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		Sung Eucharist	11am
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Welcome to our May magazine. At times when I sit down to write this introduction, I stare at the blank page and pray with a growing desperation that the Spirit moves me to come up with something vaguely relevant and even slightly interesting – you

can judge for yourselves whether I ever achieve this! But this month, inspiration came to me much quicker than usual. While this edition is another short one, and at first glance it may not be too apparent, a theme has nonetheless (to my mind at least) emerged once again.

Jim writes in his letter of being inspired and strengthened by the Spirit to be “lovers of our neighbours” then on pages 6 & 7 you will read a report by Valerie Leslie of a recent visit from “one of our Muslim sisters”. On page 12, Helen Dalgity describes the work of the Street Pastors – the focus of our retiring collection for May.

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These articles, together with the Easter season, remind me of the commission given to us to take our faith out beyond our church walls and really LIVE it. Live it in our communities, workplaces, schools, and homes. And (perish the thought) if after reading this month’s edition, you still feel in need of any inspiration, then why not sign up to attend one of the workshops at The Gathering at the Cathedral in Perth? The details of this excellent event are described on page 4.

Onwards and outwards brothers and sisters!

Elaine x



From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

We are beginning to approach a “down-time” in general Church activity. The Church festivals will still move through Ascension (29th May) Pentecost (8th June) and Trinity (15th June) and through most of my ministry we have centred in May on Christian Aid Week and then the various “end-of-year” celebrations of the Young Church and the various Church organisations we have.

All that seems quite enough to keep us active for another month or so but I do have a feeling (no evidence, but as my wife often tells me a lack of evidence never prevents my having views!) a feeling that we as a congregation may be getting a little tired. This would hardly be surprising. The lack of response to our seeking a Rector is depressing and many of you have been carrying extra work in the Church for over two years now.

The Church, like any organisation, needs leadership to be creative and develop. As I've said many times I know I am not able to provide that for you and I don't think Churches are yet set up in ways that enable others to provide it easily. We have done all the necessary – the Rectory, Services, the different groups continuing, the Vestry fulfilling its necessary duties.

HOWEVER, it may be that we are all being called to a new level of commitment – a deeper living in the Spirit. I have known Churches where the majority attend services but are not really involved. A long vacancy shows we must all be more than ‘pew-fodder’. To follow Jesus, to be “the people

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of the Way”, requires us to be Spirit filled and individually responsive. Taken together, Pentecost and Christian Aid week cover it pretty well so perhaps this is not a down-time but a time to open ourselves to the sun and renew our commitments.

Whatever the organisational future holds we pray that the Spirit will inspire us as it did the first disciples and that we are strengthened to be the lovers of our neighbours as God calls us to be.

May this be a joyful Eastertide for us all.

Jim Mein

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

I tend to find Holy Week hard work not so much because of the number of services we have to cope with but rather with the difficulty in trying to experience something of the passion and despair which our Lord had to face. But this year it became so much more meaningful for me thanks to the very moving service, ‘The Way of the Cross’ which our choir organised for the afternoon of Palm Sunday. The readings, prayers, hymns, and anthems led us through the events of that first Holy Week two thousand years ago. This was a beautiful act of worship and commemoration which I know touched the hearts of all of us who were there. It certainly made a difference to my Holy Week. Quite clearly the quality of the music was the result of a great deal of hard work by our choir.

On Easter Day the choir excelled once again as we proclaimed in word and song that Christ is Risen! We are so fortunate in having a choir with dedicated members who faithfully Sunday by Sunday (and at other times) enhance our worship of God with their ministry of music. They certainly deserve our support and thanks. *Ross*

The Gathering 2014

Saturday 31st May

10am – 4pm

St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

It doesn't seem long since last year's very successful and enjoyable Gathering! Around 120 people from around the Diocese celebrated the life of the Church, and were inspired and encouraged to 'Transform Lives and Communities'.

