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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

It has been a busy few months at Holy Cross. We have had a Holy Cross presence at the Davidson's Mains Children's Gala; a successful pilgrimage to St Andrews; increasingly popular children's concerts in our church on the first Sunday of the month; the first deliveries of supplies from the Holy Cross congregation to the St Salvador's foodbank; a moving Carmelite evening at the Priory Church, South Queensferry; Scottish Evensong sung by the *Cantores Sanctae Crucis* at Holy Cross followed by a talk and drinks; and the annual barbecue where it was good to have our Ukrainian friends with us.

Thanks to all who helped with these events and also to those who do the regular work which keeps our community functioning: cleaning the church, preparing flowers, making coffee, reading, serving and welcoming at the Liturgy. The Welcomers on Sunday have a particularly important job as they are the public face of Holy Cross: if they are friendly, Holy Cross is friendly, if they are grumpy, Holy Cross is grumpy. They have to think on their feet, 'has that couple got the books they need?', 'are the wheelchair ramps in the right position?'. I mention this because Bill Randall is retiring after many years in this ministry. I won't be there for his final day 'on the doors' but I do want to thank him for his cheery and immaculate attentiveness. If you would like to help in any of these jobs, speak to me or Pauline.

The coming weeks will see more exciting events at Holy Cross: the various services around our patronal feast on Sunday 11th October, the preparation of a wildflower meadow in a corner of our grounds facing Quality Street, the final children's concerts in the current series, our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 9th October and the start, next month, of our link with St Salvador's, Stenhouse. A lot of work has been going on to prepare for this and it will be good to see Br Joe and Ross joining me in ministry at Holy Cross, as we also minister at St Salvador's. As said in previous magazines, I will remain the main minister for Holy Cross and they will concentrate on St Salvador's. In looking at the history of Holy Cross, I found that we have had many links to religious and monastic life so it will be good to have a Franciscan brother on the team; it is almost three decades since we had a curate so it will also be good to have Ross with us as deacon and priest.

Many people contribute to our life together in different ways but without your money Holy Cross could not exist. We get no outside funding, although we have been very good so far at attracting grants to help us look after our buildings. We are all being hit at the moment by rising prices, especially fuel

but also food. The poorest are hit the hardest and we have an opportunity to help each other by giving to the St Salvador's foodbank, which David Townhill and I visited recently and which has seen a massive increase in users.

The Vestry are grateful to all who make regular donations to Holy Cross, and Colin Mair, the Treasurer, and I felt it would be good to restart the Holy Cross Gift Day, which lapsed during the lockdowns. The idea is that on or near our patronal feast, Holy Cross Day on 11th September, we give a free will offering to the church over and above our normal giving. These are encouraged in the Bible (e.g. Exodus 35:29, Leviticus 22.18) and are a response to God's own generosity in Jesus. More details can be found later in the magazine.

I hope you and your families and friends have had a good summer and wish you every blessing for the future,

With love in Christ,



## **HOLY CROSS WEEKEND**



**SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**

**LATIN VIGIL MASS OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**7.00 p.m.**

**with Renaissance polyphony by the *Cantores Sanctae Crucis***

**SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER**

**HOLY CROSS DAY**

**Our patronal feast.**

**EUCCHARIST 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

**VESPERS and BENEDICTION (replacing the Vigil and including prayers for all the congregation by name)**

**4 p.m.**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Baptism** (at St Margaret's, Easter Road) on 16th July:

Josephine Sandra Mary, daughter of Alison and Stuart Storar and granddaughter of Sally and Colin Mair

**Funeral** (burial of ashes at Dean Cemetery) on 26th July:

Nicholas Dawson

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to Peggy Farrar, Jenny Harrison, Sylvia Vass, Neville Long and Shona Young for donating, and in some cases arranging, the flowers on the 'empty' Sundays in July and August, and to Sarah and Yvonne for filling the gaps.

4th September	Ann Hughes Smith
11th September	Margaret Deas
18th September	?
25th September	?



### Flower Rota 2022

There are still gaps on the rota on the noticeboard in church. Please fill them. If you would like to donate the flowers but not arrange them yourself please contact Sarah.

