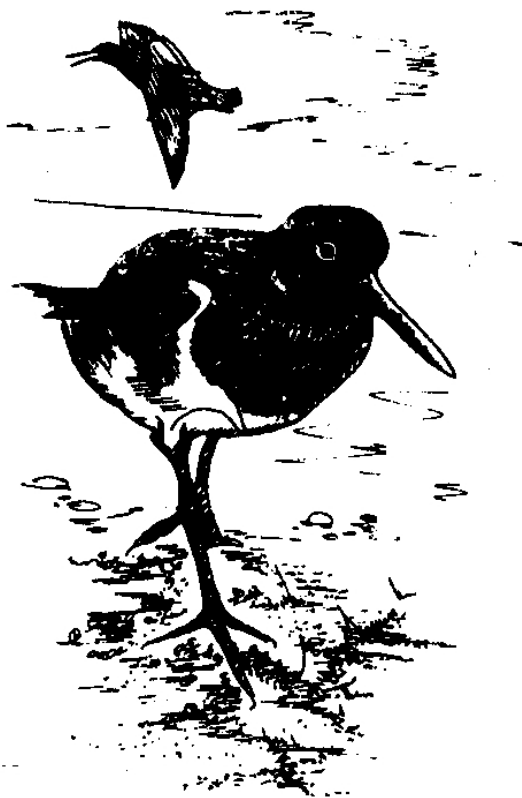


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VESTRY

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St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt.

On weekdays the services are as follows:

Mon: Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
Tues: The Eucharist 7.30 a.m.	
Wed: Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
Thur: Mattins 9.30 a.m.	The Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

Confessions by appointment.

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FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

It's intriguing that Lent starts in the week when we celebrate St Bride's Day as our patronal festival. Each is, in its own way, foundational. St Bride was of a Christian family which was originally baptised by St Patrick, and was significant in her own right in the spread of the gospel in Ireland. Through the trials of life she came to exercise her own faith and ministry, and of course for this she is venerated. In the same way, we too are excited to see Jesus as our personal saviour in the details of daily life, and through these, in the life of our church. In this way her example is particularly poignant in a society which has largely rejected Christianity as handed down by previous generations, and must learn to receive the same gospel message for itself but in its own circumstances.

Lent leads us in the same way to reflect on where we are, and where we are going. We may find that we are being faced with new perspectives of both ourselves and of the world about us - all given new clarity by the challenging message of Jesus Christ. Lent is far more than a time of negative introspection. It is however a pause of preparation before our Easter celebration. It gives liturgical expression to a process of self-review in the light of both the changing times of our lives, and of the eternal truths of the gospel. The point of both however is that the self has to be challenged: we are redeemed, not self-made; we live by dying to self, not by a narcissistic process of "self-realisation"; we are called to love one another, rather than to compete for transient baubles. And all this is at odds with a world which despite its claims of community, is still about intense personal rivalry to reach the top of whatever is our chosen peak of achievement.

In that sense, it renews in us the choice between temporary, self-selected goals, compared with the glories of eternity offered to us by one who let go of life, glory and even His personal sanctity in order to "become sin, who knew no sin - in order that we might become the righteousness of God."

Sydney Maitland

NEWS IN BRIEF

There will be a Said Eucharist on **Ash Wednesday**, 6 February, at 10.00 a.m. and a Sung Eucharist at 7.00 p.m.

The next **Russian Orthodox services** in St Bride's will be on Friday 15 February at 6.00 p.m. and Saturday 16 February at 10.00 a.m. What is now the Russian Orthodox Parish of St Kemptigern was founded in Glasgow in 2003 with the blessing of Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh and is part of the Diocese of Sourozh of the Moscow Patriarchate. The ruling bishop of the diocese is Bishop Elisey of Sourozh. The Glasgow parish is served by Archpriest Mikhail Dudko. The services in St Bride's are conducted in Church Slavonic in accordance with the old Julian calendar.

