



Holy Trinity



St Andrew's



Kilmaveonaig



All Saints'

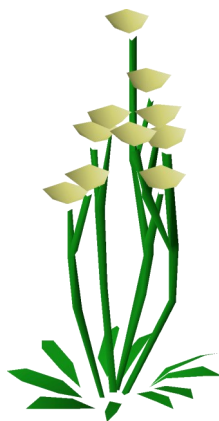


The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

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

Rector - The Reverend Canon Liz Baker

April & May 2023



Seònaid

'Awakening Spring' Blair Castle 21st March 2023

Rector's Reflection - Resurrections and New Life



Easter is upon us once again and, as the spring unfolds before us, we look to journey through the pain and suffering of Holy Week to the glories of resurrection on Easter Morning. But even within the joy there is sorrow. 'Do not hold on to me' Jesus says to Mary, even as she reaches for him, for what is done cannot be undone, and in the dawn of that first Easter morning everything changes.

You see, Christ's resurrection changes everything, changes what we know about life, about God, about us, it asks more questions than it answers. Nothing will be the same again, and within those words we confront the truth, that resurrection, that each little resurrection brings change, brings new life, but can also bring hardship and pain.

We see the price of resurrection for the disciples emerge as Pentecost approaches, the moment they are set on their new life journey, which for many will end in suffering and death. The story of God incarnate is not about the pursuit of happiness and joy, but makes clear that following God's way means to walk the road of righteousness whatever the cost.

That is why the Easter story is so poignant and why perhaps many turn away from the truth it holds, the truth that if we seek new life and resurrection, struggle and difficulty will come.

Each generation must face this truth. For us, the truth we need to face in our time is the destruction of the earth, brought about by the same greed and self interest that on Good Friday nailed Jesus to the cross.

For new life to spring forth, for resurrection to take place change must be grasped and suffered by us all, especially those who would seek to be Christ's disciples.

I know this is not a hopeful message, but hope is there, the great hope that we are seeking to apply Kingdom values to our lives and to reach out to convince others that this is the way for humanity.

So this Holy Week and Easter, as we celebrate, we pray that God will give us the courage and strength to tackle the tasks before us and like Jesus and his followers offer faith, hope and love to a waiting world.

Alleluia Christ is Risen, may those words remain in your hearts and give you peace now and always.

Blessings to you all

Liz Baker March 2023



EVENTS AND SERVICES Holy Week & Easter



Holy Trinity, Pitlochry

Tuesday

4 April 10.30am - Creating the Easter Garden

Thursday

6 April Maundy Thursday 8.00pm The Eucharist of the Lord's Supper'

Good Friday

7 April 12 pm to 2.00pm – 2 Hours of Prayers and Contemplation followed at 2pm by 'The Final Hour' Service for Good Friday

Holy Saturday

8 April 8.00pm 'The Easter Vigil'

Easter Day

9 April 9.30am Sung Eucharist

St Andrew's, Strathtay

Monday

3 April 7.00pm at St Andrews Strathtay, Iona Evening Service

Good Friday

7 April Good Friday at St Andrews 2.00pm to 3.00pm 'The Final Hour' Service

Easter Day

9 April Easter Day at St Andrews 7.00am 'The Easter Fire'.

All Saints' Kinloch Rannoch

Wednesday

5 April from 10.30am to 4.00pm – Church Open for Stations of the Cross and private prayer

Kilmaveonaig (St Adamnan's Church), Blair Atholl

Good Friday

Blair Atholl Church of Scotland

7 April 7.00pm 'Tenebrae' Service for Good Friday Evening.

Easter Day

9 April 11.15am Holy Communion by Extension

REGULAR SERVICES in April & May

Joint Charge Service in April

Sunday 30 April 11.15 am Joint Charge Service at St Andrews for whole Charge with Church of Scotland



ETAPE Sunday 14 May Service at Kilmaveonaig, Blair Atholl **ONLY** due to road closures throughout the HPLC area. No other morning Service in the Charge.

