



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK  
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JULY - AUGUST '23

## Schedule of Services

### July

Sunday 2

**Trinity 4**

08.30 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9

**Trinity 5**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16

**Trinity 6**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23

**Trinity 7**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30

**Trinity 8**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

### August

Sunday 6

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

08.30 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 13

**Trinity 10**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20

**Trinity 11**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27

**Trinity 12**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

### September

Sunday 3

**Trinity 13**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10

**Trinity 14**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17

**Trinity 15**

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist



## News in the Pews

- Please note that there will be no Said Eucharist on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The Rector will be on holiday at that time.
- On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 5 pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, our new curate, Jackie Fenton, will be ordained to the Vocational Diaconate by The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway. A good turnout from Christ Church at that service would be an encouraging start for Jackie. Her first Sunday with us will be the following Sunday.
- Ever wondered what's on in Christ Church from one Sunday to the next? Wonder no more. Here's a list of the activities that we, as a faith community, put on.

### Alternate Wednesdays

1pm till 3 pm – Memory Lane Dementia Support Group

2 pm till 4 pm – Autumn Ladies

### Thursdays

12 noon till 3 pm – Warm Community Hub  
(currently closed, but will open again in September)

- From Sunday 24 September (and thereafter on the fourth Sunday of each month) there will be a celebration of the Eucharist (using the 1970 liturgy) at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity in Lamington. This will be staffed by the Rector and members of the Preaching Team who are licensed to take services. The aim is to reach out to the members of our faith community who live on the other side of Tinto and find it more of a challenge to come to church in Lanark on a regular basis. Pray for this initiative. May God bless it.



## Clergy Cogitations



Dear Friends

The holiday season is upon us once again! Boats and caravans are being brought out of hibernation, brochures are being scoured, flights are getting booked (with optimism) and the great get-away is awaited with eagerness and anticipation.

After such an incredible run of sunny days I'm surprised that any of us wants to go away on holiday, because here, on our doorstep, we live surrounded by some of the most beautiful

scenery in the world. OK, in the dark, dreich days of endless winter it may be harder to appreciate, but in the warm, reflective and brilliant sunshine there's nowhere that beats Scotland for beauty.

When my daughter Catherine was young I tried very hard to instil in her the art of noticing the surrounding beauty. I didn't want her to take it for granted. After a brief spell in Glasgow with all its traffic, noise and pollution, Inverclyde became her home with its spectacular views of the Arrochar Alps, the three Clyde sea lochs and the dramatic tail of the bank, where the Clyde turns the corner at Gourrock and flows into the Irish sea. She grew very easily to appreciate it.

At the same time I also tried very hard to instil in her a desire to look for and recognise a deeper beauty – the beauty found within the people she met and also the beauty deep within herself. It was a skill that wasn't quite so easy for her to acquire initially – or very fashionable (it's so much more acceptable to judge and criticise)! But I was determined she would grow to believe in the core goodness in everyone made in the image and likeness of God and to see that it's only erroneous life choices and mistakes that cover up any innate beauty.

It's a great paradox in life that a person's inner beauty grows as they recognised it in others. This beauty has nothing to do with worldly know-how, money or status. It is free, available to everyone irrespective of age, and God's gift to us all. We could travel all over the world, see the sights, take the photographs,

spend a fortune and yet find the greatest beauty within our neighbour next door, our colleague at work, our friend at home. All we have to do is to look – and to see – God's goodness and beauty all around us in creation and in the people we meet

Happy travelling.

