

CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018





#### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd September Trinity 14 09.00 am – Said Eucharist 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9th September Trinity 15 10.30 am – All Age Eucharist

Sunday 16th September Trinity 16 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23rd September Trinity 17 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th September Trinity 18 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

#### **SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

Sunday 7th October Harvest Trinity 19 09.00 am – Said Eucharist 10.30 am – All Age Eucharist

Sunday 14th October Trinity 20 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21st October Trinity 21 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

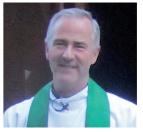
Sunday 28th October Trinity 22 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist AGM in Church Hall

**LUNCH CLUB** starts back Tuesday 4th September at 12.30 pm in the Church Hall. Come along, if you're free, for soup, a roll, lashings of tea and fellowship and a new programme of activities. All welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** resumes on Wednesday 5th September at 7 pm in the home of Susan and Peter Clark (12 Long Row, New Lanark). We shall be starting a study on the Book of Daniel and considering how God speaks to us today. All welcome!

#### Dear Friends

The new church season sees us at the beginning of a new phase in the story of Christ Church. It promises to be an exciting one and to present us with fresh opportunities for service.



As you all know we have been discerning the direction of God's call to us in Christ Church over the past two years and incorporating the fruit of that discernment into a new MAP (or Mission Action Plan). It offers four areas for development, all of which should lead to increased outreach and, hopefully, to growth in numbers and spirit.

#### The development areas are:

- Our Online Presence and Impact
- Our Provision to Children and Young People
- Our Lunch Club
- The Creation of a Friends of Christ Church

We already have a Church Website and a Facebook Page, but we want to learn how to use them more effectively and consistently. We already have a Sunday School, but we want to find new ways of catering for our existing children and young people, and to come up with new activities that will attract other children and young people to our community. We already have a Lunch Club, and very successful it is too, but we want to develop the après soup and sandwich slot at our Tuesday meetings, to create a new outreach group that caters for a wider range of people and their needs and to advertise our existence and the facility that we provide more widely in the community. We already have a very active, informal network of contacts in Christ Church, keeping in touch with people on the "fringes" of our congregation, but we want to formalise that network into a "Friends" Group, so that we can gather people and invite them on a more regular and regulated basis.

To make all of this happen four working parties have been formed. Their aim is to meet, to recruit, to develop and to make it all happen! You may already have been approached to help out; on the other hand, that pleasure may yet have to come to you.

If any of the development areas are of particular interest to you and you'd like to pre-empt an approach, speak to The Rector (for Online Presence and Impact), Gemma Horsburgh (for Children and Young People), Doreen Dixon (for Lunch Club) and Jamie Hill (for Friends of Christ Church). They will be delighted to get you involved. The more people we have helping the more we will be able to achieve.

When new things are introduced or new initiatives get set up there can be a feeling of unease, if not trepidation, at the possibility of change. There is no need to be anxious about any of our proposed developments. So, simply embrace the challenge and go for it for God's sake.

A message I saw on a T-Shirt recently read: "Don't look back. You're not going that way." God is going forward with God's great purpose for the world. May we, in Christ Church, always be found in God's great surge towards the kingdom.

Yours, in Christ

Drew

Lord, in the quietness reach out and hold me.

Draw me gently into your peace. And in the loving silence of your heart, attune my ears to hear the sounds I never listen to.

The harmony that lies in you, the discords in the world you have put me in.

The laughter and the tears in other people's lives.

Make me more sensitive to other people's needs, Sometimes I hear the words that others speak, but fail to grasp their meaning.

Help me to hear the worry hidden in a throw - away remark, the fear wrapped in a joke, the insecurity behind unbending dogmatism.

Let me identify the cry for help so casually expressed.

 $Help\ me\ to\ listen\ more, and\ think, and\ think, before\ I\ speak, and\ then\ to\ think\ again.$ 

And, Lord, teach me to hear sincerity in those who see and say things in a different way. Give me the grace not to condemn or criticise, but first to search for the common ground, and grasp all things that draw us together, not concentrate on what holds us apart.

Help me to take the richness of another's thought, and hold it, precious as my own.

Above all, may I hear the gentle echoes of your love, reflected all around me.

Give me the joy of listening to your voice, the quiet rustle as your arms enfold me. Amen.

Eddie Askew (thanks to Joyce Moody for this poem)

#### Clydesdale Community Initiatives, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark

Clydesdale Community Initiatives (CCI) is a charity set up to help people with mental health issues and various disabilities to gain experience in doing volunteer work in different groups, i.e. Landscape Gardening, Herb and Plant Gardening, Woodwork, Kitchen and Micro Business, where volunteers are encouraged to thrive, learning skills with the help of staff that are all really friendly and understanding of people's needs.

