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Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
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*Squirrels at Kippford*

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# Our Pattern of Worship

## Sundays

8.30am	Holy Communion: 1929 Scottish Prayer Book Liturgy
11.00am	Family Eucharist: 1982 Scottish Liturgy (except 4th Sunday of month)
11.00am	Matins: Scottish Prayer Book } 4th Sunday
12.00	Holy Communion } only Shorter Prayer Book Liturgy
6.00pm	Evensong (2nd Sunday only)
7.00pm	The Sunday Evening Alternative (Last Sunday of month) A themed Evening Service, using a wide variety of material from Taizé, the Iona Community, the Franciscans, etc.

## Thursdays

10.15am	Holy Communion: 1970 Scottish Liturgy
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*Services for Saints' Days and other Occasions are detailed in the weekly pew sheet, on the website and on the Church notice-boards.*

***The Church is open daily for private prayer***

# **Services for Holy Week and Easter, 2010**

## **Sun 28 March - Palm Sunday**

Holy Communion, 8.30am

Family Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms, 11.00am

## **Mon 29**

Holy Communion, 10.15am

Reflections and Compline, 7.30pm

## **Tue 30**

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, 12.00 noon

*(No morning Service in St. Ninian's)*

Reflections and Compline, 7.30pm

## **Wed 31**

Holy Communion, 10.15am

Reflections and Compline, 7.30pm

## **Thu 1 April - Maundy Thursday**

Matins, 10.15am

Eucharist of the Last Supper, 7.30pm

Watch until Midnight

## **Fri 2 - Good Friday**

Matins and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, 10.15am

Prayers at the Foot of the Cross, 2.00pm

Evening Worship in Crossmichael Church Hall, 7.00pm

## **Sun 4 - Easter Day**

Holy Communion, 8.30am

Festival Eucharist, 11.00am

Dear Friends

A recent discussion with a group of young people reminded me how difficult it has become to interpret Christianity as a living faith, when others see it as of merely historical or antiquarian interest. Our faith is not a phenomenon to be observed objectively but rather a relationship with God as revealed in Jesus in which the Christians of today are as deeply and personally involved as their First Century forbears.

One of the most-powerful illustrations I have encountered of that relationship-through-time is a short story (by John Wyndham, I think) describing a time in the future in which space-time travel is commonplace and tourists can take organised trips to experience the great events of history as they unfold. A popular destination is the first Holy Week, and we travel with a group to Palestine, around 30AD, as they experience those few days: in the entry into Jerusalem (palm branches available from your tour guide at extra cost); the cleansing of the Temple; the final teaching. They lurk in Gethsemane, and are in the crowd outside Pilate's headquarters as Jesus is on trial. To get them into the spirit of the occasion, the tour guide has coached them in the correct response to Pilate's questions, and so they shout for the release of Barabbas and, to Pilate's "What shall I do with Jesus?" roar "Crucify him!" It is at this point that the narrator looks round and realises with horror that the locals have fallen silent and it is only the tourists from the future who are baying for Jesus' blood.....

Throughout the ages, human beings remain the same. When we succumb to our baser instincts, we are as involved in the crucifixion of Jesus as anyone who was in Jerusalem on that awful day. And it is only by the conscious rejection of our sinful selves and by embracing the Way of Jesus Christ that we can dare hope to become our true selves. Just as the Way of Jesus leads him inexorably to Calvary and thence to the Empty Tomb – to death and resurrection - so for us: the death of sin in us leads to new life. Our faith is not in a defeated Christ dead on the Cross but rather in the Christ who defeated death and through whom we share eternal life. That's the Easter Gospel: "Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **WEDDING**

