

Cathedral News



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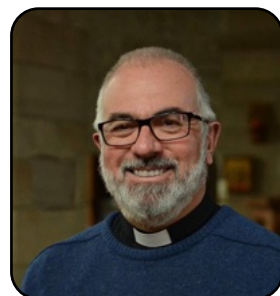
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From the Provost

Dear friends,

September is a turning point of the year and the weather has made us feel it here in Perth. It is a time to dig out jumpers for the first time, that time when you are never quite sure what to wear. It is the month of the autumnal equinox, when day and night are equal, and the month when summer ends.



In the cathedral September has seen a series of important feasts and significant beginnings and ends. Last month we had a very successful Doors Open Day weekend around our patronal feast of St Ninian and on the feast itself we were able to go in procession with our new icon of St Ninian, given in memory of Canon Celia Matthews, and use our century-old banner of St Ninian by Sir Ninian Comper which has been skilfully restored by Prue King of Aberdeen. At the end

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of the month, on St Michael's day, we had a baptism and we look forward to more in October with a celebratory meal. On the same day the Rev'd Scott Brown was ordained to the priesthood and we look forward to his first Masses here before he goes down the road to St John's.

In the musical life of our cathedral we said farewell to our Director of Music, Geoff Bolton, who has retired after nine years at St Ninian's. Later this month we will advertise for a new Director of Music but I am pleased to say that Toby Moschard FRCO, a member of our choir and former pupil at St Ninian's Primary School and Glenalmond, is our interim Director of Music. Music is central to our life and worship and we are very grateful to Chansons Chamber Choir for their concert here last month which raised a significant sum for our organ. September also saw the continuation of our Gaelic concerts and the wonderful piano and folk concerts run by Mavy Giust Williamson. It also saw the launch of a new Taizé service, with its distinctive music, on Sunday afternoon.

There is so much happening at St Ninian's Cathedral: in November we will say farewell to Bishop Ian and look forward to a family ceilidh, but our life as a Christian community is rooted week by week and month by month in a series of services when we gather to worship our God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Sunday Sung Eucharist and Evensong are well-known but, as a dog is not just for Christmas, so Christianity is not just for Sunday.

One of my priorities on being appointed Provost was to keep the cathedral open as much as possible as a place of prayer. The new shrines of our saints are part of this but so is a regular round of worship. Developing an existing custom, I started saying Morning and Evening Prayer here at 09.30 and 17.30 and it has been a real joy to be joined by others so that it is now very rare that I pray alone. The modern 'Daily Prayer' of the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) is rather thin and uninspiring so we adopted the Office Book of St Stephen's House in Oxford, the same as the other authorised SEC Daily Office from the Scottish Prayer Book which we use at Choral Evensong. The word 'Office' is from a Latin word meaning 'work' and is a technical term for Christian daily prayer services. St Ninian's Cathedral was a pioneer in the revival of Gregorian chant in the Anglican world and this book enables us to sing Gregorian chant at every Office.

The daily prayer of the Office sanctifies time and it is good to begin and end the

day with prayer. The Eucharist, also called the Mass or Holy Communion, raises us out of time to the worship of heaven. Our weekly prayer timetable also includes three Masses, each about half an hour long, in addition to the Sunday Sung Eucharist. The 09.30 Mass on Sunday uses the traditional Scottish Liturgy and is celebrated in the St Andrew's Chapel; it has gathered a small congregation of people who prefer a simpler, traditional celebration or who are going out later in the day. It has also been a 'gateway drug' for people new to the cathedral. The two other Eucharists are in the Lady Chapel at 11.00 on Wednesday and Friday. The Wednesday service has more than doubled in size in the last couple of years and there are rarely less than twelve people there, for some of whom it is their only worship at St Ninian's. The Friday service is a healing Mass with optional individual prayers and anointing for healing. It is a precious place of God's power and grace.

As the nights are drawing in, why don't you try some of our weekly services beyond those you normally attend? If you already enjoy them, why not bring a friend?

May this autumn bring blessings to you and your family and friends,

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen', with a stylized flourish underneath.

