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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

I write this as preparations are in progress for the great Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on at Holy Cross on the eve of Advent Sunday. This promises to be an enjoyable day when hundreds will visit Holy Cross. Thanks to Izzy for organising our Holy Cross contribution to the day, to the singers and musicians who will be performing, and to others who are serving refreshments and helping out in various ways. It is good that our church is at the heart of our community.

Elsewhere you can read of our Christmas services. Do bring your friends along. I am particularly pleased that Carols in Ye Olde Inn will start again – the staff there are very keen that we come back and sing. We are now joined to St Salvador's, Stenhouse and members of Holy Cross are invited to their Community Carol Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 21st December just as I have invited St Salvador's folk to ours.

One recent event is that the Revd Sarah Miller, who is well-known to those who come to Wednesday Communion, entered the Anglican Convent of the Sisters of the Love of God at Fairacres in Oxford last month. Fairacres is a well-established contemplative community with a spirituality similar to that of the Carmelites. Holy Cross has a lot of links with Anglican religious life (monks and nuns – see the '[Our History](#)' page of our website), not least with Br Joe SSF on our clergy team. Please pray for Sarah and she will continue to pray for us.

The place to look in order to find out what is happening at Holy Cross, and to find out more about us, is [our website](#). We have a fantastic new website funded by a Covid recovery grant so please do check it out. There is a [calendar](#) with all Holy Cross services and events, a page with [sermons and magazines](#), and lots of information [about us](#) and [our faith](#). It has about 1,300 visits a month and is a key part of our mission. I was pleased to welcome a couple from Texas at our 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist the other week. They were briefly in Edinburgh, searched on their phones for an Episcopalian Mass near where they were staying and found us. In an age when almost everybody has phones, our website is a global noticeboard.

I have written a report for the Annual Meeting and don't want to duplicate things here, so I will end by wishing you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas services.

With love in Christ,



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral:

Isobel Winnington-Ingram on Saturday 5th November

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The church remains unadorned during Advent.

Christmas Flowers



Sarah and the team would appreciate donations in advance towards the cost of flowers. Helpers will be welcome on the day – date and time of decorating to be arranged. Information from Sarah.

Flower Rota 2023

The new rota will be on the noticeboard shortly. Please sign up for the Sundays when you would like to be responsible for the flowers. If you are uncertain what to do or where to find the vases, consult Sarah.

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

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 all kinds of 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. An extra can when you do your shopping, or a buy-one-get-one-free offer when you don't need two can make a big difference without too much cost.

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 or if you would like to help speak to David or the Rector.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022



Sunday 18th December 7 p.m.

Holy Cross Candlelit Community Carol Service, with favourite carols and readings by members of community groups. The place to be after the World Cup final.

Tuesday 20th December 7 p.m.

Carols in the Pub at Ye Olde Inn, Davidson's Mains, where members of Holy Cross join with parishioners from St Margaret's RC Church and Davidson's Mains Parish Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday 24th December

3.30 p.m. Christingle Service, carols, candlelight and the Christmas story for all the family (no need to book). *More information on pages 4 and 5.*

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass, sung service with carols and incense

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday 25th December

9 a.m. Dawn Mass, short contemplative service commemorating the visit of the Shepherds, using the traditional liturgy

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with carols

Volunteer welcomers etc. will be needed for services over Christmas that are not on the regular rota. There is a list on the noticeboard – please sign up if you can help. Welcomers are particularly important when there may be visitors not familiar with Holy Cross.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christmas Market

By the time you read this the Davidson's Mains Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On will have happened. At the time of writing (early November), I'm surrounded by to-do lists! I'm a member of the Christmas Lights Committee, and we are organising a number of things ourselves.

The church will be open all afternoon for people to have a look around, with a children's area with toys and books in the south transept, and Stephen and I will be around to chat to people. We'll be providing peaceful live music in the church through the afternoon, including musicians from Holy Cross, and will be singing carols on the outdoor stage at 12 noon to welcome people at the start of the market. We also have a team selling teas and coffees in the church hall and will be hosting our friends from the Parish Church with their Nativity dressing-up selfie activity and stall. It will be a very busy and exciting afternoon – perhaps the biggest opportunity in the year to meet local families and welcome them into our building. The other, of course, is...

