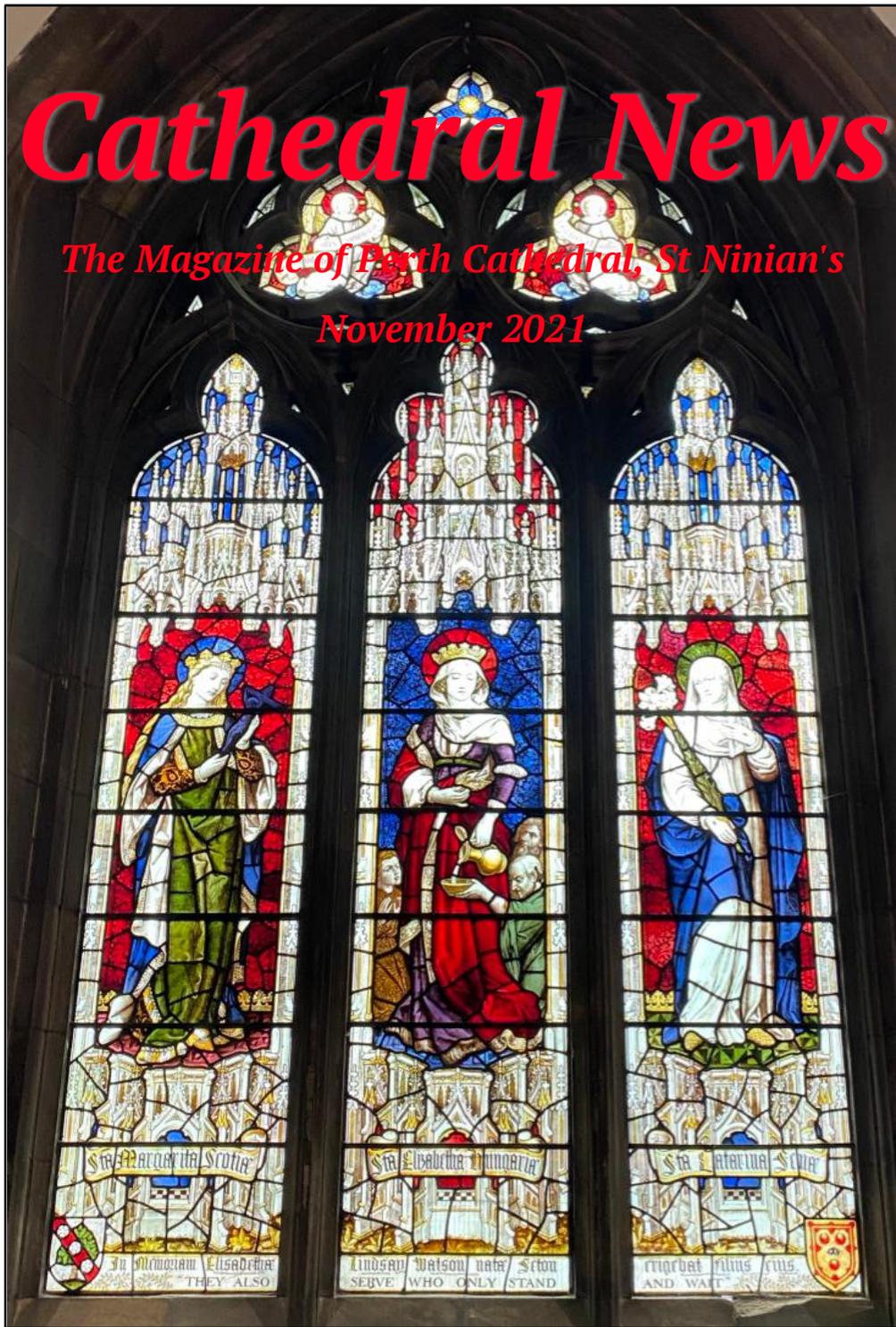


Cathedral News

The Magazine of Perth Cathedral, St Ninian's
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St. Margaret of Scotland

In simoniam Elisabetha
"THEY ALSO"

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Lindsay Watson, Kate, Simon
SERVE WHO ONLY STAND

St. Catalina of Siena

Gregor, Filus, Fils
AND WAIT

Who's Who at the Cathedral

From the Provost

Dear Friends

November is known as the month for remembering. Remembering is really part of our shared history, and it always brings people together. Of course, remembering is central to our faith too, the world over, and we are reminded that at the centre of our faith, Holy Communion, is something that Jesus asked us to do, in remembrance of Him.



Collectively remembering past events in our history is a good thing to do. I remember recently listening to a group of older women on the radio, recounting their shared memories of travelling to London for the Queen's Coronation on 2 June 1953. What a joyous description they gave of an event that has stayed long in their memories.

