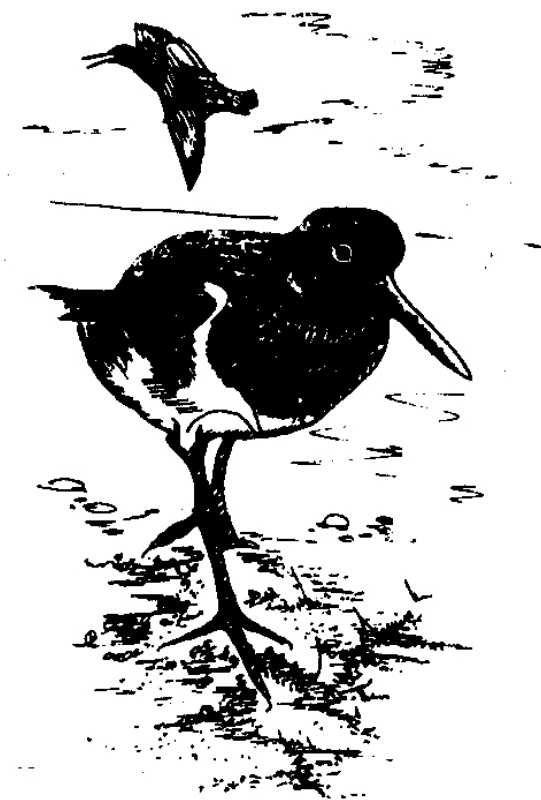


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VESTRY

Chairman: The Revd Sydney Maitland

Mr Christopher Black	Mr Roy Parkin
Mrs Alison Gifford	Miss Mary Sillitto
Mr Andrew Lockyer	Mr Richard Smith
Mr John Marks	

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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.
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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Assistant Organist and Choirmaster:

Dr Stuart Campbell

Choral Scholars:

Christine Anderson, Cailean Gallagher

FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

There is something of a sinking feeling. The news media all carry news of forebodings, whether this is the environment, the states of international relations, the economy, or of society. The analyses by worthy commentators do not lead us to the conclusion of Voltaire's *Candide* that "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds."

It may leave us with a kind of helplessness, for the forces at work seem to be far greater than we can really imagine, and when all the possible threats are added together, the prospect may be pretty appalling.

On our own, we may indeed feel isolated and at risk. All this sense of threat however serves to concentrate the mind and to focus our attention, and we must fall back on other resources. And the resources are there. First, we have the experience and the practice of our faith, and this we express in a worship that is purposeful and powerful. It is a worship that we render to God regardless of our feelings, for it is due to Him for Himself alone. But as we render that worship, so we are built up and renewed in hope and courage. And so we are to love God. Second, there is an incredible richness of personality and experience and perception among the worshipping people of God, and all who wish to may dip into this pool: by spending time with one another, and listening. Here we may love one another.

But most important, we can be sure that whatever befalls us, we are never from the love of God, and of He who endured the passion and cross for our sakes. For here is love: not that we love God but that He loved us first and give Himself for us. And He will never fail us or forsake us, no matter what the circumstances that surround us. This is not escapism – rather it is a call to engagement, prayer and to trust, drawing on the resources of God when ours fail. Habakkuk had it about right when he wrote:

“Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines;
 Though the labour of the olive may fail and the fields yield no food;
 Though the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no heard in the stalls -
 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
 The Lord God is my strength, He will make my feet like deer's feet,
 And He will make me to walk in my high hills.

Sydney Maitland

The green stole is also varied, but in a quieter manner. It displays identical end motifs of irregular pattern, showing grain and grapes, while at chest height (right) the grain image has a wafer superimposed, and a chalice is placed over the grapes on the left side. It suggests the work of God in each individual, giving nourishment by the regular act of communion, and yielding the fruit of the Spirit in due season. The fruit of the earth, the wheat and the vine, provide the bread and the wine which we receive in the host and the cup. It reflects the stress of the readings in the Sundays after Pentecost on the epistles, and their relation to personal and corporate spiritual growth. It is individual and personal but restrained.

The purple stole is a solemn reflection of death and resurrection, but intended to offer comfort and encouragement in penitential times and at bereavement. It consists of four identical but informal and irregular representations of the crown of thorns, placed above the remains of a thorn bush, while butterflies, symbols of resurrection, hover. It draws attention from one's own predicament or perplexity to Jesus: from His life to His suffering and death, and from His death to His resurrection.

These stoles provided the rationale for the design of the orfrees which are detachable and transferrable to each chasuble, providing a unity of design expressed in each season. The design incorporates the rationale of each of the stoles, all affixed to and held in place by the central motif of the cross.

