

**A Light to Reveal You
to the Nations**

*Christ Church, Lanark
February ~ March 2012*

SERVICES

5 February

8.30 Said Communion
10.30 Holy Communion

12 February

10.30 Family Service
18.00 Evening song

19 February

10.30 Holy Communion

22 February

Ash Wednesday

19.30 Evening prayer

26 February

10.30 Holy Communion

4 March

8.30 Said Communion
10.30 Holy Communion

11 March

10.30 Family Service
18.00 Evening song

18 March

10.30 Holy Communion

25 March

10.30 Holy Communion

1 April

Palm Sunday

10.30 Holy Communion
18.00 Evening song

8 April

Easter day

8.30 Said Communion
10.30 Holy Communion

15 April

10.30 Family Service

Converstaions in the Rectory and Confirmation Classes

These informal meetings will take place in the Rectory on Tuesdays at 7.30pm - all welcome

7 February - Bible

21 February - Jesus the Christ

6 March - Christianity; Church History. Non Christian influences and versus

20 March

Creeds, The Eucharist, The Anglican and the Porvo Churches #

The **Lunch Club** meets every Tuesday at 12.30 in the Church Hall. Soup, a filled roll and usually an interesting speaker - all for £2.50.

All welcome

VESTRY NEWS

Last Sunday Collections

The final quarter of 2011 and also the donations at the Christingle Service raised £400 which has now been sent to Children in Distress.

The first quarter collections of 2012 (January - March) will go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Buildings

The leak in the Rectory finally seems to be repaired as there was no water penetration during the last big storm.

There has been some rot in the back entrance to the hall caused by water ingress via the crumbling render of the old chimney. The builder recommended reducing the chimney and capping it and this has now been done.

A stonemason has inspected the crumbling stonework on the North side of the church and recommends removal of all concrete render and re-rendering with a lime render. Some of the stone will also require renewal/repair. Total cost in the region of £22,000.

The solar panels on the hall roof have already seen a return. We have received £95 from the Feed in Tariff.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Day To St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 17 March

Bishop Gregor warmly invites you to join him next Lent on a day of Pilgrimage to our Cathedral in Great Western Road, Glasgow.

- 10.00 Arrival, coffee and welcome
- 10.30 Tour of the Cathedral on theme of Sacrements led by the Provost
- 11.30 Time for photographs, personal exploration of the building etc.
- 12.00 Lunch (please bring a packed pilgrim lunch. The Cathedral will provide tea/ coffee etc.
- 13.00 Activities around growth strategy themes including optional visit to local Gurdwara or Mosque.
- 15.00 Eucharist led by Bishop Gregor
- 16.00 Pilgrims blessing and depart.

If you would like to attend, please register by contacting Dan, our Rector.

Let's go Walking!

Living in Scotland is to live near the nature, and the best way to be in the nature is walking.

The deeper we walk, into nature, in body and mind, the closer we come to the roots of creation.

By the way, you don't have to move your self, although it is always good to move as my physiotherapist says; it's good for the body and what is good for the body is also good for the mind; I think.



“Let's go and see”, said also the shepherds, moving themselves towards the source of life.

And I think that is one of the main points with Christmas - movement.

Joseph and his wife walked from Nazareth to Bethlehem and then further on through the desert in to Egypt.

The shepherds walked, the Wise men travelled to a foreign country and back all because of a child in the manger.

The angels also made a journey I suppose!

Mary also travelled in her mind when she pondered on the miracle and treasured the revelation within her heart.

Then the whole gospel and the acts are full of people travelling, mostly walking, both with their body as well as with their mind. Because faith changes people.

In church history pilgrimage has been an important cornerstone. It's a good picture of what happens to people when they are reached by faith. They must move. Faith always moves you, whether you walk with your legs or walk safely within, towards your heart.

To be a pilgrim is to rediscover the old paths that our forerunners discovered that leads to a better understanding of my self, my faith and my community. Therefore our church is a pilgrim, it is constantly moving deeper in faith.