The Micro Business was launched 12 months ago with 5 volunteers, it now has 8 volunteers that make lip balms which have been cosmetically tested.

The herbs and flowers we use are all grown in the Herb and Plant Garden.

The lip balms are now on sale to the general public with the help of local shops who are very kindly putting them on display.

Currently the Micro Business is working on producing soaps and like the lip balms they are made from plant and herb extracts using organic ingredients making the products suitable for everyone.

Two months ago I started volunteering at C.C.I. working on the administration side of the Micro business. My tasks involve typing the recipes up and filling out the purchase order forms before being signed by management, labelling the lip balm tins once they are ready for sale, checking the stock levels and also for any reject tins i.e. that aren't full enough, damaged, labels not straight etc.

The lip balms are proving very popular, come in several flavours, and are good to use all year round, so no need to wait for the cold weather!

Lavender, Lemon, Lime, Bitter Orange and Lemon, Rosemary and Frankincense, and good value at £2.90 each.

I am available each Sunday in the Church Hall after the service, should you wish to make a purchase.

Thank you for your support!! Paula (Choir)





# Lanark Wombles



As most of you will already be aware I have always had a deep affinity and affection for Clydesdale. I grew up in Carluke, attended 'finishing school' in Lanark, played the church organ in Crossford and Rigside, climbed Tinto to keep fit, attempted to learn golf at Carnwath, picnicked at Leadhills and Mennock and rode horses in Yieldshields and Kilncadzow. For all of my formative years, right up into my late 20s, Clydesdale was my playground. There isn't a square inch of the area that I do not know, nor a corner of it that I have not been round. It was always my intention to return "home" to Clydesdale just as soon as circumstances permitted. My appointment to Christ Church two years ago made that dream come true and, not to put too fine a point on it, I have been happy ever after!!

Happy, that is, in 99% of respects, except one! Litter! Litter on the streets, litter on the roads, litter on the grass verges, litter stuffed into bushes, litter in the parks and other local beauty spots. Such was my unhappiness at the amount of litter I saw spoiling the look of my beloved Clydesdale that I felt compelled to do something about it. And do something about it, I did!

The result was - Lanark Wombles. Those of you old enough to remember the Wombles Cartoon on TV will know that they went about Wimbledon Common picking up other people's litter and recycling it. Lanark Wombles do exactly the same today, going out in teams onto the highways and byways of Lanark and the surrounding area to clear litter from the roads and responding to private and public calls to clear litter from specific areas.

With the help and support of South Lanarkshire Council we have been equipped, not with Womble outfits, but with high viz jackets, litter pickers, protective gloves and a year's supply of refuse sacks. We are very grateful to the Council for supplying us with this equipment.

The Wombles are recruited mainly from Christ Church, with one or two others from other churches in the town. Our numbers are growing, however, thanks to the power and influence of our Lanark Wombles Facebook page. Following a major purge of the A73 S Bends road from Cartland Bridge to Cartland Village Road End I picked up another 10 willing recruits online. There are obviously lots of people out there who feel as strongly about this issue as I do!

Those of us from the churches engage in our wombling work in the belief that we are caring for God's creation. Others in the group participate because they want to look after the environment. Whatever our motivation for taking part, the common result for all of us is "building community" and making a noticeable difference to the beauty of our surroundings as we do so.

Not long after setting up the Wombles I realised that what I had undertaken was a task that would never be completed; it was more a labour of love. After clearing a road of rubbish one day the same road could be covered again the next, but rather than get despondent about it I determined just to get back out there and get on with it.

Please remember the Wombles in your prayers – it is a great initiative from Christ Church and one that I am very proud of. And also play your own part to keep Clydesdale clean by lifting your litter and putting it where it should be – IN THE BIN!!!







before

after

some wombles

During May/June 2017 my husband and I spent some time traveling in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh. One of the places we visited was Holy Echmiadzin the Vatican of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Two items on display in the church are the Holy Lance described as being used by a Roman soldier to pierce the side of Christ while he was nailed to the cross (to check he was dead). The second is a fragment of Noah's Ark which is incased behind the Holy Cross. It is suggested that Noah's Ark is buried under Mount Ararat which as a result of border changes in past centuries now lies in Turkey.

Elizabeth and Keith Baxter





### **Clydesdale Food Bank**

"I'm sure many of you take the opportunity to donate items to this very worthwhile local cause via the local supermarkets who all have trolly's very visably located with Clydesdale Food Bank posters attached.

However, just a reminder that there is an opportunity to support the Food Bank by bringing items along and putting them in the boxes available in the church vestibule. The items donated by church members are regularly delivered to the Food Bank base in Carluke.

