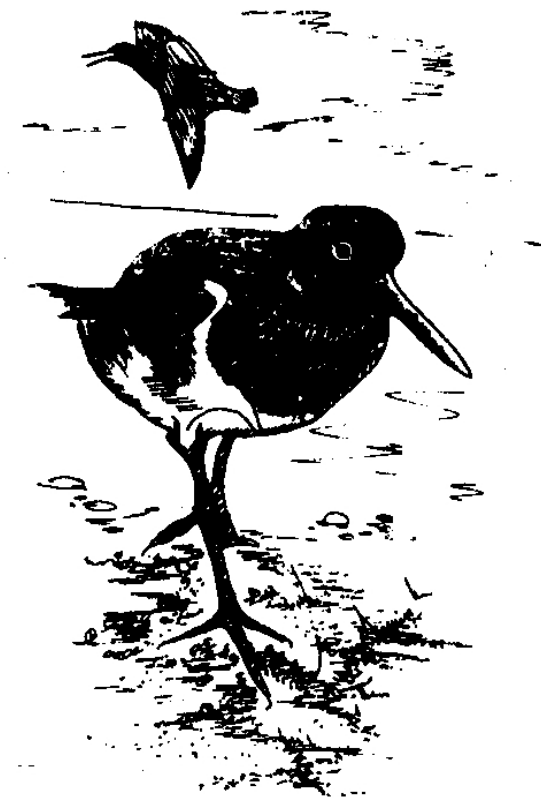


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**ST BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**KELVINSIDE, GLASGOW**

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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. |

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## FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

He spoke of laying up treasure – in heaven, where it is protected from decay and theft. He might have added that it is also secure against bankruptcy, devaluation, fraud, and plain getting lost amid the confusion and chaos of the derivatives markets. But the expectation of treasure is still there – of a different kind, but more secure in every sense. It begs the question of what we may expect to take with us when we die, for our present bodies are to be replaced by spiritual bodies, but bodies glorious for all that, and of which we have a foretaste in the character of Jesus' own resurrection body, and He is the first-fruits of them than slept.

Part of what we will take is what we are: our names and memories, our identities and our relationships. The good that we have done will be there, and for the penitent, the evil of our lives will be buried in the tomb by the foot of the cross. The good of our lives will be supremely that which has been enabled in us by Jesus, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and to that extent, will belong to Him rather than ourselves. Where we have been plentiful in the Fruits of the Spirit, these will abide, probably tested, but if true they will endure. These fruits are being cultivated in us – often with much pruning, by our Father who is the gardener, during the course of our present lives and at the end they will be part of our harvest for eternity.

There is, I believe, another aspect of the resurrection. It is that the resurrection to eternal life is that of the whole of the personality, and in every stage of life, all brought together in a being that is moved from one degree of glory to another, and all in a renewed sense of being. In this sense, the vulnerability of babyhood is not compromised by the strength of young adulthood; the innocence of childhood is not undermined by the wisdom of age; the joy and exuberance of youth are perfectly complemented by the reflectiveness of old age. Beauty and strength are fulfilled by maturity of spirit, and these are the characteristics of a resurrection body fit and able to make sense of the riches of heaven.

In this sense, we offer our prayers and grateful remembrances for those who have died, and especially for those known to us and cherished by us. But we also invite the Church Triumphant to pray for the Church Militant, as we continue to be purified and edified by the inner workings of God the Holy Spirit and we move through each day with its own challenges and temptations.

That is why perhaps we should be looking at the world's financial and economic situation with regard to those affected by it, and whose hopes have been destroyed by the loss of things that could never last anyway. This is not the place for Schadenfreude: rather it is an opening for us to receive with gentleness those who are now broken and empty, needing care rather than condemnation.

We may all find that there are new wonders to behold even in this time, within and among us, as we let God bring us to those in need of new hope and new vision.

