

By the Way Together

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St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumbarton
and
St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church, Alexandria

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Included and Accepted!

Seven confirmed and five welcomed into the Episcopal Church
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SUPPORT FOR 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' FROM SNP COUNCILLOR

At the end of the summer Gail Robertson (SNP Leven Ward) spent a morning with Food for Thought and the Garden Project. She listened and asked questions and said she was so impressed she would anything she could to support us. Now, as both charities apply for funding Gail has agreed to endorse an important application for Food for Thought from Lloyds/TSB. We are very grateful for Gail's interest and support.

From Kenny...

Writing a monthly letter to two very different parishes is not the easiest thing to do. Of



course we are a Linked Charge, St Augustine's and St Mungo's, but the reality is that up until recently, we have had very little in common. If the truth be told, we are simply linked in a way that shares clergy. That's about it.

Perhaps I was delusional when I thought that two parishes, so geographically close to each other, could begin to support each other, share talents and resources and generally come together, even in terms of accepting Joint Services, or even attending each other's services! Apart from a very small group of people, that has not happened.

We have our own Vestries, our own priorities, but we are bound together by being Scottish Episcopalian, and members of Regional Council, and having representation at Diocesan Synod. We use the same Liturgy and more often, now, sing the same hymns.

However, we tend to live in a state where we could be singing, "You in your small corner, and I in mine." In 2016 I want to try to change this and draw the two congregations more closely together, socially and in worship.

We differ in so many ways, one of us fairly lively, growing in small ways, and the other almost just hanging in there! That needn't be the case.

Very often St Mungo's people tell me they didn't think they were invited to the social evenings or Friends' Events in Dumbarton. Often, St Augustine's folk don't want to travel to Alexandria

because it's so 'far away', four miles, and 'What is there to go to anyway?'

It's true that for a couple of years there have been so few fundraising events or evenings of laughter in St Mungo's, but that could easily change. The Grants we are receiving in St Mungo's to get us watertight, extend our future as a parish, as will the outreach into the community that we are hoping to extend. Our roof will be fixed, and soon!

That's all very well, but money has to be raised for clergy stipend and little things like heating bills and candles! St Augustine's Vestry has promised to help this year, by working with St Mungo's to put on two or three fundraising events throughout the year. They want the Link to work and be beneficial to both charges.

There may well be times when Joint Services will take place, on Ash Wednesday evening, eg, and it is surely easy enough to arrange lifts for those who need help to travel.

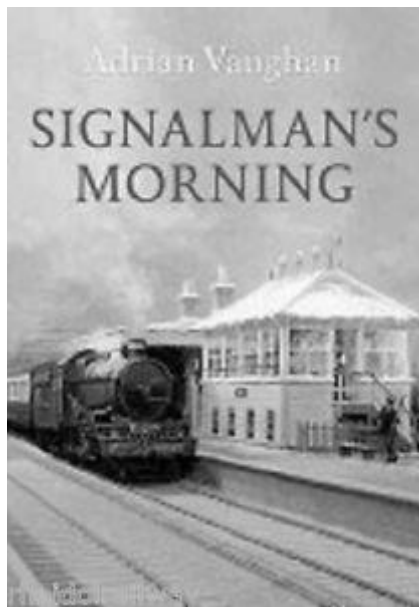
It might also be helpful just to familiarise with each other and learn names.

Yes, it's true that we are not a Joint Charge, yet, and having some sort of autonomy is desirable for now, but we have to work on that and help it to develop.

So, 2016 will be a "Year of Coming Together", and see what can be developed and improved. St Augustine's Music Group have already said they could split from time to time and lead music on a Sunday at 11am in St Mungo's. They are really quite good!

Here's to a new beginning and a sharing in the New Life of Christ!

Kenny



‘Signalman’s Morning’ by Adrian Vaughan

The most recent book reviewed by the Book Club was the first part of Adrian Vaughan’s autobiography.

Adrian was always keen on railways, even as a child, and spent much of his childhood and teenage years down at the local railway station and signal box watching all that went on. After spending some time in the army, in 1960 he decided to make a career out of his childhood hobby and got a job working as a porter at a small station in Dorset. As he gained more experience, he decided to train for the post of signalman; after spending some time learning the many rules of the signal box and the safe running of a railway, he achieved his ambition and was put in charge of his own signal box at Uffington.