This year's Gathering will focus on 'Worship that Renews and Inspires,' and we are delighted to have an interesting and varied programme on offer:

- Communicating the Gospel in drama
- Using visual arts in worship
- Photography in worship
- Celtic Art
- Planning and leading a Taizé service
- New music
- Leading Intercessions
- Messy church

...and more!

Booking forms will be available from the end of April from your Casting the Net Liaison Officer or on the diocesan website (www.standrews.anglican.org). In the meantime, please keep the date!

ALL are welcome – and the Gathering is a family-friendly event. Please contact Sarah McMillan, Casting the Net Coordinator, if you need crèche facilities, have any questions about access to the Cathedral or indeed, any aspect of the Gathering:

castingthenet@standrews.anglican.org or on 01738 443173 (Mondays and Thursdays).

The Wives' Group

All are welcome to come along to any or all of these events and partake of a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Monday 12th May – GENEALOGY Lloyd Pitcairn from Pitcairn Research has agreed to come and tell us about Genealogy and advice on our own search for our ancestors. This will be fascinating and informative - please come along and enjoy! 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Monday 26th May - AFTERNOON TRIP TO SCONE PALACE We are off on our annual afternoon trip. This year we are going to Scone Palace. This is a beautiful house with impressive grounds. There is a lovely cafe where we will enjoy a welcome cuppa and perhaps something to eat. There are lots of us ladies with cars who will be only too pleased to offer transport.

Monday 16th June - SUMMER LUNCH We are back at the Keavil House Hotel, Crossford, for our lunch. This has always proved to be a great success with a lovely 2 course buffet lunch. We gather at 12 noon ready to sit down at 12.30. If anyone is interested in joining us, please let Helen, Pam, Doreen or myself know by the beginning of June so we can keep the hotel informed as to numbers.

Come along and experience the warmth and friendliness of our small group. No commitment necessary, just come along to any of our get-togethers that you fancy.

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary

invited Nazreen Ali, one of our Muslim sisters, to speak to us about Ramadan, which this year starts on the 28th June. It seemed appropriate to speak about fasting when we as Christians, were half way through Lent.

Nazreen told us of her upbringing in Ireland, where as young child she attended a Roman Catholic convent school, learning the catechism, Lord's Prayer, and Hail Mary. As a teenager, she moved from Ireland and came to Scotland with her parents, where she began to embrace her own cultural identity and religion. She spoke passionately of the community spirit which unfolds during Ramadan; how families sign up to buy food to prepare the If tar (the evening meal which is prepared after sun down) and the communal meal shared by all who come to the mosque for the meal. No one is turned away, all are fed.

Nazreen told us of the five pillars of Islam:

Shehadah - sincerely reciting the Muslim profession of faith.

Salat - performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times a day.

Kakut - paying alms tax to benefit the poor and the needy.

Sawm - fasting during the month of Ramadan.

Hajj - pilgrimage to Mecca.

Carrying out these obligations provides a framework for a Muslim's life, and weaves their everyday activities and beliefs into a single cloth of religious devotion.

Nazreen spoke lovingly of her mother who is now getting

older and is therefore exempt from fasting in full at Ramadan. She told us that the elderly, the very young and pregnant women are not expected to share fully in the fast. Nazreen also told us of her excitement when she won a trip to Mecca with her husband. She spoke of wearing the hijab. She has many lovely scarves which she likes to wear - I still think it looks a complicated procedure, but she looked great in hers!

Nazreen was a joy to listen to and we all thoroughly enjoyed her talk. She has promised to come again and bring some samples of If tar fare, and also a friend who is keen to meet us. It was so lovely to share an afternoon with Nazreen. It made me realise that Christians and Muslims share much in common. It was really good to explore our commonality in a kind and loving way and it reminded me that as a Christian, I should celebrate the diversity of womankind.

