



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 5th November

Trinity 21

09.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th November

Trinity 23

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 26th November

Patronal Festival for

Christ the King

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 3rd December

Advent

10.30am Sung Eucharist

**6.00pm - Advent Carols by
Candlelight**

Sunday 3rd December

**Blessing of the crib at the
Tollbooth at 5.15 pm**



LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday in the Church Hall.

Cost £2.50

Come along and enjoy friendly company, homemade soup and a filled roll. There are also frequently speakers and slide shows. Do speak to Doreen Dixon if you are able to give a short talk or slide show on any topic.

All welcome



MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The magazine subscriptions are now due. They are being held at £10 for the year or £15 if you would like your magazine posted

VESTRY NEWS

REPORT ON THE A.G.M. 2017

A huge thank you to the members of the congregation who stayed for this year's A.G.M. held in our Church Hall after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 1st October. This was the first A.G.M. under the new format put in place by Drew our Rector. It seemed to work well.

The A.G.M. Document, containing reports written by Group Convenors and Office Bearers and issued a fortnight in advance of the meeting along with copies of the Annual Accounts, provided the whole community with informative summaries of what has been happening in Christ Church over the 12 months since the last meeting. From The Rector's Vision (his plans for Christ Church, not his need of specs!) to Alan Comrie's willingness to learn how to iron purificators and corporals, it gave a flavour of just how much is done by so many to keep our faith community ticking over, developing and growing.

Having the A.G.M. Document meant that all the "workers" could be properly recognised and thanked for their contributions. Although we already knew it, the document helped to highlight what a gifted, talented and committed congregation we have. We are very lucky indeed. With such good people around, it should be easy to inch forward from being "The Wee Church on the Corner" to becoming The Growing Church with the Big Heart on Hope Street."

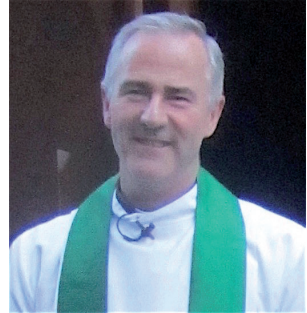
Having travelled gently together over the past 15 months, we are now poised to enter a period of development, in which the Lunch Club, The Sunday School and the formation of a Friends of Christ Church will be the focus for our energies and endeavours. It will be interesting to measure our progress in one year's time. We hope and pray that, with God's grace, we will achieve all our aims.

Richard Evans has now retired from Vestry and we thank him for his years of service. We welcome Jane Milliken who has taken his place and we are sure will work enthusiastically to support the running of Christ Church.

Drew's Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Watching a programme about The First World War on my ipad the other day I was struck by a throw-away comment which stated that, after The Great War, there was barely a family in the United Kingdom that had not lost either a member or at least someone from within the circle of friendship. The statistics are not precise but there were close to 1 million deaths recorded from the



British Empire. Waves of suffering flooded into the homes of rich and poor and left a permanent sense of loss.

The extent of it is staggering and yet in a way it was merely a prelude to the bloodiest century of all. It is estimated that during the 20th Century between 160 million and 216 million people were killed in wars and genocides.

The Season of Remembrance, which we are just about to enter, is an opportunity for us all to focus on the consequences of war and to remember that the lives which make up the statistics were real men and women who were loved and valued by others. My old sacristan in Greenock found Remembrance Sunday very, very difficult because he lost a brother in the Far East. Another lady quietly thanked me after I conducted a service in a nursing home because as well as remembering husbands and fathers who were lost I also mentioned boyfriends.

There are so many stories and so much pain. That's why the Season of Remembrance also has to be a time of commitment that we will work and pray until the day dawns when, in the words of the old hymn, we will 'study war no more.' That will only be when the Prince of Peace returns and his voice commands peace in the midst of all human conflict. But we also hope and pray that he will recognise his own as those who have been instruments of his peace in their own circumstances and ways.

Yours, in his service

Drew



Reply To In Flanders Fields
by John Mitchell

Oh! Sleep in peace where poppies grow;
The torch your falling hands let go
Was caught by us, again held high,
A beacon light in Flanders sky
That dims the stars to those below,
We'll prove our faith in you who lie
In Flanders Fields.

Oh! Rest in peace, we quickly go
To you who bravely died, and know
In other fields was heard the cry,
For freedom's cause, of you who lie,
So still asleep where poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.

As in rumbling sound, to and fro,
The lightning flashes, sky aglow,
The mighty hosts appear, and high
Above the din of battle cry,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below
Are fearless hearts who fight the foe,
And guard the place where poppies grow.
Oh, sleep in peace, all you who lie
In Flanders Fields.

