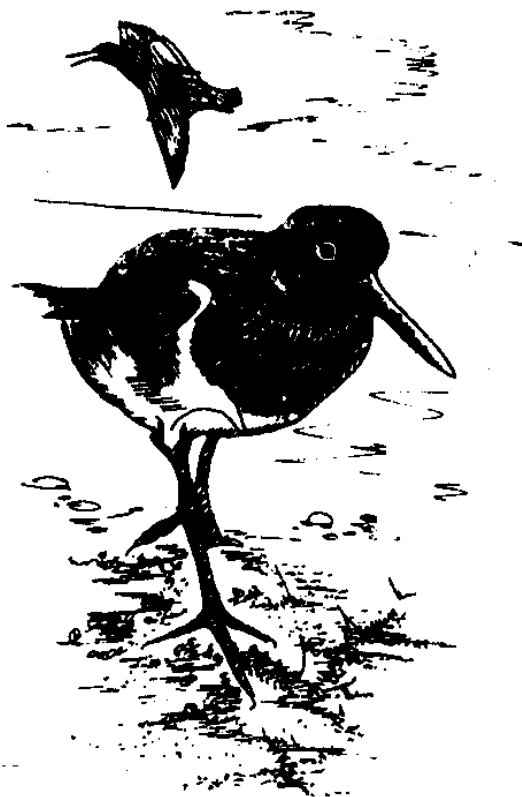


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St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt.

On weekdays the services are as follows:

<b>Mon:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
<b>Wed:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
<b>Thur:</b>	Mattins 9.30 a.m.	The Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

**Confessions** by appointment.

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## FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

The mellow warmth of June, interrupted by highly seasonal showers and even thunder storms, seems to offer us a refuge against the cold and wet of our long spring. Perhaps here is a danger: that in looking for a time of relaxation and warmth, we find ourselves confronted by the conditions we did not expect or wish to see. I have known snow in May, so a blustery June is not really out of character, even if it is unwelcome.

Perhaps there are other things that also lull us into a false sense of security. We find great solace in our worship, but must beware of using our form of worship as a substitute for its content or focus. We have a temporary cushion in our investments, but it could disappear in unforeseen expenditures, and the living cannot expect to be supported indefinitely by the dead. We are greatly served by those who attend our meetings, take responsibility, and lead us in the details of our worship: but changes in circumstances, employment, health or whatever could deprive us of their sacrificial service.

So we will need to continue to ask how we can assist the life and work of the church from within the circumstances of our lives. I accept that many are immobile and possibly frail, however even these can attend to one of the greatest areas of Christian work of all – in their prayers. Just as we have much to give thanks for, so we also have much to pray for and the vacancy which started this week is definitely one of them. Then there are our finances, and allied to that – indeed, taking priority – is our effectiveness in attracting new members and nurturing them into the fullness of the Christian gospel and service.

Prayer does really move God mightily. We are not telling Him anything He does not know, but we are placing our desires before Him, to be turned and nurtured according to His purposes, and to call forth the might of our loving Heavenly Father whom we approach with confidence in Jesus Christ.

One instance of answered prayer may be with our list of intercessions. A person, long since taken off the list, once pointed out that during a period of 18 months: health improved, marriage improved, mother re-accommodated in more suitable accommodation, and a new job. Not bad for the work of prayer. And this is something that all, regardless of age, infirmity or mobility, can take part in.

**Sydney Maitland**

## SUMMONED BY BELLS

Bells have a variety of uses in our church life, ranging from the liturgical to peals of pure joy.

The said Eucharist starts with a small bell sounded in the vestry to announce that the priest is about to enter the church and that the service is about to begin. It calls the congregation to its attention from its private devotions or from informal conversations. The large bell is sounded before worship to summon worshippers to church, and this may continue for several minutes.