There will be Morning Prayer with **extended intercession** on Wednesday 20 February at 11.00 a.m. If you would like us to pray for particular people, or intentions, please write these in the book which sits alongside the Book of Remembrance in the Chantry chapel (by the votive candle stand). These names will be included in the cycle of intercession at our daily and Sunday worship.

There will also be **Contemplative Prayer** on Wednesday 27 February at 2.00 p.m. in church.

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist with **prayers for healing**, the laying-on of hands and anointing with oil at 12.00 noon on Saturday 23 February. All are welcome to attend and, should they so wish, to request prayers for healing. If anyone wishes more information on this form of the ministry of healing, please do not hesitate to contact Sydney Maitland.

LENT COLLECTIONS

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Most of us know someone who has or has had cancer and are aware of the kind of problems they face. Macmillan nurses are specially trained to give the support, counselling and advice for both sufferers and their families. I feel sure everyone will want to give generously to this worthwhile cause. Lent boxes will be available from Ash Wednesday and should be returned on Easter Day.

Eileen Maitland

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

As you will recall one of the outcomes of the Mission 21 process was to request the appointment of lay members of the church to serve as Pastoral Assistants to the Rector. As he commenced his study leave, I was approached by those who have been selected for this role - that is, Jack Brand, Alison Gifford and Eddie Minnis, in order to continue their training, and we have already had some training meetings. Subject to the Rector's decision on how the Pastoral Assistants will be trained and employed, we have been and will continue to look at various aspects of church life, belief, worship and ministry. I would therefore commend Jack, Alison and Eddie to your prayers, that they may grow into the stature of Christian service that God intends for them, as they serve the life of St Bride's. I am fully confident that God will answer these prayers with the fulness of His abundance.

Sydney Maitland

CHURCH FLOWERS

Our thanks are due to Roy Parkin, Mary Sillitto and members of the Russian Orthodox Church for recent donations to the flowers in St Bride's. I have placed the big glass bottle at the back of the church for contributions for the Easter decorations. Since Easter is early this year it means flowers will be more expensive. Increases in fuel prices are having a knock on effect also. Fighting in the Rift Valley in Kenya may also add to the cost. This is an area where many of the flowers are grown for the European markets. We usually buy them through Dutch companies.

I expect to arrange the flowers for Easter on Saturday 22 March in the morning. The church will be open then for cleaning. I will give the exact time nearer the date.

Eileen Maitland

Some members of the congregation will remember that ten years ago Nicholas Russell commissioned *A New Song* by James MacMillan in memory of his mother Kath and to mark his father Jimmy's seventieth birthday. The work was given its first performance by the Choir of St Bride's at the Sung Eucharist on 1 March 1998. To mark the tenth anniversary, *A New Song* will again be performed in St Bride's at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 2 March 2008.

INCENSE (AGAIN) AND CANDLES

Since the article in the last *Oystercatcher*, I have discovered that the incense we normally use in St Bride's is called Sanctuary. This, like two others called Cathedral and Abbey, is a blend of pure frankincense and natural oils. Another is named Basilica which uses three kinds of incense and natural oils. Finally, there is Priory which is pure frankincense with no natural oils. These blends are produced by the Benedictine monks of Prinknash Abbey. They have been associated with Prinknash Park since 1096 when the property was given to the abbot of Gloucester. It has changed hands a few times since then but was given back to the Benedictines of Caldey Island in 1928. The rest of the community followed and started making incense the same year. St Bride's also uses myrrh and some very expensive pure frankincense on special occasions.

Hayes and Finch, our church suppliers, are a "green" company as far as possible. Candle holders that we use for the votive lights, for example, can be returned for recycling. Although most of the candles they make now use a modern manufacturing process, they still use a traditional hand pouring method with the hot wax for the large Pascal candles. They can provide customised candles for events such as baptisms and weddings.

At one Roman Catholic wedding, the couple each held a lighted candle. When they had made their vows, they lit a single candle together using their own. The individual ones were then extinguished leaving the joint one as a symbol that they were now united.