This book describes Adrian’s childhood and early years working on the railway and is full of anecdotes of life in the time of steam railways during the 1950s and 1960s.

For some people in the book club, this story brought back memories of travel in the era of steam railways and there was great discussion of how Adrian’s descriptions tied in with railways around the West of Scotland. There were also positive comments about how the story demonstrated the camaraderie of the railway staff on the Great Western Railways.

It was also great to welcome some new members to the book club at this meeting. Anyone who enjoys reading is welcome to come along – even if they do not attend the church.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm and we will be looking at “The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari” by Robin Sharma.



**Barbara Barnes presents Maggie Wallace with her
£70 winnings from the latest draw in the Piscy
Club!**

There are cash prizes to be won every month!

But you have to be in it to win it!!!!

If you are interested in joining in with the Piscy Club please see Barbara Barnes or one of the clergy to choose ‘your number’ and be part of it all!



The Big Sing with John Bell

It was a great pleasure to welcome John Bell to St Augustine’s. He is described on the web as a Church of Scotland minister, hymn writer, member of the Iona Community, broadcaster and former student activist! He took us through, with ease and great enjoyment, some of his new songs, enabling us to sing in harmony interspersing the songs with amusing stories and Gospel Good News. The 70 people who attended had a wonderful time and raised £300 for the Iona Community.



Love it or hate it, count it or ignore it – money is still important to us all. Some people struggle because they simply do not have enough.... some people struggle because they find it difficult to manage, budget and keep within their means... some (usually ‘other’) people seem to possess a bottomless pit full of the stuff! How we handle money and what we do with what we have, reveals much about who we are as people. Are we people who are generous at heart, giving anything we have with freedom and joy.... or are we the careful type – careful with our money and maybe our time and talents? I suspect most of us would say we are somewhere in the middle of that continuum – but it’s good to sometimes stand back and ask ourselves the question – where are we, honestly?

The Bible says much about money. It devotes over 2,000 verses to the subject. Jesus, himself, mentions it many times, only talking about the Kingdom of God more often. Jesus knew the power of money to bring out the best, and sometimes the worst, in people. Speak to anyone who has had to sort out inheritance issues – and they’ll certainly agree with you!

Money seems to be at the forefront with both of our churches recently. St Mungo’s is still waiting to see if funds have been secured for the repair of the roof. A year ago we hoped to be able to redo the whole roof – but over the months prices have shot up and this now seems to be beyond us. However, with a lowering of expectation, a repair which makes the place watertight will certainly suffice – especially as that will still cost over £47,000! We should hear very soon whether this is secured – with work then starting as soon as possible. It has been an anxious time for our small congregation. The upkeep of the building is a real challenge for us – but we will rejoice if/when the good news of the go-ahead arrives!

For charities this time of year is also an anxious one. The end of the tax year is approaching and many charities have to apply for next year’s funding. Kevin Mason who runs the Garden Project based in St Mungo’s, and Caroline Marsland who co-ordinates Food For Thought in St Augustine’s, know that without grants their projects cannot continue and their roles cease. Application forms are long and immensely time consuming to fill in. The time scales are tight and

the process very competitive. However, thankfully, in this area we have good news! Last week Food for Thought were given a £10,000 grant from Awards for All – money which we have been told is to be spent specifically on food and admin. Fabulous news! We rejoiced and danced when we heard! Now all we have to hope for is money to cover wages – vital funding if the projects are to continue and expand. Both Caroline and Kevin continue to fill in forms....

And lastly at St Augustine’s we are having a Stewardship Sunday... on February 7th. This is a focussed day when we think of our giving to the church – our giving of not only money but also of ourselves and our talents. How much do we give? How do we give? Could we give in different ways? Dr Jamie Hill will come and help us think about these things. Oh, and you’ll be given your lunch too on that day!

Our church communities are sadly not immune from money worries. Neither church has vast fortunes from which to draw on if things get tough. Neither church can relax when it comes to trying to balance the books (and for many churches even that is a utopian dream!). Running a church has a cost – every penny is needed... and accounted for. But despite that we, as Christians, must remember that the money that we have, privately or communally, belongs ultimately to God. It is not ours. And never will be. We are given it by various means and in various amounts. We are given it to use wisely... and in the hope that we will use it for *God’s* glory.... not ours - for the furtherance of the *Gospel*... not of ourselves.