And still the poppies gently blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
The larks, still bravely soaring high,
Are singing now their lullaby
To you who sleep where poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

Away Giving

As most of you already know, on the last Sunday of each month all the money in the collection plate is given to a different charity each quarter.

Bobby Burgon reported at the AGM that the congregation has again responded incredibly well to our charity giving collections throughout the year. A total of £2600 was distributed to New Beginnings (Clydesdale), Children in Distress, Direct Link (Kenya) and the Bishop's Lenten Appeal which was for the Scottish Refugee Council. Additionally, a sum of £460 being the collection at the Christingle service was donated to the Lotus Flower Trust.

Throughout the year the congregation has also continued to give generous support to New Beginnings by donating household items and tins and dry foods for the Clydesdale Food Bank. Many thanks to Connie Johnstone for organising this.

This quarter the away giving is for **Children in Distress** which is a small charity dedicated to saving the lives of Romania's disabled and abandoned children. The initial foundation support of Children in Distress was within the Anglican Communion. The Charity is dedicated to helping suffering children in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. It works with the sick, the incurably and terminally ill, those with HIV AIDS or Autistic Spectrum Disorders, the physically handicapped and those who face a daily challenge for life as result of accident, infection, genetic or birth defects, those who daily face discrimination or religious persecution, the socially excluded, the desperate and disadvantaged children and families, the poorest of the poor.



Rosemary Marshall would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flowers, cards and beautiful photograph which she received last month on her 90th birthday.



**It's that time of year again !
Looking towards this year's**

Christingle Service



This year Drew will be leading us on

Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm

As always, all children, young people, musicians,
budding readers and helpers are welcome.

If you, your children or grandchildren would like to take
part in it this year please contact :

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and we can keep you in touch with how it is developing
and how you can take part.

Harvest Sunday

The all age service for Harvest was very well attended with many members of the congregation bringing along a friend as requested by Drew. His service focussed on our beautiful world and how it is being spoiled. He encouraged us all to become 'Wombles' and on leaving the church we were issued with a plastic sack to pick up litter in our own street.

Drew had requested that instead of bringing fruit and vegetables, the congregation should bring tins of food and dry goods which would be donated to the Clydesdale Food Bank to help needy families. The congregation generously donated a large amount of tins.



The church looked beautiful and Jane Milliken's flower arrangements were stunning. Joyce McGregor made delicious bread which was shared out at the lunch





The 'Bring and Share' Lunch was a huge success. The enormous spread of delicious food was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all who contributed, Jamie for organising the wine and Mary and the two Jeans for their organisation.



Jane Milliken would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Harvest flowers. She has been overwhelmed by your generosity and thanks each and every one of you. Also a huge thank you to Joyce McGregor for the Harvest wheat sheaf and for all the bread and rolls, which were enjoyed at the Harvest lunch. Thanks also to Gemma and the Sunday School for their lovely display of Harvest vegetables. Lastly, but by no means least, thanks to Joan East for her help and support with the flowers



Andrew (d. c.60) – Patron Saint of Scotland

The apostle Andrew is patron saint of Scotland. According to the gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt 4:18,19)

Without more ado, they obeyed. “At once they left their nets and followed him.” The story is touching for the simple but total faith that they had in Jesus. Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew’s name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people.

It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. (John 6:8) His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church. Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his ‘fishing for men’ seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred. Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus. Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him.

In the West, Andrew’s feast-day was universal from the 6th century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland?

Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8th century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a centre for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint. But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. After the fall of Constantinople in 1204, it is said that the Crusaders took his relics to **Amalfi**.

