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St Kentigern



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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

8 th April 2012	Rhudriah Alexander Cranstoun
22 nd July 2012	Paisley Middleton

Confirmation

27 th May 2012	Peter Little
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Marriages

14 th July 2012	Mary Harris and Barry Smith
21 st July 2012	Lucinda Fitton and Charles Simpson

Funerals

14 th May 2012	Christine Elvidge
28 th June 2012	Molly Morrell
9 th July 2012	David Glasborrow
10 th July 2012	Ursula Charlotte Muntz



Dear All at St Ninian's

Thank you for all my wonderful
cards and the present you gave me
on my Christening Day.
I had a wonderful day – made very
special by all of you.

I thought I was very cool snuffing
out the candle with my bare hands!

Lots of love
Rhudriah
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Dear Friends,

The near-unanimous decision of our General Synod not to adopt the proposed Anglican Covenant, along with similar decisions by the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the USA (although, strictly, they have decided not to decide not to adopt it!) means that the Covenant is now likely to fade into history. As someone who disliked the concept in principle and thoroughly disliked the proposed document, I am relieved to see the back of it: it was always more about structure and authority and control than about how we might address the presenting issues of our day—indeed, they were nowhere mentioned in the text.

Now, though, we are left with two, related, sets of issues that will not go away: the first, which was highlighted by the Covenant proposals, is about what it means to belong to the family of Anglican Churches—if I dare use the phrase, to be authentically Anglican; the second is about how we handle those issues that divide Anglicans—*inter alia*, the ministry of women, the place of homosexual people, presidency at the Eucharist, and the ways in which the mind of the Church is determined. I feel a series of articles coming on.....

For now, it is perhaps enough to note that these differences are deeply and honestly held on all sides; and I believe we can only begin to resolve them if we *all* take a deep breath, stop demonising our opponents, acknowledge our own fallibility and pray for an outbreak of mutual charity. Only then might it be possible to begin dialogue. Mind you, I wouldn't hold that breath—the differences that ripped apart the Western Church at the Reformation are barely on the agenda after 500 years. Nevertheless, our Lord's prayer, that his people might be one as he and the Father are one, compels us to try.

Yours in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Bayne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

EVENTS AT ST NINIAN'S

Since the last issue of The Review was published, just before Easter, there have been several notable occasions at St Ninian's, including no fewer than three visits by Bishop Gregor Duncan.

MONDAY 21 MAY 2012 – BISHOP'S LECTURE

The Bishop gave the fourth in his series of occasional lectures, this one entitled "The Fall and Human Failure". The Gordon Memorial Hall at St Ninian's welcomed visitors from churches across the region – Dumfries, Dalbeattie and Kirkcudbright – as well as members of its own congregation, for a challenging talk which provoked considerable discussion.

PENTECOST – 27 MAY 2012:



Bishop Gregor was the Celebrant at the Service of Family Eucharist, at which he confirmed Peter Little and dedicated our two new stained glass windows. (see pp 8-10 for an article by the Rector about the windows.)

DURING THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1ST JULY, MRS JENNY WRIGHT WAS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED AS A LAY WORSHIP LEADER AND PASTORAL ASSISTANT, having recently been licensed by the Bishop in Glasgow. The Rector explained that she would now be able to take non-Eucharistic services, under his direction, as well as to distribute the Reserved Sacrament to the housebound. (More about this from Jenny on pp 23-24.)



A MOTHERS' UNION REGIONAL QUIET DAY, led by the Bishop, was held here on Saturday 16 June and attended by members from Dumfries, Castle Douglas and Dalbeattie as well as Diocesan President, Ann Glenesk. The Bishop gave three short addresses on the topic, 'Your Gift – Discover and Celebrate', interspersed with periods of silence for prayer, reflection, reading, resting ... and he celebrated the Eucharist before there was a break for lunch in the Hall. The day was rounded off by Evening Prayer and the singing of 'O God, you search me and you know me'.



