



The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge



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

Rector - The Reverend Canon Liz Baker

August & September 2022



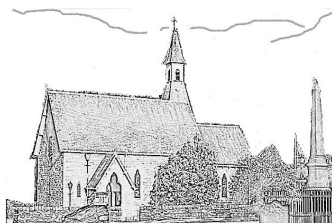
Holy Trinity



Kilmaveonaig



St Andrew's



All Saints'



Rectors Reflection ' Beginnings and Endings'

I am writing this as I prepare to go on holiday, to visit family and friends, many of whom we have not seen for the last 3 years. It will be strange to see how life and time has treated them all, I know that some are now getting older, frail and in poor health and this may be the last time we see them, so a time of endings. It is a time of ending in the HPLC too, for this August we say goodbye to Rachael, who has been our Ordinand in Training since 2019.

But for Rachael it is also a time of new beginning as she is ordained and starts work in her Curacy at St Mary's Dunblane.

So a time of beginnings and endings. It is bittersweet, but it is also very much the way of life. Lives begin and end, holidays begin and end, changes will always come. When writing for the last newsletter Ascension Day was upon us, the ending of Jesus' earthly ministry, and so within the Gospel Story we have as it were the ultimate of beginnings and ending. God comes to us as the baby in the manger and finally after death and resurrection ends his earthly journey.

But after Ascension, comes Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit of God, forever and for all times to be with us and to support and guide us. After an ending, a new beginning.

"In my End is my Beginning..." This is the saying which Mary Queen of Scots embroidered on her cloth of estate whilst in prison in England and is the theme running through her life. It sums up why we should not fear endings, fear change and chance for who knows what new beginnings may lie ahead.

Today we are moving through uncertain and troubled times, but let us hold firm to the truth that with God, although endings and trouble may come, there are always new beginnings and always hope.

With many blessing to you all for the summer and always.

Liz Baker
July 2022

A very fond farewell...

My dear friends, the time for me to say goodbye fast approaches. It has been a remarkable three years which I shall forever be grateful for and never forget.

You have taught me a great deal: from ensuring that I can be heard in the back pew, to how to iron the altar linens; from how to lead a team and negotiate with contractors, to the importance of small acts of kindness and quiet cups of tea; from how to use Zoom, to the singing of Mattins! It's been three years of such depth and breadth that these practical points of learning cannot encapsulate the growth I (and others) have seen in myself. The most important thing that I have learned is difficult to describe but it dwells somewhere in the midst of calling, capability, and worth. You have taught me it through your welcome and hospitality, the warmth of your smiles when I preach, the pleasantly surprised tone when it's me on the telephone. You've taught me it by letting me be part of your lives, sharing with me the good times and the difficult ones, and by making me a part of this wonderful, warm, community.

Thank you for all of your courage in accepting a student, all of your sacrifices in finance and prayer, and all of your openness and warmth in drawing Charlotte and I in. Thank you for letting me try things, and for letting me fail. Thank you for loving me so very well.

I shall miss you all very much. In some ways I feel like we're just getting started! But I know that I am not crucial to the continuing, you've very much got that in hand. Have courage my friends and stand firm in the love of God who can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. Thanks be to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit!

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1.3-6

With much love and many prayers

Rachael x

Services & Events in the Charge August & September

AUGUST

Holy Trinity Church, Pitlochry

Sunday services – Normally 9.30am Holy Communion or All Age Communion

Thursday Services – 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmaveonaig, Bridge of Tilt, Blair Atholl

Sundays at 11.15am – First Sunday All Age Communion third Sundays, Holy Communion. Second and fourth Sundays Matins/ Morning Prayer or Communion by Extension

St Andrew's, Church, Strathtay

Sundays at 11.15am - First Sundays Mattins, second and fourth Sundays Holy Communion; third Sundays Service of the Word/ Communion by Extension; fifth Sundays Joint Service Church of Scotland.

28 August – 11.15am Holy Communion with Bishop Ian

All Saints, Kinloch Rannoch Square

7 August– 9.30am Holy Communion



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 21 August is the day that Rachael's Placement with us ends, we are holding a Garden Party at 3.00pm at Holy Trinity to celebrate her successful completion of her course and to wish her well for her future h journeys. Most of you will have now received an invitation, please RSVP for catering purposes.

Congratulations to Rachael

Who has passed with flying colour and will be Ordained Deacon at St Ninians on 2 October at 3.00pm. Rachael will serve her Curacy at St Mary's Dunblane, with Reverend Nerys Brown.

