



Cathedral News

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Who's Who at the Cathedral

From the Provost

Dear Cathedral Friends,

Fifty days after Easter we begin the season of Pentecost (in Greek meaning fiftieth). It is the day traditionally we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. In scripture it is the time when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles.



Acts 2.1-21: The Coming of the Holy Spirit...

'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.'

The role of the Holy Spirit is not too difficult to describe, because there are many parts of scripture that explain God the Holy Spirit. I see the Holy Spirit as the divine power and influence of God, over the universe and all creation. The Spirit guides us and encourages us to do what Jesus taught us to do.

I think I was a bit of a latecomer to the Holy Spirit and seemed for many years to focus more on God and Jesus. I think I found it difficult to imagine the Holy Spirit, as in many writings the Spirit has (unwisely) been referred to as 'It'. The Spirit is

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very much part of the Godhead, the nature of God, through whom our understanding of faith can be enhanced. Praying for the Spirit's daily guidance should be a constant in all our lives. Calling on the Holy Spirit certainly helps me to focus on my day ahead, helps keep my heart generous and open and allows/ reminds me to be compassionate and loving, when I don't feel especially so!

I would really value your thoughts on the Holy Spirit. There are many quotes from the Bible that help draw a good image of the Spirit. I'll leave you with two below in the hope you might look them up and add to them and share your experience of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit with me.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11: The Holy Spirit seen a source of revelation, wisdom, and power.

John 16:13: The Holy Spirit guides us to all truth, including knowledge of what is to come.

As always please keep in your prayers our congregation and our communal life together. Pray that we can listen to, and accept, God's guidance through the Holy Spirit. We pray for everyone in the congregation methodically week by week at Morning Prayer, and the prayer group that diligently meets on a Wednesday morning, holds those with specific needs to God in their hearts for healing.

This month I ask for a special prayer of thanks to be said for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who celebrates her 70th (platinum) anniversary this month.

*Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

May God the Holy Trinity bless us all.

With love, Hunter



Readings and Collects for June

The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) - 5 June

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.25-35, 37, Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17, (25-27)

Columba of Iona, Abbot - 9 June

Collect: Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Columba you made the light of the gospel to shine in our land. May we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-3, Psalm 34.1-8, Ephesians 4.14-19, Luke 12.32-37

Barnabus, Apostle - 11 June

Collect: Merciful God, help us to follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 45.5-12, Psalm 112, Acts 11.19-30, Matthew 10.7-16

Trinity Sunday - 12 June

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit, you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion, Corpus Christi - 16 June

Collect: O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left 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: Exodus 16.9-15, Psalm 116.10-17, 1 Corinthians 10.16-17, John 6 (51-52) 53-58

Second Sunday after Pentecost - 19 June

Collect: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 65.1-9, Psalm 22.18-27, Galatians 3.23-29, Luke 8.26-39

The Birth of John the Baptist - 24 June

Collect: Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.7-13, Acts 13.14b-26, Luke 1.57-66 (67-79) 80

Third Sunday after Pentecost - 26 June

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5.1, 13-25, Luke 9.51-62

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What's Been Going On?

Christian Aid Big Brekkie

This very successful event, a joint venture between the cathedral and St John's Princes Street, was held in the Chapter House on Saturday 21 May and attracted a good number of people, and not just members of the two congregations. The organisers were Elaine Cameron from St John's and Wendy Duncan from the cathedral, the latter unfortunately going down with Covid just days before the event. But the planning having been done, and with a great team ready to take over the reins, the event went very well indeed.

Huge thanks must go to Tesco, Morrisons and Lindsay the Butchers who provided rolls, bacon, milk and all the other necessary items for a proper breakfast either free of charge or at a discount, and to Provender Brown for providing items for the raffle. Many thanks too to members of both congregations who provided not just raffle prizes, home baking and plants for the plant stall, but a lot of hard work as well - setting up and tidying up, cooking and washing up and many other things.

At the latest count the Big Brekkie has raised over £1000 and donations are still coming in. If you would like to contribute you can do so via the Just Giving website at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/perthbigbrekkie>. Although we have fallen considerably short of last year's total of around £4000, many more people took part and several suggested we should do joint events - either fund-raising or purely social - with our sister church on a more frequent basis. Well done everyone!





The photo on the previous page shows some of the team, snapped just before the start. On these pages, Jenny Whittle and Christine Bracewell are busy in the kitchen, while Margot and Judy Norwell keep an eye on their home baking and plants stalls.



at the site of the bishop's seat or 'cathedral' - built by George Boyle 6th Earl of Glasgow and Horace 20th Lord Forbes, oversaw the acquisition of land to the north west of the town, and the appointment of the English architect William Butterfield to design the new cathedral in the Gothic Revival style.

The foundation stone having been laid on 15th September 1849, work on the first phase of Butterfield's design was completed and the building was consecrated on 10 December 1850, making it the first Anglican cathedral to have been built since the Reformation. It was to be more than fifty years before work on the cathedral was finished.



