



DIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS
DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE

Chapter Verse &

40 Years On...

"Your enemy will not be apartheid, but apathy." I can still hear the sound of that warning by the preacher at my Ordination in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on 3rd July 1983. The words gained their force from the fact that he was a survivor of imprisonment and torture at the hands of the apartheid regime in South Africa, and the fact that, we, young male ordinands sitting beneath the pulpit waiting to be ordained priests, did not yet know how true they would prove to be.

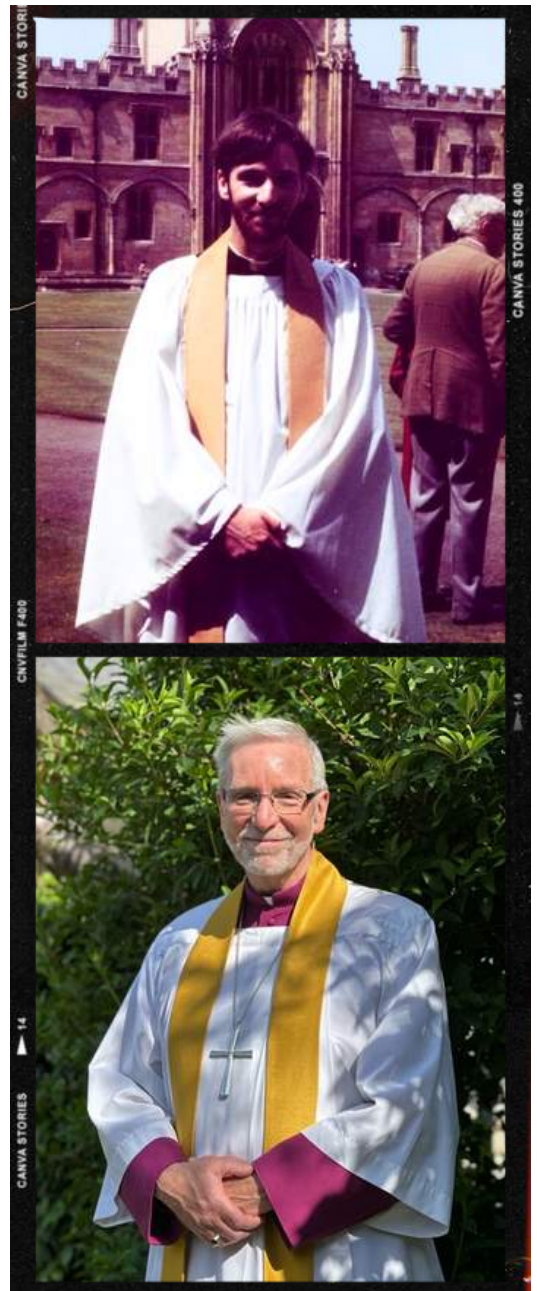
Forty years later I realise that apathy - inertia, business as usual, fear of change - really is our enemy, mostly our own apathy, sometimes other people's, always the institution's. And it is the very opposite of tradition, which 40 years after I became a priest and so became part of it, I see is not resistance to change but working with change. Tradition is moving, living, dynamic, something we struggle with as well as accept. As someone said, we change in order to remain the same.

There's been a lot of change over my 40 years, especially in me. The photos show what 40 years of ministry does to you! - or is it just time? The stole, made by my mother for my ordination, may have worn better than the wearer.

But change is good. So many people encountered and communities joined (and later left), have left marks on my heart and memories in my mind. Most of them are of people who let me serve them. My first funeral, for someone who took their own life, and their partner who was too numb to say anything; my first baptism on a Sunday afternoon for twelve babies and a couple of hundred family and friends, who talked throughout the service; my first wedding for a couple who arrived late and delayed the other four weddings that day.

Becoming a Bishop in 2018, then serving in this beautiful and diverse Diocese for the last 5 years of these 40 years, makes me realise how different every priest is, like every church, and they carry burdens and failures just as I do. But as a Bishop, the scale of operations is very different. This week I have been with: a congregation whose worship style is very different; a community of people with profound learning needs; an international theological conference of over 900 delegates; a retired priest offering service to one of our churches; people from a troubled part of our church; the leader of another denomination; a priest settling into a new post; the leader of a national Anglican organisation; three vestries looking to the future as their clergy retire; someone exploring their vocation and another doubting theirs; and a congregation welcoming a new deacon as I celebrate their ordination.

In between there is prayer and the Eucharist, which is where I hope all of this comes together and I can still try to be the priest I have tried to be for 40 years. You're supposed to give thanks when you reach this 'ruby' anniversary, so I will give thanks for all the people I've encountered and been able to serve, including all of you. That will be on Sunday 2nd July at 6.00pm, the eve of the anniversary, at a Eucharist at St Ninian's Cathedral. If you would like to come, you will be very welcome - there will be refreshments! And if you can pray for me, for all priests, and for all the people who shaped and stretched this priest along the way, please remember us all on the 40th anniversary of my ordination, 3rd July.