**Sydney Maitland**

## **SCOTTISH PILGRIMAGE to the SHRINE of OUR LADY of WALSINGHAM**

*Domus Dei, Porta Coeli* - (House of God, Gate of Heaven) is the motto of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, words from the book of Genesis spoken by Jacob, following a dream in which he saw a ladder linking earth and heaven. The preface to the Pilgrim's Manual tells us "*Walsingham is holy ground, land which God has kissed. Here in the Holy House, God touches our lives as once he touched Mary's. Here, there is for us a ladder allowing a glimpse of the ultimate goal of our earthly pilgrimage, which is the life of heaven.*" Legend has it that in 1061 the Virgin Mary appeared here, and a mediaeval writer tells us that *afterwards, many sick were cured, the dead raised, the lame made to walk and the blind to see.* Certainly, by the 13th century, Walsingham rivalled Rome and Jerusalem as a place of pilgrimage, and *Kings, Nobles and Common People flocked there to affirm their faith and to pay homage to Our Lady.*

I had little idea of the size or importance of the Shrine at Walsingham when, at the end of September, I made my first visit there with eighteen other Pilgrims, mostly from central Scotland and the Borders, led by Frs Darren McFarland, Allan Boyd and Gordon Fyfe. Many of the party were regulars; others had been three or four times before. I was the only person for whom this was a first visit, but I was immediately made welcome and taken under the wing of two good souls who ensured I didn't get lost or miss out on anything.

The Shrine Church itself is large and magnificent, with many small and intimate side chapels, beautifully adorned with paintings, statues and embroideries, and lit mostly by candlelight. There are fountains in secluded courtyards outside, and apart from the sounds of worship, silence is maintained at all times in the church and surrounding area.

The gardens are splendid, well stocked and laid out, plenty of seats for contemplation, or simply enjoying the fresh air and tranquility, and although the site is on a slope, there are no steps on the paths, which are wide and firm enough to stroll comfortably with a companion, or to push a wheelchair. The *Stations of the Cross* are spread throughout the gardens; there is a *Tomb*, complete with internal cave and stone rolled away, and at the highest point of the gardens, three huge crosses, a constant reminder of Calvary. The church and gardens are enclosed by the administrative buildings and accommodation houses, so it really is a 'village within a village', a world set apart, and although I believe that in high season, Walsingham is packed with tourists and coach-loads of visitors, in September, other than the pilgrims 'living in' for the weekend, the mediaeval streets lined with brick and flint houses were quiet, and we could enjoy the atmosphere of serenity walking the 'Holy Mile' to the Slipper Chapel (the Roman

Catholic Shrine and last stop for pilgrims travelling from a distance, before reaching the Shrine itself) or visiting the other old churches in the district, and, of course, the Inn - The Bull - happily only a few yards from my Boarding House, and where a 'welcome' list of the groups of pilgrims there for the weekend was posted on a board outside.

It really is a place 'out of time', made, for me, by the sight of the many clergy happily going around inside or out on the streets, in the shops or the Bull, all wearing their cassocks or collars. It felt like being part of one big family of like-minded people with similar interests and concerns. It was very special.

The main services are conducted by the shrine staff clergy, but there is always the opportunity for other acts of worship for the groups with their own clergy in any of the smaller chapels. This means, of course, that whenever you go into the church outside the set service times, there is an act of worship going on somewhere inside, and the sight, sound and smell of worship and praise pervades the entire building. Everything is beautifully choreographed, every detail covered - even speakers concealed under shrubs in the garden, so that the organ can be heard outside.

I thought about Richard, our Sacristan, often - he would have approved, and made sure we all paid attention to how these things were supposed to be done, and we would have been bidden to do likewise, on our return home! On the Saturday evening, there was a candlelight procession round the grounds, carrying the statue of Our Lady. The sight and sound of over 100 people wending their way through the garden, past the Stations, past Calvary, and singing their heads off, was one I will never forget. There was a service of *Sprinkling at the Well* followed by *Laying-on of Hands and Anointing*, and a *Procession of the Blessed Sacrament*. Fr Allan celebrated our own early morning Eucharist, Fr Darren had a service where we could have items blessed, and there was a lovely service of Intercessions where we were invited to name those for whom we particularly wanted prayers. All three of our clergy took part in this. It was very moving.

