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Hello summer! As I write, the temperature has finally risen and it is actually starting to feel like summer! Halleluiah! This magazine covers both July and August with the next

edition due in church at the start of September – please remember to get your contributions to me in time – copy deadline is on the back cover.

Alison has devoted her pages on this occasion to an article written recently by Bishop David for the Herald – as ever, thought provoking.

Church life is busy at the moment: we welcomed the family and friends of little Aria Beth Campbell on Sunday 28th June on the occasion of her baptism. We welcome you Aria and hope to see you again soon.

The Sunday previous, the children from Young Church received gifts from the congregation to mark the end of their Young Church year. I know that they were all very pleased with their various books and Bibles – thank you! Young Church will resume on Sunday 23rd August.

There are two weddings in the church in July - Andrew and Sarah who will be married on Saturday 4th July and Nicola and Duncan to be wedded on the 25th. We wish you all God's blessings for long and happy marriages. And a 'thank you' must go to Gill Wardell and Jennifer Slack who have weeded and tidied the church garden in readiness for the weddings.

Vestry meets again on 6th July and there are various other planning meetings occurring over the next couple of months. The next edition of the magazine will contain a summary of the minutes of recent vestry meetings.

Don't forget Sarah Hunt's kind invitation to the garden party at Logie House on Saturday 18th July – details on the notice board and in last month's magazine.

And lastly, remember in your prayers Peter Cozens as he leaves his job and home in Leicester to join Alison at the Rectory and start his new job on 13th July – I know how much Alison is looking forward to his arrival! *Elaine*

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Bishop David recently contributed to The Herald – I thought you would be interested to read what he wrote – Revd Alison

Today the General Synod - the annual meeting - of the Scottish Episcopal Church has been considering whether we wish to make provision for Same-Sex Marriage in our life. Subject to conscience, our clergy would be able to conduct Same-Sex Marriages. They would also be able to enter into such marriages themselves. This is a long journey. The earliest such a change could happen will be 2017.

We are living through a period of extraordinarily rapid social change. I was in Dublin two weeks ago. It is the city of my birth. It was a remarkable experience to be there in the immediate aftermath of the Constitutional Referendum on Same-Sex Marriage. One of the most conservative and Catholic countries in Europe voted decisively in favour of this change. No wonder the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin reflected that this called for a 'reality check' among the churches.

A number of factors have brought that change about. Ireland's young population certainly made its presence felt. It is clear that people's views are being changed by their life experience. Irish Times journalist Fintan O'Toole referred to the 'riveting eloquence' of the passionate advocacy of many. But he also described another kind of articulacy and said this: 'What actually changed Ireland over the last two decades is hundreds of thousands of painful, stammered conversations that began with the dreaded words, "I have something to tell you." It's all those moments of coming out around kitchen tables, tentative words punctuated by sobs and sighs, by cold silences and fearful hesitations.' So people have been changed by the way in which gay relationships have begun to be in the best sense ordinary. They find it hard to do other than accept those relationships among people whom they love and care deeply about.

In our meeting today, I said, 'Our society has changed. But that does not mean that the church has to change.'

Churches find this difficult. Readers can be forgiven for finding tiresome the difficulties which churches and faith communities have

about human sexuality issues. But that impatience fails to see that churches are the bearers of a historic tradition of faith and life - and we bear that tradition on behalf of the society in which we live. We have a diversity of views within our membership. To be honest, many of us have a diversity of view within ourselves. We are to some extent 'work in progress'.

Resolving those issues is far from easy. Views on each side are held with a passion and intensity which mean that votes won or lost do not bring resolution much less healing. But we are learning how to listen creatively to our diversity, to realise that all of us have some of the truth.

This afternoon we have been discussing a paper on the Doctrine of Marriage. The paper sets out the traditional understanding of marriage. It then asks whether we can recognise changes in the nature of marriage which will enable us to move towards accommodation of Same-Sex Marriage. It is clear, for example, that many people today enter into marriages where there is no expectation - or possibility - that there will be children of the marriage. In that sense, the procreative character of marriage has become less central to its nature. Our marriage services have recognised that change - stressing first the companionship and relational aspect of marriage and then the aspiration to the upbringing of children. It then becomes possible to ask whether a marriage between two people of the same gender can express the fullness of what we mean by marriage.

Churches do not quickly change deeply rooted patterns of thought and belief. That is partly because we believe that the authority for those beliefs lies outside ourselves - in the Bible and in the historic tradition of faith. It is also because we believe that our commitment to the historic institution of marriage is part of what gives stability to our society.