*Drew*

### The Wonder of Creation

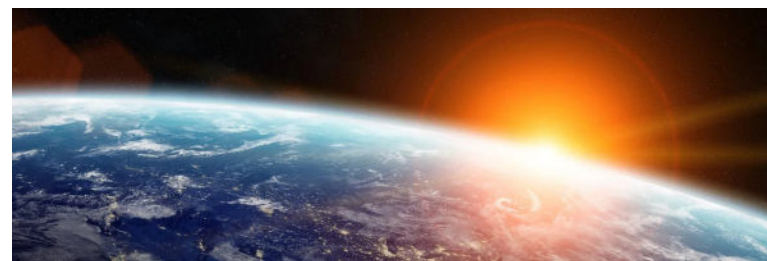
The rising sun that streaks the sky with colour,  
Each day we see more marvels that unfold,  
Nature has a palette like no other -  
Creation is a wonder to behold.

And can it be this happened all by chance,  
Or did some cosmic force become involved?  
A Power operating out of time  
That has a greater story to be told.

Our Universe defies all understanding,  
Its vastness reaching endlessly in space,  
Eternity - we find it hard to fathom  
Or of One perhaps who set it all in place.

A Deity beyond the realms of time?  
We do our best to try and understand -  
Of a mighty hand that flung the stars to flight  
Could be the hand still beckoning to man.

By Megan Carter





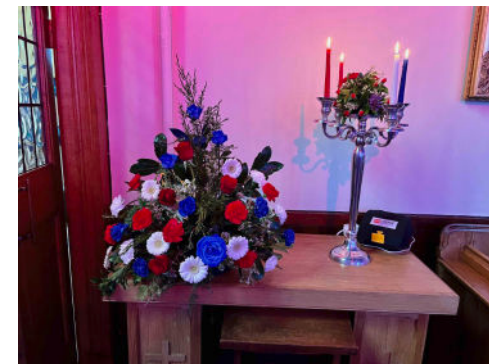


## *Christ Church Celebrates the Coronation*

Christ Church took part in the town's celebrations for the Coronation. Jane, Joan and Margaret did a magnificent job of decorating the church for the Flower festival.

Isobel Malcolm and the Autumn Ladies held a wonderful buffet lunch on Coronation Day for anyone who wanted to come along and watch the ceremony with others.

Following morning service on the following day, a large number of the congregation gathered together for a celebration 'Bring and Share Lunch'



## Missionary Musings



Dear Friends

No, you're not seeing things! My regular "Monastic Musings" feature in the magazine has changed to "Missionary Musings" for the time being, because, prior to being a monk, I spent seven years in my twenties as a missionary with The Montfort Missionaries, also known as The Company of Mary, an international Roman Catholic Religious Congregation dedicated to the establishment of the Kingdom of God under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Founded at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century by St Louis-Marie Grignon de

Montfort, it numbers just under 1000 priests and brothers, who carry out their mission in around 30 countries of the world.

The word 'missionary' comes from the latin verb mittere (mitto, mittere, misi, missum), which means to send out. So a missionary is someone who is literally 'sent out' to do the work of God in far flung and sometimes very dangerous places.

In my own time as a Montfortian I was sent out to Nicaragua and to Chile where I saw active service under the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. On one occasion I was arrested and put in prison, on another occasion I was held at gun point, on yet another I ended up face down on the road as bullets ricocheted all around me. Never in my life had the saying of Jesus felt so real – "I am sending you out like lambs among wolves"! Terrified as I was on those scary occasions I found much of my missionary work very exciting; I was young, full of adventure and this was a wonderful way to live a religious life.

It's not just missionaries who are 'sent out' to do the work of God. Every baptised Christian is 'sent out' to take the compassion of God and the love of Christ to the world in which they live. At the end of every Eucharist the President of the Liturgy says: "Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord". That is our own personal commission to go and be missionaries, to incarnate the upside-down kingdom of God, to spread light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair, love where there is hatred, inclusion where there is exclusion, tolerance where there is bigotry.

Wherever you find yourself this summer, remember whose you are, and what, by baptism, you have been called to. And may you shine as brightly as the sun as you make it known by your love and example that you belong to Christ.

