



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER SERVICES	DECEMBER SERVICES
<p>Sunday 4th All Saints Sunday 09.00 am – Said Eucharist 10.30 am – All Age Sung Eucharist</p> <p>Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist & Act of Remembrance</p> <p>Town Services on Remembrance Sunday 11 November 10.30 am – Ecumenical Service (St Nicholas Church) 11.30 am – Act of Remembrance (Memorial Hall) 6.30 pm – Commemoration Service (The High Street at the Tolbooth)</p> <p>Sunday 18th Trinity 25 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist</p> <p>Sunday 25th Christ the King 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist</p>	<p>Sunday 2nd Advent 1 09.00 am – Said Eucharist 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist 06.00 pm – Carol Service</p> <p>Sunday 9th Advent 2 10.30 am – All Sung Eucharist</p> <p>Sunday 16th Advent 3 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist 06.00 pm - Christingle</p> <p>Sunday 23rd Advent 4 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist</p> <p>Monday 24th Christmas Eve 11.00 pm – Midnight Eucharist</p> <p>Holy Trinity Lamington Christmas Eve 6.30 pm – Lessons & Carols</p> <p>Tuesday 25th Christmas Day 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist</p>

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets every Tuesday at 12.30 in the Church Hall. Cost £2.50

Come along and enjoy friendly company, homemade soup and a filled roll.

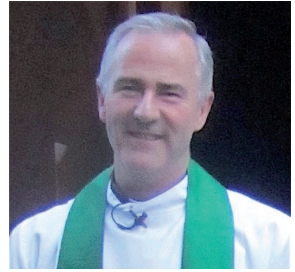
All welcome



Drew's Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

As the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 approaches it offers us a valuable opportunity to pause and to reflect. The Great war was supposed to be “the war to end all wars”, and yet we still see violence and bloodshed, conflict and aggression the world over.



This raises questions over the nature of remembrance. Is it “nostalgia” for a national identity that has long since disappeared? Is it “idealism” about a peace that can never be achieved? Or is it something more nuanced, more subtle, more holy?

We Christians continually look back, not nostalgically, not idealistically, but sacramentally to the life of Christ who, himself, was born and raised in a world of brutality and oppression. When we consider his life we bring from the past what he said, did and experienced and we remember it in such a way that it becomes real, alive and effective again for us. His suffering, his sacrifice, in order that forgiveness and reconciliation might have a chance, are what we draw inspiration and strength from in the face of current wars and disasters.

That approach of his broke down divisions, healed old wounds, generated peace and offered a positive, hopeful vision for the future.

In all of the local commemorations this Remembrance-tide we will remember the events of 1918 in this way, with the prayer that, as he lives in us, so we may live in him and his influence may still be brought to bear through us and those whom we pass our faith in Christ on to way into the next 100 years.

Yours, in Christ's service

Drew & Lee

PASTORAL CARE

We would like to remind the congregation, and in particular those who have joined us recently that Home Communion is available if you find you cannot attend church through accident or illness.

Home Communion is administered to those in Residential Homes, hospital and at home, so if you would appreciate a visit with communion please let Drew know, and he will arrange a visit and Home Communion can be administered.

Sheila Cardwell, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

WW1 RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH

Below is a biography of The Revd Wilfred Leveson Henderson. I include his story here, in our WW1 Commemorative Magazine” because I feel very “close” to him in 3 rather coincidental ways. Leveson was Rector of Christ Church from 1917 to 1920 – one coincidence. He was born and raised in Greenock, in a house called Glencairn, which was directly opposite my old Rectory when I was Rector of Greenock – another coincidence. He served his title as curate at St John’s, Dumfries, where I spent 13 happy years and left as their “ordinand” – yet another coincidence. These three coincidences with Wilfred, Leveson Henderson have helped me to connect to The Great War in a way that I have not been able to previously. Enjoy reading about him. He was a brave and remarkable man.

Wilfred Leveson Henderson was one of five children of William and Helen Henderson; William worked as a tanner and Wilfred was the fourth of their five children. He was born on 25th January 1889 in Greenock, Renfrewshire and grew up in a house called “Glencairn” in Finnart Street. He graduated MA from the University of Glasgow in 1909 and then attended Edinburgh Theological College before taking up a post as assistant curate at St John’s Dumfries in 1912.

In June 1915 he was appointed Acting Chaplain with 69th Brigade stationed at Bramshott, Hants, and instructed to report for duty by 22nd June, which he duly did. Writing on 5th July 1915, J.B. Priestley, then serving with 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding) Regiment (and later to earn fame as an author and political commentator) referred to Henderson in a letter home to his own family; “Instead of having one chaplain for the whole Brigade, every Battalion has one now. Ours is the Rev. W.L. Henderson, M.A., a young man and quite a ‘sport’. He spends a great deal of time in our Recreation Room, talking to the men and playing rings etc.”.

