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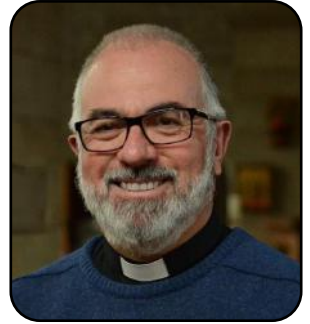
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From the Provost

Dear friends,

What is your favourite part of the year? When the poet T S Eliot said 'April is the cruellest month' he was subverting centuries of tradition that spring is a time of hope with its rains bringing nature back to life. We are now at the other end of the year when the falling leaves remind us of death and that all things pass. As the old funeral service says, 'man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live... he cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower'.



I have been preparing a set of lectures on the Theology of Creation for the Scottish Episcopal Institute which will be released online on YouTube in Advent. In my reading I have noticed that an essential part of the Christian understanding of creation is that humanity is part of it. The environmental crisis has happened because of human pride and greed, putting ourselves in the place of God. We

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are not really even like a gardener in the garden of creation; a gardener can go away but we are part of the garden. As such we follow the cycle of life and death found in nature and this is good, it is part of God's plan. It also contains hope because as we watch the leaves fall we know that in time new leaves will come in the glory of spring green. October/November and the autumn is my favourite part of the year.

Our Christian calendar is closely linked with the natural world, particularly in the northern hemisphere. Christ is risen with the spring and now, in November, we



turn our minds to remembrance, the departed, and the world to come. At the start of the month we have All Saints and All Souls when we remember those who have died and are with God, both in their glory and in our prayers. Our Scottish Episcopal Church has always prayed for the dead. At every Eucharist, and especially on All Souls Day, the veil is thin and we can be united in Christ with those we love but see no longer.

Later in the month we come to Remembrance Sunday and I am glad to be taking part in the Perth Remembrance service at St John's Kirk, while Fr Philip, himself an army chaplain, will preside at our Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance at the cathedral. A cathedral has a responsibility to the city and diocese and I have found it inspiring to note the renewed interest in Remembrance Day, especially among the young. Wars and rumours of wars abound in our world and the remembrance of those who gave their lives can inspire us to work and pray for peace, while being ready to stand up for justice when necessary.



At the end of the month comes the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Christian year (which starts in Advent). It will be good to have Bishop Ian with us and Izzy and I are looking forward to sharing the baptism of our daughter Mary with you at the cathedral. Christ the King takes us back to heaven again and gives a vision of the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of peace and justice. We are part of

this Kingdom through our own baptism and through sharing in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is itself an act of remembrance so powerful that it makes Jesus present in and among us. May we experience God's consolation and presence this month as we remember all those we love but see no longer.



The Very Rev'd Dr Stephen Holmes

Readings and Collects for November

All Saints (transferred from 1 November) - 3 November

Collect: O Lord, watch over your household with constant love: that with you as our shelter your family may be free from all distress, and devoted to good works for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9, Psalm 24.1-6, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44

All Souls - Monday 4 November (transferred from 2 November)

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 for ever. Amen.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost - 10 November (Remembrance Sunday)

Collect: O God, our refuge and strength, the very author of devotion: hear the prayers of your Church; and grant that what we seek in faith we may in fact obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Readings: 1 Kings 17.8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9.24-28, Mark 12.38-44

Margaret of Scotland - Saturday 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 for ever. Amen.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost - 17 November

Collect: O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Readings: Daniel 12.1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25, Mark 13.1-8

Christ the King - 24 November

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14, Psalm 91, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33b-37

St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland - Saturday 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 for ever. Amen.

Cover Image

A beautiful acer in its autumn glory at Branklyn Garden.

What's Been Going On?