With every blessing  
*Gerry Creaney*

## Autumn Ladies

We had a very successful Coronation Lunch for the King's crowning. New faces and lots of lovely food. Many Thanks to all who donated. Black's the butcher was very kind and donated three lovely platters of fresh cold meat. We had donations from Tesco and Morrison's and other private individuals. We thank them all for contributing to our celebrations of the crowning of the King and Queen and bringing people together.



We had a very informative talk on microwave cooking on the 24th May from Helen Aitken. Lots of questions were asked. So we can now make better use of our microwaves. Saving power.

We will continue our meetings in July and August, every second Wednesday. Subject will be announced from the pulpit each Sunday prior to the meeting

*Isobel Malcolm*



## *Beatitudes for a Happy & Blessed Summer*

**Blessed** are those who can laugh at themselves – they will have no end of fun.

**Blessed** are those that can tell a mountain from a molehill – they will be saved a lot of bother.

**Blessed** are those who know how to relax without looking for excuses – they are on their way to becoming wise.

**Blessed** are those who know when to be quiet and listen – they will learn a lot of new things.

**Blessed** are those who are sane enough not to take themselves seriously – they will be valued by those around them.

**Happy** are you if you take small things seriously and face serious things calmly – you will go far in life.

**Happy** are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown – you will walk on the sunny side of the street.

**Happy** are you if you can be kind in understanding the attitude of others – you will achieve clarity.

**Blessed** are those who think before they act and pray before they think – they will avoid many blunders.

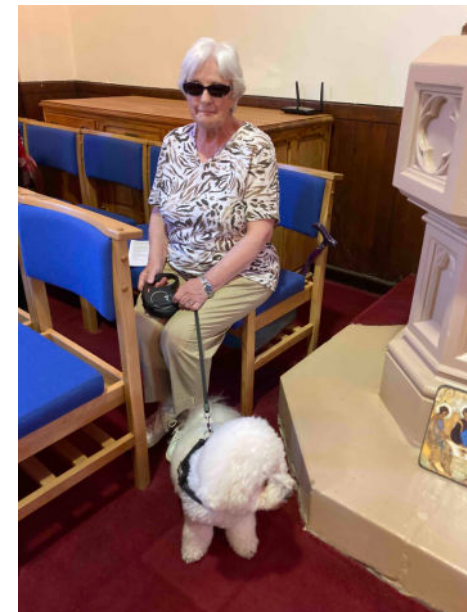
**Happy** are you if you know how to hold your tongue and smile – peace has begun to seep into your soul.



## *Canine Worshiper*

John and Glenys Wilcox met Ann Dewson in Hope Street before morning service. She was walking her dog and hadn't intended coming in to church because of the dog (she has no dog sitter on Sundays). However they persuaded her that it wouldn't be a problem and this well behaved pooch enjoyed the service.

Some of the older members of the congregation will remember Pat Dixon who was a puppy walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Pat and her various puppies were regular attenders at Christ Church.



## *Quotes on Observations on our Christian Faith..*

Prayer is the original wireless communication. – Anon

Beauty is the gift of God. – Aristotle

I have found in the Bible words for my inmost thoughts, songs for my joy, utterance for my hidden griefs and pleadings for my shame and feebleness. – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The character which we find in the Beatitudes is, beyond all question, nothing less than our Lord's own character, put into words. It is the description set side by side with an example. – Billy Graham

The worst moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and doesn't know who to thank. – Wendy Ward

Dame Edith Sitwell, when asked why she had come to faith, said she had looked at the pattern of a frosted flower on a windowpane, she had studied shells, feathers, petals and grasses; and she knew without a doubt there must be a cause... "I have come to believe that the cause is God."

## Our Collections for Ukraine

For several months now Glenys Wilcox has been selling a variety of marmalade, jams and chutneys in aid of Ukraine. 'Sweet toothed' Christ Church has meant that just over £1200 has been forwarded to UNHCR thanks largely to Glenys' efforts. See below the impact that our giving is making.

