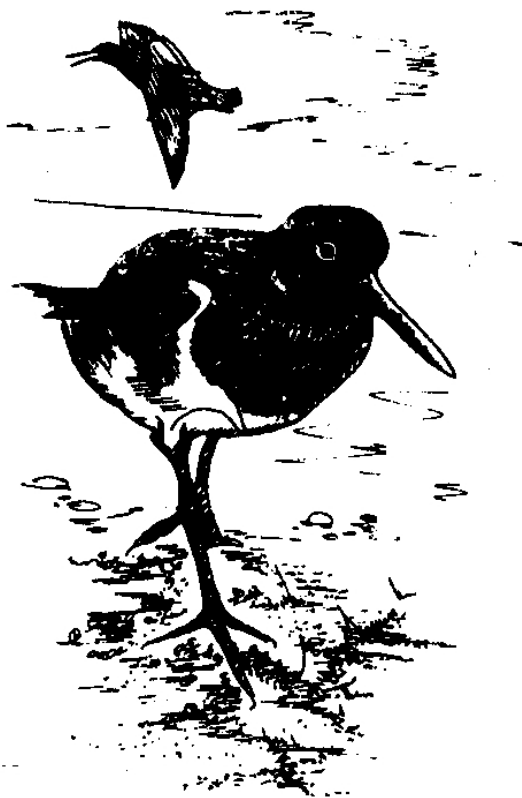


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St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt.

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.

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stbride.org.uk">www.stbride.org.uk</a>
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## FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

May brings us the feast of Pentecost (or Whitsun) and Trinity Sunday: both of which are more festivals of the church rather than of the life and ministry of Jesus. From here onwards, our thoughts are led by our readings from the epistles, (although in practice I still find that the stress in teaching and preaching is in the gospels, possibly with stronger contributions from the epistles). But this is in contrast with the season from the end of November (Christ the King) leading to Advent, Christmas, Epiphanytide, Lent, Eastertide and so to Ascensiontide and Pentecost, all of which are much more gospel-led and are focused on the life and ministry of Jesus.

The stress, however, is always on the person of Jesus in that the atonement, which we celebrate in the Eucharist, is there throughout our readings of scripture, in one form or another. The simple point is that our loftiest ideals and standards cannot even be imagined without the work of Jesus. He takes any such values out of the world of power and control and the expediencies of conflicting forces and into a place where all is holy and where the thing that is unworthy of the Glory of God cannot and will not prosper.

To put it another way, peace without peace with God is only a temporary intellectual armistice. Justice apart from the mercy of God in Jesus is wholesale condemnation, as “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. Holiness is the simplicity of the sinner, justified before God and given new life and new hope in Jesus – and now engaged in a lifetime of realising it while simplicity is self-denial without being proud of it and it starts in the heart, long before it reaches the wallet. It is Jesus who gives form to our values which otherwise would be vague. So it is Jesus who incarnates those values which we prize most as Christians. And it is in the readings of the long season of Trinity that these aspects will come more into focus.

**Sydney Maitland**

## WATER, WATER ...

Water has an extensive part to play in our liturgy. We first encounter it at Baptism, symbolising dying to self, in Christ and rising again out of the grave: this is particularly true where full immersion baptism is practiced, and mainly where adult baptism is the norm. Here the body lies down in the grave and rises to new life in Jesus Christ. Our own custom of infant baptism confines the experience of water to a sprinkling over a font, and in this sense the water symbolizes a cleansing of sin.

We may also receive water, again to indicate cleansing, when we enter the church and cross ourselves using water from a stoup that has been set aside and blessed for the purpose. Here we are seeking cleansing and protection against distraction as we draw near to God in our private devotions and public worship. This is very much a private and personal act of devotion, practiced by many but not all.

Then there is the use of water during the celebration of the Eucharist. Here it is used to wash the priest's hands after the offertory – redolent of when offerings in kind were made, and therefore dirt or grease had to be washed off for hygienic reasons before the sacred elements were handled. It is also used to mingle with the wine, and recalls St John's observation at Jesus' crucifixion that water and blood issued from His side when it had been pierced by a spear (John 19:34).

Water used, further in the "asperses" – an act of cleansing, this time in the context of public worship and, therefore, essentially a corporate act. It applies to the worshipping community and may express contrition if part of a confession of sins, or commitment when an article is dedicated, e.g. a Christmas crib, foundation or dedication stone or resurrection scene.

There are almost certainly more uses of water, particularly within the Catholic tradition, which I have not mentioned and any contributions to our understanding in this respect would be welcome.

Sydney Maitland

**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**

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Our thanks are due to Renee Little, Anne Mackill and the Russian Orthodox Community for their donations of flowers in April.