19th December 2009: Marjorie Fergusson and David Wright

### **BAPTISM**

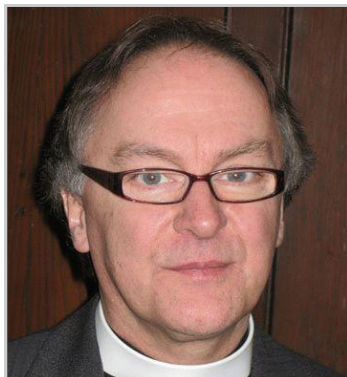
3rd January 2010: Finlay Robert Jardine

### **FUNERALS**

21st January 2010: Kenneth Apps

12th March 2010: Robin Wardhaugh

## DIOCESAN NEWS



The Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan

**Elected the new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway on 16 January, the Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan** is well known in the Diocese, having been Dean since 1996 and Rector of St Ninian's, Pollokshields, for over a decade. A graduate of Glasgow University, he went on to study for his PhD at Cambridge. He was ordained priest in 1984. In 1986 he returned to Scotland to serve as chaplain at Edinburgh Theological College. Before moving to his present charge in Pollokshields, he was Rector of St Columba's, Largs, from 1989 to 1999.

His interests include collecting records and CDs, cooking, entertaining, and reading modern novels, travel and history books.

He will be consecrated and installed as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow on Friday 23 April at 6.30pm (attendance by ticket only) but there will be an opportunity for all to join the celebrations at Choral Evensong on Sunday 25 April at St Mary's, during which the new Dean of the Diocese, the Revd Ian Barcroft, will be installed.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**9th-15th May 2010**

We, that is the local committee, are running a similar programme to that of last year with the café - soup and roll; produce stalls; bric-a-brac (no clothes please); cake stall; plant stall - on Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th May in the Parish Halls.

Last year all the Churches worked together (there was no "This is our day...") and we will do the same this year, so helpers are needed on any of the days. Ann Gault will be responsible for the Saturday, but please do volunteer for the other days too by putting your name down on the list in the passageway, and that goes for produce too.

This year the emphasis on poverty continues and, in particular, around Matopeni in Kenya. Here is a taste of one of the reports for Christian Aid coming out of that very poor area.

**"The first things we saw when we were shown around Matopeni by a lady called Catherine Kithuku were the results of what they call the 'flying toilets'. We were led to a single toilet, primitive in the extreme, so people go along a walkway that runs alongside, do their business in a bag, and throw it over the houses. There is no official tap or clean running water, and the walkways are broken planks beneath which runs a broken water pipe and raw sewage."**

There is much more where that report came from and they need our help. The money raised will be given to the Christian Aid local partner in the area and thus directed to where the need is, and not lost in a myriad of bureaucracy.

There is also going to be a Christian Aid Roadshow on Tuesday 13th April at St George's Church, Dumfries, from 7.00-9.00pm, at which everyone is welcome.

**David Steward**

## MOTHERS' UNION REVIEW



Our Christmas party this year provided a welcome relief from the constant storms and rains of autumn ... no "season of mellow fruitfulness", more like Noah's flood!



A hilarious sketch from the two Christmas tree fairies, Elizabeth and Helen



Concentration from our musical members: Hilda, Jenny and Marion



A song from Alison

We were well entertained by some of our members who recited, sang, played duets or simply told stories and, as usual, the food was wonderful. Something that added a little spice to the occasion was the forthcoming wedding of Marjorie, one of our members.



Despite the logistical problems presented by the ice and snow during the festive season, we have managed to recruit some new members. We are happy to see that our group is becoming ever more ecumenical and hope that this trend will continue. (Incidentally, we do very good soups which are served at every meeting!) Another very encouraging piece of news is that a sister branch of M.U. is opening in Kirkcudbright, with 13 members so far, and it also is very ecumenical.

In January, Shirley Tuke entertained us with another very witty instalment of her experiences in nursing, "One Pair of Feet". This was so much enjoyed that I am sure she will be coaxed to come back with yet more anecdotes. It is obvious that the nursing profession has a fund of amusing stories, which I suppose provides an antidote for others not so amusing, and Shirley can certainly put them across!