+ Ian St Andrew

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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

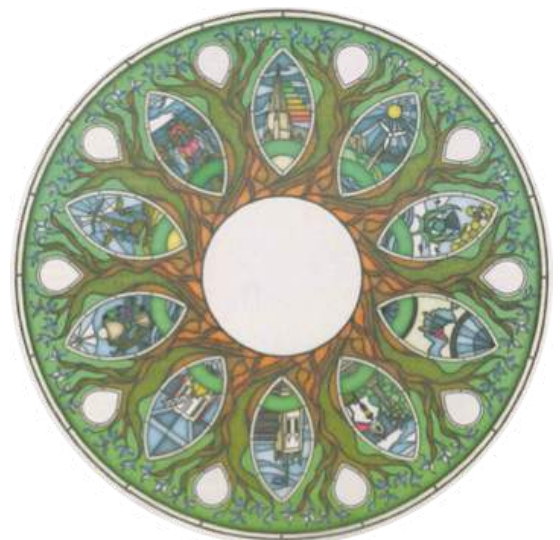
Work on the new Diocesan Net Zero Plan will start soon so, support on this is appreciated.

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PEG NET ZERO ACTION PLAN

Thank you for all that you, your Charge and your Diocese are doing to engage with the urgent challenge of climate change, for your response to the Energy Footprint Analyser as we sought to establish a carbon emissions baseline, and for the many other actions you are already taking. The size of the challenge is complex and overwhelming. But we can make a difference if we act together. This Net Zero Action Plan for the Scottish Episcopal Church provides a practical pathway for the whole church to follow as we move towards General Synod's target of Net Zero by 2030. It has been the subject of wide consultation and discussion across the Province, including at Diocesan Synods and in webinars and presentations. This has allowed a wide range of views, expertise and experience to influence and shape it.

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A stained glass window illustration created by the artist Lana Woolford and based on the ten petals that symbolise the Net Zero Action Plan

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

BISHOP IAN SPEAKS ON MOTHERS UNION'S WORK

The fourth Mark of Mission is to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind; and pursue peace and reconciliation. I am here to tell you that there are remarkable people in our province who are doing something about the fourth mark of mission, and they are the members of the Mothers Union.

The injustice and violence they are working against is endemic in our society. It is the evil of gender-based violence, and domestic abuse.

Gender-based violence of course does not just affect women. But, according to NHS Scotland around 4 out of 5 incidents have a female victim and a male perpetrator. 1 in 5 women and 1 in 25 men experience gender-based violence or abuse during their lives.

Not all gender-based violence, is physical violence. It is often verbal violence, but it is equally grievous. The Mothers union members are working hard to raise awareness of this evil. For many years they have promoted "Thursdays in black". Which many of us support, every week, including today. And now they are opening Women's Aid Centres, to support survivors.

In December this year they are organising, local events around our country, for the UN 16 days of action against domestic abuse and violence. This year the theme will be "Changing The Story!" And an empty red chair, will symbolise those that have been killed, or de-humanised, by this kind of violence.

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VISIT FROM THE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA

GET INVOLVED...

18th July morning - St Lukes,
Glenrothes, contact Rev. Gerry
Dillon
01592 612602

18th July afternoon - All Saints,
St Andrews, contact Rev.
Canon Alasdair Coles
01334 473193

19th July - Highland Charges,
contact Rev. Canon Liz Baker
01796 472005

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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PILGRIMAGE

UNVEILING OF THE FINAL GATEWAY PANEL

The final gateway panel has been unveiled at Holy Trinity, St Andrews. It shows the Fife Pilgrim Way map along with beautiful illustrations of the life of medieval pilgrims and the places that they travelled on their pilgrimage to St Andrews.

Holy Trinity has been central to the town of St Andrews for over 600 years, welcoming many pilgrims throughout its lifetime as they journeyed along the Fife Pilgrim Way.

Holy Trinity are working hard to create a small chapel within the church which will be a quiet area designed to cater for the needs of pilgrims and others on their travels.

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"Walking alongside people in their life-journeys"

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



CLERGY CATCH-UP

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF AN ORDINAND

I already know many people within our diocese from attending events over the years, but just for those whom I've not met, I thought it best to introduce myself! My name is Ross Stirling-Young, and I'm a second-year ordinand training towards Priestly Ministry in a full-time Mixed-Mode context. Mixed-Mode formation, for those who may not know, is similar to vocational training on the job at the same time as studying. I've served at St. Luke the Evangelist in Glenrothes for the past two years, also known as the Central Fife Centre of Mission.