We have a joyful service on the first day of this month when we celebrate All Saints. This annual thanksgiving is for those Christian people in the past who are remembered for their Christian endeavour in their lifetime, for holding fast to their

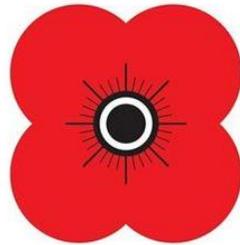
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belief in an all-loving and forgiving God, through thick and thin. Their memory continues to encourage us and reminds us that we are all called to be saints.

With sadness, joy and thanksgiving we also remember all those who have died and gone before us in a service known as All Souls. This is a special time as we recall the lives of those who have touched ours with their care, faith and love, but who have died before us.

On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11.00am, we have an annual national and international time of remembrance and thanksgiving, for those who gave their lives for their country in war, in the belief of a better life for all. Two huge world wars (and subsequent conflicts) have ultimately shaped our lives today and having a time for remembering those who died and suffered as a result of war will, we hope, help us learn from the most tumultuous periods in our history.



The poppy - one of the first flowers to be seen growing on what was known as 'the killing fields' after the end of World War I - was the flower chosen to be, and produced as, an emblem of remembering by the Royal British Legion. This year marks the 100th anniversary of its creation. The poppy of remembrance grew into a charity that has raised much needed funds to help and support those who have served in our armed forces.

To mark this 100th anniversary and to give thanks for the many thousands of helpers and volunteers (many of whom are ex-service personnel) who make, distribute and sell poppies, there will be a special collection at the cathedral.

Let's pray:

God of justice and compassion, we pray this day for all of those who have served in times of war. We give you thanks that they went, and did not count the cost, so that others, as yet unborn, could live in peace and freedom. Help us to remember so that war may one day come to an end. Amen.

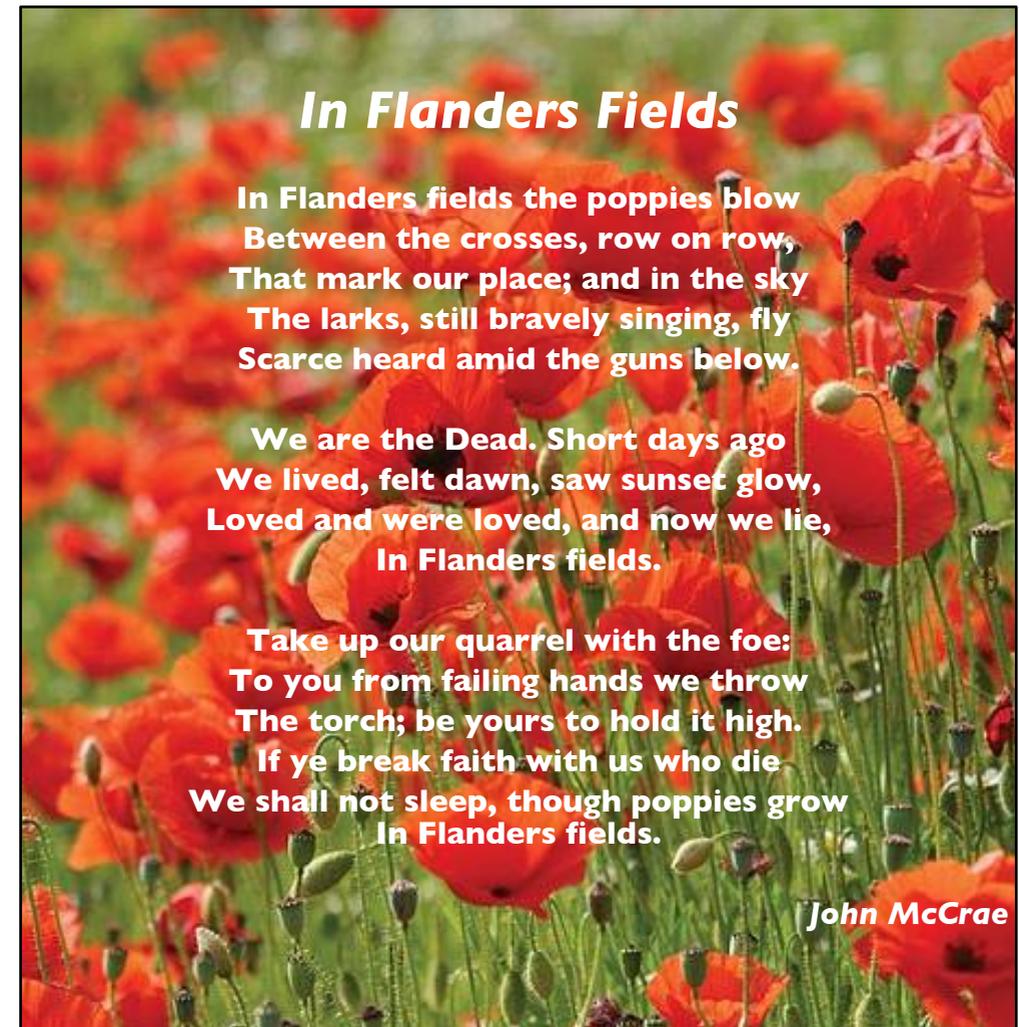
And finally, as COP 26 gets underway in Glasgow where many of the world's leaders have gathered for the climate change conference, can I ask that you also

