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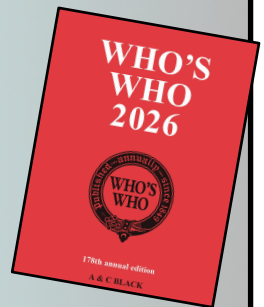


July - August 2026

Who's Who at the Cathedral...

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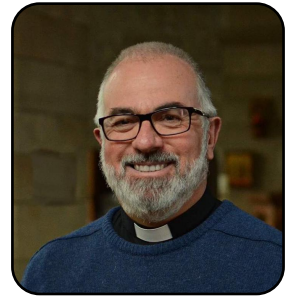
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From the Provost

Dear friends,

Last month I spent a couple of days at General Synod, which is a sort of parliament of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It was not particularly exciting but a good opportunity to meet old friends and hear what is going on in the wider church. There was some talk about the desirability of church growth and the danger of focusing on numbers.



I'm glad that we have had a steady number of people joining our congregation in recent months, sixteen since Christmas. There is a whole academic industry of the study of church growth and some identify different types. There is 'transfer growth' when people come from another denomination, often because of our liturgy, tradition, and contemplative spirit, or the welcome they experience. Another form is 'conversion growth' where people come to Christ from outside Christianity and are baptised, as we saw here last month. A fundamental way of

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increasing congregations, which Scottish Episcopalians have been bad at recently, is 'procreational growth' and we congratulate Maihri and James on the birth of Ernest Cameron Greenwood, who was born on 10 June 2026. It was lovely to see him at St Ninian's with his parents on the following Sunday.

'Bear growth' is another aspect of cathedral life and we welcome Bruin as part of the 'Bears Adventure Trail' around Perth and Kinross and as a sign of our links with YMCA Tayside, for whom the bears are raising money. I hope Eddie the highly-polished Eagle has become more accustomed to his beautiful companion.

Even apart from the bears there is a quiet revival of traditional Christianity going on. I am having many conversations with people who are being drawn to our religion, but we also need to celebrate those who have kept and taught the faith for many years. Last month we were pleased to celebrate sixty years of priesthood for our own Fr Geoffrey Hall, who is an example to us all. He preached a first class sermon which not only had some amusing stories but a punchy message about always being thankful and keeping faithful unto death in a scary and dangerous world. We then sang 'God grant you many years' to him which may seem an odd thing to sing to a nonagenarian, but not to a Christian who looks forward to eternity with the Lord.

Part of the growth of our congregation in recent years has been the welcoming of families from different countries and cultures. Laszlo's farewell Hungarian goulash is mentioned below, and a highlight last month was the Poson Dansala, when over 400 people were fed with free, exceptionally tasty, Sri Lankan food cooked by Tyro and Ayesha with their friends who run the food company, The Tuskers. Poson, or Poson Poya, is an annual festival held by Sri Lankan Buddhists celebrating the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka in the 3rd century BC. It is celebrated by giving away free food, the dansal. This custom is shared by all religions there and it is an important example of generosity from which we in the West can learn. By giving to others you are blessed. As Jesus said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20.35).

There is a lot happening here but a special part of our identity as a cathedral is music. I'm glad that we have two series of concerts starting this summer, Gaelic and contemplative. Do come along to them if you can. We also have a concert on 6 September by our old friends, the Perth chamber choir Chansons which will

raise funds for the restoration of our organ; please add that to your diaries too.

God bless,



The Very Rev'd Dr Stephen Holmes, Provost

Collects and Readings for July and August

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - 5 July

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12, Psalm 145.8-15, Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - 12 July

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13, Psalm 65.(1-8)9-14, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - 19 July

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Wisdom 12.13,16-19, Psalm 86.11-17, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - 26 July

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12, Psalm 119.129-136, Romans 8.26-39, Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - 2 August

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5, Psalm 145.8-9,14-21, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

The Transfiguration of the Lord - 6 August

Collect: Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14, Psalm 97 or 99, 2 Peter 1.16-19, Luke 9.28-36

Feast of the Dedication of St Ninian's Cathedral - 9 August

Collect: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here; and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19, Psalm 122, Ephesians 2.19-22, John 2.13-22

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 16 August

Collect: Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Rev 11.19-12.6,10, Psalm 45.11-18, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 23 August

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 30 August

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21, Psalm 26.1-8, Romans 12.9-21, Matthew 16.21-28