Afterwards, the Bishop enjoyed a 'wee hurl' round Castle Douglas in Matthew Wright's vintage car, a Lea-Francis.



MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

This whole season has been under the joint leadership of Jenny Spence and Elizabeth Woodburn, who have shared the role following the departure from office of Alison Bayne after ten years of service. It was a very hard act to follow but these two have done a sterling job and the transition has been very smooth.

In March, we really enjoyed the Rector's talk about Judas Iscariot, always a very interesting and thought-provoking subject. Next came Brian Morrell, who delighted us with a talk on 'Ospreys and Geese', showing us some lovely slides of the birds. It was wonderful to hear of their migrations and to realise just how critical their timing had to be in order to survive these long flights. It was quite humbling.

In May, Brian Woodburn's talk on 'The Probation Service' was interesting and informative, and so well illustrated by his delightful sense of humour.

In June we had arranged the usual garden party in the grounds of the Rectory. We began with a Service of Enrolment for Margot Greenwood, a new member, and welcomed Miranda Bignall, who had been a member of St John's, Dumfries, until she moved to Dalbeattie. Owing to the rain, we had to seek shelter in the Rectory, though a few braver members did manage to 'picnic' in the garden. The weather did nothing to dampen our enjoyment or spoil our appetites. As usual, the members had provided lovely savoury and sweet dishes with wine and juice as accompaniments.

Nearly every year brings sadness and this was no exception. Two very much loved members, Christine Elvidge and Molly Morrell, are no longer with us. Thelma Gemmell spent some time in hospital after a nasty fall, but is now home again with nursing support until she is able to manage on her own. However, we are happy to hear that Janet Gillespie and Betty Thompson have each celebrated their 90th birthday – congratulations to both! We hope that you will have many more birthdays to come.

Jessie Lockhart

Overleaf: some photos taken by Jessie of MU members enjoying themselves at their summer party



THE NEW WINDOWS: THE STORY

When the Holy Spirit window was dedicated at Pentecost 2009 only the single-lancet windows on the north and south walls of the Sanctuary, on either side of the Altar, were left without stained glass. (The West Window will continue to be filled with clear glass because of the wonderful way it floods the Church with light.) Mrs Peggy Thomson, who had donated the Holy Spirit window in memory of her son, Lynden, was keen to fund another design that might act as a memorial to her husband and herself in due course but which, as she said, she might also have the pleasure of seeing for herself. At the same time, Mr Leslie Scarborough offered to donate a window in memory of his wife, Elsie. And so a project that I had expected to be left to one of my successors-in-office suddenly became a reality.



***Bishop Gregor Duncan with
Mrs Peggy Thompson in front
of the St Kentigern window***

Since there was no representation of our Patron Saint, Ninian of Galloway, in the Church, it seemed to me obvious that one window ought to be associated with him. I made this suggestion to the Vestry and, in our discussions, it emerged that, as ours is the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, with Ninian as Patron of Galloway and Kentigern (often known by his nickname of Mungo—"the loved one") as Patron of Glasgow, it might be a good idea for the north window to represent Kentigern and the south, Ninian. The idea was spread around the Congregation, to general approval, and the Vestry commissioned Nicky Sinclair, who had built the Holy Spirit window, to design the two new windows accordingly.

We were clear that the windows should be evidently of our time, rather than aping the 19th Century painted glass in the rest of

the Church, but should also complement the East Window which is an important work by Ballantyne of Edinburgh. Neither did we want a couple of anachronistic mediaeval bishops in cope, mitre and crozier—as on the diocesan crest. Various draft designs were considered before Nicky presented those we now see in the windows. I knew immediately that these were the ones and the Vestry agreed, as did the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in November 2010. Yes, it had taken more than a year to get to that point!

