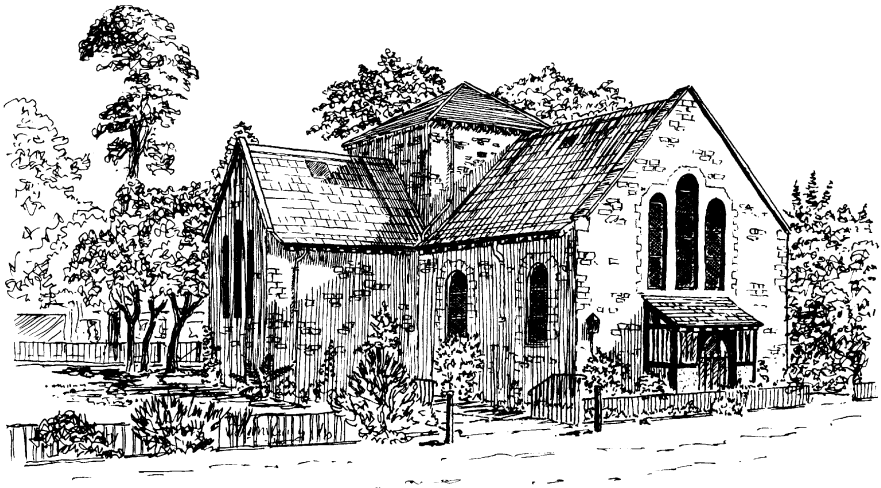


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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

Most of us have little daily rituals, things we do each day and are just part of our life. It might be reading the paper, coffee with the radio, or 15 minutes with the Bible. One of mine is Morning Prayer each day in the same chair, sitting before a crucifix and icons. The crucifix and icons don't change, reminding me that God's love doesn't change, but I am sitting before a window at the front of the Rectory and the big trees along the wall of the Lauriston estate change with the seasons. This is now the third year I have seen the leaves change colour and drop. 'Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me'.

We sang this hymn at Sylvia Vass's Requiem because 'Abide with me' was her favourite hymn. Now, this month, we have the Memorial Service for Isobel Winnington-Ingram who was also a long-standing member of Holy Cross. Our lives and the life of our church are marked by change, something we particularly think of in the autumn as the leaves fall and we have All Souls Day and Remembrance Sunday. When I asked Sylvia in her last few days what she thought about dying and meeting the Lord, she simply said, 'I feel at peace'. Isobel's last words were 'thank you' and her last days, last years, were marked by those who visited as full of grace and thanksgiving. In change and dying, it is not only God who 'changest not' but those things of God which grow in us through our faith.

All of us certainly need this inner strength in these troubled times. I sometimes wonder if the Lord has unleashed the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse on our world. A pandemic followed by famine, floods and drought; Putin, war and the threat of nuclear attack; dictatorship and repression in China and Iran; chaos in government, recession, double-digit inflation, and a massive rise in food and fuel poverty in our own society. There are grounds for fear in worldly terms. I was, however, encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury who publicly called for prayer for Liz Truss after she resigned as Prime Minister and was greatly attacked for doing so. He had criticised some of her policies but held to Christian compassion for a person who had had the courage to go into public service – we should all pray that God will raise up compassionate and competent people to serve us in public life.

We are all directly hit by the rise in prices, and, now we are joined to St Salvador's, Stenhouse, we see how the crisis devastates the lives of the poorest in society – last week I helped at the St Salvador's Food Bank where

there has been about a 500 percent increase in use in recent months. Thanks to all at Holy Cross who donate goods or money.

Our church is also hit by the crisis. Colin our Treasurer will deal with this elsewhere and we will hear more at our AGM at the end of the month, but the costs of running Holy Cross will go up between 10 and 20 percent and we have a few capital projects on our buildings that need to be done. Thankfully, we have received a grant towards the cost of the emergency repairs to the Rectory wall and the recent quinquennial inspection of our property didn't discover any major problems, but there is still work to be done. We are required by law to update parts of our electrical wiring systems, the quinquennial said the Rectory must be repointed (Vestry has already started the work on this), and our hall needs refurbishment and updating. Vestry is setting up two committees to manage the project and raise funds for the hall project. Please let me know if you would like to help with this.

There will be more information on this later, but it does raise questions for each of us. How, as Christians in a time of crisis, can we be faithful in the use of the resources God has given us: our time and our income? I want to thank all those who contributed to our Holy Cross Gift Day in September, Colin tells me it was a generous offering! Thanks also to those of you, most of our regular worshippers, who donate to Holy Cross regularly through your bank (or in other ways). Without your generosity, Holy Cross would not exist.

The current crisis will see many of us reviewing our household budgets. This is a good opportunity to review our giving to church and charity. This may go up as need rises, perhaps an increase of 10 percent or more in giving to reflect inflation and increased costs. It may also go down if your income decreases and your own costs grow. God calls us to be generous and some of us give a tithe, 10 percent, of our disposable income.

