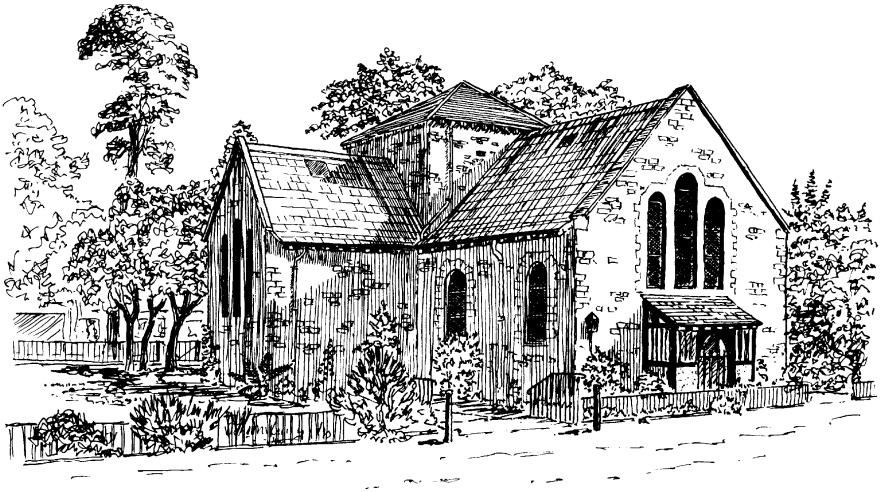


# Church of the Holy Cross

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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR



It's a real joy for me to be invited by Bishop John to be your Interim Pastor as you enter this time of preparation for a new beginning in your life and mission. This is always a little daunting at first, but we set out strengthened by our story of God's faithfulness to us through all those members of the Holy Cross family whose love, prayers and service have brought us to this point.

As most of you will know, I'm a retired priest in the diocese, having served some 35 years in various parishes in the city and in East Lothian. Most recently I was Priest-in-Charge at St Salvador's and St David's, both of which congregations have enjoyed fruitful links with Holy Cross.

My role, as set out by the Bishop and Dean, is to be a companion for the Vestry and congregation as you journey through the coming months. I hope to support you in any way I can as you seek God's guidance in appointing a new rector. Whoever that person may be, they will be greatly blessed to share in the life of your very welcoming and loving community. Your dedication to 'The Holy Cross', as we recently remembered at our Patronal Festival, constantly reminds us of the One who longs to draw everyone to himself and who sends us into the world to share in that mission.

Every blessing,

Andrew

## THE VACANCY - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Dear friends, yet again we find ourselves without a rector, so I thought it would be helpful to give a brief update about what is going on.

A number of us travelled to Perth on Sunday 15th September to see Stephen installed as Provost of St Ninians's Cathedral. It was a wonderful service with great music and a warm welcome for Stephen, Izzy and the girls.

Here at Holy Cross, the Vestry can now begin the process, alongside the Diocese, of preparing to appoint a new rector.

In the meantime, we are fortunate to still have Ross as our Curate, shared with St Salvador's. Ross will continue to look after us pastorally and he should be your first call if you need a priest.

Canon Andrew Bain has been appointed by the Bishop as our Interim Pastor, the role which Tim Tunley fulfilled before Stephen was appointed. Andrew will continue to take some services for us, but his main role is to accompany us through the vacancy process. We are very grateful, and fortunate to have the help of such an experienced priest.

The Vestry has already met with the Bishop and the Dean and reports now have to go to various committees including buildings and finance. There is work to be done on the Rectory for example and our accounts must be checked to ensure we can afford a rector!

We still have our parish and rector's profiles which were drawn up during our last vacancy and although these are no longer current, having a template should be very helpful. Last time it was all very new to us, so this time at least we have an idea what to expect.

Once we have the approval to go ahead, the process will involve:

- drawing up current profiles
- advertising the post
- interviewing and appointing.

Any priest who is appointed is likely to have to give three months notice to their present church, so as you can see it is not a quick process. There is an alternative route where, instead of advertising, the Bishop may have a suggestion for us if he knows of somebody looking for a move who he thinks would be a good fit. If this is the case, we would still interview but may not need to advertise. This decision will not be taken till further on in the process.

In the meantime, Ross is coordinating a list of clergy to lead our services, David is continuing to coordinate music and Jean Williams and I have both been licensed to lead Lay led services.

Please pray for all involved in the process and be aware that we are a small Vestry so will at times need to ask for others to help. If you can, please volunteer or say yes, so that we can do this together.

*Sally Mair*  
*People's Warden*

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please contact Sally on [holycrosswarden@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosswarden@gmail.com) for any church matters. Her personal email address is also still active.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness. *Psalm 65*

As we give thanks for the plenty in our gardens, especially the church garden, and in the shops let us remember those who do not have access to such bounty. We collect goods for the St Salvador's Food Initiative (see below) on a regular basis, but Harvest encourages us to greater generosity.

### ST SALVADOR'S FOOD BANK

The food bank proper runs on Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. followed until 2 p.m. by a drop-in space with tea and coffee. This is to meet the needs of the visitors, some of whom just want to pick up food while others also enjoy a blether.

Thanks to all who donate food or money to the St Salvador's Food Initiative.

