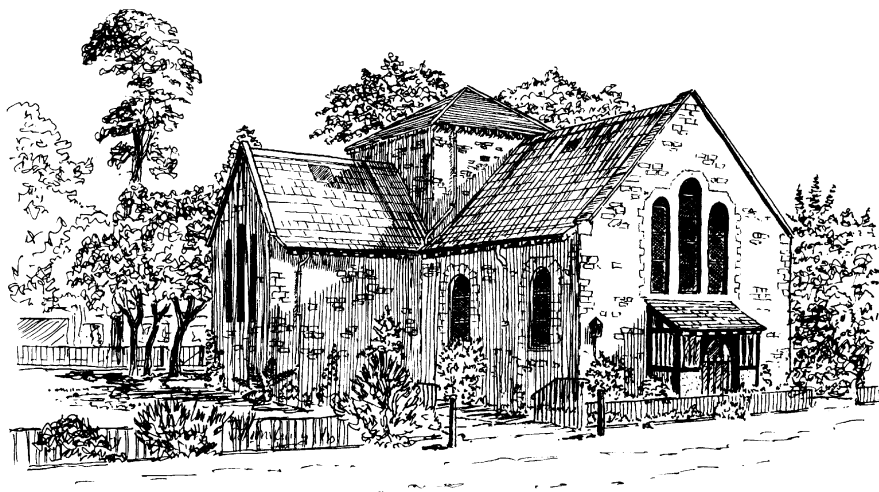


# Church of the Holy Cross

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THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## **FROM THE CURATE**

November is a season of remembrance in the Church. The month begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, during which we are invited to bring to mind all those who have died. This can be a poignant time as we remember those who we love but see no longer. It is also an opportunity for us to remember that in the Christian tradition, death is not the end. For through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are all invited into the fullness of life. Later in the month is Remembrance Sunday, when we give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit of peace. The month then ends with the feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the liturgical year. This offers us an opportunity to cast our minds back over the previous year and to look forward to the year that begins with Advent. For Holy Cross, this means acknowledging that we find ourselves in a transitional period following the departure of Fr Stephen Holmes as our Rector. During this time we are invited to discern where God is calling us as a congregation and to pray for who God is calling to lead us into the next stage of our mission.

The act of remembrance also holds an important place in the sacramental life of the Church. For at the heart of the Eucharistic prayer is an act of recollection: 'Do this in memory of me'. Theologians use the term 'anamnesis' to describe the way in which we recall the saving work of Christ so that we might make ourselves present to the events of Golgotha and Gethsemane. As we say each week: 'We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom'. For it is by recalling the saving death of Christ and by proclaiming the good news of his resurrection that we are able to tell those around us that another world is not only possible but already breaking into our present. Now there is some good news to end the year on.

Yours in Christ

*Ross*

## **DECEMBER/JANUARY MAGAZINE**

The next magazine will be the December/January double issue. The publication and distribution teams will be taking a Christmas break, so there is no separate magazine in January. The copy deadline is Tuesday 19th November. Please remember to give the Editor information about events in January and even early February as well as December.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Funeral:** Doreen Gardiner on 18th October

Dear Lord

Grant us strength in our sorrow,  
comfort in the time we had with our loved ones.  
Mourning passes and life goes on. Different, yet still sweet.

We will honour the memories and find joy in knowing  
that your eternal care is ever closer to the ones we love.

Amen.

## ALL SOULS REQUIEM Wednesday 6th November 10.30 a.m.

There is a box (and paper and pen) in church for the names of any of the departed whom you wish to have remembered. Or give the names to Ross.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th November 1 p.m.

The procession will walk from the road beside the church to the War Memorial on the Green for an Act of Remembrance at 1 p.m. There will be an opportunity to lay wreaths after the roll-call. The ceremony will be led by Fr Jamie McMorrin from St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church.

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to Sarah, Yvonne and anyone else who helped to make the church so beautiful for Harvest. Thanks also to Ron Gillies for changing his date to 27th October, thus filling the gap.

3rd November	Sarah (All Saints/All Souls)
10th November	Remembrance
17th November	Yvonne Boughton
24th November	Jenny Harrison and Vanessa Hartley



## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT RECTOR



**Who do we want?  
Tell us your views!**

- What kind of person should lead Holy Cross?
- What matters to you about your Rector?
- What qualities are important to you?

No need for a long letter – just tell us in a few words what you think.

**YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

Your comments will help in our search. All replies must be received before the AGM on 17th November.

You can:

- Email the Rector's Warden: [thegasman586@gmail.com](mailto:thegasman586@gmail.com)
- Pop a note in the suggestion box in church
- Post a letter to the Vacancy Committee c/o The Rectory, 18 Barnton Gardens, EH4 6AF. Mail is picked up regularly.