We were very pleased to welcome Fiona McGregor as guest speaker in February. The film of her travels in America evoked all those Western films that were so popular as we grew up - so many people and places familiar to us - the Battle of Little Bighorn, Fort Laramie, the Oregon Trail, Buffalo Bill, Annie Oakley, Chief Sitting Bull and many more. Not only that, but the historical background to those events brought it all to life and the music was very well chosen. It was a delight to see the scenery in Yellowstone Park and the animals which make it their home.

Three other talks will take us to the end of this session. The Revd Canon Kenneth Stephen will deliver "A Lenten Address", Dr Keith Dennison will give a talk on "Penicillin", lastly, David Gulland on "Glass Engraving".

Once more, I feel that we must express gratitude for the overwhelming contributions from our generous congregation of toiletries for the Women's Refuges in Stranraer and Newton Stewart, and wool and ribbons for the Healing Blankets. We are most grateful for this support, as are the recipients themselves.

*Jessie Lockhart*

## **WIGTOWNSHIRE WOMEN'S AID**

When a woman contacts the Women's Aid in Stranraer it has taken great courage to take this first step. She is admitting that she has an abusive partner and she is frightened. I am told by the staff in the office that sometimes it takes a few disconnected calls before she will speak. A better life is now on the horizon and all the help that is needed will be given. The staff in the office are always so cheerful and positive - I don't know how they do it day after day because some of the stories they hear are horrendous.

Many of the women come to the Refuge with nothing: they have left home in a hurry and packing is not an option. A room is found for them in either the Refuge or one of the safe houses. I have been in the Refuge and it is welcoming, bright and cheerful but, most importantly, it is safe. There is a wonderful walled garden which can be used by the children at all times. The women stay as long as they need, until they feel comfortable enough to move on.

When the women arrive, they have lost confidence and are at rock bottom; they feel that they are alone and that no-one cares, so to find one of our beautiful toilet bags waiting for each of

them is sometimes an emotional experience. The bag may only hold basic toiletries and luxury item but it is all they have, and they start to realise that someone does care about them. I have been privileged to meet some of these women and the courage they have to face the future is inspiring.

I would like to say thank you to our congregation and Mothers' Union members for being so generous in donating the toiletries and materials for the bags. We are making a difference to someone's life on a daily basis and helping them move forward towards a better future.

**Wendy Mullen**

## **ABBAS REST NEWS**

I am pleased to report that Dorine, Zione and Humfury are in good health; they are receiving daily food and progressing well at school as a result of our sponsorship. They all received their Christmas presents and I received a letter from W Edwin, Manager at Chiringa, to say that they had arrived and we will shortly be sent photographs of them opening their presents.

Many thanks for the cards and videos recently collected. This month I have sent a small parcel to each of the children, along with photographs of Castle Douglas and surrounding areas, and photographs of Mothers' Union members taken at one of our June outings. Thanks also to Dave and Marjorie, who organised a raffle at our Christmas meeting and donated a cheque for £30 to ARO funds to buy a chicken or two.

Here are a few extracts from the February Newsletter from Malawi. There is further information on the church notice board.

**The toilet and bathing room project has restarted, with twelve built at Muona, five at Chiringa and ten under construction.** Seven dilapidated bikes were found at Muona and so Charlie decided to have them repaired. On this terrain they often don't last long but it is such a joy for the children. Work practices are being honed and hours streamlined: some were doing much more than asked and others, *well!!*

**Toys were to be bought with dedicated money from sponsors.** However William talked Charlie out of this and instead mostly more practical things were purchased, i.e. suitcases for storage. This is very important where all the family lives in one room. Homes often just consist of a roof (which often leaks), mud floors and walls, and perhaps the luxury of one stool ... *but* ... loads of hospitality!

Many thanks for everyone's support and donations of money, wool and postcards etc. Much appreciated.

**Jenny Spence**



## ALAN STEWART'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: 7 FEBRUARY 2010

To mark his Special Birthday, Alan and Zoë invited the congregation to lunch in the Hall following the morning service.

