinity 13
10.30 am – All Age Sung
Eucharist

Sunday 17th September
Trinity 14
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24th September
Trinity 15
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

OCTOBER SERVICES

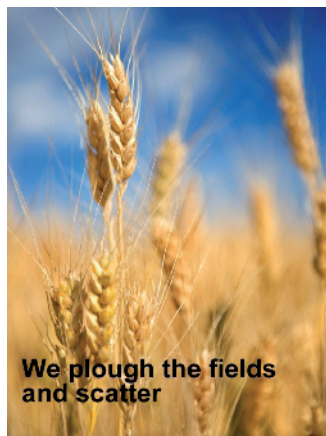
Sunday 1st October
Trinity 16
9.00 am – Eucharist
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 8th October
Harvest Festival
10.30 am – All Age Sung
Eucharist

Sunday 15th October
Trinity 18
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 22nd October
Trinity 19
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29th October
All Saints Sunday
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist



**We plough the fields
and scatter**

LUNCH CLUB

Now that the Summer holidays are over, the Lunch Club will resume on Tuesday 5th September and meet at 12.30 every Tuesday in the Church Hall.

Do come along and join us for soup and a roll, good company and excellent speakers.
Cost £2.50

FAMILY NEWS

Many Happy Returns to Diana Moroz on the occasion of her 90th birthday in August. May she continue to know the joy, peace and health of a life well lived.

Congratulations to Lynn and Mark who were married by The Revd George Shand in Christ Church on Friday 28th July. May they have a long and happy life together.

Happy Birthday to Rosemary Marshall who will be 90 later this month

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

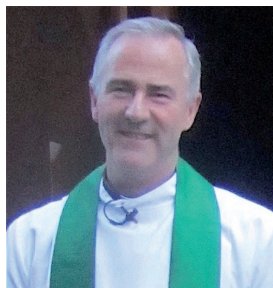
* AGM – Sunday 1st October, in the hall, after the Sung Eucharist.



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Having been a teacher in a previous life, I have always thought of late August and September as signifying a new beginning. Come the start of term, hopes were always high with all the things that would be achieved in the course of the year and the children in my classes would be immaculately behaved, conscientious, industrious and inspirational to be with! To a certain extent, that always proved to be true – every year! However they behaved or worked, it was always a joy to have a job working with children.



I feel very blessed that work is something I enjoy – apparently only 43% of Americans and 17% of Japanese can claim the same! Work occupies such a large chunk of our time and effort and is so important in the Western world for our self esteem and sense of identity. The importance of work and what it means to us has never been more apparent than during the current economic recession with so many being made redundant and having to come to terms with the reality of unemployment.

Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, writes: “Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men.” In other words, he’s telling us that, when we work, we should do it for the glory of God; and that, doing it for the glory of God, should be where we derive our joy and satisfaction.

Martin Luther understood the significant and often overlooked way that we serve God in our everyday tasks, whether we are in a job, unemployed or retired. He wrote: “The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays – not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps, but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty, not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.”

In the coming year, in whatever we do at home, at work, in the community, or in the development of our congregation and its mission and ministry, may we do it all for the glory of God.

Drew

As the AGM approaches, please consider volunteering for vacant Vestry positions.

This is a poem about Church Wardens but it is really about all the willing people who take on the workload of looking after our church in a multitude of ways from cleaning it, maintaining the garden, flower arranging, organ playing, editing the magazine and weekly news sheets, making the tea, keeping the rotas up to date, acting as sidepersons, looking after the church finances and maintaining the church and rectory as well as our Lay Readers who give strong support to our Rector. Sorry if I've missed anyone out!

The Church Wardens

Churches stand in ev'ry parish
Of this green and pleasant land
Some are small, yet so historic
Some are large, ornate, and grand.

Some have roofs that need repairing
Some have other wear and tear
Some have beetles, rot, or woodworm
But they all need loving care!

Thousands, then, of ancient churches
Being kept up to their prime
In the care of all those wardens
Giving freely of their time.

Yet much more than just the buildings
Occupy these sterling folk!
Rotas, meetings, service duties
Yet you'll hear them laugh and joke!

