

Cathedral News

The Magazine of Perth Cathedral, St Ninian's



February 2022

Who's Who at the Cathedral

From the Provost

Dear Friends

We are now well into the season of Epiphany, which draws to an end on the seventh Sunday in Epiphany on 20 February with our usual 11.00am Sung Eucharist, and there will also be an Evensong at 3.00pm. The following week, 27 February, is the Sunday before Lent, when we will be joined by pupils from Ardvreck School in Crieff. Annette Cameron is responsible for training the voices of these young singers to enable them to join our choir.



The liturgical colours for Epiphany are usually the colours of Christmas, white or gold, which are the colours of celebration, hope and joy that mark the most sacred days of the church year. After that the colour for the rest of this season (apart from festivals and Saints' days) changes to green until Ash Wednesday on 2 March when violet or purple is used. At 11.00am there will be a service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

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Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party this year falls on 1 March. It is now possible to celebrate this with pancakes and fillings in the Chapter House. We will meet at 6.00pm and 'gorge' and be 'shriven' but we won't have the races for obvious reasons. Be assured that the cooking of pancakes and the setting of tables will be done very carefully with all equipment and utensils well sanitised. I will ask you to sign up to the event, so we know how many pancakes to cook. Details of the Lent Course will appear on the back of the weekly pew sheets, in the next magazine and on Facebook and the website.

I am delighted that many restrictions have been lifted again. We are still required to wear facemasks and to sanitise our hands, and although there is no social distancing being imposed at present, we have kept every second row of seats in the cathedral clear as an extra precaution. I can assure you that the vestry have made every attempt to ensure as safe an experience as possible for everyone entering our building. It is heartening to see the congregation regaining its confidence with numbers attending rising, albeit slowly. It was also good to see so many attending the Annual General Meeting where we elected three new members, a new Vestry Secretary (Mrs Maureen Wright) and a new Lay Representative (Mrs Shirley Earl).

As always I ask your prayers for each other that we may know and share the strength of God's love especially in this time of pandemic. Pray also for those we know to be unwell, for those who grieve the loss of loved ones and for those who need to remain isolated for different reasons. Pray for the vestry and their work in maintaining this beautiful cathedral, making it as attractive as possible for our visitors. Please also pray for the ministry team as we begin to reinstate some of what was restricted during the pandemic...and ask God's blessing on us all.

With love,

Hunter

Readings and Collects for February

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – 6 February

Collect: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - 13 February

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany - 20 February

Collect: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 45.3-11, 15, Psalm 37.1-12, 41-42, 1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50, Luke 6.27-38

Sunday before Lent - Transfiguration - 27 February

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Exodus 34.29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)

Ash Wednesday - 2 March

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12, Psalm 51.1-18, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

First Sunday of Lent - 6 March

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

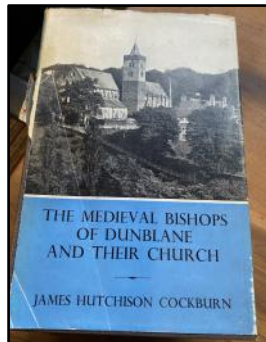
What's Been Going On?

Christmas 2022

Sadly the sudden rise in the number of cases of the omicron variant of Covid resulted in the cancellation of the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. However, the Christmas morning service went ahead as planned, complete with choir, and those who were there would have been greatly uplifted by the fine music. The 'Sing, choirs of Angels' descant in O Come All Ye Faithful never fails to thrill! Well done everyone!

Donation of Books

Tommy Smyth, the former archivist of the Black Watch Museum, who used to represent the museum at Remembrance Sunday services in the cathedral, has kindly donated a number of books of relevance to the diocese to the cathedral library. Surprisingly, perhaps, we did not already have copies of *The Celtic Church in Dunblane* (Cockburn), *The Medieval Bishops of Dunblane and their Church* (Cockburn), *The Life and Times of James Kennedy, Bishop of St Andrews* (Dunlop), *Rentale Dunkeldense*, and *Rentale Sancti Andree*. They are now on the shelves in the office and available to anyone who wishes to consult them. Many thanks to Tommy for his thoughtful donation.



Annual General Meeting 2022

The cathedral AGM was held in the cathedral itself (to allow for better social distancing) after the main service on Sunday 23 January. Armed with cups of coffee and tea a good number of the congregation stayed on to listen to and participate in the business affairs of our church.