The Very Rev'd Dr Stephen Holmes, Provost

Collects and Readings for October

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 4 October (Thanksgiving for the Harvest)

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-14; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - 11 October

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

St Luke, Evangelist - 18 October

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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: Acts 16.6-12a; Psalm 147.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - 25 October

Collect: Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

All Saints - 1 November

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love 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: Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Special Services at the Cathedral

Sun 4 Oct:	<i>No Evensong</i>
Wed 7 Oct, 2.00 - 2.45pm:	Gaelic concert
Sun 11 Oct at 4.00pm:	Taizé service
Sun 18 Oct:	<i>No Evensong</i>
Sun 25 Oct at 11.00am:	Sung Eucharist with the baptism of Aiden Attidi Panagoda, and Ernest Cameron Greenwood, followed by a congregational meal
Fri 30 Oct at 12 noon:	St Ninian's@Noon concert - piano and clarinet
Sat 31 Oct at 12.00 noon:	Robert Lyon Mass
Sun 1 Nov:	All Saints.
at 11.00am	Sung Mass with Confirmations and Bishop Ian's farewell to the cathedral
at 3.00pm:	Choral Evensong and Diocesan farewell to Bishop Ian, and dedication of the icon and shrine to St William
Mon 2 Nov at 7.00pm:	All Souls, Requiem Mass
Wed 4 Nov, 2.00 - 2.45pm:	Gaelic concert
Sun 8 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
at 10.50am:	Sung Eucharist
at 4.00pm:	Taizé service

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 there is the opportunity to sponsor the flame for a month in memory of your loved ones – their names are kept on a sheet outside the Provost's Study. We now have some vacancies for the next year: December 2026; February; March; April; June; July; August; September; October 2027

If you would like the flame to burn in memory of your loved ones (one or two names only, please), contact Provost Stephen on provost.perth@gmail.com . The money can be given to Chris our treasurer or paid by bank transfer to: 'St Ninian's Cathedral' 82-67-09, 20510733 with the subject: 'CANDLE your surname' In September the flame will burn in memory of **the Craigie family**.

From the Registers

Baptism

Albert Raphael Watt - Sunday 27 September

Interment of Ashes

Dorothy Riley - Thursday 3 August

Confirmation

Bishop Ian is making his last visit to the cathedral on Sunday 1 November, the Feast of All Saints. At the 11.00 Sung Eucharist he will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This is for those who have been baptised but not confirmed, and it confers a strengthening from the Holy Spirit. If you were baptised as a child it can be an opportunity to make a public commitment to Christ, and if you have come to the cathedral from a church which does not have bishops or confirmation, or from a period away from Christianity, it can be a way of re-affirming your faith before your new church family.

Preparation for confirmation involves some study of the Christian faith. We already have some candidates and if you are interested in joining them, please contact me.

Provost Stephen

Bank Details

If for any reason you would like to make a payment to the cathedral, our bank account is 'St Ninian's Cathedral'. The sort code is 82-67-09 and the account number 20510733 - please clearly mark your payment with your name. If you would like to discuss the best way to donate, speak to our treasurer, Chris Ahern, at St Ninian's Cathedral or via treasurer@perthcathedral.co.uk.



What's Been Going On?

Happy Birthdays!

It's always lovely when members of the congregation celebrate a milestone birthday and choose to do so by sharing a cake in the Chapter House. This month we send our congratulations to Douglas, who celebrated his 80th birthday, and to Emmanuel who celebrated her 60th with a big party. Emmanuel was actually first but the format of the photos made it easier to put Douglas on this page...



...and Emmanuel on this one. Many happy returns to them both!



Farewell and Thank You!



Kipling Lemon, who has been volunteering with us for some time, notably in listing our archives, has now started a course at Birmingham University, reading theology. Father Ross presented him with a copy of the St Ninian icon as a thank-you from the cathedral. Good luck, Kipling, and come back and see us!

Music at the Cathedral

It has been a busy spell at the cathedral of late with a number of concerts taking place. Chansons, Perth's chamber choir, gave a well-received concert in the cathedral on 6 September to raise funds for the organ and its maintenance (*photo below*). The concert was described as 'absolutely brilliant', with Bob Chilcott's *Aesop's Fables* a particular highlight. The choir were touched by the warmth of the reception and commented that the cathedral was such a beautiful space in which to make music.



Meanwhile the programme of monthly Gaelic music continued with an excellent performance by Kaitlin Ross and Catriona Hawksworth (*pictured below*) on 2



September. The next concert in this series will be given by Isla Ratcliff and Evie Waddell on 7 October.