There then followed months of wrestling with bureaucracy—applying for permission from the Church authorities under Canon 35 and for Listed Building Consent from D&G Council, both of which required consultation with other interested parties such as Historic Scotland, the Galloway Preservation Society and the Scottish Churches' Architectural Heritage Trust. I made presentations to at least eight different bodies, to general enthusiasm, but always having to resist a small minority who felt the windows ought to be clones of the existing 19th Century windows. (At this point, I should explain that the approval process for the Holy Spirit window had been much less complicated *because it can only be seen from inside the Church.*)

It was a great relief when final approval was received at the turn of 2011, because—patience not being my greatest virtue — I had instructed Nicky to begin construction months beforehand! The windows were completed in March of this year, installed by Frank Gourlay after Easter, and dedicated by Bishop Gregor at Pentecost, exactly three years after the project was initiated.

The windows, now much-admired, are evidently modern in their design but fit their context so well that, as one visitor remarked, “They look as if they have always been there.” There is almost no painting on them, the scenes being created solely by the colour and texture of the glass and the shaping of the leadwork.

The Ninian window shows the view from the mouth of St. Ninian's cave at Whithorn, across the grey-pebbled beach to the headland on which (by a touch of artistic licence) is the “Candida Casa”, the shining house of God from which the Gospel was proclaimed around Scotland. The shadowy figure of the Saint, almost unknown to history,



***Detail from the
St Ninian window***

is turning away from a period of contemplation in the cave towards his ministry in the world, his gaze fixed on his Church.

In the Kentigern window, the Saint—again turning away so that we can leave his features to our imagination—is set in a gothic arch that might represent Glasgow Cathedral. At his feet are symbols of stories from his ministry. (*See below.*)

I think they are an artistic *tour de force* and a major contribution to the artistic heritage of the area. It's pleasing to think that, for generations to come, they will shine in our Church to the glory of God.

THE KENTIGERN LEGENDS

At the base of the Kentigern window are four symbols of legendary events from the Saint's life.

The Robin represents an incident from when Kentigern was being brought up in St. Serf's monastery at Culross in Fife. It seems Kentigern was a favourite of Serf's and, in jealousy, some of the other boys killed Serf's pet robin, claiming that Kentigern was the culprit. He, though, restored the bird to life.

The branch symbolises an occasion at Culross when the fire went out for want of dry wood. Kentigern cut down green branches, from which he re-lit the fire.



***Detail from the
St Kentigern window***

The bell was brought back by Kentigern from a visit to Rome towards the end of his life. It was said to have been given to him by the Pope to ring the faithful to prayer. The original was lost at the Reformation but a replica, made in 1641, is on display at the People's Palace on Glasgow Green.

The salmon refers to a story of Queen Languoreth of Strathclyde, whose husband, King Riderch, suspected her of an affair. He demanded to see her wedding-ring which, he claimed, she had given to her lover but which he (Riderch) had found and, in his anger, had thrown into the River Clyde. The Queen appealed to Kentigern who told her to have a servant fish in the river. A salmon was caught, with the ring miraculously in its mouth, thereby saving the Queen's honour and her life.



To this day, the same symbols are to be found on the Coat of Arms of the City of Glasgow.

*“The fish that never swam,
the bird that never flew,
the bell that never rang,
the branch that never grew.”*

David Bayne

Since I took over the Chair from David Steward, we have had a wide variety of speakers:

**Advance notice for Saturday 29th September 2012 at
St Silas' Church, Glasgow: The Gathering - A Michaelmas Liturgy
in celebration of God's grace and our growth, 11am-3.30pm.**

This is a chance to gather as a diocese and grow together by baking bread, making music, studying scripture, making community connections, prayer and play.
Open to all - every congregation in the diocese is encouraged to send three (or more) representatives of all ages to this important celebration of our life together. If you would like to go, please let the Rector know by 1st September.
(Further details are available from the link on the News page on St Ninian's website or from the Diocesan website.)

ST NINIAN'S MEN'S GROUP - CHAIR REPORT



Since I took over the Chair from David Steward, we have had a wide variety of speakers: Bob Lindsay took us all on a trip describing his time as a military environmental health officer, which everyone very much enjoyed.

