



Holy Trinity

Kilmaveonaig



St Andrew's



All Saints'



The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

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August & September 2021



Rectors Reflection – Seed Time and Harvest

I always love this time of year, probably because I was born in September and I love seeing the ripening of the grain in the fields and the fruit on the tree and in the hedgerow. It's a time when you become aware that the days of summer are steadily drawing to a close, that the harvest will come, and after that the winter will be upon us once again. Again it has been a curious year, lockdown, social distancing, not being able to meet families and friends as we used to, and none of us know what the future will bring.

One thing we can be sure of, with all the difficulties and problems, with the pandemic, with poverty and with climate change, we know as God's faithful people, as faithful disciples, God will be with us and if we listen will help and guide us all to do what is right.

One thing however is certain, we need to take action ourselves, whether it be through prayer or through activity, we need to be examples of God's love for all people and the whole of creation.

So this autumn let us all think of ways that, as individuals and as churches, we can be that example for our communities, our environment and for ourselves.

In the words of Teresa of Avila we remember that:

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

With every blessing to you all.
Liz - 22 July

Harvest Festivals

This year because of Covid we will be celebrating Harvest in individual Churches

3 October

Holy Trinity 9.30am,

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am

All Saints at 3.00pm.

10 October at St Andrews 11.15am.



HPLC Services August - October

August		Holy Trinity 9.30am	St.Andrew's 11.15am	Kilmave- onaig 11.15am	All Saints 9.30am	Zoom 6pm
1	Pentecost 10 / Trinity 11	Reserved Sacrament	Matins	Holy Communion	Holy Com- munion	Lesley
8	Pentecost 11 / Trinity 12	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Reserved Sacrament		Rachael
15	Pentecost 12 / Trinity 13	Holy Communion	Reserved Sacra- ment	Holy Communion		Lesley
22	Pentecost 13 / Trinity 14	Reserved Sacrament	Holy Communion	Mattins		
29	Pentecost 14 / Trinity 15	Holy Communion	Joint with Church of Scotland	Holy Communion		Lesley
September						
5	Pentecost 15 / Trinity 16	Reserved Sacrament	Matins	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Lesley
12	Pentecost 16 / Trinity 17	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Reserved Sacrament		Veronica
19	Pentecost 17 / Trinity 18	Holy Communion	Reserved Sacra- ment	Holy Communion		Lesley
26	Pentecost 18 / Trinity 19	Reserved Sacrament	Holy Communion	Harvest & St.Adamnan		Liz
October						
3	Pentecost 19 / Trinity 20	Harvest	Matins	Holy Communion	Harvest at 3 p.m.	No service
10	Pentecost 20 / Trinity 21	Reserved Sacrament	Harvest	Reserved Sacrament		Liz
17	Pentecost 21 / Trinity 22	Holy Communion	Reserved Sacra- ment	Holy Communion		Lesley
24	Pentecost 22 / Trinity 23	Reserved Sacrament	Holy Communion	Mattins		Liz
31	All Saints	Reserved Sacrament	Joint with Church of Scotland	Holy Communion		Rachael

Rachael is on placement at Dunblane from 29 August to 24 October. We wish her well in that new experience.

Sunday 4 July - Garden Opening in aid of St Andrew's Roof at the home of Sally, Patrick and Alice Gordon

It had been raining for most of the night before. I looked out of the window in the morning expecting devastation by water, but that was not the case. Everything looked refreshed.

All was in place for people to arrive at 2pm , thanks to all those who contributed to the Produce Stall, the Teas, the organisers of parking, the welcomers at the gate, and the photographers Jean and Lesley. Many thanks to Lesley too for guiding me through how you open your garden to the public.

No less than 57 people came through the gate and a good sum of money was raised for St Andrew's roof. The takings stand at £581.50 . It was the first occasion that people had been able to chat for a long time so I need not have worried about the weeds at all. Everyone had come to see each other over a cup of tea and delicious cakes . And the rain? It arrived as people were driving away so it was a very blessed day. Thank you again to all the contributors.

Sally Gordon



Our Link with the Diocese of Amazonia

Some of you will be aware that I have recently stepped down as Convenor of the Diocesan Global Partnership Committee and the Reverend Canon Bob Harley has taken over as Convenor. I wrote to Bishop Martinez to introduce Bob, he contacted her and her letter to Bob with details of our partner Diocese of Amazonia is printed below for you to read. Sad to say the Covid Pandemic is seriously affecting all the work they do. Let us keep them and the Diocese of Calcutta and Barrakpore in our prayers.

Dear Bob,

Peace and Goodness. Thank you so much for your kind email! It's a joy to meet you!!

I'm going to introduce you to a little bit about the Anglican Diocese of the Amazonia:

Although the Anglican presence in the Amazon has existed for over a century, the Anglican Diocese of Amazonia is the youngest diocese of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil (IEAB); this year 2021 will complete 15 years of existence. The Anglican missionary action started here in northern Brazil as a chaplaincy for the English-speaking people; later this entire region was linked to the Anglican Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, later it was linked to the Anglican Diocese of Recife. In the year 2000 it transformed into a Missionary District, and in 2006 it was finally elevated to the status of Diocese.