So please put Sunday 2 October in your diaries, we will investi-

SEPTEMBER (Creationtide)

Holy Trinity Church, Pitlochry

Sunday services – Normally 9.30am Holy Communion or All Age Communion

Thursday Services – 10.30am Morning Prayer

26 September Joint Service for the Feast of St Adamnan 11.15am at Kilmaveonaig

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All Saints, Kinloch Rannoch Square

4 September – 9.30am Holy Communion

26 September – 3.00pm Harvest Festival for all the Family

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HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE JULIAN MEETING

(New for Autumn 2022)

Contact Liz 01796 472005 for further details, held monthly on Wednesdays.

Meeting at 2.30pm Wednesday 7 September
at Holy Trinity (hopefully in the Garden)



Julian Meetings are Ecumenical, foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer and meditation in the Christian tradition, and encourage people to practise contemplative prayer and meditation in their daily lives. All very welcome.

News from the Diocese

From Bishop Ian and the Diocesan Global Gathering planning team
Please plan to attend our Diocesan Global Gathering at the Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 4 September to connect and reconnect with others throughout our diocese, and to learn about and celebrate what is going on around the world among our partners!

Like the last Gathering we had in October 2019, everyone is invited to come to the Cathedral following their Sunday morning worship, and to bring a picnic lunch around 1.30pm (teas and coffees will be provided). From 2pm there will be activities and at the end of the afternoon there will be tea. The Gathering will close with Choral Evensong, from 16.45pm until approximately 17.30pm.

This will be a 'Global Gathering', Bishop Ian Paton will give the Diocese a report about the Lambeth Conference, taking place in Canterbury now and into early August. We are hopeful that our partner bishops from Amazonia and Calcutta will join us by video link - they were not able to visit us before Lambeth as they did last time, because of Covid.

The theme of Lambeth this year is 'God's Church for God's World.' Please remind your congregation about the Lambeth Conference website - www.lambethconference.org - where there is much more information about the theme, the scripture set for the conference (1 Peter), and a guide to praying for the Conference and the Bishops who are coming from all around the world to attend.

Our Global Gathering will be about more than Lambeth, as Bishop Ian hopes that every church in the Diocese will come prepared with some photos and stories to contribute to an exhibition around the Cathedral celebrating any links they have with the worldwide Church. These can be 'official', but also personal links people have made. Bishop Ian hopes there could be many to be seen on 4th September.

Please complete a registration form (the Rector will send you the Link) if you can contribute to the exhibition display with your own stories or materials about your personal links and/or any congregational engagement with the worldwide church. Let's fill the cathedral with our global connections and stories!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Global Gathering please get in touch with Global Partnership Group Convener, Robert Harley: Robert.Harley@gmx.co.uk.

Bishop Ian looks forward to seeing you on the 4th September
Every blessing,

The Global Gathering Group Planning Team

DIOCESAN GLOBAL GATHERING

Sunday 4th September
St Ninians Cathedral Perth
13:30-17:30
Bring your own lunch,
Tea and Coffee will be provided.

- Come to our Diocesan Global Gathering to meet with friends from around the Diocese
- Hear from Bishop Ian news from the Lambeth Conference.
- Find out what is happening in our Partner Dioceses by hearing from the Bishops of Calcutta and Amazonia
- Join us for Choral Evensong



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information



**LAMBETH
CONFERENCE**
God's Church for God's world





Doubling Dawkins

Following the publication of the amazing images from the James Webb Telescope, I remembered this poem I wrote several years ago, pondering on the nature of the universe and the relationship between science and God.

Part 1

Seeds

Ghost of heaven, steal across the sky,
and leave your blazing trail across the night,
dimming the stars and travelling through the void of space
to seed all future worlds with life and hope.
Your fragments spilling forth, fall now like passing raindrops
and gather into wondrous cosmic puddles,
wombs of planets and the galaxies.
You are a wanderer, an eternal voyager,
who seeks within the depths of time and space,
the stars the very fabric of the cosmos,
and all its wonders yet unseen.
You are creator and destroyer of all things,
a mighty hand that rides a comets tail,
and finds in some encounter with a fragile star,
the depths of chaos, and from this a multitude is born.

