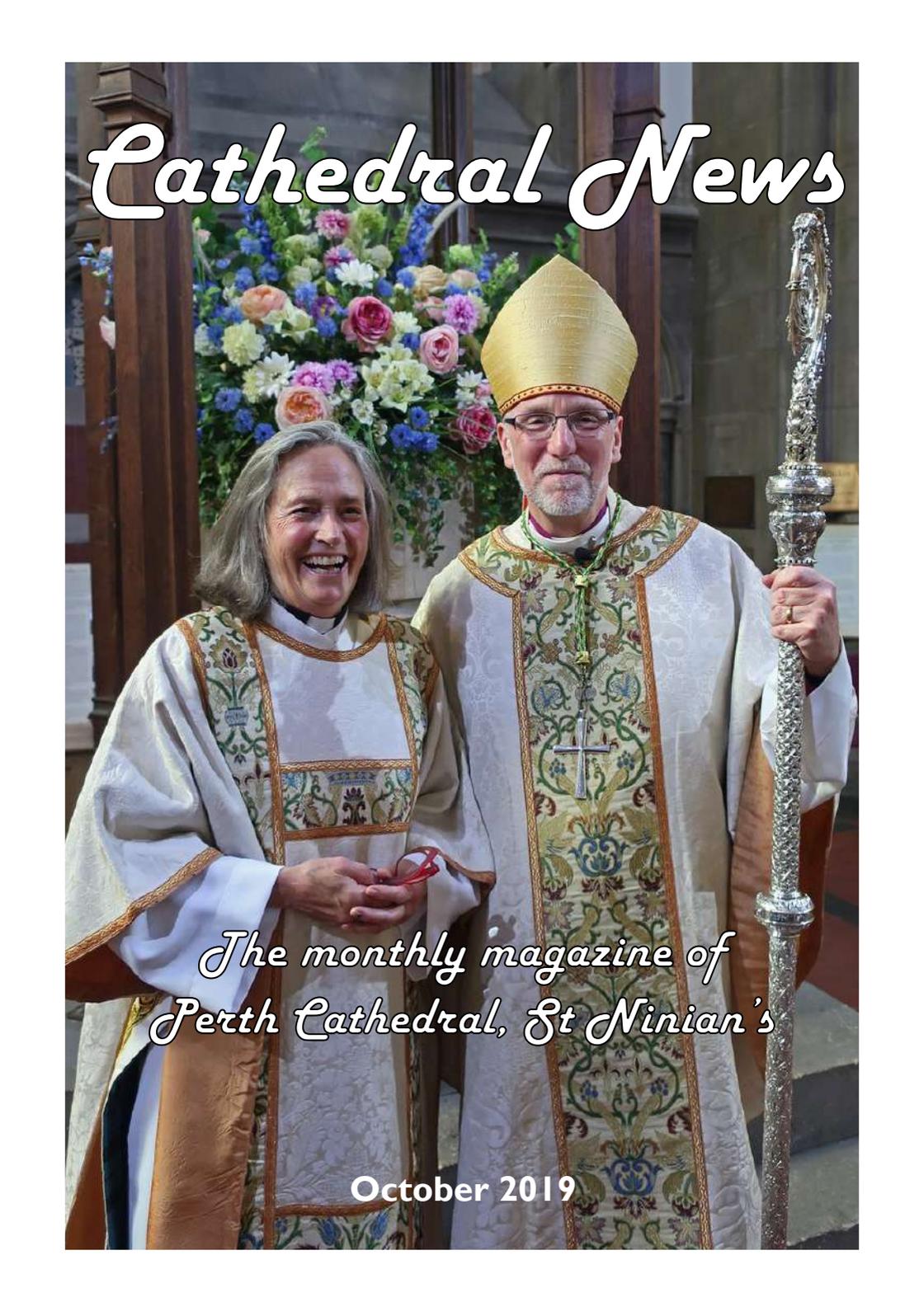


Cathedral News



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St Ninian's Cathedral Who's Who