Mavy Giust Williamson continues to give audiences great pleasure in her solo piano Music for Contemplation concerts and, in conjunction with Celtic Spirit (a guitar and mandolin duo), in the Noon@StNinian's series. These concerts are all free though donations towards cathedral funds are greatly appreciated. Mavy makes no charge for her time and always speaks very warmly of how much she enjoys playing at the cathedral.

And from traditional music and classical, to rock! Rock Choir held a national workshop in the cathedral in late August in which around 350 members from all over Scotland gathered to learn new music and sing. This event was not open to the public but nevertheless our intrepid team of roving paparazzi snapped them at work, below.



Geoff's Retiral

Geoff Bolton played his last services as Director of Music at the cathedral on Sunday 27 September. He was presented with a book by the Provost to mark his nine years of service at the organ console. We wish him a long and happy retirement and hope he will keep in touch!



Four Generations!

Maihri writes: In September I was delighted that my Grandma Rose came to visit from Wiltshire and met Ernest for the first time. They got on tremendously and Ernest loved meeting his great-grandma! When I was little and my great-grandma Marjory was still alive we took a photo of the four generations. Thirty (ish) years later while Grandma Rose was visiting it was wonderful to take another photo of the four generations and our beautiful cathedral was the perfect backdrop!



Doors Open Day

We had a successful weekend with around 44 visitors on Saturday and 75 on Sunday. This included visitors from Italy, Spain and Ukraine as well as many locals.

The main focus of the weekend was St. Ninian as his feast day was celebrated on Sunday. Thanks to a generous donation by Rev'd Scott Brown and his husband, Colin, we now have copies of our icon of Saint Ninian for sale. Our large cases were used for our new display about servers, and to show our Jacobite bag and communion tokens and information on the cathedral's link with Beatrix Potter. Visitors were also able to look at many of the old registers of births, marriages and deaths. Younger visitors had the children's quiz to keep them busy during their visit. Emmanuel played our piano on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon and the choir sang at both morning service and Evensong that day.

A highlight of the weekend was the Provost's very interesting, informative and enjoyable talk entitled 'Saint Ninian's Cathedral in 15 objects' which attracted a large group of visitors and cathedral regulars. This was followed by Evensong, and a contemplative concert by Mavy Giust Williamson rounded off the weekend beautifully.

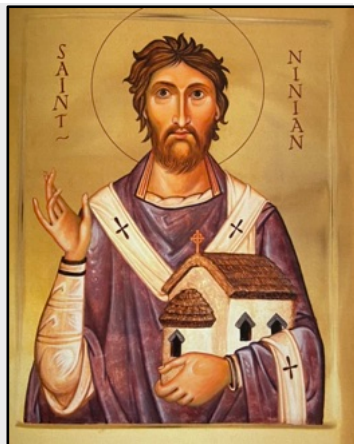
A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave generously of their time and talents to make this such a successful weekend.

Maureen and John Wright

Copies of the Icon of St Ninian

If you have not yet bought an icon they are still available to buy. There are three sizes of icons which can be seen in the display cabinet in the cloister. Small costs £8, medium £12, large £15. Please ask in the office if you would like to buy one.

And with Christmas coming into view on the horizon, an icon might be just the right gift for someone?





Congratulations to John and Maureen, pictured above with Wendy, who organised another very successful Doors Open Day. This entailed a great deal of work and the cathedral owes them a huge thank-you for all their commitment. Some of the others who helped over the weekend are shown above: Jamie manning the merchandise stall, Provost Stephen leading a tour of the cathedral in 15 objects, and Andrew and Diane keeping an eye on the display of registers.

Cover Illustration

Two Ninians, saint and sir, were celebrated at St Ninian's Cathedral at the recent patronal festival. The icon and the banner, the latter by Sir Ninian Comper, were left on display for Doors Open Day. The editor strongly suspects that Sir Ninian was named after the cathedral where his father, the Rev'd John Comper, was ordained deacon the day after the cathedral's consecration in 1850.

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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A New Chapter in Chaplaincy

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of being involved in refugee chaplaincy here in Perth, particularly supporting those living in local hotels. It was a worthwhile and rewarding ministry, offering opportunities simply to be alongside people, to listen, to offer pastoral support and, where appropriate, prayer. As circumstances changed, the chaplaincy came to a natural end, and it seemed the right time for me to step back and allow my ministry to develop in other directions. I remain very grateful for the people I met through this work and for all that the experience taught me.