The Provost began the meeting by reading the names of those of our number who had died over the past two years, there having been no AGM last year because of the pandemic. In his report he highlighted the new eco hub in the cloisters, much admired, and the growing role of the cathedral as a tourist venue and the consequent need to give visitors a good experience. He expressed his hope that more people might volunteer as servers and sacristans, and thanked the many who already give service in a wide variety of capacities.

Treasurer Liz Gardiner gave her annual report and pointed out that giving was down, mainly due to there being no services at the height of the pandemic. We had been saved, however, by the number of people who regularly gave by standing order and she encouraged everyone who does not already do so to consider it. We had a deficit over the past year but were fortunate in having a financial cushion.

The following members of the congregation were willing to fill vacancies on the vestry: Chris Ahern, Shirley Earl (lay representative), James Gardner, Erica Knott and Maureen Wright (vestry secretary).

The meeting closed with a warm expression of thanks, by John Wright on behalf of the congregation, to the Provost for all his work on our behalf.

Cloisters

Most people coming in to the cathedral will have noticed that the cloisters have been transformed by the creation and decoration of the eco hub area and by the attractive new panels in the lower cloisters which give an introduction to the history of the cathedral. Congratulations and well done to Christopher Dingwall who wrote the text and chose the illustrations for the panels which brighten up and give a more welcoming feel to the cathedral entrance.

Since the last issue was published local artist Frazer Abbot has painted more trailing vines in the eco hub area while cathedral artist Margot Dunnachie has created a wonderful globe, topped by a rainbow. The globe, she writes, a papier-mâché sphere 'was made around the form of a beachball which was then deflated and removed through a whole in the top. This was then patched over and the continents, oceans, seas and islands painted onto it.'



Above left, Margot holds the globe and rainbow. Above right, the finished eco hub with recycling boxes on the floor and the Eco Congregation Scotland awards on the wall. Below, the history panels in the lower cloisters.



BOOKS & BUBBLES

SONGS AND STORIES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRE-SCHOOLERS



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Maihri Cameron will shortly be running her new Books and Bubbles sessions in the Chapter House. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested!

Unpacking Love: part 5

Agape love: the continuing story.

A brief reminder first of all. I am exploring the idea that agape love, that is compassion that is unconditional, laced with altruism and empathy, creates an environment favouring growth. And to look into it further, I am identifying a number of ways to understand the Self. Your self is outlined by your values: things that are important to you. Your self is pictured by your stories, and 'the story of your stories.' Then your self is formed by your will: the decisions and choices you make.

Now I'm turning to the self as actor. What we can call the competent self. Everyone has a range of abilities, to a greater or lesser extent, and many of us are painfully aware of our weaknesses. Give me philosophy, psychology or theology any day over maths! I have undertaken innumerable tests used by psychologists, which tend to provide insight. I confess that I was initially rather ashamed, through one test, that although generally normal, I was decidedly impulsive as opposed to being a planner. Ashamed until someone said: 'But to me, "impulsive" is just the energy to be spontaneous.' Suddenly I could appreciate what for years I had disliked.

So what about your competent self? Peterson and Seligman posited a set of virtues (not in the theological sense) to which they attached a number of 'strengths.' Bear with me while I briefly introduce this material, and you perhaps begin to see a little of your self in it. Here we go:

Each virtue can be seen in the way a person behaves. That is the strength. The behaviour is all about the virtue-in-action. So let me list the big six. The virtues. I'll add a short description to each. But before I itemise the virtues and strengths, I should say just a little about criteria. There are several criteria to determine that something is a virtue in this sense. Perhaps the main one is that a virtue tends to be validated throughout history and around the world. And so the virtue of justice, for instance, has almost always been prized, and just about everywhere.

First there's wisdom. 'Intellectual strengths that help us to gain and use information.'

So wisdom is the virtue which seeks to see reality. It is observable in creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, perspective.

Next there's courage. 'Strengths of will which help us to achieve goals despite, even in the face of, obstacles both internal and external.' So the 'in action' set includes bravery, persistence, integrity, etc. Sometimes people of courage and bravery are not one and the same. But here, courage as a virtue can be observed in acts of bravery.

Thirdly there's humanity. 'Interpersonal strengths to befriend...and to tend relationships.'

Strengths such as kindness and social awareness. Again the virtue is observed in the behaviour. In 1920, Edward Thorndike wrote about social intelligence, which is much the same thing: 'The ability...to react to social signals...and to fit in to various social contexts...The acumen for roles in situations.'

