



DIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS  
DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE

# Chapter Verse &

## Calcutta Calling

We belong to a world-wide Church, in which Anglican worship and witness is expressed in different countries and cultures and languages. Within the Anglican Communion partnerships between Dioceses in different parts of the world are a concrete expression of that 'Communion,' which means 'solidarity' as well as 'fellowship,' something about sharing one another's burdens, as well as sharing time together.

For many years our Diocese has had a partnership with the Diocese of Calcutta in the Church of North India, and so it was very good to welcome Bishop Paritosh of Calcutta and five members of his Diocese when they visited us here last week.

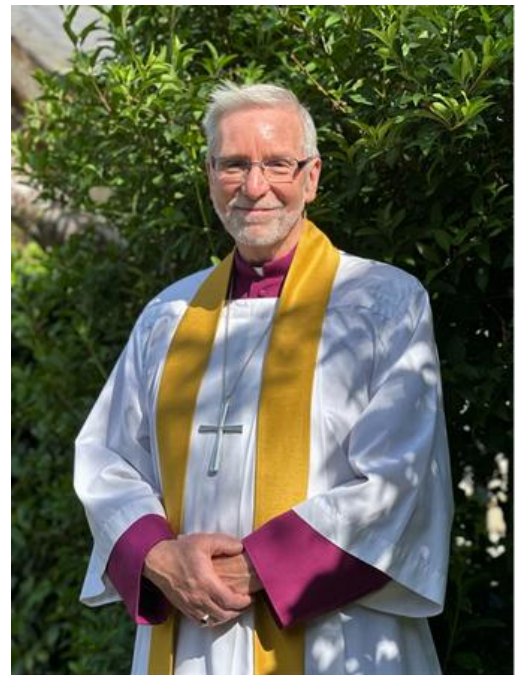
Bishop Paritosh and the group stayed in Perth, but also visited St Luke's, Glenrothes for the Eucharist with members of the congregation, and an introduction to the Centre of Mission. They went to St Andrews, and joined member of the churches there for lunch and visits. Then they went to the Highland Perthshire Charge, and were visited Holy Trinity, Pitlochry, and celebrated the Eucharist at Kilmaveonaig, our most historic church.

Their visit concluded with a curry night at St John's, Perth, arranged by members of the congregation, with the Provost of Perth and Kinross, Xander McDade, as an honoured guest.

Bishop Paritosh and our Calcutta friends were warmly welcomed and went away knowing our Diocese a little better, so that their prayers for us will be even better informed. Bishop Paritosh has invited me to Kolkata (the name of the city, while the Diocese is called Calcutta) in December to take part in the Diocesan Festival, and I'm looking forward to it very much. Please pray for Bishop Paritosh and the Diocese of Calcutta, and for the visit in December.

I'd like to thank everyone who made this month's Calcutta visit so enjoyable for our guests, especially Canon Bob Harley and members of the Diocesan Global Partnership Committee, and the congregations in Glenrothes, St Andrews, and Highland Perthshire.

Bidhātākē dhan'yabāda! - in Bengali, Thanks be to God!



+ Ian St Andrews



Bishop Ian Paton and Bishop Paritosh Canning  
at St Johns, Perth

# GENERAL SYNOD

## Reflections on General Synod from Rev. Annie MacKay Hughes



On the first day, many Synod members, see above, chose to dress in black to show support for the [Thursdays In Black](#) campaign, a global movement urging an end to violence against women.

### Opening Address

The road to net zero and the custodianship of Creation were at the heart of the [opening address from the Primus](#). The Most Revd Mark Strange went on to read a sombre statement about the continued suspension of the bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, the Rt Revd Anne Dyer upon which there was to be no speculation. The college of bishops asked that everyone pray earnestly for a fair and just resolution for all who are involved.

### Historic Moment and Address

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the church of Scotland was invited for the first time to address synod. It was an historic moment and a highlight of the proceedings. The Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton spoke with warmth and candour about her hopes and joy in anticipating further collaboration between our churches, based on the St Andrew Declaration. She was frank about how challenging are the times we live in across Scotland and the need to seek opportunities for ways in which gospel values can be brought more fully into our communities together whilst at the same time observing dearly held traditions and gifts. Debate followed later about changes to Canons 15 (admission of clergy of other churches, provinces and dioceses to officiate) and 16 (others who may be permitted to officiate in churches). The vote approved the first readings for Canon 15 and Canon 16.