## NEW RECTOR: WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**What has been happening since 5th August**, when Stephen and Izzy left Holy Cross? Actually quite a lot; your Vestry has been busy working away in the background. It doesn't seem long since our last vacancy period, however things have changed since then and we are keen to reflect this in preparing the information needed in our search for the person to lead us in the next part of our journey. It's not just a case of changing dates and names!

Over the course, hopefully, of the next month or so, we will publish:

- An updated *Profile* of our congregation, church, worship style, location, history, buildings, hopes and plans, etc., all of which, and more, will help those who may be considering applying to be our new Rector
- An updated *Person Specification* - a summary of what we are looking for in a new Rector, including their worship and preaching style, pastoral care, theological position, and how they might support our hopes and expectations for Holy Cross, and where we see ourselves ten years from now. Our hopes for the future need to be incorporated.

Preparation of the above has already begun. Once the profiles have been completed and approved by the Bishop, we will draft an advert to be posted in *The Church Times* and other relevant outlets.

To help us build a picture of what the congregation wants and hopes for, we need your opinion on the above, and any other ideas you may have. We're not looking for long pieces - just a few words or sentences about what's important to you is enough - but we do want everyone to have the opportunity to give their views. Although we probably won't reply, all contributions will be read and their contents noted. Your input will also help when it comes to reviewing applications and (hopefully) shortlisting applicants, as well as in working out what questions to ask in interviews.

Remember, the vacancy is open to all - we need to be careful not to be discriminatory; fortunately there are others to check and make sure that we follow the rules.

Information on how to contribute is on page 5, and will be included in the Sunday sheets. **It is important that your comments reach us before the AGM (17th November).** The Vestry will meet the following week to begin finalising the various papers.

**What else is happening?** Decoration and internal work is planned for the Rectory - we hope the buildings committee, who will guide us on what needs to be done, will have visited by the end of November. The hedges have been cut and garden tidy-ups planned. And an arborist's report on the trees in the church grounds will have been completed; it's five years since our last written report, although Mervyn Loveridge has been keeping an eye on things and dealing with them as they arise.

Most of all, we need your prayers and encouragement as we work together over this period. Please do take advantage of the chance to have your voice heard, so that we can say truthfully that we are working together. It is not an easy time, but with Ross and Andrew to gently guide and help us, we will continue to grow and to be the warm, loving, God-filled space which we know and love. As Andrew said at a recent Vestry meeting, 'It's a lovely church, in a lovely place with a great congregation; who wouldn't want to be the Rector here?'. We need to make sure everyone hears that!

There has been much about love in our readings recently, which is just what we need! I hope that we can continue to love and support each other to grow and to reflect God's love in all that we do.

*Sally Mair*  
*People's Warden*

## **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER**

The meeting will take place in the hall after the 10.30 a.m. service. Please take just a short coffee break so that we can start (and finish) promptly, and the coffee makers have chance to clear up.

Papers will be available the previous Sunday. If you want the information electronically, please contact the Secretary or Margaret Deas.

There is no Treasurer's Report in this magazine. Colin will give his full report at 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 be sure to have their permission before nominating. A seconder is also needed.

The AGM is a business meeting and should not last too long, but IT IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE ATTEND!

## **KEEP THE DRAUGHTS OUT (AND THE HEATING BILLS DOWN)**

If you come into church a bit late, or you leave before the end of the service, please ensure that the door is properly closed. This can be done without making a noise, and will make us all more comfortable in the cold weather.

## **SUNDAY ROTAS**

Pauline does a wonderful job of compiling the rotas, avoiding clashes of incompatible duties and fitting round dates when people are known to be unavailable. If you are named on a rota, please remember that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure someone carries out your duty if you cannot be there. Please check if it is your turn and make arrangements accordingly. Don't just assume that 'someone will do it' - they might not!

## **THANK YOU FROM ST SALVADOR'S COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE**

A word of thanks from everyone at St Salvador's Community Food Initiative for your gifts and donations this Harvest. We are currently assisting around 80 people each week. This is something that we simply could not do without your support. Your Harvest donations will enable us to continue supporting individuals and families in need within our local area. It is also a source of encouragement for our volunteer team to know that we are being supported by the gifts and prayers of others.

St Salvador's Community Food Initiative is a non-referral food pantry that operates every Wednesday between midday and 1.30 p.m. When someone uses our service, they are greeted at the door and given a basics bag. This contains milk, tea, biscuits and toilet roll. They then have the option of selecting additional items from the fresh produce and dried goods that we have in stock.



We also operate a café space, where people are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation. The people we support come from a range of backgrounds and the service we offer helps ease some of the burdens that they are experiencing.

Items that are regularly requested include: rice, cereal, tuna, tinned meats, and nappies. You can also find information on how to financially support our Community Food Initiative on our website: [stsalvadors.co.uk](http://stsalvadors.co.uk).

