

Cathedral News

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Who's Who at the Cathedral

From the Provost

Dear Friends

It is hard just now not to be full of despair. Scotland seems to have the most alarming numbers of people testing positive for Covid and our hospitals are struggling to cope. We are told the strains of Covid are growing weaker, but many people are still being overwhelmed by the disease.



On top of this the Russian Army continues to push into Ukraine on many fronts, destroying villages, towns and cities and killing so many people, and we are left asking, why is this happening? Why can this not be stopped?

In the face of a pandemic and an unjust and cruel war, it seems almost wrong to complain about rising prices and the cost of living. Many of us are struggling to make ends meet, causing a growth in poverty – food costs are soaring, energy bills have increased rapidly, fuel costs are outrageous causing public transport to

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increase ticket prices, rents have gone up and taxes have risen. No wonder we experience despair, fretting over how and when this is all going to end?

Of course, many philosophers and scientists over the centuries have tried to grapple with the 'future of mankind,' and have laid out their theories and theses in extraordinary, seemingly logical, and persuasive ways.

There are those who believe that, even though humans think they are special and more capable of directing a collective future than other animals, it is an illusion. Some even go as far as saying that we will face eventual extinction, just like all other species. How depressing!

Others think along the same lines except our annihilation will be due to nuclear and biological warfare. Given what is happening just now in our world, it seems a possible if not unthinkable prospect.

The world of science and technology offers many other possibilities, some that seem more hopeful than others and go as far as suggesting the need to find other planets to populate, to ensure our future. There has long been a fear of advanced technology or 'robots,' taking over our planet, whilst others see this as a good and positive way forward.

However, many of these theories (not all) do seem to miss or overlook the impact that faith has on the world. Hope is a very powerful tool and can promote extraordinary acts of kindness. We all know that Christianity in our own country has declined somewhat, but it continues to grow in other places in our world at extraordinary rates. And just because our numbers here have decreased, it has not lessened the Church's impact on our society and world. Look at the response to the crisis in Ukraine for example, just within our own congregation.

I believe faith is the sole true hope for our future. I think any religion that truly has at its core, the type of hope that is produced by love and kindness, is our future, as it ultimately puts despair back in its proper place. Christianity has long used metaphors of light and darkness, and we understand this through Christ's resurrection, as the light overcoming the darkness, the triumph of good over evil.

It is hard not to despair at times, but our faith allows us to see the light, to pray for forbearance in tough times, to expose our kindness and love to others by sharing

some of what we have with those in need and asking for help when we need some light. God knows, we all need each other, and we are assured that the Holy Spirit will ultimately guide us into the future.

As we pray for our world and for the many difficulties we face, let's remember that all our small acts of generosity, kindness, and love, collectively will overcome any despair we may feel and will make our world a better and brighter place. May our Easter celebrations strengthen our resolve as the holy people of God, to face whatever comes with hope. In God's name we pray.

Alleluia, alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May I wish you a blessed and happy Easter,

Hunter

Readings and Collects for April

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday - 3 April

Collect: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms - 10 April

Collect: Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Luke 19.28-40

Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Passion

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the glory

of his resurrection; 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 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16, Philippians 2.5-11, The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Wednesday of Holy Week

Collect: Lord God, your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped and turned his face for men to spit upon. Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake, confident of the glory that will be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, John 13.21-32

Maundy Thursday

Collect: O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: I Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Collect: Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 52.13-53.12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10.16-25, John 18.1-19.42

Easter Day - 17 April

Collect: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, I Corinthians 15.19-26, Luke 24.1-12

Second Sunday of Easter - 24 April

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 5.27-32, Psalm 118.14-29, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31

Third Sunday of Easter - 1 May

Collect: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 9.1-6(7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5.11-14, John 21.1-19

Prayer Walk

Perth North City Centre group are organising a prayer walk through the city on the Wednesday of Holy Week (13 April) at 1.30pm. Participants will meet in the North Church garden and the walk is expected to take around an hour. It will take in Horsecross, St. Matthew's, St. John's, St Leonard's, the Methodist church and finish in Old St Paul's. Christians of all denominations are most welcome to join in.

