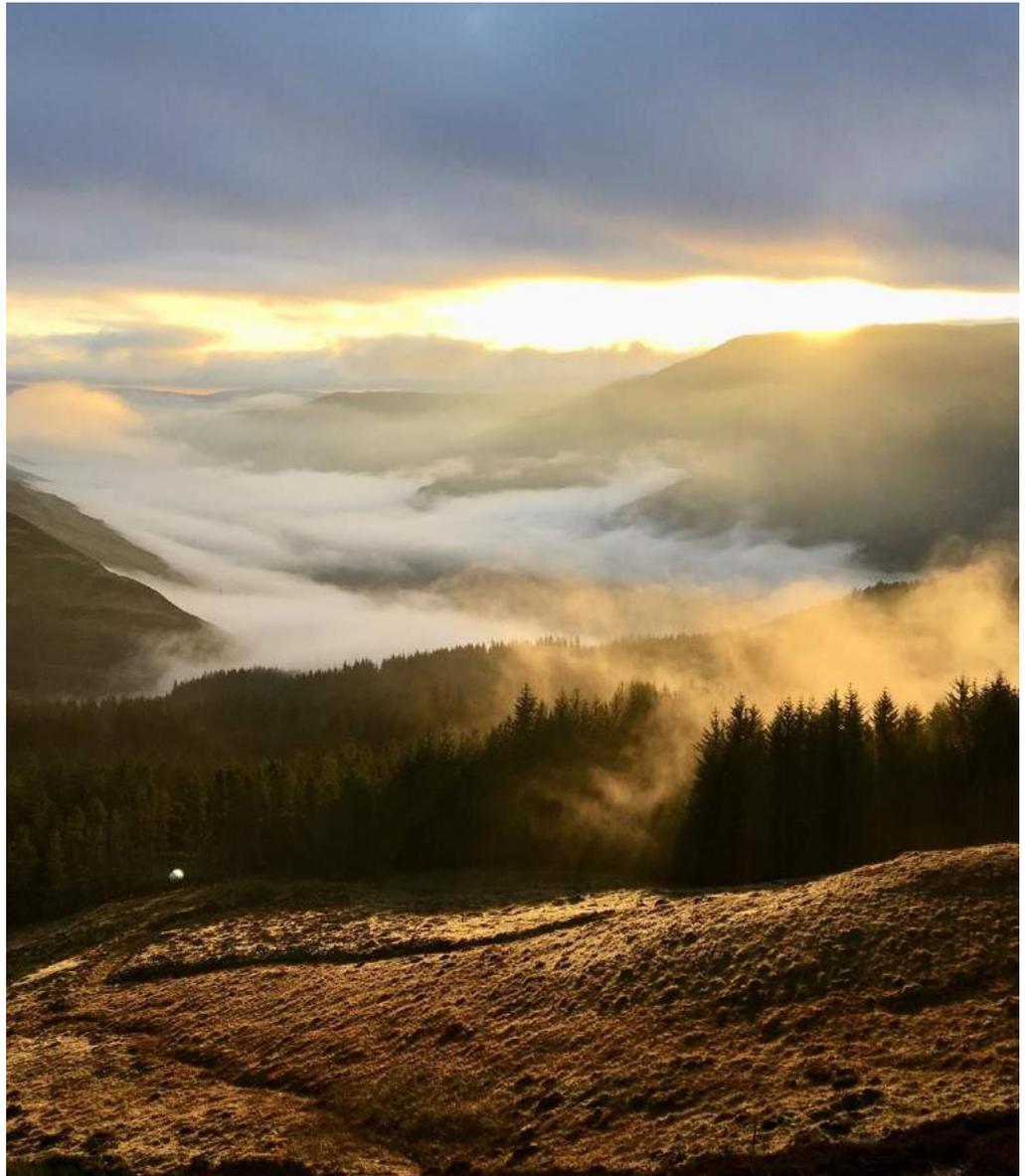




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February and March 2021

Letter from the Curate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the first instance, this letter has to be about who is uppermost in most of our hearts at St John's just now - Canon Graham. At the time of my writing, he is still in the early stages of recovery from eye surgery. By the time you read this, we hope and pray he will be well on the way to full healing. The outpouring of affection and support for him has been tremendous, hardly surprising given the high regard in which he is held by his congregation and numerous friends. He in turn has been uplifted by prayer support and many offers of assistance. Everything is at present in place for him domestically as he wishes it and there is regular communication with him about what he would like to accept or change. He in his turn sends loving greetings to everyone. I know the day he returns to church, but not too soon for recovery's sake, will be a day of huge rejoicing. Meantime, updates will be sent out from time to time about his progress. Please, at present, keep offers of help directed to Alan MacPherson: 07493 647718 alan.mcpherson1@blueyonder.co.uk

It's hard to believe we are having to re-adapt to a second lockdown. We pray the vaccines will win the race against the new strains of Covid. Given what we have come through together, we know the previous care, love and support for each other is undiminished. How all that emerges in practical terms this time around may be slightly different, and the Pastoral Care Team of Elaine, Annie and Alan MacPherson is reviewing how best to offer pastoral care now. Do get in touch with me anyway if you have concerns or needs. annemackayhughes@gmail.com 07989519050.