Fourthly we have the virtue of justice. 'Social and civic strengths that help bolster community.' The strengths include teamwork, fairness, and leadership. Seligman says: 'Life is not fair...which is why we need laws that give fairness a chance.' (Seligman p.36)

The fifth virtue is temperance. I suppose the most obvious strength that identifies temperance is self-control. Essentially, you show this virtue in behaviours that avoid going to excess. Prudence rather than extravagance. I think it was C S Lewis who wrote about balance as a 'dreadfully self-conscious word', but you can see, can't you, that it provides a healthy partner to the impulsive tendency, for example.

Sixth, and finally, the virtue of transcendence (or perhaps spirituality). Again it is something that can be observed by how a person tends to behave. People who are strong in this virtue have a strong appreciation of beauty or excellence, they are



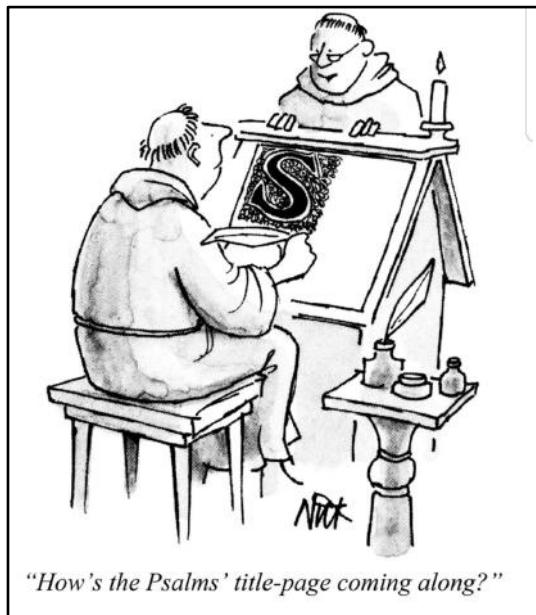
St Andrews Day flowers in the Andrew Chapel.

hopeful and future-oriented, they are people who can be playful as well as profound, and especially people who help us to connect the every-day to the wider and greater picture. Simply, the virtue of transcendence is observable in those who see meaningfulness where all seems random and pointless.

What I hope is that you can begin to see a little of yourself in some of this. What I also suggest is that we can all find ways of growing, especially in those virtues where we may not be quite so competent. I am sure that you will already have been aware that these overlap to some extent, and that in some ways what applies to one may apply, to some extent, to another. This is essentially true of the virtues of justice and humanity.

In the next article, I expect to discuss the fifth way of exploring the self, the relational self. That will give us five aspects of the self. But the main point is that agape love can nurture us all towards personal growth. Agape love differs from all other kinds of love in that it tends to reduce or efface the 'what will I get out of it' attitude, in favour of a servant attitude. More than any other senses of the self, the competent self is at its best when our strengths are devoted to serving others. That, I suggest, is the way to maturity. In the words of the hymn writer: *Enlarge thy talents with due care.*

Chris Brown



Many thanks to the congregation who responded so generously to the open plate collection at the end of the service on 23 January. Over £400 was raised for the Afghanistan Appeal and this has gone straight to the Disasters Emergency Committee. According to the DEC website this would provide blankets for 80 people (the average low temperature for Kabul in January is minus four degrees) or emergency food for four families for three months.

A Mystery

At Evensong on 20 February the cathedral choir is due to sing an anthem called *Expectans Expectavi*. The words of the piece are by Charles Hamilton Sorley (pictured below), son of the Regius Professor of Moral Philosophy at Aberdeen University, and were probably written in 1913. Less than two years later Charles was dead, shot on the Western Front, aged just 20. Ironies abound – at the beginning of the 1914 war Charles had hurried back from...Germany, a country that he deeply loved after studying the language at Marlborough College where he was educated and where his tutor was the music master, George Dyson, later Sir George, an important figure in musical history and, by chance, the composer of the canticles at our Evensong. After he had left Marlborough, Charles kept up a correspondence with Dyson until it came to a sudden end on 13 October 1915.