Charitable Sunday Collections

At a recent meeting of the vestry it was agreed that there should be a cathedral collection every second month for a named charity. The vestry is looking for suggestions of charities to support which will be a mix of local, national and international. The charity selected will be named in the magazine in advance of the collection day. It was agreed that the chosen charity for May should be Christian Aid and that the Bishop's Lent Appeal be moved to a later date this year in order to support Ukraine now. If you have a favourite charity, which you think would be appropriate for the congregation as whole to support, please speak to Marion in the office or any member of the vestry.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 10 April

11.00am: Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion

3.30pm: St John's Passion by Handel - Perth Cathedral Choir

Tuesday 12 April

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 13 April

11.00am: Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

11.00am: Chrism Mass - Bishop

7.00pm: Washing of hands, Holy Communion followed by a Vigil in the Lady Chapel

Good Friday

10.00am: Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday

10.00am: Decoration of the Cathedral

Easter Day

11.00am: Holy Communion - Bishop

Cover Photo

This beautiful photo has been sent in by Annabelle O'Connell and shows Perth from the lower slopes of Kinnoull Hill on a spring evening.

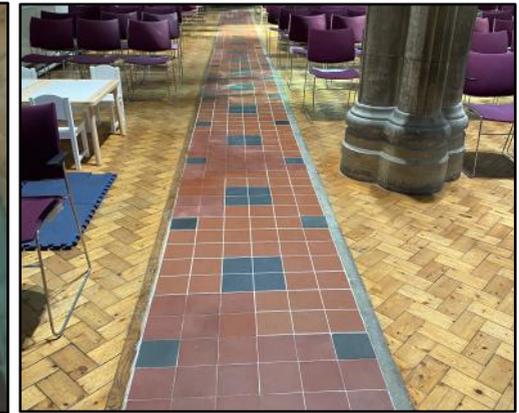
What's Been Going On?

Repairs and Renovations

Sharp-eyed members of the congregation might have noticed that some of our floor tiles, cracked and damaged during the restoration work of a few years ago, have now been replaced. There is still some work to do, but Gregor, our tiler from Poland, has done a great job so far. The colour match is not perfect but the best the cathedral can do without spending a fortune.



Before...



...and after

Also, the recently constructed storage boxes beneath the east window were found to be rather damp and have been modified with ventilation and some other clever woodwork which keeps the nativity figures, stored therein, off the ground.



Mothering Sunday



Many thanks to Lis who has sent in this photo of the prayer stones which were distributed during the Mothering Sunday service. The idea is that they are kept in a pocket or purse and when felt or seen can encourage a quick prayer.

Choir News

Christopher Dingwall has sent in this photo of choristers from Ardvreck School practising with the cathedral choir for the service on Sunday 27 March.



MUSIC FOR PASSIONTIDE



ST JOHN'S PASSION

by

HANDEL

Sung by the choir of Perth Cathedral
with invited soloists
directed by Geoff Bolton

An hour of readings and reflective music
as we move into Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY
10TH APRIL
3.30PM

St Ninian's Cathedral
North Methven Street
Perth

Bishop's Lent Appeal

As the Provost has recently mentioned, the vestry has decided that Ukraine should be the focus of cathedral giving during Lent, and that the Bishop's very worthy cause - supporting USPG - will become a focus for us later in the year.

The USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel, the Anglican mission organisation) Living Hope Appeal supports the Zambia Anglican Council's Gender Justice programme and the Church of North India's programme with marginalised and deprived communities. More information can be found online at <https://living-hope.raisely.com>.



News from Judy and Gabriel

Many of us will remember Judy and her young son, Gabriel, who spent several months with us in Perth after their move from Hong Kong to the UK. Judy and her husband Man were hugely helpful in getting our virtual tour onto the cathedral website, Man providing much assistance from halfway across the globe. Man has now finally arrived in the UK and has joined his family in Solihull. Judy has sent the photo below together with greetings to all their friends at the cathedral. She and the family hope to visit us again in the summer.