### Election of Bishops

Two years ago, Synod opted to pursue a revision of the existing Canon rather than create an electoral college, and the revised Canon was given a first reading in 2022. It then went to the seven Diocesan Synods for further discussion, with six dioceses voting to back the revised version, but with Glasgow & Galloway voting against it. Professor Alan Werrity (St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane), whilst acknowledging the revised version has flaws and needs more work, urged synod not to let the 'perfect be the enemy of the good.' The motion to adopt a revised Canon 4, requiring a two-thirds majority of all houses, was duly voted upon and adopted.



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Rt Revd Sally Foster-Fulton

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## Net Zero Action Plan

In terms of the road to net zero and the custodianship of Creation, Most Revd Mark Strange said, "At all levels of its business, our church has been working on a plan to achieve Net Zero in our emissions but also debating and praying and worshipping our way towards a renewed understanding of our custodianship of Creation. As a church we pledged to reach Net Zero by 2030, and much work has been undertaken in helping us to reach this target. I am now seeing and hearing of parts of the church working collaboratively with other churches and denominations, working with and within conservation groups, and taking to the streets of Scotland to proclaim the call to care for all of God's creation. Synod will continue its debate on this subject, and yes, the detail of how to do that can cause animated conversation but we are making really positive moves to care for and nurture God's creation, moving forward towards our goal." The Moderator later made the generous and encouraging observation that, in this regard, the Scottish Episcopal Church is a beacon for the church in Scotland. Members then backed two motions which approved the Net Zero Action Plan itself and the provision of funding considered appropriate to make the plan happen.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE "SEASON OF CHRISTIAN LIVING"

"Abide in me as I abide in you... As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

John 15:4a and John 15:9 (NRSVA)

The purpose of this is to offer to the church a season which would enliven Christian faith and life, with a broad base of entry points. The Season is not to be defined by one Christian Tradition, rather it has the potential to be of value and encouragement in every place, no matter the context, the size of community or church tradition.



General Synod

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## Liturgy

There was second reading approval of pastoral liturgies and first reading approval of liturgies for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

## The Young in the SEC

The final day of Synod provided an opportunity to highlight the activities and celebrate the achievements of young people in the church - as well as acknowledge the workers and volunteers who are dedicated to ministry with children and young people. Since last year's General Synod, young adults have represented the SEC in the UK, Germany, France and Ghana: at the Lambeth Conference, the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical Forum for European Christian Women and at the 18th plenary of the Anglican Consultative Council. The young speakers asked Synod to consider the difficulties faced by young people during the cost-of-living crisis, as well as practical steps to help make churches more inviting to students and young people.

## Mission Board

The main focus of this session was 'The Season for Christian Life' which is intended to provide a focus for three to five years, starting in 2023. Its aim is to offer resources, helping us to look forward with hope, reflect on the past but focus on the future as we all continue to seek to know God more clearly, love God more dearly, follow God more nearly, day by day.

# PILGRIMAGE

## St Andrews Pilgrimage

As part of their trip to our diocese, the Calcutta group took a pilgrimage through St Andrews with Pilgrim Pastor, Revd. Duncan Weaver.

For 400 years, St Andrews was one of the main pilgrimage destinations in Medieval Europe. Rich and poor flocked to be near the bones of St Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples. This was considered to be the next best thing to being in the Holy Land and walking in the footsteps of Jesus himself. Therefore, St Andrews joined ranks in terms of importance with the popular disciple destinations of Rome (St Peter) and Santiago de Compostela (St James the Great). St Andrews was still known by its earlier name, Kinrymont, when it was visited by its earliest recorded pilgrim. An Irish prince called Aed or Aodh died in the town during his pilgrimage there in 967. Its popularity as a pilgrimage destination started to grow in the 11th century, and by the 14th century it was considered a national shrine.

St Andrews' popularity led to the building in the town of one of the largest cathedrals in Europe. It was 12 metres longer than the one in Santiago de Compostela (take that St James!) This magnificent building, which took over 150 years to build, housed the saint's sacred shrine and created an awe-inspiring, once in a lifetime experience for its pilgrims.

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St Andrews Cathedral



West Sands

## 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](mailto:pilgrimpastorfife@gmail.com)

*Duncan Weaver*

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# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

## Calcutta Across the Diocese



St Lukes, Glenrothes



St Johns, Perth



Alexander Duff Memorial



Saint Andrews, St Andrews



St Johns, Perth

The Right Revd. Ian Paton, The Right Revd. Paritosh Canning, The Very Revd. Graham Taylor, Provost Xander McDade, Rev. Asa Kiran Parichha, Rev. Pradip Kumar Nanda, Mr. Raghav Naik, Mr Ritesh Sarkar and Mr Ashutosh Rai

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# CLIMATE CHANGE



## WHO ARE WE?

The Diocesan Climate Change Group is to change its name and remit to Diocesan Environmental 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 Convener, Revd. Canon Elaine Garman on 07733181458 or [revelainegarman@outlook.com](mailto:revelainegarman@outlook.com)

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

[Email Now](#)

## PROVINCIAL NET ZERO ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The General Synod considered, and supported the progress of the Net Zero Action Plan 2023 - 2030.