One of those new directions has been particularly joyful. Fr Stephen asked whether I would take on a chaplaincy role at St Ninian's Primary School, and I was absolutely delighted to accept.

The school is, of course, very much part of Dr Maihri's ministry and has been a key project for her. During her maternity leave, however, I have had the pleasure of assisting with the chaplaincy and getting to know the pupils and staff. So far, I have been spending time in the classrooms, working with children across the different primary stages and exploring aspects of Christian faith and the life of St Ninian. After many years as a lecturer before ordination, it has also been wonderful to find myself back in a classroom again – albeit with rather younger students!

It is great fun, enormously rewarding, and I am thoroughly enjoying this new part of my ministry. I look forward to seeing how the relationship between cathedral and school continues to flourish in the months ahead.

Fr Ross

Perth and Kinross Foodbank

The cathedral and our generous congregation continue to support the foodbank and we regularly take a shopping trolley of donations round to their base in York Place. The following items are currently in short supply: tinned main meals, tinned fish, coffee, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, longlife/diluting juice, puddings (custard, rice pudding etc), tinned fruit, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Thank you as always for your support.

Building Global Partnerships

I am delighted to have recently taken on the role of convener of our Diocesan Global Partnerships Committee.

Our Diocese has important international partnerships with the Diocese of Amazonia in Brazil and the Diocese of Calcutta in India. These relationships remind us that we belong to a Church which stretches far beyond our own congregations, communities and country. They offer opportunities for friendship, prayer, mutual learning and the sharing of our different experiences of Christian life and ministry.

As convener, I am keen to continue strengthening these existing relationships and to encourage greater awareness of them throughout our Diocese. I would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who speaks Portuguese, has connections with Brazil or India, or would simply like to become involved in the work of Global Partnerships. There are many ways in which people can contribute, and you certainly do not need to be a seasoned international traveller!

More recently, I have also joined the Scottish Episcopal Church's Provincial Global Partnerships Committee. As part of this role, I have taken on portfolio responsibility for Central and South America and the Caribbean. This gives me the opportunity to explore and develop relationships between the Scottish Episcopal Church and churches across these regions.

If you have personal, family, church or other connections with Christian communities in Central or South America or the Caribbean, I would be delighted to hear from you. Sometimes the strongest partnerships begin with a simple personal connection, and I am keen to discover where such relationships may already exist within our churches.

Global Partnership is ultimately about relationship: Christians in different parts of the world getting to know one another, praying for one another, learning from one another and discovering more fully what it means to belong to the worldwide Body of Christ.

Fr Ross

Mission to Seafarers

With day light hours reducing, I begin to think of winter evenings and of the seafarers who welcome a visit to The Mission to Seafarers Centre in Grangemouth Docks. Mission supporters visit around 60 ships each month in Scotland to give assistance and friendship at which time they distribute knitted woolly hats, fingerless gloves and scarves - around 8,000 knitted items annually. In December approximately 250 Christmas parcels including a woolly hat are given to the seamen and women.

As you will appreciate, we need more knitters to meet increasing demands. I know of two members of our congregation who are dedicated knitters. It would be wonderful if more folk would join us. If you would like more information and/or patterns please do let me know as I would be happy to help.

Fiona Crighton

Provincial Lay Reader Conference

Lay readers (*pictured below*) from all dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church gathered recently for our provincial conference, enjoying teaching, fellowship and worship in the environment of Glenalmond College. The conference theme was From Stranger to Friend, helping us think how we can move those who come through our doors from feeling 'outsiders' to a sense of 'belonging'. Our guest speaker, Rev'd Dr Canon Sandra Millar from Gloucester Diocese in the Church of England, guided us through this with useful insights and good humour.



Sandra encouraged us to make the most of all our points of contact and the activities taking place in our buildings, making sure that we have up-to-date notices, web pages and social-media saying what we offer. I felt hugely affirmed to realise that we are ahead of the curve at the cathedral, thanks to the encouragement of Provost Stephen.

We learned about research which shows that people want church to be traditional, friendly, relaxed, and significant. That's quite a tall order, but again I felt that as a cathedral and congregation we are moving in the right direction. That was particularly true in considering how we maintain a balance in our worship between accessibility and wonder.