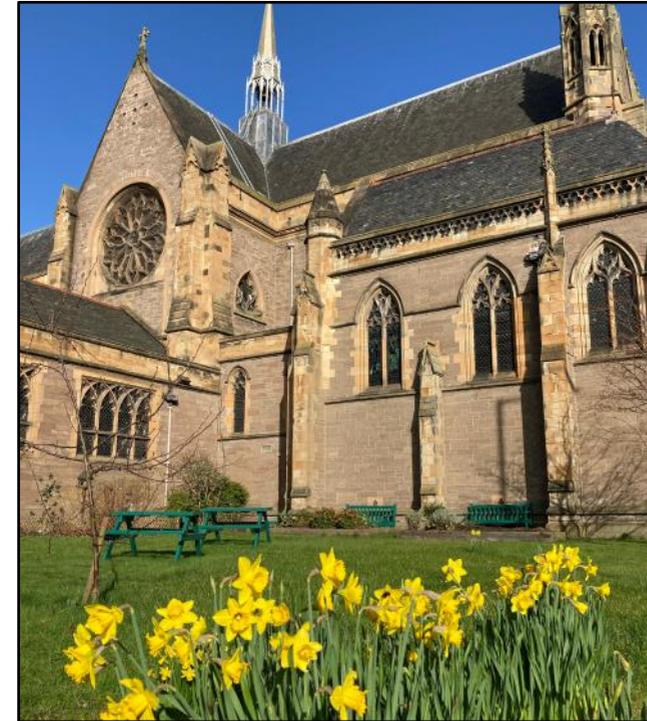


Congratulations!



Many congratulations to Betty Harris who has recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She is pictured below with her family, including sister Leta (seated right).

The Cathedral Garden



Many thanks to Maihri for sending in this lovely photo of daffodils in the cathedral garden, beneath a wonderfully blue sky.

Gardener John Blackie also reports that he has made a start on tidying up the raised beds. And after an enforced absence of two to three years the pupils of St Ninian's Primary are also keen to get back to work on the beds and we look forward to seeing what they will be planting. We await the summer with interest!

Refugees

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These people are just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way.
(now read from bottom to top)

Many of us will probably have come across this very clever poem by Brian Bilston, but given the current international situation it seems appropriate to include it in the magazine. Bilston, an apparently shadowy figure, is known as the Banksy of the poetry world.

Summer Opening

The new season is upon us once again and the cathedral opening team have had a pre-season pep talk from head coach, Wendy Duncan. Meeting in the Chapter House over coffee and sticky buns the somewhat reduced number of volunteers have agreed to try and keep the cathedral open until 3.00pm, Monday to Wednesday, with other days by appointment. As always, opening is totally dependent on volunteers being available, so if you feel you might be able to join the rota and perhaps offer to do a two-and-a-half hour session once a fortnight or thereabouts, then please do speak to Wendy. All that is required is a willingness to offer a smile and a leaflet to our visitors - anything else such as a detailed knowledge of Scottish Episcopal Church history is a bonus, but definitely not required! It helps the Perth tourist industry as indeed it does the cathedral coffers as many of our visitors leave a donation when they leave. A very warm welcome goes to new member of the team Iain Robertson.

The Assumption

In his diary entry for a century ago (see page 22), the Very Rev'd G T S Farquhar referred to the death of Robert Speir of Culdees. In 1926 he further wrote: 'When Mr Speir of Culdees died the Bp was asked to choose one of his pictures for the Cathedral. The Bp sent the Provost and he, in my opinion, made a very great mistake. He selected a large oil-painting of the "Assumption of the B.V. Mary" (now hanging over the cathedral entrance, pictured right). He maintains that he thought it was the figure of an Angel! Ever since it has been "stored" in the Bp's Vestry in the Cathedral. Once or twice the Provost has suggested hanging it up in the Nave but my expostulations have hitherto prevailed.' Despite his protestations over its Roman Catholic character the painting was indeed hung in the nave, but the furious Farquhar protested again and the painting was quickly taken down!



Unpacking Love: a summing up

You love your husband, wife, sweetheart. And you love football, rugby, gymnastics. You also love languages, science, astrophysics. You love an occasional meal in a restaurant. And I'm sure you love your favourite armchair.

The poor old word 'love' is expected to carry so much!

