



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER '25

Schedule of Services

November

Sunday 2

All Saints Sunday

08.30 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9

Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist with
Act of Remembrance

Sunday 16

Trinity 22

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24

Christ The King

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist
(Lamington)

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist
(Lanark)

Sunday 30

Advent 1

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

December

Sunday 7

Advent 2

08.30 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 14

Advent 3

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

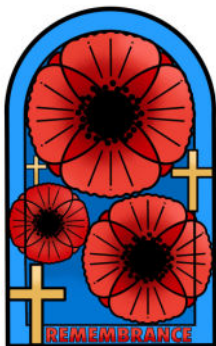


Congratulations Liz

On harvest Sunday Rev Liz Clelland was presented with a card and a plant to celebrate both her return from walking the Camino de Santiago and also a 'big' birthday.

News in the Pews

- Congratulations to Myra and John Murphy, who celebrated their diamond wedding recently. Three cheers to a sparkling couple.
- Many happy returns (in more ways than one!) to our intrepid adventurer, The Revd Liz Clelland, who has just "returned" from walking El Camino de Santiago in the north of Spain in time for her 70th birthday. Many happy returns indeed! Every blessing to you, Liz.
- Our recent Harvest Service and Lunch were great occasions. Thanks to everyone who made them possible. An excellent number of easy open, ring pull tins were delivered to Clydesdale Foodbank in Carlisle. Thank you all for your generosity and care.
- Transformations! The Choir Vestry and Sacristy, which are accessed via the small door to the right of the High Altar, have been transformed with the introduction of new carpeting. These areas are now very plush indeed. Such a change from what was there before!
- Thank you to everyone who submitted a voting slip in respect of the pews/chairs debate. You will have seen in the Online Notices that the result of the vote was as follows: Keep – 33; Replace – 13; No strong feelings – 7.
- Our Net Zero team are hard at work trying to bring our church plant up to Net Zero targets laid down by Provincial Synod. You will have noticed a new heater at the back of the church. The plan is to replace all of the existing wall heaters with these, as they give off a better heat and are much more aesthetically pleasing than the old ones. Thanks to the NZ team for all their hard work.



Rector's Ramblings



Miss Prism, the governess of Cecily Cardew in Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest* says, "Memory... is the diary we all carry about with us." The poet Thomas Hood wrote, "I remember, I remember the house where I was born, the little window where the sun came peeping in at morn." Children going out guising on the 5th of November used to chant, "Remember, remember the fifth of November, the Gunpowder treason and plot..." (It goes on to say other things that aren't very well-suited to these more ecumenical times!)

Memory, remembering, these are fundamental aspects of who we are, because our memories often shape what we are. Memories come from our childhood and form our relationships, our work and the way we believe. Somewhere near the heart of the faith tradition we belong to is the building up of memory. In what was largely an oral culture this is part of the explanation of why so many of the stories in the Old Testament are repeated, and so many phrases are repeated. For example, "The steadfast love of the Lord endures for ever." Repetition was used to get the point home, to help people remember the things that were important about God, and about God's relationship with God's people. Remembering is also at the heart of the holy eucharist: "Do this in Remembrance of Me."

November is a season for remembrance in so many ways. It starts with what has become known as All Saints' Tide – a time when we remember those 'saints' of all generations – people who have lived faithful lives – and give thanks for their memory. Not all saints are necessarily the ones who are remembered in stained glass windows. Like many of the unsung heroes in life, most saints will have lived ordinary lives, doing ordinary things, but somehow making an extraordinary difference in the lives of those around them. There is a fine biblical tradition that sees all people of faith as 'saints', or enhanced in life by their faith and the way they live it. Churches are, at their best, a school for saints. It's how Paul, in his letters to some of the early Christians, saw them; they, and we, are "called to be saints".

In this season of remembering, that's worth recalling. Not that we ought to think too highly of ourselves, but equally that we do not have such a low self esteem that we think we are of no value. Remember, we are called, chosen, and named. Remember with thanksgiving what others have enabled you to do and to become; remember that you too, in your own way, are also a saint of God, called by God to shine a light in this dark world. Remember, you too can shine!

Drew

Third Quarter Away Giving

The third quarter away giving collection raised £300 for Glasgow City Mission.

See below letter of thanks which was sent to our treasurer, Bobby Burgon.

Thank you so much Christ Church Lanark for your very kind donation of



£300.00. This donation will give our guests the support they need to make positive changes and work towards the stability they are searching for. It will help people like Josh* to overcome monumental challenges in their lives.

Josh struggled with alcohol addiction for years after losing his partner. He tried addiction services elsewhere but nothing worked for him. He came across Glasgow City Mission one day when he was drunk, looking for somewhere to use a toilet. When he came in he chatted to Tim, one of our project workers, and couldn't stop thinking about their conversation. Josh has been coming back to the Mission ever since to get help with overcoming his addiction at Rehab Pathways and our counselling service. He now volunteers in the kitchen three days a week, helping others who are experiencing significant disadvantage. This is helping him to grow in confidence, stay connected with others and access the support and focus he needs to make positive, healthy choices for his future.