The Christingle Service

We will have a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve as in previous years, but with some changes. I have slimmed down the service, focusing on the Christmas story rather than trying to cover both that and Christingle teaching, while losing none of the magic and atmosphere that people expect and love. We will have carols and the Christmas story, and everyone will be given candles which we'll light at a certain point in the service. People will also be offered satsumas and packets of sweets or sultanas: a sort of deconstructed Christingle! These elements of the Christingle fit with the Christmas story. Jesus as a light in the world (candle), who came down to earth (satsuma) at Christmas, for all of God's creation (sweets/sultanas). There is also an environmental angle here. We will avoid the tin foil, electrical tape, and cocktail sticks in the traditional Christingle, all of which end up in the bin. I suspect that many of the oranges end up in the bin too, given that they would have had holes poked in them by unknown hands, and since Covid-19 people are much more concerned about germs! I hope that the service I have designed will give families the atmospheric Christmassy experience they expect, showing them that we are a welcoming and friendly community, while delivering authentic teaching that is true to our tradition.

How can you help?

I've had a few people ask me how they can help with our children's ministry.

Here are a few ideas:

Volunteer to help with events like the Christmas Market and Christingle Service. Keep an eye on the magazine and newsletters, and rotas that Pauline produces, for opportunities. You won't be asked to stand up and sing and dance; that's for me in my various brightly coloured outfits! Usually what I need are people to be welcomers and to do the behind the scenes work of setting up, tidying away, making teas and coffees etc.. If you know we have an event or service happening and are free to help, in any capacity, please come and let me know.

Talk about what we're doing. Word of mouth is powerful, and people are most likely to remember and recommend what they're told by friends.

If you use **social media**, please like our pages and like and share our posts. Doing so means that more people see our posts and, because of the way social media works, if we have a lot of activity around our accounts, our future posts are shown to more people. The majority of people who come to Toddler Church found us via Facebook, and most of the social activities for families in our local community in Davidson's Mains are organised and promoted through Facebook. I keep meeting people who say, 'Oh yes, I know you from Facebook', so it is working!

Pray for our work. This month I would ask for your prayers for:

Our Advent and Christmas activities. In particular the Christingle Service, and the Toddler Church sessions in Advent, which I am using to explore different versions of the Christmas story.

Good health for all involved in our work, especially through this busy season. Especially, if I may, pray for me – that I manage to avoid toddler-borne bugs for the next month so that I can deliver our activities and make the most of these opportunities to meet local families!

Izzy Armstrong-Holmes, Children's Minister

CHRISTINGLE

3.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE



Carols Candlelight and the Christmas Story
Children welcome to dress up (grown-ups too!)



No need to book

For more information contact our Children's Minister Izzy:
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ANNUAL MEETING 2022
APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

Secretary: Nicole Elvin

Treasurer: Colin Mair

Gift Aid Secretary: Colin Mair

Independent Examiner: WK Ramage

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Coordinators:

Alan Kirkpatrick and Izzy Armstrong-Holmes

Lay Representative: Andrew Vass

Alternate Lay Representative: vacant (Vestry to appoint)

Rector's Warden: Alan Kirkpatrick

People's Warden: Sally Mair

Vestry member: Claire Stewart

BUDGET 2022/23

Figures contained in printed copy and in AGM papers.

THE LIGHT OF THE KINGDOM

Brother Joe preached on Sunday 20th November, The Feast of Christ the King.

He had been talking about Sacramental Acts and God's perfection and majesty in the world, and the way so many things around us and in us proclaim God's greatness and the reality of Christ's kingdom. One phrase jumped out at me as he was preaching. I tried to remember it afterwards but felt I should check, and here it is:

'...And then there is human love and human compassion – small, seemingly insignificant acts of compassion and kindness which are, in fact, tiny explosions of the dazzling light of the Kingdom in our world...'

This got me thinking and in turn reminded me of St Teresa of Avila; her reminder that we are God's hands and feet in the world. The powerful message that if WE do not carry out God's work in all that we do, for the people that we meet, then who is going to do it?

What a wonderful image: to be an explosion of the light of the Kingdom in somebody's day!

Sally Mair



ISOBEL WINNINGTON-INGRAM

Address by the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes at Isobel's funeral

'We do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him... And so we will be with the Lord forever. Encourage one another with these words.'

Encourage one another, that is just what we are doing today as we remember Isobel Margaret Winnington-Ingram. Peter gave us a lovely and warm tribute and tour of her life and now it falls to me to try and give a little more of the Christian context.

In the hymn, we just sang the words: 'we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee'. Good words for a keen gardener like Isobel and we can look to the things that endure in us amidst all the fascinating changes of our lives. But we shouldn't neglect the things that change, as the hymn also says: 'in all life thou livest, the true life of all', God is present in the garden, amidst the political chat, in the officer called Richard standing by the fireplace in Kenya, in the hospitable house in Barnton Avenue as the steak and corn casserole is served.