From the Precentor

Dear Friends,



Welcome to the October edition of *Cathedral News*. The cathedral congregation is preparing to host the Diocesan Gathering on Sunday 20 October. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people from across the diocese, renew old friendships, forge new ones, share stories and learn from each other. The event will conclude with Choral Evensong at 4.30pm. The occasion also marks the first anniversary of Bishop Ian's consecration. As I write, Bishop Ian is attending a conference with other European church leaders in Portugal. He tells me that there is much talk and prayer over the uncertainty, confusion, and increasing division in our communities as the Brexit deadline approaches. Back in June ecumenical church leaders, including our Primus Bishop Mark, signed an open letter to the Prime Minister expressing concern that a no-deal Brexit will be hardest for the poorest members of our communities. Just last week an editorial in the *Church Times* urged Christians to listen to those whose voices are being overlooked in this polarised debate, particularly the 2.3 million young people who were not old enough to vote in the EU Referendum of 2016, but now, three years later, are eligible to vote.

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We can feel helpless at such times of national and international turmoil. But we are not helpless. We can talk to one another, and listen to each other, especially to those who do not share our own views, we can be open to being changed, and we can pray. Please join me in praying this prayer from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland,

God of past, present and future,

Be with us as we take our next steps as nations together.

May we strive to love our neighbour as ourselves,

Listening and speaking with respectful kindness, embracing difference.

Remembering how much all have been forgiven by you,

May we offer friendship, grant mercy,

And seek peace and justice in our shared future. Amen.

Eddie the Eagle says...



While I was sitting perched on the editor's shoulder at 3.00am the other day (he does work terribly hard on the magazine), I read a lovely article [page 16, Ed.] by Cate Wilson about lighting a candle in the cathedral. I would definitely encourage people to participate

in this act - not that I have an interest to declare, or anything - but winter's coming, heat rises and my eyrie is just above the candle stands...

Cathedral Round Up

Doors Open Day 2019

A great success, was the generally agreed judgment on Doors Open Day 2019. Around 200 people visited us between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 14 September and many made kind comments about the warmth of the welcome, the beauty of the building and the interesting talks and displays on offer. One said it was the best Doors Open event she had ever been to, and another said they had planned to visit two or three venues on that day but ended up spending all their available time in the cathedral. Praise indeed!

In the cloisters and Chapter House we had a welcome desk, delicious refreshments, an audio-visual presentation and newly revamped information boards about the cathedral's history, not to mention the beautiful flower arrangements. Inside, there were more gorgeous flowers, guided tours of the building, displays of the cathedral's registers and illuminated manuscripts, the massive and extremely heavy Victoria Bible, Emmanuel's collection of letters from the Royal Family, art works by Celia's painting group and photographs of the cathedral restoration by Bill Crighton. At the high altar and in the Lady Chapel the sacristans had laid out the cathedral's treasures and vestments (with grateful thanks to Marian's, our near neighbour in North Methven Street, for the loan of mannequins). St Ninian's Episcopal Primary School had a stall beneath the organ pipes, manned the whole day by head teacher Sheona Glenville-Sutherland. Children's activities were available, including the painting of a life-size image of St Ninian. Our musicians played and the choir sang, providing a lovely musical background for much of the time we were open. The soloists included Geoff Bolton, Emmanuel Patterson and our new organ scholar, young Lewis McGoldrick. Outside, local artist Roz Arno-Button, sheltering beneath a gazebo in the cathedral garden, provided an opportunity for passers-by to explore the theme of shelter through art. She was a brave soul as, although the weather was kind to us, it wasn't warm!

Sincere thanks must go to everyone who contributed to the success of

the day, and especially to the organiser, Wendy Duncan. The following pages give a flavour of the day...



Above, some of the helpers - those who could be mustered just before opening at 10.00am - and below, organ scholar Lewis McGoldrick at the piano.





Above, Roz Arno-Button and Erica working in the open-air studio in the cathedral garden, and below, the cathedral choir about to perform.





Part of the art exhibition at the west end, above, one of several beautiful flower arrangements, right, and below, the St Ninian's Primary School display, manned all day by head teacher Sheona Glenville-Sutherland.