Henderson was photographed with the officers of the Battalion immediately prior to their departure for France in August 1915. He would serve in France with the Battalion for almost two years. The Battalion first saw action on the fringes of the Battle of Loos in September 1915 and then took part in various actions of the Battle of the Somme between July and October 1916 (though not on the first day, 1st July 1916). By October 1916 Henderson was one of only four of the original officers of the Battalion still remaining with the Battalion. The winter of 1916-17 saw the Battalion engaged in the Ypres Salient and on 7th June 1917 they were one of the attacking battalions on the opening day of the Battle of Messines.

It was on 7th June 1917, in action near Hill 60 south of Ypres, that Henderson was severely wounded in the action which would also see him awarded the Military Cross. The official citation gives the detail of his conduct: "Closely following up an attack, he worked without ceasing under very heavy shell fire for many hours, bandaging and succouring the wounded. Whilst carrying a wounded man back to the dressing station he was blown up by a shell and severely wounded in both thighs and back. His courage was exceptional and his example did much to ease the sufferings of the wounded."

Rev Henderson suffered severe wounds, including a compound, comminuted (ie an open fracture with the bone splintered and shattered) fracture of his left femur and multiple other injuries. He was evacuated to the Red Cross Hospital at Le Touquet. He was evacuated to England early in October and admitted to Miss McCaul's Hospital, Welbeck Street, London (a former private nursing home). After a few weeks he was transferred closer to home to Larkhill War Hospital, Glasgow.

He was examined by a series of army medical boards across the winter of 1917-18, in the course of which a board reported that, "He has made progress since his last Board. He has been walking considerable distances with sticks and never uses his crutches. The pain has become less. He can walk about the house without the aid of sticks and the pain has greatly decreased in his legs. His special boot is acting admirably".

In March 1918 he was appointed to a chaplaincy post at Boyton Camp, Codford, Wiltshire, but it is not clear whether he ever took up the posting as, in July, he formally relinquished his commission on grounds of ill health. At that point it was reported that, "This officer is still suffering from the effects of the wounds to both thighs with comminuted fracture of left femur received on active service in France on 7th June 1917. There is a 2 ½ inch shortening of the left leg – the result of the compound, comminuted fracture of the left femur. The right sciatic nerve was also injured. This officer complains of pain over the region of this nerve, walks lame and at a slow pace. He wears a surgical boot with a raised heel". He was declared permanently unfit for any further service.

Rev Henderson then took up his appointment as Rector of Christ Church, Lanark. He left Lanark in 1920 and was appointed to a position at Balderton, Newark on Trent, Notts., where he remained until 1926. In 1939 he was vicar of Hernhill, Kent and listed also as an air raid warden. Henderson died on 29th April 1964, at which time he had been living in Felixstowe.

The following are extracts from a number of letters written by Rev Henderson to bereaved families:

“Your son was buried in a little cemetery immediately behind the trenches. A small cross will be put up to the memory of him and the soldier who lies beside him, and the ground for ever kept sacred. The cemetery is in Northern France near the town of Chapelle d’Armentières. Both officers and men join with me in expressing their deep sympathy. Your son will be greatly missed by all, but that in your sorrow it may be some comfort to you to know that he died so nobly and that your sorrow is shared by others”.

“Your sorrow is shared by all his brother officers and men. We have lost a good comrade. He was a fine manly fellow, full of pluck and will be much missed in the battalion. Both officers and men wish me to express to you their deep sympathy.”

“Another name has been added to our country’s roll of honour, and it is one which will bring home to you the sadness of war. I suppose you have already heard the sad news of the death of your son but I wish to tell you how much we all sympathise with you. He was killed last Wednesday by a trench mortar and we buried him last night in a soldiers’ cemetery immediately behind the lines. A cross with his name and number will be put over the grave, and his grave for ever kept sacred and reverently cared for. Both officers and men join with me in expressing their sympathy. Your son will be much missed by his comrades in the battalion. I know how difficult it is to say words of comfort to a mother, but, deep as your sorrow may be, I feel that there can be no bitterness in it. The mothers of England are proud of their sons today and justly proud that they should have given up all they hold dear to follow the call of duty and you too must feel that pride in your son. You must rejoice at the splendid sacrifice he has made. “Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends”. Our sympathy and prayers are with you. God bless and comfort you.”

“We all sympathise with you. He was killed by a German shell, and we buried him on the same night in a little cemetery behind the lines. A cross and number will be put over his grave, and the grave and cross reverently cared for. Your feelings must also be mingled with pride. I think I am permitted to tell you that your husband’s grave lies near the village of Noulette in Northern France.”