During May we do not have a Mothers' Union meeting as such, but instead are anticipating with excitement the annual INTERNATIONAL FEAST which is being held on 9th May in the church hall at 7pm. If you haven't got your tickets yet, please see Isabel Thomson or Dorissia Forsyth.

The June meeting (4th June) is to be a Summer Sing along. The MU has invited Sue Masson to lead us in some catchy summer songs so if you have a favourite summer song (Mr Blue Sky is my favourite) then let Dorissia or Isabel know what it is and I'm sure Sue will play it on her Uke! I am going to bring my Uke to the party too and if you have a Kazoo or a tambourine or just fancy clapping, come along and join the fun - everyone is welcome!

Valerie Leslie

**Saint of the Month -
St. Brendan
16th May**

This month we are going back to another of those legendary saints from the Island of Saints and Scholars about whom we have little historical fact but

an abundance of legends, which in the case of St Brendan, are wildly improbable and contradictory.

St Brendan the Navigator or Voyager as he is known, was born about 484 AD near Tralee in County Kerry and is mainly known today for his famous voyage (yet this part of his life cannot be substantiated and is the most improbable event in his life). From the genealogical annals of the Irish saints, his parents would appear to have been called Finnlug and Cara, members of the Altraige tribe and they named him Mobhi. He was later baptised Brendan (*broen-finn*) by St Erc, an early Irish bishop, and brought up and educated by St Ita, an abbess. He then continued his religious education at St Jarlath monastery school and it is also said that he was tutored under St. Finnian and was recognised as one of the twelve apostles of Ireland. He was ordained as a priest in 512 by St Erc and in his early life, founded monastic cells in the Ardfert area from where he set out on his famous voyage.

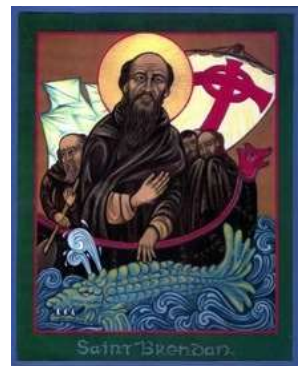
The story of his voyage became a legend which was seized on by the story tellers and writers of the middle ages. It would seem that he set sail with a number of companions in a boat constructed from a wooden frame and covered with tarred skins (similar to the currachs used today in the west of Ireland) to seek the Fortunate Islands of Celtic mythology. The very number of people who accompanied him is uncertain with numbers being quoted from 14 to 150. Where they sailed to is also a matter of conjecture. Legend has it that they found an island paradise with luxurious vegetation and most marvellous fruits including juicy golden apples (oranges?). Several of the versions talk about them passing an island where titanic blacksmiths hurled flaming rocks at them which could be volcanic activity pointing to Iceland, the Canary Islands or the West Indies as being on their path. The legends also refer to them landing on a giant whale which promptly sank when

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they lit a fire on it! There is even one legend that they found a land populated solely by women whose chieftain sought St Brendan as a partner, but these are common themes of many early legendary voyages. The medieval cartographers took the legends seriously enough to locate the island on their maps in various locations corresponding to the Canaries, Madeira or in the middle of the Atlantic to the west of Ireland. In the 19th Century there was a movement in Ireland to claim that St Brendan's land of plenty was in fact America and that he had discovered it over 900 years before Columbus, these claims being based on native American tribal legends of a white tribe. Interest in this theory was reborn in the 1970s when a voyage in a currach from Ireland to America proved that it was possible. The likelihood is that he did make an exploratory voyage and returned from it, which in those days must have been extraordinary. But where he went and where he made a landfall remains an insoluble mystery.

After his return from his voyage, St. Brendan took to the sea again sailing round the coast of Ireland and also visiting Scotland and other parts of Britain founding monastic institutions, the most important of these being the monastery at Clonfert in Galway which he founded about 557 AD under the charge of St Moinenn as Prior and which remained a monastery well into the seventeenth century. He died about 577 AD and was interred at Clonfert.

