



DIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS
DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE

Chapter Verse &

A Note From Bishop Ian

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement, started by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come find faith in Christ. It runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost Day, this year from 18 to 28 May.

Over the course of these 11 days we will pray that people we know - family, friends, neighbours - may be open to exploring their faith and to becoming members of God's Church. This year's theme, 'Living the Kingdom', invites us also to serve people by our practice as well as our prayer. Both prayer and practice can be expressed in many different ways by individuals and by churches.

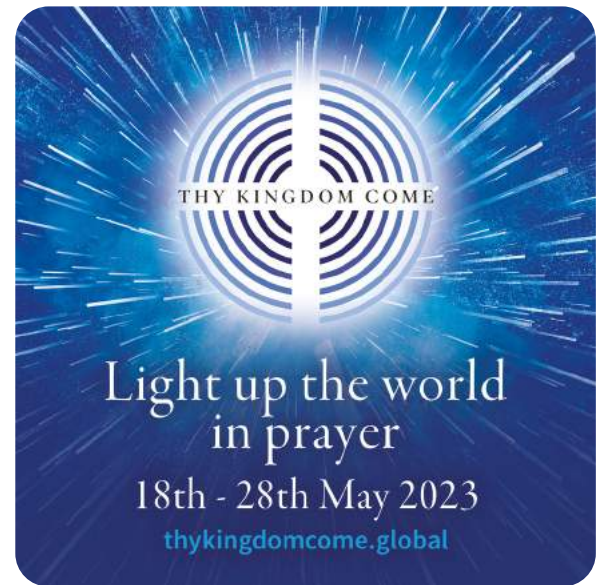
Many congregations say how much they want to grow, to attract new members, and to share faith with people in their community. As part of your response, I hope very much that you and your congregation will join in 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension to Pentecost.

With very best wishes for Ascension Day and the days to Pentecost,



+ Ian St Andrew

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RESOURCES

There are a variety of resources available to download from the Church of England's website.

They include resources for use with children, young people, and ideas and prayers for churches to use. Some resources are attached for you below

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PILGRIMAGE

WHAT IS A PILGRIM PASTOR?

'That is a question that I get asked often and one that you may be thinking, so let me try and explain what the appointment is all about.

People throughout the United Kingdom and beyond are rediscovering the joy and benefit of going on a Pilgrimage, whether short walks or longer distances covered over a period of several days or weeks. The Fife Pilgrim Way provides an option for either. Established in 2019, it reintroduces the old pilgrim route that many travelled in medieval times across Fife to St Andrews Cathedral.

As the Pilgrim Pastor for the Fife Pilgrim Way, I will seek to help people get the most out of their walks/pilgrimages in all aspects, this will involve:

- *Producing useful resources for pilgrims to aid them on their journeys.*
- *Helping churches along the way discover how they might help the pilgrimage experience.*
- *Helping individuals and groups plan, prepare, and reflect on their pilgrimages.*
- *Organise and lead pilgrimages along the Fife Pilgrim way.*

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*God of pilgrims,
be for us our companion on the walk,
our guide at the crossroads,
our breath in weariness,
our protection in danger,
our shelter on the way,
our light in darkness,
our consolation in discouragement,
and our strength day by day.*

+ Ian

TAKE PART

This year I will be inviting people to join me to "walk the Fife Pilgrim Way in a year," walking various stages each month. Dates and further details will be coming shortly, so maybe think about challenging yourself physically and spiritually this year and come along.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me you can on pilgrimpastorfife@gmail.com

Duncan Weaver

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CLIMATE CHANGE



WHO ARE WE?

The Diocesan Climate Change Group is to change its name and remit to Diocesan Environment Group. This reflects the scope of work to implement the SEC's Net Zero Action Plan.

This widening of the remit to include biodiversity, waste and pollution requires us to bring someone else onto the Group who has expertise/passion in this area. If that is you or you know someone who might share this gift please get in touch with the Convenor, Rev Canon Elaine Garman on 07733151458 or revelainegarman@outlook.com

Work on the new Diocesan Net Zero Plan will start soon so, support on this is appreciated.

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WHAT IS NET ZERO?