A water tight building enables us to have a place to worship, welcome strangers, proclaim the Gospel and from which to go out into the community. We pray that we may receive funds to continue to witness to Christ in Alexandria. Food For Thought and the Garden Project are living examples of Matthew 25: “Whatever you do the least of one of these, my brothers, you do unto me”. Both of these charities use every pound received to reach out to the lost, lonely, isolated and anxious. We pray (and trust) that both will receive funding which will enable them to continue God’s work. Stewardship Sunday is to raise awareness of our own giving. May we pray and be guided by our Lord in considering how much of our money and talents is given for the work and glory of God.

Liz

God is there when people show love, kindness, care and self-sacrifice at times of disaster

The Right Rev Dr Gregor Duncan attended and preached a sermon at the service which was held in Glasgow to remember those who had died through the tragedy of the bin lorry disaster of December 2014. This reflection written by the Bishop was printed in the Herald on 22nd December 2015.

We live in a world and a society where, however much care is taken and no matter what health and safety procedures are in place, there is and always will be the potential for tragedies of various kinds to occur.

This is part of life: things go on normally and then suddenly something happens to turn this upside down and our lives are changed. We realise again how fragile our hold on life really is.

Be that as it may, it was very important for the families and friends of the dead, and indeed for the wider community, that the Fatal Accident Inquiry into the bin lorry crash provided a reliable narrative of what happened and why and where responsibility lay. A certain level of understanding is necessary for those who grieve and also for those who can try to make sure that this particular kind of accident cannot happen again.

I say "certain level of understanding" because, from the perspective of Christian faith, the inquiry necessarily left questions unaddressed and unanswered, above all the question of meaning. It is one thing to understand why something terrible has happened but it is quite another to give it any meaning.

Perhaps one of the hardest things to face in life is a gathering suspicion that the worst things that happen to you (and perhaps also the best) have no meaning at all, and cannot be made to make any sense at all.

Can Christian faith and Christian theology have an answer to this? Well, yes, they can, but not anything cut and dried or easily reassuring. At their best, they try to grapple with this question of meaning on at least two levels but without trying to explain away or deny the pain, the suffering, the desolation; you might call them the level of speculation and the level of experience.

In terms of speculation, we might ask ourselves what kind of world would it be if such terrible things could not happen? Would it really be a better world as we are tempted to think it might be? Would it not lack many things we deeply value, among them, for example, moral responsibility, courage, compassion, solidarity? These qualities and virtues would not emerge in a world without tragedy or suffering, in a world where they were not needed. If no choices had to be made, if no risk of tragedy existed, the landscape of life would be flattened out. It might be easier to cope with but would it really be life? Then there is the level of experience. People often ask when tragedy strikes: "where is God in all of



this?"; or: "this kind of thing makes belief in a God of love impossible or even farcical. People who go on believing are just closing their eyes to the facts".

But, in a way, meaning and God are to be found not so much in what happens as in how people respond to what happens to them and live with the results.

There is a measure of meaning and there is God in every act of love and kindness, in every attempt at care, in every effort to heal the wounds of the broken hearted, in the coming together of communities in solidarity with one another.

It is often said among Christians that where there is love there is God. So, where at the moment of disaster and in its aftermath people show love, kindness, care and even self-sacrifice, God is there.

Many people of faith, and not only Christians, experience this to be true and part of their task in a world of suffering and heartbreak is to keep that perspective alive and visible whilst fully realising that, for those whose lives were torn apart in Glasgow city centre one year ago, the questions, the grief and the loss will continue.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Christmas/January Update!

In December we hosted "Helping Handbags"! The day began with the arrival at the church of many cars and a van overflowing with handbags of all shapes and sizes and colours. Each handbag was filled with toiletries and all the necessities that would be needed by a woman who found herself homeless. The volunteers were wonderful and sorted through over 300 bags to make sure that the contents were appropriate. On behalf of Food for Thought, we were responsible for 100 bags which we gave out to the local groups that we support, including Fast, Women's Aid, Alternatives and Safe as Houses. It was a very "girly" Saturday afternoon apart from the heavy lifting (which we happily let the men do)! Everyone involved had a great time and once again I was amazed at the generosity



of local women who had donated and filled the handbags.

