



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK  
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER '23

## Schedule of Services

### 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

Sunday 24  
**Trinity 16**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

### October

Sunday 1  
**Trinity 17**  
8.30 am – Said Eucharist  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 8  
**Trinity 18**  
**Harvest**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15  
**Trinity 19**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 22  
**Trinity 20**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29  
**Trinity 21**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

### November

Sunday 5  
**All Saints Sunday**  
8.30 am - Said Eucharist  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19  
**Trinity 24**  
10.30 am – Sung Eucharist



## News in the Pews

- Many Happy Returns to Janet Comrie and Sheila Cardwell, who turned 70 in the month of August. Ad multos annos!
- A warm welcome to Jackie Fenton, who comes to us, in September, freshly ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, for a three year curacy. We wish her every blessing in her ministry among us and look forward to seeing where the Spirit leads her in community mission and service.
- The date of our AGM 2023 is Sunday 22 October after the Sung Eucharist. The Agenda, Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be issued in due course. Thanks to you, the members of the congregation, for another year of sterling support and to our Vestry Members and Office Bearers for doing a marvellous job of attending to the temporal affairs of our faith community.
- A new Diocesan initiative entitled “Bricks without Straw” has been launched. It asks every congregation in the Diocese to take a serious look at their life from a spiritual, missional and financial perspective and to ask the hard question: “where are we and what are we in 2023”.
- Bishop Kevin has expressed a wish to come and visit us one Sunday in the Autumn to preach and preside and formally to welcome Rob Thain as a licensed Lay Reader in our congregation and Diocese. We will keep you informed of the date of his visit when it is known.
- Many thanks to John Patrick for all his hard work over a number of years looking after our church buildings. John has decided it is now time to resign from the role. The position will now be filled by Gemma Horsburgh, who is looking forward to working with our small team of property people and to continuing her father’s excellent work.

### Away Giving

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter charity collection for Stanmore House (Capability Scotland) came to £350.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter collection will be given to the Maggie’s Centre.

## Harvest Festival – Sunday 8 October

*Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!*



So begins one of the traditional Harvest hymns. The idea of celebrating through song a successful season of food growth on the land actually goes back generations. Usually celebrated around the time of the 'Harvest Moon', i.e. the full moon nearest the Autumn equinox around the end of September. The word itself comes from an old English word 'haerfest', meaning 'Autumn'.

It's not exclusively a Christian event; within the Jewish faith it is called 'Sukkot' or 'feast of Tabernacles' (Exodus 23:16) where it is described as '*the feast of ingathering*'. In biblical times it was also customary to give a tenth of the Harvest to God and was one of the special occasions when God's people were to be reminded that God was the source of all.

But a celebration of thanksgiving for the Harvest takes place all over the world and in different forms.

In times past in this country it would be a community event and celebrated as the final harvest of crops were gathered. There would be a great procession around the final cartload as it came back to the farm where a great party with food, fun and dancing would take place. This would then conclude with a special service of thanksgiving in Church.

However, fewer and fewer churches are celebrating Harvest as they once did. The idea that '*all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin*' does not have the same significance as before. There is little sense of seasonal food because most things can be bought anytime at a local supermarket.

However, the more rural churches and those connected with the farming community (like our own) will still recognise the importance of gathering a harvest and of giving thanks to God '*for all his love*'.

Here at Christ Church we like to take the opportunity to recognise God's goodness and provision in all creation as well as the relative abundance of food that is available to us. Within the Harvest Service we will give special thanks and praise to God for the way God reveals himself to us in the wonders of his creation, we take time to reflect on all we have and pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and lacking in many of the resources that we can so easily take for granted.

The church is decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. It often includes a special bread that has been prepared and baked in the shape of a wheat sheaf – even to include a little mouse!

Much of this is 'token and symbolic', however we also combine this with an abundance of tinned and dried produce that will go to a local foodbank. This way we recognise the needs that are also evident within our own communities in these days.

We believe that Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of the many things we can take for granted, and to refocus on God who is the master designer and creator, who provides us with so much but also has made us stewards of all he has made, with a responsibility to care for this world as well as each other.

*Drew*

### When Autumn Comes by Nigel Beeton

Should we be sad  
When autumn comes  
And winter looms ahead?  
Is it so bad  
That days grow short  
And verdant leaves grow red?