Our use of candles in church is mostly obvious, either as a symbol of Christ as the Light of the World or the practical use of light being needed to read the scriptures or a psalter. Most people will be aware of the white candle hanging in front of the high altar showing the reserved sacrament is present in the tabernacle. The ones in the red holders are symbols of the continual presence of God. It is a reminder of the menorah, the seven branched lamp God commanded the Israelites to burn before the altar during the Exodus. A candle in a blue holder is used in the Lady Chapel. Blue is the colour generally associated with the Virgin Mary.

Eileen Maitland

Prayer Times in February

COME AND PRAY AT ST BRIDE'S

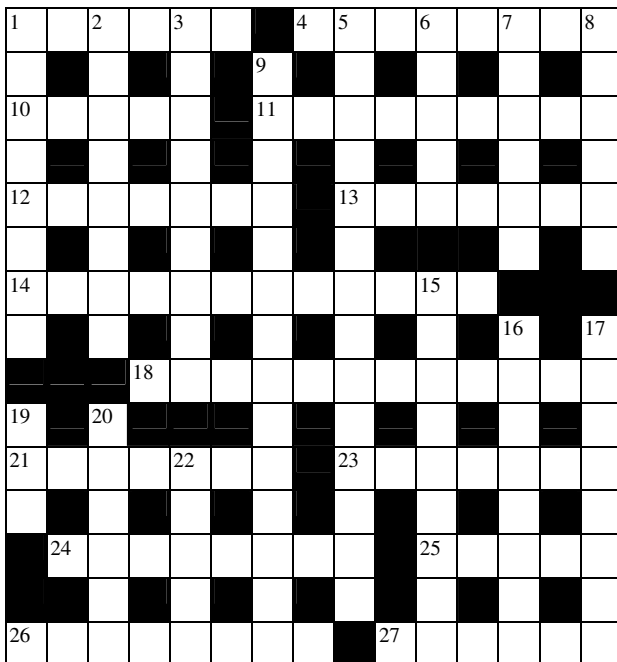
Wed 20 February at 11 am:
Morning Prayer

Wed 27 February at 2 pm:
Contemplative Prayer

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please write your prayer concerns in the red book in the chantry chapel: these will be specially remembered before God during Morning Prayer.

ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Chromium (6)
 4 A soft father – that’s obvious (8)
 10 Forebode (5)
 11 “Angels and Archangels” (9)
 12 New Testament Saint at once (7)
 13 Beseech (7)
 14 Sagacious trio (5,4,3)
 18 24th December (9,3)
 21 Joining measure of mixed gin (7)
 23 Airman (7)
 24 St Bride’s Day celebration (8,8) & 16d
 25 Messenger (5)
 26 It came with an afterthought on specially laid out ground (8)
 27 Rode on a bike (6)

Down

- 1 Ancient methods of transport (8)
 2 Stir grey (anagram) (8)
 3 Town in Morocco (9)
 5 A life rent reply – you’d rather get this one! (14)
 6 Separate a tap? (5)
 7 Abstain from (6)
 8 Appointments to meet (6)
 9& To decorate a cake! (3,5,5,2,3)
 19d
 15 Dodgy vase I levy (9)
 16 See 24 Across
 17 Debt year (anagram) (8)
 19 See 9 Down
 20 Make defenceless (6)
 22 Man’s name (5)

Compiled by Lily Bland
Solution next month

LENT COURSE

As mentioned in last month's *Oystercatcher*, this year's Lent Course will consist of six meetings to look at some of the basics of the faith. It is intended to provide an overview of the Creed under the following headings:

- 1. Why believe in God?**
- 2. Begotten, not made**
- 3. The Lord, the Giver of Life**
- 4. One holy, catholic and apostolic church**
- 5. Personal Faith**
- 6. Corporate faith**

The course will be held on Wednesdays, to follow our existing practice of saying Evensong at 5.30 p.m. and celebrating the Eucharist at 6.00 p.m. We will then have a simple meal together (probably some sort of carry-out) and the course will start at 7.30 p.m. It will take the form of a talk and be followed by the opportunity for people in groups to compile and ask questions in groups. Compline will be said at the conclusion of the proceedings. The focus of the course will be the talk and the group work; however, those attending will be encouraged to take part in the associated offices and celebration of the Eucharist.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