It was a very happy occasion, and the Hall was filled to capacity, with everyone enjoying a splendid meal, supplied by the Scottish Pantry. Thank you Alan and Zoë.

*Donations given on the day raised the sum of £216 for Christian Aid.*



## INSPIRES ONLINE

The new e-newsletter for the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC), Inspires Online, has been launched, the first mailing having taken place in February. This e-mail based news source is for everyone interested in the SEC and *complements* the quarterly printed magazine Inspires, and the SEC website, [www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org). You can sign up free for regular SEC e-newsletters at [www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe](http://www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe) (and you can unsubscribe at any time).

Commenting on the launch, the Convener of the Information and Communication Board, the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth said, "I hope that this new communication tool will be useful and I would like to thank those who have been working on it."

## THANK YOU !!

My family join me in saying thank you for all of the prayers and support given early in December, when my son-in-law, Michael Ruffles, was diagnosed with cancer.

He has recovered from a major operation, in which his spine was supported with metal plates, and subsequent radiotherapy to the tumours on the spine. Unfortunately the tumours remain, but the prognosis is positive. He now undergoes a series of specialist x-rays to see what has to

be done next and also another attempt to determine the position of the primary cancer. Meantime, Michael, Sally, and daughter Hannah, look to the future with hope and gratitude for the love they have been shown.

On a lighter note, via Michael's business associates, St Ninian's was joined with the congregation of several Roman Catholic churches (in Ireland), two synagogues in S E England, and two Muslim mosques (one of them in Paisley) – it had to work!!

Thank you,

***Leslie Scarborough***

### **HOW SCOTLAND WAS CREATED**

At the beginning of time, God was discussing the creation of the world with Angel Gabriel. Leaning back on His golden throne, he told him of His plans for Scotland. "Gabriel", said God, "I am going to give Scotland towering mountains and magnificent glens resplendent with purple heather. Red deer will roam the countryside, golden eagles will circle in the skies, salmon will leap in the crystal clear rivers and lochs and the surrounding seas will teem with fish. Agriculture will flourish and there will be a glorious coming together of water and barley to be known as whisky. Coal, oil and gas - all will be there. The Scots will be intelligent, innovative, industrious and...." "Wait a minute!" interrupted Gabriel. "Are you not being just a wee bit too generous to these Scots?" But the Almighty replied, "Not really. I haven't told you yet who their neighbours are going to be!"

### **THE 23<sup>RD</sup> PSALM IN SCOTS *contributed by Penelope Bain***

The Lord is my Shepherd; in nocht am I wantin'.  
In the haughs o' green gorse does He mak' me lie doon;  
While mony puir stragglers are bleatin' and pantin',  
By saft-flowin' burnies He leads me at noon.

When aince I had strayed far awa' in the bracken,  
And daidled till gloamin' cam' ower a' the hills,  
Nae dribble o' water my sair drooth to slacken,  
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haars and its chills.

Awa' frae the fauld, strayin' fit-sair and weary,  
I thocht I had naethin' to dae but to dee;  
He socht me and fand me in mountain hechts dreary;  
He gangs by fell paths which He kens best for me.

And noo, for His name's sake, I'm dune wi' a' fearin',  
Though clouds may aft gaither and soughin' win's blaw;  
"Hoo this?" or "Hoo that?" – oh, prevent me frae speirin';  
His wull is aye best, and I daurna say na.

The valley o' death winna fleg me to thread it,  
Though awfu' the darkness, I well can foresee;  
Wi' His rod and His staff He wull help me to tread it,  
He then wull its shadows sae gruesome a' flee.

Forfochan, in presence o' foes that surround me,  
My Shepherd a table wi' denties has spread;  
The thyme and the myrtle blaw fragrant around me –  
He brims a fu' cup and poors oil on my head.