Bishop Andrew Swift joined us for the conference, and presided at our Sunday morning Eucharist in the college chapel, with Sandra assisting and preaching.

Canon Lis Burke

Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers

Cathedral Garden

David Martin-Smith from our choir generously looks after our beautiful cathedral gardens. He is often in on a Thursday afternoon and if you would like to join him or do some work in the gardens at another time, contact him on dmartinsmith@gmail.com or 07879 810150. It is good for the soul.

Coffee!

Many of us appreciate and enjoy the post-service cuppa on Sunday mornings. While it's a great opportunity to discuss and debate the finer theological points of the sermon, most of us prefer to catch-up with friends, chat to newer members (who are perhaps unsure of how to introduce themselves to relative strangers), or just sit quietly in the company of others. It's an important part of congregational life and the small band of volunteers - those whom you regularly see behind the table in the Chapter House, teaspoons in hand - really would appreciate a bit more help setting up on a Sunday morning, serving tea, coffee and biscuits, and tidying up afterwards. If you feel you could help in this way please do have a word with any member of the team or any of the ministry team. Thank you!

Journeying Together

A Young Adult Pilgrimage to Taizé

This summer, a group of young adults from the Scottish Episcopal Church organised, planned and travelled to the Taizé Community in southern France. Most had been as part of the Diocese of Edinburgh planned trip in 2025, but we were successful in getting some new members of the church to join us this year for a week of prayer, simplicity, friendship, and encounter with God. In a world often filled with noise, distractions, and busy schedules, Taizé offered a space to slow down, listen, and reflect. The theme for the 2026 weeks was 'What are you seeking?'

Founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, the Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic community that welcomes tens of thousands of young people from across the world each year. The week we attended in August 2025 young people from many different countries gathered there.

Life at Taizé is simple. Accommodation was basic: bunk beds in dormitories with six to a room. Meals were modest: breakfast was a bread roll, two sticks of chocolate, a butter pack and either sweet tea or warm - couldn't really call it hot - chocolate. Weirdly, as simple as this was, in the lead up to Taizé, it was one of things I was quite looking forward to.



Life at Taizé follows a gentle and prayerful rhythm, structured around three daily prayer services - morning, midday and evening.

The day begins with communal prayer, including Scripture readings, eight minutes of silence, prayer and the distinctive Taizé chants. Almost all of these were in other languages but through repetition we got to know the common ones which had been set for the week. Being with a couple of singers it was great when we were able to sit close enough on the floor (no pews or chairs) and harmonise together.

Everyone, depending on work times, took part in Bible introductions led by one of the brothers, followed by small group discussions according to age. These sessions encouraged us to explore Scripture, ask questions, and share our faith experiences openly. All the texts chosen were from St John's Gospel beginning at chapter 1. As my available hours were different (being on meeting support in the evenings), I was able to attend two Bible induction sessions. One for the over 25s in the morning, followed by a late breakfast and a meeting to discuss the previous night's events. There was a lot to discuss, from safeguarding incidents to groups misbehaving, most of the issues relating - surprisingly - to adult leaders. The afternoon time was my official sharing time but with the group being younger, 18-24, I used some of the introduction time to nap in the church next door (having already done the morning introduction which I found more useful.)

As mentioned before, everyone contributes to the life of the community through simple tasks such as serving meals, cleaning, or helping with site maintenance. This reflects the Christian principle of serving one another with humility and joy. Being on meeting support changed the daily rhythm, with long hours from after evening prayer at 21.15 to around 1.30am. The longest shift was Friday night when we clocked off at 2.40am but it was the most special as it was evening prayer for the adoration of the cross and as I was stationed outside the church for the night, it meant I had the most wonderful conversations; some sad ones, some

that were filled with joy, and some folk just needing a chance to decompress. It was at this point in the church with around 80 people still singing at 2.50 in the morning, before going to the cross myself, that the week clicked and the internal question of 'what am I seeking?' became clear.

The final prayer service of the day on Saturday is often the highlight. Everyone is given a candle, and these are lit during the prayers as a sign of Easter. After a nod to Good Friday on Friday night Saturday's light of Easter is a joy to experience. These prayers are recorded and shared on YouTube. Look for 17-8-26 Taizé prayers to watch ours.