The territorial area of the Anglican Diocese of Amazonia is extensive. The Diocese is composed of 5 states in the Brazilian Amazon region (Acre, Amazonas, Amapá, Pará and Roraima); its territorial extension is equivalent to 42.27% of the Brazilian national territory. If the Anglican Diocese of the Amazon were a country, it would be the seventh largest country in the world.

We have 3 parishes, 2 missions and 5 Evangelization Points spread across 3 of the 5 states that make up the Diocese. Some of our communities do not have any structure, there is no Temple - celebrations are held under trees, in riverine/quilombo communities, in indigenous areas, or in the backyards of people's homes. To reach the most distant community I have to travel 30 hours by boat in, let's say, precarious conditions.

We only have 6 clerics. The diocesan staff has only 2 people and me. All committees and services in the Church are staffed by volunteers.

We are a small Church, but very active and socially engaged. We are part of all the ecumenical and Interreligious dialogue committees in the region.

With the support of Mission to Seafarers, we have pastoral care in 3 different ports in the Amazon (unfortunately, in view of the Pandemic, this year we are finding it difficult to access the ships).

We work with children on the opposite of school hours in the city of Ulianópolis (in the interior of the state of Pará), we have support and advocacy actions with indigenous peoples in the state of Amazonas, we are supporting the work with indigenous women artisans in Manaus, and we also carry out training courses for indigenous youth so that they can enter universities. We support LGBT communities, we have humanitarian action and solidarity economy with Venezuelan refugees in Belém, and also a reforestation project called Planting Lives.

In this region there are large cities with more than 2 million inhabitants (such as Belém and Manaus), and as in all large centers we have problems with drugs (legal and illegal), violence, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, violence against women, people in extreme poverty. Even with so many social inequalities, the Amazon is in a culturally rich region with a fantastic biodiversity, where there are many colours, smells and tastes that characterize the Brazilian plurality, our people are very cheerful and hospitable.

The work here is hard, the challenges are enormous, but where there are great challenges there are also great opportunities.

This is, in general terms, a quick overview of the Anglican Diocese of the Amazonia. Anyone who gets involved with this small portion of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Amazon falls in love!

I hope that once this pandemic is over you can put a visit to the Amazon on your agenda.

Please forgive me if this email is too confusing, I am writing in english with the help of google translator.

God bless your life and your mission!

Please convey my embrace and affection to Bishop Ian and all the people and clergy of the Diocese of St. Andrews.

Fraternally in Christ.

+Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto

*Bispa da Diocese Anglicana da Amazônia,
da Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.*

A Final Year – Rachael Wright, Ordinand in Training

I'm not quite sure how it has happened, but I appear to be embarking on my final year as a student and ordinand, that is, my final year on placement here in the Highland Perthshire Linked Charge. This time next year I will be preparing to begin curacy: another three years of further formation and training as an ordained Deacon and, later, Priest.

But before any of that, there are another twelve months here to go and I have every hope that they will be full of exciting and interesting things both in the charge and elsewhere. I want to ensure that the Serenity Garden continues long after me, that we build on the success of last year's outdoor Station of the Cross, that I bring some of the academic work I've been doing on church growth and mission into the real world, and that with your help I continue to grow in capability and confidence in all the work of a priest.

Something new for this year are external placements. One of them should have happened earlier this year (thank you covid) but has been moved to September, the other will take place in the spring. For six weeks from September 5th to October 10th I will be working with the ministry team and congregation at St Mary's Church, Dunblane. This gives me the opportunity to see how a church that is quite different to any of ours works. St Mary's is a sole charge for one thing, so no travelling required. It's attached to a primary school and has a large hall that hosts lots of community activities. They currently run four different kinds of service on a Sunday: a traditional holy communion, a sung Eucharist, a children's messy church, and a reflective night service. So, there is a lot there for me to observe and learn from and I am hopeful that it will be a fulfilling time of refreshment that gives me plenty of ideas to being back to HPLC! I shall miss you all but am only a phonecall or email away if you'd like to be in touch during that time.

A second placement in the spring of 2022 will not take me away from HPLC nearly quite so much as it will be a mid-week placement in a chaplaincy context. This is still being worked out (and if anyone has contacts in prison or healthcare chaplaincy please do let me know) but will be another great opportunity for me to learn more about the role of a chaplain and hopefully learn from them about the important work of pastoral care in often very difficult situations.

On top of this I continue in my academic work. This year I will complete a dissertation of 15,000 words on *"Self-care amongst Scottish Episcopalian clergy working in fragile, rural churches"*, as well as courses in New Testament, Christian Doctrine and Reflective Practice. Oh! And I'm the chair of the student body chapter at the Institute, so plenty to be getting on with!

I believe in ending things well so have no intention of just letting year three peter out and fizzle to nothing. I will work hard until the very end, a day that shall be very sad indeed. Thank you all for your continued support in words, deeds, and prayers. I truly appreciate and treasure it all.