*A big black box is near the entrance to the church awaiting your contributions.*

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET & LIGHTS SWITCH ON SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 12 noon to 6 p.m.**



Local Makers' Market  
Santa's Grotto  
Children's Arts and Crafts  
Hot Food and Drinks  
Festive Entertainment  
All in and around Holy Cross Hall



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 5 p.m.**

**LET D'MAINS SHINE!**



## WORSHIP

(Any variations are noted in the Kalendar)

**Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**First and Third Sunday in the month  
9.00 a.m. Eucharist (traditional language)**

**Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Contemplative Prayer**  
We meet in the presence of God and sit in silence, with no more than a few words at the beginning and end, such as a Bible verse or the Lord's Prayer.

**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 Ross.

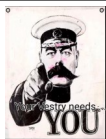
**First Friday in the month**

**2 p.m. Healing Eucharist with anointing**

## SYCAMORE TREE CAFÉ NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Sycamore Tree Café at Davidson's Mains Parish Church is open from 9.30 to 2.30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for teas, coffees, cakes, and homemade soup and toasties at lunchtime.

The table staff are all volunteers, and more are needed. Could you help? No age limit or special qualifications. Shifts are 9-12 or 12-3 one day a week (or less frequently if you cannot commit to every week). Contact Ahn the Manager at [sycamore@dmpc.org.uk](mailto:sycamore@dmpc.org.uk) or go in and speak to her, or ask Margaret Deas.



## DON'T FORGET!!

Hand in suggestions about our new Rector BEFORE the Annual Meeting on Sunday 17th November – see pages 5 and 7

November rather focuses on death, with All Saints/All Souls and Remembrance as well as a funeral. We have just learnt that in addition to the funeral directors in Davidson's Mains and Blackhall, William Purves now have a branch in Barnton beside the Co-op. Let's hope we don't need their services any time soon!

## **OUR NEW SANCTUARY LAMP**

### **Remembering departed loved ones**

The flame in our sanctuary lamp burns continually as a sign of prayer and presence. You can sponsor the lamp for a month in memory of a loved one, at a suggested minimum donation of £15 to cover the cost of the candles. To fill a vacancy next year, please send the name to be remembered to Ross.

In November the lamp burns in memory of Helen Perrie and Mary Dennis.

## **CALENDAR and READINGS NOVEMBER 2024**

**Friday 1st November** - (All Saints trans to Sunday 3rd) - **Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

Saturday 2nd November - All Souls (trans. to Wednesday 6th)

**Sunday 3rd November** - **ALL SAINTS** (trans. from 1st November) - **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:*    Wisdom 3.1-9                      Psalm 24.1-6  
                  Revelation 21.1-6a                John 11.32-44

**Wednesday 6th November** - **ALL SOULS** (trans. from 2nd November) - **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:*    Wisdom 3.1-9                      Psalm 116.1-8  
                  I Peter 1.3-9                         John 6.37-40

**Thursday 7th November** - Willibrord, Bishop and Missionary, 739 - **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 8th November – John Duns Scotus, Franciscan Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1308

Saturday 9th November – George Hay Forbes, Priest

**Sunday 10th November** - **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)** - **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Act of Remembrance, Davidson's Mains War Memorial – 1 p.m.

*Readings:*    I Kings 17.8-16                      Psalm 46.1-7  
                  Hebrews 9.24-28                      Mark 12.38-44

Monday 11th November - Martin of Tours, Bishop, c 397

Tuesday 12th November – Machar, Bishop, c 600

**Wednesday 13th November** - **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Titus 3.1-7 Psalm 23 Luke 17.11-19

**Thursday 14th November** – Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784 –  
**Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Saturday 16th November – St MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, Queen, 1093

**Sunday 17th November** – **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. followed by the  
**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Readings: Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16.5-11  
Hebrews 10.11-25 Mark 13.1-8

Monday 18th November - Fergus, Bishop, c 750

Tuesday 19th November – Hilda of Whitby, 680

**Wednesday 20th November** - **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m.** –  
**Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Revelation 4.1-11 Psalm 16.5-11 Luke 19.11-28

**Thursday 21st November** – Columban, Bishop, 615 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 22nd November – Cecilia, Martyr, c 230

Saturday 23rd November – Clement of Rome, Bishop and Martyr, c 100

**Sunday 24th November** – **CHRIST THE KING (Patronal Feast of St Salvador's)** – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Psalm 93  
Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

Monday 25th November - Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century

**Wednesday 27th November** – **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m.**  
**Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Revelation 15.1-4 Psalm 98 Luke 21.10-19

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

Saturday 30th November – St ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 1st December** – **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 25.1-9  
I Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**Annual Meeting Sunday 17th November**

*- see page 7*

**Suggestions about new Rector to be handed in**

**BEFORE then - see page 5**