Finishing the west end of the cathedral with a double spire was to be the last phase when the Manufacture began to rise. These spires were to be erected later within the cathedral at the end of the century, during the Chapter House, the nave and Upper Choir, completed in 1902, and the Lady Chapel, finished in 1910. The Lower Choir, designed to look beyond from the west, was added in 1911, and the building of Perth Cathedral School which adjoins the west.

Most of the stained glass windows were made in Berlin & in the restoration Glass Company. The stained glass windows designed for the altar glass were while part of a roof screen separating the nave from the choir, above the choir screen.

Choral Evensong

On Sunday 22 May, as part of Perth Festival of the Arts, we were once again delighted to welcome choristers from Ardvreck School, Crieff (pictured below with the cathedral choir). The pupils joined us for Choral Evensong and sang the Byrd Responses, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C major by C.V. Stanford and *Blessed be the God and Father* by Samuel Wesley. This was the third time the choristers have been able to participate in our worship during this academic year - an initiative by the cathedral to foster a new relationship with Ardvreck, giving the pupils access to the unique training on offer to church choristers. It was good to see the cathedral looking so full and we very much look forward to seeing them again in September.

The service was led by Lis B, with prayers by the Rev'd Peter and a final blessing from Bishop Ian.

Annette Cameron



Organ Recital

Following the Choral Evensong, our director of music, Geoff Bolton (pictured on the opposite page), gave an organ recital which included works by Buxtehude, Bach, Franck and Gigout. It was well attended with about 60 in the audience. Many thanks to Christopher Dingwall for the photos.



Tommy Smith Concert

It's good to see the cathedral playing a more prominent part in the Perth Festival of the Arts. Tommy Smith, described as one of the world's leading saxophonists, performed in the cathedral on 24 May. This photo was posted on his Facebook page shortly after.





Perth Eco-Congregation Network Group

Invites you to:

Recycling in 2022



**Wednesday 15th June 6.30pm
in the Cathedral Chapter House**

Niamh Anderson from P&K Waste Awareness Team will speak about the way we recycle our waste and will advise about the safe disposal or possible re-use of many other items and materials which might otherwise go into landfill.

Perhaps you're wondering what to do with old paint, polystyrene or garden netting? Or maybe it's the growing bag of old phone chargers, redundant cables and computers lurking in a cupboard that concerns you? Whatever it is, you're certainly not alone, so do come along and join us to have your questions answered - the more the merrier!

Alison Ballantyne

The editor was very saddened to learn of the recent death of Alison, who has been a regular and popular contributor to this magazine for the past little while. Her book recommendations were well chosen and written in a lively style which always made the editor want to rush out and buy a copy. She ranged from *A Dance to the Music of Time* (Anthony Powell) to *Shuggie Bain* (Douglas Stuart), and from *Wolf Hall* (Hilary Mantel) to *The Pursuit of Love* (Nancy Mitford), with many others in between - all those books we probably should have read and perhaps now we shall. She had planned to write about John Mortimer's *Paradise Postponed* - featuring cabinet minister Leslie Titmus - in this issue but felt too tired to do so. She finished by saying she hoped to 'bring the world (well, St Ninian's bit of the world) the joy that is Leslie Titmus in due course.' We shall miss her, as will, of course, Andrew, to whom we send our condolences.

St Ninian's Primary School

The St Ninian's Episcopal Primary School's end of term service will be held at 11.00am on Thursday 30 June in the cathedral and all members of the congregation are welcome. I was in school recently and it is clear that they are very excited at the prospect of coming back to the cathedral. We may try to arrange for the nursery children to visit the cathedral beforehand, as a familiarisation exercise!

The Rev'd Peter Higson

The Platinum Jubilee

Come and join us for a celebratory glass of (non-alcoholic) fizz and nibbles on Sunday 5 June after the 11.00am service, in the Chapter House or cathedral garden!

Cover Photo

Nothing says early summer better than Branklyn Garden. The cover photo was taken at the end of May when the rhododendrons etc were still a riot of colour. A wonderful place to lift the spirits, especially if followed by a visit to the tea-room!

From the Farquhar Diaries

2 June 1922. Yesterday our tireless Provost organised an interesting meeting in the Cathedral. Its 'personnel' consisted of those Ministers & laymen, who have been meeting at Mr John Ritchie's house, during the last three years to consider the subject of unity. We began with intercessions for Re-union in the Side-Chapel. We then had tea in the Chapter House and after that a discussion. Mr Ritchie, who belongs to the United Free Presbyterians, opening with an address defending us "Episcopalians" from the perpetually repeated accusation of being insincere in our own declarations in favour of unity, on the ground that we will not adopt a policy of "interchange of pulpits" straight away. I said at the end of the address that I could not wish to hear our position more ably defined & justified. He is an admirable man and it is rather a mystery to me how he can remain among the U.F's.

