



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
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October & November 2022



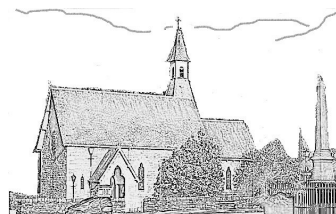
Holy Trinity



Kilmaveonaig



St Andrew's



All Saints'



Rector's Reflection – Endings and Beginnings Continued.....

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

As the days shorten we arrive at the time of year which the ancient Celtic peoples marked as Samhain (Summers End and the end of the Harvest), a time when the veil between this world and the next thinned and so was a time for remembering the ancestors and celebrating the past. We now celebrate this season with the Feast of 'All Saints' and 'All Souls', when we remember and give thanks for the lives that have gone before. Later comes Remembrance Sunday when we spend time reflecting on the lives lost in service to the country and to the values we stand for.

This year it has been exceptional poignant, when as the season rolled slowly towards autumn and the death of the year came the news of the peaceful passing of our Queen at the age of 96, bringing home to all of us I expect, the transitory nature of our lives and life itself. Personally this was also a difficult time as our family had just lost my mother-in-law Vivian Baker aged 99. Like the Queen she had seemed a permanent fixture. It is at times like these that we need to remember that it is the way of life that all living things, whether early or late, come unto death, it is a road we must all travel and each and every life must come to an ending.

This is why endings are so important, why we need to acknowledge that all things including those we love will pass into that other country we call eternity, and why we need to ensure that what we do on earth is so important and that as the Epistle from 1 Timothy tells us, we strive to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, and ready to share. For it is these things seen in abundance in the life of service faithfully given by Queen Elizabeth, that makes a difference in the world and shows God's love.

With endings always come new beginnings, as the Queen's reign ended, a new King, Charles III reign begins, and as we face the end of the placement of Rachael our Mixed Mode Trainee, who has been with us for the last three years, she begins a new journey as she is ordained Deacon and begins her curacy at St Mary's Dunblane.

TS Eliot's first line in the 'Four Quartets' Part II East Coker' is "In my beginning is my end" the last line "In my end is my beginning,"; reading the poem we see that the poet speaks of circularity and the spiritual journey, that he and all of us must take, from eternity to eternity. Life is like that ending, beginnings in a never-ending cycle of seasons and of lives.

In the end it is how we live through that cycle and what we do with our one precious life that determines who we are and how we are remembered.

With every blessing
Liz September 2022

Saying Goodbye to Rachael.

On 21 August on a bright and sunny afternoon we said goodbye to Rachael, our Ordinand in Training, who has successfully completed her training and will be ordained Deacon at St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth on 2 October 2022.

Rachael has been with us for three years since September 2019, so much of her placement took place during the Covid Pandemic. To say that it was an unusual time to train is perhaps an understatement, but the insights into ministry were unique and will stand her in good stead in future years.

The Garden Party took place in the Serenity Garden at Holy Trinity, which was Rachael's' key placement project. Her work in bringing this idea to life has been exceptional and the garden (still developing) will be a lasting legacy (one of many) which we are sure she will achieve in the years to come.



We wish her much love
and many blessings.



Rachael's farewell, the beautiful stole she was gifted and the marvellous cake, courtesy of Charlotte



Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022



Following the announcement of the death of the Queen on 8 September the churches of the Highland Perthshire Linked Charge opened with books of Condolence and time for prayer. Holy Trinity, St Andrews and Kilmaveonaig were open daily and All Saints opened on Wednesday 13 September 12 – 4.00pm.



Displays and Books of Condolence at
Holy Trinity & St Andrew's for the
Queen



October Services

Holy Trinity Church, Perth Road, Pitlochry

Contact – Robin Baker - 01796 472005

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

Thursday Services – 10.30am Morning Prayer

2 October 9.30am Harvest Festival

12 October 2.00pm Julian Group Meeting (Call the Rector for details of this Ecumenical Group)

30 October 10.30am Joint Charge Service at All Saints for All Saints

31 October 6.30pm Joint Charge Service at St Andrews for All Souls

Kilmaveonaig (St Adamnan's Church), opposite former Tilt Hotel, Blair Atholl.

Contact - Mrs. Lavinia Gordon 01796 481230.

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Contact - Ms. Lesley Whitwood 01887 840416

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

9 October 11.15am Harvest Festival

30 October Joint Service with Church of Scotland 11.15am

31 October 6.30pm Joint Charge Service for All Souls

All Saints, Kinloch Rannoch Square Contact – Reverend Canon Liz Baker 01796 472005:

2 October – No Service

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31 October 6.30pm Joint Charge Service for All Souls

November Services

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ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services (see Website for details)

Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

Contact the Rector Liz for further details and Zoom invitations.

Celebrating All Souls Night

Paint the Sky with Stars



*"Place a name upon the night
One to set your heart alight
One to make the darkness bright
Paint the sky with stars"*

For the Feast of All Souls we plan to hold a service at 6.30pm on 31 October at St Andrews to remember those we love but see no more.