remember our world. We cannot undo some of what we've done, but it's hoped that we might be able to slow climate change and start to reverence our earth, that ultimately sustains all lives. We're not using poppies to help us remember but green hearts. You will find a few in and around the cathedral.



With every blessing,

Hunter



Readings and Collects for November

All Saints - translated to Sunday 31 October (from 1 November) Sung Communion at 11.00am

Collect: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son: grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9, Psalm 24.1-6, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44

All Souls - 2 November Holy Communion at 11.00am

Collect: Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 6.37-40

Remembrance Sunday - 14 November at 10.55am

Collect: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Job 19.21-27, Psalm 90, 1 Corinthians 15.51-57, John 6.37-40

Diocesan Evensong - 14 November at 3.00pm

Collect: Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 4.2-5.7, John 6.1-15 (these readings may possibly be changed nearer the time)

Margaret of Scotland - 16 November

Collect: Almighty God, you called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and endued her with zeal for your Church and charity towards your people. Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious company of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Proverbs 31.10-13(14-24)25-31, Psalm 112, 2 Timothy 1.1-7, Matthew 13.44-46

The Last Sunday After Pentecost (Christ the King) - 21 November

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

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First Sunday of Advent - 28 November

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland - 30 November

Collect: Almighty God, who gave your apostle Andrew grace to believe in his heart and to confess with his lips that Jesus is Lord: touch our lips and our hearts, that faith may burn within us and we may share in the witness of your Church to

the whole human family; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10, Psalm 19.1-6, Romans 10.(8b-11)12-18, Matthew 4.18-22

Second Sunday of Advent - 5 December

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4, Cantic; Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79), Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

What's Been Going On?



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Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the newest and youngest members of our cathedral family: Christine Ocleston (pictured left), who has recently joined the choir as a soprano, and, on the opposite page, young Alistair Kettles who was baptised by the Rev'd Christine Fraser on Sunday 3 October. He is pictured with his parents, Ewan and Louise. Welcome both!



Many thanks to Christopher Dingwall, our house paparazzo, for sending in the photos on these pages, including, below, a lovely view of the cathedral in warm autumn sunshine. Christopher also doubles as the cathedral garden supremo and expresses his appreciation of the work done in the past year by John Blackie of Heritage Gardeners (responsible for planting), Alan Gorrie of Garden Care Services (responsible for grass cutting), and John Spark and his Community Payback team (responsible for the repair and repainting of garden furniture).



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**Diocese of St Andrews,
Dunkeld
and Dunblane**

**DUNKELD AREA GATHERING
SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**

11AM TO 3PM

**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
BIRNAM**



An opportunity to support and encourage one another in our neighbouring Charges and in the Diocese, in the company of Bishop Ian. All are welcome.

- Doors open 10.30am (with a welcoming cuppa)
- Share in worship together
- Learn what we are doing in this diocese:
 - climate change action in the next few years
 - plans for pilgrimage in 2022
- Practical ideas and resources to take back to your congregations
- Please bring your own lunch
- Please contact the Area Council Convener, Lesley Whitwood if you wish to attend. Lesley's email is lesleywhitwood@btinternet.com
Tel: 01887 840416

Dunkeld Area Gathering

St Mary's Church, Birnam, Saturday 6 November

Rather than having one central Diocesan Gathering this year, Bishop Ian has decided to hold four smaller Gatherings, one hosted by each Area Council. Our own Area Council Gathering will take place in St Mary's, Birnam on Saturday 6 November. The doors will be open from 10.30am, with the Gathering itself running from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Refreshments will be available during the day, but we are each asked to bring our own packed lunch. The day will open and close with worship, and there will be two speakers from the diocese. The talks will cover:

- * Actions to be taken in connection with climate change over the next few years
- * Plans for pilgrimages in 2022, as part of the Season of Pilgrimage

Bishop Ian hopes that everyone present will take practical ideas and resources back to their own congregations. I hope to go and represent the cathedral at this event; do let me know if you would like to come along too. Alternatively you can contact Lesley Whitwood, the area council convener, directly at lesleywhitwood@btinternet.com (tel: 01887 840416).