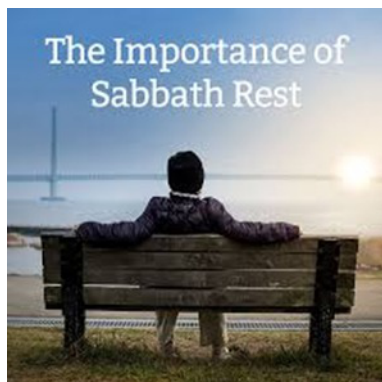
Perhaps it's best  
That nature sleeps  
And things no longer grow;  
We get a rest  
From vibrant weeds  
And grass we need not mow.

We'll miss the sun  
And long, hot days  
We'll miss the sea and sand;  
But soon will come  
The starry nights  
And wintry landscapes grand!

So celebrate  
The equinox  
The autumn season's here!  
It is a date  
To mark, with joy  
The turning of the year.



## Clergy Cogitations



So, the holidays are over. They've come and they've gone. Reflecting on that fact, as I sat to write this magazine piece, I found myself wondering if the holidays are merely just a break from real life, a pleasant distraction until the meaningful stuff — work — recommences? As someone who has been working full time and enjoying it since 1983, most of my professional life has been based on the assumption that work is valuable and fulfilling.

The seventh day of creation, the Sabbath, is something different in kind from the six days that have gone before. God rests. In the past, I've perhaps written this off as a puzzling divine idiosyncrasy, and in any case an Old Testament wrinkle to be passed over till we get to the interesting stuff.

As ever, I'm getting it almost entirely wrong. The product of each of the first six days' divine labour has been labelled good, which is beautiful and important. The seventh day, however, is even more significant, because we're not told what God creates, we're given our first serious glimpse of what God is like. Because God rests, the day itself is holy; that is, it is filled with God's presence. In other words, the Sabbath is the real day and the others merely shadows. It's not just a pause to recover from the other six days. The Sabbath is, rather, creation's crowning glory.

Later, when God commands Israel to keep the Sabbath, it is not just about religious restrictions: God is reminding us why we were made — not in the end for labour, but to delight in God, and in each other.

As we come out of the holiday season and head back into an Autumn,

Winter and Spring of work and normal routine, how might our lives be different if we kept this commandment? What if we were meant not to be busy working all the time, but simply to be with each other, like the Son is, forever, with the Father in the unity of the Spirit? What if our true identity is not found in sweat and toil, but as people of the Sabbath?

*Drew*

## Children in Church

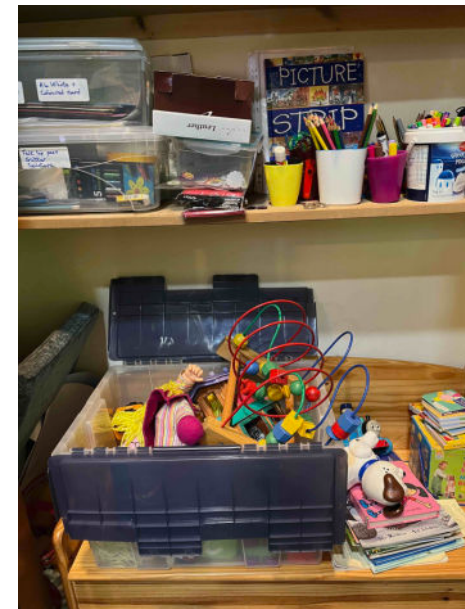
### For our church families

We welcome children to our services but appreciate that younger children may get a bit restless. We provide age appropriate materials for families with younger children who worship with us.

**Worship bags** can be collected from a steward and are for children aged three to ten.

For children under three we suggest that you bring a favourite quiet toy or activity with you. We also have a selection of books and toys in the cupboard at the rear of the side chapel.

*Irene Houston*



## Missionary Musings



In the first instalment of my missionary musings in this year's summer magazine I hinted that it was a very exciting time in my life. It took me to London, Dublin, Washington DC, Chile and Nicaragua, sometimes for study and formation, sometimes for work and community engagement. Although I gave up being a missionary after seven years I still look back at that time and

give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities it afforded me and the particular slant on living the faith that it gave me.