Sydney Maitland

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 5 October. Copies of the Agenda, Annual Reports and Accounts should be available for collection from the back of the church on Sunday 21 September. At the meeting, an election will be held for three members of the Vestry in succession to Christopher Black and Alison Gifford (who were co-opted during the year and are eligible for re-election) and Andrew Lockyer (who has completed his term of office and is not eligible for re-election). Nomination forms for Vestry Members, and for the positions of People's Warden, Lay Representative, Alternative Lay Representative and North-West Regional Council Representative, will be available on Sunday 21 September. A copy of the current Congregational Roll will also be available to allow members of the congregation to check that the details recorded are correct. Anybody who does not wish his or her details to be recorded in this way should contact me.

Jonathan Lord, Secretary to the Vestry

CHURCH FLOWERS AND HARVEST DECORATIONS

We thank Mary Sillitto and Jim Easton for giving the flowers in August. May I remind everyone that the large glass jar is at the back of the church for donations for flowers for Doors Open Weekend and for Harvest Festival? Even small amounts of money can go a long way to ensuring we have a good display on these occasions when we expect to have visitors.

Richard Smith has placed a large box at the back of the church for non-perishable Harvest gifts. It is easier to bring one thing each week than trying to carry a lot at the last minute. Richard would like to see everything that we eat represented. Many people long for the church practices they remember from childhood. If we want to see that kind of harvest, we must give of our own riches, remembering that the donations will go to deserving causes. Simple things such as sugar, rice and brown sauce are wanted.

CHURCH CLEANING AND GARDENING

Since the church will be open for Doors Open weekend, we should clean the church on Friday 19 September, from 11 a.m. We should also take the opportunity to pick up any litter in the garden. Please come and help, even if it is only for a short time.

As you may be aware, members of our own congregation with members of the Russian Orthodox congregation have spent several days working in the garden. All the pots and troughs at the gate, porch and between the crypt door and the porch have been planted. They contain tulips, lemon cupress, lavender, some small Alpine strawberries, box and ferns. There are peonies in the main bed.

There will be no cleaning session on the last Saturday of September, the usual cleaning day, since we expect there will be an ordination that morning.

ST ADOMNAN

Although Adomnan, or Adamnan, 625-704 AD, was Irish; he is known as the biographer of St Columba. It is believed that he was descended from St Columba's grandfather. He became a novice at Iona when he was 28 and became ninth abbot in 679. He was converted to the Roman method of calculating Easter which differed from the Celtic tradition used at Iona. He campaigned both for the Roman calendar and tonsure rather than the Celtic style. He had much success in Ireland but Iona resisted changes until twelve years after his death.

He convinced the Synod of Tara in Ireland that women and children should be exempt from warfare and that churchmen and children should not be killed in warfare or taken as prisoners. This is known as Adomnan's Law. It would make an interesting subject for discussion now.

In art, he is usually depicted as praying with the moon and seven stars about him. Since his feast day is 23 September, I shall try to make an appropriate flower arrangement for Doors Open Weekend.

Eileen Maitland

ACTIONAID NEWS

The continual problem in the Ntuka community of Kenya is the lack of water. Without this, the people cannot lift themselves out of poverty.

ActionAid has provided most of the funds for a water project, with each family contributing a bull to raise funds to excavate the trenches needed for the water pipes.

The people now have clean, fresh water within 500 metres of their homes. Their lives have changed dramatically and diseases have been drastically reduced. They all wish to thank ActionAid and their supporters for their help. It is nice to know that we have helped too, in a small way.

We in this country take our rainwater for granted, complaining at times of having too much. In comparison, we are so fortunate, and should count our blessings.

I must thank all you kind people who continue to give generously every week. Keep collecting all your 1p and 2p coins and leave them in the plate – it's amazing how they all build up. Thanks again.

Betty Wright, ActionAid Co-ordinator

DOORS OPEN WEEKEND

Volunteers are still needed to show visitors round the Church on Doors Open Weekend (20 and 21 September). If you can spare some time, please speak to Andrew Lockyer or any other member of the Vestry.