Sunday morning Eucharist was in the beautifully restored 17th century local Parish Church of St Mary. Another warm welcome, another splendid sermon, and I counted sixteen priests in the chancel - what more can I say?

In traditional fashion, we made our pilgrimage together, travelling by train from Central Station to Peterborough, and then by private coach to Walsingham. It was a weekend of roller-coaster emotions - highs, tears, confusion, assurance - I went through them all, and more, but I couldn't not go back again. The others, having been there themselves, were wonderfully supportive, and assured me I would find it easier next time, - but of course, by then I will consider myself a 'regular'!

**Alison Gifford**

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Recently Father Sydney has requested ideas for fund raising and outreach. We have come up with one idea which we believe will cover both of these points. Hayes and Finch, our church suppliers, have made us 24 hour burning candles in a holder with a photograph of St Bride's taken by Svetlana Zvereva of the Parish of St Kentigern. We have received them sooner than expected and they are now available for sale at £2.50 each. Please also take a slip of paper with the details about the safe use of candles.

We hope everyone will be interested in buying these as inexpensive Christmas presents. They will make a different gift to take when visiting instead of the usual flowers or chocolates. If we have one at home, it may be a simple point of conversation to let our friends know this is where we worship and then allow us to tell them what our faith and church means to us. We can give them to non-church goers who may come and visit us. The onus will be on all of us then to make sure strangers are made very welcome.

We do not have boxes for posting the candles but I expect they are available from anywhere that sells fancy parcel materials such as John Lewis. Many stationers sell very small gift bags. A little bit of tissue paper inside one of these turns it into a special present. Another way to wrap them is to take two pieces of coloured paper, tissue, crepe or table napkins and place one on top of the other at 45 degrees. Gather the eight corners together at the top of the candle and secure with a narrow ribbon or coloured string. If you need slightly stronger protection use clear, coloured or patterned cellophane outside the tissue paper layer. Most bunches of flowers sold in supermarkets come in this kind of packaging.

If anyone else has ideas for easy fund-raising, please let me know and I will add them to the list.

**Eileen Maitland**

**The Bishop and Vestry are pleased to announce that a new Rector of St Bride's has been appointed. Pending the necessary administrative checks which have to be carried out, it is not possible to announce the name of the new Rector, but this will be done as soon as possible.**

## TEA MONEY

Since the item 'tea money' appeared in the accounts for the first time this year, I thought I should let you know how it was now being operated, and explain the figures.

I collect your donations from Sunday and Thursday mornings. Out of this, I pay for teabags, coffee, milk and biscuits etc. and occasional other catering or kitchen expenses. When the 'cash in hand' reaches around £50.00, it gets banked as 'tea money' and the treasurer puts it into the Congregational Fund.

Since I took over on 21 January 2007, I have collected £904.90. Expenditure of £901.67 leaves a present balance of £3.23, but includes £629.09 banked. Some of this 'surplus' has been used to pay for the lunches of our guests on St Bride's Days, and for a contribution to the cost of the first glass of wine or soft drinks at congregational lunches this year, and for the presentation to the Choral Scholars who left at the end of June.

I would like to see a plumbed-in boiling water machine installed in the kitchen - our present arrangement of kettles or urn is not only unsatisfactory, but dangerous. The Vestry has this problem in mind, and if a solution can be found, I would suggest making a substantial donation from the tea money towards it.

**Alison Gifford**

## CHURCH FLOWERS AND HARVEST

Thanks to everyone who donated for the floral arrangements for Harvest. Other flowers in October were donated by Lily Bland and the Russian Orthodox Church. I will put the large jar for money for Christmas flowers at the back of the church at the end of November.

I hope to do a special flower arrangement for St Cecilia's Day on 22 November. I had intended to do it last year but it proved impossible at the time. She is patron saint of music.

Three large boxes and a big bag of the harvest donations were taken to the City Mission and the Salvation Army. They were both delighted to receive the contributions to their work.