Without change there would be no music and music helps us hear God, so it is particularly appropriate that we have our choir singing, the hymns, organ and Laura's beautiful piece by James Macmillan. This is really a service that wrote itself and I hope it gives a portrait of Isobel as you remember her. One thing I love about it is I was told we must NOT sing 'The Lord's my Shepherd' to Crimond, as she saw it as sentimental.

We will, however, hear the choir sing the Kontakion of the departed to an ancient melody from Kyiv, an Easter Orthodox prayer which is part of the Scottish Episcopal funeral liturgy and was first sung in an Anglican context at the funeral of King George V. You may remember it from the funerals of the late Queen and Prince Philip. Here music and words combine in hope, 'Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting'. In the Scottish Episcopal Church we pray for the dead and this is perhaps best seen, not as freeing them from pain, but accompanying them with our love as they enter deeper into that love of God which is 'life everlasting'. We are separated from them in the body but not separated in love and faith.

Love endures and all the things that endure in us are particularly interesting and revealing. We die in different ways and a peaceful death is not always given to a peaceful soul, but from what I have heard in Isobel's case the death reflected the soul, full of grace and thankfulness. These were the words used by those who visited or looked after her in her last years, and I recognise this from when I saw her. Her last words were 'thank you'. Dementia can be a cruel thing and cause anger in the most placid of persons, but sometimes the stripping away can reveal the beauty beneath.

We can see this in the things people said about her, thanks to Peter for sharing these, 'a fine listener', someone who created 'an island of peace and tranquillity' in Barnton Avenue, a lady with 'a luminous Scottish quality'.

But where did this unsentimental grace come from? Peter has given the answer, from her quiet, understated Christian faith which expressed itself in the quality of her life; like the saying  proclaim the faith and if necessary use

words'. The diary entry about the sermon and pruning the roses sums it up. There was clearly more going on under the surface. My predecessor, Douglas Kornahrens, wrote to Julia, 'Richard and Isobel were among the most charming and delightful people I have ever met. In all the time I knew Isobel, she was always gracious, always kind, always interesting, and never unkind or complaining. She never made any claims about her faith, in her slightly self-deprecating way, but experience of her over years told a rather different story. She was a woman of faith in Jesus Christ, who put her trust in him'.

When Paul said to the Thessalonians 'Encourage one another', he meant us to do this with the heart of the Christian faith, Jesus died and risen: 'we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him'. This is our hope and we can hold it in its fullness here, with respect for those who hold other opinions, but where and how did it grow in this lady who did not wear her faith on her sleeve? There was probably the influence of missionaries in Kenya, there was certainly the influence of her two churches in Edinburgh, St Thomas's, Corstorphine, where she did pastoral visiting, and here at Holy Cross, where among other things she took part in the Bible study group run by Mary Harrison. I'm told she read the Bible and Christian books such as those of CS Lewis at home and presumably also prayed.

And it is with prayer that I will end for our life of prayer is hidden in God. Jesus told us to go into our room, close the door and pray to our Father in secret. This is something we are often reticent about, especially people of Isobel's generation and background. But it was certainly there. I suspect proof of this is the faith of her family, Christianity is more often caught than taught and it certainly seems to be contagious in her family, many Christian women would be pleased to have their grandson lead prayers at their funeral. But many very holy people have families who abandon the faith, I suspect the real proof of a hidden life of prayer is an end full of grace and thankfulness.

Prayer leads to peace with God and may we all, as we remember Isobel Winnington-Ingram, be granted that peace in our lives and at the last. I'll end with Jesus' words to Thomas, read by Carol at the service this morning at the crematorium, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid'.

With the cost of living crisis only set to worsen as we move into the cold winter months, Christmas is the last thing on many families' minds this year.

Not only are times uncertain and challenging for us all, but imagine the excitement of moving into a new property then the harsh reality of realising that you have nothing to cook on, wash your clothes in or safely store your food. Or on the run up to Christmas, one of your major appliances breaking down. Already on a tight budget, this is now seen as a luxury that cannot be replaced. This is the reality facing too many people this year as they move on from homelessness and go into their new tenancy, or as they live day to day, trying to make ends meet. A broken appliance may be the last straw.

This is where YOU and Fresh Start can help. By donating to our Cookers for Christmas appeal, we can continue to provide white goods to people moving on from homelessness, or to those living in abject poverty.