Apologies for the short notice, but an error on the Area Council distribution list prevented us from receiving any earlier communications.

Lis Burke

PACT News

PACT (Perth Action of Churches Together) is an ecumenical body with representatives from both ministers and lay members of over 20 churches and Christian communities in Perth and the surrounding area. The current convener is the Very Rev'd Graham Taylor, rector of St John's and now dean of this diocese. You are probably aware of ecumenical events organised by PACT like the annual Christmas Carol Service, the Good Friday Walk of Witness in the city centre and the Easter Dawn Service at Quarrymill, which we hope will resume after an enforced absence due to coronavirus.

PACT also responds to identified needs within the community and takes a keen interest in organisations like Churches Action for the Homeless, Starter Packs, the Perth and Kinross Foodbank, and Street Pastors, some of which began from churches' initiatives.

Members of our churches are encouraged to support all of these organisations and more with their time and skills. Those involved in PACT believe that, as representatives of the various Christian denominations in Perth, what unites us is more important than what divides us, and rejoice in the shared witness we can make to our local community.

PACT representatives have recently started meeting together again in person, having kept in touch via Zoom when face to face meetings were not possible.

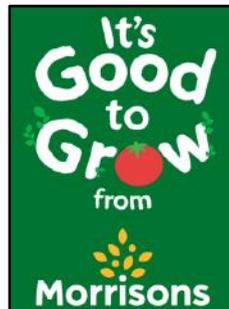
Perth Cathedral does not currently have a lay member of our congregation representing us within PACT, although I attend most meetings to represent the cathedral ministry team. If you might be interested in getting more involved with PACT, please speak to me or Hunter. You will find a very warm welcome at PACT meetings, where everyone's contribution is valued.

Lis Burke



Morrison's Good to Grow

The well-known supermarket chain has recently been running its Good to Grow scheme whereby shoppers have received a Grow Token for every £10.00 spent. These tokens can then be passed onto a school of one's choice and can be used by the school to purchase gardening materials. So, if you have been given a token in the past couple of months, St Ninian's Primary would be delighted to receive it. And as the school is responsible for part of our cathedral garden then you may well see the benefits of your generosity next spring!



Forthcoming Concerts

Geoff Bolton, Director of Music, St Ninian's Cathedral

The Organ Music of J S Bach

St Ninian's Cathedral, Saturday 30 October at 7.30pm

Andrew Forbes, Director of Music, Glasgow Cathedral

Perth-born Andrew's organ recital - for Christian Aid - will be given in St John's Kirk on Saturday 4 December at 1.00pm and will include music by Vierne, Hampton and Whitlock

Chansons

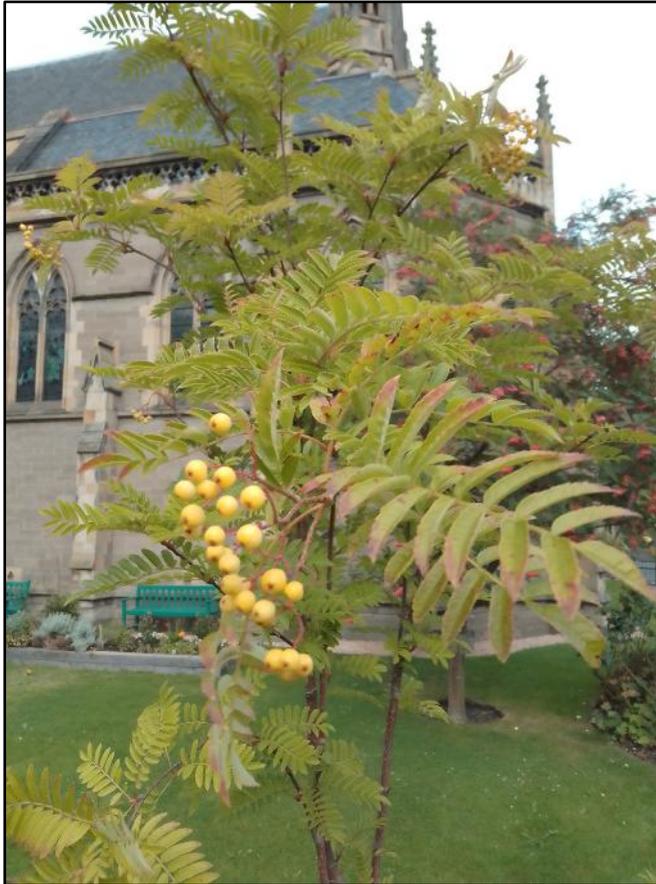
St Ninian's Cathedral, Sunday 12 December at 7.30pm

The Seton-Watson Window

This beautiful window in the north aisle, pictured right, has long been assumed to have been given by the Watson-Wemyss family of St Andrews. However, when recently browsing through a volume of the Farquhar Diaries, the editor noticed a reference to it having been given by the Watson family of Ayton, near Abernethy. R W Watson, who gave the window in memory of his mother, later took the name Seton-Watson and became a distinguished historian, academic and political activist. While it's good to have correct information it does mean that we shall have to change references in our tourist guides from the Watson-Wemyss Window to the Seton-Watson Window.