Our most recent speaker was Douglas Whitelaw (pictured left) who spoke about his role as the last ever Provost of Castle Douglas. This was most informative and generated an extended question and answer session. We all went away more knowledgeable about the town and its history.

Our next speaker, on Monday 17th September will be Dr Patrick Little, Senior Research Fellow at the History of Parliament Trust in London.

Finally, to start the New Year, we will have the Lord Lieutenant of the Stewartry, Lt-Col Sir Malcolm Ross, speaking about his time as a member of the Royal Household of her Majesty the Queen.

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Dates for Your Diaries
Our meetings in 2013 will be on:
Monday 21st January
Monday 27th May
Monday 26th August
Monday 28th October

All at the usual time - 6.30 for 7pm

**The Mothering Sunday Lunch will be held at
the Kings Arms, Castle Douglas
on Sunday 10th March 2013.**

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email: ian.mather06@tiscali.co.uk**

Ian Mather - Chair (pictured right)



PROFILE OF THE LITTLE FAMILY



The Little family moved to Burnbrae near Milton (between Dumfries and Castle Douglas on the Old Military Road) in 2010. Before that they had lived for ten years on the outskirts of Reading, but had always fled north for holidays, and for some years had been looking for a house with land suitable for a smallholding. They now have a small flock of sheep, a fell pony, chickens and a rabbit, as well as fruit and vegetable gardens.

Patrick's work at the History of Parliament Trust in London allows him to work mainly from home, with trips to town every few weeks to keep his boss happy. He has worked at the same place for eighteen years, having studied at Cambridge, Dublin and London. He has published widely on the mid-seventeenth century, and is currently writing his fifth book.

Susanne was born in Hamburg in Germany, and studied Biochemistry at Hanover University before going to King's College London, where she completed her PhD. She then had post-doctoral positions in

Cornwall and London, joining the congregation at St Pancras Church on the Euston Road, where she met Patrick. They married in 1998.

Peter and Michael (12 and 10) are taught at home by Susanne, with contributions from Patrick. Peter is very much the scientist, and has wanted to be a vet since he was six. He also plays the violin and is an accomplished rider. He is a server at St Ninian's, and was confirmed by Bishop Gregor on 27 May this year.

Michael plays the piano, and has ambitions to play the organ as well. In the meantime, he is helping as sidesman on Sunday mornings. Michael dances with the RSCDS Castle Douglas Junior Link, and has recently encouraged his big brother to join in too. He is also a keen rider, and is very interested in working horses, especially Clydesdales.



***Susanne and Peter after
Peter's Confirmation;
Bishop Gregor is in the
background***

THANK YOU

On the first Monday of July, I attended the orthopaedic clinic in Dumfries and, when I saw the consultant, I was told that my dislocated shoulder had healed remarkably well. This injury came after a broken ankle sustained at the end of January, which also recovered well. I put both these recoveries down to walking Molly (black Labradoodle) five times a day, but mostly to the enormous help and encouragement from the congregation and Canons of St Ninian's.

I received telephone calls, visits, letters, cards, flowers, food of all kinds, and many offers of lifts and help with transport, including wheelchair pushing. Thank you all so much for your concern and help towards my recovery. I am hoping to be fully involved once again in the life of St Ninian's.

Rosemary Elliot

PISKIES SIGN TRAINING PACT WITH KIRK

Our Galloway Region and the Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale in the Church of Scotland have established a new ecumenical initiative by signing a joint learning agreement. In the run-up to the agreement, ten people from each denomination gained certificates after recently completing a pastoral care training programme together. It draws on material devised by the SEC and was delivered by Kirk and SEC trainers. Now more training and learning opportunities are being developed jointly.

Sharing our resources and talents in the way this learning agreement defines can also be a catalyst for other opportunities. The potential of the work started here, we all hope and pray, will continue to develop and shine as a light for others in Scotland who share that vision.