Holy Trinity, Pitlochry

Holy Trinity is open daily during daylight hours

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

Thursday Services – 10.30am Morning Prayer also on zoom

29 April 10.30am to 4.00pm Spring Fair

Kilmaveonaig (St Adamnan's Church), Blair Atholl

Kilmaveonaig is open daily throughout the year.

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

Sunday 14 May ETAPE Day Service at 11.15 am

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.

All Saints, Kinloch Rannoch

Sunday 2 April 9.30am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

Sunday 7 May 9.30am Holy Communion

Zero Carbon Strategy

The Scottish Episcopal Churches Net Zero Carbon Strategy Consultation is underway and that strategy will help all our congregations to work towards achieving the goal of zero carbon by 2030. This is a very challenging goal and I am sure that not everyone is in agreement with the need to do this. But the Episcopal Church has committed itself to working for this. We hope that help will be provided both with money and personnel to help us do this, but here in Highland Perthshire we feel that we must also use prayer and contemplation to help us with difficult decisions and with the hard work that lies ahead. It is important that we do not forget that as humans created in God's image we are the hands and feet of Christ here on Earth and that what we say and do as a church can help influence peoples' hearts and minds. One thing we can all do is pray, to learn, to listen and to make the right decisions for future generations.

Our Charge Climate Change Group will help and support us and we hope to work in partnership with others as we make this journey together.

A Prayer for the Earth

Earth teach me stillness
as the grasses are stilled with light.
Earth teach me suffering
as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach me humility
as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring
as the mother who secures her young.
Earth teach me courage
as the tree which stands all alone.
Earth teach me limitation
as the ant which crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom
as the eagle which soars in the sky.
Earth teach me resignation
as the leaves which die in the fall
Earth teach me regeneration
as the seed which rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself
as melted snow forgets its life.

The stillness of the earth speaks of stability and constancy. It speaks of the enduring faithfulness of God who sends the seasons in their due time, who waters the earth with the spring and the autumn rains, who brings forth the harvest to nourish our bodies. The prayer above is a Native American prayer. It reminds us to take time to listen to the wonder of God's creation. It reminds us to take notice not just of the majestic mountains around us but also of the small and seemingly insignificant creatures that are so vital to the healthy thriving of our world. It also reminds us to sit quietly in the presence of the One who has created all things and whose great love is revealed in every dimension of that creation. It reminds us to care for creation, to accept that we as humans have damaged our only life support system (the Earth) and to work together with our fellow congregation across the Diocese and the Province to achieve Net Zero by 2030.

Liz Baker

A short prayer from the CTBI (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) eco-congregation programme:

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.
Amen

Submitted by Val Holtom



**Our beautiful
"part of the world"**

view west from
Craigower April 2020

Seonaid



Update from Climate Change group

The last couple of months have been quite busy for the climate change group. We got our money-saving eco-tips leaflet out, which is now available in all of our churches. We hope that you might all find something in there that you can act on to reduce costs and also reduce your carbon footprint.

Sue Hoare has been instrumental in getting the leaflet done – we're grateful for all her effort and she will be much missed in the group when she moves away to England.

The Climate Group met on 7th February, when we spent some time considering:

- options for tackling drafts and improving insulation in our churches and rectory
- climate resilience – likely risks from more extreme weather & how to mitigate them
- useful information gathered from the Church of England climate webinars
- setting up climate change corners/noticeboards in our churches
- installing bike racks at Holy Trinity.

However, our main focus of discussion and work both at the meeting and since, has been the consultation on the SEC's net zero strategy, setting out how the church will meet its net zero target by 2030. For anyone who's interested, you can read the strategy by clicking on this link: [Draft-SEC-Net-Zero-Action-Plan-2023-2030](#).