The Cathedral Garden



This is one of the five new trees planted in the cathedral garden in 2019, a mountain ash - Sorbus 'Joseph Rock' - which has an upright compact shape with clusters of persistent, round, creamy yellow fruit, which will become orange-yellow as they ripen. The leaves will turn shades of red, orange and purple in the autumn. This tree was named after Dr Joseph Rock of the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, and the first one thought to have come from seeds collected from Yunnan, China in 1932.

John Blackie

From the Registers

Baptism

Alistair Kettles - 3 October

Did you know...and you very probably did...that the Scottish poppy (shown on page 4) differs from the English one in having four lobes rather than two and no leaf?

Unpacking Love: part 3

'The better we understand ourselves, the more we enable others to grow too.'

In these brief articles, I am trying to say something about love which is more than being nice! My focus is on what the Greeks called agape, a somewhat specialist New Testament term. I define it as compassion which is unconditional, altruistic and empathic.

The first element in this nurturing soil was about our values. Now I am concentrating on stories. In a sense, each of us is made up of thousands of stories, great and small. But there is more to any story than a list of facts. It's only a story when it has meaning. This article is about all the sentences which start with 'I am.' The most obvious starting point is to think about your name. I am...Chris. Think about your own name; the name that you own. How do you feel about your name? Do you like your name? Do you always stick with your formal name or do you prefer an abbreviation, a nickname? Did you change your name, for example, when you married? But essentially your name captures a set of narratives. Essentially I am the sum of all my stories.

Paul Young, author of *The Shack*, writes: 'Stories are about how we come to understand ourselves and the world we find ourselves in, and for some of us, we are still looking. We don't have stories; we are stories.'

Think of yourself as an editor. There are thousands of tales, great and small, in which you are the central character. As you tell or retell them, you are choosing which stories and how they are told. And it's through telling our stories that we connect with others. You are the editor, the self that narrates selectively. In reality, there is no one else who can tell it as you do. The reason is that your experience is unique to you. New Zealand author Janet Frame states neatly: 'The self is a point of view.' No one else can stand precisely where you stand. At least in this sense, you are unique, 'a universe of one.' In *The Way of Man*, Martin Buber wrote: 'There is another meaning to this admonition to be oneself: that one should not try to disguise oneself.' There is more to be said about roles and masks in a later article, but for the moment, the editor is aiming to integrate the meaningful stories into a story where no disguises are needed, no masks are needed, because being real is

safe.

Now the function of the editor is to integrate the paragraphs and articles into a whole. And your self as editor is constantly seeking to make a whole identity out of myriads of stories. It is striking to note that the word 'integrate' is related to 'integrity.' Your integrity is more than being truthful and honest. It's about increasingly making a coherent person out of the many aspects of your personality. All the parts fit more or less into one complete individual. I seem to remember that it was C G Jung who pointed out that an individual is, literally, that which cannot be divided.

Let's come back to names. Your name carries a great many stories. From early childhood, how your name is used has an impact on your self-esteem. I have worked with people who really disliked their name; in their younger days, parents and other important figures used their name in critical, unkind, hurtful ways. No wonder they grew up to associate the very sound of their name with nastiness. But a friend recently shared with us some contributions from young children on topic. Writing about love, one child said of people who love you: 'Your name is safe in their mouth.' Isn't that lovely! That illustrates my point that there is a love which creates the environment for growth.

Maths was easily my weakest point at school. It still is. It was true of my father too. But I have always liked definitions. In mathematics, 'a point has no dimension, but infinite reference.' It doesn't matter how big or small it is, size is irrelevant. What matters is that countless lines can be drawn through that point. That is the definition of a point. That is true of persons too. The issue is not about how great or small you may think you are. The point (yes, there's a pun) is that countless stories intersect where you are. You can be found at that spot where all these stories are told. Official documents, such as birth certificates and passports, require your name as it was formally registered. But really, who you are begins with your name and becomes the reference point for so many stories. To go back to the other metaphor, on your desk lies a great pile of information about you. You become more and more a full person as you, the editor, order this material and make choices, all the time, about what to tell, and how, and to whom. That is what



makes people so very interesting. And that is why the skill, and the hard work, of truly listening to people is so important. In a way, that is what love is. As empathy, love listens, pays full attention, to the other one who is speaking with you. I will never forget one person saying to me: 'I am 36 years old, and this is the first time I have been heard!'