The learning agreement was signed in May by Presbytery moderator Alan Dodds at the Presbytery meeting in Gretna and then by Regional Council convener Revd Roger Cutler at the Galloway Regional Council in Moffat. At Gretna, Very Revd Dr Sheilagh Kesting, ecumenical officer for the Church of Scotland, spoke positively of the ways in which ecumenical relations have developed, noting a shift from seeking structural unity toward a local relationship between churches that recognises 'the dignity of diversity'.

What began as a gathering of Christian people for resources, support, food and prayer formed into firm friendships and flourished into this agreement which brings us closer together in the unity that we seek.

Revd Sandy Montgomerie
Diocesan Ecumenical Relations Officer

THANK YOU FROM PAT AND ALAN WITHALL

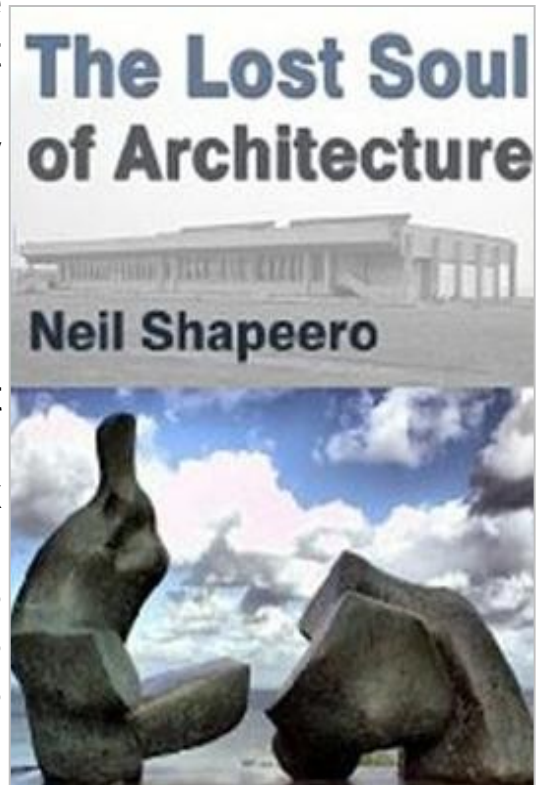
We would like to thank all those from St Ninian's who were so kind when we had our accident. We are now well on the mend!

'THE LOST SOUL OF ARCHITECTURE'

My husband had three real passions in life. One was his love of classical music, one was birds and wildlife, and the other was architecture.

Before he died almost three years ago, he completed a book that he had thought about and researched for many years. This book will be controversial, particularly in the architectural world.

I have spent a great deal of frustrating time in an effort to get the book published and eventually I found a publishing agent who actually thought it wonderful and said he was confident he would sell it within six months. However, due to the financial situation, even he could not sell it, to his great disappointment. No new authors were being accepted. Then this man was introduced to Kindle, and after consulting me off we both went on a roller coaster of a learning experience.



So - the book I have tried for so long to sell is out now in the electronic world. 'The Lost Soul of Architecture' is an attempt by my husband to go some way to explaining why people are dissatisfied with the architecture of our times. Places of work, our homes, shopping centres, our places of leisure and entertainment are endured with resigned stoicism, rather than embraced as sources of inspiration and delight. We look with envy and longing at the buildings of the past and turn to them in search of enrichment. There is a desperate effort to imbue new buildings with some spirit.

We blame various causes for this fall from architectural grace - however if you want to know more, Neil's book is available on Kindle at a price of £3.93. If you do read it you may love it or you may hate it, but healthy controversy and discussion is not a bad thing.

Brenda Shapeero

MY RIDE ON THE LAGGAN ZIP WIRE

I visited the Laggan Activity Centre in early July to find out more about the 800 metre long zip wire and straight away decided that I must have a go on it, so I booked a ride for Saturday 15th July to see for myself.