The words of the anthem, extracted from a longer poem, are rather mysterious:

*The sanctuary of my soul
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatched and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.*

*With parted lips and outstretched hands
And listening ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate.*



At the age of 17 when he wrote the poem, Charles rejected the conventional Christian views of his parents, but was always spiritually alive and was often writing good verse. One wonders whether he had any idea in 1913 as to where the linking of his soul to the idea of service could possibly lead. Charles's poetry is much anthologised in collections of war poetry and with works such as 'When you see millions of the mouthless dead Across your dreams in pale battalions go', he is recognised as a powerful voice in principled resistance to the horrors of war in Europe. All this and, of course, the music, makes *Expectans Expectavi* certainly worth listening to.

John Byrom

From the Registers

Deaths

Ann Smith - 14 October 2021
Peter Masting - 22 October 2021
Stewart Fraser - 25 November 2021
Kenneth Murray - 5 December 2021
Anne Dawson - 27 December 2021

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

Sandy Edmonstone

Many people in the cathedral community and beyond will be sorry to hear of the death of Sandy Edmonstone on 23 January. Sandy, a well known organ builder, was a great friend of the cathedral and gave many hours of his time to the care of the cathedral organ. We send our condolences to his widow Carol and his two sons, Malcolm and Alastair who in their younger days were stalwarts of the choir.

Francis Jackson, CBE, FRCO

It was with sadness that I recently learnt that Francis Jackson, the organist and composer who was associated with York Minster for over 90 years, died on 10 January aged 104. He was born in Malton (where my maternal grandparents lived and my own grandmother was born). At the age of 16 he became the organist at Malton Parish Church (where my grandmother was christened) and he also continued playing the Minster services at that time.

His association with the Minster began when he joined the Song School under Sir Edward Bairstow at 11 years of age. Firstly a chorister then assistant organist, master of music and organist emeritus, he followed Sir Edward as Minster organist in 1946, remaining in that post until 1982. His performances included those at the

Proms and regular appearances at the Three Choirs Festival, often delivering his own works. In 1961 he played the Minster organ at the wedding of the Duke of Kent and Katherine Worsley, a Yorkshire lass.

The last time Bill and I saw him was at an Evensong in the Minster in 2019, looking remarkably spritely. So loved by choirs for his compositions, his importance to the musical life of Northern England will never be forgotten.

Fiona Crighton

Alison's Book Choice

A Woman of No Importance By Sonia Purnell

Have you ever heard of Virginia Hall? No? Me neither. Her biographer describes her as WWII's most dangerous spy, and it would appear she was just that.

Virginia was born into a family in Baltimore, Maryland in 1906. While being in no way poor, the family lived in genteel modesty. Virginia was expected to marry well, and she was sent to a private school to further this end. She was a woman who valued her freedom above all else, and although she agreed to marry, she broke the engagement when she found him to be unfaithful.

She began her university life at Radcliffe, at the University of Cambridge, Massachusetts, but moved to Bernard College in Manhattan. While she left there 'in good standing', she didn't graduate. Paris seemed likely to suit her better and she persuaded her parents to let her go there. She loved it. Cosmopolitan, fashionable, full to bursting point with artists, musicians and intellectuals, the city enchanted Virginia and she found the freedom she craved.

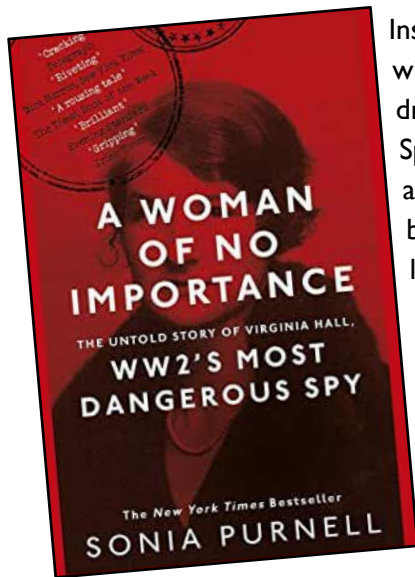
She then went to Vienna where she met a Polish army officer called Emil, but broke her engagement on her father's instructions and returned to the USA. The years in Europe changed her, and she called France her second home.

The crash of Wall Street in 1929 cost the family dear, and Virginia's father died very suddenly. She applied to the State Department for a job but was rejected, probably because she was a woman.

In 1931 Virginia got a job in the American embassy in Warsaw as a clerk,

transferring later to a diplomatic position in Turkey, and it was there, on a shooting expedition that her life was suddenly and dramatically changed. In her excitement, she did not engage the safety catch on her shotgun and, climbing over a hedge, she tripped and shot herself in her left foot. Gangrene set in and she lost her leg from the knee.