Part 2

Spiral Dance

It is a quiet night, a night of stillness and of stars,
where every breath runs crying to the moon.
A time of darkness, darkness shadowing all,
so light is now extinguished, yet its hidden pulse beats strong.
Put not your trust in darkness, nor in light,
in the unending stars or silver moon,
but follow now the pathways through the dust,
the dust of ancient comet tails, of those primeval galaxies,
that wax and wane across the passing years,
that vanish into past and future worlds,
to reappear within another time and space.
See now the stuff of legends and of myth
of might heroes whose heroic deeds
Were writ within the morning dew.
Whose golden sandals, fabric of a thousand suns
once trod unknowing rocks,
where deep in mossy ways the bones of men and beast do lie,
immortal now beyond the seeking eye.

But for a moment pause, and feel the wind
that blows beyond all mortal seas, bringing the word
that with its still small voice, reaches across the deeps of time and
space
calling to all, to men and stars alike.
The thread is drawn, a double helix twines,
the spiral is complete, its end beginning
where beginnings cease, until in timeless pause it turns
and dances back again, there in Godlike stance
to prophecy and offer all unto the game of chance.
Chance waits evolving slowly until bring time into
the vast equation of creation, it waits searching for meaning,
until all meanings cease, and we are left bereft
with questions all unanswered.
Children beware, you children of the stars,
you dreaming dust, you everlasting quest,
for in your quest you yet may find a truth and finding
see that all is not what seems to be.
And so you sleep uneasy, dream of paradoxes strange,
but do not fear, for doubt is but the seekers path to truth.
Be still, divest all thoughts, extinguish visions, for everything is dust
upon the wind if chance and change they say.
Yet we do find that God does walk among us still,
and all must pause to gaze in wonder at the sight.

Part 3.

Harvest

The reaper comes and stands amid the alien corn,
and past the faces of a thousand million suns, the darkness falls.
Earth's veil is torn, her temple now pulled down
within the whirlwind and the fire.
Oh harvester of stars, at last we see your face,
and tremble for the agonies you bring.
The rocks cry mercy and the farthest star shivers and is gone
and darkness reigns again, but for a tiny spark,
a voice that whispers low across the formless and infinite void
"In the beginning.....God"

Update from the Climate Change Group

The climate group has now completed the energy footprint analyser for all four churches and submitted them to the diocese. The EFA calculates a baseline annual carbon footprint for energy use only, and we need to aim to reduce this to zero over the next eight years. Progress will be monitored by the diocese to see how we're doing in relation to the SEC's 2030 zero carbon target. The baseline carbon footprint for each of the four churches is:



St Andrews: 1.45 tonnes
Kilmaveonaig: 797 kg
Holy Trinity: 13.1 tonnes
All Saints: 600 kg

The amounts reflect usage, but clearly the biggest challenge is for Holy Trinity, which is the only church in the charge using gas central heating. As already noted, Holy Trinity has plans to install a HIVE system to allow us to better control our heating, and will look to install an eco-friendly heating source by the end of the decade.

Two of the four churches already have green electricity, and the other two will look to switch when current contracts are up.

It's also worth noting that Kilmaveonaig is also registered as an eco-congregation.

The climate change group met on 19 May and we're currently working on completing the SEC carbon checklist for each church. This asks us to consider how we:

- Reduce energy use & improve efficiency, for example by insulating & using smart thermostats
- Move from oil and gas to alternative heating sources
- Reduce transport emissions for clergy & congregation
- Develop a carbon friendly purchasing policy, reduce waste by recycling & repurposing & elimination single use plastics
- Invest ethically, following SEC policy
- Promote biodiversity & conservation in our church grounds
- Focus on climate preservation & climate justice in our worship
- Raise awareness of the climate crisis among out congregations and communities
- Educate ourselves by working in partnership with expert organisations.

We are conscious that we need to consider together how to address the eco-footprint of the rectory.

Local Events:

Aberfeldy climate café is organizing a Food Waste Action Week for 19 –24 September. Contact the Aberfeldy climate café for more information: [Climate Café Aberfeldy – Climate Café®](#) (email: aberfeldyclimatecafe@gmail.com)

Pitlochry climate café is organizing a number of events for climate week, beginning 26th September, including a composting project and a zero-waste festival focused on food waste. Contact the Pitlochry climate café for more information: [Home \(pitlochrycc.co.uk\)](http://Home.pitlochrycc.co.uk)

Pitlochry has started a “Lend and Tend” scheme which matches garden owners who have spare garden space with people looking for space to grow things. If you’re interested in either lending or using space, contact Joyce Veheary on 07504 488873. The scheme is supported by voluntary donations.

A bit further afield, there will be an eco-festival in Inverness on 27 August, at: St Columba's church field, Dores Road, Inverness, IV2 4XT, from 1-4pm. There will be activities for all ages, but beware of limited parking!