**Eileen Maitland**

## REMEMBRANCE

War memorials have been erected since ancient times although there are no contemporary ones on the fields of Agincourt, Hastings or the battle sites of the English Civil War. In Athens once a year a Public Orator was appointed to deliver a eulogy on the war dead. Herodotus records an epitaph on a memorial erected after the battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC: "Tell the Spartans, unknown friend, that here we lie, who did their bidding."

Scarlet poppies grow naturally in disturbed earth. The destruction caused by the Napoleonic wars turned over much of the land in northern Europe giving the right conditions. Trench warfare in the Great War caused the seeds to flourish again. The two minutes' silence came from an idea by the Australian journalist Edward George Honey which came to the notice of King George V who proclaimed we should keep silence to remember the dead.

*(Brenda Hall in The Flower Arranger, Autumn 2008)*

## ADVENT COURSE

An Advent course is planned for three Wednesdays before Christmas: Wednesday 3, 10 and 17 December. The title for each will be announced in the pew sheet. It will follow the same pattern as the Lent course. After Evensong and the Eucharist, we shall order a take away meal or bring our own to eat in the crypt. There will be tea and coffee for anyone coming straight to the meeting. We shall end with Compline. It will not be necessary to attend every evening. All welcome. Bring your friends.

## CARDS AND STAMPS

The internal Christmas card delivery system will operate from the beginning of Advent. Most of us are finding it harder to give to charity at the moment but some things can be given at no cost to ourselves. The Leprosy Mission for one takes stamps for re-sale to collectors. If anyone who cares to give me used stamps with a reasonable border round them, I will send them on. I am open to other suggestions for another charity if there is any preference.

**Eileen Maitland**

## CANTERBURY TALES

Several members of St Bride's helped to fill the Bute Hall of the University of Glasgow on Wednesday 29 October when Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, took part in a question and answer session with Professor Mona Siddiqui. To the delight of the Editor of *The Oystercatcher*, the Archbishop replied to his very first question (about the recent Lambeth Conference) by quoting Stanley Holloway's *The Lion and Albert*:

*There was no wrecks and nobody drowned*

*Fact, nothing to laugh at at all*

and from then on he proved to be an entertaining, thought-provoking and amusing speaker. Questions from the audience supplemented Professor Siddiqui's interview, and they ranged from relationships between the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions to the current controversy regarding the behaviour of certain BBC presenters. The Archbishop's comments regarding Sharia law, which had been the subject of much debate earlier this year, were also raised, and Dr Williams had the opportunity to explain his position on the matter. Just about the only question he declined to answer concerned the forthcoming US Presidential election.

The Editor didn't get the chance to invite the Archbishop to contribute an article for the 250th edition of *The Oystercatcher*, which is scheduled to be published in October 2009, but if he's reading this he'll be very welcome!

## VESTRY NEWS

At its last meeting, the Vestry considered tenders for renovation work which will be required at the Rectory before the new Rector arrives in early 2009. A decision on the work was deferred to allow a possible modification to the tenders, and to establish whether other firms would be interested in tendering. It is hoped that the work can be carried out in November and December.

Mr Terry Lillie, the Diocesan Treasurer, has kindly offered to undertake the duties of Treasurer of St Bride's until a permanent successor to Dr Helen Purchase can be found. The Vestry is very grateful to Terry for adding St Bride's financial affairs to his already heavy workload.

The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway: Action Group for Spirituality

**ADVENT QUIET DAYS: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Glasgow NE - St Matthew's, Possilpark

Glasgow NW - St Mungo's, Alexandria

Renfrewshire - Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley

For further information and bookings, contact Rosie Rutherford, 01387 262878

Our former monthly columnist Muriel has been busy producing aprons! We are pleased to do our bit to help the sales along. The model looks familiar too ....



The question is this:

*“Have you hugged an Episcopalian today?”*

The apron is modelled by my goddaughter, Genevieve, herself an enthusiastic member of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

I have made arrangements with a printer to print a large number of these aprons but before I do so I need to know whether or not there is a demand for them!  
They will cost £10 each.

If anyone is interested in buying one, or two, or three, or more, please get in touch with me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.  
Bulk orders welcomed.  
Thank you very much.