A typical day involves arriving at Church at 0830, beginning with morning prayer. I'm responsible for leading and preaching every 3rd week of the month, and mid-week, I lead intercessions, proclaim the Gospel and assist the priest.

During mid-week, the church becomes extremely busy with our pioneering ministry initiatives, and it's not unusual to serve at least 90 food covers to community members. With that comes a host of pastoral opportunities and needs and the ability to be that listening ear that people often need.

As well as my various roles within the church, I also get involved with the wider community. I mentor a care-experienced student at Glenwood High School every Thursday, helping the young person grow and develop as they progress at school.

Furthermore, I lead a small home communion service at a nursing home in Newburgh every 2nd week, which has been a joy to ensure communion is accessible to those unable to attend church physically.

Then comes the study and writing of essays and reports! I attend my weekly seminars online every Wednesday and attend residential at St. Mary's Monastery in Perth at various times throughout the year. I still like to be involved within the diocese, attend Area Council meetings where possible, and present at various diocesan groups and meetings on my experiences over the past few years.

Being an ordinand in The Scottish Episcopal Church equals living my best life. It's no exaggeration to say how much I love my formational journey. I feel truly blessed to live out my calling this way and grateful to my Diocese and The Scottish Episcopal Institute for their leadership, teaching and formation. If anyone reading this is considering a vocation in the life of the Church and wants to chat over a coffee, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I'm always happy to share my experience so far or even listen!

Ross Stirling-Young

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TEACHINGS FROM
REVD. DR MICHAEL HULL

Bede, the Bible and Trailblazing

St Bede (673-735), whom the Church commemorates on 27 May, was one of Britain's great polymaths, writes the Rev Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute. Bede was a pedagogue, computist and historian. He is best known today for his Ecclesiastical History of the English People. His works were standard academic fare throughout the Middle Ages. Bede's personal holiness resulted in folk calling him 'venerable' by the ninth century. In the eleventh century, his bones were translated from his monastery, St Paul's, Jarrow, to Durham Cathedral to allow for veneration of this erudite monk.

We commemorate saints' lives to learn from their example and so imitate them in our own. Although Bede was a master of many subjects, the apple of his eye was the Bible. From Bede we learn the eminence of the study of the Holy Scriptures, along with the Spirit-filled imperative to share knowledge of God's Word with others.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

After 24 years as Provost of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Hunter Farquharson is retiring at the end of July 2023. Hunter's last service as Provost will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 30 July at 3.00pm. The Vestry and Congregation extend a warm invitation to everyone in the Diocese and beyond to the Cathedral for this service. Bishop Ian will be in attendance and there will be refreshments after the service.



DATE FOR THE DIARY

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

*Please contact the Diocesan Office for more details:
bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org*



A Commemoration of the Life and Ministry of Liliás Graham at St Mary's Church and Hall, Dunblane on Sunday 13th August

Afternoon Tea at 3.30 p.m. with an opportunity to learn more about Liliás and to share memories followed by Evensong at 5 p.m.



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NOTICES



*The Intellectual and
Spiritual Journey of Rev'd
Prof. Stuart G. Hall*

In his own words, 2020

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WITH THANKSGIVING

Dear friends,

It is with great sadness, together with thanksgiving, that I share the news of the death of the Revd Professor Stuart Hall.

Stuart was a remarkable priest and scholar, husband and father, and friend, and a faithful servant of the Church, indeed one of the most distinguished members of the Scottish Episcopal Church. I first met Stuart when he was chair of the Scottish Prayer Book Society and I was involved in our Liturgy Committee. He was passionate about Christian worship and its traditions, and contributed many creative ideas from the Prayer Book tradition, which helped to shape and influence the way our liturgy developed, especially the calendar

Stuart was a distinguished academic, contributed to the learning of students and colleagues over many years, and was Hon Professor of Theology at St Andrews.

As a priest Stuart served faithfully in several congregations, especially most recently in the East Neuk of Fife, where he will be loved and remembered for many years to come, especially at St Michael's, Elie.

Details of a Memorial Service will be given when they are available. Please pray for Mary, Stuart's wife, for his son Walter and all of Stuart's family, and for Stuart himself now held in God's love and mercy. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

+ Ian Andrew

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CONTACT US

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:
media@standrews.anglican.org*

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THANK YOU FROM CAROL

Hello to all in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. I write to say a huge thank you to those who contributed to my leaving gift on my retirement from office. I was blown away by the generosity and kindness of everyone. I am beginning to get used to my retirement status and learning that I am just as busy every day and starting to wonder how I ever had time for work!! I think this wonderful weather has helped to make the transition from the busyness of work to the more leisurely pace of life easier. So once again a massive thank you to everyone.

Carol Aitchison



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