May sees Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, but I hope to try some displays relevant to the appropriate saints after that. The feast day of Rita of Cascia (c.1380-c.1457) falls on 22 May. She is known as the reluctant wife, having obeyed her elderly parents and married when only twelve, although she really wanted to be a nun. Her husband was given to drunkenness, violence and infidelity. Nevertheless, she stayed with him for eighteen years until he was stabbed to death in a brawl. Their two sons swore revenge but died shortly after with this vengeance unfulfilled. Rita eventually joined the Augustinian convent of Santa Maria Maddalena after three attempts. They normally only admitted virgins.

She is hailed, like Jude, as the patron saint of desperate cases, especially by women suffering in unhappy marriages. She is also invoked by the childless and infertile, probably because her parents were elderly when she was born.

In art, she is shown as receiving a crown of roses from the Virgin and one of thorns from the saints. I will try to make a suitable floral display at the back of the church.

**Eileen Maitland**

## CHURCH CLEANING AND SUMMER PARTY

The next date for church cleaning will be Saturday 31 May, at 10.30 a.m. We would like to scrub all the chairs in the crypt. Pan scrubs and small brushes, soap and water will make a great difference.

I believe the Vestry is planning a congregational party in June. They will tell you more about it, but clean chairs will be required. Although I understand they aim to hold it near John the Baptist's feast day, I have not heard that either the dance of the seven veils or any beheading has been put forward as part of the entertainment so far.

**Eileen Maitland**

## ACCOUNTS FOR 9 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2008

INCOME	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Total to date
<b>General Donations</b>				
Open Collection	810.96	<b>965.72</b>	1197.71	2974.39
Envelopes	1001.40	1333.74	941.10	3276.24
Standing Orders	2757.34	2870.51	2740.51	8368.36
SWCG				
CAF		600.00		600.00
<b>Specified Donations</b>				
General		<b>92.84</b>	11.76	104.60
Organ				
Organist				
Ivy McClelland Choral Scholars	1000.00			1000.00
Sound				
Congregation			384.00	384.00
Fabric				
Activities				
Toddlers' group	390.00		300.00	690.00
Youth group	90.00	300.00	180.00	570.00
RSAMD				
Events	115.00	291.40	240.00	646.40
<b>Investment income</b>				
Endowment Fund dividends	2436.27	<b>1284.39</b>	1056.79	4777.45
S&J dividends	2417.44	2274.68		4692.12
Fabric Fund dividends	13.01	<b>403.20</b>		416.21
Interest				
<b>Congregational Activities</b>				
Tea & coffee donations	110.00	<b>99.09</b>	130.00	339.09
Publications		52.60	11.00	63.60
<b>Tax reclaim</b>				
Gift Aid		2815.33	2285.87	5101.20
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11141.42</b>	13383.50	9478.74	34003.66

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Jul-Sep</b>	<b>Oct-Dec</b>	<b>Jan-Mar</b>	<b>Total to date</b>
<b>Quota</b>	1439.70	<b>959.80</b>	<b>1729.00</b>	<b>4128.50</b>
<b>Stipends</b>				
Rector (incl PAYE & NI)	5751.43	5795.37	5874.69	17421.49
Rector's Pension	1326.99	1326.99	1366.20	4020.18
Organist (incl PAYE)	750.00	750.00	750.00	2250.00
Asst Organist (incl PAYE)	375.00	375.00	375.00	1125.00
Choristers	150.00	<b>400.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1300.00</b>
Asst Priest Honorarium		<b>200.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Church (operational)</b>				
Insurance	719.98	1079.97	1021.45	2821.40
Fire services				
Utilities	177.77	2085.18	428.45	2691.40
Letting costs				
Kingsborough Gardens				
Miscellaneous	25.00	730.56	169.49	925.05
<b>Rectory (operational)</b>				
Council Tax	789.00	789.00	263.00	1841.00
Phone	275.46	305.72	223.99	805.17
(Rector's phone contribution)	(100.00)	(120.00)	(70.00)	(290.00)
Utilities	375.50	400.90	368.50	1144.90
Factor/ Garden/ Insurance	36.53	<b>398.97</b>	<b>40.55</b>	<b>476.05</b>
<b>Fabric</b>				
Repair	420.06	589.78	2825.43	3835.27
<b>Improvements</b>		7.46		7.46
VAT reclaim				
Surveying		400.00		400.00
<b>Congregation</b>				
General	136.33	19.80	600.00	756.13
Publications				
<b>Worship Costs</b>				
Altar	10.00	<b>349.01</b>		<b>359.01</b>
Stationery		<b>69.48</b>	<b>61.50</b>	<b>130.98</b>
Rector Expenses		<b>529.79</b>		<b>529.79</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>12658.75</b>	<b>17242.78</b>	<b>17377.25</b>	<b>47478.78</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>				<b>(13475.12)</b>

## MAUREEN STAFFORD

Most people will know that Maureen Stafford, a long time member of the church, died on Thursday 1 May. Her immediate family members have all died, leaving only a brother-in-law in the south of England as next of kin. Mr Denis Stephenson has asked that donations to St Margaret's Hospice in Clydebank would be much appreciated as a way of remembering her. Everyone in the Hospice was most kind to Mr Stephenson as well as giving all the love and care possible to Maureen herself. Since the papers have told of the threat of closure of the Hospice, we can be sure that any gift will be valued by staff and patients alike.