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**An advance date for your diaries: the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in St Bride’s on Sunday 14 December at 3.00 p.m. Last year’s Service was attended by many of our members and their friends, and we hope that by publishing the date and time early we will be able to welcome an even bigger congregation this year.**

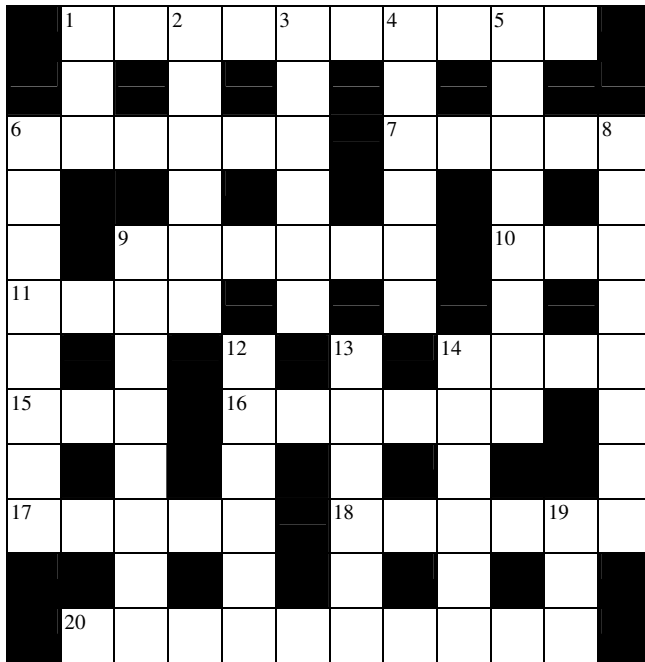
**Members of the Choir were greatly encouraged by the number of people who turned out on a chilly evening for Choral Evensong on Sunday 26 October. It is hoped to make this a regular monthly service in 2009.**

### **SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH’S CROSSWORD**

**Across** 1 Sexton, 5 Recap, 8 Butter, 9 Super, 10 Abigail, 11 Horse, 14 Nanny, 17 Inverse, 19 Ionic, 20 Office, 22 Geese, 23 Yellow

**Down** 2 Emu, 3 Titles, 4 Norma, 5 Russian, 6 Captain, 7 Peril, 8 Bosh, 12 Revenue, 13 Earache, 15 Artful, 16 Yoke, 17 Icing, 18 Ebony, 21 Coo

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Boy to a girl (anagram) (10)  
 6 Hedge in deprive the poor (6)  
 7 "with a cargo of .... And apes and peacocks" (*Cargoes*, Masfield) (5)  
 9 Navies (6)  
 10 Beverage (3)  
 11 Extreme (4)  
 14 Not shut (4)  
 15 Grass used in whisky (3)  
 16 Milk containers (6)  
 17 One of the "cities of the plane" (Genesis 18) (5)  
 18 Old salt (6)  
 20 Strays bend (anagram) (10)

### Down

- 1 Paddle (3)  
 2 Sprightly (6)  
 3 "... ye rosebuds while ye may" (Herrick) (6)  
 4 Yorkshire town (6)  
 5 Soft poor (anagram) (4-4)  
 6 Book of the Old Testament (8)  
 8 Longing (8)  
 9 Fiend and short railway unite amicably (8)  
 12 Top (6)  
 13 No odds could become chancy (4,2)  
 14 Decorated (6)  
 19 Short operations (3)

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



## BBC SCOTTISH SYMPHONY CLUB

INDEPENDENT SUPPORTERS OF THE BBC SCOTTISH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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### *Social Evening*

**Monday 10 November 2008. 7:30 pm**

Andrew & Eilen Berridge (viola)  
David Chadwick & Robin Panter (violin)  
Sonia Cromarty (cello)

#### Programme

Beethoven - Duo for Viola and Cello ("With Two Eyeglasses")  
Dohnanyi - Serenade for String Trio Op.10  
Reger - Suite No.1 for Viola  
Mendelssohn - String Quintet in A major Op.18