So let's listen, not waiting for a chance to jump in with our slightly similar tale, but only when the other has been really heard. Perhaps that is agape - love.

Chris Brown

Christmas Cards...

Christmas is coming! With seasonal decorations and food having been in the shops for some time, we are reminded that Christmas is not far away. However, it is a sad fact that among the huge variety of Christmas cards produced by charities these days, very few have anything to do with the birth of our Saviour.

Accordingly, the cathedral's own Christmas cards featuring scenes from three of our stained glass windows will be

on sale from the beginning of November, as in previous years, with all proceeds going to the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Although we are all able to enjoy the redecorated interior, and the revitalised cathedral garden, we need to remember that there is still much work to do on repairs to the exterior stonework and stained glass. By purchasing cards from the cathedral, you will be contributing towards the funds which are necessary for the next phase of the cathedral restoration.

Christopher Dingwall



...and Christmas Stamps

Fiona Crichton has written in to say that Christmas stamps will be available in post offices from 2 November. A second class stamp, shown opposite, will set you back 66p - which is probably why they put '2nd' on the stamp, rather than the actual cost. The last day for posting second class, in time for a pre-Christmas delivery, is Saturday 18 December.



Alison's Book Choice

Jumping the Queue

By Mary Wesley

Mary Wesley, who took her pen name from her family name of Wellesley, published her first novel when she was 70 (there's hope for us all). I came across her books years ago and read them all at once as you do when you discover a new author. While they are all novels which stand alone, there is an occasional cross-reference where a hero of one novel has a bit part in another. They are all situated in the West Country which forms a dramatic background to the events described and there is a distinct tang of the 'everybody knows everybody else' description of the upper-class attitude portrayed in other novels of 20th-century writers such as Anthony Powell, Evelyn Waugh and Ford Maddox Ford. (Note to self: why is a socialist and feminist woman drawn to these authors rather than to Simone de Beauvoir et al ? Answer comes there none).

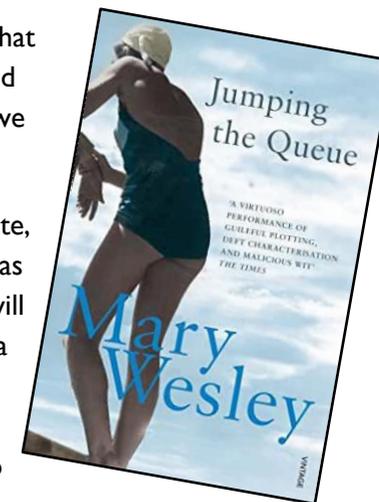
Jumping the Queue's heroine is Matilda Poliport and we meet her as she is clearing out her house and tidying her affairs, in preparation for her suicide. Her gander, Gus, has been sent to a local farm where his new harem is waiting for him. Matilda packs a lunch of rolls, Brie and Beaujolais, and sets off for a favourite rock where she will put on her bathing dress, eat her lunch, and, pleasantly tipsy, drown herself. As we all know, plans can founder, and this one does. She has forgotten the corkscrew and a bunch of loud young people arrive and ruin the moment. She dresses and returns home, to be reunited with Gus who has abandoned his harem

and come home.

Later, in the local town she sees a man standing on a bridge. She recognizes him as The Matricide, whom the police and the press are seeking to arrest for the murder of his mother. Seeing a nearby driver about to call for the police, Matilda goes to 'The Matricide' who is later identified as Hugh Warner and spirits him back to her house, acquiring a stray dog in the process. Hugh and Matilda eat and talk. During the conversation, we discover Hugh killed his mother with a tea tray. 'As a choice of weapon, really?'

We learn that Matilda's husband died recently, and that they have four grown-up children who never visit and only one of whom Matilda can stand. Only later do we find out why.

Hugh wants to get out of the country, but, in his haste, he has forgotten his passport and money which he has hidden in his London flat. It is decided that Matilda will go to London on the pretext of shopping, stay with a family friend called John and fetch the things Hugh needs. John is a civil servant who is expecting a knighthood and has changed his name to Piers, to go with Sir, a device which appals Matilda.



The shopping is carefully done. Presents for her children, including a dress for one daughter which Matilda will wear. All these gifts are paid for by cheques, which Matilda knows will bounce. After her spree, Matilda goes to lunch, separately, with two friends, one of whom tells her that she has slept with Matilda's husband. The other is having a facelift (again) and is a fool. Matilda tells her so and they part. At dinner, with John/Piers, he suggests that her husband was a spy and that he, John, sleeps with a pistol under his pillow.

Back in Cornwall, Hugh comes across a visitor, who tells Hugh that he and Tom (Matilda's husband) sailed sometimes, and occasionally played chess together.