**Harvest Festival** is Sunday 9th October. Speak to Sarah about donations or help.

## 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, cooking oil, sugar, tins of fish or meat are needed and they also give out nappies (larger sizes are best) and cleaning items.



Remember that gas and electricity costs are rising too, so food that can be cooked without much use of fuel is appreciated.

We have a donations basket at Holy Cross and if you would like to help speak to David or the Rector.

## GIFT DAY

This is an opportunity to give a donation on or near our patronal feast (11th September) towards the work of our church over and above your regular giving. At a time of increased costs and lots of new initiatives at Holy Cross, your gifts will make a difference.

You can give by bank transfer using the Holy Cross bank details below or can give an envelope with a cheque or cash to the Treasurer or Rector. If you have any questions, please contact us via the details at the front of the magazine. We know that members and friends of Holy Cross have been very generous in the past on Gift Days and thought you might like to see the section on Christian giving, below, from our new website.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

*Colin Mair, Treasurer; Stephen Holmes, Rector*

The following, on 'Giving to Holy Cross', is from our website, which also has a downloadable Gift Aid form: [holycrossedinburgh.org/community/joining-and-giving](http://holycrossedinburgh.org/community/joining-and-giving)  
Members of Holy Cross give money generously to support our ministry; as Jesus said, 'Freely you have received; freely give' (Matthew 10:8). We get no outside funding apart from the grants we occasionally get to maintain our buildings, so we depend for our existence on the giving of our members. Holy Cross is administered prudently in accordance with rules of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and all accounts are audited.

What are the deeper, spiritual reasons for giving? It is part of the good use of resources that is asked of a Christian and a natural response to the generosity of God. As we say in our Liturgy, 'all things come from you, and of your own have we given you' (1 Chronicles 29:14). We give for the mutual growth, wellbeing and collective purpose of our church. We also give so that others may experience God's love and, when we give, God promises to honour our generosity: 'each of you should give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7). Finally, giving is not a legalistic obligation but it does reflect our spiritual maturity; it is an essential part of following Jesus (who gave it all for us). As we release money to God, he promises to honour our obedience: 'give, and it will be given to you... for with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (Luke 6:38).

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## **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

September brings the start of our financial year, which means that magazine subscriptions are due. The cost remains at £8 for the year (10 magazines) if you pick up your labelled copy in church or have it hand delivered to your door. If you receive the magazine by post, the subscription is £15 to cover postal costs. There is no charge if you just read it online.

You can pay your subscription into the church bank account (details inside front cover), put it in an envelope in the plate in church, or send it direct to the Treasurer. Cheques to Holy Cross. Whatever method you choose, please make sure it is marked as 'magazine subscription' with your name.

If you are reading this online and would like a regular paper copy, please tell the Editor (contact details inside front cover). Also if you would like to change the way you receive your paper copy, or no longer want one, please let me know.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2022**

As I write we are approaching the end of our financial year on 31st August 2022, and I will be preparing the annual accounts for the General Meeting in November.

As a preview to that, I can report that our income and expenditure have been broadly in line with the budget we set last year, and I predict we will end the year in a reasonably sound financial position.

I have temporarily improved the gas cost problem. I turned off the central heating and hot water over the summer months and we used no gas for two months. In spite of this, even when we use no gas, the bill is about £50 per month – purely for standing charges.

We still have ongoing costs relating to pointing work at the Rectory but half has been paid for already and we have submitted claims for grants towards some of the work.

We are also incurring some expenses from the burnt shed incident. The insurers have approved a replacement shed and base and shed contents. The

Vestry has agreed to spend extra on a metal shed, instead of a wooden one. This should be more secure and fire-proof in the future. Unfortunately, the insurance policy doesn't cover trees and hedges so we have had to pay for the burnt tree limb to be removed and must fund any replanting of the hedge ourselves. Personally, I'm hoping that it will regenerate itself like a phoenix from the fire. Also, there is excess on the policy.

For the forthcoming year I foresee considerable expenditure on refurbishing the hall. In recent years we have done the outside paintwork, replaced the front door, replaced the central heating boiler, and sanded and varnished the floor. Now the interior is sadly in need of improvement to meet the requirements of the people who use it. Paintwork, hall ceiling, lighting, toilets and kitchen all need upgrading, not to mention the tables and chairs and windows. This will not be cheap!