During the Mass, bells are sounded during the consecration prayer: when the elements are elevated for view at each stage of the Narrative of the Institution. This is when the wafer and the chalice are in turn the focus of attention and the priest has said “This is My Body” and “This is My Blood”. Just as the elements are elevated for the congregation to see, so the bells draw attention to the same event. At the end of the consecration prayer, and both the chalice and the wafer are elevated, so the bells are again sounded. The sanctuary bell alerts the congregation while the church bell tells the world at large that the Eucharist is being celebrated and that these essential parts of the worship have been reached. This applied particularly when the service took place in Latin, and it told the people of the high points within the celebration. There may indeed be a case for sounding the bells during or after the “epiclesis”, when in terms of our Scottish liturgy, the Holy Spirit is invoked upon the elements, and it is arguable that it is at this point that wafer becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ.

A bell may also be sounded to tell of joy: the peal of bells at a wedding or a major civic occasion; it could be of sorrow as the bell is tolled for a funeral, as the coffin leaves the church. It can even be a warning – during the Second World War, the sounding of church bells was to be a warning of the landing of enemy parachutists.

During our liturgical year, bells are kept in mind over Christmas, telling out the birth of our Saviour, and may be sounded during worship as an expression of sheer exuberance, again at Christmas and possibly at the Paschal Vigil and Easter.

In all these senses, there might be a bell for all occasions.

**Sydney Maitland**

**An advance date for your diary: there will be a viola concert in church on the evening of Tuesday 1 July. More details in the pew sheet and on the notice boards nearer the time.**

## FR RUSSELL JONES

The first of June was the final Sunday in the ministry of Fr Russell Jones in St Bride's. As you will know, he ceased to preside in St Bride's at the beginning of December 2007 when he went on study leave and, prior to his return to his duties, submitted his resignation and was on sick leave.

He came to St Brides in 1998 following the retirement of Fr George Thomson after a long illness, and his pastoral ministry has been appreciated by many. He has been active in diocesan affairs and for a time provided chaplaincy service at our Universities.

We wish him well in his work and vocation as a priest for the future and we trust that he will be restored to full health in the near future. Our thoughts are with Jacqui, Jamie, Duncan, and Ailsa at this time of change in their lives.

**Sydney Maitland**

## FLOWERS AND GARDENING

Flowers in church during May were donated by Elizabeth Taylor and the Russian Orthodox Community. Although my book of saints has a number of interesting entries for June, none of them has any floral connection in art. The arrangements this month will, therefore, be quite ordinary.

Now that the better weather has come, we should like to spend some time on the church garden. No knowledge is required to weed the paths and litter can be collected using a fancy tool which saves bending. It would be appreciated if someone could keep others supplied with tea and coffee. If you feel able to offer an hour or two of your time, please contact Alison or Eileen to arrange a suitable time. I am usually at church on a Friday morning to arrange flowers.

**Eileen Maitland**

**I hope all readers of *The Oystercatcher* have been watching *Springwatch* on BBC1 and following the fortunes of the family of birds from which our magazine takes its name –Ed.**

## ACTIONAID NEWS

The people of Kenya have had a very difficult time during the past few months. As you probably know, after the last elections in December there was a suggestion of vote rigging, resulting in widespread rioting and violence. Many people were killed and 250,000 have been forcefully displaced from their homes. Despite this political situation, ActionAid was quick to respond and has joined other relief agencies in providing much-needed food, water, medicines etc. to those most badly affected.

I have not heard from our two children, Saningo and Masiamy, for some time now. I do hope they are well and have not been badly affected by the political situation. We must continue to support them by our sponsorship.

I sent a cheque to ActionAid recently for £180. We now have to work towards another £80 before December. I am very grateful to all of you who continue to donate regularly. Even a few coppers in the plate can make a difference. Please continue with your generosity, and remember you are helping two small boys and their community to enable them to help themselves. I would also ask that you remember them in your prayers and hope for a much better future for them.