The old Greeks had a collection of words that can all be translated 'love.' They are like a set of tools that each serve a distinct purpose. There's the kind of love that is especially for family; passionate love; and so on. They also had a word I have used throughout this series of magazine articles. Our Dear Editor has been very patient with me over this! By now, if you have been reading these contributions, you will know that the subject is agape. There came a point in history when this term had become rather bland. Our word 'love' can be at least as bland. Take 'Wish you were here. Love, Sandy.' Just how deep is your love (apologies to the Beegees)?

Agape was eventually repurposed, first for the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and then in a number of places in our New Testament. A rather hollow expression was given fresh energy, and was a hallmark of the early church. 'See how these Christians love one another,' was said, sincerely, by a contemporary pagan.

In order to get to grips with this sense of agape love, I have been trying to put some content into it again. That's why these short articles develop the idea of an environment enriched by unconditional, altruistic and empathic compassion. A love that is characterised by these qualities, and probably more. More precisely, the self is reflected in five aspects, and personal growth and development. Taken together, the five offer a framework to help shape this growth. I am aware, of course, that strictly speaking, the self isn't a 'thing' somewhere or other. It's a useful term, a construct, which, like 'love,' requires definite content.

When you see tree branches bending and chimney smoke drifting, you get a good idea which way the wind is blowing. The wind itself is invisible, but you can detect it by certain events. So the self can be seen by what I have been calling our values, or what is important to us. Some of our values are easy to see, but others remain

below the surface. They seem to emerge in the right conditions, and personal growth seems to happen as we learn to understand our own values. There are, of course, ways of doing this. Tests such as the laddering technique can be eye-opening. 'I didn't realise that that's how I felt; but it true.' 'The unexamined life is not worth living.' (Socrates)

Next, the self can be understood in terms of the stories we tell of our experiences. I am The Story of my stories. We all function as editors. We select what we disclose about our experiences and how we tell our tales. In a variety of ways, psychologists have paid close attention to our personal stories and how we tell them, to whom we tell them and what language we choose. Each of us is 'the sum total of our experiences.' I am inclined to think that this is what is meant by 'the soul.' At the point where our millions of stories intersect, the big tales right down to the minor incidents, there is an essential individual. (Remember that 'individual' comes from a root that means 'cannot be divided'.)

In the third part, we were thinking about choices. Philosophers and psychologists have at times stressed the existential self. From Jean Paul Sartre to Viktor Frankl and Kiergaard, the insight has been that each of us constantly makes choices. The more we understand that, the more we can take responsibility for our selves, our decisions and our emotions. That becomes quite liberating.

Part four has been about strengths. I have followed Seligman here, who proposes six virtues, each being evidenced by a cluster of strengths: wisdom, courage, justice, humanity, temperance and transcendence. Thus around 'wisdom,' for example, there are a few strengths, such as love of knowledge, and around 'courage' one strength seems to be the strength of persistence. The virtue labelled 'humanity' is seen in the persons who show a higher degree of interpersonal skill. But then the virtue of 'justice' is shown in behaviour that helps to strengthen community. (Humanity, then, is rather more personal and Justice tends to address the conditions that make for community.)

Temperance, a slightly quaint term now, is, as its name suggests, about those strengths that make for balance, seeking the mean between extremes. And the virtue of transcendence is about people whose strengths especially address seeing 'the wider picture' and is sometimes called spirituality, although that term is often used rather loosely.

In the fifth and final part, the great Martin Buber ('I and Thou') provides the philosophical backdrop. The self is always about relationships. Everyone has an essential need to belong. With that comes the matter of communication, which requires constant tuning and fine tuning. In the counselling room, one client looked at me for a few seconds, and then said, 'Here I am in my mid-thirties, and it's the first time I have really been heard!' You see, many of us fall into the trap of thinking of speaking when 'communication' comes up. It's both speaking AND listening; and healthy relationships tend to move from shallower, but safer, levels to deeper and more self-disclosing levels.

So I have urged a fresh understanding of agape love, compassion that is unconditional, empathic, and altruistic. It enriches an environment where we can flourish as 'believing self' (what is important to me), editor self (story), volitional self (choosing), competent self (virtues and strengths), and relational self, (being and belonging).

If I have said too little or too much, forgive me, and if I have said enough, thank God! (After St Augustine)

Chris Brown

Many thanks to Chris for his most stimulating - and indeed illuminating - series of articles!