But there is a widespread view that this is a question which we need to face. I am glad that the Scottish Episcopal Church has today been facing it with integrity while honouring its diversity of view.

The Gathering 2015

A number of us travelled to St. Ninian's Cathedral in Perth on Saturday, 30th May for the annual 'Gathering' of congregations from across the diocese. The Youth Fellowship was particularly well represented and participated enthusiastically in the youth sessions.

The theme for the day was 'Serving the Community in Practical Ways' and involved a combination of workshops (grouped for those with an interest in working with young people, older people and workplace chaplaincy) and plenary sessions led by Bishop David and Thomas Brauer our diocesan missionary.

The event concluded with an act of worship where we reflected on 1 Peter 2:4-6 – "you as living stones are being made into a house of the spirit".

The day helped me focus again on how congregations can serve communities by looking for opportunities to meet people where they are – both literally and figuratively. Do we too often expect people to come to us? How frequently do we really go out to meet people where they are? It reminded me that in ministering to people in a loving and non-judgmental way, God will work through us to transform lives. That act of service may be a small thing – but it may have a big effect: it is for God to decide how to use each of us, but for each of us to be ready and willing to go where God directs us.

Finally, as we each received a stone from the Cairn to hold as we prayed and chanted "*the stone that the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone. Alleluia, alleluia, has become the cornerstone*", I was handed a stone by my daughter which wasn't a perfect smooth pebble like the rest, it was lumpy and misshapen. Initially I was a bit disappointed. But when I turned it over, I could see it was the shape of a heart.

Elaine



Retiring Collection July

Fife Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (FRASAC) www.frasac.org.uk

This is a Fife-wide independent charitable organisation providing free, confidential information, counselling and support to anyone, male or female, over the age of 12 who has been raped or sexually assaulted at any time in their lives. Based in Kirkcaldy, they employ 5 members of staff and 1 counsellor in training. All of their paid support staff are qualified counsellors.

“Rape and sexual assault” is a broad topic. It includes partner rape, male rape, drug assisted rape, ritual abuse, and covers stalking, sexual harassment at work, flashbacks and self-harm. It also affects adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. It is an assault on the body, mind and dignity.

FRASAC provide one-to-one emotional support and counselling; help to arrange access to sexual health services; provide guidance and support to those who report the crime and help them to understand the police and court procedures; link survivors with agencies, e.g. housing, mental health etc.; and provide training to workers from other agencies. They also run a Young Person’s Project to improve the health and emotional wellbeing of people aged 12-25.

FRASAC has been nominated for the special collection on Sunday 26th July 2015. Your donations to this Fife service will be put to good use and will be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

Polly St. Aubyn

Loving God, be the refuge and guardian
of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of body, soul and spirit.

Rescue them from bitterness and shame
and refresh them with your love.

Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse
and revive the spirits of all who lament this sin.

Help us to follow Jesus in drawing good from evil, life from death.

Make us one with you in your love for justice

as we deepen our respect
for the dignity of every human life.

Amen

Retiring Collection August

The retiring collection on 30th August will be in aid of the Mission to Seafarers.

The Mission to Seafarers was founded in the 1830s by John Ashley, a young clergyman, who administered to sailors in ships in the Bristol Channel. It quickly grew to meet the needs, both spiritual and welfare, of sailors in ports all over the world. At the time of its foundation most seafarers were British. Now, however, most seafarers come from countries such as the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia. Even if they work for reputable companies, their pay is poor by our standards and they may be away from their homes and families for long periods.

Every year the Mission's chaplains and volunteer ship visitors work in 230 ports worldwide; visit over 79000 ships to welcome and help the crews; visit and tend to the welfare needs of seafarers in hospitals; and help with phone calls and email. Some less reputable companies have little concern for their seafarers and often the Mission has had to look after sailors who have been stranded by the ship owner.

The Mission in Scotland is coordinated by the Rev. Tim Tunley, who is based at Grangemouth but also responsible for serving all the other ports in Scotland, including Rosyth.

To provide this vital service, money is needed and the Mission relies on regular contributions from congregations such as ours. So please give generously on 30th August so that Tim and his volunteer ship visitors can go on meeting the welfare and spiritual needs of the men and women who spend their lives in ships bringing us our food, oil and imported goods or taking us on cruises. *Brian Smith*



The Mission to Seafarers
Caring for seafarers around the world

Saint of the Month – St. Thomas – 3rd July

Saint Thomas the Apostle like majority of the Apostles, has few mentions in the Bible by name. His name is listed in Matthew 10:3 and also in the list of Apostles who went back to a room in Jerusalem after witnessing the Ascension. All the other listings are in St John's Gospel in which he is described as "The Twin" or in Greek "Didymus". The best known reference is when the risen Jesus appears to the Apostles and Thomas is absent. On Thomas' return he refuses to believe that they have seen the Lord and says that he would only believe it if he saw the Lord and was able to put his finger into the nail holes in His hands and feet and his hand into His pierced side. The next time that Christ appears Thomas is there and the Lord asks him to examine the wounds. Thomas does so and exclaims that well known profession of his faith "My Lord and God" to which Jesus replies "Because you have seen you have believed, even more blessed are those who believe and have not seen". Because of this episode he is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas".