The current crisis is also a time to reflect on the deeper, spiritual reasons for Christian giving. It is 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 so that others may experience God's love, and 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*). Jesus said: 'give, and it will be given to you... for with the measure you use, it will be measured to you' (*Luke 6:38*).

So, in challenging times, we look to the future in hope and thankfulness. This magazine records lots of the good things happening at Holy Cross this month

and we now have the new ministries among us of Ross and Br Joe. The diocese has also recognised the good work Holy Cross is doing with Toddler Church by awarding a grant so that Izzy can do a few more hours a week as our Children's Minister. This will start with the new Church Year in Advent.

Let's pray for and support each other as we approach Christmas and the New Year,

With love in Christ,



FROM THE REGISTERS

Requiem and Interment of Ashes

Sylvia Vass on Saturday 22nd October



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial on The Green

1.00 p.m.

Sunday 13th November

Assemble in East Barnton Avenue at 12.40. Procession moves off at 12.50.
Service led by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's

ST SALVADOR'S, STENHOUSE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is still 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. There is a box on the bench near the north door for your donations.



The Food Bank needs non-perishable food such as rice, pasta, cooking oil, sugar, tins of fish or meat. They also give out nappies (larger sizes are best), toiletries and cleaning materials.

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

For more information contact David (davetownhill@gmail.com or 07812 024054), the Rector, the Curate or Br Joe.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Harvest, and to Jenny and Yvonne for filling the gaps in October.

6th November	Mary Egan
13th November	REMEMBRANCE (poppies)
20th November	Jean Kendrew
27th November	Advent – no flowers until Christmas



Flower Rota 2023

The rota for next year will be on the noticeboard in church before long. When it appears, please sign up for any Sundays when you would like to provide the flowers. If you would like to donate the flowers but not arrange them yourself please contact Sarah.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER

The meeting will take place in the hall after the 10.30 service. Please take just a short coffee break so that we can start (and finish) promptly.

Papers will be available in advance, either by email or to pick up in church. Please read them beforehand, and remember to bring them to the meeting.

We need to elect: People's Warden
Lay Representative
Alternate Lay Representative

These are one-year posts, but the present holders may be re-elected.
Vestry Members, to serve for three years.

Retiring members are not eligible for re-election this year.

Advance nominations save time at the meeting. Please think about possible candidates, but remember to get their permission before you nominate them. Remember also that a seconder is needed. You cannot nominate yourself, but it is quite acceptable to drop heavy hints!

DECEMBER/JANUARY MAGAZINE

The next magazine will be the December/January double issue – there is no magazine in January. The copy deadline is 19th November. Please remember that this is the **last** date for submitting material. Earlier is always appreciated as it makes life much easier for the Editor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations have been coming in for the Holy Cross Gift Day and to date our reserves have been boosted by nearly £3,000. This is a tremendous response, and I would like to thank all who have given so generously. It is not too late if anyone would still like to make a donation (I include myself in this and have just made a payment now).

You can pay by cash, cheque or online to

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I have also been receiving payments for the Magazine and I would like to thank all who have made payments totalling around £300. Again, it is not too late if you would like to make a payment. I was surprised to note that we receive money from people whose names I don't know, people who may not come to regular Sunday or Wednesday services but who nonetheless want to keep up to date with what is happening in Holy Cross. It shows me how important it is to keep in touch with everyone who has an association with us, and I would like to thank Margaret Deas for the valuable work she does in collating and editing the magazine. I know it can't be easy gathering content because I am always late in providing my report and I suspect I am not alone in this.

We face financial challenges in the forthcoming year with increased costs across the board: heating and lighting, hall cleaning, insurance, repairs and maintenance, not to mention an increase in the Rector's stipend and pension contributions (not unreasonable since it has been frozen for several years). However, I remain confident that the congregation will continue to give generously and help us keep financially solvent.

Colin Mair, Treasurer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursdays 27th Oct. to 24th November: Our Faith course – see *page 8*

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Sunday – see *page 5*

Saturday 26th November: Davidson's Mains Christmas Community Market & Christmas Lights Switch On at Holy Cross – see *page 8*

Sunday 27th November: First Sunday of Advent. **Annual Meeting** – see *page 6*

OUR FAITH: A SHORT COURSE ON THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY

Thursdays 7.30–9 p.m. in the church from 27th October to 24th November

A chance to explore the basics of our faith based on the book *This is Our Faith* (£7.95). Contact the Rector if you'd like to join us – all welcome!