So, to all these lovely people
Who have so much work to do
And do it all without complaining
From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

By Nigel Beeton

Although the Rev Dr Gary Bowness finally ‘retired’ his Uncle Eustace letters to his nephew Darren at the end of last year, he is offering a ‘re-run’ of some of the earliest ones.

On plums, dull sermons, falling leaves and Harvest

The Rectory,
St. James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

It is good to be back from my holidays – even if I discovered on arriving home that, as I motored back with my car full of my exchange colleague’s plums in the boot, he was doing the same with my apples; I had expected better of him.

I was equally disappointed that he insisted on inviting parishioners back to the Rectory after Mattins for a sherry, as it creates a dangerous precedent. That he entertained them on my sherry was a step too far. I think a letter of reproach will be called for – or at least as soon as I feel he will have got over the discovery that I liberated the plums from his own orchard.

One of the main reasons I allowed him to come here was that I remembered his sermons being long and memorably dull. Sadly, he has had a conversion experience and they are now short and interesting, which was definitely not what I wanted. I am already making tentative plans to exchange with a colleague next year who has a heavy Welsh accent and speaks with a stutter.

You rather smugly commented that at least on the Norfolk coast I didn’t have to worry about marauding pythons, as you did in your somewhat more exotic holiday. But had you had to deal with an irate dowager marchioness whose flower arrangement had been moved from the pulpit to the font without her permission, you would understand where real danger lurks. You can be inoculated before your holiday against typhoid; there is no known medical protection against a lady of substance in full charge.

So the Autumn round approaches. Afternoons are occupied in sweeping up leaves from the lawns and evenings, after dark, of tipping them over the wall into Colonel Adamson’s garden. That will be an activity quite foreign to you, I know. Imagine your morning collection of discarded take-away containers dumped in your garden and you have a close parallel.

And then there is Harvest to prepare for. The plums that I brought back from my colleague's trees that remain uneaten should find a good home on the church window sills – which may almost compensate for the absence of the Rectory apples. They will sit, totally upstaged, alongside Miss Fanshawe's Harrod's hamper – which she always makes sure everyone knows she donated anonymously. Some, as they say, have their reward already.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Table Tennis and Social Afternoon

The Table Tennis Club which meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Hall will restart after the summer break on the same date as the Lunch Club on Tuesday 5th September. All the equipment is provided and we welcome new players of any experience or none.



Several people have asked if they can come along to play Board Games, Dominoes, Scrabble, Cards etc or just enjoy the company and chat. Everyone is welcome - tea & biscuits are provided - bring along your favourite game if you have one. Come along anytime between 2.30 and 4.30 pm - stay as long as you like or remain in the Hall after the Lunch Club.

Please give me a ring at 665603 or see me at Church on Sundays if you have any other ideas or want more information.

We look forward to seeing you.

Christine Robbins



Fund Raising for the Sunday School

Gemma is hoping to make some money for the Sunday School with 'Rag Bags'. Bring along any old clothes and linen etc but not shoes, bags, pillows or duvets. Your Rag Bags can be left in the old Sunday school room in the hall.

Proud Grandparents at Christ Church

Richard and Doreen Evans are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their newest grandchild, Emily Alice Stewart who is pictured here with her parents Tracey and Kevin.



Elizabeth and Keith Baxter are delighted to share the news of the birth of their first Grandchild. Rowan Thomas Baxter was born on the 22nd July to his proud parents Fiona and Matthew Baxter. We wish them all many happy times together in the years ahead.

Happy 'Big' Birthdays

Two wonderful members of our congregation are celebrating their 90th birthdays. Diana Moroz (Diana wants to revert to her Polish name) was 90 in August and Rosemary Marshall will be 90 in September.

Diana is still very active in the church and lunch club and walks her dog daily.

Rosemary is a regular Sidesperson and maintains the Sidespersons Rota.

We all wish you both very happy birthdays

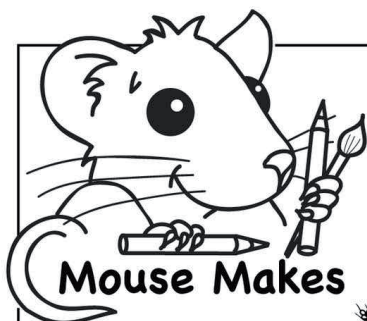


Diana received a lovely bunch of flowers from Drew following Sunday Service on 13 August.