Thanks to all your donations last year, we were able to purchase white goods for Louise, who came to Fresh Start seven weeks before she was due to give birth to her first child. She had been let down by her support services and was looking to have a settled home ahead of having her baby, and the lack of support she had received before coming to Fresh Start was taking its toll on her mental health. We were delighted to be able to provide her with these goods and also organise our Hit Squad painting and decorating service to go to the property to ensure her new home was ready for her new arrival.

No one in 2022 should have to wash their clothing in the bath, never have a hot dinner and have no means to store something as simple as a pint of milk. Let's not allow someone's Christmas or life in the new year to feel this bleak. By working together we can provide people with the goods they need to enjoy a hot meal, live independently and make healthy choices. During these challenging times, we hope we can offer a little light and hope with this vital service.

You can donate:

- via JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/campaign/CookersforChristmas2022
- by bank transfer to our Cookers for Christmas account: Fresh Start Scotland Sort code: 80-11-05 Account number: 00191316
- by sending a cheque to Fresh Start Cookers for Christmas Appeal, 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh EH4 4BR

KEEP WARM THIS WINTER

Free hot food and warm space this winter from LifeCare

We mentioned in the September magazine that the Stockbridge-based charity LifeCare Edinburgh offers free Meals on Wheels to qualifying people in north Edinburgh. Business Development Manager Naomi Potts has been in touch to remind of this and tell about a new scheme. She writes:

‘Please help us spread the word about our offering of free hot food this winter for people who are on low incomes. We have free places for people over 50 on Universal Credit or Pension Credit with our Meals on Wheels service in north Edinburgh and everyone is welcome at our Warm Space which is open on Saturdays and Sundays in our cosy café space at the LifeCare Centre in Stockbridge, offering free soup and hot drinks.’

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Please tell anyone you know who might be interested.

Warm Space and Winter Warmers Menu at the Sycamore Tree

‘Davidson’s Mains Kirk Session has been giving thought to what can be done to support our local community during the cost of living crisis. It has been decided that over the winter months the Sycamore Tree Café will be offered as a ‘cosy space’ where folk are invited to come and keep warm, have a chat and enjoy refreshments either from our usual menu or from a special Winter Warmer menu:

- Breakfast tea or instant coffee 50p
- A slice of toast with butter and jam 50p
- Half bowl of soup with bread, butter and a cup of tea or instant coffee £2

Folk are welcome to stay for as long as they like within the opening hours of 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday. Winter warmer menus will be put out on each table so folk can order from these or the normal menu.

In the Café we have always taken the approach that if someone comes in who is clearly in need of a warming drink or some soup but doesn’t have the means to pay, they should be given this without charge and obviously in the current climate this is even more likely to arise.’

As with LifeCare, please pass on the information to anyone who might benefit.



A CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS

It wouldn't be Christmas without the traditions we cherish. One of the most loved is when we all sit down for that special, once-a-year meal. That's a tradition we share with families around the world.

Fyness, a mum in Malawi, loves it too. 'We celebrate by eating the food we have prepared. We cook chicken and rice. After eating my rice I feel very happy and satisfied. I wish I could be eating rice every day.'

But sadly, families in Malawi are facing the worst of the climate crisis, and droughts and floods this year have left them struggling even to have their staple food of maize porridge to eat. Most families depend on small-scale farming, making them extremely vulnerable to the climate crisis.

Families are left with their crops shrivelled by drought or drowned by floods. By Christmas many of them will have little or no food left at all.

But it doesn't need to be like this. Thanks to generous gifts from supporters, and with the support of the [Social Support for Resilience](#) (SoSuRe) project, 15,000 of the most vulnerable, food-insecure families in Malawi are now building their resilience to climate shocks.

To support this work in Malawi and other places facing the threat of famine, go to the Christian Aid website christianaid.org.uk

Virtual Christmas Gifts

You can also buy virtual gifts. With options ranging from a pair of chickens for £8 to a safe place to learn and play for £166 there is something for everyone.

Whichever you choose, you will receive a gift card for each one, explaining how it all works. There may not be a pair of chickens somewhere that you can identify as 'yours', but you can be certain that your contribution has been used for a project in agriculture, health care, education – whatever category your purchase was in.