Special Services at the Cathedral

Sunday 16 August	4.00pm: Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Sunday 6 September	7.00pm: fundraising concert for the cathedral by Chansons chamber choir. Tickets will be on sale through the Perthshire Box Office (at Perth Theatre) as well as available at the door at £18 each (£5 for under 25s)
Saturday 19 September	Doors Open Day (and also on 20 September)
Sunday 20 September	Patronal Feast of St Ninian (moved from previous Sunday) 3.00pm: talk by Provost Stephen on 'St Ninian's Cathedral in Fifteen Objects' 4.00pm: Choral Evensong for St Ninian
Sunday 27 September	4.00pm: Priestly Ordination of Scott Brown
Sunday 18 October	4.00pm: Choral Evensong for St Luke
Saturday 31 October	12.00: Robert Lyon Mass using the 1637 Scottish Liturgy, in association with the 1745 Association and followed by lunch in the Salutation Hotel
Sunday 1 November	3.00pm: All Saints, Choral Evensong and reception to mark the retirement of Bishop Ian

Remembering Departed Loved Ones

The cathedral's Lady Chapel is a place of powerful spirituality where Jesus is present in the Sacrament, where we gather to pray, and where prayers are answered. In it a candle burns day and night to remind us of the loving presence of Jesus. It costs about £20 to keep the flame burning for a month and your

donation can be given to the treasurer or Provost or made by bank transfer (subject - Lamp). You are invited to sponsor the flame for a month in memory of your loved ones. You can add their name to the sheet in the Cloister or contact Provost Stephen on provost.perth@gmail.com or Chris our treasurer on treasurer@perthcathedral.co.uk . In July the flame will burn in memory of **Irene Scott**, and in August in memory of **Eric and Isobel Knott**.

From the Registers

Thursday 25 June

Funeral of Sally Ellett at the cathedral

Sunday 28 June

Ordination to the diaconate of Scott Brown and Karen Kiefer

What's Been Going On?

Baptisms

Many congratulations to Elaine and Joanne Wright who were baptised in the cathedral on 31 May. Elaine is shown in the photo below, second from the right, together with Fathers Ross and Stephen, and Jackie.



Geoffrey's Anniversary

Many congratulations too to the Rev'd Geoffrey who recently marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination by preaching in the cathedral on 7 June. It was a pleasure to hear him in the pulpit again, in a sermon with a serious point but laced with his characteristic humour.



Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated on 4 June, the visiting preacher being the Rev'd Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski. He is pictured below with Provost Stephen.



Scottish Recorder Orchestra Concert

The orchestra gave its summer concert in the cathedral on 7 June and with a varied programme was, by all accounts, highly enjoyable and well attended.

Poson Dansala

Also well attended - to be accurate extremely well attended - was the Poson Dansala in the Chapter House on Sunday 14 June, after the main service. This Buddhist festival, which celebrates the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka in the third century BC, was hosted by Tyro and Ayesha who cooked and prepared in huge quantities several superb Sri Lankan curries, along with side dishes such as pineapple and cucumber salad, and fried poppadoms with peanuts, noodles, parsley and chilli. They catered initially for the cathedral congregation before throwing the doors open to the wider Perth community. Together with their team of helpers they catered for around 500 people. Well done to Tyro and Ayesha for hosting such a popular, free and delicious cross-cultural event.



Bruin the Bear

Eddie the Eagle seems to have made friends with Bruin who recently took up residence in the cathedral garden for the summer. He was blessed after the service on 21 June and already, it seems, judging by the photo, that Bruin and Provost Stephen have also struck up a close friendship!



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Maihri and Jim on the birth of their son Ernest Cameron Greenwood on 10 June. Editorial apologies to Maihri for pestering her for a photo but Ernest is without doubt a 'cathedral baby' - in much the same way as we have had, over the years, a few special cathedral dogs - and we thought the wider congregation would like to meet him.



Taizé at Perth Cathedral

Rediscovering the Gift

I am delighted that, beginning this September (Sunday 6th at 4.00pm), our cathedral will once again offer a monthly Taizé service. This is something that has long been close to my heart, and I look forward to sharing this beautiful and peaceful form of worship with our cathedral community.



*The Romanesque village church of
Taizé in the Burgundy region of east-
central France*

In a world that often feels busy, noisy and demanding, Taizé offers us something different. It is meditative worship, a call to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Through simple, repeated chants, moments of prayerful silence, and short Scripture readings, we are invited to encounter God in a profound yet gentle way. The service takes place in the soft glow of candlelight, creating a space where we can simply be still before God and listen for his voice.

You do not need to know the chants or have experienced Taizé worship before. There are no expectations and no pressure - simply come as you are. Whether you are seeking peace, prayer, reflection, or a quiet place to rest in God's presence, you will be warmly welcomed.