Rachael



The Serenity Garden Holy Trinity Pitlochry

We would love for you to join us as we create and care for this beautiful space for our community. A small group meets every Thursday from 1030am for morning prayer, or afterwards at 11, to work on the garden. All tools are provided, as is a cup of tea! Whether you're an expert gardener, a total novice, or really only interested in some fresh air and chat with friends, please do come along!

The Serenity Garden

The concept of a garden at Holy Trinity has existed for a long time and, even before I (Rachael) arrived, the Bishop inaugurated it with a cherry tree. The vision for it has always been about creating a place which helps people to connect with God through nature, arts, and community. This hasn't been straightforward thanks to covid but now the major groundworks are completed we have a space that can facilitate all of those things. Already we've been home to Holy Trinity's outdoor Stations of the Cross, had performances from the Pitlochry Festival Theatre, and hosted rehearsals of the Pitlochry Choral Society - so if you have ideas for who and what else might use it please get in touch! Volunteers are present on Thursday mornings and all are welcome to join us for some gardening (no expertise required) and usually a cup of tea (if you're interested but Thursdays don't suit you please do contact Rachael).



The Bishop's Tree
March 2020

Rachael



- first the Bishop's tree



March 2020



Spring 2021 - first bulbs



June 2021 Groundworks begin - Planters finished first





The Celtic Cross comes to life
Photographs by Agnes & Pam



Poetry Please.

I found this rather amusing poem by John Betjeman entitled 'Blame the Vicar' a cautionary tale if ever I heard one. Liz

Blame the Vicar

When things go wrong it's rather tame
To find we are ourselves to blame,
It gets the trouble over quicker
To go and blame things on the Vicar.
The Vicar, after all, is paid
To keep us bright and undismayed.
The Vicar is more virtuous too
Than lay folks such as me and you.
He never swears, he never drinks,
He never should say what he thinks.
His collar is the wrong way round,
And that is why he's simply bound
To be the sort of person who
Has nothing very much to do
But take the blame for what goes wrong
And sing in tune at Evensong.
For what's a Vicar really for
Except to cheer us up? What's more,
He shouldn't ever, ever tell
If there is such a place as Hell,
For if there is it's certain he
Will go to it as well as we.
The Vicar should be all pretence
And never, never give offence.
To preach on Sunday is his task
And lend his mower when we ask
And organize our village fetes
And sing at Christmas with the waits
And in his car to give us lifts
And when we quarrel, heal the rifts.
To keep his family alive
He should industriously strive
In that enormous house he gets,
And he should always pay his debts,
For he has quite six pounds a week,
And when we're rude he should be meek
And always turn the other cheek.

He should be neat and nicely dressed
 With polished shoes and trousers pressed,
 For we look up to him as higher
 Than anyone, except the Squire.
 Dear People, who have read so far,
 I know how really kind you are,
 I hope that you are always seeing
 Your Vicar as a human being,
 Making allowances when he
 Does things with which you don't agree.
 But there are lots of people who
 Are not so kind to him as you.
 So in conclusion you shall hear
 About a parish somewhat near,
 Perhaps your own or maybe not,
 And of the Vicars that it got.
 One parson came and people said,
 "Alas! Our former Vicar's dead!
 And this new man is far more 'Low'
 Than dear old Reverend so-and-so,
 And far too earnest in his preaching,
 We do not really like his teaching,
 He seems to think we're simply fools
 Who've never been to Sunday Schools."
 That Vicar left, and by and by
 A new one came, "He's much too 'High',"
 The people said, "too like a saint,
 His incense makes our Mavis faint."
 So now he's left and they're alone
 Without a Vicar of their own.
 The living's been amalgamated
 With one next door they've always hated.
 Dear readers, from this rhyme take warning,
 And if you heard the bell this morning
 Your Vicar went to pray for you,
 A task the Prayer Book bids him do.
 "Highness" or "Lowness" do not matter,
 You are the Church and must not scatter,
 Cling to the Sacraments and pray
 And God be with you every day.

John Betjeman 1906-1984

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In addition to notices, relevant and interesting articles are welcome.

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Holy Trinity 9.30am
St Andrews 11.15am
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All Saints – Closed

Zoom Services:

Thursdays at 10.30 am
Sundays at 6.00pm.

Please check our Website for weekly details www.hplc.scot

Sundays and other Festivals

August

Sunday 1 August	Pentecost 10
Friday 6 August	The Transfiguration
Sunday 8 August	Pentecost 11
Sunday 15 August	Pentecost 12
Monday 16 August	St Mary the Virgin
Sunday 22 August	Pentecost 13
Tuesday 24 August	St Bartholomew Apostle
Sunday 29 August	Pentecost 14

September

Sunday 5 September	Pentecost 15
Sunday 12 September	Pentecost 16
Tuesday 14 September	Holy Cross Day
Sunday 19 September	Pentecost 17
Tuesday 21 September	St Matthew Evangelist
Sunday 26 September	Pentecost 18
Wednesday 29 September	St Michael & All Angels