This commentary on the General Synod outlines the main points.

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The finalised version of the Action Plan can be found here

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# CLERGY CATCH-UP



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TEACHINGS FROM  
REVD. DR MICHAEL HULL  
The New SEI Principle

Who am I?

'Who am I?' is a perennial question. Even the shortest perusal of human history finds humanity asking the question again and again. The conversation goes in circles and devolves into despair when it fails to consider God's revelation in Jesus Christ and our relationship to him. Jesus, truly God and truly human, sympathises with our weaknesses because he experienced temptation as we do, yet he did so without sinning (Hebrews 4.15). When he walked among us, he ate and drank, he laughed and cried, but he remained the obedient Son of the Father. Jesus taught us by his own example how to live and how to die. Christian identity is forged in him. Who I am, then, revolves around my life in Christ in whom I am truly alive (Ephesians 2.5).

God gives us a magnificent example of life in Christ with St John the Baptist whose birth we celebrate on 24 June. John is not only Jesus's first cousin: John is also a prophet, the immediate herald and servant of Jesus, the Messiah. Since at least the fourth century, we Christians have commemorated John's birth six months before Jesus's to mark the reciprocity in their births, lives and deaths that sheds divine light on 'who I am'.

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## RETIREMENT

The Very Revd Hunter Farquharson, who has served as Provost of St Ninian's Cathedral for 24 years, is retiring at the end of July. Hunter has had an extraordinary ministry at the Cathedral, and in other charges in the Diocese before that, and will continue to live in the Diocese. Many in the Diocese, as well as the Cathedral congregation, will want to say thank you and farewell to Hunter as he starts a new chapter of life. Hunter's final service, at which we will give thanks, will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm. Please pray for Hunter, and for the Cathedral, and please come to Evensong where you will be very welcome.



The Rev Dr Michael Hull

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Yeek 23**

Sun 30 Jul - CALL  
Mt 4:18-22

Mon 31 Jul - FAITH  
Lk 8:40-56

Tues 1 Aug - OBSTACLES  
Lk 19:1-10

Wed 2 Aug - PERSEVERANCE  
Mt 10:16-23

Thurs 3 Aug - SACRIFICE  
Mk 8:31-38

Fri 4 Aug - PURPOSE  
Jn 3:16-17

Sat 5 Aug - TRANSFORMATION  
Acts 4:32-37

**Day-by-day**



## LIFE AND MINISTRY OF LILIAS GRAHAM

*The commemoration of the Life and Ministry of Liliias Graham at St Mary's Church and Hall, Dunblane  
Sunday 13th August*

*Afternoon Tea at 3.30pm with the opportunity to learn more about Liliias and to share memories followed by Evensong at 5pm*

## ORDINATION

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

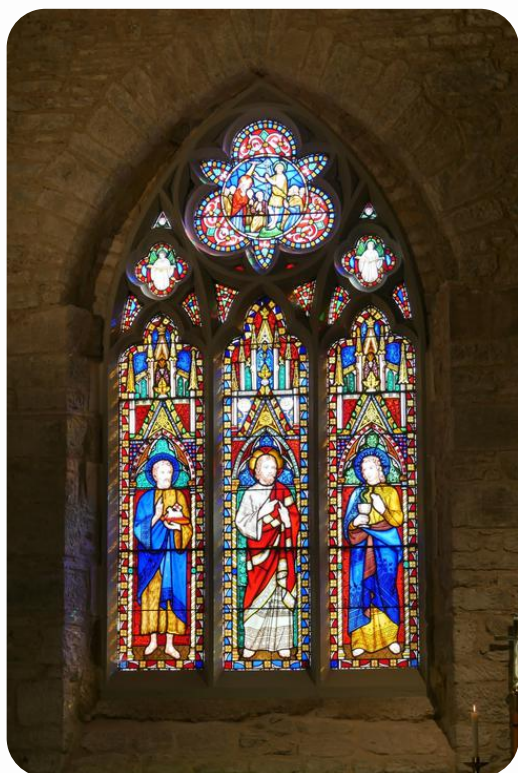
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