*Colin Mair*

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 1st October:** the Rector will preach at the priestly ordination of the Revd Dr Claire Nicholson at Holy Trinity, Melrose. Please pray for Claire, who is a neurosurgeon and will continue her curacy at Holy Trinity.

### **LifeCare Meals on Wheels**

#### **Free places for those on low incomes**

Our charity has received funding to provide our LifeCare Meals on Wheels service for FREE to people on low incomes (those eligible for universal credit or pension credit). The service is available to people over 50, living in North Edinburgh or Leith, who have health/support needs. They will receive two course meals, freshly prepared, hot, and ready to eat delivered to their door twice weekly. We also have places for people who are able to pay for the service. The monthly rate is £55 (around £6.50 per two course meal).

Find out more information about the service (including a sample menu, map of area covered and a downloadable leaflet) by visiting: [www.lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk/services/meals-on-wheels](http://www.lifecare-edinburgh.org.uk/services/meals-on-wheels) If you have questions or would like to make a referral, please get in touch using my contact details below.

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## FRESH START UPDATE

*In July Ryan Strachan, Fresh Start's new Goods and Services Manager, wrote:*

The charity has been very busy of late especially the warehouse, as we in conjunction with Edinburgh Community Food have been providing food for the Ukrainian refugees. This started of as under 30 but swiftly grew to 120 individuals per week. This has been quite the gear shift but the Sid, Rose and the volunteers have been amazing. I have been researching new more culturally appropriate items for the packs. I just now need to find a source that I can purchase in bulk.

Our core mission of starter packs has not suffered and we are helping just as many people. We had a very generous donation of bedding from the Crown Plaza hotel as they were going through a refit.

The demand for white goods has seen a big increase, likely a symptom of the cost-of-living crisis affecting so many. Thankfully, the Cooker for Christmas appeal was a huge success, and we are in a position to help.

Items that we are in need of, in no particular order are:

- Double sheets
- Pots and pans
- Frying pans
- Kitchen utensils
- Household cleaning products
- Personal toiletries, especially toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Screw-in lightbulbs for lamps.

As ever a very eclectic list but just shows the variety of items we are able to give clients. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and I promise my updates will be more regular.

Warm regards,

Ryan Strachan

Goods and Services Manager

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If you would like to support Fresh Start, please go to our website [www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

The warehouse is open for donations Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Please check first what is needed.

**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.



**SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER**  
**10.30 a.m.**  
**at ST SALVADOR'S**



**The Rector will be instituted as Priest-in-Charge at St Salvador's, Stenhouse, while remaining Rector of Holy Cross, and the new joint ministry team, including Ross and Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF, will be commissioned.**

There will also be the usual 10.30 a.m. Eucharist at Holy Cross. Ross will be at Holy Cross on the following Sunday, 9th October.

**INTRODUCING ROSS AND BROTHER JOE**

**Greetings from your new curate.** I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself.

I first moved to Edinburgh from Lancaster, in 2010 to study for an undergraduate degree in theology at New College. Incidentally, Stephen was my tutor for history of Christianity. After graduation, I moved to New York City to study at Union Theological Seminary and work for the Episcopal Diocese of New York. I returned to the UK in 2016 to continue my postgraduate studies in theology at Durham University.

Following a period of discernment, I returned to Edinburgh in 2019 to train for ordained ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. I have spent the past three years on placement at St Salvador's in Stenhouse and now look forward to getting to know you all at Holy Cross.

It was during my first week as an undergraduate that I met my wife Hayley, who is originally from the great state of New Jersey. Hayley is now the minister of Northesk Parish Church, in Musselburgh. We married in 2017 and recently welcomed our first child, Finan, into the world. In our free time we enjoy taking our dog Mäyrä on adventures and can often be found wandering in East Lothian.

Best wishes, Ross

## **Brother Joseph Emmanuel SSF**

Br Joseph Emmanuel (Joe) is an Anglican Franciscan Friar and has been a member of the Society of St Francis for 12 years. He is Edinburgh 'born and bred' having been baptised in Carrick Knowe Parish Church and educated at Corstorphine Primary School and Craigmount High School. With the blessing of his Community he lives in Edinburgh as a 'Brother on Detached Service'.