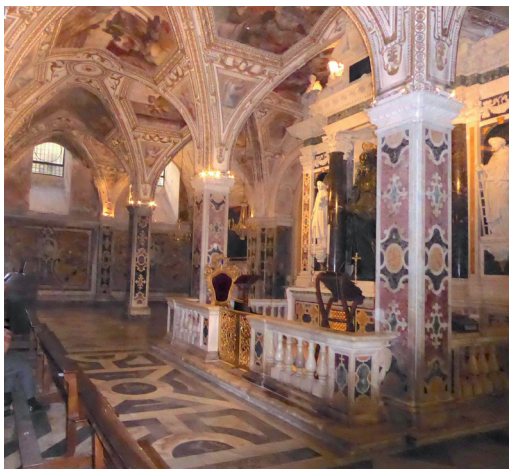
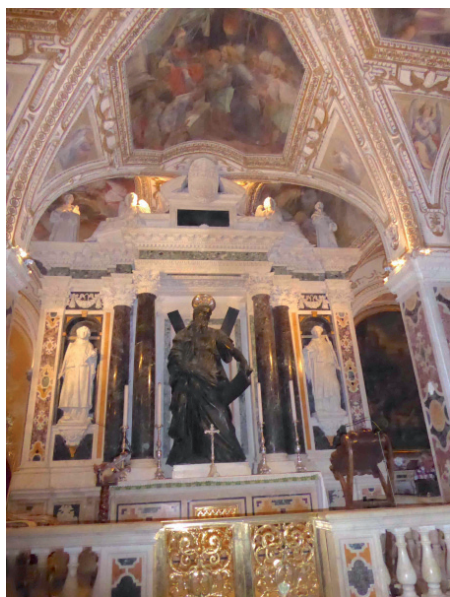
In art Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples. The saltire cross ‘X’, commonly called St Andrew’s Cross, and which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10th century.

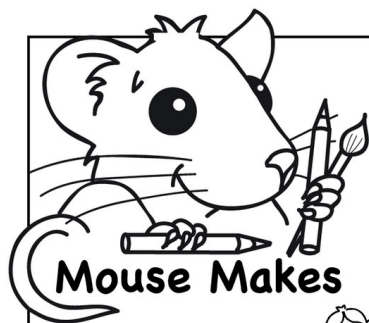


In May of 1208 the relics of St. Andrew arrived in Amalfi, and since then they have been preserved in this lavishly decorated crypt. Behind the main altar is a small and richly decorated case that contains the skull reliquary of St. Andrew. The rest of the saint's relics have been buried below the altar, which is topped by a large bronze statue of St. Andrew created by Michelangelo Naccherino in 1604.

During this summer I visited the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Amalfi. It is a wonderfully ornate building and you can still visit the Crypt of St. Andrew which is stunning, although the church warden was not happy when I took a flash photograph!