As soon as she could manage her rudimentary prosthesis, which she named Cuthbert, she went back to work, where she learned to cope with the pain, which would last all her life. She was posted to Venice, where the canals, bridges and cobbled passages made it a difficult place to get around. So she bought herself a gondola, together with a gondolier. She would be resourceful all through her career, a talent which would rescue her and others through the years to come. In 1936 she applied for the second time to the Diplomatic Service, which promptly rejected her again. In what Virginia believed was punishment for her presumption, she was ordered to Tallinn, in Estonia. She went to Paris first, and renewed friendships. On 1 September 1939, Germany invaded Poland and the Second World War began.



Instead of going back to Baltimore, Virginia signed up with the French Ninth Artillery as an ambulance driver. After various false starts, she joined the Special Operations Executive and worked as an agent organizing missions with the Resistance. She became known for her fearlessness, risk-taking and leadership. She facilitated the journeys through France and Spain for escaped prisoners of war, at great risk to herself and her comrades and accomplished many actions designed to foil the German Occupation and hasten the end of the war. For most of the time she was based in the Haute Loire with a group of loyal and dedicated co-agents, one of whom, Paul, became her lover and later her husband.

Virginia did not believe in decorations for deeds of war; she felt service to her country was the important thing. This book's author found, buried amongst some obscure papers, a citation accompanying a Croix de Guerre.

After the war ended Virginia returned to America where she became a CIA agent, although the life was not as exciting as it sounds. She is remembered in CIA records as an unqualified heroine of the war and her name was posthumously added to the Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame. Her OBE, for services to her country, was found in a drawer after she died.

Virginia Hall died in July 1982 .

I was fascinated by this book as my own late father, with three companions, escaped from a German POW camp at Besançon, and travelled through France to Spain and then to Gibraltar. He was helped by many people and survived, thanks to their bravery. Long after the war I met two of the women who risked their (and their children's) lives for my father and his companions and can only wonder at and thank God for their courage.

Alison Ballantyne

Doors Open Day 2021

The Doors Open Days organisation recently posted this on their website: 'This year's festival (ie 2021) may be over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to stop! Each month we release a themed round-up of the best virtual resources from the 2021 festival. In January, we celebrated World Religion Day with some of our favourite virtual tours of religious sites across Scotland.' And guess what? Perth Cathedral was not only top of the list but the only Christian building mentioned. Well done to the team involved in its creation, including Judy Ho, now living near Birmingham, her husband Man, Wendy Duncan, and Ciaran Quigley, the Doors Open Day co-ordinator for Perth and Kinross. There are still some glitches on the virtual tour but these will hopefully be ironed out in time.

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Cover Photo

The cathedral flèche is seen peeping over the Rose Terrace skyline on a cold January evening.

Could You be a Hedgehog Champion?

Hello, I'm a volunteer Hedgehog Champion with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society/Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species.

How long is it since you last saw a hedgehog? They are now officially classed as vulnerable to extinction in the UK. There are many reasons and it's sad to think of such a fate for this prickly little God's creature. Here are ways to help:

1. Link your garden with Hedgehog Highways
2. Create a wild corner
3. Make your pond safe with a ramp
4. Clear away netting and litter
5. Put out food and water
6. Stop using chemicals
7. Check before strimming
8. Be careful with bonfires
9. Make a home for hedgehogs
10. Become a Hedgehog Champion



What's a Hedgehog Highway? Since they travel between 1-2 km a night searching for food and a mate, a small gap in your fence the size of a CD case will let them pass through. Ask your neighbours to do the same!

If you spot a hedgehog when driving at night, & can't stop in time, try to steer so it will pass under the middle of the car where least likely to be harmed.

You can become a Hedgehog Champion by registering on <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/website>, which has resources to make your garden and neighbourhood a hedgehog-friendly zone.

*Moira Grant
Falkirk*



Eco Congregation News

The diocesan event below, to be held via Zoom, is open to anyone interested. The organisers hope that at least one person from each congregation in the diocese will attend. It should be an interesting session.



Continual Ministerial Development (CMD)

Working Towards Becoming Carbon Neutral

Hosted by the Climate Change Group

24th February 2022

9.30 am – 1 pm by Zoom

This session is open to anyone who is interested in Climate Change and being Carbon Neutral.

Please register with Carol in the Diocesan Office at bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org

A Zoom link will be sent with any relevant papers nearer to the date of the event.