Your generosity will help people like Josh to make the changes they need to flourish and know fullness of life. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Geddes
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Monastic Musings



November is a transitional, a passageway month. The deepening darkness of each day, along with the gradual movement from the golden colours of autumn to the white silence of winter, beckons to a secret part of my self. This quieting movement definitely pulls me inward, beckoning me to an inner, womb-like world where the rapid pace of life slows to a peace-filled hiddenness. When I reach that unseen realm within me, I make contact with the goodness that filled my soul at birth, the goodness I do not usually pay attention to or may doubt is presence.

The liturgical celebration of *All Saints Day* on November 1st draws me into a passageway of holy mystery. As I grow

older I feel increasingly in touch with my spiritual ancestors. I believe the bond we had with our loved ones when they were alive remains firm even though they are no longer physically with us. When I mark *All Saints Day* I honour, not only the officially canonized saints of the church, but also all the wonderful people whose lives reflect goodness (God-ness).

Some time ago I received a letter from a monk friend who is mourning the loss of one of his monastic brothers. He wrote: "Every day I ask him to gift me with the best of himself." I understood immediately what he meant. After a close friend of mine died I thought a lot about how compassionate he was. It occurred to me, after his death, that I had rarely ever heard him speak negatively about anyone. In addition, he was able to forgive those who hurt him and release the burden that non-forgiveness adds to the heart. Since his death I've tried to follow that example, to withhold my unkind comments and let go of resentments and hostilities. I think this is what my friend meant by having "the best" of someone deceased continue on in our life. Doing so is not only a beautiful way to honour these good people by remembering their "best," but it's also a source of encouragement for us to try to live in the most gracious way possible.

By asking our loved ones to gift us with their positive qualities, our lives, too, can have God-ness shining through them. This November, let's cast our glance back to those dear ones who left us the essence of their goodness. As we ponder their qualities and pray to have these traits come alive more fully in us, "the best" of our loved ones will continually live on in us and be a blessing for others.

Gerry Creaney

Christ Church Magazine

During Covid Lockdown, the decision was taken to post out all magazines but due to increased production and postage costs, our magazine charge has been reviewed.

However, we note that, increasingly, some people are quite happy to collect their copy from church.

Accordingly for members collecting their copy at church the annual subscription will be reduced to £12.50 while for copies issued by post, the subscription will be raised to £20.

Should you wish to continue to receive **postal copies**, please complete and return the enclosed slip along with your payment to:
Sylvia Russell, 9 Friarsdene, Lanark, ML11 9EJ. Cheques should be made payable to 'Christ Church Lanark'.

Those collecting their magazine from church should make payment of £12.50 to the Treasurer by cash or cheque.

Alternatively, you can transfer your subscription directly to the bank:
Royal Bank of Scotland,
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Account No: 00125099
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Clergy Cogitations

On the back wall of the church hall, to the left of the big television screen, is a notice board, on which has been displayed everything that is happening in Christ Church. It's a noticeboard that perhaps you've noticed but never really stopped to read and take in. This article is an attempt to rectify that!

It's something of a gross inaccuracy to say that Christ Church is a "sleepy hollow", a great place for aging clergy to come and rest before they disappear off into the sunset of retirement. Christ Church is anything but a sleepy hollow. It is a very busy place (probably one of the busiest in the Diocese) where there is a lot of excellent mission and ministry going on!

When I came here as Rector it was my ambition, with God's help and your cooperation, to transform "The Wee Church on the Corner" to "The Wee Church with the Big Heart on Hope Street". I think we are well and truly on the way to achieving that.

So, feast your eyes on the following and rejoice! Jackie and I might not be in the first flush, but we are a dynamic duo, who are working hard to make our congregation sing!

WHERE LOVE IS – GOD IS
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Memory Lane Brunch & Browse Lanark Wombles
|
Positive Preaching Beautiful Liturgies
|
Chaplaincies at Beechgrove, Lady Home & Crosslaw
|
Daily Prayer Churches Together
|
Broth & Blether Away Giving
|
Prayer Tree Pastoral Care

Jackie & Drew

When you are enjoying your cup of coffee and biscuits after church in our church hall, you may like to appreciate how lucky you are when you read this little newspaper article about a recent row in the Church of England

Cof E bickers over parish biscuits

A squabble in the Church of England, where a grandee of the Archbishops' Council, Alison Coulter, said central money should not be given to small parishes because they might waste it on 'chocolate biscuits after church'. The Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie, vicar of Charlbury, whose potential congregants including Jeremy Clarkson and David Cameron, is so enraged by Coulter's patronising remark that he has now sent a large box of luxury chocolate biscuits to Her Snootiness at Church House. Should make a change from communion wafers.