Using the template you can cut out a star/or trace the outline and write the name of a beloved member of your family. You might like to colour your star

We plan to pin these stars to 'the sky' (a blue cloth attached to the altar) and then with readings, music and prayers remember all the people we have lost.

Please cut out your star or stars write the name/memory you want remembered and either return to your local church or send to the Rector: 3 Knockard Place, Pitlochry PH16 5JF.

Star supplied separately as a pdf with the emailed copies and printed to accompany the print copies of the newsletter.

Strathtay news

St. Andrew's Church was one of the first to return in force after the pandemic – they were positively hammering at the doors. It has been good to return to worship but also to some of those activities which have both raised money for the church but also provided an opportunity for community action. The Grandtully Gala was held again and St. Andrew's cake stall was a great success as well as putting the church on the local map: the baking is famous and people flocked to the stall.

The Thrift Shop in Aberfeldy was another group activity with the congregation contributing all those items which they had stored for a couple of years as well as helping in the shop. The efficient operation of this enterprise was managed by Sue and Bill Hoare and some £1500 was raised.

The Bishop has asked churches to look ahead to the next five years and produce a plan of action. He is aware that many churches have to be concerned about the maintenance of old buildings but that a wider sphere of action can be considered. So – it has been planned that St. Andrew's will have an awayday at the Grandtully Village Hall on 26 October to consider this challenge. The first consideration will be of the recent history of the church and the things which have gone well for St. Andrew's: things that have been a success and things which make the church a good place to be in. We are all aware that many of the congregation are over eighty and feel that they may not be around to experience the next five years – however it is hoped to benefit from their experience of past good practice to inform what may happen in the future. Climate change will be on the agenda as well as the way in which the church can be attractive to the wider community. Please pray for our deliberations.

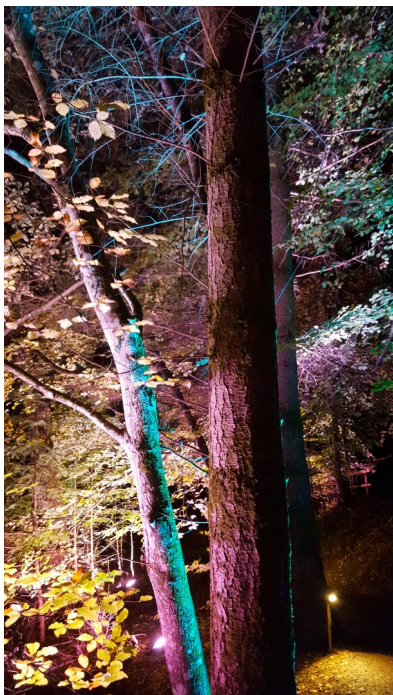
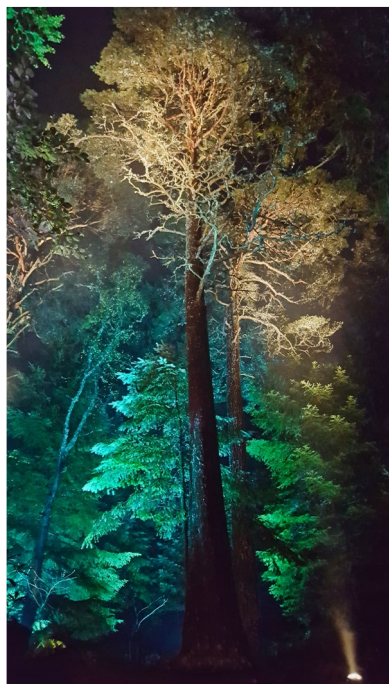
Lesley

The Julian Meetings
Meeting in silence with God

Julian Meetings
12 October and
9 November
2.00pm
Holy Trinity Hall

Harvest Festivals
October 2
Holy Trinity 9.30am,
Kilmaveonaig 11.15am.
October 9
at St Andrews 11.15am
All Saints at 3.00pm

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Advice from a Tree

Dear Friend
 Stand Tall and Proud
 Sink your roots deeply into the Earth
 Reflect the light of a greater source
 Think long term
 Go out on a limb
 Remember your place among all living
 beings
 Embrace with joy the changing of sea-
 sons
 For each yields its own abundance
 The Energy and Birth of Spring
 The Growth and Contentment of Sum-
 mer
 The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the
 Autumn
 The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter
 Feel the wind and the sun
 And delight in their presence
 Look up at the moon that shines down
 upon you
 And the mystery of the stars at night
 Seek nourishment from the good things
 of life
 Simple pleasures
 Earth, Fresh air, Light
 Be content with natural beauty
 Drink plenty of water
 Let your limbs sway and dance in the
 breezes
 Be flexible
 Remember your roots
 Enjoy the view!

By Ilan Shamir

Submitted by Lavinia

Enchanted Forest Photos: Seonaid



Kilmaveonaig (the name translates from the Gaelic 'cille mo Eonaig' as the Cell of St Eonan, which is an affectionate form of Adamnan)

HPLC had a joint service on Sunday 25th to honour St Adamnan's feast day.