Before entering the Society of St Francis, he was Assistant Priest at St Michael and All Angels with St James in West Croydon (2005–2010) and Curate of St Paul the Apostle in Tottenham (2002–2005) having been formed for the Priesthood in the College of the Resurrection (Mirfield) and Ordained in the Diocese of London. Prior to beginning the discernment process Joe spent six very happy years at the University of St Andrews and has degrees in Medieval History and Medieval Islamic History (his postgraduate research focused on the architectural legacies of two 10th century Caliphs 'Abd al Rahman III and his son al Hakam II). Joe has various responsibilities within the Society of St Francis where he is the Liturgical Secretary, a book reviewer for the *Franciscan* magazine and helps with the academic formation of Novices (he was Novice Guardian from 2017–2021).

Joe is hoping that his presence in the Diocese of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Church might encourage others to think whether they too might be called to some form of religious life. Joe is a very keen amateur musician and enjoys playing the double bass with various orchestras and ensembles around Edinburgh (prior to discerning a vocation to priesthood he hoped to become a professional musician). He loves reading and is interested in obscure languages (he is currently attempting to learn classical Ethiopic/Ge'ez).

Br Joe's contact details:

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## **CHILDREN'S CONCERTS AT HOLY CROSS** **First Sunday of the month until October at 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](mailto:families.hce@gmail.com).

## LOVE

Here is another George Herbert poem.

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, worthy to be here:'  
Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'  
'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'  
So I did sit and eat.

Mark Oakley commented in *My Sour-Sweet Days*: 'So many voices today come at us from every side, telling us that we are small, fat, ugly, stupid, poor and not of any value unless we dance to the tune of the culture's advertisers. We internalise these voices, believing ourselves to be valueless, but often lash out at others to hide it. Here we find the gospel encapsulated in a few intimately charged lines: don't listen to the noisy, bullying voices because only one matters – the voice that comes from heaven telling you who you really are, that you are loved and wanted and for always... Love must always be the last word.'

*Neville Long*

## VICAR TO DAD'S ARMY

Frank Williams who died recently wrote a wonderful autobiography 20 years or so ago capturing his time on mainstream television series, including the famous *Dad's Army* in which he played the huffy, fussy, self-absorbed vicar Timothy Farthing.

Frank grew up in a Welsh Non-Conformist Christian family but became

puzzled by some aspects of that culture. He was uneasy when facing his grandfather's Sabbatarianism. He was insecure when reading his dad's Sunday school prizes because the books were all about children facing the tragedy of their parents dying. He had the biggest toy car I ever saw but he also had questions about the good things God seemed to have showered on him. One 5th November, for example, he found his local shop had run out of fireworks. 'Now you couldn't possibly do Guy Fawkes night without fireworks,' he thought. So, he prayed: 'Please let me have some fireworks Lord. Amen'. Later that night, the shop manager came round to see them and announced that he had discovered a spare box lying about. 'God does things like that,' Frank thought joyfully to himself. But then he asked himself the question: 'Why would God answer such a selfish prayer?'. It was a puzzle which made him wary of pat answers.

When sent as an evacuee to a private boarding school he came across a more relaxed approach – Anglo-Catholicism. The greater use of ritual appealed to his imagination and kinaesthetic sensitivity. When he was confirmed at school, he knew something significant had happened that depended not on his vacillating moods and attitude but on God's grace. In his autobiography he described the drama of the High Mass of the Paschal Vigil at All Saints (which he later attended). 'One waited in a darkened church,' he wrote, 'with sounds only partially heard, of something mysterious going on outside, suddenly a reflected glow of a new fire flickered over the church door, and the entrance of the Paschal candle proclaimed the light of Jesus. The light was passed from one candle to another until the whole church was lit up and the Exultet's voice proclaimed that the light although divided is never diminished. Suddenly a darkened church sprang into light, bells rang out and the organ thundered, proclaiming the joy of the Resurrection; "Christ is risen", it said, leaving no room for doubt.'