A Visit from Stephen Richardson's Family

In the summer of 2023 Ms Jane Craxton from London kindly donated two ceremonial conductor's batons which had been presented to her great-uncle, Stephen Richardson, a former organist at the cathedral. In October she and her cousin, also Jane Craxton, visited the cathedral to see the batons in their new home and were warmly welcomed to the Choral Evensong on 20 October. She was delighted to see them - specially polished for the occasion! - in the display case towards the back of the cathedral, along with a feature about her relation. The photo shows current organist Geoff with the two Janes, standing beneath the plaque in the choir vestry which commemorates Richardson's long association with the cathedral. If any members of the congregation sing with Perth Choral Society, or attend Perform in Perth (formerly the Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival) then they might be interested to know that Stephen Richardson founded them both.



Jane has since written to say, 'Jane and I were delighted to be there to view the batons, hear the service and also to meet the other lovely members of the cathedral fraternity who gave us such a friendly reception. It was a special day for us and I'm so glad we made the trip to see the batons which are now so beautifully displayed and in their rightful place.'

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

Provost Stephen blessed the shoeboxes, full of Christmas gifts for people in Ukraine, at the morning service on 27 October. Over 20 boxes have been filled by the cathedral congregation and, once they have been carefully sorted and customs-checked at Perth Baptist Church, will be loaded onto lorries and driven across Europe. A large bag of home-knitted hats, scarves and gloves has also been donated - many thanks to the knitter (who we think prefers to remain anonymous) and indeed to everyone who has contributed in any way.



Robert Lyon Memorial Service

A service to commemorate the life of Perth martyr Rev'd Robert Lyon was held in the cathedral in the afternoon of Sunday 27 October. Robert Lyon, whose name is carved in stone in the Sanctuary (in the list of priests who have ministered to the Episcopal congregation in Perth and from whom this congregation arguably descends), was a follower of the Jacobite army of Bonnie Prince Charlie. He was captured after Culloden and, despite never having borne arms against George II, was hanged as a rebel at Penrith in October 1746.



Provost Stephen led the service and introduced the guest preacher, the Very Rev'd Emsley Nimmo, former dean of the diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney and former chairman of the 1745 Association. Also present were Ian Wear, a current vice-chairman of the Association, who processed in with the its flag, and Bishop Ian who is the present custodian of Robert Lyon's prayer book (pictured above) in which can be found his final thoughts, written on the day of his execution.

Around 40 people, including clergy and choir, attended the moving service



which followed the 1637 Scottish Liturgy with which Lyon would have been very familiar. It included prayers for the King and one assumes that Lyon would have indeed been happy to pray for the future King Charles III, even if he wouldn't have had our present one in mind! Many thanks to Lis for the photos.

From the left: Ian Weir, another member of the 1745 Association, and the Very Rev'd Emsley Nimmo.

Forthcoming Services

All Souls Day will be marked with a Sung Eucharist, together with prayers for the departed, on Monday 4 November, at 6.00pm. This will be a quiet, candlelit service with a chance to remember and pray for those we love who have died, to light a candle for them, and give thanks for all they have given to us. Names of the departed to be prayed for can be handed in to the office. Please invite along anyone you think may appreciate this service. It will be done in a way that those who are not regular churchgoers can feel at home. The choir will sing part of Fauré's *Requiem*.

On Remembrance Sunday, 10 November, there will be a Eucharist at 9.00am. There will be a Sung Eucharist with an Act of Remembrance at 10.55am. Please do remember the slightly earlier start.

We mark the feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24 November, at which the Bishop will preside and during which the Provost will baptise his daughter Mary.

The Advent carol service will take place in the cathedral at 4.00pm on Sunday 1 December which will be followed by a glass of (non-alcoholic) fizz and mince pies.

The Leprosy Mission

On 26 September I attended a tea party in the Black Watch Museum to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Leprosy Mission. Pam Rhodes, the vice president, was host. The event was very well organized, inspiring and certainly raised my awareness of their work. So much so, that I wanted to share what they are doing with you.

In 1874 Wellesley and Alice Bailey were Irish Christians teaching in India. They saw the suffering that leprosy brought to local people and decided to do something about it. In the 150 years since then The Leprosy Mission was formed and has widened its activities and is now a global organization. It relies on the faithful prayer of supporters and God's provision to achieve its vision of leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

It has an international office in London which operates as a central hub, providing essential support to 14 countries' national committees. There is also a Leprosy Mission shop in Peterborough where Leprosy Mission UK is based. The ambitious vision is for zero leprosy transmission by 2035; working towards zero leprosy disability and zero leprosy discrimination.