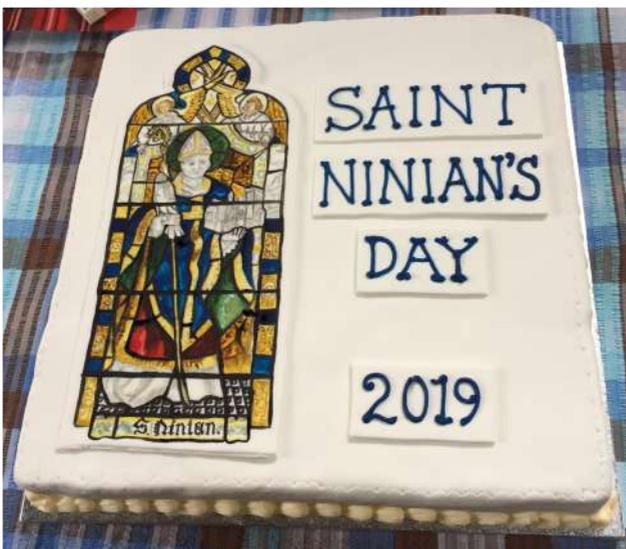


Some of the cathedral 'treasures', beautifully laid out by the sacristans, and below, Alison and Andrew take a turn at welcoming and keeping a tally of the numbers.



Patronal Festival

St Ninian's Day was celebrated on 15 September and as usual was marked by the cutting of a cake. Pictured wielding the knife is Wendy, flanked by Jeremy, Maureen and John.



With thanks to Christopher Dingwall for the photos. And with apologies for a photo of the editor appearing in two successive issues!

Celia's Birthday

Our beloved and reverend friend, Celia, recently celebrated her birthday. We all wish her many happy returns of the day. The editor thought it better not to mention her age...until he looked at the cake more closely!



Bob the Gardener

A little while back Bob Samuel was passing the cathedral on a bus and thought the garden could do with a little bit of tidying. After getting the go-ahead from the provost he spent a lot of time this summer weeding and pruning, to the extent that the cathedral setting looked magnificent for Doors Open Day. Thank you Bob!



Annie's Ordination

On 28 September we had a service of ordination here at the cathedral as Annie Hughes was made a deacon. It was wonderful to welcome Annie's family and friends to St Ninians's and it was great to have the cathedral so full of people who had travelled from far and wide to be here. Everything was looking wonderful on the day thanks to the cathedral community working so hard to get everything ready. The service was led by Bishop Ian and went smoothly, lovingly and expressed glory to God in a way that affected all of us in attendance. I'm sure everyone will agree that it was a true privilege to be part of such a special event and to be with Annie as she begins the next stage of her spiritual journey. The music, the liturgy, the Eucharist, the prayers, the fellowship and the smiles all created a deeply moving, uplifting and spiritual celebration. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the collection which raised over £1200 for the Scottish Episcopal Institute. We continue to pray for Annie as she becomes deacon of St John's Episcopal, Perth and we look forward to hearing her news and progress very soon.

Maihi Cameron





Many thanks to Lis Burke for these splendid photos (the cover photo too) of the ordination service. Margot Dunnachie, pictured above, was Annie's lay representative who, with Provost Hunter, presented Annie to Bishop Ian for ordination.



Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld
and Dunblane



DIOCESAN GATHERING 2019

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

ST NINIAN'S CATHEDRAL

Come and enjoy an afternoon of shared experiences with friends from across the diocese.

- Doors open 1.30pm (please bring your own packed lunch - tea, coffee, etc. provided)
- Optional activities as we gather together
- Welcome from Bishop Ian at 2.30pm
- Experience short tasters on:
 - young people in the church
 - worship that inspires
 - engaging with our communities
 - finding new resources
- Bishop Ian and guest in conversation
- Closing Evensong at 4.30pm
- Parking is FREE on Sundays!
- Booking not required



Cathedral Christmas Cards

Folk will probably not want to be reminded that Christmas is fast approaching, with seasonal goods already appearing in the shops alongside Halloween costumes and treats. However, having been told off in the past for leaving things too late, we have made sure to have this year's Christmas cards available in good time. The cards, as before, are being sold in aid of the Perth Cathedral Restoration Fund – a reminder to all of us that, although we are comfortably settled back into the cathedral, there is still much work to be done on the exterior stonework and stained glass.