## 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 31 May. 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.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Members of the congregation have no doubt come to their own views on the former Rector's letter, so I will only comment on the third paragraph. My family has endured some very difficult times, and we feel we owe a great deal to the prayers, sympathy and care of the congregation over the past thirty and more years. In the circumstances, I think that should go on record.

**Elizabeth Black**

**The Vestry met on 28 April to begin the process of preparing a parish profile which will form part of the information process leading to the appointment of a new Rector. It is important that the congregation is fully involved in this so, once a draft document is produced, members of the congregation will have an opportunity of commenting at a special meeting. Details of the arrangements for the meeting will appear in the pew sheet in due course.**

## MILLPORT RETREATS 2008

Fancy a retreat at Millport?

St Bride's is in credit by £200 with Millport, and the Vestry has agreed that a £66 contribution will be made towards the cost of any event for any three members of the congregation who wish to go on retreat there before the end of 2008.

Currently advertised events are:

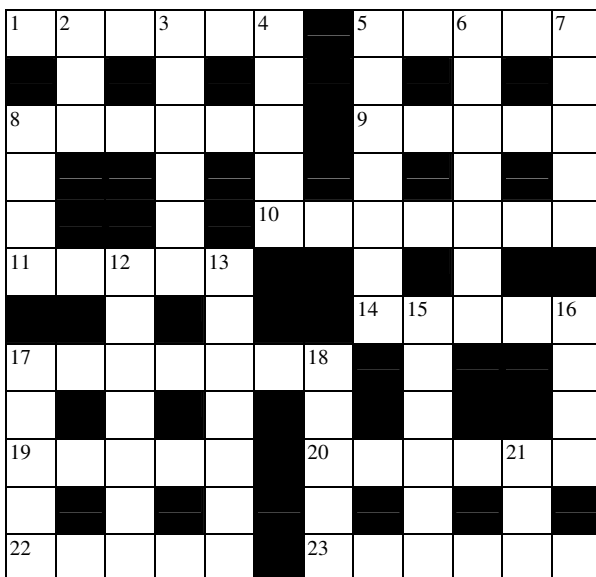
<b>8-13 June</b>	Celtic retreat (£200 or £50 per night)
<b>28-31 July</b>	Art break (watercolours and drawing) (Beginners and intermediate) (£145)
<b>5-8 August</b>	Prayer retreat (£125)
<b>18-21 September</b>	Photography break (£145)
<b>26-29 September</b>	Yoga (Restricted numbers) (£150)
<b>29 September-3 October</b>	Celtic retreat (£200 or £50 per night)
<b>28-30 November</b>	Advent Retreat and Advent Carols Service (£100)
<b>24-29 December</b>	Christmas House Party (£250)

The residential charge covers full board. For most of the events there is also the possibility of non-residential participation. More information can be found at: <http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk/cumbrae2008breaks.html>.

What you need to do: let me or Jonathan know which retreat you are interested in (and the date and the cost), and you will be given a voucher that you can present to Millport in order to get your reduced fee. First come, first served!

**Helen Purchase**

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Lapwing's call (6)  
 2 Town of the Spanish spirit (5)  
 5 Continue boringly as a monster (6)  
 9 A King of Troy (5)  
 10 "All in the blue un.... weather Thick jewell'd shone the saddle leather" (Tennyson, The Lady of Shalott) (7)  
 11 Plants (5)  
 14 With which we chew (5)  
 17 Gives (7)  
 19 Explode (5)  
 20 'Tis all in the composer (6)  
 22 Finished (5)  
 23 New version of film (6)

**Compiled by Lily Bland**

**Solution next month**

### Down

- 2 Refuse to listen: turn a deaf ... (3)  
 3 Are the bald heavy headed in this Cumbrian town? (6)  
 4 Garment of United Nations in twitch (5)  
 5 Feat of one time confused pilot (7)  
 6 Initially Diana's in a girdle to bake on this (7)  
 7 Rover initially night of miracles and dreams (5)  
 8 Fade out can't hear (4)  
 12 "A .... city half as old as time (Petra) (4-3)  
 13 Bawled out in the shed (7)  
 15 Type of badge (6)  
 16 Fruit of the wild rose (4)  
 17 Contains Old and New Testaments (5)  
 18 Greek god of the woods (5)  
 21 Liquid used for writing (3)