That slant is still very much with me; and it is that the life of faith is one of excitement and adventure. Brought up in a traditional catholic family and as a pupil at traditional catholic schools to believe very orthodox catholic teaching, my training with the Montfort Missionaries challenged a lot of those beliefs and encouraged me to think more broadly, more openly about the Gospel and the work of the church. I found it all very challenging, stimulating and liberating. It took me spiritually and intellectually from a place of dull conservatism to one of colourful and joyful possibility.

Also, out on the mission field, having to sleep on mud floors, eat strange foods, travel on the backs of donkeys and pack mules, ward off terrifying insects, cope with arrest at gun point and imprisonment for no reason, minister to people who really needed ministry, help and hope, that sense of adventure and excitement was heightened. I felt as if I was walking in the footsteps of our Lord as he travelled from place to place, with nowhere to lay his head, picking up the pieces of people's lives as he encountered them and at all times showing them, in his every word and action, the love and compassion of God.

What being a missionary taught me was that this faith of ours, Christianity, is not about living safely or staidly, but about taking ourselves out of our comfort zones and finding, in that place of new discovery, God active, alive and well, touching lives, changing situations, making all things new. It's about embracing the enormity of God and the immensity of God's love and allowing our little, finite beings and minds to be stretched by God, who calls us all, in our own circumstances and ways, to get out there, be adventurous, and discover God already at work in our midst.

*Gerry Creaney*

## Autumn Ladies

As you read this Autumn Ladies will have been meeting for a full year, celebrating their anniversary in September. We will have an afternoon tea and some fun in October when Drew, our minister, will be able to join us. This will be an open afternoon inviting members of other groups and the congregation.

We have enjoyed a variety of speakers. Recently we had a very informative talk from Jennifer and Ian, South Lanarkshire Libraries, encouraging us to use our tablets and smart 'phones for library access to their books, magazines etc. You need never go through a library door again! However they have a variety of events organised for all age groups including 'The Closes of Lanark' heritage walk on Friday 8th September.

We held a small plant / floral competition in July and Joan East won with her wonderful floral display which exuded a lot of joy with its vibrant colours. The flowers were all picked from her own garden.

We met in August to support each other with covering and filling our shoe boxes.

On the 13th September we look forward to hearing Paul Archibald from Lanark Museum.

The ladies come and enjoy participating with the speakers, asking many questions. Then they have a cup or two of tea and cake, exchanging news and getting to know each other. Everyone is very welcome to drop in when they can and experience the warm friendship of the group.

*Isobel Malcolm*





## *Prayer Walking Lanark*

Dear friends at Christ Church.

Some of you may know that in May 2021 I did a prayer walk round Clydesdale. I covered some 140 miles over 11 days. Walking through villages and towns and along many country roads. I started in Forth and ended in Wanlochhead. As I walked I prayed blessing, peace, and healing on the land and all the communities I passed through. Other people joined me from time to time and I had lots of interesting conversations along the way.

Since my retirement I have walked the streets of Carluke and the surrounding country roads, again praying blessing, peace and healing on the land and the folks who live there.

Over the last few weeks I have had a deepening desire to begin to pray round Lanark. It was confirmed as I listened to John Wilcox's sermon a couple of Sundays ago as he spoke about sowing the seeds of faith.

So, I am planning to begin to pray around Lanark starting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30-12, and thereafter every 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month {weather permitting of course}.

If anyone is interested in joining me for these gentle walks can you let me know. Mobile: 07597822210 or see me after worship on Sunday and we can arrange a short meeting to plan.

Blessings  
Liz



## *Memory Lane*

Memory Lane continues to go from strength to strength. We have had a few people to entertain us, Rachel Hill, Marilyn Caddell and the other Harp Ladies; The Ukulele Ladies; and Addi Jopp. Drew provides our music and the ladies continue to provide delicious home baking for us.