At this point I must stop, or I'll give away the plot, which would never do. Enjoy.

Alison Ballantyne

Eco Congregation News

Perth Churches mark the COP26 Climate Summit

The following events are planned for the first week in November. Please do come along and show your support if you are able to.

(a) Prayers for the Planet, a candlelit prayer vigil from 5.30 - 6.00pm on Thursday 4 November. This will be held in the garden at the North Church in Mill Street or inside if wet.

(b) a stall in the High Street / St John's Place on Friday 5 November, highlighting what we can do as individuals, giving out packets of seeds, and encouraging folk to write prayers and hang them on a 'tree'. There will also be a short prayer session / liturgy on the hour from 11.00am to 3.00pm, in St John's Kirk.

Eco Matters at the Cathedral

We have now received our Zero Waste Scotland energy efficiency report which the vestry will be discussing at the earliest opportunity. We have also had quotations for secondary glazing in the offices (from which a lot of our heat escapes) and this will also be considered as a possible way of improving our energy efficiency.

The eco hub, now situated beside the door to the Gateway, is steadily evolving and, if you have a moment, you can find out where to recycle all kinds of waste - from your old glasses and toothbrushes to stamps, milk bottle tops, plastic film and blister packs. All this is important as it reduces waste which goes into landfill.

Scottish Interfaith Week

Scottish Interfaith Week 2021 takes place from 31 October until 7 November. This year the theme is 'Together For Our Planet', coinciding with COP26. Interfaith Scotland encourages individuals, faith communities, local interfaith groups and organisations across Scotland to host climate-related events for the week.



You can sign up for the Scottish Interfaith Week newsletter to get regular updates and find out more. Do also visit Scottish Interfaith Week on social media and join events online or in your own area. You can also find images and posters in the Scottish Interfaith Week resource library to help promote your own events. Eco-Congregation Scotland is taking part and tagging our own COP26 events 'Together For Our Planet' and 'Let's Do Net Zero'.



Finally, there will be a march for climate justice through the streets of Glasgow on Saturday 6 November, meeting at Kelvingrove Park from 11.30am where leaders from different faith and belief groups from across the world will speak. The day will end in Glasgow Green with a rally at 3.00pm. A great many people are expected to converge on Glasgow that day, so this may not be to everyone's taste!

Wendy Duncan

Cover Image

This month's cover features the recently renamed Seton-Watson window (see page 13) which includes in the left-hand panel the figure of St Margaret of Scotland whose feast day is celebrated on 16 November. R W Seton-Watson, who gave the window in memory of his mother, was the grandson of George Seton of Potterhill, Perth, a noted genealogist and herald who published works on St Margaret and on the convent of St Catherine of Siena - which might explain the presence of St Catherine in the right-hand panel.

From the Farquhar Diaries

11 November 1921. This is the third anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the Great War. In the absence of the Provost I conducted a short Service for 'the two minutes silence' at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral. Besides the School children there were about 45 or 50 grown-ups present. It is indeed much that a show of peace has been kept up for three years. But O! what a nervous, restless foreboding world it has been. If I had had time & space I should have filled volumes of this Diary chronicling the 'alarms & excursions', many of them of absolutely first class importance, which have been going on. Russia has been a hell upon earth under the Bolsheviks; Ireland in a most critical position: war between Turkey & Greece: Washington Conference etc etc etc etc.

26 November. On Thursday I went to Edinburgh and attended a meeting of the Prayer Book Revision Committee. ...We worked through an immense number of details - far too many for me to remember at the present moment. As for my own part in it I was the cause of our not putting Thomas-a-Becket into the Calendar. I said that if they condoned his political error of forcing the Papal Power on England, they ought to condone Charles I's political error of exaggerating the power of the State in Church affairs. I would vote for both or neither, but not for the Archbishop alone. As they would not give me Charles I, I voted against Thomas & he was lost. I also had something to do with improving one of the Collects proposed for Passion-tide. Our Provost submitted a form. The opening portion was severely criticized. Our Bp suggested an improvement & I suggested another and mine was carried. They were dropping Dan:1 out of the Table of Lessons but on my motion it was retained. The 'pièce de resistance', however, was a petition of 102 Clergy for the appointment of a day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist. Many of us took this to be the thin end of the wedge for the Restoration of Corpus Christi Day and its raison d'être in Transubstantiation. Dean Skinner Wilson and I, backed by the Primus who gave a solemn warning of the practical risk they were running, were the chief speeches against the proposal. The Bps, however, granted a compromise i.e. a Collect, Ep, & Gospel referring to the Eucharist & another to Baptism - only to be said on week-days.

Many thanks to Margaret Lye for another extract from her published edition of The Diary of the Very Rev G T S Farquhar.

Eddie the Eagle says...