**Betty Wright**  
**ActionAid Co-ordinator**

### SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

**Across** 1 Peewit, 5 Elgin, 8 Dragon, 9 Priam, 10 (Un)Clouded, 11 Ferns, 14 Teeth, 17 Bestows, 19 Burst, 20 Tallis, 22 Ended, 23 Remake

**Down** 2 Ear, 3 Wigton, 4 Tunic, 5 Exploit, 6 Griddle, 7 Nomad, 8 Deaf, 12 Rose-Red, 13 Shouted, 15 Emblem, 16 Hips, 17 Bible, 18 Satyr, 21 Ink

**BBC SCOTTISH SYMPHONY CLUB**

## *Social Evening*

**St Bride's, Monday 16th June 2008 at 7.30 pm**

**Robin Panter and Friends**

**Interval Refreshment Drinks**

**Suggested donations to defray expenses will be collected at the door:**

**Club Members £3.50, Non Members £5.00, Students £2.00**

## VISITING AN ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Fr Sydney has provided this guide for visitors to an Orthodox church. The congregations do not expect all visitors to know about Orthodox traditions, and there is a lot of variation in the way Orthodox themselves do things. These are some of the things you will see people doing inside the church:*

***Making the sign of the Cross*** as they come in. This is an act of reverence that reminds us where we are - it orientates us to God in his house.

***Venerating icons***. Icons are holy pictures used in prayer. On Sundays the icon of the Resurrection is usually in the middle of the church. The other main icons are of Christ (front right) and of the Mother of God (front left). To venerate an icon, people usually make the sign of the cross twice, with or without touching the ground, as they approach; then they kiss the icon (but not on the face), and then they cross themselves once more.

***Lighting candles***. The congregation light candles as a symbol of their prayers, and you are welcome to do so if you wish.

***Prostration***. This is kneeling with your head touching the ground, at particularly important moments in the service. Some people prefer not to do this on a Sunday, which is the day of Resurrection, so standing is the more appropriate posture. You will notice immediately that there are no pews in the church. In general, they are not favoured by the Orthodox because they feel it is appropriate to pray standing in the presence of God and pews restrict the freedom and spontaneity of worship. If you find it difficult to stand throughout the service it is quite acceptable to sit (it is, however, customary to stand for the reading of the Gospel and during the consecration of the Holy Gifts at the Divine Liturgy).

The icon screen (iconostasis) that delineates the sanctuary has a twofold significance. It reminds the congregation of the fact that they are pilgrims on the way to the kingdom of heaven and that this must be the basic purpose of our lives in this world. Equally, the icons of Christ and the saints turned toward us proclaim the good news that, in Christ, our fallen human nature is already redeemed and taken up into the life of heaven: "Christ has entered, ..., into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9, 24). Thus, the iconostasis does not separate heaven and earth, the sanctuary and the nave, but rather unites them.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY**. The general structure of the Liturgy will be familiar to Western Christians. It consists of psalms, Epistle and Gospel readings, the Creed and the prayer of consecration, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Communion. The Liturgy takes the form of a dialogue between celebrant and people, in which the function of the choir is to give voice to the prayer of the congregation. Intercessory

prayer, in the form of litanies chanted by a deacon to which the choir responds “Lord, have mercy” or “Grant this, O Lord”, occupies a prominent place. In the Orthodox tradition, services are always sung without musical accompaniment, as the human voice is felt to be the fittest instrument for the praise of God.

**COMMUNION.** Orthodox do not receive communion in non-Orthodox churches, nor are Orthodox clergy allowed to give communion to non-Orthodox, except occasionally in situations of special pastoral need. This rule does not spring from any lack of love, but from the deep conviction held by Orthodoxy that the act of receiving communion is essentially connected with our Church membership. Until divided Christians are fully reconciled with each other, they feel that it is premature to share in communion together. Although Holy Communion is reserved to Orthodox Christians who are duly prepared, all “who enter in faith, reverence, and in the fear of God” can participate in worship by being quietly open to the presence of God and by attending to the words and actions of the services.