Year of Stories

This year's Doors Open weekend is 17 - 18 September and while nothing is definite yet we plan to be open for some of that time and end with a choral evensong on the Sunday afternoon.

The theme this year is **Scotland's Year of Stories** and we hope that we may be able to use this as a focus to gather together reminiscences and anecdotes about the cathedral, St Ninian's School and Perth in general from as many folk as possible. Over the coming months please do share your own memories and encourage others to do so too. This can be done in any form you like: handwritten notes, a few lines telling a story, photos with captions, a voice or video recording - the more the merrier! We might even gather enough to compile a booklet....!

Wendy Duncan

Christian Aid Week, 15-21 May 2022

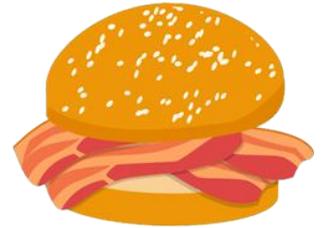
Last year, Christian Aid fund-raising with St Ninian's Cathedral went so well, and we were so delighted with the amount raised, that we have decided to continue the collaboration this year.

Wendy Duncan (cathedral Christian Aid rep) and I were relieved to find that Christian Aid is strongly supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Donations to DEC go directly to trusted partners in the field. I do not need to rehearse the daily horrors, the families torn apart, the fleeing refugees, the cities devastated, the orphaned children, the thousands killed and injured.

Christian Aid is working with two partner organisations to offer assistance to Ukrainian refugees fleeing deadly violence: Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). HIA have already distributed 28 tonnes of food supplies and other lifesaving essentials to people on the Ukrainian borders. It has also established a refugee help point.

Our embryonic thinking is to hold a Big Brekkie (bacon rolls and tea /coffee?) event in the cathedral's Chapter House and/or garden on the morning of Saturday 21 May. Provost Hunter and Dean Graham have both given their blessing. We shall probably set up a Justgiving site, as we have done previously, and we shall also have Christian Aid envelopes at church. The Big Brekkie is a well-kent Christian Aid fund-raiser, and we would hope to have support from the Christian Aid staff.

We'll keep you posted as we take this forward - assuming, of course, that Covid restrictions do not prevent such an event.



*Elaine Cameron
St John's, Princes Street*

From Emmanuel

As I write this article, we appear to be winning the battle against Covid. We have had milder weather, and the future can look more optimistic as we move into spring. However, we can never take anything for granted. The day that we give up face masks will be a day to celebrate. Also, the day when there are no deaths of people catching the disease. Nevertheless, the war between Russia and Ukraine continues to dominate the news. I pray for a miracle and that President Putin has a change of heart; a Damascus experience, which the apostle Paul had, as God can do anything. So, we continue to hope despite it all. We are all praying for peace in Ukraine and around the world; for the children and for the refugees. We cannot quite believe that it is all happening, but it is. Please keep praying.

As many of you know, I fight against a severe balance problem. This can be very debilitating. As Lee Abernethy wrote on her bag which she gave me many years ago, 'if you can walk, you can dance; and if you can talk, you can sing.' Thankfully, I can do both, but I find singing easier than dancing. God has given me the great gift of music. I am so privileged to be able to sing and play the piano and organ. I was a professional oboist many years ago in another life, as it were. I also have arthritis in both knees which can suddenly flare up and is very painful. I am conscious, however of God's blessings, which are new all of the time. I only have to think of the song, *Streets of London*, and of the many people who are homeless and without shelter in our world to appreciate my many gifts.

So, I continue with the MLitt at St. Andrews University. I have completed the second module, which was on Surveillance and Theology. The next module covers Theological Ethics. I plan to do my dissertation on Disability and Ministry/Theology of Disability. I have great experience in these subjects because of the disabilities that I suffer from myself. I will bring the problem of disability forward in a holistic and positive way, uniting faith and theology with it, yet pointing out the discrimination which still takes place, and addressing the very real problems that are there. I don't so much fight against people who do not understand, but try to bring people together through it all. Understanding is better than conflict, which just creates negativity.