Let's walk, with the church, towards tomorrow, because we know that harmony and peace is there to be found, whether we find it walking like the shepherds or uncover real life by contemplating on it as Mary.

Dan

IT'S NOT THE SAME ANYMORE

They've brought you up to date, Lord
down at St Cecilia's
They've pensioned off the organ,
and they're praising with guitars
They've done it for the young ones,
we want to draw them in,
but I do wish they could worship
without making such a din.

For I'm growing rather deaf, Lord
and when there's all that noise,
it gets so very hard, Lord
to hear you're loving voice.
They've written brand-new hymns,
Lord
with tunes that I don't know,
so I hardly ever sing now,
though I did love singing so.

My mind's not quite so agile
as it was some years ago
and I miss the age-old beauty
of the words I used to know.
It's very clear to me, Lord,
I've over stayed my time;
I don't take to change so kindly
as I did when in my prime.

But it can't be very long now
before I'm called above,
and I know I'll find you there, Lord,
and glory in your love.
So till then, I'll stick it out here,
though it's not the same for me,
but while others call you "You",
Lord,
do you mind if I say "Thee!?"

Many thanks to Alison Burroughs for finding this lovely poem.

New Baby Congratulatorys

Christiane Watson gave birth to baby Robert Thomas Watson (Bob) on 22 December so he didn't quite hold on long enough to be a Christmas baby.

Christiane and her mother, Lydia Morrison have been regular worshippers in Christ Church over the past year or so and it will be lovely to welcome this new arrival into our flock.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin.

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments'. Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19)

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service - 7.30pm 22 February.

Church Flowers

For many years Hilary Rankin has been in charge of the church flowers. Hilary has done a wonderful job and many members of the congregation and visitors have commented on how beautiful our church looks, especially at Christmas and Easter when Hilary has pulled out all the stops.

Hilary is now retiring from this duty and would like to thank everyone for their faithful support in keeping the Church looking so beautiful and says that she has enjoyed the job immensely but that it is time to give someone else a shot at it.

She is passing the mantle to Jane Milliken, who has been assisting her for some years. Jane is a professional florist and will bring great skills to the job.

The church flower list is pinned up in the church porch and Hilary would welcome more names on it, especially in months where there are no names.

Jane isn't always in church but Hilary is happy to take the money for flowers and pass it on to her or alternatively people could send Jane a cheque at:
12 Hillhouse Gate, Carlisle,
ML8 4BW. Telephone 751514



Vestry and the whole congregation would like to thank Hilary for all her wonderful work and give Jane our best wishes.

Christingle 2011

This year Christingle was born out of the idea of the Creation. The church was transformed with pictures of the Chaos and subsequent creation of the solar system emblazoned on the dome ceiling. All was dark and then there was light. The earth came into view and we watched as it gradually developed the moon and sun, earth and water and then plants and trees.



It was after this that the children entered joyfully singing and dressed as various animals to take their place on earth to be followed by more children and adults representing human beings. To introduce the story of Christmas and God's gift to mankind Mary and Joseph entered carrying baby Jesus and completing the tableau.

We were delighted to welcome Philip Fox and the children's choir from Greyfriars Church and enjoyed very much their original contribution.

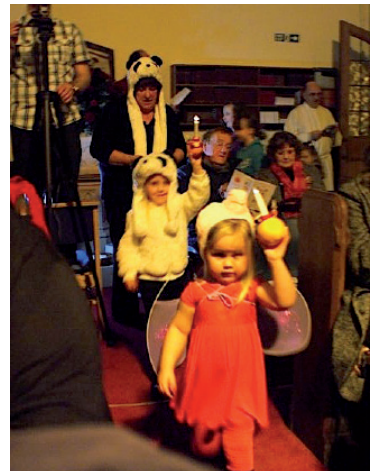
We would like to thank Dan for coming up with yet another original idea for the Christingle service and from the comments I have received say how much everyone enjoyed it.

Our thanks go to all the children and their families for attending rehearsals and working so hard to make our Christingle Service such a success.