Our intention is to hold the Taizé service on the first Sunday of each month, beginning in September. There may occasionally be slight variations to the schedule due to annual leave or other cathedral commitments, but dates will always be advertised well in advance so that everyone can plan accordingly.

I very much hope you will come and support this new venture. Whether you attend regularly or simply wish to experience something different, I believe you will find Taizé to be a deeply prayerful and enriching part of our shared life at Perth Cathedral. I look forward to welcoming you.

Fr Ross

GAELIC CONCERTS

Summer / Autumn 2026

- Wed 1st July Grace Morton, singer-songwriter
Wed 5th Aug Mairi McGillivray & Katie Allen
Wed 2nd Sep Kaitlin Ross & Catriona Hawksworth
Wed 7th Oct Isla Ratcliff & Evie Waddell
Wed 4th Nov Kristina Leesik & Séamus Ó Baoighill

All at 2.00pm – 2.45pm. Doors open 1.45pm.



Grace Morton



Mairi McGillivray & Katie Allen



Kaitlin Ross & Catriona Hawksworth



Isla Ratcliff & Evie Waddell



Kristina Leesik & Séamus Ó Baoighill

Enjoy a relaxed and informal performance from outstanding emerging musicians. The event includes refreshments and a chance to meet the artists. Free of charge, donations welcome.

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Global Partnerships

An Invitation to Share in God's Mission

I am delighted to share that I have recently been appointed as the new convener of the Global Partnerships Committee for the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. It is a real honour to have been entrusted with this role, and I look forward to the opportunities it will bring as we continue to strengthen relationships with our partners across the Anglican Communion.

Global Partnerships remind us that the Church is far bigger than our own congregation, diocese or even country. They encourage us to learn from one another, pray for one another, and grow together in faith as members of Christ's worldwide Church.

This ministry has been close to my heart for many years. Since 2015, I have had the privilege of helping to build relationships with the Church of North India, particularly through our diocesan link with the Diocese of Calcutta. Those experiences have been deeply enriching, and I am excited to continue serving in this new capacity.

One of my hopes is to see more people become involved in the work of the committee. If you have a passion for global partnerships, or if you are simply curious about what being a committee member involves, I would be delighted to meet with you. Please do get in touch, and we can arrange to chat over a coffee. I'd love to share more about the work we do and explore how you might become part of this exciting ministry.

Together, we can continue building friendships, sharing resources, deepening our faith, and witnessing to the unity of Christ's Church across the world.

Fr Ross

Cover Illustration

Bruin the Bear, enjoying a cooling shower of Holy Water, was blessed in the cathedral garden on 21 June.



NEW MUSICAL EVENT!

Noon@St Ninians

Perth Cathedral

North Methven St Perth

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



FRIDAY 31ST JULY 12-1PM

**A relaxing and tranquil lunchtime concert
of classical piano and celtic music.**

Mavy Giust Williamson (Piano)

**Celtic Spirit - Stuart Williamson, Guitar and
Steve Saunders, Mandolin**

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Concerts at the Cathedral

Music is a big part of cathedral life and Mavy Giust Williamson with Celtic Spirit will be doing some contemplative concerts at St Ninian's to enrich our musical life and raise funds for us. The dates so far for the two concert series are:

Noon @ St Ninian's

Friday 31 July, 12.00-13.00

Saturday 15 August, 12.00-13.00

Music for Contemplation, after Evensong

Sunday 16 August 17.00-17.45

Sunday 20 September 17.00-17.45

Laszlo's Lunch

This will take place on Sunday 19 July after the 11.00am Sung Eucharist, and there will be a choice of traditional Hungarian goulash or tomato soup. There is still time to sign up. Laszlo and his son Dominic have been loved and valued members of our congregation but, following the offer of a job offshore, they are moving to Aberdeen. Laszlo is currently a chef at the Gleneagles Hotel and would like to say goodbye and thanks with food. God bless, Laszlo and Dominic, and go well!

Prayer for the People of Venezuela



Loving God, When the earth trembles and homes fall to dust, hold our hearts, God. When grief shakes families to the core, hold our hearts, God. Send our hands and feet to help however we can. Our sisters and brothers in Venezuela live this now. God of love and mercy, may we match your love in the way we respond - now. Amen.

Ordinations

Bishop Ian ordained two new deacons at a service in the cathedral on Sunday 28 June. Pictured with the bishop are The Rev'd Karen McClain Keifer and the Rev'd Scott Brown. Karen will serve as curate at St Peter's, Kirkcaldy and Scott, of course, will be with us.