“You will already have heard the sad news of the death of your son, but I just wish to say how deeply we all sympathise with you in your loss. It happened while we were in billets behind the line, an unfortunate shell killing and wounding many of our men; your son was very seriously wounded and died shortly afterwards. We buried him the following evening in a soldiers’ cemetery, and a short service was held at the graveside. A cross with his name and number will be put over his grave which will be forever kept sacred and reverently cared for. Your son will be much missed in the battalion; he had been with us long and had the love and respect of all. Believe me, our prayers and sympathy are with you in your great sorrow.”



At Break of Day

Waking, anxious and afraid,
Knowing all that must be done;
Sense of dread and taste of fear,
How can I fulfil my call?

River flowing, life of God
Fills my heart with confidence;
Trusting him and leaning hard,
Finding grace, I carry on.

Turning, then again to God
Inward glance and eye of faith;
Refuge strong and present help,
Why would He desert me now?

by Tony Horsfall

Farewell Bishop Gregor

Report on The Episcopal Election Special Diocesan Synod 22nd Sept 2018



This was held to select the Preparatory Committee for the forthcoming Episcopal Election, and to also to consider the draft Diocesan Description.

I attended as your Lay Representative and was involved in the process which was as follows -

a) Selection of the Preparatory Committee by vote. 2 Clergy and 2 Lay Reps.

b) Approval of the Draft Diocesan Description First section is a description of all aspects of the Diocese and there was an opportunity for any errors or omissions to be identified from the floor. The second section holds the profiles of every congregation in the Diocese, provided by each congregation. The third section was to be developed by the Special Synod and we were tasked to identify what 'considerations' (issues) there are in the Diocese to highlight for a prospective candidate, and also to identify the qualities, style and skills we as a Diocese are looking for in a new Bishop for Glasgow and Galloway.

c) Consideration of section 3

This was facilitated through table discussions around three questions with one main point from each taken from all tables. Discussion notes were then handed in to the Canon missionary.

Our table did echo what others also thought, and we came up with -

Pastoral – to consider the distance within the Diocese, both geographical and also in relationships with congregations particularly beyond the city of Glasgow.

Administration – not a priority role for the Bishop, whose role is complex and very demanding and should be looking outwards from the Diocese, not inwards. Therefore the Bishop should be able to oversee, enable others and delegate.

Mission – style of missional leadership ? Charismatic. Able to discern where God is and can be at work. To consider the needs of a changing world now and into the future.

My thoughts -

- it would have been good to have been given the questions ahead of the Synod in order to consult with the congregations and be able to formulate careful, considered and prayerful answers?
- The work load of the Bishop is demanding. Possibility of two Deans, one being a 'Rural Dean' ?

- More frequent and therefore on-going communications between Congregations and the Diocese, to build a feeling of support and connection. Look at why current systems feel distant and therefore not used enough by congregations. ie. Development teams for MAP process. Regional Council activities.
- Drew's workload at the moment was acknowledged as having been particularly heavy and he was thanked by the Dean, on behalf of the Diocese, for all his efforts and his valuable contribution.
- The Dean will be overseeing the interregnum period in the Diocese and therefore will value the ongoing support from Drew during that time. So he is not released from his Diocesan duties quite yet. He is looking forward to the time when he can retire from these Diocesan duties but until then, can we as a vestry reassure him that we will continue to support him through this coming period ?

Ongoing Procedure

The Preparatory committee will meet to progress the search for candidates which is expected to have a closing date by the end of November. Applicants will be considered and a selection of no less than 3 but no more than 5 to be approved by the House of Bishops and then come before the Synod for election in March. If all goes well a Consecration of the New Bishop would hopefully happen by June/ July 2019

I must say that I found the day most interesting, and thought provoking, which is why I thought it would be an idea to let you all know a bit about it. Why have a Lay Rep if you don't know what I am doing ?!
I am, after all, meant to be representing you !

Rachel Hill

Lay Representative

Marriage

On Saturday 6th October Tisetso and Stanford Mathe celebrated the marriage of their daughter Nona to Joseph Weston Price at the Church of St Peter, Wymondham. Best wishes to them in their future life together.



How do you get this collar on?