Frank has been likened to Timothy Farthing because his acting of that role was so superb. At times he even amused people by imitating the character in real life. When recalling the military training he had endured at his private school he said, 'You were able to get out of marching and all that stuff by getting captured early on and having a lie down in the sun until all the silly business was finished'. But Frank was a much bigger character than Timothy. He was the glue that held the cast of *Dad's Army* together – making lasting friendships with so many of the cast. He also became a prominent member of the Council of Equity, the actors' union, and served as a lay member of the Church of England's General Synod. Frank would not claim that he always got things right, but his life was one of service to others in which he lived with a direct experience of spirituality and a glowing faith.

*Andrew Vass*

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER ROUND-UP**

Our weekly Toddler Church sessions have stopped for the school holidays, so I took the opportunity to explore other types of children's ministry, with my toddler sidekick of course!

### **Holiday Club**

In July I helped out at a very well-run holiday club at Bristo Baptist Church. Bess and I go along to their weekly toddler group which is where we met their children's minister, Christopher, who invited me to the holiday club. It was run over three mornings, for primary school aged children who attended without their parents. We started each day with a drama and song on the theme: Peter's Journey. The children were then divided into age groups – Bess and I were with the four and five year olds – and spent the next hour and a half going around four different activities: music, games, craft and stories. We all came together for a snack break in the middle and for a round-up and song at the end.

Bristo has a very large team, so this is not a type of ministry that I could emulate, but I did learn a lot from it. Perhaps most important is that really good, lively ministry is not all about numbers. There were 'only' around 15 children at the holiday club; we have had that many at Toddler Church on a Friday morning. So while the holiday club was a big operation, with lots of helpers and a sizeable budget for the activities, the numbers are not unattainable. Neither is the outcome. Those 15 or so children learnt about our faith in general and two or three Bible stories in particular. They met members of the congregation and ministry team at Bristo, and they explored the church building. These last two points are particularly important. Any time a child comes into a church building, particularly for this sort of 'one off' activity, I remind myself that they may not set foot in a church again for many years. Therefore, their experience must be a positive one. They need to leave knowing that that we Christians are friendly, approachable people; that they are allowed to go into a church building; and that they can come as themselves, with whatever is going on in their lives. The children at Bristo certainly experienced that – as did I!

### **Sporty Church**

I have been working with a team from Cramond Kirk to try out an idea called 'Sporty Church' – sessions on a Sunday afternoon in Cramond Kirk halls, based around games (or sports) and storytelling. As I write we have done one session, on Feeding the Five Thousand, and have one more at the end of August about Zacchaeus. The first session was a lovely experience. We were a smallish group, including one family from our Toddler Church,

and the session ended up more free-flow than we had planned. This was a good thing. I had prepared crafts (paper plate fish) for those who weren't keen on the games. As it happened, everyone wanted to make fish, especially the grown-ups! So we all sat down together for the first 15 minutes or so which gave us the opportunity to get to know one another. Then almost everyone moved through to the hall where I led a welcome song – the same one we use every week at Toddler Church – and we all joined in with the games. They involved amusingly large homemade stuffed fish and loaves, of which we all became rather fond, and were cleverly adapted so that everyone could join in, from toddlers to grandparents.

Afterwards we sat in a circle for a Godly Play story. For those of you who haven't come across Godly Play, it is a particular mode of telling and discussing Bible stories, using lots of small props. In this case, tiny wooden figures representing Jesus, the disciples and the crowd. The idea is to allow children to enter into the story without being distracted or intimidated by the storyteller. The storyteller doesn't make eye contact with the children at any point. I have always thought that rather odd, but having now experienced it I am thoroughly convinced. The children sat completely still and in silence, focused on what was going on. The storyteller, Alex, who leads Godly Play in Scotland, spoke in a slow, gentle voice, and moved the little figures around in front of her very carefully, pausing after each movement to let the children see what had happened. At the end, she asked two 'I wonder...?' questions, keeping the stillness and quietness of the story, which meant the children didn't feel the need to come up with an answer or hurry. They spoke if and when they were ready. Then they were allowed to play with the figures and ask questions. It was a moving experience. I hope to learn more about Godly Play...