At the tea party, the chief executive of Leprosy Mission UK, Peter Waddup, answered the question - 'What is Leprosy?' Around 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy every year. It is a mildly infectious disease most common in places of dire poverty, where people's immune systems are weakened making them less able to fight the disease. If diagnosed early, it is easily treated with medication. People from wealthy countries are most unlikely to catch the disease. Peter spoke of the many projects in their own hospitals for treating, curing, researching the disease and attending to the issues of discrimination, isolation and low self-esteem. The whole person is cared for and training is given for self-help groups, loans given for small business projects, and a belief in their own worth is inculcated which gives lepers hope for the future. Families are reunited and work towards leading an ordinary life.

Pam Rhodes then interviewed a Canadian couple who surprisingly caught leprosy when working in Africa. The husband, Dan, remained undiagnosed for a long time and suffered the loss of a leg and digits and feeling through his nerves. His wife was diagnosed later and treated quickly and had no apparent after-effects. They have retired and now spend much of their time travelling on behalf of the Leprosy Mission. Dan was on his third prosthetic leg and had limited nerve reaction but was not going to let that impede him. They were passionate about improving the life of lepers and their families throughout the world.

The final speaker was Louise Timmins, a Leprosy Mission employee from Peterborough who spoke of a new project in Odisha, an extremely poor and remote village in India. The Leprosy Mission has entered into partnerships with local government for funding and other health bodies and charities interested in

the eradication of the disease. Leprosy is rife in the village - lack of education and knowledge of the disease means that it is spreading rapidly. Plans are afoot to bore a well, install toilets, offer education and rapid diagnosis programmes to transform lives and give hope for the future.

She and her husband adopted two babies who had been abandoned at a Mission hospital with no identity at all and this confirmed their desire to support Leprosy Mission. They are passionate about bringing hope to sufferers and their families.

The speakers had all been 'in the field' and were able to share stories of people who felt completely cut off from their communities; who had no hope for the future. Many lepers had never smiled, nor been touched affectionately nor offered a new life before they came in contact with Mission hospitals and staff. They were all so grateful and asked that Leprosy Mission staff and supporters were told that they had been given hope by their love, compassion and care.

The Leprosy Mission is a Christian charity but cannot 'preach' to sufferers. Their faith has to be shown by what they DO. Those leading lives condemned by villagers, family and government as unclean want to explore why The Leprosy Mission works to provide them with a better life and as a result many lepers adopt the Christian faith.

More information can be found on The Leprosy Mission website - www.leprosymission.org.uk .



PS: I have just received an SOS from the Mission. The Anandaban Hospital in Nepal has been hit by devastating landslides. They are completely cut off with neither clean water nor food. They will need to evacuate the patients living there. They ask for our prayers and anything we can give to set up a disaster fund. Please phone the Leprosy Mission direct on 01733 370505 if you wish to help.

Jennifer Irving

Cathedral Intercessions

Some of the small team of intercessors (*pictured below*) recently enjoyed an excellent lunch as guests of team leader Cate Wilson. Intercessory prayer, or prayer before God on behalf of the world and its people, forms an important part of our Sunday worship. Although the prayers are expected to follow a fairly standard format, they can be varied to fit in with the church year, with topical events and with the changing seasons. It is an established tradition at St Ninian's Cathedral that members of the congregation be invited to deliver the intercessions. Accordingly, Cate wishes to remind anyone in the congregation who would like to consider being an intercessor that they should speak to her after the regular Sunday service, or contact her by email at catemwilson8@gmail.com .