Just before Christmas Riverview & Addictions Services staff from the Joint hospital came down with numerous trolleys loaded with food, toiletries and pet food.

Once again Christmas showed that the "community spirit" is alive and well in St Aug's. Many regular individuals and groups donated again this year, although, happily, new people and organisations came forward to share goodwill with us.

71 people booked to have Christmas dinner with us and a "great spread" was on offer as ever! Amazingly, nearly all of the food had been donated – and we lived for a few



days with random trolleys of leeks, onions, tatties and mince pies sitting in the Hall corridor! Happily, a full time chef had offered his services and he was joined by our usual wonderful cooks, many waiters and waitresses, volunteer drivers and even a dishwasher - all who donated their time to make sure everyone had a great time!

The result was that our guests had a lovely meal and afterwards, when they had eaten their fill, they were even given a gift! It was a marvellous day with much hilarity and friendship.



The Food for Thought 'toy shop' was opened at 7.30 am on Monday 21st December with Santa's little elves Roddy & his son Jack setting up the displays. We had enough toys to give three each to 228 children (what an amazing number that is!) who might well have woken up on Christmas morning with few or no presents. Morag & I manned the 'toy shop' most of the week and as the parents picked toys for their weans you could feel their relief that now they had something to give their children. As well as toys we had wellies galore donated by the Guild, all full of hats, gloves, socks and sweets.

Chocolate filled every spare inch of the Haven and some thought that I was building a plastic igloo with the storage boxes that overflowed with goodies! Happily all of the chocolate had been given away by Christmas Eve!!

Sincere thanks to everyone who once again made this possible. We could not share the joy of Christmas without you!

Caroline Marsland



Lomond Foodbank at St Mungo's An update!

Christmas, as with all foodbanks, was a busy busy time for Lomond foodbank. Through the generosity of local people they were able to set up their own version of 'Toys R Us' in the hall and invited the needy of the area to come and choose toys for their children. Because of this initiative at least 30 families had presents to open on Christmas Day and know the joy of giving and receiving gifts.



On Christmas Eve the doors were open again and 35 people sat down to the delights of a wonderful Christmas Dinner. With turkey and all the trimmings, crackers and chocolates everyone had a fabulous time. The dinner was followed by a Carol Service in St Mungo's Church and was enjoyed by 30 people. It was the first time many had been into our church and it was a joy to welcome them.

Lomond Foodbank now feed 40 – 50 people per week and have just opened another food bank in the

Haldane. This is because they discovered that so many people were walking from the Haldane to St Mungo's in order to collect food – and when you have to walk back with heavy shopping it's not funny! The foodbank opens in the Haldane on Wednesday 10 – 12pm.

The foodbank have collections at the Vale Co-op, Balloch Co-op, Crafts-U-Make and Sloans the Butchers (where monetary donations are taken, matched by the butcher and where those in need can collect meat to cook with their provisions.) Morrisons have just agreed to let the Lomond Foodbank have their excess food – this will include cans which are coming up to the Best Before Date, damaged tins, bread and frozen stuff. This will be very helpful augmentation to the donations given by the community.

Lastly, the Foodbank are holding a Jumble Sale on 20th February 11am – 2pm in St Mungo's Hall. If you have any donations please give it to the girls at the Hall on Tuesday – and don't forget to come along yourself! Please remember the Lomond Foodbank when you are shopping and bring your donations to church. Thank you!





Scottish Night!

A richt guid time was had by all and raised £422!



Two snapshots of what happens on a Sunday morning!



SAY 'YES TO SPROUTS'!



Whilst the rest of us huddle inside putting all thought of gardening far from our minds those involved in the Garden Project at St Mungo's are as busy as ever!



Over the past two months 217kg of fruit and veg has been harvested (and if, like me you don't have much clue how much that is – its an AWFUL lot – almost ¼ tonne!!). And 'Growing Plans' have been drawn up for the next few months – planning what can be planted in these winter months (and yes, a great deal can be grown despite the cold and rain!).

So... over November and December over 150 plants of garlic have been planted in St Mungo's grounds and in the greenhouses – they will be harvested in July (so all vampires beware!). Lettuces, pak choi and brussels have been planted and next month the peas, beans and cabbage will be started.