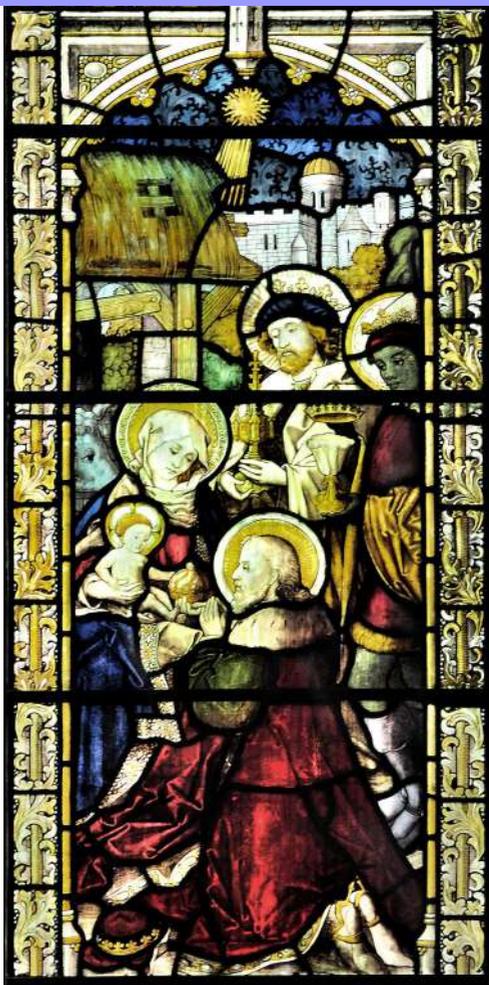
With this in mind, we have chosen the section of the Children's Window in the cathedral's south aisle which depicts Christ's nativity and the adoration of the magi.

Thanks to a fine photograph taken by Bill Crighton, and to excellent

service from Farquhars the Perth printers, the cards will be on sale regularly from the beginning of October, after Sunday services and at special events. A pack of 12 identical cards with self-sealing envelopes costs just £5.00, while single cards can be purchased for 50p each.

Best of all, by purchasing your cards from the cathedral, you can have some pleasure and satisfaction in the knowledge that you will be contributing towards Phase Two of the cathedral restoration.

Christopher Dingwall



Lighting a Candle in the Cathedral

Coming from a Church of Scotland background means that I have not been used to seeing candles in church except at Christmas or for weddings. I have come to appreciate them here in the cathedral. They enhance the beautiful building but, far more importantly, they symbolise the light that Christ brought into the world. They remind us that Christ is with us in our worship whenever we gather to sing and pray and learn about God's love.

Lighting a candle for others is also hugely symbolic. All over the world candles are lit to express sorrow after a major tragedy and, especially in recent times, after terrorist attacks. There is something exceptionally moving about crowds of people all standing together linked by grief and pain surrounding a makeshift memorial of many tiny flames.

Here in the cathedral I imagine that most people choose to light a candle in remembrance of someone lost to them. There may be others who are anxious about someone who is ill or in trouble and choose to send a message to God in this way. This act is something strange to me as it is not a tradition in the Presbyterian churches I have attended. I don't know if a prayer is always said as the taper creates a new flame. Perhaps thoughts of the loved person come into the lighter's mind as they lift the taper to the candle?



Some weeks ago I lit my first candle on the table behind the bishop's chair. I thought about my parents who died some years ago and it felt good but a bit strange. The best thing about it was seeing all of the other candles there

beside mine and knowing that many others within the congregation find this age-old custom comforting and reassuring.

I have written some prayers which might be used by those lighting a candle. I find having something to read really helpful when I need to focus on a prayer. Others may not like the idea of prompts to inspire prayers and some may find prayer cards intrusive. It would be very useful to know what the congregation thinks about having prayers available next to the candle stand.

Here are the prayers that I have written so far:

I light a candle for a loved one who has died, someone very special to me. I feel lost without them. I trust that they are held in your loving arms, and I know that one day we will be together again.

I light a candle for someone that I am worried about. They are ill and in distress. Bless them and restore them to good health. May I have the strength to support them as they go through this difficult time.

I light a candle for someone who is dying. I know and they know that their life will end soon. Help us to enjoy the time that is left and rejoice that we have been able to spend so many happy hours together.

I light a candle for a friend or family member who is in trouble. They are angry or sad or afraid that something they have done, or something that is being done to them, will cause lasting damage and hurt. I entrust them to you, Lord. Show them how to change the situation that they are in and find peace.

I light a candle for those I cannot get on with, who upset me and put me down. Help me to love them and see Christ in them even though this is very hard. For you love all of us equally.