Christopher Dingwall



Getting to Know Ross

As a recent addition to the cathedral ministry team, I have been asked to write a short article to introduce myself to the congregation. My name is Ross Stirling-Young, and I live with my husband, Ray Stirling-Young, and our two rescue cats, Asha and Star. Ray and I celebrated our twentieth anniversary this year, although we transferred our civil partnership in 2018 to a full SEC wedding in our home church, St Finnian's in Lochgelly. Life has thrown me many challenges, but through these, my faith has only grown stronger.



Prior to entering formation for ordained ministry, I was a lecturer in tourism and business management at Edinburgh College, Dundee & Angus College, and Fife College. I now live in the village of Stanley and am based at St. Columba's as their assistant curate. I will also be at St Ninian's every Wednesday, for Evensong (when this takes place) and for the Eucharist on the last Sunday of every month.

I love to travel, although this has been curtailed due to the pandemic and previous health issues. However, during my three-year formation journey within the Scottish Episcopal Institute, I took full advantage of several scholarships. This allowed me to spend two weeks in Palestine and Israel on a Ministry Formation Pilgrimage led by St. George's College, Jerusalem. I then attended the Canterbury Cathedral Seminarian Conference for two weeks, joining 36 deacons and priests from 16 different countries! As you can imagine, I made many lifelong friends and developed a deeper understanding of how local contexts affect ministry.

Last, but certainly not least, I travelled to Kolkata last November along with Bishop Ian. This was my third visit to the Diocese of Calcutta, where I visited the Arunima Children's HIV/AIDS Hospice. Ray and I have supported the hospice since 2015, helping to fundraise over £25,000 to improve the lives of children orphaned and/or abandoned due to the stigma that still surrounds HIV/AIDS.

I look forward to getting to know the cathedral congregation, working alongside Provost Stephen and the rest of the ministry team, and welcoming visitors who walk through our doors. I am grateful to all those in the cathedral who have welcomed me so far.

Rev'd Ross Stirling-Young

Eco Congregation News

These top tips were shared at a recent Perth Presbytery conference on 'Christians and Climate Change'. I'm pleased to say that a number are already on the Vestry's agenda for the cathedral, but if you have any expertise in these areas your help in tackling them would be greatly appreciated!

In Church...

1. Change energy supplier to one which sources 100% renewable fuel
2. Maintain the building's fabric as well as possible. See 'Faith in Maintenance Calendar' for essential monthly tasks
3. Review timer programmes for all heating and lighting, and only heat the areas we need
4. Replace all lights with LEDs. The type of LED is important and Eco Congregation Scotland can advise. Apparently the Church of England has an excellent guide to heating in churches
5. Reduce water usage: repair leaking taps quickly, wash up in a bowl, 'twin' toilets (this is a way of raising funds to bring water, hygiene education and proper toilets to poor communities). See also Scottish Water's webpage for water saving tips
6. Church flowers: where possible try to use local garden greenery and flowers. Eco-oasis is now available for fresh flower arrangements. Unfortunately flowers flown in from overseas can have a high carbon footprint and, unless 'fairly traded', may be produced in places where



toxic chemicals and child labour are used, so look out for the familiar logo. Artificial flowers can also be a long-lasting alternative

7. Church grounds: we know plants absorb and store carbon, so develop a wildlife area to help nature thrive, grow fruit or plant trees and shrubs
8. Reduce food waste and packaging: a shocking 30% of the world's food is wasted and 30% of the world's greenhouse gases is associated with food production. Buy and cook only what you need. Reject unnecessary packaging and remember to compost organic waste or put it in the brown-topped bin, not in the general waste
9. Transport: where possible, consider using public transport, or walking, cycling or car-sharing. Churches need to ensure that their services fit with local bus times
10. Pensions and investments: consider green and ethical banking, pensions and investments

And at Home....