You can also watch a 45-minute webinar about the development of the strategy and its key points by clicking on this link: [Net zero action plan consultation launch event](#). The webinar is presented by Robert Woodford, who is the consultant employed by the province to support the development of the strategy.

It's a net zero strategy rather than a carbon neutral strategy, because net zero means no emissions, whereas carbon neutral means you can offset the emissions you create. Offsetting is controversial because it's hard to be sure how effective it is – far better to eliminate emissions in the first place.

Basically, the strategy aims to achieve a 90% reduction in carbon emissions over all church properties by 2030, by making sure that:

- 85% of our buildings (including churches, halls and rectories) are using all electric heating by 2030
- 95% of electricity across the province is supplied through 100% renewable energy contracts
- 95% of churches that are still using gas are on 100% green gas contracts.

This is a very ambitious target, developed in response to the call at general synod in 2020 for 'urgent action in relation to the global climate emergency'. The church is currently advertising for a net zero delivery director to support the implementation of the plan, and each diocese will also appoint a net zero delivery manager.

Some of the climate group, working with Liz, have sent a response to the consultation, setting out a positive response to the strategy, but expressing some concern about our ability to manage the amount of work that will be needed locally. Holy Trinity is the only one of our churches to have a gas boiler, so much of our effort will need to focus there and on the rectory. If anyone wants to see a copy of our response, please contact either Liz, Pam Godwin or Val Holtom. And do please feel free to join us at our next meeting which will probably be towards the end of May, 'though we haven't set a date yet.

Local news:

People might also be interested in a further update on 'Sprout', our local umbrella organisation for all things eco and sustainability related in Pitlochry and area: whilst Sprout will be based in Pitlochry, it's intended to include the communities of Aberfeldy, Pitlochry, Dull and Weem; Mid Atholl, Strathtay & Grandtully. Sprout will soon become a company limited by guarantee (CLG). It has so far supported Pitlochry Repair Cafe, Pitlochry Garden Share, Pitlochry Eco Badge for accommodation providers plus a food waste project with Perth and Kinross Council. Sprout aims to create a place for people to learn about how to live a more sustainable lifestyle through a multi-purpose information hub. If you want to support Sprout, you can sign up at: <https://forms.gle/pUwMW2biLG6ZrXeX9>. Becoming a member only commits you to attend at least one meeting a year.

Val Holtom

Moving on!

A year ago William and I were thoroughly settled and enjoying life in Aberfeldy and Perthshire, where we had anticipated being for some time to come. However in June 2022 my sister in Yeovil, Somerset, was admitted to hospital, where she remained for 3 months. In mental health jargon the nearest relative is the eldest sibling despite the fact I live 500 miles away. Since then I commuted to and from Yeovil 6 times in 2022. William and I saw her after a lovely Christmas with my brother in Cheltenham. She needs support to stay independent and so William and I made the momentous decision to move to Yeovil where we will be on hand to support her better.

We will miss everything up here but have absolutely no doubts that this is what God wants us to do and that he is being with us every step of the way. My first task on arrival in Yeovil will be to find William some trout fishing and bird watching. My second task will be to find us a GP practice and thirdly a Church. There are number of C of E churches in Yeovil and one of them has a Mothers' Union branch and although I will join the MU, I am not necessarily sure that is the Church we will attend regularly. That partly depends on exactly where we end up living and the style of services on offer.

We will be leaving many good friends but know that this is what God plans. We hope we sell the house quickly, we are both getting older and the sooner we can move having made the decision, the better it will be.

We may yet see a number of you but I wish to thank each and every one of you for the support and friendship you have given us over the years we have been here. I look back with fondness on the many ventures undertaken, the Thrift Shops provided us with many laughs; the trips to Iona and The Cathedral of the Isles, all the weekly services within the charge, Vestry & Climate change meetings and extra other meetings.

Thank you.
Sue Hoare



Sonnet to a Wood Burning Stove in Kilmaveonaig

Once on a cold, dark February day
In ancient Kilmaveonaig church there came
A new contraption purpose built to warm
The toes of congregation members there.
It gave off heat with pleasing firelight glow
It welcomed regulars and strangers too
Who threw off coats and scarves and woolly hats
Abandoned cares, took comfort in its blaze.
Once lit, it flamed like faith inspired by love
And went on glowing like belief sustained
With help from family found in the church,
Surrounded by their love and care for all.
So let's keep stoking both the faith and stove
And feed our souls with warmth and holy love.



The Kilmaveonaig Windows

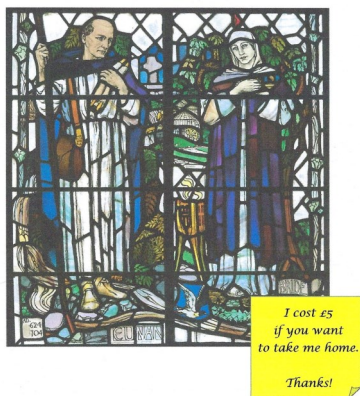
Can you figure out what links the following:

- The Queensferry Crossing
- The scale model of an abbey
- A shipwreck off the coast of Iona
- The hymn "Father let me dedicate ..."
- A watermill
- A woman accidentally made a bishop
- An Oystercatcher
- King Canute
- A white bull
- Seaweed

No? Okay, well today is not the day to apply to go on Victoria Coren Mitchell's *Only Connect* quiz show but it is the day to get yourself a copy of the brand-new 23-page full colour booklet about the stained glass windows at Kilmaveonaig ... and all will be revealed. Copies are available in the porch at Kilmaveonaig for just £5 with all proceeds to church funds. The church is open during daylight hours but if you cannot make the trip to Kilmaveonaig to get your copy and see the windows for yourself, I'm sure we can get a booklet to you.

Contact Libby MacCrae or John Martin

THE KILMAVEONAIG WINDOWS



A guide to the picture windows in Kilmaveonaig -
the Church of St Adamnan in Blair Atholl

The Nun's Prayer *(Author unknown)*

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains.

They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint some of them so hard to live with, but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people.

And, give me O Lord the grace to tell them so.

Holy Trinity wins No-Bell Prize!



Inside the church on the north wall, there is a memorial plaque to former clergy and those who died in the First World War. The inscription starts: "To ring the peace of God these bells were given..."

But what bells? In 1923 a set of tubular bells was installed in a purpose-built wooden tower on top of the roof of the hall, roughly above where the kitchen now is. Originally just six bells, the set was later expanded to eight, giving a full octave and allowing tunes to be played. This was done by

pulling on a set of ropes connected to wooden-tipped hammers which then struck the tubes. The tubes themselves were made of bronze and 89mm in diameter, ranging from 1.4 to 2.3 metres in length. The bells were used to accompany hymns and the chanting of the Psalms. I bet they sounded wonderful. The church records contain some hand-written lists of tunes that could be played on just eight notes. The bells, with the memorial plaque, are listed as a War Memorial by the Imperial War Museum.

By 1965, it was noted that the wooden belfry was warped and that some repairs were needed. Later, in 2007, the bells had become unplayable and the tower itself was causing damage to the hall roof and letting in moisture. Repairs would have been very expensive and the decision was taken to remove the whole installation. Sadly, the bells themselves were sold as scrap metal to a local dealer for £525. In the following year the wooden tower was removed and there is now no trace.

As you may imagine, there was some controversy surrounding the destruction of these bells, and a number of items and letters were published in *The Courier* newspaper on the subject. As some compensation, the hall has become more useful and now contains the kitchen.

There is, of course, an arched stone bellcote on the roof of the church, just over the chancel arch, but it seems that it never contained a bell—at least there is no record or evidence to suggest that there was one. And so Holy Trinity keeps its No-bell prize!

