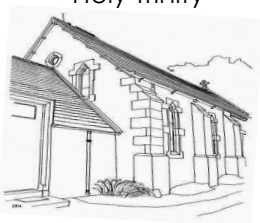




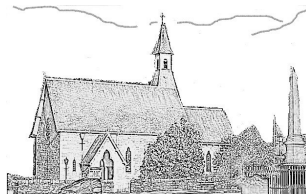
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**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

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April & May 2022



Rectors Reflection - Through all the changing scenes of life

"Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ. " *Charles Wesley*

So goes the hymn and I can't help thinking as we approach another Holy Week and Easter of the changes we have seen, and the world has seen, in the past 2 years.

Most of our practices in church have subtly changed, technology, mask wearing, how we take communion, how we interact with each other. All forced upon us by circumstances out of our control. But other things have changed too, the world order, again out of our control. It has been, and is, a time of great change. But let us not forget that Easter is a time of change, a time when the culmination of the life of Jesus of Nazareth reaches the complete fulfilment of its purpose in the Cross and Resurrection.

It's the journey that we follow from the moment the Angel appears to Mary.

A moment,
a millisecond
but the blink of an eye,
missed by all but one.
That forever time
when the stars pulsed in harmony,
when all the galaxies
slowed in their whirling.
That zenith when all the universes turned
and looked this way,
the infinite focal point.
The Word, they had heard,
that set them on their course
was whispering once more.
Vast love, they recalled, had
formed life from the void
and flung them into an eternal dance.
The nod of a head.
The swoop of the Spirit.

And in that instant,
the cosmos sighed,
the angels sang
and God started to knit
together a layette of flesh
and Word.

*Annunciation poem by the Rev Kirstin Freeman(Diocesan Makar,
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway).*

From that moment on everything changes, ordinary lives are turned upside down. Now its very clear that the people who witnessed, who were involved in the Incarnation were not happy about change, after all it's human nature to want to cling to the illusion of stability we have when expectations and life seems stable, for change disrupts, challenges and disturbs us.

But the truth is that change always happens, to us, as we grow, to the world, to the cosmos, nothing remains the same as it always was. Except of course the love of God for all of creation.

So as we prepare to celebrate once again the Easter Feasts let us remember that we are called to follow Christ, not to stand still, to embrace the challenge of change as God's Pilgrim People, to move into the future, not to look back with longing at the past.

I know that the future is a strange country that none will recognise, but we can venture into the unknown, safe in the knowledge that 'through all the changing scenes of life' God will be with us as promised as we continue to 'knit a layette' of faith and love In Jesus name.

Liz Baker
March 2022

Lent Course

"In the way of St. Adamnan" 2.30pm at Holy Trinity.

6th April – Journey and growth

This is open to all the churches in the charge and the other churches of the area so please come along and bring a friend.

Open Church Coffee & Chat Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

With prayers for Ukraine

Serenity Garden Group Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Holy Week and Easter

Monday 11 April Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Trinity & Zoom

Monday 11 April Prayer Walk 2.30pm at St Andrews Strathtay

Tuesday 12 April Stations of the Cross 2.30pm Holy Trinity

Wednesday 13 April Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Trinity & Zoom

Wednesday 13 April Lent Lunch 12.45pm Church Hall, Blair Atholl.

Book your place with Lavinia 01796 481230.

Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Washing and Watch 7.00pm

Chrism Eucharist, Maundy Thursday 14 April,

11.00 am at the Cathedral All members of the Diocese are invited to join them.

Lunch will be provided, so please let the Diocesan Office know (bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org) if you and others from your church will be coming, and if you have special dietary needs.

Good Friday Christingle 10.30am Holy Trinity (Serenity Garden)

Good Friday Open Church & Final Hour 12noon to 3.00pm Holy Trinity

Good Friday The Final Hour 2.00pm All Saints & St Andrews

Good Friday At the Foot of the Cross 7.00pm Kilmaveonaig

Holy Saturday The Vigil Service 8.00pm Holy Trinity

Easter Day Easter Fire 7.00am St Andrews (followed by Breakfast)

Normal times for Service on Palm Sunday and Easter Day – No Service at All Saints

Palm Sunday – Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Trinity,

11.15am St Andrews

11.15am Reserved Sacrament Kilmaveonaig

Easter Day – Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Trinity,

11.15am Kilmaveonaig,

11.15am St Andrews Reserved Sacrament

Next Communion Service at All Saints

All Saints – Holy Communion 9.30am 3rd April & 1st May

Ascension Day 26th May – Holy Communion Holy Trinity 10.30am

29 May (5th Sunday) 10.30am All Saints Joint Service .

11.15am St Andrews Joint Service with Church of Scotland

PRADIP “PADDY” DATTA
MBE MS FRCS, retired
Caithness consultant surgeon

The congregation at St. Andrew's join with many others to pay tribute to Paddy who has been a great supporter of this church. He donated this sculpture and proceeds from the sale of his autobiography have contributed to our plans to improve disabled access to the church.