Surely guidness and mercy, despite a' my roamin',  
Wull gang wi' me doon to the brink o' the river;  
Ayont it, nae mair o' the eerie and gloamin' –  
I wull bide in the Hame o' my Faither for ever.

***Jenny Spence shares a prayer which is a favourite of hers:***

**'SOMEONE DOES CARE'**

I found God in the morning.  
We just sat and talked.  
I kept him near me  
everywhere I walked.

I called on God at noontime,  
a heart filled with despair.  
I felt His quiet presence.  
I knew He was there.

We met again at sunset,  
the waning of the day.  
I had made Him happy.  
I had lived His way.

Then when at bedtime  
I knelt silently in prayer,  
again His gentle presence I felt:  
'Someone does care' .

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## FROM "THE LONDON TIMES": OBITUARY OF THE LATE MR COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- *knowing when to come in out of the rain;*
- *why the early bird gets the worm;*
- *life isn't always fair; and,*
- *maybe it was my fault.*

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (Don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (Adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin, sun lotion or a band-aid to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common Sense lost the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense finally gave up living as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by his three stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

***Contributed by Sylvia Elliott***

## **Addendum - JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (Issue 34)**

In writing about the extremely eminent Galloway scientist, James Clerk Maxwell, I missed out important information (presumably because I have no access to the Internet). This was that his former residence, Glenlair, is being restored by Duncan Ferguson, the present owner. Captain Ferguson wrote to Stephanie Dewhurst, having seen my article in the St Ninian's Review, to say that he gets slightly amused when anyone talks about 'dear old Sam Callander' and his achievement in getting a plaque erected – as indeed I had told. But apparently no-one has ever acknowledged Ferguson's raising £100,000 to preserve Glenlair for posterity. We must do so now. He added that 'the good Lord would no doubt thank him in due course'. Glenlair is open all year to visitors by prior arrangement with the Fergusons.

***John Elvidge***

*(If you would like to read more about the history and restoration of Glenlair, you will find plenty on the website: [www.glenlair.org.uk/](http://www.glenlair.org.uk/))*

## **BLOOD**

Blood, pumped by the heart through the arteries, returns through the veins; in this way the various nutrients derived from digestion are carried to all the body's cells. There are proteins, amino acids, sugars, hormones, vitamins and steroids, to mention a few. The blood also carries antibodies and clotting agents. Very importantly, too, the red cells in the blood bring oxygen from air in the lungs to all the cells, which require it for their metabolism. In parallel, carbon dioxide, formed in oxidative metabolic steps, is carried to the lungs for removal in the breath. If the vital transport of oxygen becomes faulty in any way, the condition is known as anaemia. The normal red blood cell count falls below 130. In my own case, the count drops over time and, when it reaches about 80, a transfusion becomes essential. This occurs every 7 - 12 weeks or so. Obviously I am extremely grateful to all those who give blood.

I gather that many of St Ninian's congregation have at various times given blood. The patient never knows who the donor is, but I can imagine how appreciative patients must be for the donor's generosity. In my own case, the doctor organises a blood delivery on a pre-arranged date. I am asked to get to the local hospital (at the far end of Academy Street) by 8.15am. A doctor from the Health Centre arrives and inserts a cannula in my wrist, complete with tap and stopper. After careful checking of labels (and myself), a bag of red blood is hung above my head from a frame. Taps are turned and the drip is led by tubing to my wrist and I sit there until three bags have been emptied, usually taking until 8.00pm. Fortunately, the Hospital provides elevenses, lunch, tea and dinner.

I am sure we can all be thankful that God has given man the brains and ability to understand how the body works, enabling medical science and making such hospital treatment possible. I know I am.

***John Elvidge***

## REPORT FROM 'LITTLE FISHES'



Once again I offer my thanks to all those people who give up their free time to help out with the refreshments at Little Fishes. The fact that the parents and carers are not obliged to become part of the routines I'm sure has a huge bearing on the popularity of the group. It ensures that it is inclusive and everyone is on a level pegging.