BBC SCOTTISH SYMPHONY CLUB

Tel. No. 01389 879300

Social Evening

Monday 15 September 2008

7:30 pm

Merchant Winds

Susan Frank - flute
Tim Rundle - oboe
Barry Deacon - clarinet
Jeremy Bushell - horn
Sarah Andrew - bassoon

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

Music List - September 2008			
7	SUNDAY The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Batten <i>Short Communion Service</i> Psalm 149 Attwood <i>Teach me, O Lord</i> Hymns 18, 66, 353, 500
14	SUNDAY The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Viadana <i>Missa L'Hora Passa</i> Psalm 22, vv 23-28 John IV of Portugal <i>Crux fidelis</i> Hymns 449, 86, 294, 134
21	SUNDAY The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Byrd <i>Mass in 4 parts</i> Psalm 105, vv 1-6, 37-45 Hymns 439, 467, 276, 112
28	SUNDAY The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	10.30	SUNG EUCHARIST Merbecke Psalm 78, vv 1-4, 12-16 Hymns 352, 368, 295, 335

Hon. Assistant Priest:
Sydney Maitland

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

IN SEARCH OF CHOPIN

The concert team of American pianist Robyn Carmichael and Polish narrator Witold Kolankowski combine in music and words, with an exhibition of pictures from Chopin's world to add a vivid dimension.

Grand Hall at City Halls, Glasgow Friday 12 September at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £20 and £15 (concessions: £15 and £10).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008

	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist		17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.15 Vestry meeting	10.00 Eucharist 19.00 Vestry meeting	18.00 Russian Orthodox service	10.00 Russian Orthodox service
Sunday 7 <i>Trinity 16</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 8 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.15 Vestry meeting	Thursday11 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 12	Saturday 13
Sunday 14 <i>Trinity 17</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 15 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 BBC SSO Club	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 18 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 19 11.00 Cleaning session	Saturday 20 Doors Open weekend
Sunday 21 <i>Trinity 18</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist Doors Open weekend	Monday 22 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 25 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 26	Saturday 27 Ordination
Sunday 28 <i>Trinity 19</i> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	Monday 29 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1 Oct 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	Thursday 2 Oct 10.00 Eucharist	Friday 3 Oct	Saturday 4 Oct

ROTAS

Date	Coffee	Counting
7 September	Veronica Matthew Betty Wright	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black
14 September	Jeannette Fenyő June Roach	Christopher Black Andrew Lockyer
21 September	Anne Currie David Fergus	Jonathan Lord Michael Rae
28 September	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Anne Currie Alison Gifford

: READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

7 September <i>Trinity 16</i>	Exodus 12, v 1-14 Romans 13, v 8-14 Matthew 28, v 15-20
14 September <i>Trinity 17</i>	Exodus 14, v 19-31 Romans 14, v 1-12 Matthew 18, v 21-35
21 September <i>Trinity 18</i>	Exodus 16, v 2-15 Philippians 1, v 21-30 Matthew 20, v 1-16
28 September <i>Trinity 19</i>	Exodus 17, v 1-7 Philippians 2, v 1-13 Matthew 21, v 23-32

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KALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

September

1	Mon	Feria	The Bishop and Chapter
2	Tues	Feria	Foster families
3	Wed	Gregory the Great, Bishop, 604	Monastic life
4	Thur	Feria	ActionAid
5	Fri	Feria	Secondary Schools
6	Sat	Feria	Broadcasters
7	Sun	Trinity 16	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
8	Mon	The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord	The world's poor
9	Tues	Feria	Ambulance service
10	Wed	Feria	Foster families
11	Thur	Feria	Intermediate Technology
12	Fri	Feria	Lay Readers
13	Sat	John Chrysostom, 407	Preachers
14	Sun	Trinity 17	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
15	Mon	Holy Cross Day	Holy Cross/All Saints, Knightswood & Jordanhill
16	Tues	Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, c 430	Galloway
17	Wed	Hildegard of Bingen, 1179	Composers
18	Thur	Feria	Mothers' Union
19	Fri	Feria	Coastguard Service
20	Sat	John Patterson, Bishop, 1871	Melanesia
21	Sun	Trinity 18	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
22	Mon	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	St Matthew, Possilpark
23	Tues	Feria	Bible Society of Scotland
24	Wed	Feria	Manual workers
25	Thur	Finnbarr of Caithness, Bishop, c610	Hermits
26	Fri	Feria	European Commission
27	Sat	Vincent de Paul, 1660	Prison Chaplaincy
28	Sun	Trinity 19	Life and Ministry of St Bride's
29	Mon	Michael and All Angels	St Michael & All Amgels, Helensburgh
30	Tues	Feria	Lay readers

October

1	Wed	Feria	Hospices
2	Thur	Feria	The retired
3	Fri	Feria	Publishers
4	Sat	Francis of Assisi, 1226	Society of St Francis
5	Sun	Trinity 20	Life and Ministry of St Bride's