Born in Calcutta (now Kolkata), Paddy was keen from an early age to enter the medical profession. His mother told him that his first words were "I want to be a doctor".



He arrived in the UK in 1967 with £1 10s in his pocket and had spells in various parts of the country before taking a job at the Bignold – despite having no idea where it was when he applied in 1980. He spent 25 years working in Wick, first at the Bignold Hospital and then at Caithness General. Paddy was very determined to gain all the right qualifications to make his way in the medical world but he experienced many set backs in trying to secure the promotions commensurate with his qualifications. He didn't want to be just an FRCS [Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons] in London – he wanted to be an FRCS in Dublin, he wanted to be an FRCS in Edinburgh... He was going to go to the top of his profession. This inspired him to offer help to others who found the same problems. Young surgeons would come from around the world to be trained by him in his adopted country.

He was also a renowned sportsman, winning multiple squash championships locally.

Paddy suffered a life-changing stroke in 2017 and was supported afterwards by his friend Loretta Reynolds, our church treasurer,

along with carers. He spent his last few months at Pentland View care home in Thurso and passed away there on Saturday 26 March at the age of 81.

In 2020 he published his memoirs, entitled *The Naked Mountain Lands*, a detailed and often humorous account of his life in the 50-plus years after he left his native India. Sales of the book have raised thousands of pounds for his three chosen charities.

He was described as an outstanding professional, a man of integrity and "just a great person". We at St. Andrew's were privileged to have him visiting us and being so generous to our church.

Lesley Whitwood

"When God Created Mothers"

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius," said the angel.

Sombrely, God said, "I didn't put it there."

(Lesley submitted this article the day following Mothers' Day but I felt it was too good to wait a year!!

Editor)



Update from the Climate Change Group

If you do not have access to the online version of the newsletter & would like further information about the linked websites please get in touch with Val (01796 549235). If you have internet access and have not received the online copy via email please email Seonaidhs@blueyonder.co.uk

So February and March have felt a bit busier on the climate change front. The church's climate change group met on 16 Feb and spent some time really trying to pin down how to do a good carbon footprint. We also spent some time thinking about how we might be able to encourage biodiversity around our churches, in our grounds & graveyards. The good news is that the group has grown a bit, & now has members from Kilmaveonaig and St Andrews, as well as Holy Trinity. It feels really positive to be able to share our ideas & mull over the stuff that feels difficult! Our next meeting will be in April, after Easter – all welcome, if anyone's interested, please get in touch.

Carbon Footprints

We've been working on getting carbon footprints done for Holy Trinity, Kilmaveonaig and St Andrews. We also want to do one for All Saints at Kinloch Rannoch, and for the rectory.

We've found the good thing about working on the carbon footprints is partly about the process – it really helps us to understand what activities make up our carbon footprint, & what actions we might take to reduce it. We think our baseline footprint for Holy Trinity is about 14 metric tonnes of carbon a year, and the biggest part of that is energy – so we have a number of actions that we want to look at to try and get our energy usage down. But there are other areas such as waste, buying and spending money, food and drink, which we also need to think about.

We've also been looking at doing individual carbon footprints at home – there are a lot of tools out there to help with this, and some of them are really easy and straightforward. We've discovered that you do get somewhat different results from different tools, but the key bit is to understand what it is in our life that creates carbon so that we can think about what we might want to change.

It's worth knowing, perhaps, that the average carbon footprint for someone in the UK is 12 metric tonnes a year – to beat climate

change, ie to keep global warming to under 1.5 degrees by 2030, we'd need to be getting that down to about 2.5. That sounds a bit scary, 'though it isn't impossible if we think differently. But to be honest, every little bit helps - & we think the key message is that we probably shouldn't get too hung up on the numbers, but focus on thinking about how we live & what changes we can and want to make.

So we're keen to get other people to have a go at doing their own carbon footprint, so that we can begin to understand across the charge what carbon footprints are about, & maybe get a bit of a conversation going. So – please have a go! Here are some options:

- ◇ Climate hero, fun & easy to do – take 5 mins:
[Carbon Calculator - Climate Hero](#)
- ◇ WWF – still quite easy but a bit more serious:
[Climate Crisis Fund | WWF UK](#)
- ◇ Climate stewards – this offers an individual calculator from the same organisation that provides the church calculator (recommended by the diocese):
[Carbon Calculators - Climate Stewards](#)

Diocesan Climate Change Committee

3 people from the charge attended the diocesan study morning on 24th February, which was a great event. We all picked up lots of tips and ideas – like the fact that not eating hothouse-grown tomatoes between November & May saves one tonne of carbon - & putting hippos in your toilet cistern to save water when you flush [Hippo the Water Saver \(hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk\)](#) saves 1.64 kgs of carbon a year. There was also a really interesting presentation about the renovation of the rectory in Aberfoyle, with a focus on making it as energy efficient as possible.