1. Turn down your thermostat by one degree Centigrade - this cuts emissions and can save over £60 a year
2. Put an extra blanket on the bed to save on heating overnight
3. Laundry: 90% of a washing machine's running cost is heating the water, so wash at 30C to save energy
4. Hang out the washing if it's fair, rather than tumble-drying
5. Don't over-tumble. Take clothes out before they're completely dry to save energy (and improve ironing!)
6. Turn off lights when you leave a room and try to switch something off before you turn on another thing - a good energy saving habit!
7. Learn how your heating controls work and ensure the heating is on when you need it and off when you don't

8. Do an energy survey. Get advice from Home Energy Scotland
9. Switch to LED lighting. This uses only a quarter of the energy of fluorescent bulbs and they last a long time

Wendy Duncan

Warm Spaces



The cathedral's Warm Welcome opens for breakfast between 9.30 and 11.30 on Monday 4 November in the Chapter House and will run almost every Monday throughout the winter. With financial help from Perth & Kinross Council and physical help from the local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and YMCA we shall be providing hot food and drinks, and companionship, in warm surroundings for anyone who would appreciate a bit of help with

the winter expenses - particularly since the winter fuel allowance has been axed for many. Everyone is welcome, whatever their situation, and volunteers willing to help make hot drinks and prepare bacon rolls particularly so! Please contact either Wendy Duncan or Pat Beatson for further details.

Congregational Lunch

On Sunday 17 November there will be a congregational lunch after the main service to say a warm thank-you to the ministerial team - Philip, Peter and Lis - who led us so well through all the pressures of the recent interregnum. The food will be a delicious mild curry, provided by cathedral members Tyro and Ayesha. Donations towards costs would be very welcome. Please do come along!



Provosts' Roll

The appointment of a new provost has served to remind us that, although there is a list of bishops of the diocese to be found to the left of the high altar, next to the monument to Bishop Torry, there is no Provosts' Roll with the names of those who have served in that role since its consecration in 1850. Accordingly, the vestry would like to commission a suitable illuminated scroll or plaque. Many members of the congregation will remember the late Rosemary Bryce, a long-standing member of the choir and a skilled calligrapher. If you know of anyone with similar calligraphic skills who might be interested in drawing up such a roll or scroll, please speak to Christopher Dingwall after the regular Sunday service or contact him by email at dingwall@guidelines.scot .

Fairtrade Stall

There will be a Fairtrade stall in the Chapter House during coffee after the service on Sunday 24 November. Please do support this if you can. It's been a long while since Fairtrade stalwarts such as Pamela, Pat, Sally and Erica - and others - could be seen every week, selling tea, coffee, the well-named Divine Chocolate, loo rolls and a host of other items, and it's good to see it being resurrected.



Contact Details for Provost Stephen

Stephen's email address is provost.perth@gmail.com and his phone number 07584 091870. He can also be contacted via the cathedral office on 01738 632053. His days off are Monday and, when possible, Saturday.

Charity Christmas Cards...

The annual selling of charity Christmas cards kicked off on Saturday 26 October in the A K Bell Library and runs until 10 December. As in previous years the cathedral Christmas cards will be on sale there. In return for having this excellent sales outlet we as a congregation are expected to provide volunteers to help man the sales area and if you think this might be of interest please contact Andrew Ballantyne. Well done to Andrew and Wendy who have already taken a pile of cards over to the library!

...and Stamps!

Many thanks to Fiona who tells us that Christmas stamps will be available for purchase from 5 November. The theme this year is Britain's iconic cathedrals and, in a bit of a coup for the Scottish Episcopal Church, the second class stamps feature St Mary's, Edinburgh. One might have thought that Royal Mail, in choosing Edinburgh as a location, might have picked St Giles' Cathedral instead, in a nod to the national church, but who are we to argue?

PACT Lantern Parade

This year's Lantern Parade will take place before the start of Advent, on Sunday 24 November, so it's technically not an 'Advent' Lantern Parade this time around. As usual there will be a lantern-making workshop in the cathedral beforehand, from around 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The workshop will run on a 'drop-in' basis and will be followed by the parade carrying lanterns from the cathedral to St John's Kirk where we will sing carols. Precise timings will be displayed on posters in the cathedral nearer the event, or you can check with Lis Burke (who doesn't know yet!)