Donations can be placed in the big black box in church at any time. Items particularly needed include rice, cooking oil, tins of tuna, packets of sweet biscuits and those cheap instant noodle packs. In fact, any basic non-perishable foods, and also hygiene items. If in doubt, consult Ross, who is regularly involved. Thank you!



### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

6th October	Ron Gillies - Harvest
13th October	Neville Long
20th October	Yvonne Boughton
27th October	?



**HELP!!** There are still gaps later in the year on the **Flower Rota 2024** on the noticeboard. Please sign up. A simple bunch of flowers in a vase is fine.

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

31st August marked the end of another financial year, and I am preparing the Annual Report and Accounts for the AGM on 17th November. This year I have been efficient and have already completed the first draft which I have passed, along with supporting paperwork, to our independent examiner, W Kenneth Ramage CA, to be audited. Kenneth is extremely discerning and invariably asks pertinent questions about my presentation of the reports, which lead to (hopefully minor) adjustments. After a bit of to-ing and fro-ing we reach an agreed position and Kenneth signs off the accounts. Kenneth also audits other churches' accounts and prepares the accounts for his own church, so his time is at a premium. This must all be done in time for us to circulate copies of the accounts to the congregation before the AGM. To complicate matters, Kenneth and I both have holidays planned in October, so it is all a bit hectic.

I am pleased to report that we are showing a small surplus for the year and our investments have increased in value so our reserves at the end of the financial year have increased. You will be able to see full details in the accounts presented for the AGM and I ask you to read them, hopefully make sense of them, appreciate the work that has gone into preparing them and ask any questions you have at the AGM.

This year, my focus on Holy Cross Day in September was distracted by Stephen's announcement of his resignation to take up his post at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, so we didn't hold our usual Annual Gift Day. If you would like to contribute, it is not too late. If you want to make an online donation, please put Gift Day in the reference. If you want to donate by cheque or cash, please put it in an envelope marked Gift Day and include your name so that I can claim back Gift Aid from HMRC. Gift Aid makes a huge difference, adding 25 per cent to each donation.

Thank you again for your donations. We rely on your generosity to keep the church solvent and to pay the stipend, pension contributions, council tax, quota, heating, lighting and cleaning bills etc., which arise from the continued running of our church.

*Colin Mair*  
*Treasurer*

## **MAGAZINE**

On paper, by email, both or neither? Thank you to everyone who has let me know their preference. The lists are looking far more organised. If you want to make any change to how you get your magazine, please get in touch.

## **DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED**

Could anyone deliver magazines to half a dozen people in the Craigcrook/Hillpark area? This is a temporary vacancy while Denise recovers from knee surgery. She should be out and about again by the new year.

I also need a permanent distributor for a few houses in Silverknowes.

Please let me know if you can help in either area.

*Margaret Deas*

## **ALL SOULS' REQUIEM**

All Saints' Day is Sunday 3rd November. The commemoration of All Souls is officially the following day.

This year we have not yet settled whether to have a special extra service for All Souls on Monday 4th, or mark it on the Wednesday morning as we did during the previous vacancy. Details to follow.

There will be a sheet in church for the names of the departed to be remembered, or send them to Ross.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

## **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. There are vacancies for next year. If you would like to fill one, please send the name to be remembered to Ross.

In October the lamp will burn in memory of Neil Harrison.

## WORSHIP

(Any variations are noted in the Kalendar)

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

**First 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

At Stephen's Installation there was a magnificent cake!





## KALENDAR and READINGS OCTOBER 2024

Tuesday 1st October - Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, 'Apostle of Armenia', c 32

**Wednesday 2nd October** - Holy Guardian Angels - **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Job 9.1-16 Psalm 88.10.15 Luke 9.57-62

**Thursday 3rd October - Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 4th October** - Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Friar, 1226 (End of Creationtide) - **Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

**Sunday 6th October - TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (HARVEST FESTIVAL) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Joel 2.21-27 Psalm 126  
1 Timothy 2.1-7 Matthew 6.25-33

Tuesday 8th October - Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop, 1875

Wednesday 9th October – Triduana of Restalrig, Abbess - **Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Galatians 2.1-2,7-14 Psalm 117 Luke 11.1-4

**Thursday 10th October** – Thomas Traherne, Priest and Poet, 1674 - **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 11th October – Kenneth, Abbot c.600

Saturday 12th October – Elizabeth Fry, Social Reformer, 1845

**Sunday 13th October – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Amos 5.6-7,10-15 Psalm 90.12-17  
Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31

Tuesday 15th October - Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582

**Wednesday 16th October** - **Contemplative prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Galatians 5.18-25 Psalm 1 Luke 11.42-46

**Thursday 17th October** – Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.107 - **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

Friday 18th October – LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 19th October – Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812

**Sunday 20th October – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Isaiah 53.4-12 Psalm 91.9-16  
Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45

Monday 21st October – Fintán Munnu, Abbot, 635

**Wednesday 23rd October – James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c62 – Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Acts 15.12-22a Psalm 1  
I Corinthians 15.1-11 Matthew 13.54-58

**Thursday 24th October – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Sunday 27th October – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Jeremiah 31.7-9 Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52

Monday 28th October - SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Tuesday 29th October - James Hannington, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, 1885

**Wednesday 30th October - Contemplative Prayer 9.30 a.m. Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Ephesians 6.1-9 Psalm 145.10-19 Luke 13.22-30

**Thursday 31st October – Bega, Abbess, c.660 - Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

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

**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