9 June. On Monday the Bishop had a serious bicycle accident... He was bicycling along a piece of road in the neighbourhood of S. Andrews, which was under repair... He became conscious of another bicycle coming on behind him and there was an old man walking in front. Somehow he got mixed up with the old man and fell striking his head a severe blow on the kerb-stone and cutting both it & his hands very badly. Some friendly motor took him home. He was unconscious for two hours and the doctor had ordered him a month's complete rest. However, thank God, he seems to have escaped concussion of the brain and there is every prospect of his recovery. However, I am distinctly anxious about the effects of the shock, which can only be ascertained in the course of time.

Many thanks to Margaret Lye for another extract (slightly abbreviated this time!) from her published edition of The Diary of the Very Rev G T S Farquhar.

Readings and Collects for June (contd)

Peter and Paul, Apostles - 29 June

Collect: Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one

foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, Psalm 125, 2 Timothy 4.(1-5)6-8,17-18, John 21.15-19

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - 3 July

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 66.10-14, Psalm 66.1-8, Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-16, Luke 10.1-11,16-20

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, our treasurer, who will be delighted to advise.

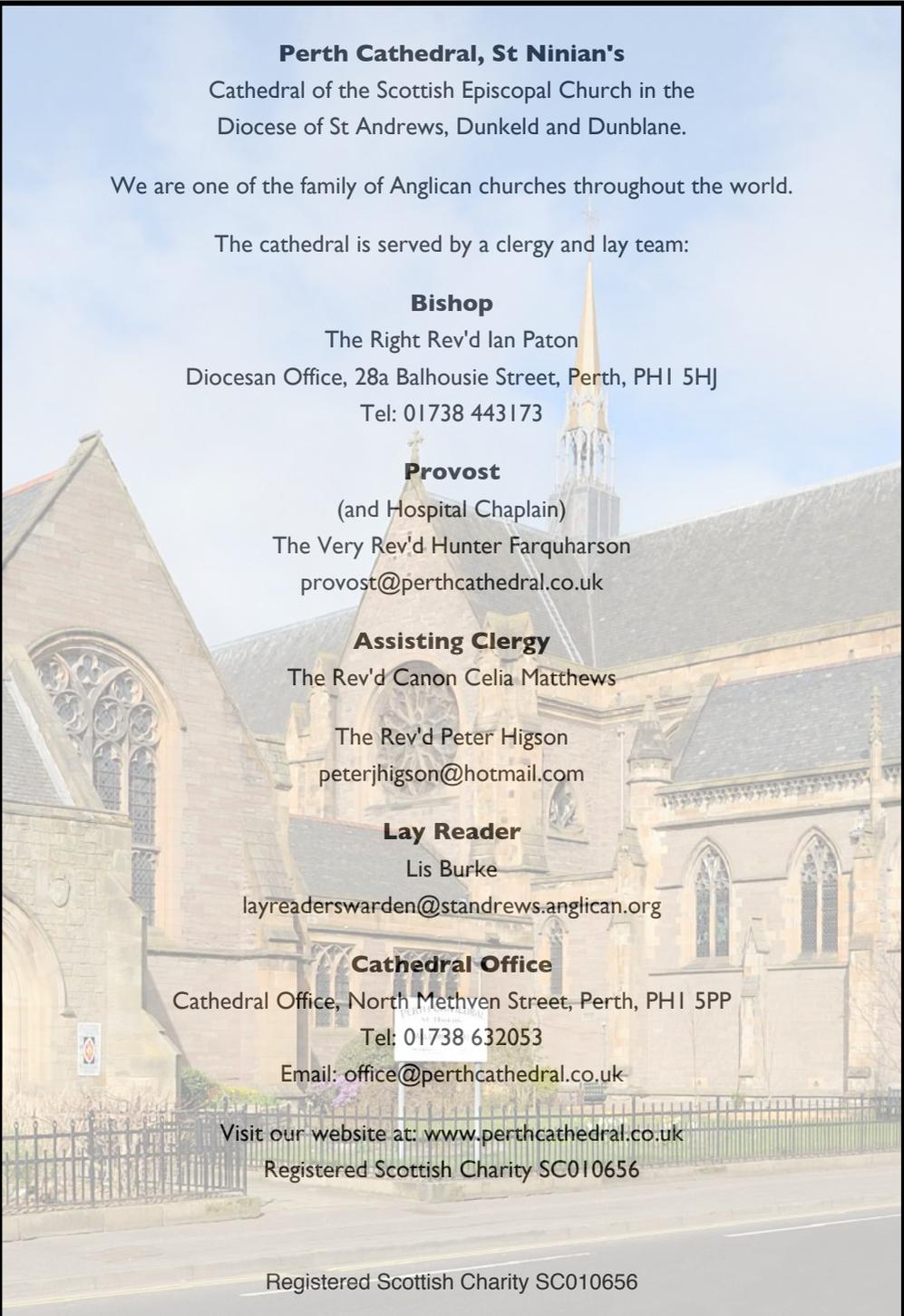
Flowers

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 July - August magazine is **19 June**.

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

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