At 3pm I duly turned up and was asked to fill in a form that asked me lots of questions about my age, my weight, my medical condition, what medication I was on, whether I had had a heart attack in the past, was I afraid of heights etc and I was asked to sign a form exempting them from any liability in case things went wrong.

I was quite happy to do this, and was then fitted up with a body harness and, with three others, all young teenagers, was loaded into a Landrover and we set off up to the jump-off point. This took nearly ten minutes travelling up a very rough track that nearly shook the life out of me!

We duly arrived at the jump-off point and they asked who was going first. The teenagers nominated me. I had to climb up a few steps to the jump-off platform where I was asked to stand on a small pair of steps right on the very edge. At this point I was beginning to wonder if I had made a bad mistake in doing this! They asked if I still wanted to carry on and I was too proud not to. They double-checked the harness and off I went.

The initial height at this point was about 80 feet above the ground. I had to hold on tightly to the securing ropes, which were supposed to stop me swaying from side to side but the harness twisted me in all directions and it was quite scary. My knuckles were white with the effort of holding on and it was very tiring by the end.



***Marjorie took some good photos of the sky,
but sadly none of them showed Dave.
The above is what it is really like ...***

Photo credit: Laggan Outdoors

However the view was marvellous; I was able to see for miles and they reckon that you can see Ireland from the top on a good day. The speed was 40-50mph and the ride lasted about two minutes. On arriving at the bottom I stopped ten feet from the landing place and about 10 feet up in the air. I had to throw a rope to an assistant who then pulled me in and I was released from the harness. I felt quite proud of myself and I am looking forward to doing it again!

Dave Wright

LEARNING TO LIVE MORE REFLECTIVELY

“Prayer is like an underground stream that flows to the surface at times when we can give it undivided space,” - Sister Wendy Beckett

“Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living” aims to offer that ‘undivided space’. It offers opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper, closer relationship with God. One of the pathways to inner growth identified in the Diocesan Growth Strategy is prayer and spirituality. This course provides an opportunity to experience such growth offering a rich variety of resources with which to nurture that growth.

The course, which draws its inspiration from the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, has been offered in Edinburgh for more than ten years. It is also run in other centres in Scotland. This will be the second time that it is offered in Galloway. The tutors are drawn from the Epiphany Group, a Scottish organization supporting lay and ordained women and men who have been trained in offering Spiritual Accompaniment in the tradition of Ignatian Spirituality.

True to the spirit of St Ignatius, the course is open to those of any denomination. Ignatius lived in the 16th century and was a courtier before he became a priest. He was ahead of his time in that he encouraged women and lay people to make the Spiritual Exercises and then pass them on. He believed they were for everyone. For this reason, I feel that Ignatian Spirituality resonates strongly with the 21st century.

One of the participants on the first course wrote, *“GPRL has been a delightful discovery of Jesus in new ways in my own prayer experience and in others’. The companionship of others, both course participants and leaders, has been accepting and refreshing.”*

The course is hosted by Aig Fois, a small house of prayer in Kirkcudbright, in collaboration with the Epiphany Group. It will be offered again from October 2012, and will include the opportunity to experience different ways of praying, such as stillness, prayer of consideration, imaginative contemplation, *lectio divina* and *visio divina*. Aids to prayer and reflection are explored, such as journaling, art, music and body prayer. The aim is to help participants develop and deepen their experience of prayer, to live more reflectively and to make good choices in their lives which are in tune with God’s hopes and desires for themselves.

The course will be held over seven weekends in the Gordon Memorial Hall, at St Ninian’s Church. These are: 12/13 October; 2/3 November; 30 November/1 December 2012; in 2013: 8/9 February; 8/9 March; 12/13 April; 10/11 May, from 7.00 to 9.30pm on Fridays and 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturdays. More details about the course will be available in your church from July, or on request to Rachel Inglis. (01557 331548 / info@aigfois.co.uk)

If you would like to experience something of what this course might offer you, please feel free to contact me. I’d be happy to offer a short taster session to a group.