Other mentions of his name in John's Gospel include that he was present when Jesus went to the house of Lazarus, when upon

(because there was a danger of the Jews stoning Jesus) Thomas insisted on accompanying Jesus (*John 11:16*). Again, after Jesus had risen and tells the Apostles that He will shortly be leaving them but that they will follow Him, Thomas taking everything literally, asks where Jesus is going and asks directions for following Him (*John 14:5*). He is also named as being present in the fishing boat when the risen Lord calmed the wind and raging sea.

The remaining knowledge that we have of Thomas is based on tradition, legend, and some early writings including an apocryphal gospel said to have been written by Thomas. One legend is that when Mary the Mother of Jesus was dying, all the apostles miraculously came to Jerusalem to be at her deathbed except for Thomas who was late. Instead Thomas, when he did arrive, went to her tomb where he was the sole witness to her body being taken up to heaven. She left with him the girdle from her robe. Icons of Thomas often show Mary being taken up to heaven handing Thomas her girdle.

There is no mention anywhere about who Thomas' twin was and this caused considerable controversy amongst early Christian

writers. One even suggests that he was a twin of Jesus.

After the dispersal of the Apostles to spread the Gospel, Thomas went to Parthia where he founded a church at Edessa in Mesopotamia and then went on to India where he founded Christian communities at various places along the Malabar Coast (now the Indian State of Kerala) and the Coromandel coast and built churches there. We know this to be true because these churches were reported by Marco Polo returning from his exploration of Asia 1200 years later, and by Portuguese Navigators opening up the trade routes to India and the East. The Thomasian church in India was a flourishing body with rites very similar to those of the Syrian Church. The church still exists today.

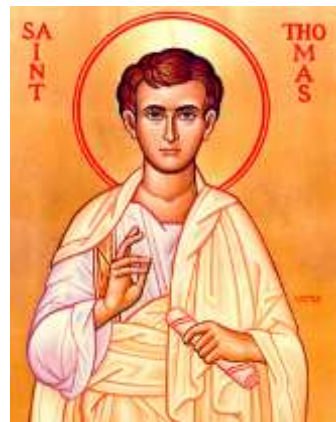
St Thomas met his death in 72AD at Mylapore (near Chennai (Madras)) where it is reputed that the King of the area, Medeus, was enraged because Thomas had converted the king's wife, son and family to Christianity. He ordered his guards to take Thomas away and spear him to death. Marco Polo was given another version when he was told that Thomas was killed accidentally by an archer shooting arrows on a peacock hunt.

His body was interred at Mylapore and later his bones were removed

and taken to Edessa where a shrine was built. His relics were later dispersed from there to various places in Europe, including Ortona in Italy where a major shrine was built.

St Thomas' feast day was originally observed on 21st December, supposedly the date of his death, but was changed to the 3rd July to enable it to be properly celebrated without detracting from the build up to Christmas. Most of the Western Christian Churches now observe this date. The Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate his feast on 6th October and also the first Sunday after Easter which they know as Thomas Sunday.

Because of the churches he built, St. Thomas has been adopted as the patron saint of architects. Although not the patron saint of India he is highly venerated there especially by the Thomasian Christians and Thoma is a popular name in the Christian Indian community.



Mothers Union visit to Nottingham and Leicester

Towards the end of June, the Mothers Union General Meeting was held in Nottingham. Doreen Esnol, Linda Sherwood and Linda Brownlie all travelled down along with other members from the Province to attend. As is usual, a Service of Celebration was held the evening before at a packed Southwell Minster. The Minster was crammed and the singing was something else! A group of local young people gave two very moving dance and singing performances. Linda Sherwood found the Minster so interesting, she went back to spend more time the next day - her thoughts follow.

Southwell Minster, built in the 12th century, has many interesting and unusual features. The altar rail and much of the furniture is from the workshop of Robert Thompson and features his famous trademark, the carved mouse. There are 15th century 'bread pews' and a Roman ceiling painting from a nearby Roman villa. The Chapter House is spectacular with carvings showing at least sixteen varieties of foliage together with pigs eating acorns, foxes stealing grapes and dogs chasing hares. I will bring the small guide with me to church in case anyone would like to read more about it.