All of this activity has been achieved by a regular attendance of 25 adults making 100 visits per month.

It is wonderful to see how this wee community continues to grow and support each other. Many who come to the Garden Project have battled depression, anxiety, isolation and lack of confidence for many years – and through this project have discovered active peer support and the strength that comes from sharing lives with those who understand. Two volunteers, Marya Bowen and Martin Mahannan have now started Level 5 SVQs, a course run by West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Project is looking at other Volunteer Awards and maybe the Saltire Awards for the children who attend. This shows in a brilliant way how projects like these can really change lives! Well done to all who are involved!



On 19th March there will be a Spring Event for all those involved in the 18 growing projects in West Dunbartonshire and also the Foodbanks. Those involved will meet in the Concourse in order to learn and celebrate what each other are doing, get to know one another and together create a 'Vision for Growing' – a co-ordinated way forward which will be beneficial for all and be supportive to all. Exciting times ahead.

Like every project Kevin Mason is now applying for future funding – please pray for the project – it would be so sad if all this good work finishes through lack of monetary support.



'Wait Till I Tell You...'

Janette is back, after a series of annoying festive colds, looking for all the stories, events and gossip for the new Leap Year 2016.

DON'T BIN THE SANTA HAT – IT WAS GOOD IN PARTS!

No, it's not easy to keep up the party night sparkle when your preferred beverage is hot Lemsip, and the Olbas Oil is overpowering your Christmas perfume! Oh, the mild unseasonal weather ensured that this year's germs stayed active and worst of all – recurred! And the constant rain and wind tried hard to dispel any Christmas atmosphere and magic. In the Buchanan Galleries folks were resorting to the purchase of little test tubes of fake 'grow your own snow'. Did you try it?

Events at St. Augustine's carried on very much as usual with a larger number of children requiring to be dressed up for Sandra's Nativity Scene on the week before Christmas. The sharp pointed shepherd's crook had to be withdrawn from the properties list in the interests of Health and Safety. Yes, it all went well - though not according to plan –but that's how Mummy likes it!

'Who Ate All the Pies' should have been the anthem for the pre-Nativity Social entitled 'Pies, Prosecco and Popular Carols'. The original idea had been chattering people circulating and socially networking while nibbling a pie and sipping a glass of bubbly. Yes! Everyone would mingle and discuss how many one was having at one's dinner table on the 25th or what place one had been allocated on the M&S food queue! But we should have known – folk had come for their tea! With plates filled to capacity they sought a suitable seat to sit down and get stuck in! A cocktail party this was not! But that's Dumbarton for you!

By the time the New Year arrived the North East had almost been swept into the North Sea and the cold germs were multiplying. Hibernation seemed the best way forward. Then, on 16/17th January, winter made an appearance and Facebook was overwhelmed by enchanting snow scenes throughout the area. Wellies and sledges were unearthed and the hard pressed A&E departments,

inundated with the 'falling', saw their waiting time stats go through the roof! Suddenly colds and rain seemed trivial and not worth discussing! 'Rip Off Britain' was on the telly every morning telling us where to avoid for a summer holiday and this helped ease the misery of Blue Monday on the 18th. Holidays! What a good idea! Let's find a hotel that's actually built. *Jings – if it's no' wan thing it's another!*

OPEN THAT DOOR!

The name January comes from the Latin word for door and seems right to symbolise the opening of a new year. But that's not how it was for Alistair Ferguson, our Acoustic Night champion – he got locked in St. Auggie's all by himself! So what did Alistair do? Learn a new song? Tidy up his speakers? Say a wee prayer? None of these! He found a breadknife and engineered his escape. And that's why we are all starting the New Year with new keys!

GONNY NO' SAY THAT!

Aye, there's nothing nicer than a wee January night in at the telly – and the BBC has been urging us to get more excited about 'The Voice', their Saturday night star viewing. Now it's a wee bit embarrassing for four judges in burling chairs to listen to a selection of showbiz hopefuls with not one of them pushing the button! They are called the blind auditions because the judges don't turn until they hear a voice they like. I'd probably be singing all night before anyone moved for me! I'd be better off with the deaf auditions! But the trailer for the show is worse. All members of the panel give us their patter with Boy George in his very familiar hat adding the climax '*Go on, push the button – push it good!*' And this is the BBC! The grammar police are investigating.