I now play the keyboard on a Wednesday at the 11.00am service. If you haven't yet

been to it, I encourage you to be there. I play (quite softly) an arrangement of music which you would all enjoy. I was very privileged to receive a peace lily at the cathedral AGM. Thank you, Provost. I pray that you each continue to have a good year. God bless you all.

Emmanuel Patterson

Spring

Early and silent and witnessed by few
Stone rolled, revealing promises true,
Before it a garden with glistening dew,
And daffodils yellow and spring skies of blue.

In countryside meadows, lamb grazing with ewe
Commuter cars rumble, dawn chorus on cue
And parents on school runs will notice them too
Those daffodils yellow and spring skies of blue.

In world's ancient cities and those that are new
And workers who wait in a slow Costa queue
Around tiny saplings and old gnarly yew
Are daffodils yellow and spring skies of blue.

Reflecting off high-rise, so straight, tall and true
Surrounding old castles and in parks, like Kew
And all along motorways, cars streaming through
Are daffodils yellow and spring skies of blue

And refugees fleeing the homes where they grew
Aggressors and gunfire their quarry pursue
Hope lies there waiting, just hidden from view
In daffodils yellow and spring skies of blue.

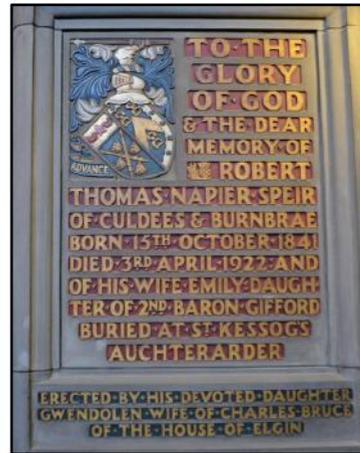
*Many thanks to Annette Cameron, our resident poet,
for another thought-provoking poem - timely and
apposite.*



From the Farquhar Diaries

6 April 1922. Mr Speir's funeral took place today. The Bp was sent for a few days ago to go to Muthill to give him the Holy Communion. The interment took place, not at Muthill but in the lovely church-yard at Auchterarder. His son asked us to bring some of our Choir boys, so, in charge of Capt. Elliot, (our Church-Army) Captain, we took 8 along with us. It was a beautiful, sunny but cold day. Our Bp; the Primus; the Bp of Glasgow (who built Auchterarder Church); Dean Skinner Wilson, our Provost & the Rectors of A. & Muthill, besides the Earl of Elgin, Mr Norfor, Mr Anderson were all present, besides many others. There was a very reverent & well-ordered Service in the Church and then a procession to the grave-yard. So ends the career of one of our most notable laymen. None have done more for the church, few as much, for the last 50 years. May God raise up younger men to fill his place! There has been, and still is, great excitement at our Cathedral in Aberdeen, where something very unlike the staidness & sobriety of Aberdeen & the "Scottish Episcopal Church" has been taking place. The clever & quicksilver Bishop (Deane) and the mystical Provost Erskine Hill have invited a Mr Hickson, a celebrated Faith-healer to S. Andrews Cathedral and huge crowds have been besieging the place for the last three days. As for myself, I do not know what to make of it. I suspend my judgement altogether & stand outside the movement, saying like Gamaliel in the Acts, that, if it be of God, it will go on and, if it be not, it will come to a natural end. Certainly Bp Deane & Mr Erskine Hill have incurred grave responsibility, which may or may not be justified. Despite much discouragement in recent years, we again attempted special Evensong & sermon on the Wednesdays in Lent. I preached my course on the "Prodigal Son", which has cost me endless time and trouble to compose. From 35 to 42 were present and, considering what an indifference to Evensong has sprung up during the war, I feel encouraged by it upon the whole.

Many thanks to Margaret Lye for another extract from her published edition of The Diary of the Very Rev G T S Farquhar. See also page 15.



The memorial to Robert Speir in Paisley Abbey

Eddie the Eagle says...

It's good that the high altar is once again back in use. I must admit I had been enjoying all you lovely people coming forward for communion and bowing your heads in front of me. 'Pay homage to Sir Edward Eagle', I would imagine the Provost saying, but these were unworthy thoughts and I do feel slightly ashamed!



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.

