

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2021



The Rector writes...

The Anglican church has 5 'Marks of Mission'. The fifth mark is 'To safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth', which is particularly pertinent as we approach the United Nations Climate Change conference COP26 which will be held in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November. The summit will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. The UN secretary General Antonio Guterres says that the earth is on 'Red Alert'. 'The major emitters must step up with much more ambitious emissions targets' he says if we to limit climate change to 1.5C. Do such summits make a difference? There is evidence that they do.

On 16 September 1987 the Montreal Protocol was signed by 197 countries. It was the first treaty in the history of the United Nations to achieve universal ratification. The Protocol was designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production of nearly 100 man-made chemicals that are responsible for ozone depletion. The most well known of these are Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). In August this year, new research has revealed just how critical the Montreal Protocol was. A team of international scientists from the UK, US and New Zealand found that if CFCs had not been banned in the late 1980's, their continued use would have contributed to average global air temperatures rising by an additional 2.5C by the end of the century. That 2.5C would have been in addition to the rises we already have. The concerted international response averted 'a scorched Earth scenario' according to the research team. In addition to international agreements, we can all play our individual part in finding ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. And we can pray. As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer to change things. Please join in praying for COP26, for the delegates and their decisions.

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all
you have created.
You are present in the whole
universe, and in the smallest of
creatures.
We acknowledge the
responsibilities you have placed
upon us as stewards of your
creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all
political leaders at COP26 as
they seek to embrace the
changes needed to foster a more
sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and
gentleness to implement fairer
solutions for the poorest and
most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the
care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord
Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.

Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th Nov:
Remembrance
Sunday

18th Nov
'Poetry & Faith'
Online Talk

27th Nov:
Christmas Fair
Hanover St Hall

4th Dec:
Advent Quiet Day

Poetry & Faith

Thursday 18th November

7.30pm on Zoom

An online opportunity to hear Christine McIntosh speak about the importance of language, and in particular poetic language, in the expression of faith and as a means of communication of the experience of God, using her own poems and the work of other poets.

Please contact the Rector if you want the joining details.

It is free to join, but donations are welcomed and can be given to the Rector or by using the church Just Giving page which can be found at www.justgiving.com/holytrinitydunoon. Please indicate that it is for the poetry talk.



In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved,
and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Holy Trinity Christmas Fair

27th November
from
10.00am

After having a break last year due to the pandemic restrictions, Holy Trinity Christmas Fair is back in the Hanover Street church hall this year. There will be the usual attractions - baking and books, jewellery, a tombola and a Christmas cake raffle, guest stalls, and tea and coffee and cake.

Pew Bibles

In September, we were awarded a small grant by the Province to be used in various different areas. One of the items we are spending the money on is some Pew Bibles. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is circulated, there will be 10 new NRSV bibles in church, including a large print version, for use during services.

Proper precautions will be taken in light of the ongoing COVID risks in both preparing for the day, and in the serving of tea, coffee and cake on the day.

We are asking for donations for the various stalls, and for the contents of the hamper, and all donations must be in before the 20th November to allow for the appropriate quarantine period and preparation for the day.

Please do come along and support this event, and please wear your mask.

Coffee Area

It has been wonderful to be able to have coffee and a chat after the services once again - many thanks to those who prepare and serve the refreshments each week, and for the care they are taking to keep us all safe. You may have noticed that we now have some new kitchen units and they just need plumbing in!

Advent
Sunday
28th November
Collect

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.



Online services continue

Tuesday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Wednesday:

Compline at 8.00pm

Thursday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Friday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Sunday:

Service of the Word
at 4.00pm

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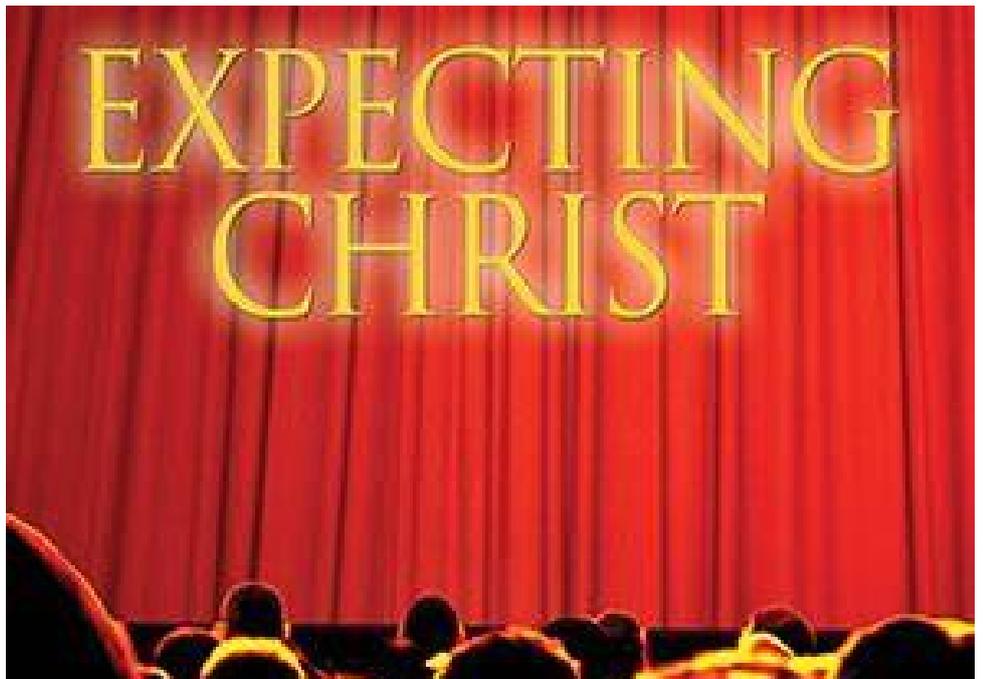
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Advent Quiet Day

4th December, 10.00am to 3.00pm

There is an Advent Quiet day for the congregations of Holy Trinity and St Paul's Rothesay, on the 4th December. We are meeting in St Mun's Church Hall from 10.00am to about 3.00pm.

During the day there will be three or four short sessions where there will be some input, with bible readings, music and a meditation. There will then be an longer time for you to spend in quiet, perhaps reading, or drawing or writing, or whatever feels appropriate. You may want to have a wander along the sea front, or have a quiet chat with a friend. There will be tea and coffee available through the day, and lunch will be provided. There is no charge for joining, just let the Rector know as soon as possible if you are planning to come. Numbers are needed for catering purposes.



Advent Course 2021

There will be an online Advent course this year, using the York Course: Expecting Christ. There will be four sessions starting at 7.30pm on
Thursday 2nd December
Thursday 9th December
Thursday 16th December
Tuesday 21st December

Please contact the Rector if you would like to join the sessions. You don't need to come to them all, you can come to as many or as few as you are able. All are welcome to join.