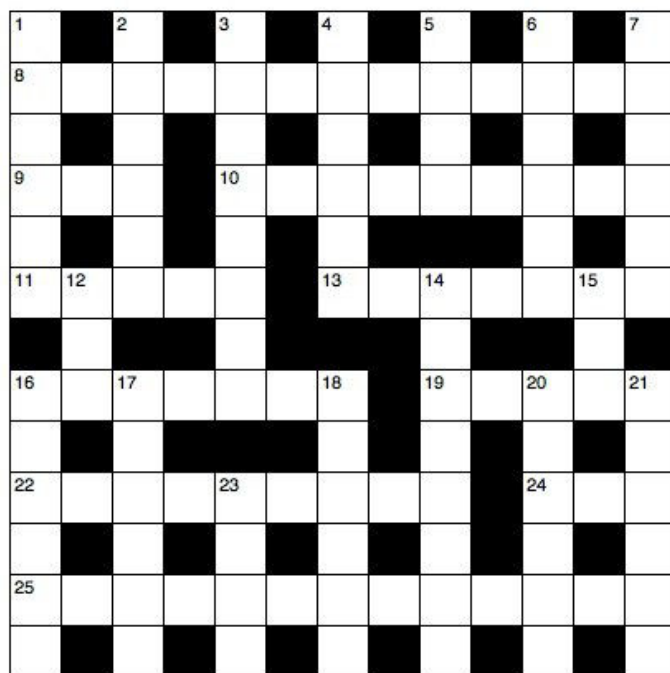
On the 14th June 2023 we were pleasantly surprised when two ladies from the Inner Wheel, Barbara Waters (President) and Janice Coulter (Vice President), arrived and presented us with a cheque for £250 which we very grateful to receive.

The money went towards a boat trip on the Edinburgh Union Canal hosted by Alister and Anne Mackie and the Linlithgow Canal Society. We provided a lovely lunch and a great day out was had by all.

*Gemma Horsburgh*



## A Crossword Puzzle for Rainy Days



### Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)  
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)  
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)  
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)  
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)  
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)  
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)  
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)  
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

### Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)  
 2 See 24 Across  
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)  
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)  
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)  
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)  
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)  
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)  
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)  
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)  
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)  
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)  
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)  
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)  
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)  
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

### Answers (No cheating!)

**ACROSS:** 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

**DOWN:** 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

## Yeek 2023 - Youth Camp

Yeek is a fantastic event for young people of High School age put on by the Scottish Episcopal Church. It's held at Glenalmond College in Perthshire, and people come from everywhere to be a part of it. Like your traditional summer camp.



This year's theme for camp was The Quest. Over the course of a week, we explored various biblical quests, from Noah's ark to Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, to the main question- what was Jesus' quest. We also took time to discuss what challenges and obstacles we might face, and sacrifices that need to be made, as well as the purpose and goals of carrying out quests.

To keep our young people entertained throughout the week we also have many activities for them to do, these often include swimming, treasure hunts, arts and crafts, music, sword fighting and jousting (safely with pool noodles!).

The evenings are spent as a full camp taking part in ceilidhs and discos, fantasy murder mystery's, big quiz and on the final night an open mic night where we see just how talented a bunch we have!

It's a great opportunity to connect with other people in the Pisky church throughout Scotland and provides everyone with a safe space to discuss their faith and what it means to them.

It's always a privilege to be a part of this week, allowing them all to be exactly who they want to be with no judgement.

If you are wondering what happens next.... We are in planning mode for sleepover weekends in various churches over the year for any 12-18 year olds who might be interested in being at camp next year. There is also a pilgrimage to Iona taking place in October that I will be attending with a few other leaders from camp.

More information can be found at [www.yeek.scot](http://www.yeek.scot) and for sleepovers there will hopefully be details coming out on the Scottish episcopal church Facebook page in due course. And the same for the camp next year, applications usually open around January/ February for the camp once they have chosen leaders for it.

*Zara Hobbs*

## Laughter is the Best Medicine

**If biblical headlines were written by today's modern media...**

On Red Sea crossing:  
WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN  
LABOUR STRIKE  
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:  
HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED  
CHAMPION  
Psychologist Questions Influence of  
Rock

On the birth of Christ:  
HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT  
HOMELESS  
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by  
Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:  
ITINERANT PREACHER STEALS  
CHILD'S LUNCH  
Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:  
LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE  
RUINED  
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:  
MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES  
STAMPEDE  
Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:  
FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER  
RAISES A STINK  
Reading of Will Must Now Be  
Delayed

**These exchanges were taken from real-life Courtroom cases...**

Attorney: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?  
Witness: No, this is how I always dress when I go to work.

Attorney: Do you recall the time when you examined the body?  
Witness: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM  
Attorney: And Mr Denton was dead at that time?  
Witness: If not, he was by the time I finished.

Attorney: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?  
Witness: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"



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