At the end of the Sporty Church session we all came together for pizza and cake. The atmosphere in the room was lovely – relaxed and friendly with lots of chat and laughter. This was proper family ministry: all ages together, working together, learning together, praying together. I look forward to the next session.

### **What next?**

Toddler Church starts again on 19th August and will run every Friday in term time, 10.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.. I have planned out the term so that we have a mixture of sessions based on Bible stories, the church building, and key feasts and festivals. A number of the children who attended Toddler Church last term are now starting school. We got to know each other well – I will miss them! I hope that the others will return and that more will join us. I know that word about our children's ministry is spreading and I look

forward to sharing our faith and our community with more people.

I would like to ask for your prayers for three things in particular:

For those children who have become part of our community and are now off on a big new adventure, starting school.

For new families to find us, and that they will feel welcome to bring their own personalities and experiences into our community, so helping to shape our ministry in ways that we cannot yet imagine.

For me to know how to respond to those who come to us, and to discern where God is leading us.

*Izzy Armstrong-Holmes, Children's Minister*



## **KALENDAR and READINGS SEPTEMBER 2022**

'Creationtide' is from September 1st to the Feast of St Francis, October 4th.

**Thursday 1st September** – Giles, Abbot, c.710 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 2nd September** – Martyrs of New Guinea – **10.30 a.m. Toddler Church – 2 p.m. Eucharist for Healing**

Saturday 3rd September – Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 604

**Sunday 4th September - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Concert for Children**

*Collect:* Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour



down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

**Wednesday 7th September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* I Corinthians 7.25-31      Psalm 45.11-18      Luke 6.20-26

**Thursday 8th September – The Birth of Mary, Mother of God – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 9th September – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

**Saturday 10th September - Latin Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.** with the Cantores Sanctae Crucis

**Sunday 11th September - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Patronal Feast) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – Vespers and Benediction with prayers for the congregation 4 p.m..**

*Collect:* Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Readings:* Numbers 21.4b-9                      Psalm 98.1-8  
I Corinthians 1.18-24                      John 3.13-17

Tuesday 13th September – Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258

**Wednesday 14th September** (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, transferred to previous Sunday*) – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* I Corinthians 12.31-13.13      Psalm 33.1-12,22      Luke 7.31-35  
(*or the Holy Cross readings may be used*)

**Thursday 15th September - Mary at the Cross – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 16th September - Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, sixth century – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

Saturday 17th September - Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess and Mystic, 1179

**Sunday 18th September - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (no 9 a.m. service)**

*Collect:* Almighty God, your only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in

spirit and in truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Amos 8.4-7 Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13

**Wednesday 21st September - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: 2 Timothy 3.14-17 Psalm 119.33-40 Matthew 9.9-13

**Thursday 22nd September – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 23rd September - Adomnán of Iona, Abbot, 704 – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

Saturday 24th September - Our Lady of Walsingham

**Sunday 25th September - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (no 9 a.m. service)**

*Collect:* O God, in generous mercy you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the Gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Amos 6.1a,4-7 Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31

Tuesday 27th September - Vincent de Paul, priest, 1660

**Wednesday 28th September – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Job 9.1-16 Psalm 88.10-15 Luke 9.57-62

**Thursday 29th September (St Michael and All Angels transferred to Sunday) – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 30th September - Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420 – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

Saturday 1st October – Thérèse of Lisieux, Carmelite and Teacher of the Faith, 1897 (*ordination of Revd Dr Claire Nicholson at Holy Trinity, Melrose*)

**Sunday 2nd October – St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (no 9 a.m. service) – 2 p.m. Concert for Children**

*Collect:* Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Genesis 28.10-17 Psalm 103.19-22  
Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-51.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL and LUNCH SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER**

Details to follow

### **WORSHIP**

Our usual weekly services are:

Sunday        9.00 a.m. Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)  
                  (When possible – see *Kalendar*)  
                  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)

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

Any variations to the above are noted in the *Kalendar*.

### **A PRAYER FROM CHRISTIAN AID**

Creator God,  
from the tree of the garden of Eden  
to the tree in the city in Revelation  
we thank you for your vision of creation healed.  
Help us to be your agents of restoration,  
tending to the beauty of the Earth  
and enabling your healing of the nations.  
Amen