I light a candle for someone who has helped me when I have been having problems. Bless them. May they in their turn be given the support that they need to go forward in their lives.

Cate Wilson

Christian Aid Quiz

The annual Christian Aid quiz took place in Letham St Mark's Church Hall on Friday 30 August and was a well-attended event. One notable absentee was Marjorie Clark herself. Marjorie has both set the questions and been an excellent MC over the past several years. She did, however, set the questions before going on holiday and challenging they certainly were. Cathedral members did well, with Tina and Mungo's team winning third prize and another cathedral duo coming fourth, a mere half-point behind. As usual the refreshments were first class and all in all it was a very pleasant, fun and friendly evening.

All Saints and All Souls

On Sunday 3 November we will celebrate two important festivals in the Church's calendar, All Saints, and All Souls. At our 11.00am Eucharist on Sunday 3 November we will celebrate All Saints, then on the same day, at 4.30pm, will commemorate the departed at a Eucharist for All Souls. At the All Souls Eucharist, the names of those who have died will be read out as we remember them and pray for them. The choir will sing excerpts from the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. Please bring a flower to lay in memory of a loved one who has died. Bishop Ian will preside and preach at the All Souls Eucharist. Do extend a warm invitation to your friends and neighbours to join us on Sunday 3 November.

The Rev'd Carrie Applegath

Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to donate items (such as toiletries [no talc], hats, gloves, scarves, stationery, candles, t-shirts etc) or fill a Christmas shoebox for a disadvantaged adult or child in Eastern Europe and Pakistan, please have a word with Wendy Duncan who can supply you with a pre-covered box (costing £1.00) and a list of suggested gifts. Filled boxes need to be ready by 17 November for sorting at Perth Baptist Church between 18th and 20th November.

SECMA News

The Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association has been doing its good work for over 140 years. SECMA's funds come from interest on investments, subscriptions and fund-raising in the dioceses and must be spent abroad. Each year a committee decides how to allocate its grants which are designed to help local communities to become self-sufficient. Support is generally for medical and educational services, care of children and empowerment of poorer communities.

Projects this year have included:

- ◆ medical aid in Southern Africa (HIV prevention and care for AIDS patients) and the provision of essential medicines to a Palestinian hospital in the Gaza Strip
- ◆ a well at a school for children with physical disabilities in Kenya
- ◆ meals for the elderly in centres in Botswana and Latvia
- ◆ provision of rice and school fees for youngsters in Myanmar, and fabric to set up a widows' sewing cooperative in Swaziland
- ◆ science education for Christian and Muslim girls in Palestine
- ◆ aid for refugees in Lebanon

All projects are closely monitored and reports about progress can be read in the SECMA magazine.

Members of the cathedral congregation have long been committed to supporting this mission work of our church. They read the magazine to keep abreast of the projects, donate money to the funds and pray for the work of the church worldwide. If you feel able to help, or would be interested in learning more, please do pick up a magazine from the cloisters or speak to Wendy Duncan.

Royal Wedding

Following a recent enquiry to the cathedral office, an interesting wedding from 1956 has come to light. According to *The Times*, 'Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Princess Royal, and the Duchess of Gloucester have accepted invitations to attend the wedding of Lord Carnegie and Miss Caroline Dewar in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, on September 11th. More than 1,000 guests will attend a reception at Dupplin Castle. The cathedral ordinarily can seat 470, but about 300 extra chairs are being put in so that about 800 guests can attend the marriage ceremony. Miss Caroline Dewar is the elder daughter of Lord Forteviot. Lord Carnegie is the son of Lord Southesk and heir presumptive to the dukedom of Fife.' The entry in the cathedral registers is shown below.

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CATHEDRAL
MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED in the Church of
ST. NINIAN PERTH

A.D. 1956 No. 12

JAMES ALEXANDER GEORGE BANMERMAN, LORD CARNEGIE, Bachelor, 26,
and
the Hon. CAROLINE CICELY DEWAR of DUPPLIN CASTLE, Spinster, 22.

by permission of Her Majesty the Queen

WERE MARRIED, under Certificate of Banns, this eleventh
day of September One Thousand Nine Hundred and fifty-six

By me, the Right Reverend Hugh Gough, Bishop of Barking
assisted by the Right Reverend Eric Graham, Bishop of Brechin
and the Very Reverend W.B. Currie, Provost of this Cathedral.