Finally, we wanted to share an act of commitment from the Laudato Si' movement:

We commit ourselves:

- To love and cherish the beautiful gift of the earth, our common home.
- To have respect for one another, for earth and its creatures.
- To do our part to stop further decline in the health of our planet by the way we live our lives.
- To be grateful for the beauty and goodness of creation around us.
- To be thankful for Mother earth who nourishes us every day.
That together as one family may we always sing your praises

Val Holtom



Mingulay — 'The Near St Kilda'

We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit Mingulay two weeks ago, while holidaying on Barra. It is possibly best known for the "Mingulay Boat Song"; a song written by Sir Hugh S. Robertson (founder of The Glasgow Orpheus Choir) in the 1930s. The song describes fishermen sailing homeward to the isle of Mingulay, where their families wait.

Mingulay can be accessed in the right conditions by boat tours and charters from neighbouring islands including Barra and Uist. A boisterous journey of just over an hour took us to the east side of the island, where, with a little help, we disembarked onto rocks (there is no jetty) and then climbed up a slope to the only restored habitable building, where the seasonal ranger lives, and to where many tracks lead off in various directions towards the top of the cliffs and to the slopes where the puffins nest in burrows.

The island, largest of the Bishop's Isles', 4 kilometres long by 3 kilometres wide, is now owned by the National Trust of Scotland and lies at the southern tip of the Outer Hebrides. It has three distinct hills, grassy meadows and virtually no trees. Abandoned by its last inhabitants 110 years ago due to the lack of a sheltered landing, its history stretches over seven millennia; there are Iron Age remains and the culture of the island was influenced by early Christianity and the Vikings. The island is sometimes known as 'The Near St Kilda' as they share similarities. The final Gaelic speaking residents cast off for neighbouring Vatersay in 1912 abandoning their village homes whose foundations still stand as a reminder of a way of life lost to the unceasing onslaught of the Atlantic elements.

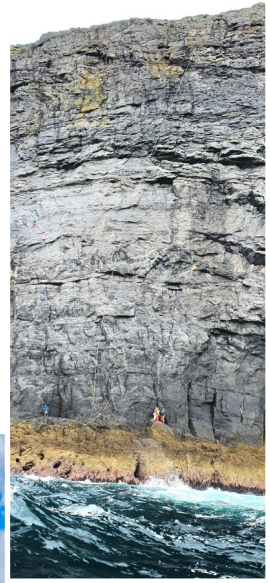
While no longer a permanent home to Hebridean islanders, Mingulay still provides a rich habitat for birdlife, with the towering 273 metre Càrnán cliffs providing protected breeding grounds for fulmars, guillemots, kittiwakes, oystercatchers, puffins, razorbills and terns. Tragically, the first cases of avian flu have reached the island and we were understandably restricted in where we could wander, with signs and ropes to protect the breeding grounds.

The views over the stunning beach, the abandoned village and sea were spectacular especially as the sun shone and the breeze was warm.

After spending nearly 3 hours ashore bird watching, walking (and swimming!), we alighted our boat again and amidst wild seas completed a circumnavigation of the island and witnessed the enormous cliffs on the Atlantic side. This was a 'treat' as seeing the Atlantic coast is dependent on weather and sea conditions and we were astonished to see rock climbers braving the huge cliff-face where the inhabitants had scaled for seabirds as food over 100 years ago!

Seonaid Hastie Smith

Can you see the rock climbers?



Our dryrobes were useful on the journey home



We swam with seals!

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

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HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LINKED CHARGE SERVICES

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Service Times:

Holy Trinity 9.30am

St Andrews 11.15am

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am

All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

Events

Holy Trinity Serenity Garden Group – Tuesdays 11.00am am and Open Church with Coffee and Conversation. All welcome

St Andrews House Group – Last Wednesday of the month contact Ms. Lesley Whitwood 01887 840416 for details

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services

Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

August

Saturday 6	The Transfiguration
Sunday 7	Pentecost 9
Sunday 14	Pentecost 10
Monday 15	St Mary, the Virgin
Sunday 21	Pentecost 11
Wednesday 24	St Bartholomew Apostle
Sunday 28	Pentecost 12

September

Sunday 4	Pentecost 13
Sunday 11	Pentecost 14
Wednesday 14	Holy Cross Day
Sunday 18	Pentecost 15
Wednesday 21	St Matthew Evangelist
Sunday 25	Pentecost 16