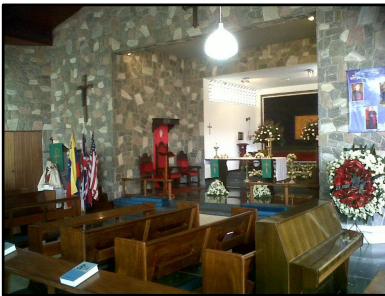
Cheque Presentation

At the St Ninian's Primary end of term service, held in the cathedral on 30 June, the Provost presented a cheque for £500 to the head teacher, Mrs Joanne Philp, and two of the senior pupils. This was the sum raised by the cathedral congregation and supporters at the recent coffee morning organised by Maihri. The money will be used to revamp the school playground.



Christian Aid's Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

On Wednesday 24 June, powerful back-to-back earthquakes struck Venezuela. Entire neighbourhoods have been devastated. Families have lost loved ones, homes and the sense of safety and security they once knew. Rescuers are searching for survivors, but the scale of loss is already significant. Our partners in Venezuela are responding right now and they need our support to reach the families hit hardest.



An interior view of St Mary's Anglican Cathedral in Caracas, which was undamaged in the recent disaster

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck northern Venezuela on the evening of Wednesday 24 June. A second, more powerful 7.5 magnitude quake hit less than a minute later - the strongest to hit Venezuela since 1900. There were more than 30 aftershocks to the quakes which struck some of Venezuela's biggest and most densely populated cities.

Rescuers are racing to find survivors trapped in collapsed buildings in the capital, Caracas, and the state of La Guaira. Early reports indicate that hundreds of people have lost their lives, thousands more have been injured and many are being reported missing. With search and rescue teams still working through the wreckage, the full scale of the disaster is still emerging.

How Christian Aid is responding to the Venezuela earthquake.

We're releasing emergency funds to our network of trusted local partners active in the epicentre of Caracas and Carabobo.

Our partners are on the ground, providing life-saving assistance and emergency support to children and families affected by the earthquakes. They're well-placed to deliver life-saving water, food, health kits to treat basic injuries and shelter to some of the worst-hit communities in some of the poorest neighbourhoods.

This article is taken from the Christian Aid website, where you can donate.

News from Emmanuel

I play the organ at the Congregational Church sometimes when needed or when it fits in. Recently the minister, the Rev'd Dr. Gordon Campbell, invited me to come and preach. We settled for 31 May and I chose 1 Corinthians 13 for the reading and 'God is Love' as the theme for my sermon. The hymn before the sermon was 'God is Love' which was written by Timothy Rees, a Bishop of Wales in the early 20th century. The tune was Abbot's Leigh, a favourite of mine. This hymn describes God's love in nature and in other ways. There are four New Testament Greek words describing love: *storge* as affection, *philia* as friendship, *eros* as romantic love and *agape* as unconditional divine love or charity. C. S. Lewis explains this in his book, *The Four Loves*. God's ultimate act of love was sending His Son Jesus into the world, having Him die on the Cross for us all. I explained the attributes of love, particularly God's unconditional love, quoting 1 John and John 3.16 as well as 1 Corinthians 13. I finished with a song of worship by Dave Bilbrough: 'Let there be Love.' A great experience, and I thank God and Dr Gordon for the privilege and opportunity.

Loaves and Fishes?

One hears on the cathedral grapevine that John and Maureen, our catering supremos (and many other things too) performed a loaves and fishes-style miracle at the recent diocesan ordinations. They were asked to cater for an expected 85 people at the post-service bunfight and instead around 185 turned up. The excellent quality of cathedral catering is clearly widely known! We hope to provide an update on how many binbags of crumbs and left-overs were filled in the next issue.

Many thanks to paparazza Lis who has provided many of the photographs in this issue, including this one.



Doors Open Day 2026

Once again this annual festival of who we are, what we do and what we have is coming into view. John and Maureen are again the organisers (see comment on previous page). The event takes place on Saturday 19 September, 10.00 - 4.00pm, and Sunday 20th, 10.00 - 5.45pm. The Sunday events include a talk by Provost Stephen on 'St Ninian's Cathedral in Fifteen Objects' at 3.00pm, Choral Evensong at 4.00pm and a piano recital, Music for Contemplation, at 5.00pm.

If you are interested in helping at any time over the two days - and it's always a fun event - please speak to John Wright.

The Peace Rose

This stunning photo of the peace rose on the left of our North Methven St entrance was taken a few weeks ago. It is being very well looked after by choir member and cathedral gardener David. Thank you, David!