About 1500 members attended the General Meeting which included a real trip down memory lane for many as Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall spoke on the topic "From Generation to Generation".

We had spare time as well to visit places of interest in Nottingham and also to visit Leicester. 12 of us went to Leicester to visit the Cathedral and see the Richard III Exhibition. The Dean, Very Rev David Monteith, very kindly gave up some of a very busy day (7 ordinations were to take place later in the day) to meet us and give us some background to the Christian history of Leicester Cathedral. Until the 1920s, the Cathedral was purely a parish church as Leicester Diocese has been linked with various other Dioceses since the 16th Century. Peter Cozens also joined us for the visit and confessed that he had never done the cathedral tour! It really is a lovely building with much to see apart from the

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current "main draw" of Richard III's tomb. St Katherine's chapel which houses many memorials to the Herrick family interested me as the poet Robert Herrick is depicted in one of the windows.

Obviously now the main thing visitors want to see is King Richard's tomb. Such a simple monument carved from Swaledale limestone on a marble plinth.

The carved motto translates to "Loyalty binds me". Elsewhere in the cathedral, the shroud which covered the coffin at the re-interment is also displayed as if it still fulfils its function with the crown standing on top. It is a beautiful piece of needlework and the Dean, who is about to retire, has a place of prominence in the design which has on one side figures relating to King Richard's time and on the other side, people linked to the current story.



The official exhibition was most interesting with a lot of information about the search for King Richard's grave, found almost in the shadow of the Cathedral. This exhibition and the visit to the Cathedral used most of our day and we only had a very short time at Bosworth Field, once we had found it, before the site closed for the day.

I know the Mothers' Union members who visited Leicester were most appreciative of the time the Dean and the staff of the cathedral gave us and also thank Peter very much for facilitating the visit.

DUTY ROTA FOR JULY & AUGUST

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
5 July	Yvonne Gosling Malcolm Gosling	Eve Gilchrist Janice Mohr	George & Agnes Philp	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Pam Lynn	Helen Dalgity Gill Wardell	Elaine Cromwell
12	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Peter & Jean Crabb	Fay Spink Sheila Hawkins	Rebecca Fleming Andrew Wedge Eve Gilchrist	Doreen Esnol Dorissia Forsyth	Pamela Grimley
19	James & Hazel Geldart	Elaine Cromwell Sarah Cromwell	Barbara Key Wendy Stephen	Andrew Wedge Linda Brownlie Rod Key	Sheona Wedge Karen MacDonald	Rebecca Cromwell
26	Tony Clapham Malcolm Gosling	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Pam Lynn Malcolm Gosling	Rod Key Fay Cuthbertson Muriel McKenzie	Eve Gilchrist Linda Brownlie	Yvonne Gosling
2 August	Ivor Curran Jack Wardell	Helen Dalgity Doreen Esnol	Elaine Cromwell Frances Jack	Rebecca Cromwell Andy Nicholl Isobel Thomson	Pamela Grimley Polly St. Aubyn	Adrienne Lyon
9	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger	Frances Jack Adrienne Lyon	Hilar Ballinger Janice Mohr	Rebecca Fleming Brendan Grimley Pam Lynn	Andy Nicholl Stephen Ballinger	TBC
16	Adrienne Lyon Jack Wardell	Brenda & John Waterfield	Eve Gilchrist Monica Terry	Andrew Wedge Andrew Wedge Eve Gilchrist	Adrienne Lyon Lesley Fleming	TBC
23	Yvonne Gosling & Sarah Cromwell	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	George & Agnes Philp	Rod Key Rod Key Linda Brownlie	Brian Smith Isobel Thomson	TBC

DUTY ROTA FOR JULY & AUGUST

30	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Pam Lynn Wendy Stephen	Fay Spink Doreen Esnol	Rebecca Cromwell Fay Cuthbertson Muriel McKenzie	Sarah Hunt Eve Gilchrist	TBC
6 Sept	James & Hazel Geldart	Barbara Key Sheila Hawkins	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rebecca Fleming Andy Nichol Isobel Thomson	James Geldart Rodney Key	TBC

I am sorry if I have changed the date of your duty from the one I asked you to do, please speak to me if there is a problem - Linda Sherwood

Readings for July & August			
5 July	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
22	2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
26	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
2 Aug	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:26-35
9	2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
16	1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
23	1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
30	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
6 Sept	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23	James 2:1-17	Mark 7: 24-37

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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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