## Music List - May 2008

<b>4</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> Sunday after Ascension	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Cabena <i>Mass in the Dorian Mode</i> Psalm 68, vv 1-10, 32-35 Attwood <i>Come Holy Ghost</i> Hymns 130, 271, 302, 134
<b>11</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> Pentecost	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Darke <i>Communion Service in E</i> Psalm 104, vv 24-35 Palestrina <i>Sicut Servus</i> Hymns 137, 431, 138, 296 (t.1)
<b>18</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> Trinity Sunday	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Orlando di Lasso <i>Missa super Frère Thibault</i> Psalm 8 Orlando di Lasso <i>Tibi laus, tibi gloria</i> Hymns 146, 466, 358, 433
<b>25</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> First Sunday after Trinity	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Viadana <i>Missa L'Hora Passa</i> Psalm 119, vv 33-40 Attwood <i>Teach me, O Lord</i> Hymns 205, 333, 481 (t.462), 324

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<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>							<b>MAY 2008</b>
				<b>Thursday 1</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 2</b>	<b>Saturday 3</b>	
<b>Sunday 4</b> <i>Sunday after Ascension</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 5</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 6</b>	<b>Wednesday 7</b> 14.00 Cont. Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 8</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 9</b>	<b>Saturday 10</b>	
<b>Sunday 11</b> <i>Pentecost</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 12</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 13</b>	<b>Wednesday 14</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 15</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 16</b> 18.00 Russian Orthodox service	<b>Saturday 17</b> 10.00 Russian Orthodox service	
<b>Sunday 18</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 19</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 20</b>	<b>Wednesday 21</b> 11.00 Morning Prayer 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 Vestry	<b>Thursday 22</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 23</b>	<b>Saturday 24</b>	
<b>Sunday 25</b> <i>Trinity 1</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 26</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 27</b>	<b>Wednesday 28</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 29</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 30</b>	<b>Saturday 31</b> 10.30 Cleaning 12.00 Healing service	

## ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
<b>4 May</b>		Jonathan Lord Mary Sillitto
<b>11 May</b>		Christopher Black Andrew Lockyer
<b>18 May</b>	See notice boards for details	Eileen Maitland Anne Currie
<b>25 May</b>		Alison Gifford Elizabeth Black
<b>1 June</b>		Mary Sillitto Michael Rae

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

Revised Common Lectionary: Year A, Track 2

<b>4 May</b> <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	Acts 1, v 6-14 1 Peter 4, v 12-14; 5, v 6-11 John 17, v 1-11
<b>11 May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Acts 2, v 1-21 1 Corinthians 12, v 3-13 John 20, v 10-23
<b>18 May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Isaiah 40, v 12-17, 27-31 2 Corinthians 13, v 11-14 Matthew 28, v 16-20
<b>25 May</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>	Leviticus 19, v 1-2, 9-18 1 Corinthians 3, v 10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5, v 39-48
<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

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## KALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE

### May

1	Thur	Ascension Day	Liturgists
2	Fri	Philip and James, Apostles	St James the Less, Bishopbriggs
3	Sat	Feria	ActionAid
4	<b>Sun</b>	Sunday after Ascension	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
5	Mon	Feria	Southern Africa
6	Tues	Feria	Save the Children
7	Wed	Feria	Diocesan Secretary
8	Thur	Julian of Norwich, c 1417	Mystics
9	Fri	Feria	Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock
10	Sat	Feria	Mining Industry
11	<b>Sun</b>	Pentecost	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
12	Mon	Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743	Christian Aid workers and volunteers
13	Tues	Feria	Historians
14	Wed	Matthias, Apostle	Voluntary organisations
15	Thur	Feria	University teachers
16	Fri	Feria	Royal School of Church Music
17	Sat	Feria	Innovators
18	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity Sunday	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
19	Mon	Dunstan, Archbishop, 988	The monastic life
20	Tues	Alcuin of York, Deacon, 804	Scholars
21	Wed	Helena, c 330	Archaeologists
22	Thur	Feria	St Oswald, King's Park
23	Fri	William of Perth (or Rochester), 1201	Abandoned children
24	Sat	John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788	The Methodist Church
25	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 1	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
26	Mon	Augustine, Archbishop, 605	The Anglican Communion
27	Tues	Feria	Church Missionary Society
28	Wed	Feria	Samaritans
29	Thur	Feria	The Vestry
30	Fri	Josephine Butler, 1906	Social Reformers
31	Sat	The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth	Holy Trinity, Motherwell

### June

1	<b>Sun</b>	Trinity 2	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
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