Sylvia

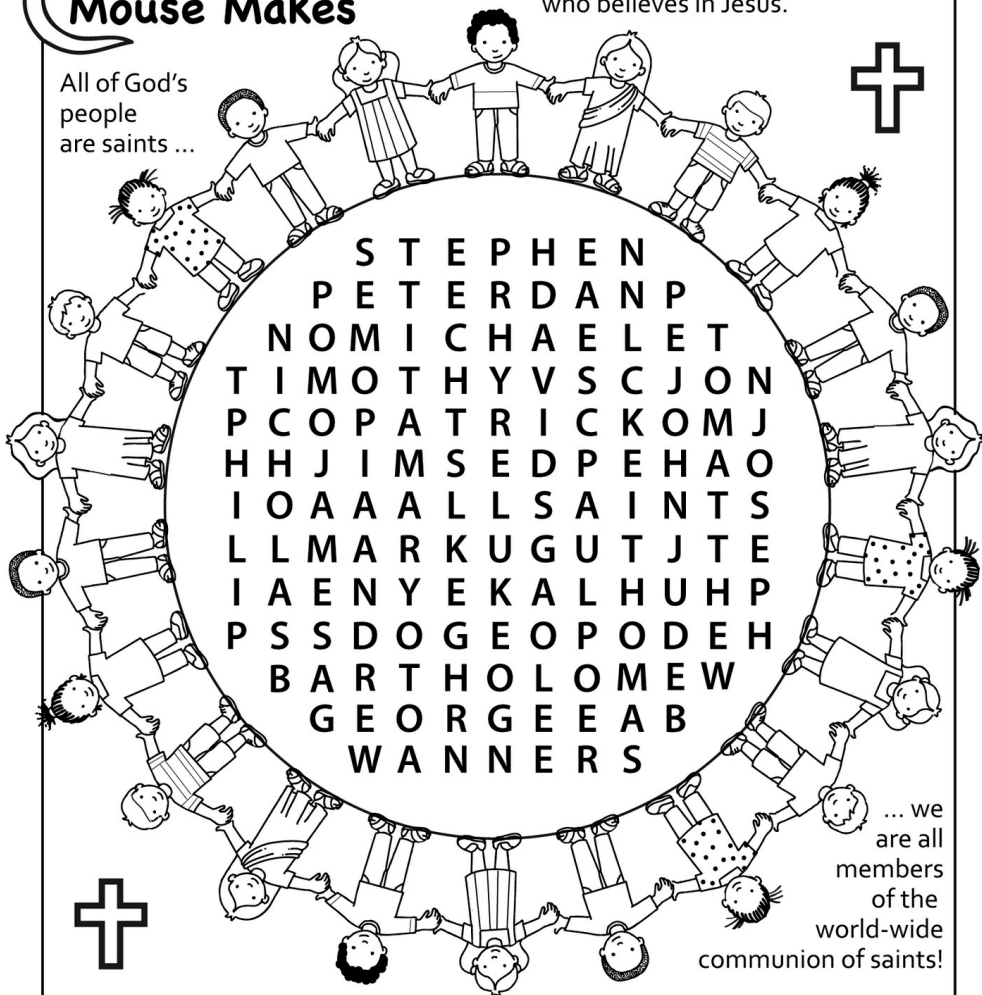




"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus,
and called to be **saints**, with all those in every
place who call on the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".
from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a
Christian that we think of as special but *anyone*
who believes in Jesus.

All of God's
people
are saints ...



... we
are all
members
of the
world-wide
communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?
GEORGE • ANDREW • DAVID • PATRICK • MARY • JOSEPH • MATTHEW • MARK • LUKE
JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL
TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Hospital Chart Bloomers

Don't be alarmed, but these are actual notes from hospital charts....

- ~ The patient refused autopsy.
- ~ The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- ~ Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- ~ Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- ~ On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
- ~ The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- ~ Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- ~ She is numb from her toes down.
- ~ The skin was moist and dry.
- ~ Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
- ~ Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- ~ I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- ~ Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

Hymns for people over 60...

Immortal, invisible.... I know my glasses are here somewhere.

And did those feet . . . ever manage to walk more than a mile?

I danced in the morning . . . but I couldn't do it now.

Morning has broken, ... but it wasn't me who dropped it this time.

One more step along the world I go... actually, that's probably all I can manage.

Those amazing Children of Israel

In Sunday School one morning young Joseph raised his hand and proceeded to ask a question that had perplexed him for some time. 'There's something I can't figure out.

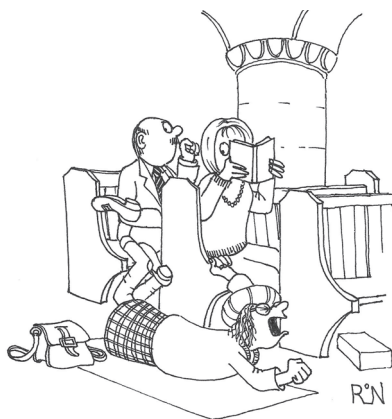
According to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?' 'Right,' said his teacher.

'And the Children of Israel beat up the Egyptians, right?' 'Er, right.'

'And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?' 'Again you're right.'

'And the Children of Israel fought the Philistines and then the Moabites and lots of other tribes, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?' 'All that is right, too,' agreed the teacher. 'So, what's your question, Joseph?'

'Well what were all the grown-ups doing all that time?'



Somebody sat in Minnie Hyslop's pew!

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	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	
5 Nov	S. Russell D. Evans	M. Gibson J. Patrick	A. Comrie	(Soup) 7 Nov Jamie & Janet	S Clark
12 Nov	M. Main S. Cardwell	L. Rickards E. Baxter	A. Gray	14 Nov Ruby & Joyce	S Cardwell
19 Nov	N. Broadbridge R. Marshall	J. Rance K. Rance	M. Gibson J. Patrick	21 Nov Diana & Connie	R Cleary
26 Nov	J. Rance G. Rankin	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	C. Johnstone S. Tian	28 Nov Hilary & Doreen E	R Evans
3 Dec	S. Russell M. Main	M. Caddell C. Robbins	J. Comrie	5 Dec Jamie & Janet	C Johnstone
10 Dec	D. Evans S. Cardwell	M. Gibson J. Patrick	N. Broadbridge	12 Dec Christmas Lunch	

DATE	DIARY	READERS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	GOSPEL
2017 5 Nov	4 before Advent	P Clark	Micah 3: 5-12	1 Thess'ns 2: 9-13	Matthew 24: 1-14
12 Nov	3 before Advent	F Caddell	TBA	TBA	TBA
19 Nov	2 before Advent	D Dixon	Zephaniah 1: 7, + 12-18	1 Thess'ns 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
26 Nov	Christ the King	J Hill	Ezekiel 34: 11-16 + 20-24	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Matthew 25: 31-46
3 Dec	Advent Sunday	K Rance	Isaiah 64: 1-9	1 Corinth'ns 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 24-37

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