One of the most powerful aspects of Taizé is its use of silence. In a culture that often fills every moment with sound and activity, the extended periods of quiet can initially feel unfamiliar. Silence became an opportunity to hear God's gentle voice and reflect on the direction of our lives and hopefully a return trip in 2027 will be similar to this year's visit.

Jamie Gardner



Musical Challenge

This piece of music has been doing the rounds on the internet recently. Can you work out what it is? The answer is upside down on page 27!

Die XXV Septembris (9–25)

In festo S. Dollia de Tennēsia

Codex Partoniensis (ed. SJN, 2026)

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lis ca-pí-lli ru-fi, Ebur cu- tis est, et vi-ri-des ocu-los habes. Ri-sus tu- us
est ve-ris ha-li-tus, Vox mol-lis ut æsti-va plu-vi- a, Nec possum te- cum, Io-
lé- ne conténde-re. Io-lé- na, Io-lé- na, Io-lé- na, Io-lé- na Te o-ro,
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Recital for Arunima Children's Hospice

Please put Saturday 21 November at 2.00pm in your diary for a very special afternoon of music in support of Arunima Children's Hospice in Kolkata.

We will be joined by Emmanuel, who will perform a wonderful selection of classical favourites at the piano, alongside some familiar music for everyone to enjoy and sing along with. The afternoon will be compered by Fr Ross and will also include a fantastic raffle.

All proceeds from the afternoon will go directly towards supporting the work of Arunima Children's Hospice, a ministry very close to our hearts and one with which we have developed a longstanding relationship.

Saturday 21 November

2.00pm

Piano Recital, Classical Favourites & Sing-Along

In aid of Arunima Children's Hospice

Raffle prizes would be very gratefully received, so if you have something you would be willing to donate, please speak to Fr Ross.

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship while supporting a wonderful cause.

Fr Ross

Shoe Box Appeal 2026

The Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal is upon us once again and this year the cathedral's response is being organised by Maihri. As before, a shoebox filled with simple, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, clothing, sweets and a small gift can bring joy to someone who may have very little. It is about more than the things inside. The individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. This Christmas, your shoebox could help us reach even more people. The final date for handing in your shoe box is 28 October. Thank you!

From the Farquhar Diaries

9 October 1926. On Wednesday N. and I went to spend a night at St Andrews in the rooms, which she has taken there for us to live in when we leave Perth. It was fortunately a lovely day and we were very pleased with our rooms and their outlook on the Castle and the Sea...By doing this N. was enabled to calculate about what furniture, furnishings and ornaments to hold back from (alas!) our impending Sale and take with us, and I got a rough idea of what space for books I shall have. For more than a month past we have both been working away in our respective spheres to get ready. Of course N. has far the most on hand, but, if I had been able to do as much as she can, then we should not have been obliged to leave Perth. A sudden new development in Church life, about which I have known nothing, has taken place. Balhousie Castle, the last remnant of the Dupplin estates has been lost to the foolish young Earl of Kinnoull and, after becoming the property of his Mother-in-law, has now passed to his wife. He has gone bank-rupt and by the death of her Mother, she has come into a fortune of 2 million! The Castle has been taken on lease, it seems, by that wonderful person Miss Wilkinson, with certain colleagues, with the view of its being a Retreat House for the Scottish Church!...I am not a 'Retreat' person, although more or less annually I have attended retreats, out of loyalty to Bps Wilkinson and Plumb, who have successfully organised them in the Diocese.

This is an extract from the Diary of the The Very Rev'd G T S Farquhar, edited and published by the late Margaret Lye, a member of the cathedral congregation.

Farewell to Bruin



Eddie the Eagle says...

He was a bear and we shall not look upon his like again. Yes, Bruin, my best pal, has gone, never to return. One consolation is that he didn't know what was about to happen to him. As you can see from his extra wide grin in the photograph opposite he thought he was being taken on a blind date with a lady bear, not being transported to an auction to be sold.



Wherever he is I hope the dear old fellow is as happy as he was here.

Musical Challenge on Page 24

Dolly Parton's well-known song, Jolene!

The answer is that this seemingly ancient piece of church music is actually the late

Times of Services etc

A warm welcome to everyone who comes to our services!

Sunday	Said Eucharist 9.30am; Sung Eucharist 11.00am 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
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 October magazine is **18 October**. Thank you!

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