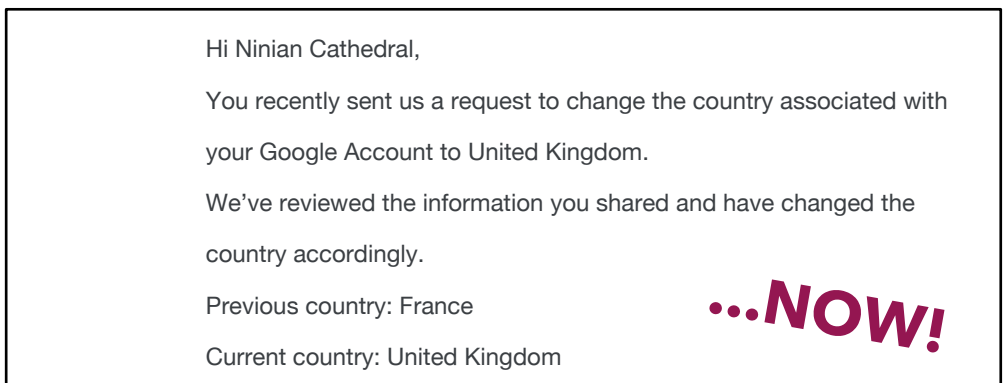
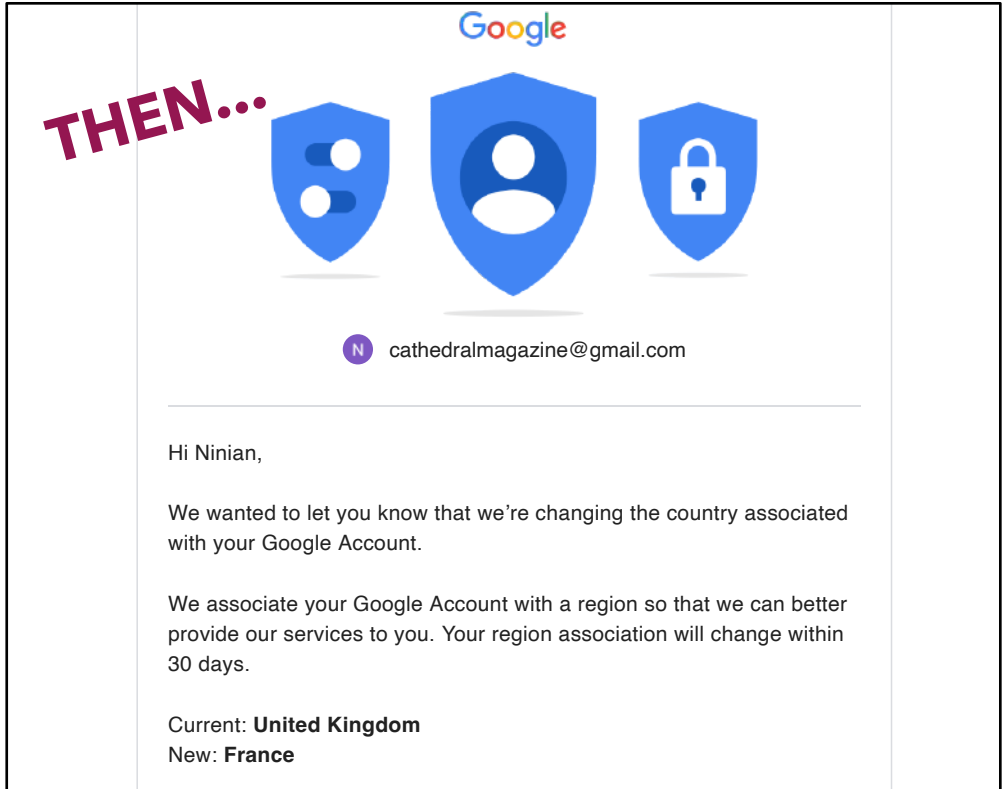
Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas



There is a plan to have some greenery in the cathedral during Advent and to have a team of volunteers ready to put up the Christmas trees and crib on Saturday 14 December, ready for the school carol services. The outdoor nativity scene *should* be up in time for the Lantern Parade to St John's Kirk on 24 November.