COP26 and the conservation of our planet have got me thinking. Might there be a Save the Eagles Day, I wondered? Sure enough, thanks to Google, I've found that this important day is on 10th January. In America only, sadly, but I'm planning a protest march in Glasgow during COP in November to push this up the agenda in the UK.



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

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| Sunday | Eucharist | 11.00am |
| Monday | Morning Prayer | 9.00am |
| Tuesday | Morning Prayer | 9.00am |
| Wednesday | Morning Prayer | 9.00am; Eucharist 11.00am |
| Thursday | Morning Prayer | 9.00am |

Giving

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

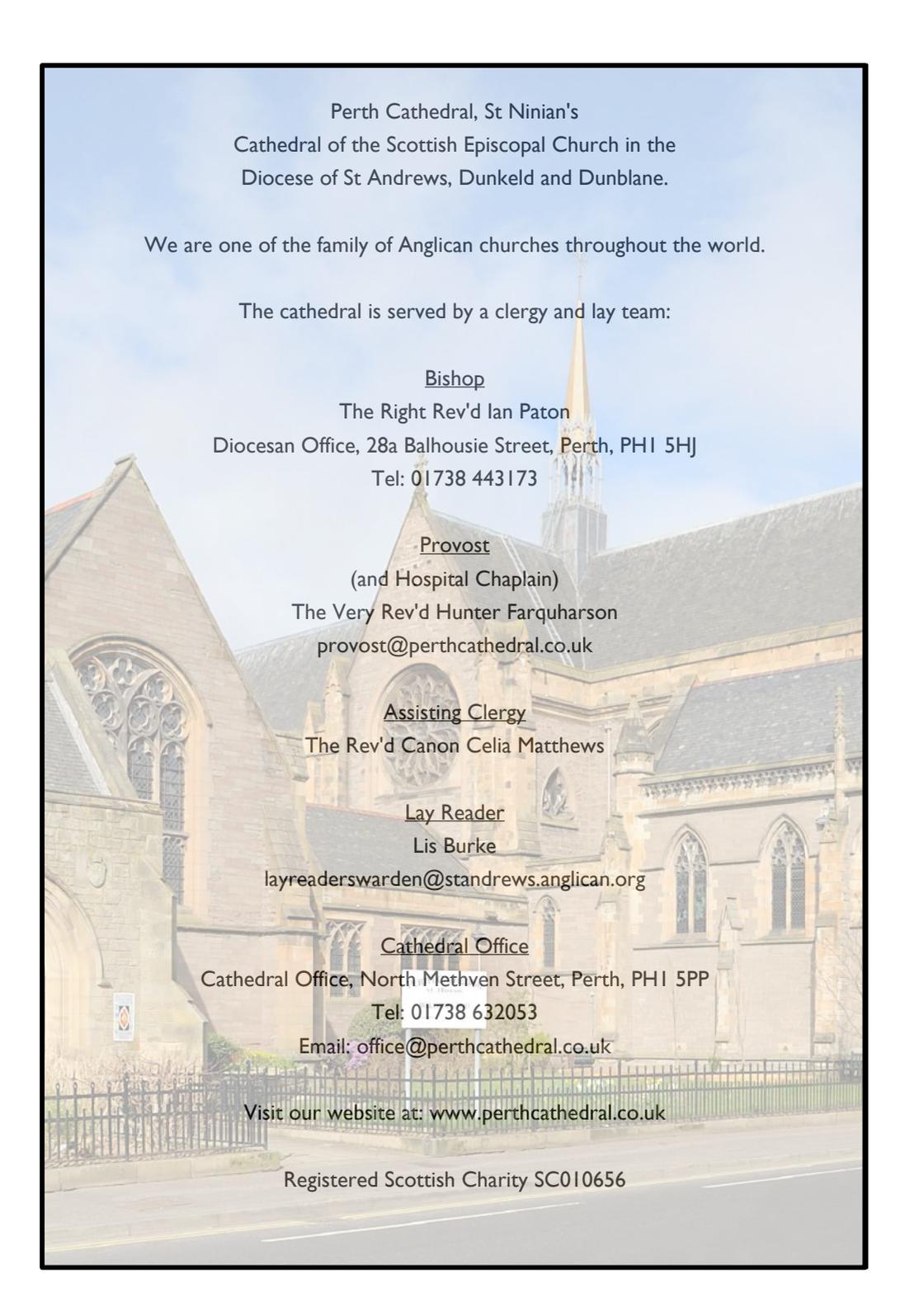
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Flowers greatly enhance our worship. If you can help or donate, please contact Molly or Hazel.

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.

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A photograph of Perth Cathedral, St Ninian's, showing its Gothic architecture with a prominent spire and large stained-glass windows. The cathedral is set against a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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