Saint Adamnan, also spelled **Adomnan**, also called **Eunan**, (born c. 625, County Donegal, Ire.—died 704; feast day September 23), abbot and scholar, particularly noted as the biographer of St. Columba.

Nothing is known of Adamnan's early life. In 679 he was elected abbot of Iona, the ninth in succession from St. Columba, the founder. While on a visit to Northumbria, he adopted the Roman rules on the tonsure and for determining the date of Easter that had been accepted for England at the Synod of Whitby in 663/664. He failed, however, to enforce the changes at Iona. He then traveled much in Ireland to promote the observance of the Roman Easter, but he was never able to persuade his own community. At the council of Birr in County Offaly, he succeeded in ameliorating the condition of women, particularly by exempting them from military service; he also made regulations protecting children and clerics, and these reforms became known as the Law of Adamnan.

Adamnan's *Vita S. Columbae*, in which he describes the saint's prophecies, miracles, and visions, is one of the most important hagiographies ever written. He was also the author of *De locis sanctis* ("Concerning the Sacred Places"), a narrative of the pilgrimage (c. 680) made to the Holy Land by the Frankish bishop Arculf, who, forced by storms to the west coast of Britain, became Adamnan's guest. Adamnan is the subject of the *Vision of Adamnan* (*Fís Adamnáin*), an Irish tale of the 10th or 11th century describing the glories of heaven and the sufferings of the damned as seen by his own soul.

Encyclopaedia Britannica



THE BOOK GROUP

The book group started up again this September with a meeting about "The Pavilion in the Clouds" by Alexander McCall Smith. The group was started in the past by Gordon Pont and lately has been run by Lesley. It now meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the hall at Holy Trinity at 2.30 in the afternoon. There was obviously a break during COVID but we are up and running again.

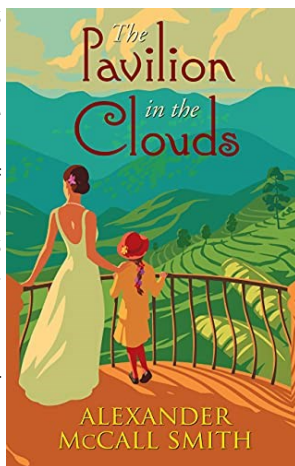
"The Pavilion in the Clouds" was chosen for this month as it is a fairly easy read but has some interesting reflections on the way in which events are seen by different people and the consequences of mistaken interpretation. Bella Ferguson is eight years old at the beginning of the story and her view of events gives rise to discussion: for instance, when her mother falls from the Pavilion in the Clouds Bella contemplates the result.

"She hurt her leg when she fell from the Pavilion in the Clouds. It is very steep below and she could have fallen for a long way – maybe a mile but I'm not sure. But the trees saved her.

Their branches stopped her going all the way to the bottom. That is probably because Jesus was watching and did not want her to die just yet. You only go to heaven when it is time for you to go. But before that time, lots of dangerous things can happen to you, and you will be all right. Miss White says this is not true. She says that God and Jesus and the Holy Ghost have more important things to do than worry about what happens to us. I am not sure who is right about this."

She also reflects on the attitudes of the Christian house servants to the lower class Hindus and quotes her governess who thinks there are many people "trapped in ignorance".

The story is concerned with Bella's attitude towards her governess, Miss White, and the judgements she makes about the relationships between the adults in her life. A decision she makes leads to various unfortunate circumstances and Bella lives with a feeling of guilt throughout her early life until a revelation later on makes things clear to her in a different way.



The story therefore gives opportunities to reflect on youthful perceptions, mistakes and the guilt people may harbour.

At each meeting the book for the next month is proposed by members of the group – we will keep you informed of the choice because it would be lovely to have some more people offering their ideas.

THE BOOK GROUP

25 October, 29 November

The book group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity

THE HOUSE GROUP

30 November

(The next meeting will be on 30th November as the church has an awayday on 26 October.)

The House group meets at 10 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month, usually at Laurenbank in Aberfeldy and sometimes, in the summer, at Angela's fishing hut at Wester Lochan. We have a brief service and then discuss topics arising from the readings. Everyone is welcome.

Lesley Whitwood



WELCOME BACK The Enchanted Forest returns in October 2022 after a two year break due to the Pandemic.

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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
Kilmaveonaig 11.15am
All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

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Events

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

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

Sundays and other Festivals

| October | | November | |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| Sunday 2 | Pentecost 17 | Tuesday 1 | All Saints' Day |
| Sunday 9 | Pentecost 18 | Sunday 6 | Pentecost 22 (All Saints') |
| Sunday 16 | Pentecost 19 | Sunday 13 | Pentecost 23 |
| Tuesday 18 | St Luke, Evangelist | Sunday 20 | Last Sunday after Pentecost 'Christ the King' |
| Sunday 23 | Pentecost 20 | | |
| Monday 24 | St James of Jerusalem | Thursday 24 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday 28 | St Simon & St Jude | Sunday 27 | Advent 1 |
| Sunday 30 | Pentecost 21 | Wednes 30 | St Andrews Day |
| Monday 21 | Vigil of All Saints' | | |