9.30 am	Open with Prayer
9.30 am	Background and Context led by Cathy Johnston
10.00 am	Breakout session and reporting back
11.00 am	Comfort Break
11.15 am	Worship
11.30 am	Examples of good practice across the Diocese led by Professor Alan Werritty
12.45 pm	Wrapping Up
1.00 pm	Close and Prayer

Introducing TerraCycle

Recycling everything you can through your household recycling collection but still left with some items that are more difficult to recycle? It can be frustrating when, like us, you're pushing on to be more zero waste. For many of us, recycling has become part of our everyday routine. You sort, flatten, rinse and squash the items that are collected and recycled by your local council but have no idea what to do with those items not collected through kerbside recycling.



TerraCycle is a company that specialises in hard-to-recycle waste like bread bags and food pouches. Brands partner and fund recycling programmes with TerraCycle to provide customers (that's you) with a free recycling programme.

Some of the big brands getting involved include Ella's Kitchen, recycling baby food pouches, and Walkers' crisp packet recycling programme which allows you to recycle any brand of crisp packets.

Upsides of Terracycle

- It's free to use - the brands fund the recycling programmes alongside TerraCycle.
- It diverts waste from landfills and incinerators.
- It's easy to do – visit the TerraCycle website to see what's available and find your nearest drop off location. Sometimes, you can post directly free of charge.
- If there isn't a nearby drop off point, think about starting a collection point from your home, school or office.
- If you become a member/collection point you get points every time TerraCycle receives a collection from you. Points can then be changed into a financial donation to a charity of your choice.

What can you recycle?

TerraCycle's free recycling programme currently includes (this list may change, check the website for the most up to date information):

- Baby food pouches
- Biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers
- Cigarette waste (including extinguished cigarettes, rolling paper and ash)
- Cleaning product packaging (including plastic bottle caps and air fresheners)
- Coffee pods
- Contact lenses (including soft lenses and plastic/foil from blister packs)
- Crisp packets
- Oral care (including toothbrush packaging, toothpaste tubes and electric toothbrush heads)
- Personal care packaging (including packaging for face wipes and roll-on deodorants)
- Pet food pouches/bags
- Writing instruments (including pens, highlighters and correction-fluid pots)

What are these items recycled into?

Each individual item varies but generally, once items are collected, they are washed, shredded and turned into plastic pellets. The pellets can then be used to make moulded rigid plastic products also known as 'hard plastic' to make new products such as a bench or watering can.

And talking of recycling...

The Provost and vestry are looking for inspirational ideas regarding the use of the large billboard facing the Atholl Street junction. All suggestions welcome!

Dates for Your Diary

Choral Evensong - 20 February at 3.00pm

Choral Evensong - 20 March at 3.00pm

Handel's St John Passion with the cathedral choir and soloists.

Palm Sunday, 10 April at 3.30pm

From the Farquhar Diaries

3 February 1922. Our Diocesan Council was held on Jan. 31 and our Synod the next day. The general result of both is encouraging. Especially was this the case at the Council. After the war the Clergy were the only class, who had not received any increase of income, so that, as the cost of living had gone up 163 per cent, any of them were near starvation point. By the end of 1920 nothing but talking & the rejection of Mr Talbot's plan had been effected. But Dean Reid of Edinburgh hit out a new scheme, which was accepted & put into operation during 1921. The ideal of it was to provide us a minimum £250 a year & a house. Many working men are getting more than this but it seemed above our reach. Still of course we meant to struggle towards it. However it turns out that the aim has been reached. The minimum stipend this year will be £250 a year & a house... I made a speech advocating the commemoration of the Clergy by the erection of a tablet in each Charge where they had ministered. The Bp stayed the two nights with us, which is always a pleasure. An amusing incident closed the Synod. In his Charge the Bp had recommended certain books, copies of which, belonging to himself he had placed on the table. Just as we were dispersing, he called out "Listen! Some one has inadvertently gone off with one of my books! Will he be kind enough to return it?" In reply some one asked:- "What is the name of the book?" The Bp answered:- "Christian moral principles!"

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...

Our poor prime minister is in a spot of bother, being threatened with premature retirement because of eating cake! Bring it on, I say! If some kind soul would give me a chocolate cake (a large one with a thick layer of cream in the middle, please) and then report me to Scotland Yard, I could be off to the Caribbean - or wherever retired cathedral eagles go...



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	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.

Flowers

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, a large Gothic-style stone building with a prominent spire. The image is used as a background for the text.

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