We have seen our numbers swell and, on two occasions recently, I have had to split the group to offer two sessions of the singing and rhyme time. On the busiest day there were 36 children! I do believe that St Ninian's is meeting a need within the community and that everyone who attends Little Fishes is given a positive insight into our church community.

I will continue to promote the church services, Sunday school and our charity events. I would like to take this opportunity publicly to thank Ellie, Sam and William who come to the hall early to help set up before going to school. They also have donated many of the toys and books now being enjoyed by so many other children. It would be impossible for me to do any of the planning and organization for Little Fishes without the continuing support of all the family. It must also be noted that the Head Teacher at Crossmichael Primary School has arranged for cover for my class to enable Little Fishes to continue into the summer.

***Roz Stevens***

## HAVE YOU GOT AAADD?

I went to the doctor yesterday and have been diagnosed with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice there's mail on the hall table. I decide to go through it before washing the car. I put my keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the bin and notice the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table to take out the bin. But then I think, since I'm near the post-box when I take out the bin, I might as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left, so I go to the desk in my study where I find a bottle of Coke I had been drinking. I'm about to look for my cheques when I notice the Coke is warm, so I decide to put it in the fridge. I head towards the kitchen when a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye – they need water. As I put the Coke down on the counter, I notice my glasses, which I've been looking for all morning. I decide I had better take them back to my desk, but first I must water the flowers. I fill a jug with water when I spot the TV remote on the kitchen table. Tonight, when we go to watch TV, we'll be looking for it, so I decide to take it back to the TV room, but first I must water the flowers. I splash some water on them, but some spills on the floor. So I put the remote down to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

Now it's the end of the day; the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a warm bottle of Coke on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote or my glasses, and I don't know what I did with the car keys. I try to work out why nothing got done today, and I'm baffled because I've been busy and now I'm really tired. I realise this is a problem and I'll try to get some help, but first I'll check my emails...

*From Marjorie Wright*

**EXTRACT FROM A LETTER IN THE FEBRUARY 2010 EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE OF 'FRIENDS OF THE SETTLE-CARLISLE LINE':** "As one who takes church services in our joint parishes: Long Preston, Tosside and Slaidburn, I took more than a passing interest in the failure to clear recent snowfalls on the all-important rural roads of our area, but all was revealed almost immediately after the recent thaw. A willing farmer who has cleared roads on behalf of Lancashire County Council in the area for 36 years was forbidden to do so as he lacked National Vocational Qualifications ...!"

*Please note: the next edition of 'St Ninian's Review' will be published in August and I would welcome any contributions. The deadline for material will be mid-July. I don't mind whether material is typed or handwritten, or emailed to me at: [johnsteph@mkcott.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:johnsteph@mkcott.wanadoo.co.uk)*

*Thank you, Stephanie Dewhurst*

NOTE: There is no charge for your copy of 'The Review' but, if you would like to make a small donation towards the cost of printing, it would be appreciated.

**ST NINIAN'S WEBSITE** - <http://episcopalglasgow.co.uk/castledouglas/>

Many of you are now familiar with our website but, if anyone still hasn't seen it, you'll find plenty of material to read and photos to look at. There are pages dedicated to Service Times, News, History, Activities (which includes church groups - Mothers' Union, Thursday Club, Men's Group, Little Fishes, etc), and recent editions of 'St Ninian's Review', in addition to a 'live' calendar on the Hall Bookings page which enables people to check the availability of the Hall before booking it. The website is regularly updated (lots of photos of Alan's birthday celebrations etc.) and I try to keep forthcoming events listed, so that it can be a useful reference source for the dates of meetings of various organisations. There are direct links to Diocesan News as well as to the official websites of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Fair Trade, Mothers' Union, Christian Aid etc. You can contribute material to St Ninian's website using the contact details below, or via the 'Contact the Webmaster' link in the left-hand column of any page on the website.

*Stephanie Dewhurst*



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