Diana would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers and generous gifts which she received. She says it was a most memorable occasion and a really lovely day in all respects. She sends her sincere thanks to all her many friends.

Rosemary hard at work as a Sidesperson. She is also a long service volunteer at Oxfam.





May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7

Can you find these harvest
words in the hay bales?

HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
SEEDS • SOW • LAND
PLOUGH • SCATTER
SOIL • GROW
CROPS • REAP



WHEAT SW PICK C
APPLERAINROK
URGPPTPEARS
TORLBLESSEDU
UBOURORSEYPOG
MOWMOUSERTAR
NUTSSGRAPESR
OGODEHSCROPS

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR
ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR



GHAYSTACKERP
AFCARTTRACTOR
TONIONSFIGSA
HOPOTATOESBI
EDEIFLOURAS
RPARSNIPSORE
TOSBEANSUNR
BARLEYOLIVES



Laughter is the Best Medicine

What's in a denomination...

Some delegates to an ecumenical church conference in Scotland set off between sessions to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside. Presently they came to a stream spanned by a rickety bridge, and started to cross, ignoring the warning to keep off. A local inhabitant ran after them in protest. 'Don't worry,' they called. 'We won't do any harm, we are the Anglicans from the Conference.'

'I'm no caring about that,' was the reply. 'If ye dinna get off the bridge quick, ye'll all be Baptists.'

Full name, please

A man was registering at the doctor's surgery near his new home. Asked for his complete name, he replied: 'Peter John O'Dear Sullivan.'

The receptionist repeated it slowly. 'Your third name is very unusual – some family connection, I suppose?'

'Oh no,' sighed the man. 'Nothing like that. I was given the third name when the vicar dropped me in the font.'

Sleep and taxes

A new Christian wrote to HMRC: 'Since I've become a Christian I can't sleep, and so I am enclosing £100 for tax on some extra income I forgot to declare. P.S. If I still can't sleep, I may remember some other stuff.'

Share

There are only two things a child will share willingly - communicable diseases and mum's age.

Oldest computer

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Not surprisingly, it was an Apple. But it had an extremely limited memory: just one byte, and everything crashed.

Hymns for people over 50

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt



....I take it our supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

DATE	SIDESPERSONS	TEA/COFFEE	CHURCH CLEANING	LUNCH CLUB	COMMUNION CUP
<u>2017</u>	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
3 Sept	N. Broadbridge R. Marshall	J. Rance K. Rance	J. Rance K. Rance	5th Sept Jamie & Janet	S Cardwell
10 Sept	S. Russell G. Rankin	L. Rickards E. Baxter	A. Comrie	12th Sept Ruby & Joyce	R Evans
17 Sept	M. Main D. Evans	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	A. Gray	19th Sept Diana & Connie	R Cleary
24 Sept	J. Rance S. Cardwell	M. Caddell C. Robbins	M. Gibson J. Patrick	26th Sept Hilary & Doreen E.	S Clark

DATE	DIARY	READERS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	GOSPEL
<u>2017</u> 3 Sept	Trinity 12	N Broadbridge	Exodus 3: 1-15	Romans 12: 9 - 21	Matthew 16: 21- 28
10 Sept	Trinity 13	ALL AGE	SERVICE	-----	TBA
17 Sept	Trinity 14	P Glancy	Genesis 50: 15-21	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18: 21-35
24 Sept	Trinity 15	A Burroughs	Jonah 3:10 – 4:11	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16

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29 Oct	R. Marshall N. Broadbridge	M. Caddell C. Robbins	J. Rance K. Rance	31st Oct Hilary & Doreen E.	G Rankin
5 Nov	S. Russell D. Evans	M. Gibson J, Patrick	A. Comrie	7th Nov Jamie & Janet	S Cardwell

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15 Oct	Trinity 18	J Rance	Isaiah 25; 1-9	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
22 Oct	Trinity 19	R Cleary	Isaiah 45: 1-7	1 Thess'ns 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
29 Oct	Trinity 20	L Rickards	Leviticus 19; 1-2 & 15-18	1 Thess'ns 2: 1-8	Matthew 22: 34-46
5 Nov	4 before Advent	P Clark	Micah 3: 5-12	1 Thess'ns	Matthew 24: 1-14

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