## Your impact in Ukraine

**"I recently returned from Ukraine and Romania, where I saw first-hand what your gifts mean to people displaced by the war.**

Inside Ukraine, your support means repairs for damaged homes, generators to help keep schools and hospitals running, and shelter for displaced families. For refugee families across Europe, your support means Emergency Payments to help mothers buy essentials, and helping refugees to access trauma counselling and psychosocial support.

It can be hard to comprehend the crisis when such vast numbers of people are affected. But behind each number is a deeply personal story.

I met an extraordinary woman, Olena, at a UNHCR supported cooking class in Uzhhorod in western Ukraine. The class enables displaced women to come together to learn local recipes (they differ dramatically across the country) so that they might be able to get a job in a bakery or set up their own business in catering, for example.

As a mother to eight children, including four foster children, Olena had been through an incredibly traumatic experience. She lost her husband in the war, and the family was forced to flee their home in Kharkiv. She told me how the

classes had helped her to connect with other displaced women and feel safe in sharing her grief and trauma.

***"This brave woman is the same age as me, and so I felt her pain very deeply.***

***Just how much strength and courage would you need to become a single parent to your children and move across the country – where you don't know anybody."***

Olena's story is one of so many and

shows the impact of support at a local level in helping resilient women rebuild their lives and look after their families.

Every displaced person I met, including Olena, shared the same hope – for this war to end and to return to their homes, their lives and their loved ones. Until that happens, however, UNHCR will stay and deliver and plans to reach over 3.6 million people in Ukraine during 2023. The impact of your gifts on people's lives is so profound, and even small interventions can change lives."

Emma Cherniavsky,  
Chief Executive,  
UK for UNHCR.



Olena and her children at the UNHCR supported cooking school.



### HAPPY CHRISTMAS?

Less than 200 days away but in terms of thinking outside the box, about 100 to fill the box as delivery dates are drawing nearer for the Blythwood Shoe Box appeal

The usual toothpaste and toothbrushes are welcome along with winter mitts, socks, scarves, spa, pens and pencils, hair bands brushes and combs, in fact most things you take for granted.

Maybe a surprise is necessary, a magnifying glass, pack of cards, ball of string, small screw drivers, easy ties, wooden spoons, tin mug, tin plate, kitchen bowl and maybe even fluffy insoles.

You will have noticed most of the items mentioned are for adults, yes we all know children and teenagers love games and toys so nothing changes across the world, so if a pair of pants, top or PJs get into the box it is always appreciated.

Good hunting filling your box and remember if it is in the sales it's worth the bargain buy.

Margaret Hannah.



**Mouse Makes**

**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.  
*"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"*

The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:  
*"The Lord who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*

So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

**Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58**

**Where did Goliath come from?**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 17:4

**How tall was Goliath?**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ cubits.  
 1 Samuel 17:4

**What was Goliath's armour made of?**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 17:5,6

**What weapons did Goliath carry?**  
 a JAVELIN,  
 a \_\_\_\_\_  
 and a \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 17:45

**How many stones did David take from the stream?**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 17:40

**Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Samuel 17:49

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## Laughter is the Best Medicine

### Church School Test

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.
5. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still, and he obeyed him.

### Reasons for marriage

Studying our wedding photos, my six-year-old asked, "Did you marry Dad because he was a vicar?"  
 "Not at all," I replied.  
 "Did you marry him because he was good-looking?"  
 "No, not that either," I replied.  
 "Did you marry him for his money?"  
 "Definitely not," I laughed. "He didn't have any."  
 "So," he concluded sadly, "you just felt sorry for him."

### Marriage

During a heartfelt chat with her friend about relationships, my wife sighed and said, "You know, if something happened to Lloyd, I don't think I could ever marry again." Her friend nodded sympathetically. "I know what you mean," she said. "Once is more than enough."



Mr Mackenzie kept forgetting his PIN



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