Autumn Ladies

On the 10th September Rosmarie introduced us to some of Carluke's history. How it grew and with it's growth, the need for furniture and other necessities. Furniture was made for the town's people and many pieces were so well made they are still in use today. Many have passed through Rosmarie's family and she has some lovely furniture which she treasures today. We were able to admire photographs of the furniture.

On the 24th we had an afternoon tea exchanging stories of summer events and vacations. This was followed at the next meeting by a baking demonstration of empire biscuits and fatless sponge which were eaten and enjoyed by the ladies.

We continue to grow in fellowship and everyone is welcome to drop in on any of our meetings in the Church Hall on a Wednesday afternoon. Our syllabus for 2026 is in the process of being developed.

Hope to see you there,

Isobel Malcolm

Harvest Festival - Sunday 12th October

The church was looking beautiful thanks to the hard work of Jane and her flower team. This year we were asked to bring ring-pull cans of food which will be given to the Clydesdale Food Bank for delivery to needy families throughout Clydesdale. The congregation donated many bags of tins.



Harvest Lunch

The Harvest 'Bring and Share Lunch' was a wonderful feast with many members of the congregation, who we will not name, having seconds and thirds!



Do you enjoy the Antiques Road Show?

The first series was aired in 1979 and, with over six million viewers each week, it remains one of the most popular and enduring of all television programmes.

The next series will be aired towards the end of this year, or early in the new year. Watch carefully, you might see someone you know!!!!

Back in June, Robert and I were invited to attend filming at the Hill of Tarvit mansion and gardens, near St.Andrews. It was a gorgeous day. Blue skies, comfortable temperatures, surrounded by rolling fields, growing crops and woodland in the full richness of summer glory.

We arrived at 8.30am, when only another three cars occupied the vast areas allocated for parking. We arrived so early not because we are usually up with the larks, but because we had “cast tickets”. These are given to those who, based upon preliminary assessments, not only have something special to be examined by an expert, but who also have a fascinating story to accompany the item. These are the ones who will quite likely appear in the final cut, after editing.

So, clutching our “cast tickets”, we were quickly escorted to a marquee where we were met by the programme producer, and our expert. She had a quick look at our item and said: “Right, see you in front of the camera”!!!

Never having been “in front of the camera” before, I found the whole experience in equal measure both exciting and nerve wracking, but I had rehearsed “the story” and, after a couple of takes, it was a wrap. So I think I must have managed OK.

By the time we left the venue at 11.30am, the queue to enter disappeared into the distance. Those allocated parking fields were packed, and we left not only with the obligatory photograph of us both on either side of the Antiques Roadshow logo, but also with fabulous memories of a unique experience.

Whilst final confirmation of our appearance, and the date of airing has still to be notified, we will keep you posted.



Heating Improvements

As you may have noticed there is a new heater above the window on the wall facing you as you enter the church. This was installed as a trial to see if it is better than the one it replaced and also more efficient. As you can see from the attached picture it was installed by our in house team, led by Danny, a qualified electrician, ably assisted by John and Robert.

If the trial is deemed successful by the congregation the plan is that the church will have a further eight similar heaters installed. Edward is working to try and secure a grant that will help with the costs of the new installation.

Net Zero is the Diocese ambition for all churches by 2030. We have already changed all our lighting to LED type fittings which gives a major cost saving and takes us a big step in the right direction.



There has also been a new carpet fitted in the vestry which is now looking very smart



November Quiz by Bob Rabagliati

Geography and Countries

1. Which is the world's smallest city?
2. Reading from left to right, what are the colours of the French Flag?
3. One third of the world's land and two thirds of the world's population are in which Continent?
4. What is the State Capital of California?
5. Which is the most easterly port in Britain?
6. Which is the highest mountain in Africa?
7. Apart from Vienna and Budapest, through which other Capital City does the River Danube flow?
8. Which country was in dispute with the UK in the so-called 'Cod War' in the 1970s?
9. The Orient Express was a famous train which ran between which two cities?
10. The Tay Bridge runs south from which city?

Answers

1 Vatican 2 Blue, white, red 3 Asia 4 Sacramento
5 Lowestoft 6 Kilimanjaro 7 Belgrade 8 Iceland
9 Paris and Istanbul 10 Dundee

This brooch was found during some recent cupboard cleaning. The pin was broken and Ken Scott has kindly repaired it. If it belongs to you or anyone you know, please speak to Glenys Wilcox.



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Duck

I have a severe nonlinear waterfowl issue. (I don't have all my ducks in a row.)

Some funnies from Bobby Burgon...

Stealing someone's coffee is called mugging!

The other day I held open the door for a clown - it was a nice jester!

Pasteurise means to0 far to see.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it's still going to be stationery.

Whoever invented 'knock-knock' jokes should get a No-bell prize!

'Energiser' bunny arrested! Charged with battery!

I put Granma on speed dial - I call that Instagram.



The Lay Training Programme was the envy of the diocese

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