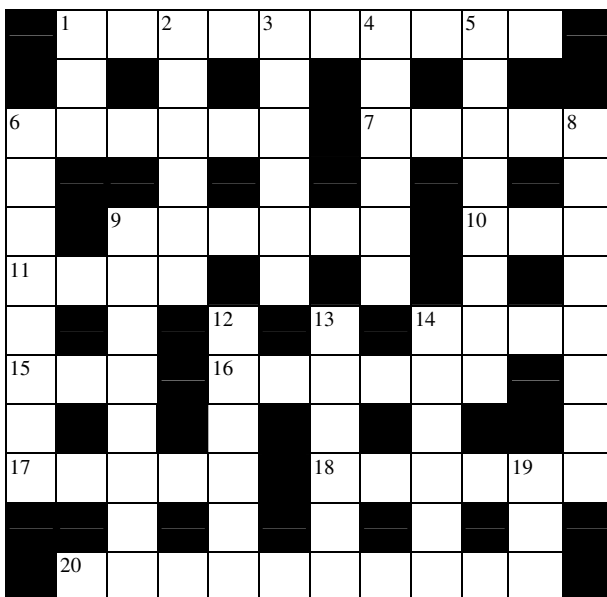
**PROSPHORAS and INTERCESSION LISTS.** You will see people placing small loaves (prosporas) and lists of intercessions on a table. These lists contain the names of those both among the living and the departed for whom they wish prayers to be offered at the Liturgy. This is generally something that is done only by Orthodox. You are, however, very welcome to join at the end in kissing the cross held by the Celebrant if you wish (you should kiss the cross and his hand), and also to take some of the bread that is offered afterwards. This bread is blessed but not consecrated. Sometimes members of the congregation may give you small pieces of bread, which is also blessed but not consecrated, from their own prosphoras, and this is for you to eat. It is not customary to share with others the bread you have been given after kissing the cross.

**THE VIGIL SERVICE** consists of Vespers and Matins and is usually celebrated the evening before the Divine Liturgy.

## HEALING SERVICE

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 21 June. 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.

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 To drink wine I've found strengthening (10)  
 6 This fruit can be a right tonic (6)  
 7 First two of Psalms with any sort of flower (5)  
 9 Sheet folded into eight pages (6)  
 10 Dry (of wine) (3)  
 11 "And pity 'tis 'tis ...." (Hamlet) (4)  
 14 Race holding former words of a book (4)  
 15 Indian bread (3)  
 16 After thought in backwood has passed (6)  
 17 Music (5)  
 18 Ventilating (6)  
 20 Greek philosopher (10)

### Down

- 1 Kind of whale (3)  
 2 Follow round us up again (6)  
 3 They have (6)  
 4 Go quietly (6)  
 5 In Ivan is hedge disappeared (8)  
 6 Cotton fabric (8)  
 8 Sailing (8)  
 9 Amount of mixed colour in the wharf (8)  
 12 Whiten (6)  
 13 Spring past (6)  
 14 "Thou shalt not be afraid of any ..... by night" (Psalm 81) (6)  
 19 Health Service (1,1,1)

**Compiled by Lily Bland**  
**Solution next month**

## Music List - June 2008

1	<b>SUNDAY</b> Second Sunday after Trinity	10.30	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Batten Short Communion Service</i> Psalm 46 Tallis <i>If ye love me</i> Hymns 346, 414, 374, 366
8	<b>SUNDAY</b> Third Sunday after Trinity	10.30	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Cabena Mass in the Dorian Mode</i> Psalm 33, vv 1-12 Loosemore <i>O Lord, increase our faith</i> Hymns 52, 420, 294, 408
15	<b>SUNDAY</b> Fourth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Darke Communion Service in F</i> Psalm 116, vv 1, 10-16 Vaughan Williams <i>Let all the world</i> Hymns 334, 431, 295, 394
22	<b>SUNDAY</b> Fifth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Byrd Mass in 4 parts</i> Psalm 86, vv 1-10 Mudd <i>Let thy merciful ears</i> Hymns 238, 433, 277, 393
29	<b>SUNDAY</b> Sixth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Viadana Missa L'Hora Passa</i> Psalm 89, vv 1-4, 15-18 Terry Richard <i>De Castre's Prayer to Jesus</i> Hymns 427, 365, 273, 476

*Hon. Assistant Priest:*  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS                      JUNE 2008**