#### **St. Bride's Church;**

69 Hyndland Road

Glasgow G12 9UX

**Tickets** (at the door) **£5.00**

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

Includes Interval Refreshment Drinks

### *All Welcome*

**Christmas Party** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008

| <b>Music List - November 2008</b> |  |              |                       |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>2</b>                          | <b>SUNDAY<br/>All Saints</b>   | <b>10.30</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>9</b>                          | <b>SUNDAY<br/>Remembrance Sunday<br/>The Twenty-Fifth<br/>Sunday after Trinity</b> | <b>10.30</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>16</b>                         | <b>SUNDAY<br/>The Twenty-Sixth<br/>Sunday after Trinity</b>                        | <b>10.30</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>23</b>                         | <b>SUNDAY<br/>Sunday next before<br/>Advent</b>                                    | <b>10.30</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |
| <b>30</b>                         | <b>SUNDAY<br/>Advent Sunday</b>  | <b>10.30</b> | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> |

*Hon. Assistant Priest:*  
Sydney Maitland

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 2008**

|  |   |                          |   |   |   |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Sunday 30</b><br/><i>Advent 1</i><br/>10.30<br/>Sung Eucharist</p>               |   |                          |   |   |   | <p><b>Saturday 1</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Sunday 2</b><br/><i>All Saints</i><br/>10.30<br/>Sung Eucharist</p>              | <p><b>Monday 3</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                             | <p><b>Tuesday 4</b></p>  | <p><b>Wednesday 5</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist<br/>19.30 Vestry<br/>meeting</p> | <p><b>Thursday 6</b><br/>10.00 Eucharist</p>  | <p><b>Friday 7</b><br/>17.00 Russian<br/>Orthodox<br/>service</p> | <p><b>Saturday 8</b><br/>09.00 Russian<br/>Orthodox<br/>service</p>                    |
| <p><b>Sunday 9</b><br/><i>Remembrance</i><br/>10.30<br/>Sung Eucharist</p>             | <p><b>Monday 10</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist<br/>19.30 BBC SSO<br/>Club</p> | <p><b>Tuesday 11</b></p> | <p><b>Wednesday 12</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                             | <p><b>Thursday 13</b><br/>10.00 Eucharist</p> | <p><b>Friday 14</b></p>   | <p><b>Saturday 15</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 16</b><br/><i>Trinity 26</i><br/>10.30<br/>Sung Eucharist</p>             | <p><b>Monday 17</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                            | <p><b>Tuesday 18</b></p> | <p><b>Wednesday 19</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                             | <p><b>Thursday 20</b><br/>10.00 Eucharist</p> | <p><b>Friday 21</b></p>   | <p><b>Saturday 22</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 23</b><br/><i>Next before<br/>Advent</i><br/>10.30<br/>Sung Eucharist</p> | <p><b>Monday 24</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                            | <p><b>Tuesday 25</b></p> | <p><b>Wednesday 26</b><br/>17.30 Evensong<br/>18.00 Eucharist</p>                             | <p><b>Thursday 27</b><br/>10.00 Eucharist</p> | <p><b>Friday 28</b></p>   | <p><b>Saturday 29</b><br/>10.00 Cleaning<br/>session<br/>12.00 Healing<br/>service</p> |

## ROTAS

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Coffee</b>                    | <b>Counting</b>                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2 November</b>  | Veronica Matthew<br>Betty Wright | Mary Sillitto<br>Elizabeth Black    |
| <b>9 November</b>  | Jeannette Fenyő<br>June Roach    | Christopher Black<br>Andrew Lockyer |
| <b>16 November</b> | Anne Currie<br>David Fergus      | Anne Currie<br>Michael Rae          |
| <b>23 November</b> | Jan Carlisle<br>Brian Carlisle   | Jonathan Lord<br>Alison Gifford     |
| <b>30 November</b> | Reserves                         | Mary Sillitto<br>Elizabeth Black    |