Thanks go too to Alison, Rachel and Krystina who put so much effort into the planning of the service, the musicians for their dedication and gifts, to Jamie for the delightful programmes and to all those in the background for their support in making this service such a joyful event.

Another Christingle. Well done.

Lenore





Processional Cross

A processional cross has been gifted to Christ Church in memory of Jinty Kerr who died in 2011.

It is a beautiful Celtic Cross carved in oak and it rests in a lovely oak stand. Do go up to the end of the choir stalls and have a closer look.





GEORGE HERBERT

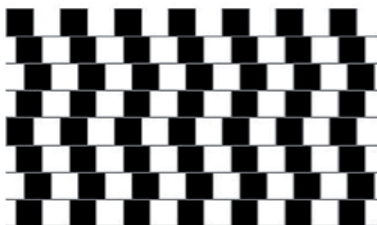
Born the seventh of 10 children in 1593, George Herbert grew up to be well known as a scholar and became a Member of Parliament. In 1630 he became a parish priest and spent the rest of his life in a small Wiltshire village. He preached, wrote poetry, helped rebuild the church and cared deeply for his parishioners who called him the 'Holy Mr. Herbert'.

He died aged 40 of tuberculosis, and perhaps we would never have heard of him were it not for his poems. He hid patterns and puns in his poems: in one called 'Easter Wings' the printed words look like the wings of birds soaring into the sky. A number of his poems became hymns, such as 'King of Glory, King of Peace', 'Let All the World in Every Corner Sing' and 'Teach me, my God and King'.

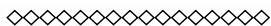


There is a window honouring George Herbert in Westminster Abbey, but he lives on in the words of hymns that are still sung today.

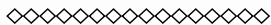
PUZZLES BEFORE YOUR EYES...



Do these lines go straight across or do they slope? Check them with a ruler to get the answer.



Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some poems rhyme
But this one doesn't!



What birds spend all their time on their knees?

Birds of prey.

**What do you call a group of chickens playing hide-and-
seek ?**

Fowl play.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

One-liners that we promise will make you groan....

1. My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am?
Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.
2. The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.
3. Paddy says, "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador. "Really?" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"
4. My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker... Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.
8. A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.
When I quizzed him on it, he reckoned he could stop any time.

Kiss kiss

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

Husbands

Two men were in a pub, talking about how highly their wives thought of them. The first man said, "My wife, she thinks so much of me that she won't let me do any work around the house. It's incredible." The second man said, "That's nothing. My wife thinks I'm God. Every night at the table, she places a burnt offering before me."



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or the heating's playing up again"

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<u>2012</u>	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Hilary Rankin Tel: 663307	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
5 Feb	G. Rankin R. McIntosh	R. Marshall J. Cox	A. Comrie	(Soup) 7 Feb Janet & Jamie	R. Burgon
12 Feb	E. McAuslane L. Jenkins	M. Gibson J. Patrick	A. Brown	14 Feb Ruby & Sandra	R. McIntosh
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12 Feb	II Before Lent	John 1 : 1 - 14
19 Feb	Sunday Before Lent	R. Evans J. Rance	2 Kings 2 : 1 - 12	2 Corinthians 4 : 3 - 6	Mark 9 : 2 - 13
26 Feb	Lent I	R. McIntosh C. Johnstone	Genesis 9 : 8 - 17	1 Peter 3 : 18 - 22	Mark 1 : 9 - 15
4 March	Lent II	E. McAuslane J. Hill	Genesis 17 : 1-7; 15-16	Romans 4 : 13 - 25	Mark 8 : 31 - 38

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18 Mar	Lent IV	R. Burgon L. Rickards	Numbers 21 : 4 - 9	Ephesians 2 : 1 - 10	John 3 : 14 - 21
25 Mar	Lent V	P. Glancy K. Korsak	Isaiah 7 : 10 - 14	Hebrews 10 : 4 - 10	Luke 1 : 26 - 38
1 April	Palm Sunday	R. Cleary M. Symonds	Isaiah 50 : 4 - 9	Philippians 2 : 5 - 11	Mark 11 : 1 - 11
8 April	Easter Day				

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