St Brendan is a patron saint of boatmen, divers, mariners, travellers and whalers. He is commemorated in statues at a number of sites in South West Ireland, where his feast day is still celebrated, and there is a particularly fine stained glass window of him at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis. He is also remembered in a propriety brand of Irish Cream Liqueur which has been named after him.



His feast day has been listed in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox church calendars.

Vestry Matters

My theme this year is the need to achieve £6,000 from the **Stewardship Campaign**.

I have received a pledge from 31 people which total £3,060 per annum.

If you require a **Standing Order Mandate** or a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** please speak to me or Rod Key.

The annual income shown in the budget is £56,000 and at the end of March the income was £ 32,028.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £420.

Peter Hutchings

Alicia Rootes, Diocesan Secretary has sent me this note for circulation:

Memorial Service for The Rt Revd Michael Henley, CB

A memorial service for The Rt Revd Michael Henley, CB, who was Bishop of this diocese from 1995 to 2004, will be held on Saturday 17th May 2014 in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Chapter House.

It is hoped that each church in the diocese will be represented at this service. This will be an opportunity for our diocese and for the Scottish Episcopal Church to give thanks for his life and ministry. We would be very grateful if you would let as many people as possible know of this – and let them know that they are welcome to come.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Alicia Rootes
Diocesan Secretary

Fay Cuthbertson, Vestry Secretary

DUTY ROTA FOR MAY

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
4 May	Jack Wardell Fay Cuthbertson	TBA	TBA	Rod Key Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	Linda Sherwood Barbara Hand	Rebecca Cromwell
11 May	Elaine Cromwell John Kennedy	Andrew & Dorothy Nicol	Monica Terry Grace Soanes	Rebecca Fleming Rod Key Muriel McKenzie	Rebecca & Elaine Cromwell	Karen Macdonald
18 May	Ron Hawkins Ivor Curran	Peter & Jean Crabb	Catherine Duncan Francis Jack	Rebecca Cromwell Pam Lynn Isobel Thomson	Isobel Thomson Brian Smith	Elaine Cromwell
25 May	Helen Dalgity Pam Lynn	Doreen Esno Eve Gilchrist	John & Brenda Waterfield	Rod Key Brendan Grimly Ron Hawkins	Stephen Ballinger Jean Turner	Ron Hawkins
1 June	Linda Sherwood Fay Cuthbertson	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Fleming Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	TBA	John Macdonald

The next Vestry meeting is on
Tuesday, 13th May. A report will
follow in the June magazine.

Readings for May			
4 May	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35
11 May	Acts 2: 42-47	1 Peter 2: 19-25	John 10: 1-10
18 May	Acts 7: 55-60	1 Peter 2: 2-10	John 14: 1-14
25 May	Acts 17: 22-31	1 Peter 3: 13-22	John 14: 15-21
1 June	Acts 1: 6-14	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11	John 17: 1-11

Retiring Collection for May 2014

This month's retiring collection is for Street Pastors (part of the Ascension Trust). This charity originally started in London and is now working in cities and towns around the country, including Dunfermline.

The Street Pastors are volunteers who are usually out and about over Friday and Saturday evenings and nights. They help anyone who needs assistance, stopping problems before they get serious, tending to minor injuries, seeing people get home safely and providing a listening ear.

All volunteers are trained and wear a uniform. Funds are always needed for training and equipping new volunteers.

A worthwhile charity keeping young and old safe in Dunfermline town centre – I hope you will support the retiring collection generously.

Helen Dalgity



"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'" *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that during the interregnum the 8.00am
Eucharist will be held only on the first Sunday of the month



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Please send any articles or notices to Elaine, preferably by email: ecromwell@thomsoncooper.com

We don't charge for the magazine but donations towards the printing costs are gratefully received.

I would like to hear what you think about the magazine. What do you like/dislike? What do you want more or less of? Do you have something that you would like to contribute on a regular basis? Any other suggestions? Please do let me know.

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