One of the topics highlighted during our 'Mission 21' programme was 'caring for others', from which the suggestion arose of pairing up with another member of the congregation with the idea that caring for others begins, firstly, with caring for each other, a bit like a pebble thrown into water, creating gradually widening ripples. I welcomed this proposal as I had on occasions wondered whether anyone would notice if one simply stopped attending and, perhaps more to the point, whether anyone would be in touch to find out if one were ill, disgruntled, battling with personal problems or quietly struggling with one's spiritual life. Eileen Maitland and I have found such a 'partnership' to be very supportive and can recommend it. There doesn't have to be a big commitment of time - we try to be in touch about once a fortnight, meeting for a coffee or perhaps just a phone call, and one of the surprising spin-offs is becoming more aware of others in the congregation. I like to think of it as being part of a chain, to which more and more links can be added, but one which is firmly anchored to Christ. I hope you've found a link. If not, I'm sure our Pastoral Assistants will be of help.

Jeanette Fenyő

BBC SCOTTISH SYMPHONY CLUB

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Social Evening

On
Monday 18th February 2008 at 7:30pm

**An Evening
With
David Chadwick** violin

and
Friends

Playing
Mozart to Martinu

In

St Brides Church

69 Hyndland Road

Off Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 9UK

Interval Refreshment Drinks

Suggested donations to defray expenses will be
collected at the door

**Club Members £3.50, Non Members £5,
Students £2.00**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

“God’s Wisdom Provides New Understanding”

Service written by Christian Women of Guyana

11 a.m. St John’s Renfield, Kelvindale

7.30 p.m. Wellington Church, Hillhead

VESTRY REPORT

At its meeting on Wednesday 16 January the Vestry asked Mr John Marks to investigate the heating in the Crypt and produce instructions for its operation. The heating contractors would also be asked to check that the heating in the Church was operating properly.

It was agreed to proceed with the repair of the external lighting along the north wall. Work would continue on the preparation of a list of approved contractors for repair work. A second quotation for the chancel lighting was tabled.

Arrangements for St Bride's Day were finalised, and invitations would be sent to other churches with which St Bride's enjoyed a close relationship. The Revd Nigel Zimmermann had accepted the Vestry's invitation to preach.

Fr Maitland outlined arrangements for Lent and Easter, including details of the Lent course which would be run over six Wednesday evenings. Two meetings had taken place with the Pastoral Assistants, and they would be participating in the Lent course. Fr Maitland thanked all those who had been involved in the preparations for Christmas. The Vestry thanked Fr and Mrs Maitland for all their work on behalf of the congregation.

It was reported that there had been some water ingress from the roof during the recent bad weather. Arrangements had been made for repairs to be carried out.

Mrs Elizabeth Briggs had announced her resignation as St Bride's representative on the World Day of Prayer committee. The Vestry thanked her for all her work over the years and would look for a successor.

The Vestry noted several complaints regarding the Youth Club and agreed that a letter should be sent to the organisers.

A letter drawing the Vestry's attention to transport difficulties caused by rescheduled Sunday bus services was discussed.

The possibility of repainting the screen in the Lady Chapel was discussed.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February.

Jonathan Lord
Secretary to the Vestry

Glasgow
Chamber Choir

'Song of Songs'

St Bride's Episcopal Church

Saturday 23 February 2008, 7.30 p.m.