Rachel Inglis

GRANDCHILDREN!

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

The Will of God

The will of God will never take you,
where the grace of God cannot keep you,
where the arms of God cannot support you,
where the riches of God cannot supply your needs,
where the power of God cannot endow you.

The will of God will never take you,
where the Spirit of God cannot work through you,
where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,
where the army of God cannot protect you,
where the hands of God cannot mould you.

The will of God will never take you,
where the love of God cannot enfold you,
where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,
where the peace of God cannot calm your fears,
where the authority of God cannot overrule you.

The will of God will never take you,
where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,
where the Word of God cannot feed you,
where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,
where the omnipresence of God cannot find you.

Everything happens for a purpose.
We may not see the wisdom of it all now,
but trust and believe in the Lord
that everything is for the best.

Author unknown; sent in by Jenny Wright

CONGRATULATIONS ANDREW! Alan Stewart's son, Andrew, has successfully completed his sponsored cycle ride from London to Paris, completing 80 miles a day over four days, 18th -22nd July, to raise money for Christian Aid. (Alan will be collecting the sponsorship money on his behalf.)

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY

Recently I was authorised as a Lay Worship Leader and Pastoral Assistant and I thought people might like to know a little more, for instance how it came about, and why and what was the preparation for this.

I felt a call to what I thought was ordination back in 1998 and that was when I first led services. However after two years of selection procedure I was not accepted for ordination training. Later I moved to Cumbria and after explaining my situation to the Priest of the church I was attending, I was welcomed with open arms and again I found myself leading services including delivering sermons. My priest had four churches in his charge. It had been recognised in Cumbria that with a shortage of priests, more and more had a number of churches in their charge and the use of lay people to help was the way forward. Some training was necessary and it made sense to run courses at Diocesan level. I got the training I had been looking for: modules that were appropriate to the tasks that I was carrying out.

I was about to be authorised when I felt I was being moved on (the little voice that said don't get too settled, you're not staying) and found myself first in Dumfries and then Castle Douglas. Again I explained my situation to my rector, this time David, and waited the mandatory two years while the congregation got to know me through reading lessons, doing intercessions, coffee times etc. After some discussion with the Bishop and Shelley Marsh, the Director of Lay Ministries for the diocese, it was decided that I would train for authorised lay ministry as a Worship Leader and Pastoral Assistant. For this we filled out the necessary forms outlining my preparatory training and further training and a working agreement.

My preparatory training consisted of a worship leader's course (one day) which included the new 'Service of the Word' that does not require an ordained member to be present and can be adapted for various occasions and can be very meaningful in a different way to our usual liturgies. I also attended a one day workshop on leading intercessions and a Pastoral Care workshop that took place over five weeks consisting of six three-hour sessions. I had already done one before but this one still introduced me to other areas such as talking to

someone with dementia and visiting on behalf of the church as opposed to one's own behalf. Other points I had studied before were listening skills, when and how to break confidentiality (e.g. when a child or vulnerable adult is at risk). This course was run jointly by the Scottish Episcopal and the Methodist churches and it was a joy to attend and share experiences. I also have a small group leaders course to study to help with leading the study/fellowship group. My training will be ongoing attending courses as they become available and putting all this into practice.

My working agreement is important in that it specifies who I report to (David), who I contact in the absence of David and exactly what my responsibilities are. This may seem like a lot of red tape but it means David and I know where we stand, we both have objectives to meet with respect to my training and the head office knows who is authorised where, and what their training needs are.

As David has said, he is hoping to involve others in Lay Ministry of one sort or another; at present there are three titles, Worship Leader, Pastoral Assistant and Eucharistic Assistant. Do you feel called to any of these? Speak to David.

Jenny Wright

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at the top of the News page.

THE NEXT EDITION OF 'ST NINIAN'S REVIEW' will be published for Advent 2012. If you would like to write an article or submit anything it would be most welcome. The deadline is early November 2012.

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