This recorded webinar gives an overview of Net Zero and how the Scottish Episcopal Church intends to use this concept to take urgent, effective and measurable action to address the climate emergency. By watching this video you will gain an understanding of what Net Zero is, how it compares to Carbon Neutral as well as delve into the eight building blocks that are being used to create a robust, legitimate and transparent Net-Zero Action Plan. You will also find out about the consultation process that will occur early next year, how they can get involved and ask questions.

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CLERGY CATCH-UP

ST SERF'S AND ITS LINKS TO A GIANT OF 19TH CENTURY LITERATURE.

A couple of years ago we had a wonderfully liberating spring clean at St Serf's, Burntisland, when all the rubbish was cleared from the vestry. A number of fascinating items emerged from long-neglected drawers and cupboards, including records of services, books of vestry minutes and hand-written notes. I can't resist historic documents, and leafing through the church records, I noticed that St Serf's took a massive step forward at the beginning of the 20th century when the present church was built.

The driving force behind this ambitious venture was the Reverend Henry Hardy MA, Rector of St Serf's from 1898 to 1915. His faithful record, is a joy to read, revealing as it does the ups and downs of the church community. As a result of some unexplained losses during the previous incumbency, the church of 1898 was in need of a financial boost. Some of Rev. Hardy's appeals failed to yield results but he persisted, cajoled and persuaded until the money was eventually raised to build a new church on the site of the existing "tin tabernacle" that had served the congregation until then. The foundation stone was duly laid and in 1905 the present building was consecrated.

You can imagine my surprise and delight when Mr Tim Cottle, the great-great-grandson of the Revd Henry Hardy contacted me recently to arrange a brief visit. He and his family very much enjoyed looking round the church in which his grandmother (Henry Hardy's daughter) had been married in February 1914, and I was fascinated to hear that Henry Hardy's father was the first cousin of the author, Thomas Hardy. He even had a letter written by Thomas Hardy to Revd Henry Hardy, thanking him for his condolences on the death of his mother.

Rev. Carol Latimer



The picture shows Tim Cottle and two members of his family standing below the commemorative window dedicated to his great-great-grandfather.



Inscription: To the glory of God & in honoured memory of Henry Hardy, Rector of St Serf's 1895 - 1915. During whose incumbency this church was built. The title of the painting is 'Light of the World' and shows Christ knocking on an overgrown and long unopened door.

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



St Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata

VISIT FROM THE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA

The Rt. Revd. Dr Paritosh Canning will be visiting our Diocese from 17th - 20th June

Keep a eye out for upcoming events during his visit.

SUBHAVNA – THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA, CNI

This latest newsletter from our partner diocese in Calcutta is available here.

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GIVE, ACT AND PRAY THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We won't stop until everyone has the chance to live a full life, free from poverty. We are united in hope that, with your help, more young people will be able to transform their lives.

Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis.

Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

Our partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop.

Christian Aid Week is at its most powerful when a disaster happens. Through you, we will be there long after the flood waters recede, helping families build back. Your gifts this May will continue to support the pigeon pea project and other vital work around the world.

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DATES AND CONTACTS

MUSIC IN ABERFOYLE

This will be given by the aptly-named Eden Baroque - Michael Sanderson, baritone, baroque violin & viola, and Katharine May, harpsichord - who will be travelling up from the Eden Valley in Cumbria to entertain us. They will be performing songs and instrumental music covering 150 years, ranging from Dowland via Handel and Joseph Haydn to Thomas Arne. This will be the third harpsichord concert of the season, and possibly the last for a while. It promises to be a fitting end to this spring's programme.

As usual, the concert will start at 3 o'clock on Sunday 15 January in St. Mary's Church, Aberfoyle, last an hour, and be followed by tea. Another reminder - tickets available at the door at £15 - £5 for students and under-12s free - but may be booked in advance email. aberfoyleconcerts@gmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Ordinations:

*Ian Boa, at Holy Trinity,
Stirling on 25th June*

*Rachael Wright, at St Mary's,
Dunblane on 23rd September*

*Please contact the Diocesan Office
for more details:
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HAVE YOUR SAY

*"We are always looking to share information within our Diocese, if you have anything that you wish to add to the next Chapter and Verse please do email:
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NEW DIOCESAN CONTACTS

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