Settings of the "Song of Songs" by:

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

William Walton

Edward Bairstow

and "Songs of Courtship" by:

John Bevan Baker 1926 – 1994

Oliver Rundell - guest conductor

Tickets at the door £9.00 (concessions £6.00)

Music List - February 2008

3	SUNDAY Patronal Festival	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Darke <i>Service in F</i> Bruckner <i>Locus iste</i> Hymns 197, 148, 381, 484	Psalm 2
6	ASH WEDNESDAY	19.00	SUNG EUCHARIST Cabena <i>Mass in the Dorian Mode</i> Byrd <i>Miserere mei</i> Hymns 67, 368, 75	Psalm 51
10	SUNDAY First Sunday of Lent	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Byrd <i>Mass in 4 parts</i> Tallis <i>O nata lux</i> Hymns 439, 67, 507, 425	Psalm 32
17	SUNDAY Second Sunday of Lent	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Batten <i>Short Communion Service</i> Tallis <i>If ye love me</i> Hymns 427, 364 (t.408), 507, 485	Psalm 121
24	SUNDAY Third Sunday of Lent	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Oldroyd <i>Missa Ave Jesu</i> Loosemore <i>O Lord, increase our faith</i> Hymns 137, 374, 507, 467	Psalm 95

Rector: Russell Jones

Organist & Choirmaster: David Spottiswoode
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Dr Stuart Campbell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2008						
					Friday 1	Saturday 2
Sunday 3 <i>Patronal Festival</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 12.30 Lunch	Monday 4 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 7 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 8	Saturday 9
Sunday 10 <i>Lent 1</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 11 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Lent Group	Thursday 14 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 15 18.00 Russian Orthodox service	Saturday 16 10.00 Russian Orthodox service
Sunday 17 <i>Lent 2</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 18 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.00 BBC SSO Club	Tuesday 19 19.30 Vestry	Wednesday 20 11.00 Morning Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Lent Group	Thursday 21 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 22	Saturday 23 10.00 Cleaning session 12.00 Healing service 19.30 Concert
Sunday 24 <i>Lent 3</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 25 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27 14.00 Cont. Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Lent Group	Thursday 28 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 29	Saturday 1 Mar

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
3 February		Michael Rae Eileen Maitland
10 February		Anne Currie Alison Gifford
17 February	See notice boards for details	Andrew Lockyer Jonathan Lord
24 February		Elizabeth Black Christopher Black
2 March		Jonathan Lord Mary Sillitto

READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

Revised Common Lectionary: Year A, Track 2

3 February <i>Patronal Festival</i>	Hosea 6, v 1-6 1 John 1, v 1-4 John 10, 7- 6
10 February <i>Lent 1</i>	Genesis 2, v 15-17, 3, v 1-7 Romans 5, v 12-19 Matthew 4, v 1-11
17 February <i>Lent 2</i>	Genesis 12, v 1-4a Romans 4, v 1-5, 13-17 John 3, v 1-17
24 February <i>Lent 3</i>	Exodus 17, v 1-7 Romans 5, v 1-11 John 4, v 5-42

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

February

1	Fri	Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c 525	The Mission of this Church
2	Sat	The Presentation of the Lord	Christ Church, Dalbeattie
3	Sun	Patronal Festival	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
4	Mon	Feria	Victims of Civil War
5	Tues	Feria	Fishing Industry
6	Wed	Ash Wednesday	Penitence and Discipline
7	Thur	Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597	Japan and Korea
8	Fri	Feria	Alcoholics
9	Sat	Feria	
10	Sun	Lent 1	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
11	Mon	Scholastica, Religious, 543	
12	Tues	Feria	The NHS
13	Wed	Feria	Our Lent Group
14	Thur	Cyril, Monk, 869, and Methodius, Bishop, 885	Balkan States
15	Fri	Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730	SPCK
16	Sat	Feria	The Vestry
17	Sun	Lent 2	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
18	Mon	Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 676	Artists
19	Tues	Martin Luther, 1545	Reformers
20	Wed	Feria	Central Europe
21	Thur	Feria	Oxfam
22	Fri	Feria	Chronically ill
23	Sat	Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, 156	St Margaret, New Galloway
24	Sun	Lent 3	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
25	Mon	Feria	Partners in Advocacy
26	Tues	Feria	SEC Board for Ministry
27	Wed	George Herbert	Theologians
28	Thur	Feria	Primary Schools
29	Fri	Feria	

March

1	Sat	David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c 544	Church and People of Wales
2	Sun	Lent 4	Life and Ministry of St Bride's