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>2 November</b><br><i>All Saints</i>                                    | Revelation 7, v 9-17<br>1 John 3, v 1-3<br>Matthew 5, v 1-12                |
| <b>9 November</b><br><i>Remembrance</i><br><i>Trinity 25</i>              | Amos 5, v 19-24<br>1 Thessalonians 4, v 13-18<br>Matthew 25, v 1-13         |
| <b>16 November</b><br><i>Trinity 26</i>                                   | Zephaniah 1, v 7, 12-18<br>1 Thessalonians 5, v 1-11<br>Matthew 25, v 14-30 |
| <b>23 November</b><br><i>Next before Advent</i><br><i>Christ the King</i> | Ezekiel 34, v 11-16, 20-24<br>Ephesians 1, v 15-23<br>Matthew 25, v 31-46   |
| <b>30 November</b><br><i>Advent 1</i>                                     | Isaiah 64, v 1-9<br>1 Corinthians 1, v 3-9<br>Mark 13, v 24-37              |

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## KALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

### November

|    |            |  |                                  |
|----|------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1  | Sat        | All Saints                                 | Witnesses to Truth               |
| 2  | <b>Sun</b> | All Saints Sunday                          | Life and Ministry of St Bride's  |
| 3  | Mon        | All Souls ( <i>tr from 2nd</i> )           | The departed and bereaved        |
| 4  | Tues       | Feria                                      | Politicians                      |
| 5  | Wed        | Feria                                      | Service to others                |
| 6  | Thur       | Feria                                      | ActionAid                        |
| 7  | Fri        | Willibrord, Bishop & Missionary,<br>739    | Glasgow Universities             |
| 8  | Sat        | Feria                                      | Liturgical scholars              |
| 9  | <b>Sun</b> | Trinity 25, Remembrance Sunday             | Life and Ministry of St Bride's  |
| 10 | Mon        | Leo the Great, Bishop & Teacher,<br>461    | Christian thinkers               |
| 11 | Tues       | Feria                                      | The Armed Forces                 |
| 12 | Wed        | Machar, Bishop, c 730                      | Scottish political life          |
| 13 | Thur       | Feria                                      | Bearsden, All Saints             |
| 14 | Fri        | Samuel Seabury, consecrated<br>Bishop 1784 | The USA and Canada               |
| 15 | Sat        | Feria                                      | Christian Aid                    |
| 16 | <b>Sun</b> | Trinity 26                                 | Life and Ministry of St Bride's  |
| 17 | Mon        | Margaret of Scotland, 1093                 | Convent of St Margaret, Aberdeen |
| 18 | Tues       | Feria                                      | Lay pastoral workers             |
| 19 | Wed        | Feria                                      | Health workers                   |
| 20 | Thur       | Feria                                      | Prestwick, St Ninian             |
| 21 | Fri        | Columban, Bishop, 615                      | TISEC                            |
| 22 | Sat        | Cecilia, Martyr, c 230                     | Musicians                        |
| 23 | <b>Sun</b> | Next before Advent, Christ the<br>King     | Life and Ministry of St Bride's  |
| 24 | Mon        | Lucy Menzies, 1954                         | Scottish Churches Housing Assoc. |
| 25 | Tues       | Feria                                      | New Galloway, St Margaret        |
| 26 | Wed        | Feria                                      | Engineers                        |
| 27 | Thur       | Feria                                      | Scottish Guild of Servers        |
| 28 | Fri        | Feria                                      | Deacons                          |
| 29 | Sat        | Feria                                      | Milngavie, St Andrew             |
| 30 | <b>Sun</b> | Advent 1                                   | Life and Ministry of St Bride's  |

### December

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| 1 | Mon        | Andrew, Apostle, Patron of<br>Scotland ( <i>tr from 30th</i> ) | Churches in Scotland            |
| 2 | Tues       | Feria  | East Indies                     |
| 3 | Wed        | Feria  | North Africa                    |
| 4 | Thur       | Feria  | The unorthodox                  |
| 5 | Fri        | Feria  | The legal profession            |
| 6 | Sat        | Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 326                                | Grace of generosity             |
| 7 | <b>Sun</b> | Advent 2   | Life and Ministry of St Bride's |