The other piece of good news is that the long-awaited SEC climate change toolkit is now out! Packed with useful information on resources, a toolkit and a template for an action plan. Here's a quote from the foreword by Mark, our Primus:

"Communities across the world are living with the devastating impacts as changes take place in the environment around them, with those

least responsible for the climate and ecological crises being affected the most. Food becomes harder to produce, sea levels rise and drought hits – to name just a few of these impacts; these are not imagined threats of the future, these are things happening now to our brothers and sisters across the world. As part of God's creation and as part of the body of Christ we have a responsibility not only for what happens on our doorstep but also for what happens to the whole of God's creation."

Here's a link to the toolkit:

[Towards Net Zero 2030: Toolkit and Checklist - The Scottish Episcopal Church \(anglican.org\)](#)

Eco tips and local information:

1. Perth and Kinross Council have also just set up their own climate change website, called Perth and Kinross Climate Action. Here's the link:

[Perth and Kinross Climate Action \(pkclimateaction.co.uk\)](#)

2. Both Pitlochry and Aberfeldy have Climate Cafes, gatherings of people who come together to share ideas about the challenges of tackling climate change and how we might tackle it together. Here are links to their websites:

[Climate Café Aberfeldy – Climate Café@](#)

[Climate Café Pitlochry & District – Climate Café@](#)

3. More and more, local organisations are setting up to provide information and advice about how to reduce your energy bills and carbon footprint at home:

- Warm Connections, linked to Aberfeldy parish church, covers Rannoch, Lyon, Upper Tay and Braan:

[Warm Connections - Home Energy & Green Living Advice](#)

- The Heat Project, covers North & East Perthshire:

[Warm Connections - Home Energy & Green Living Advice](#)



4. And finally, a comment about toothpaste..... conventional toothpaste in plastic tubes presents a real problem. The tubes are really hard to recycle as they're usually made of different types of plastic, often with a metal laminate – and about half of conventional toothpastes also contain microplastics. The alternative is toothpaste tablets, that come in recyclable glass jars or tins. They're generally eco-friendly and vegan – and come in recyclable glass or tin containers. We should probably point out that there isn't much evidence about their effectiveness yet, but from a bit of research, the consensus seems to be that as long as you pick one with fluoride in it, there's no reason why they shouldn't be as effective as normal toothpaste. Some options to look at:



- [PÄRLA Toothpaste Tablets - Plastic Free - Designed By Dentists – PÄRLATOOTHpastetabs \(parlatoothpastetabs.com\)](https://parlatoothpastetabs.com)
- [Denttabs Toothpaste Tablets \(with fluoride!\) | Anything But Plastic](https://boobalou.co.uk)
- [Toothpaste Tablets - boobalou.co.uk](https://boobalou.co.uk)

Val Holtom

Three Haiku from “ The Moon In The Pines “



In the spring rain
All things grow beautiful.

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When the cherry blossoms
bloomed
They brought beauty to my
heart.

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In the blue darkening sky
The moon paints a pine tree.

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Libby MacRae

A CUCKOO IN THE NEST?

The small stone structure on top of the west end of St Adamnan's at Kilmaveonaig is called a *Birdcage Belfry*. No prizes for guessing what it contains! But the bell is something of a cuckoo, as it was not originally intended to nest at Kilmaveonaig, but came from the Kirk at Little Dunkeld. The inscription on the bell reads:

WILLIAME ❀ GLAS ❀ M ❀ OF ❀ LITIL ❀ DINKEL ❀ 1629

In 1629 the Rev. William Glas became the Minister there and his wife, Jean, marked the occasion by commissioning a bell from Charles Hog, a bell-founder in Edinburgh, and presented it to the Kirk. Then something went wrong at Little Dunkeld: Jean felt that her husband was "forsaking the old paths" and declared that the bell "shall never again ring for Presbyterian service." She had the bell removed and it was sold to Kilmaveonaig where it rings to this day, despite nearly being destroyed in a storm in 1883. Bells, of course, are ecumenical and will happily ring to call Christians to worship, whatever their denomination. This sentiment was beautifully expressed by Rev. Christopher Bowstead, the Priest-in-charge from 1899-1912. He got the date wrong, so here is his corrected prayer:

*"...and may the one Bell,
dated A.D. 1629,
which calls us to service from its little turret,
ever sound in our ears a Call to UNITY."*





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Thursdays at 10.30 am
Sundays at 6.00pm.

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

Sundays and other Festivals

April 2022		May 2022	
Sunday 3	Lent 5	Sunday 1	Easter 3
Sunday 10	Palm Sunday	Monday 2	St Philip and St James
Thursday 14	Maundy Thursday	Sunday 8	Easter 4
Friday 15	Good Friday	Sunday 15	Easter 5
Saturday 16	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	Sunday 22	Easter 6
Sunday 17	Easter Day	Thursday 26	Ascension Day
Sunday 24	Easter 2	Sunday 29	Easter 7
		Wednesday 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin