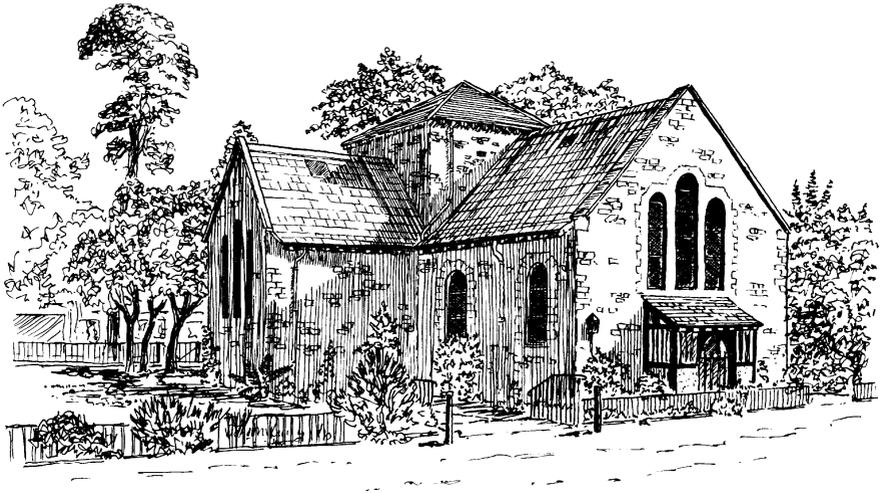


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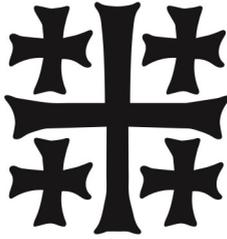
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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

We had a really enjoyable Platinum Jubilee lunch in the hall last month, with fine food, good company and all places taken. Thanks to those who organised this, especially Sarah and Janette. The meal followed on naturally from a joyful service in Church where we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and gave thanks for Her Majesty's Christian leadership and example over seven decades.

At the heart of the coronation, the monarch is anointed with Holy Oil as a sign of their anointing by the Holy Spirit for the work to which they are called. This sacred rite goes back to the anointing of the Kings of Israel and it has been practiced in this island for well over a thousand years, back to the time St Columba anointed Aedán mac Gabráin as King of Dál Riata (Argyll and County Antrim). This means that, whatever we may think of the politics and politicians of our country, at the heart of our society is the presence of God. This remains true today, however secular our communities and their laws may be.

As Scottish Episcopalians, we are the spiritual descendants of those who gave up all to defend their true anointed monarch in the Jacobite risings of the eighteenth century and our General Synod created a new feast on 15th June to commemorate those members of our Church who suffered under the penal laws oppressing Episcopalians in this period. It was good for me to take part in the Synod and our history can be an inspiration as we struggle today against new evils in our world.

It is not just the monarch who is anointed; we are anointed in Baptism and share in the royal priesthood of Christ. The grace, or spiritual help, we receive in Baptism and the Eucharist strengthen us in our lives of Christian service. At a time when more and more people are struggling to make ends meet, with rising food and fuel prices, one way to help is to support St Salvador's food bank which is assisting an increasing number of people to survive. We should ask why, in our rich society, not just the unfortunate and feckless but also working families have to choose between feeding their children and heating their homes, but in the short term we can give practical help.

There are many things going on at Holy Cross in the next few months but the most significant is our new link with St Salvador's, Stenhouse and the expansion of our ministry team to include the Revd Dr Ross Jesmont as curate and Brother Joseph Emmanuel of the Society of St Francis (the

Anglican Franciscans) as assistant priest. In many ways our daily life will go on as before, but Ross and Br Joe, while they will mainly be based at St Salvador's and I will be mainly at Holy Cross, will contribute a lot to our life as a community. We at Holy Cross also have an important role as a community in forming Ross as a deacon, in his first year, and then as a priest.

I am sure that, from October, we will all make Ross and Br Joe welcome at Holy Cross. Ross's wife Hayley is a Church of Scotland Minister so we will not see her on Sundays but I trust we will also be able to welcome her to Holy Cross, and their new baby who is due as this magazine is published.

God is at work among us, may we join in through our prayer and works, and may you and your family and friends have a great summer!

With love in Christ,



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

3rd July	Sarah Millée	7th August	Yvonne Boughton
10th July	Kate Corliss	14th August	?
17th July	?	21st August	?
24th July	Margaret Deas	28th August	?
31st July	?		

Flower Rota 2022 - HELP!!

PLEASE FILL THE GAPS on the rota on the noticeboard in church. We may not all be "flower arrangers" but most of us can manage to put a bunch of blooms in a vase of water. There is a good selection of containers in the vestry. A flowerless summer would be sad, and it is not fair to leave all the work to Sarah and Yvonne, brilliant though they are.



If you would like to donate the flowers but not arrange them yourself please contact Sarah.

A SCOTTISH EVENSONG
SATURDAY 23rd JULY at 5 p.m.
sung by the *Cantores Sanctae Crucis*
followed by a talk on **Scottish Saints**
by the **Revd Dr Emsley Nimmo**

Choral Evensong with Scottish Music from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Canon Nimmo is the Rector of St Margaret's in the Gallowgate, Aberdeen, the President of the Scottish Episcopal Gaelic Society and is an expert in Scottish religious history – he is also a brilliant speaker!



BARBECUE
SUNDAY 24th JULY
in the church grounds after the 10.30 service
(in the Hall if wet)

No tickets - there will be a bowl for donations

Further information and a list of help needed will be available on Sundays

HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL DAY
SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

We have been invited by the Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, the Very Revd John Conway, to join them on their Patronal Festival, Sunday 14th August. The plan is a picnic lunch on the cathedral green, a tour, including the Phoebe Traquair murals in the Song School, and Festal Evensong at 3.30 p.m. Holy Cross was founded from the Cathedral and this is a good way to renew the connection.

ST SALVADOR'S STENHOUSE FOOD BANK

St Salvador's, Stenhouse, Food Bank is seeing a large increase in visitors and is in need of volunteers and supplies or financial support. David Townhill has volunteered to coordinate food donations. Non-perishable goods such as rice, pasta, tins and cooking oil are needed and we hope to set up a donations basket at Holy Cross. If you would like to help speak to David or the Rector.



CHILDREN'S CONCERTS AT HOLY CROSS

First Sunday of the month until October

2 p.m.



Traditional Tales for Tiny People: Interactive concerts aimed at early years children and their families, featuring tales and music from the Orkney Islands and the Western Isles, performed by emerging professional musicians (guitar and fiddle). Part of Scotland's Year of Stories 2022.

The concerts last 45 minutes and are free. They have been a great success so far and word is spreading. Email Izzy to book: families.hce@gmail.com.



SPORTY CHURCH

Sundays 31st July and 28th August

4 to 5.30 p.m.

We are teaming up with Cramond Kirk to run a Children's Ministry event in the summer: 'Sporty Church', a mixture of Messy Church (crafts), Godly Play (teaching and reflecting), and sporting elements (games and activities), plus food. It is aimed at primary age children, but just like Messy Church it will be open to all ages, not just children and families.

The sessions will run from 4 to 5.30 p.m. on Sundays 31st July and 28th August at Cramond Kirk Hall. A poster and details about how to book will follow - keep an eye on the church noticeboard and our Facebook page, or speak to Izzy. Helpers would also be welcome.

EDINBURGH SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 14th to SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2022

Exploring the profound resonance between faith and art, the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival in the Fringe runs from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th August 2022. All events will take place in church venues around the city centre. Highlights include the music of James MacMillan, the paintings of Phoebe Traquair and the poetry of Christine De Luca. The programme has now been finalised with the addition of Divine Dance's 'John the Baptist and the Bees' at St Michael and All Saints', Brougham Street, Toll Cross.

For information about the full programme and to purchase tickets visit www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2022.



SUMMER EVENTS AT DAVIDSON'S MAINS PARISH CHURCH

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT THE SYCAMORE TREE CAFÉ

Storytelling, singing, crafts, games throughout the school summer holidays. Keep an eye on Facebook and the website for more details.

Café open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for teas, coffees, baking, soup and toasties. (Lunch menu until 1.30 p.m.)

HOLIDAY AT HOME MAINLY FOR ADULTS Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th August

Activities for an older age-group in the church hall on Wednesday, and an outing on Thursday. For more details check the website. To book a place for either day (or both) phone or email the church office.

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VIGIL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FRIDAY 15th JULY - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the medieval Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel, South Queensferry,

An evening of Carmelite spirituality led by the Rector and Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF. Eucharist, sermon, silent prayer and singing of the medieval Carmelite chant 'Flos Carmeli'. Mount Carmel is in the north of the Holy Land and it is where the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Christian hermits lived on the mountain and at the time of the crusades they were driven out, coming to England and then Scotland. From the start, the Carmelites felt close to Mary, the humble virgin of Nazareth whom we call Our Lady. The Carmelite Order produced many holy monks and nuns and became famous for its teaching on prayer given by such as John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila and Thérèse of Lisieux. The Episcopal Church in South Queensferry is a medieval Carmelite Priory and today we all need the deep spirit of prayer, the spirit of Mary, which characterises Carmelite spirituality.



HOLY CROSS WEEKEND



LATIN VIGIL MASS OF THE HOLY CROSS SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

5.00 p.m.

sung by the Cantores Sanctae Crucis
followed by Vigil and Benediction.

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER HOLY CROSS DAY

Our patronal feast.
Normal Sunday services

COME AND SING FOR MALAWI!

Calling all choral music lovers! Would you like to sing Mozart's Coronation Mass in the beautiful surroundings of St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, in front of an audience of friends and family?

The Soko Fund is organising another Come and Sing event to raise money for women's education in Malawi. Directed by the inspirational John Kitchen MBE, this unmissable event will take place on Saturday 24th September 2022. Rehearsal will be from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. with the performance from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

All singers of every level and experience are welcome. Singers can bring their own score (Breitkopf version) or hire one on the day for £1. Singers are asked to give a suggested donation of £15 to take part and audience tickets are £5 per person. Book your place on www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-sing-mozart-coronation-mass-music-for-malawi-tickets-209954929847



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To find out more about the Soko Fund and its educational work in Malawi visit www.thesokofund.org/ or find us on social media.

ORDINATION
SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Our new joint Curate with St Salvador's, Dr Ross Jesmont, will be ordained Deacon in St Mary's Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.

TEN PRAYERS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
by **JEAN-PIERRE ISBOUITS**

Ten Prayers that changed the World. Published by National Geographic Society ISBN 9781426216442

Jean-Pierre Isbouts is a distinguished Biblical historian who features prominently in the Great Courses series on the Bible. This book is challenging because his historical interpretations are presented imaginatively drawing one into feeling very present with Abraham, Jesus, Constantine, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, Mother Teresa and several others as they faced their huge challenges.

One sees Jesus as trying to speak to the problems of his time- a time when the fertile lands of Galilee were suddenly taxed massively as Herod attempted to live like a Roman ruler, and have lavish palaces and grand urban schemes. The take-home message is don't roundly condemn those who are the victims of social and economic forces. In Jesus' day many small farmers had been reduced to labourers or shepherds, had become disrespectable, and may even have had to sell children into slavery. Jesus' message was 'blessed are the poor' and 'blessed are the poor in spirit'- which in this context I suppose, meant being humbly non-condemning of others.

Having been on the shores of Galilee with Jesus, I was then intrigued to join Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms on April 17th 1551. It was an unusually cold and rainy day, and perhaps Luther's long journey weakened him. The next day, his first in front of prosecutors, his nerves failed him. This failure could have been fatal. The German lords wanted a man who was the right one to challenge the decadent Medici popes. But if this was not the right man, they could ill afford to 'back the wrong horse' and so Luther would have to go the way of the executed martyr, John Hus, who was found guilty of heresy and then had his safe conduct agreement annulled- as befitted a heretic! Luckily for Luther, the next day, he did better. He came out fighting; '.....my conscience is captive to the word of God'..... he said. Now the tables turned. The emperor who depended on support from his German princes found it best to prevaricate. Then, on the doors all over Worms,

posters of clogs, symbols denoting the threat of peasant rebellion, appeared. Luther was at least allowed to leave, although not exonerated.

But why had Luther been so unnerved on his first day? The problem is probably common to us all. We keep thinking that we will get enlightened thoughts just as needed, which will sublimely help us face every difficulty. Luther learned that we don't. He expressed this lesson in song and so, a long line of hymns exemplified by 'Ein Feste Burg' (A Mighty Fortress) was born. Its secret is its upbeat, almost martial rhythm and jaunty style. It would be sung in the streets, sung by Protestant emigres on their way to exile, sung by martyrs at their death, and sung by soldiers going into battle. But is *Isbouts* right to consider it a prayer? Is it even contemplative? Here again are its key words.

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious,
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.

In my view, inspired words or inspired prayer don't always pop up so just being close to God with a powerful phrase is a way of being satiated, and *Isbouts* is right. It's a form of contemplative prayer.

Andrew Vass

KALENDAR and READINGS JULY/AUGUST 2022

Friday 1 July – Serf, Bishop, c.500 – 2 p.m. **Eucharist for Healing**

**Sunday 3rd July - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Concert for Children**

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: grant that we who have been made your children through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ may be brought with all creation to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 66.10-14 Psalm 66.1-8
 Galatians 6.1-16 Luke 10.1-11,16-20

Monday 4th July - THOMAS, APOSTLE (transferred)

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle St Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son

till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God; through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

Wednesday 6th July – Palladius, Bishop, 450 – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: Hosea 10.1-3,7-8,12 Psalm 105.1-7 Matthew 10.1-7

Thursday 7th July – Boisil, Prior of Melrose, 642 – **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Saturday 9th July – Our Lady of Aberdeen

Sunday 10th July - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Psalm 25.1-9
Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

Monday 11th July – Benedict of Nursia, Abbot, c.550

Tuesday 12th July – Drostan of Deer, Abbot, c.660

Wednesday 13th July – 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 10.5-7,13-16 Psalm 94.5-15 Matthew 11.25-27

Thursday 14th July – 5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Friday 15th July – Bonaventure, Franciscan and Teacher of the Faith, 1274 - **7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Vigil of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, an evening of Carmelite spirituality at the Priory Church, South Queensferry - see page 7

Saturday 16th July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 17th July - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Collect: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Genesis 18.1-10a Psalm 15
Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-42

Tuesday 19th July – Macrina the Younger, Deaconess and Teacher of the Faith, 379

Wednesday 20th July - Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566 – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: Jeremiah 1.1,4-10 Psalm 71.1-6,15-17 Matthew 13.1-9

Thursday 21st July - William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833 – **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 22nd July – MARY MAGDALENE

Collect: Almighty God, your Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be the first witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal our infirmity, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saturday 23rd July – Bridget of Sweden, Abbess, 1373 – **A Scottish Evensong 5 p.m. followed by a talk on Scottish Saints** - see page 5

Sunday 24th July - **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Cross Barbecue.**

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Genesis 18.20-32 Psalm 138
Colossians 2.6-19 Luke 11.1-13

Monday 25th July – ST JAMES, APOSTLE

Collect: Merciful God, your holy apostle St James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world and the flesh, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Tuesday 26th July – Joachim and Anna, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 27th July – John Comper of Aberdeen, Priest, 1903 – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: Jeremiah 15.10,15-21 Psalm 59.1-4,18-20 Matthew 13.44-46

Thursday 28th July – **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 29th July – Martha, Mary and Lazarus, hosts of the Lord

Saturday 30th July – Silas, Companion of Paul

Sunday 31st July - **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. ‘Sporty Church’ for Children 4 p.m. at Cramond Kirk**

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14;2.18-23 Psalm 49.1-11
Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

Monday 1st August – Lammas Day (St Peter in Chains)

Wednesday 3rd August – 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-17 Psalm 121 Matthew 15.21-28

Thursday 4th August – John Vianney, priest, 1859 – **5pm Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 5th August – Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642 – 2 p.m. Eucharist for Healing

Saturday 6th August (*Transfiguration transferred to Sunday*)

SUNDAY 7th August, THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Concert for Children

Collect: Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Psalm 99
2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36



Monday 8th August – Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

Tuesday 9th August – Edith Stein, Carmelite, Teacher of the Faith, Martyr, 1942

Wednesday 10th August – Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258 – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: Ezekiel 9.1-7;10.18-22 Psalm 113 Matthew 18.15-20

Thursday 11th August – Clare of Assisi, 1253 – **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 12th August – Blane, Bishop, c.600

Saturday 13th August – Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, 1667

SUNDAY 14th August, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Eucharist **9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Cross Cathedral Day - see page5**

Collect: Almighty God, you looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Revelation 11.19-12.6 Psalm 45.11-18
Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.39-56

Monday 15th August (*Assumption anticipated on Sunday*)

Wednesday 17th August – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Readings: Ezekiel 34.1-11 Psalm 23 Matthew 20.1-16a

Thursday 18th August – Helena, Empress, Finder of the Holy Cross, 330 – **5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 19th August – **10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

Saturday 20th August – Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

Sunday 21st August - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist **10.30 a.m. (no 9 a.m. service)**

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants: and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 58.9b-14 Psalm 103.1-8
Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17

Wednesday 24th August – **ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE** – **10.30 a.m. Eucharist**

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you gave to your apostle St Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that

your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Deuteronomy 18.15-18 Psalm 91
 I Corinthians 4.9-15 Luke 22.24-30

Thursday 25th August – Ebba of Coldingham, 683 – 5 p.m. **Evening Prayer on Zoom**

Friday 26th August – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church

Saturday 27th August – Monica, mother of St Augustine, 387

Sunday 28th August - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
– Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.. ‘Sporty Church’ for Children 4 p.m. at Cramond Kirk

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Sirach 10.12-18 Psalm 112
 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14

Monday 29th August – BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Collect: Almighty God, you called your servant St John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death: strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for truth and righteousness, so we may boldly resist sin and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Wednesday 31st August – St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop – 10.30 a.m. **Eucharist**

Readings: I Corinthians 3.1-9 Psalm 62 Luke 4.38-44

Sunday 4th September – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST _ Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Psalm 1
 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

WORSHIP

Our usual weekly services are:

Sunday 9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)

Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Thursday 5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

We pray together for about half an hour, using the fixed words of the service with a space for free prayer. To join us contact the Rector.

Friday 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church (in term time - resumes 19th August)

First Friday in the month 2 p.m. Healing Eucharist with anointing

Any variations to the above are noted in the Kalendar.