This entry is for purposes of record only and does not constitute an official registration.

This Marriage was solemnized between us,

The marriage was officially entered in the Royal Register.

In the presence of these Witnesses,

Her Majesty the Queen Mother
H.R.H. the Princess Royal
H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester
The Right Honourable Lord Forteviot

W.B. Currie, Provost.

From the Farquhar Diaries

24 October 1919. Things were moving at the Cathedral yesterday:- (1) We had a Chapter meeting at 11.30 a.m. which was merged in a Conference between it & the Financial Committee. The Bp had the painful duty of formally communicating the Bedford swindle to those present (Between £2000 & £3000) and also the fact that the sum in question had been replaced by Mr Athol MacGregor, Canon Cunynghame and Mr Norie Miller & some of Mr Bedford's friends. There was a long and complicated debate but the practical upshot was that we are to leave the matter as it is. The Chapter Clerk reported that our action to recover £800 from the British Linen Bank is being prepared. The Provost reported that the splendid canopy to the font, which has been erected in memory of Mr. A. MacGregor's son, has just been completed. It is certainly a most beautiful addition to the furnishing of the Cathedral. The Provost also obtained leave to erect a tablet to the memory of Captain Brittain in the Cathedral. (2) At the end of the Chapter meeting (by the bye, I should have recorded that Willie was appointed to the Finance Committee by the Bp & was present, staying the night with us) the Bp, who was a quarter of an hour late, got me to rush him to the Thimble Row Mission, where they were waiting for him to say a dedicatory prayer. Not very many were present but he gave a nice address and there seemed to be a very good collection. We have paid £600 for the Hall & £150 is still wanted. After that the Bp rushed off to catch his train for S. Andrews. Since I returned from my holiday about Sep. 6, I have, as before, been working with great concentration at my "Thirty Seven Years at Perth Cathedral". As I am pretty sure I shall not be able to print it, it is curious with what absorption & perseverance & thoroughness I toil on. I have made very little progress with my congregational visiting lately. I took about a month to get into working order after the chill. But in the last few managed to pay about 20 visits.

Many thanks as always to Margaret Lye for another extract from her published edition of The Diary of the Very Rev GTS Farquhar. For anyone unfamiliar with the work it is a fascinating window on cathedral life - and indeed the life of the city - between 1881 and 1927.

Readers' and Intercessors' Rota

6 October: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1.1-6 (Psalm 137.1-9)	Andrew Ballantyne
2 Timothy 1.1-14 (Luke 17.5-10)	Andrew Ballantyne
Intercessor	Chris Brown

13 October: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 (Psalm 66.1-11)	Alison Ballantyne
2 Timothy 2.8-15 (Luke 17.11-19)	Alison Ballantyne
Intercessor	Irene Rose

20 October: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31.27-34 (Psalm 119.97-104)	Pat Butler
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 (Luke 18.1-8)	Pat Butler
Intercessor	Pat Butler

Evening Service

Anniversary of Bishop Ian's Consecration Diocesan Service

27 October: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2.23-32 (Psalm 65)	Tim Haynes
2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 (Luke 18.9-14)	Tim Haynes
Intercessor	John Byrom

Times of Services etc

At St. Ninian's we extend a warm welcome to all those who come to share in the worship of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

SERVICES

Sunday	Sung Eucharist	11.00am	
Monday	Morning Prayer	9.00am	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.00am	
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	9.00am	Eucharist 11.00am
Thursday	Eucharist	9.00am	

Tea, coffee and chat follow in the Chapter House after the Sunday service.

GIVING

For all committed giving, envelopes and covenants, please contact Liz Gardiner, our treasurer, who will be delighted to advise.

FLOWERS

Flowers greatly enhance our worship. If you can help or donate, please contact Molly or Hazel.

TRAI DCRAFT STALL

In the Chapter House on the first and third Sunday of the month, after the main service - run by members of the Traidcraft/Eco Group.

AND FINALLY...

If you have an article for the magazine or a suggestion for one, please either pass it to the editor, Jeremy Duncan, or email it to cathedralmagazine@gmail.com .

**The closing date for inclusion in the November issue is
20 October.**

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