My other nominee for the '*ma heid's ferr nippin*' award is Donald Trump's most enthusiastic groupie, Sarah Palin, who describes herself as a Mom with a similar disposition to a pit bull terrier. Remember her? Now it's bad enough listening to 'the Donald', who despite a Scottish Mammy, exchanges insults with Alex Salmond. Name calling - such as 'loser' and 'has been' is rife when these two gentlemen get on each other's nerves! But back to Sarah who is besotted with Donald and is shrilly shrieking to American voters '*Are you ready to stump for Trump?*' Hopefully common sense will prevail.

And finally, there was the Tory mayoral candidate, Zac Goldsmith, who last week

described people as 'headbangers'. Naw, Zac!
*You might be an old Etonian but even a
Clydebank punter knows it's pronounced
'heidbangers'!*

EVERYBODY UP FOR THE STAR O' RABBIE BURNS!

Highlight of the Friends' Scottish Night on 24th January was to have been the solemn unveiling of the Edinburgh Tattoo poster and the opening of the list for names. Linda was supposed to leap onto the stage at just the right moment clutching the document when I announced '*and now what you've all been waiting for – here comes my lovely assistant*'. But there she was gesticulating wildly with no poster! Fortunately Phil O'Ryan fished it out from beneath a pile of rubbish and gave it to her. But the moment had gone! The drama had disappeared! Nevertheless, news of the outing was enthusiastically received and young Rachel moved quickly round the tables with the list. There are still some places for the 12th August so reserve your seat by putting your name on the noticeboard and giving Margaret Hardie or Sandra your non-refundable £10 deposit. Great seats and great all-inclusive price of £55.

The Scottish Night was a great success with over 70 people enjoying a three course steak pie dinner – after the pie had been duly addressed and piped in by Brian. This was followed by Kenny's Selkirk Grace. AGM (Alistair, Gina and Michael) were in charge of the entertainment and this was excellent. A few St. Auggie's stalwarts had a spot – TBag with a poem about a lady who couldn't sing, Ruth O'Ryan performed a beautiful 'My Love is Like a Red Red Rose' and Ghislaine sang 'Scotland For Ever' backed by a group of Allsorts. Well done all of you.

The Friends' Exec aided by some very welcome helpers, made an amazing job of the meal and setting up the tables. But we knew what they were all waiting for was 'The Star o' Rabbie Burns'. They sang with much gusto, scarf waving and climbing on to the chairs for the chorus. It gets better every year. Then it was time for 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Auld Lang Syne'. The Church was restored to normal on the Monday morning.

HAVE YOU REACHED PEAK STUFF?

Apparently this is a serious problem these days with people living in smaller houses and accumulating more and more possessions. It's a rather quaint way of describing an untidy house. Do you have this problem? Is clutter affecting your life? The Church could do with a big clear

out, the Hall needs its own skip and I confess to frequently discussing the implications of peak stuff with Anne Dyer. She has suggested taking important visitors to a fussy friendly neighbour's house and avoiding the issue! But if peak stuff for you is out of control - take heart. I have a fridge magnet that says '*Dull women have immaculate homes!*'

CAN THE ARCHBISHOP SLEEP AT NIGHT?

One would imagine he lies awake wrestling with all the problems of the Anglican Communion. It's tough at the top. And things have not been going too well for His Grace recently. His problems all started when the nasty cinema people refused to show his advert based on the Lord's Prayer. Can't have those scary Christian thoughts on the big screens at Christmas!

Next he stumbled into the Columba Declaration – toadying to the Church of Scotland without as much as a nod to the Scottish Episcopalians. Come on, your Grace, we're the 'English Church' in this country (we've been erroneously referred as that for years!) For his next trick he took on the Episcopal Church of America and disciplined them! There will be trouble ahead.....!

Remember Boston was no tea party!

And now he's putting his weight behind a campaign to fix the date of Easter. How important is that? He would like to see this before he retires. It's certainly vital to the large supermarkets who can plan their shelf displays more efficiently and to the Easter Egg producers for managing their sell by dates. But Easter has always been a moveable feast decided by the moon –so if it ain't broke, don't fix it! *Gonny calm doon, yer Grace and listen tae the punters!*

'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE' A BEATLES NIGHT.