This is a very brief account of the missing bells. A more detailed account is available to anyone interested - just contact our esteemed editor.

In better news, Kilmaveonaig and St Andrews have working bells. All Saints is believed to have one (it was there when surveyed in 1968!) but some inspection is required. All churches in Britain have been asked to "Ring for the King" on coronation day in May, and some thought is being given as to how we might do this.



John Martin

RHS Chelsea 2023 Best Sustainable Product Award

Congratulations to Angus Ross of Aberfeldy whose Dalerb Garden Chair has just been nominated for RHS Chelsea 2023 Best Sustainable Product Award. Preparing oak for garden furniture is almost zero carbon.

Angus Ross is a designer and furniture maker based in Aberfeldy since 2003. In 2004 he joined a collective (including native tree foresters and a saw-miller) buying Old Castle Wood, a 50 acre bluebell wood a few miles downstream from Angus's workshop. This began a relationship with this special area of Ancient Semi-natural Woodland.

During the 18th and 19th centuries this wood was planted with oak to be coppiced for bark, an essential ingredient for tanning leather. With the rise of chemical tanning, oak was no longer required, and post First World War, the woodland became largely unworked. In fact, when the woodland was sold in the 1980's it was recommended that the oak trees be clear-felled and non-native softwoods planted for commercial forestry! Thank goodness this didn't happen. The woodland (with a variety of habitats including a rare damp natural ancient alder wood) is the sort of landscape now envisioned in re-wilding projects. The wood is managed to improve biodiversity, improve the future quality, health and resilience of trees, and improve access and amenity use for ourselves and others.

Highly selective tree felling helps to improve the quality of the remaining trees (by providing them with more light and room to grow). Allowing more light onto the woodland floor also helps natural regeneration and increases the under-storey of plants and biodiversity. As part of selective felling they often fell spindly, bent and gnarly old trees (producing small section, short-length timber). Working the wood helps preserve and improve the ecologically valuable and rather rare Ancient Semi-natural Woodland.

Angus is proud that by using trees from across Perthshire for fine furniture making, he makes a valuable contribution to the local economy (involving tree surgeons, estate managers, saw-millers, some foresters and farmers). He decided to show at RHS Chelsea after visiting last year when 'Rewilding Garden' won Best in Show and he could see how little garden furniture was made from low-carbon truly-sustainable material.

When local foresters identified some oak trees which had to be felled or have fallen they contacted Angus and he assessed the trees for their potential for furniture making. After felling they were cut into 'butts' by saw-millers, and used for furniture making while the limbs were used for firewood and the smaller branches chipped for mulch.

Angus's furniture is hand made using the steam bending method with joints using hand-cut pegs which are very strong. The surface is hand sanded making is exceptionally durable, maintenance free, natural, repairable, recyclable and ultimately biodegradable.

For RHS Chelsea 2023 two special limited edition Dalerb furniture sets have been produced. These have been crafted from five oak trees, two felled in Dalcapon, and three which blew down in Glen Lyon near Fortingall in 2021 during Storm Arwen.



The Dalcapon Oak (above)
The Dalerb Chair (below)



Angus Ross 'steam bending' (above)
Felling the Fortingall Trees (below)



Extract from announcement submitted by Angus Ross Furniture

Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

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

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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

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services
Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

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

	April		May
Sunday 2	Palm Sunday	Monday 1	St Philip & St James
Thursday 6	Maundy Thursday	Sunday 7	Easter 5
Friday 7	Good Friday	Sunday 14	Easter 6
Saturday 8	Holy Saturday	Thursday 18	Ascension Day
Sunday 9	Easter Day	Sunday 21	Easter 7
Sunday 16	Easter 2	Sunday 28	Pentecost
Sunday 23	Easter 3		Whitsunday
Tuesday 25	St Mark Evangelist	Wednesday 31	Visitation of the
Sunday 30	Easter 4		Blessed Virgin