Shop online at charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk

Margaret Deas

KALENDAR and READINGS

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Thursday 1st December – Charles de Foucauld, priest and hermit, 1916
– **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 2nd December – Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, 1637 – **Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.** – **Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

Saturday 3rd December – Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552

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

Tuesday 6th December – Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, 4th century

Wednesday 7th December – Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher of
the faith, 397 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Isaiah 40.25-31 Psalm 103.1-10 Matthew 11.12-14

Thursday 8th December – The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord
– **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

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

Saturday 10th December – Thomas Merton, monk, 1968 – **Evening
Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Sunday 11th December – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** –
Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 Luke 1.46b-55
 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

Monday 12th December – Finnian of Clonard, abbot, c.550

Tuesday 13th December – Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Wednesday 14th December – John of the Cross, priest and teacher of
the faith; Ember Day – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Isaiah 45.5-8(9-17)18-25 Psalm 85.8-13 Luke 7.19-23

Thursday 15th December – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 16th December – Ember Day – **Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 17th December – Ember Day; O Sapientia (O Wisdom) –
Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Advent changes gear today and turns its attention towards the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Each day at Evening Prayer has a special and very beautiful antiphon sung before and after the Magnificat, each of which develop titles of Christ. Today it is: 'O Wisdom, who proceeded out of the mouth of the most high, reaching from one end of creation to the other and ordering all things powerfully and gently, come and teach us the way of prudence'.

Sunday 18th December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – Candlelit Community Carols, 7 p.m.

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16 Psalm 80.1-7,16-18
Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25

Monday 19th December – O radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

Tuesday 20th December – O Clavis David (Key of David) – 7 p.m. Community Carols in Ye Olde Inn

Wednesday 21st December – O Oriens (Morning Star) – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Song of Solomon 2.8-14 Psalm 33.1-5,20-22 Luke 1.39-45

Thursday 22nd December – O Rex Gentium (King of the Nations) – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Friday 23rd December – O Emmanuel (God with us)

Saturday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle 3.30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98
Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14

Sunday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY: THE LORD'S NATIVITY

Eucharist 9.00 a.m. (Scottish Liturgy 1970)

Readings: Isaiah 62.6-12 Psalm 97
Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.8-20

Sung Eucharist with Carols 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96
Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20

Monday 26th December – St Stephen, deacon and martyr

Tuesday 27th December – John the Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday 28th December – Holy Innocents – Eucharist 10.30a.m.

Readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17 Psalm 124
Revelation 21.1-7 Matthew 2.13-18

Thursday 29th December – Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr, 1170 – **no Zoom Evening Prayer**

Sunday 1st January – THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Numbers 6.22-27 Psalm 8
Philippians 2.5-11 Luke 2.15-21

Monday 2nd January – Seraphim of Sarov, Monk & Mystic, 1833

Wednesday 4th January – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: I John 3.7-10 Psalm 98.1-2,8-10 John 1.35-42

Thursday 5th January – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Friday 6th January [Epiphany transferred to Sunday 8th] – **Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

Saturday 7th January – Kentigerna, Hermit, c.750

Sunday 8th January – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9 Psalm 29
Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17

Monday 9th January BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Wednesday 11th January – David, King of Scots, 1153 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-18 Psalm 105.1-15 Mark 1.29-39

Thursday 12th January – Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 13th January – KENTIGERN (MUNGO), Bishop – **Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 14th January – Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 367

Sunday 15th January – SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 Psalm 40.1-11
I Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42

Tuesday 17th January – Antony of Egypt, Abbot, 356

Wednesday 18th January – The Confession of Peter – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Hebrews 7.1-3,15-17 Psalm 110 Mark 3.1-6

Thursday 19th January – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Friday 20th January – Founders of Anglican Franciscan Communities – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 21st January – Agnes, Martyr, c.304

Sunday 22nd January – THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4 Psalm 27.1,4-9
I Corinthians 1.10-18 Matthew 4.12-23

Tuesday 24th January – Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622

Wednesday 25th January – THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, Apostle. End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Acts 26.9-23 Psalm 67
Galatians 1.11-24 Matthew 10.16-22

Thursday 26th January – Timothy and Titus, Bishops – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.

Friday 27th January – John Chrysostom, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 407 – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.

Saturday 28th January – Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Sunday 29th January – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Micah 6.1-8 Psalm 15
I Corinthians 1.18-21 Matthew 5.1-12

Monday 30th January – CHARLES I, King and Martyr, 1649, founder of the Diocese of Edinburgh

Tuesday 31st January – Charles Mackenzie, Bishop in Central Africa, Martyr – **King Charles the Martyr Mass at the Cathedral 11.30 a.m.**

Wednesday 1st February – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 54.1-10(11-17) Galatians 4.21-31 Mark 8.11-26

**Sunday 5th February – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(Candlemas) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.** (Trans. from 2nd)

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4

Psalm 84.1-7 or 24.7-40

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

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.

Christmas Services are listed on page 3.