A poster is displayed providing suggestions of items that would be useful.

Thank you"

Connie Johnstone

Drew presents Christ Church's charity collection cheque for £650 to Cornerstone Foundation as part of local London Marathon finisher Amy Kelly's fundraising effort. Amy is the daughter of Bobby and Sandra Burgon. Well done Amy, completing the marathon on one of the hottest days of the year.



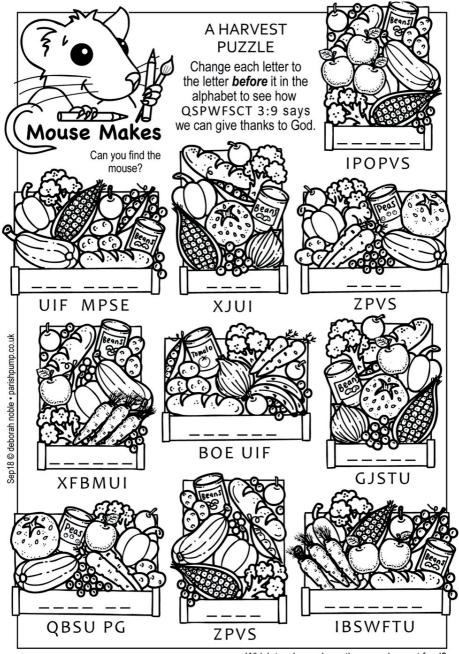


Bobby and Nancy Patterson were presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



Another Bobby with something to celebrate.....this time it was our church treasurer, Bobby Burgon celebrating his 70th birthday

# Children's Page



Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

## Laughter is the Best Medicine

#### The hot heckler

Tony Benn, who used a hearing aid, recalled a meeting in a church hall on a terribly hot day. 'There was a heckler who kept interrupting. Eventually I tackled him and said: "If you want a separate meeting of your own, fine, go away and have it. Stop trying to wreck ours." When he intervened a fourth time, I caught what he was actually saying, which was "Could somebody please open a window?"

#### Baby on way

999 Caller: 'Help! My wife has gone into labour and her contractions are four minutes apart!'

999 Operator: 'Is this her first child?' 999 Caller: 'Of course not, you idiot! This is her husband!'

#### **Good husband**

Military men should make ideal husbands - they're in good health, they can cook, sew, and make beds, and they're already accustomed to taking orders.

# Hear our prayer?

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. 'Dear God, thank you for these pancakes...' When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were eating chicken. 'I wanted to see if He was paying attention tonight.'

#### Call anytime

A minister assured his congregation that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem. That night the minister's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, 'I can't sleep.'

'I'm so sorry to hear that,' he comforted her. 'But what can I do about it?'

She sweetly replied, 'Preach to me a while, pastor.'

#### Old leaf?

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mum, look what I found!' the boy called out with astonishment in his voice. He turned the leaf over and over. 'I think it's Adam's underwear.'



...Firstly, thank you whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian and I've sold them on ebay for £800 each!

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2018	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
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9 Sept	S. Russell F. Caddell	M. Gibson J. Patrick	J. Comrie	11 Sept Ruby & Joyce	G Rankin
16 Sept	R. Marshall M. Main	J. Rance K. Rance	N. Broadbridge	18 Sept Mary & Jean	P Glancy
23 Sept	S. Russell N. Broadbridge	L. Rickards E. Baxter	A. Comrie	25 Sept Hilary & Doreen E.	R Cleary
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2018 2 Sept	Trinity 14	P Clark	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2 & 6-9	James 1: 17-27	Mark 7: 1-8; 14 -15 & 21-23
9 Sept	Trimity 15	ALL AGE	SERVICE		TBC
16 Sept	Trinity 16	F Caddell	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	James 3: 1-12	Mark 8: 27-38
23 Sept	Trinity 17	J Hill	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	James 3: 13 -4: 3 & 7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37
30 Sept	Trinity 18	K Rance	Numbers 11: 4-6, 10- 16 & 24-29	James 5: 13-20	Mark 9: 38-50

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14 Oct	Trinity 20	N Broadbridge	Amos 5: 6 - 7, 10 - 15	Hebrews 4: 12 - 16	Mark 10: 17 - 31
21 Oct	Trinity 21	P Glancy	Isaiah 53: 4-12	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10: 35-45
28 Oct	Trinity 22	A Burroughs	Jeremiah 31: 7-9	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Mark 10: 46-52
4 Nov	4 Before Advent	C Johnstone	Deuteronomy 6: 1-9	Hebrews 9: 11- 14	Mark 12: 28-34

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