Cathedral News and the EU

Despite Brexit, the long arm of the EU continues to stretch menacingly towards Scotland. Not only do they want our fishing waters but it seems they are also making a bid for *Cathedral News*! But not to worry, readers, Google and the EU have been firmly rebuffed - *Cathedral News* is staying proudly British!



The Cathedral's Everest Connection

The recent discovery of Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine's foot, boot and sock (pictured right) near the summit of Everest, 100 years after his death there, brings to mind an interesting connection with the cathedral. Many in the congregation will know that George Mallory, one of the leading mountaineers of



his time, and the relatively inexperienced Irvine, lost their lives while attempting to reach the summit of Everest in 1924. Whether or not they succeeded is unknown. Sir Edmund Hillary, who is credited with the being the first to do so, readily admitted that he might not have been the first though he was, as he rightly pointed out, the first to get there and come down alive.

Sandy had a younger brother, Thomas Thurstan Irvine, who became an Anglican priest, latterly rector of St John's, Princes Street and dean of this diocese. Prior to this, however, he had served as precentor here at St Ninian's. Tall and invariably dressed in the kilt, he was an imposing man and not someone to get on the wrong side of. The editor remembers as a young teenager sitting through one of his Christmas Day services and yawning at exactly the moment the rectorial gaze alighted upon him - and it stayed there. Shaking hands at the end of the service there was a wry comment, though precisely what has now been forgotten. The Very Rev'd Thurstan Irvine died in 1985, 61 years after his brother.

Cosy Rugs 2024

Culture Perth & Kinross is once again running the Cosy Rugs project - an offshoot, it seems, of Warm Spaces. Donations of doubleknitting yarn, knitted or crocheted squares (six inches by six inches), large crochet squares (at least 30 inches square) and finished rugs measuring 42 by 36 inches, would be welcomed, as would volunteers to help sewing up squares. Donations can be handed into local libraries, such as the A K Bell in Perth, and Scone.

From the Farquhar Diaries

3 November 1924. The General Election has astonished and delighted us above measure. When the Dissolution took place I thought it to be a settled thing that the parties would come back much as before i.e. the Unionists (i.e. the Conservatives) the largest body but without a majority and the Liberals & Socialists each with decidedly less than the Conservatives. But lo and behold the Conservatives have swept the country and come in with a majority of 220! This is an inexpressible relief! No more endeavours to lend 40 million to the Russian Bolshevists, who would have spent it to organize sanguinary revolution in this country! We can sleep in our beds in peace for a time...But it is an ominous thing that the Socialists should have been able to return to Westminster about 180 (I think) strong. It is not they who have been beaten at the polls but 'the Great Liberal Party'. It comes back with a miserable 38 members and its leader, Asquith, out of a seat!

The Very Rev'd G T S Farquhar (1857-1927) was Dean of this diocese and, although never Provost, spent much of his working life in and around the cathedral. His diaries cover the period 1881-1927 and are a wonderful source for the ecclesiastical and social history of Perth.

From the Registers

Baptism

Aaron Ruwesh Goonawardena - 21 July 2024

Deaths

Lady Prudence Penn - 20 November 2023

Ruth Wilson

Andy Beveridge - 19 May 2024

Bill Gray - 16 July 2024

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

Eddie the Eagle says...

Well done to the editor for keeping *Cathedral News* free from foreign interference (full shocking story on page 20!). *Les Nouvelles de la Cathédrale* does not have the same snappy ring as its English equivalent, and I'd have to learn long lists of irregular French verbs for my article. I do love France and my several French and half-French friends in the cathedral but I would still not be a 'lapin heureux' (happy bunny), as they probably don't say over there!



Times of Services etc

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

Services

Sunday	Sung Eucharist 11.00am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer 9.00, Evening Prayer 5.30
Wednesday	Morning Prayer 9.00, Eucharist 11.00, Evening Prayer 5.30
Thursday	Morning Prayer 9.00, Evening Prayer 5.30
Friday	Morning Prayer 9.00, Evening Prayer 5.30

Giving

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

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 December-January magazine is **17 November**.



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