<b>Sunday 1</b> <i>Trinity 2</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 2</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 3</b>	<b>Wednesday 4</b> 11.00 Morning Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 5</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 6</b> 18.00 Russian Orthodox service	<b>Saturday 7</b> 10.00 Russian Orthodox service
<b>Sunday 4</b> <i>Trinity 3</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 9</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 10</b>	<b>Wednesday 11</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 12</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 13</b>	<b>Saturday 14</b>
<b>Sunday 11</b> <i>Trinity 4</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 16</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 BBC SSO Club	<b>Tuesday 17</b>	<b>Wednesday 18</b> 14.00 Cont. Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.00 Vestry	<b>Thursday 19</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 20</b>	<b>Saturday 21</b> 10.30 Cleaning 12.00 Healing service
<b>Sunday 18</b> <i>Trinity 5</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 23</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 24</b>	<b>Wednesday 25</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry	<b>Thursday 26</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 27</b>	<b>Saturday 28</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b> <i>Trinity 6</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 30</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 1 July</b> 19.30 Concert	<b>Wednesday 2                  July</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 3                  July</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 4 July</b>	<b>Saturday 5                  July</b>

## ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
<b>1 June</b>		Mary Sillitto Michael Rae
<b>8 June</b>		Christopher Black Andrew Lockyer
<b>15 June</b>	See notice boards for details	Eileen Maitland Jonathan Lord
<b>22 June</b>		Anne Currie Alison Gifford
<b>29 June</b>		Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

<b>1 June</b> <i>Trinity 2</i>	Genesis 6, v 9-22, 7, v 24, 8, v 14-19 Romans 1, v 16-17, 3, v 22-28 Matthew 7, v 21-29
<b>8 June</b> <i>Trinity 3</i>	Genesis 12, v 1-9 Romans 4, v 13-25 Matthew 9, v 9-13, 18-26
<b>15 June</b> <i>Trinity 4</i>	Genesis 18, v 1-15 Romans 5, v 1-8 Matthew 9, v 35 – 10, v 8
<b>22 June</b> <i>Trinity 5</i>	Genesis 21, v 8-21 Romans 6, v 1-11 Matthew 10, v 24-39
<b>29 June</b> <i>Trinity 6</i>	Genesis 22, v 1-14 Romans 6, v 12-23 Matthew 10, v 40-42

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## KALENDAR FOR JUNE/JULY

### June

1	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 2	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
2	Mon	Feria	ActionAid
3	Tues	Feria	The Scout and Guide movement
4	Wed	John XXIII, Bishop, Reformer, 1963	Christian renewal
5	Thur	Boniface of Mainz, Bp, 754	St Columba, Clydebank
6	Fri	Feria	Sunday School
7	Sat	Feria	Action Aid
8	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 3	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
9	Mon	Columba of Iona, 597	Christians on Iona
10	Tues	Feria	
11	Wed	Barnabas, Apostle	Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley
12	Thur	John Skinner, Pr 1807 & John Skinner Bp 1816	Youth workers
13	Fri	Feria	Social services
14	Sat	Basil of Caesarea 379; Gregory of Nazianzus c390; Gregory of Nyssa 394, Bps & Teachers	Ecumenical movement
15	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 4	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
16	Mon	Feria	Diplomats
17	Tues	Feria	Retail trade
18	Wed	Berbard Mizeki, 1896	Central Africa
19	Thur	Feria	Red Cross
20	Fri	Fillan, Abbot c750	St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
21	Sat	Feria	Retail trade
22	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 5	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
23	Mon	Feria	Local politicians
24	Tues	The Birth of John the Baptist	Justice in the Middle East
25	Wed	Feria	Samaritans
26	Thur	Robert Leighton, Bp 1684	Pastoral assistants
27	Fri	Alexander Jolly, Bp 1838	Unemployed
28	Sat	Irenaeus of Lyons, Bp 202	Peace in the world
29	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 6	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
30	Mon	Peter and Paul, Apostles	Newly ordained

### July

1	Tues	Feria	University staff
2	Wed	Feria	Voluntary organisations
3	Thur	Feria	Architects and Town Planners
4	Fri	Feria	Holy Name, Cumbernauld
5	Sat	Feria	Actors' Church Union