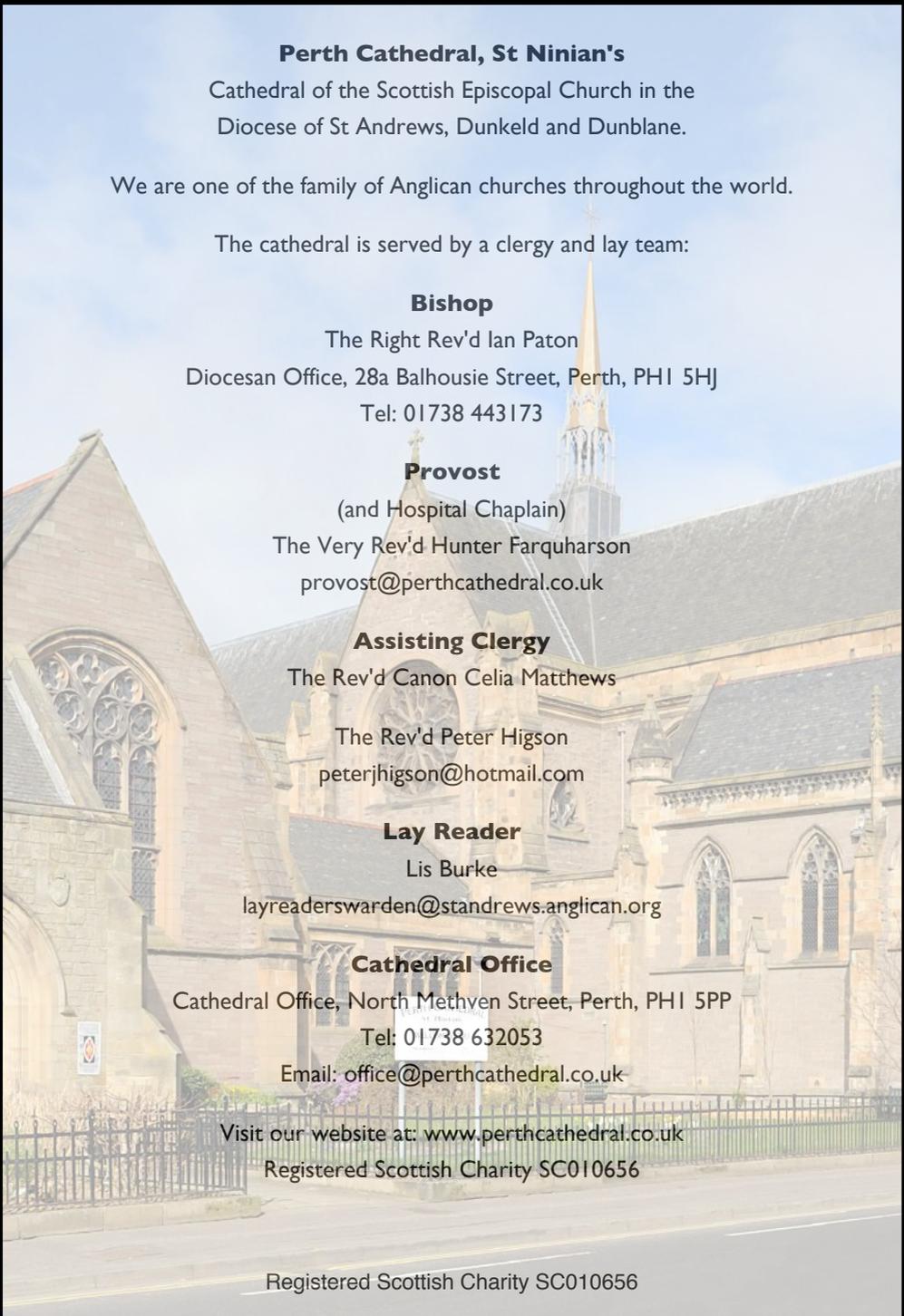
Flowers

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.

The closing date for inclusion in the May magazine is **17 April**.

A photograph of Perth Cathedral, St Ninian's, a large Gothic Revival style stone building with a prominent spire. The image is used as a background for the text.

Perth Cathedral, St Ninian's

Cathedral of the Scottish Episcopal Church in the
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

We are one of the family of Anglican churches throughout the world.

The cathedral is served by a clergy and lay team:

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