Rev. Lee Johnston

It's been just over a week since the Bishop lay hands on me, setting me apart to be a deacon – or a servant – in God's church. Throughout my two years training and six years of study there's been plenty of daydreams where I imagined my ordination, but this didn't stop me from feeling wholly unprepared for what was about to take place at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Bishop reassured me beforehand "you're as prepared as you'll ever be". He clearly didn't see me struggling to get the clerical collar and my new robes on beforehand – looking like a Monty Python sketch! It was nerve-wracking to appear in front of the packed out cathedral, but when the almost other-worldly choral music started it momentarily lifted me out of those fears and put my mind back on what led me thus far, my calling. Former work colleagues who hadn't been in a church in years – or even in their adult life – expressed how special they felt the service was due to the music; it was a great opportunity for them to experience the church at its best. There was an inspiring yet practical sermon by Tom, a priest who had supported me greatly on my journey towards ordination, informed by his wealth of experience. Next came the vows and each one brought different memories to mind: experiences where God felt close at hand, people who had shaped me along the way and bits of wisdom that stuck in my mind from training. I then felt more ready to take on the responsibility of the role and didn't try to run when the Bishop was finally ready to ordain me! Although it's difficult to say how exactly, the world and I felt a little different after standing up immediately after the Bishop ordained and my colleagues had robed me as a deacon. All parts of the service beyond that: serving the table at the altar, giving the dismissal, seemed an immense privilege – a privilege that I still keenly sense now after having attended my first services at Christ Church. Although slightly nervous, I'm very excited to see what this first year of being your curate has in store!



Harvest

Sunday 7 October was a double celebration at Christ Church as we were celebrating Harvest and it was also the first service attended by our new Curate, Lee Johnson. We hope his next three years with us will be happy ones.

The church was beautiful and thanks must go to Jane and the other flower ladies who did such a magnificent job and Joyce for her lovely bread. The children took part with Niamh and Addie playing the flute and clarinet, Robbie said the prayers and a special mention for Matilda who was acting as Server for the first time. All of them did very well.

After the service we all enjoyed a 'Bring and Share' harvest lunch in the church hall. Thanks to all who contributed.



Wordsearch for November 2018

For Britain, the First World War began on 4th August 1914 and ended on 11th November 1918. At the start, the British Government asked for 100,000 volunteers to join the Army. 750,000 applied in the very first month. An estimated 250,000 British boys lied about their age in order to join up. The youngest caught was just 12 - he was sent home. Average life expectancy in the trenches was just six weeks. In all, 65 million men from 30 countries fought in the First World War. More than nine million fighting men were killed during the conflict, a third of them through disease. At least 750,000 of these were British. The Victoria Cross, the highest military award, was awarded 628 times in the First World War.

**First World War August November volunteers
join army lied order youngest average life
expectancy trenches six weeks million countries
fighting killed conflict disease Victoria Cross**



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Cats & Teenagers (the similarities)

Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.

No matter how much you do for them, it is never enough.

Cats rarely deign to walk with you when outside, and the same is true of teenagers.

Cats and teenagers can suddenly get 'hissy', without any known cause.

Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.

Cats have nine lives. Teenagers live as if they did.

Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy – utter boredom.

Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.

Cats and teenagers are known to creep home at all hours of the night. Neither will tell you where they've been.

So, if you must raise teenagers, it is a good idea to follow instructions as for cats. Remember, above all else, to put out the food at regular intervals and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: 'He's the one you can move diagonally.'

When children tell Bible stories...

St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says 'do one to others before they do one to you'.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.



... his constant droning from the pulpit is really getting on my nerves!

DATE	SIDESPERSIONS	TEA/COFFEE	CHURCH CLEANING	LUNCH CLUB	COMMUNION CUP
2018	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Doreen Dixon Tel: 750295	
4 Nov	G. Rankin S. Cardwell	M. Gibson J. Patrick	J. Comrie	(Soup) 6 Nov Janet & Janet	R Evans
11 Nov	F. Caddell M. Main	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	N. Broadbridge	13 Nov Ruby & Joyce	G Rankin
18 Nov	R. Marshall D. Evans	J. Rance K. Rance	A. Comrie	20 Nov Mary & Jean	P Glancy
25 Nov	N. Broadbridge S. Cardwell	L. Rickards E. Baxter	J.Rance K.Rance	27 Nov Hilary & Doreen E	R Cleary
2 Dec	G. Rankin M. Main	M. Caddell C. Robbins	J.Rance K. Rance	4 Dec Janet & Jamie	D Dixon
9 Dec	F. Caddell S. Russell	M. Gibson J. Patrick	A. Gray	18 Dec Christmas Lunch	S Clark

DATE	DIARY	READERS	FIRST LESSON	SECOND LESSON	GOSPEL
2018 4 Nov	All Saints	ALL AGE	SERVICE	=====	TBC
11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	C Johnstone	Job 19:21-27	1 Cor 15:51-57	John 6:37-40
18 Nov	Trinity 25	J Rance	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-14 & 19-25	Mark 13:1 --8
25 Nov	Christ the King	R Cleary	Daniel 7:9-10 & 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
2 Dec	Advent 1	R Burgon	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
9 Dec	Advent 2	L Rickards	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3-1-6

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