Tickets are available now for this event on 26th February starting at 7.30pm. The cost is £6 and includes snacks and drinks. Get your ticket from Anne Dyer, Gavin Elder or the Church Office and remember when they're gone they're gone! Dress up 60s/70s style and enjoy the nostalgia.

BACK NEXT MONTH.

February brings us to Lent followed by many future St. Auggie's / St. Mungo's events to look forward to. Don't miss 'By the Way Together' for all that's happening!

Janette

Notices which perhaps should NOT have made the Church Notices

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered

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Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow

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The ladies have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use back door.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.

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The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I upped my pledge – Up Yours.'

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The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on Water'.
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

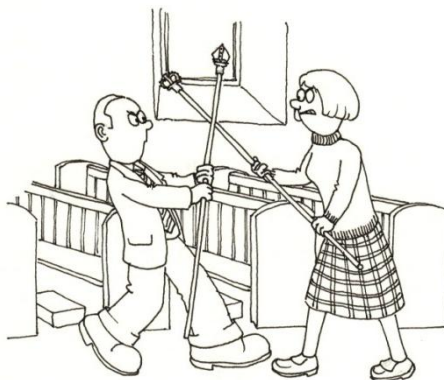
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At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

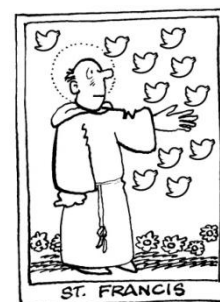
helping one person might not change
the whole world,



but it could change the world for
one person.



In a tradition dating back to 1977, the
churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"



He's been updated. He's now the
patron saint of tweeting!

ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

Chalice Bearer for every Sunday is Tom M

Sunday 7th Feb

Reader/Intercessions Pat Brooks
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

Sunday 14th Feb

Reader/Intercessions Lewis Kennedy
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

Sunday 21st Feb

Reader/Intercessions Jean Brown
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

Sunday 28th Feb

Reader/Intercessions Pat Brooks
Sidesperson Tom and Ian Marshall

Sunday 6th March

Reader/Intercessions Lewis Kennedy
Sidesperson Tom & Ian Marshall

CLEANING

7th Feb Iona and Mary
14th Feb Margaret
21st Feb Jean
28th Feb Eveline
6th March Finella

ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

Sunday Jan 31st

Readers Morag O'Neill & Linda Macaulay
Intercessions Linda Macaulay
Chalice Sharon Rowatt & Margaret Hardie
Sidespersons Lyndsey Spencer & Maggie W
Flowers Maggie Wallace

Sunday February 7th

Readers Barbara Barnes & Kirstin Wiggins
Intercessions Evelyn O'Neill
Chalice Fran Walker & Margaret Hardie
Sidespersons Roberta Mailley & Chrissie A
Flowers Linda Macaulay
Sunday School Sandra & Barbara

Sunday February 14th

Readers David Rowatt & Margaret Hardie
Intercessions Sharon Rowatt
Chalice Janette Barnes & Maggie Wallace
Sidespersons Ronnie Blaney & Linda Jenkinson
No flowers during Lent
Sunday School Sandra & Margaret Hardie

Sunday February 21st

Readers Fran Walker & Janette Barnes
Intercessions Maggie Wallace
Chalice Barbara Barnes & David Rowatt
Sidespersons David Ansell & Lyndsey Spencer
Sunday School Sandra & Kirsten Wiggins

Sunday February 28th

Readers Maggie Wallace & Sharon Rowatt
Intercessions Margaret Hardie
Chalice Janette Barnes & Fran Walker
Sidespersons Roberta Mailley & Chrissie A
Sunday School Sandra & Linda Jenkinson

Sunday March 6th

Readers Linda Macaulay & Kirstin Wiggins
Intercessions David Rowatt
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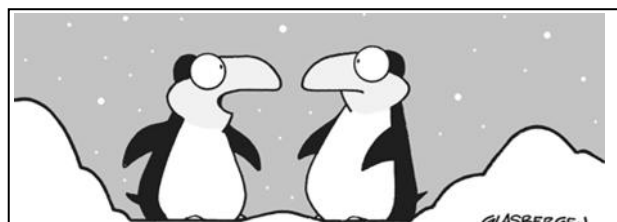
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH!



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