27th October – Meeting God

3rd November – Meeting Jesus

10th November – Living in the Spirit

17th November – Eucharist and Life

24th November – Healing and Death

DAVIDSON'S MAINS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMUNITY MARKET & SWITCH ON EVENT SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

12 noon to 6 p.m.
at Holy Cross

Entry £2.50 adults Children (under 18) free



Local Makers Market
Santa's Grotto
Children's Arts and Crafts
Hot Food and Drinks
Festive Entertainment
Huge Prize Raffle

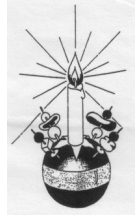


SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Izzy Holmes is our rep on the Lights Committee. We need volunteers:

- **We need cleaners** for afternoon of Friday 25th; community deep clean for the Christmas Fayre and start of the new church year.
- **We need people to sell teas & coffees** on Saturday 26th from 12 to 6 p.m. (in teams of two) and help to set up before & tidy after.

Contact Izzy on families.hce@gmail.com or 07464 611553



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE
3.30 p.m.

Carols, candlelight and the Christmas story
For all the family
No need to book

**An Act of Dedication of Mankind
to Jesus Christ, Universal King**

Lord Jesus,

Gracious Redeemer of mankind, we kneel before you in loving adoration.

You have made us your own by your Incarnation, Cross and Resurrection.

We wish to abide in you as you abide in us. To be more united to you we consecrate ourselves today to you, our Universal King.

Most loving Jesus,

have pity on all who do not know you; on all who reject you; and on all who refuse to obey you.

Reign as King in the hearts of all your faithful friends and servants.

Be King also of all who have disowned you; bring them back like the prodigal son to their father's house before they perish.

Rule the hearts of Christians separated from each other by reason of conscience, or through failure of love.

Make them all one in you, our Shepherd, Brother, Saviour and Friend, in the sheepfold of your love.

Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may bear faithful witness to you, that we may live in true Godliness, and that we may abound in good works.

Draw all hearts to yourself.

We ask you, O merciful Lord, that all the peoples of the world may come to know you by your Holy Spirit, so that the whole earth may join our prayer,

'Praise to Jesus, our Lord, our God, our Saviour, our Universal King,
Glory and Honour and Power be yours for ever and ever'.

AMEN

KALENDAR and READINGS NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday 1st November (*All Saints transferred to Sunday 30th October.*)

Wednesday 2nd November – 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Readings: Philippians 2.12-18 Psalm 27.1-5 Luke 14.25-33

Thursday 3rd November – Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher of the Faith 1600 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. ‘Our Faith’ course**

Friday 4th November – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church – 2 p.m. Healing Eucharist

Saturday 5th November – Memorial Service for Isobel Winnington -Ingram 11.30 a.m.

Sunday 6th November – TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17.1-9
 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 Luke 20.27-38

Monday 7th November – Willibrord, Bishop and Missionary, 739 (7-10 November, Edinburgh clergy conference)

Tuesday 8th November – John Duns Scotus, Franciscan, teacher of the faith, 1308

Wednesday 9th November – George Hay Forbes, Priest, 1875 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Titus 3.1-7 Psalm 23 Luke 17.20-25

Thursday 10th November – Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome and Teacher of the Faith, 461 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. ‘Our Faith’ course**

Friday 11th November – Martin of Tours, Bishop, c.397 – **10.30 a.m. Toddler Church**

Saturday 12th November – Machar, Bishop, c.600

Sunday 13th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Pentecost 23) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Act of Remembrance, Davidson’s Mains War Memorial – 1 p.m.

Readings Malachi 4.1-2a Psalm 98
 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19

Monday 14th November – Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784

Wednesday 16th November – MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, 1093 – Eucharist 10.30a.m.

Readings: Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 112
2 Timothy 1.1-7 Matthew 13.44-46 or Luke 11.33-36

Thursday 17th November – Hugh of Lincoln, 1200 – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. ‘Our Faith’ course

Friday 18th November – Fergus, c.750 – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church

Saturday 19th November – Hilda of Whitby, 680

Sunday 20th November – CHRIST THE KING – Eucharist 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 46
Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

Monday 21st November – Columban, bishop, 615

Tuesday 22nd November – Cecilia, Martyr, c.230

Wednesday 23rd November – Clement of Rome, c.100 – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Revelation 15.1-4 Psalm 98 Luke 21.20-28

Thursday 24th November – Lucy Menzies, 1954 – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. ‘Our Faith’ course

Friday 25th November – 10.30 a.m. Toddler Church

Sunday 27th November – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Eucharist 9.00 a.m. and 10.30a.m. Annual Meeting

Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5 Psalm 122
Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.15-18

Wednesday 30th November – ST ANDREW, PATRON OF SCOTLAND - Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.11-14 Psalm 19.1-6
Romans 10.8b-18 Matthew 4.18-22

Sunday 4th December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalm 72.1-7,18-19
Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12

WORSHIP

Our usual weekly services are:

Sunday **9.00 a.m. Eucharist**
10.30 a.m. Eucharist

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 are noted in the Kalendar.