From the Farquhar Diaries

13 July 1926. My power of walking kept getting feebler and feebler. I somehow managed to take Sunday duty at Dunfermline, Pitlochry and Dunblane. But when I came back from the last on Monday morning June 28, the walk home from the Station fairly did me up and until Friday I made no attempt to go out and visit. But on Friday I thought I would do so, in order to prove myself for Sunday. But my effort to walk was a dead failure. I succeeded to be sure in getting across the river and paying a visit, but I simply crawled and had to stop and lean against the wall every now and then. On Saturday morning at 3.30am things reached a climax. I woke up in a shivering fit, with sickness. N. got up and ran for the doctor (Stirling). He told me it was a combined heart & gastric attack and ordered me to eat hardly anything for a day or two and to be in bed and, after that to take complete rest in the house, not even strolling around the garden for a long time. That is 12 days ago and I have hardly been on my feet all that time, except to come downstairs about midday, and go out & sit under the trees in the garden.

Reprinted from the Diary of the The Very Rev'd G T S Farquhar, which was edited and published by the late Margaret Lye.

Right, a touch of ecclesiastical humour recently spotted on Facebook!

ST FAITHFUL'S, HAVNOT STATEMENT OF DOCTRINAL CERTAINTY (Revised)

After prayerful consideration, extended discussion, and several cups of tea (with biscuits), the Parochial Church Council of St Faithful's, Havnot is pleased to affirm the following matters upon which we are now entirely certain.

- 1. God is love.**
What this means in practice remains under active review.
- 2. God is not limited by our understanding of God.**
Or by anyone else's, however confidently expressed.
- 3. The Bible is inspired.** Which we take to mean that it continues to inspire faith, argument, scholarship, prayer, disagreement, and the occasional raised eyebrow.
- 4. Jesus is the Son of God.** Precisely how this works is a mystery we have decided not to simplify for administrative convenience.
- 5. Jesus is the Saviour of the World.** The precise mechanism by which salvation is achieved by him remains a standing agenda item.
- 6. The Holy Spirit is at work in the Church.**
Often in ways that make people slightly uncomfortable.
- 7. Being right is not listed among the Fruits of the Spirit.**
We checked. There was discussion.
- 8. Faith is not the same thing as certainty.**
Certainty is much tidier, but has fewer miraculous stories associated with it.
- 9. Doubt is not the opposite of faith.** Indifference and apathy are.
- 10. Questions are welcome.** Answers may be provisional.

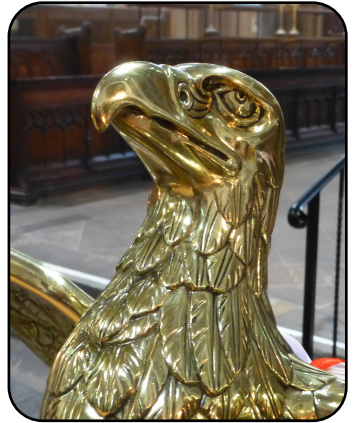
This Statement may be revised without notice, should further reflection, prayer, lived experience, or divine interruption require it.

Signed,
The PCC

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Faithful, not finished.

Eddie the Eagle says...

I am a bit ashamed. I was taken aside by the Provost after my article last month and gently told that I hadn't been very kind about our new member of staff, Bruin the Bear. He was quite right, of course. I've made my apologies and had a wee chat with him. And as it turns out he's actually quite nice. Not the brightest bear around the cathedral, perhaps, but quite useful for basic jobs, like welcoming children in the garden or catching the eye of passers-by. I think with time and under my supervision he'll be a useful member of the team.



Times of Services etc

A warm welcome to everyone who comes to our services!

Sunday	Said Eucharist 9.30am; Sung Eucharist 11.00am Sunday Club 12.15-ish, after the end of 11.00 service in term time, for primary age children Choral Evensong 4.00pm on the third Sunday of the month
Tuesday	Morning Prayer 9.30; Rosary Group 1.00; Evening Prayer 5.30
Wednesday	Morning Prayer 9.30; Said Eucharist 11.00; Evening Prayer 5.30
Thursday	Morning Prayer 9.30, Evening Prayer 5.30 Toddler Church 10.30-12.00 in term time (for ages 0-5)
Friday	Morning Prayer 9.30 Said Eucharist 11.00am, with anointing and prayers for healing

And finally...

Please pass any contributions for the magazine to the editor, Jeremy Duncan, or email them to cathedralmagazine@gmail.com. The closing date for inclusion in the September magazine is **23 August**. Thank you!

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