At a personal level, David and I are renting a property in Crail until we find a house to buy in the village. By the way, it is an easy and beautiful car journey into Perth via Dundee just over an hour – that is a hint that some of you should not be put off by distance and will come to visit us in due course! Most welcome.

I've been reflecting of late on Crail's motto, a handsome and highly symbolic piece of work. Here it is:



The Latin translates as, 'At thy word I will let down the net'. You may imagine how easily my mind swung towards the image of Jesus directing his fishermen friends about letting down their nets – and how productive that instruction was for harvesting fish and people. Every day at Crail's harbour we see the lobster and crab fishermen bringing back creels for winter maintenance and attending to the upkeep of their boats. Then, they wait for winter to pass. They are making ready to let down their 'nets' for the return of active and productive days at sea.

In these times when much of our lives is about waiting for the storms of Covid to pass, the symbolism of Crail's motto and observations of the fishermen have spurred me to reflect that in this waiting time deeper attention can be given to the repair and maintenance of my spiritual life – delighting in the rhythm of Morning and Evening Prayer, sinking deep into scripture, soaking up poetry, the joy of sea walks, music and so on. This has been affirming and steadying amidst the uncertainty. Come the day when we can move on from the pandemic, I pray God will find us ready to hear and obey his word about where and when we let down our nets.

Before that, however, I wonder how many of you have been on a prayer walk. It can be a wonderful way of reflecting about God, creation and our spiritual journeys as we travel along - no matter how slowly, no matter

how short a distance. If it is something you'd like to ponder more, I've sent the outline of a prayer walk for this edition of Quest. I'm not sure where you'll find it in the magazine, but when you do, I hope some of you may use it and benefit from it. Do let me know!

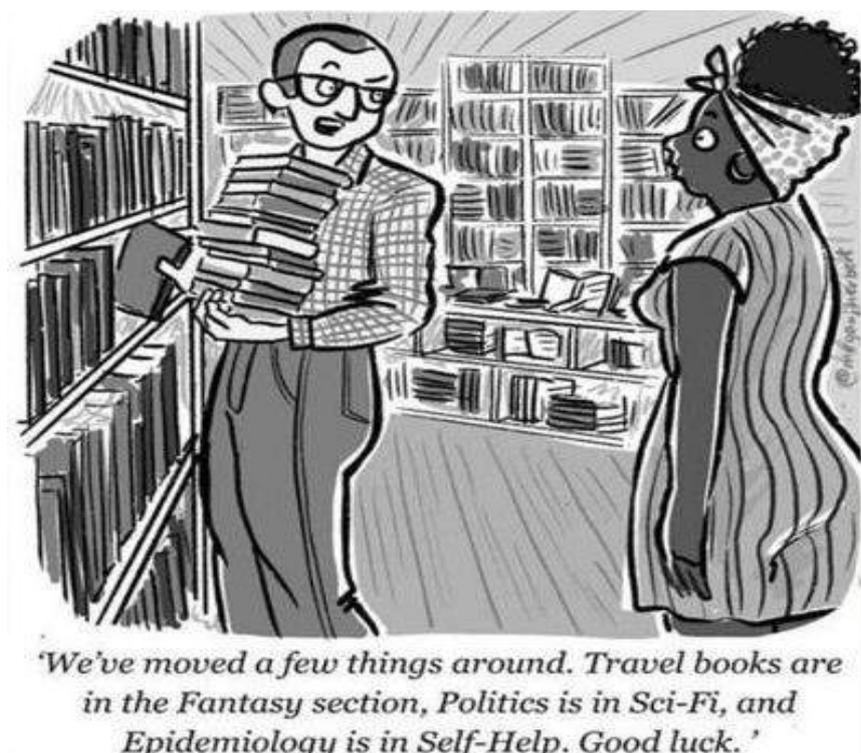
Meantime, I send love to you all with one of my favourite passages from Ephesians 3 which expresses things perfectly. '16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.'

I know you will continue in loving prayer for Canon Graham. Please pray for me too.

Finally, as I do love to laugh and have seen much shared good humour at St John's - a cartoon.

Annie

Revd Annie MacKay Hughes, (Assistant Curate)



Editorial

So here we are again, nearly a year and 80,000 deaths later. Businesses can't operate and many people have lost their jobs despite government financial assistance. Those who can work from home are tied to computers. Children have to stay at home, being remotely educated. Families are separated; they can make contact by Zoom, but there are no hugs and kisses. Churches are closed. Our clergy do their very best to provide worship online, but that is not the same as hearing the Word *viva voce*. We have become spectators not participators.

Politicians of every stripe have had to make very difficult decisions in unprecedented circumstances, and all have got things wrong. But the pandemic has highlighted one issue above others, the fact that those who have been least able to cope with the exigencies of the pandemic have been the poorer members of society. This has become apparent in all sorts of ways, not least in the education of their children. Disraeli called his 1845 novel *Sibyl or the Two Nations*, meaning the comfortable and the poor. We are still two nations. Of course circumstances of living have changed over 150 years and the comparison should not be pressed too far, but equally the dichotomy should not be ignored.

I have remarked to (younger) friends that at their time of life, even in their sixties, a year out of their normal activities and lifestyle is not a disaster, just an inconvenience, but to those in their seventies and above, which includes many members of our congregation, a 'year out' is more significant and probably cannot be made up for. In our different ways we have sought to put our enforced confinement to good use, whether gardening in the summer, doing jobs in the house, reading the books we have never got round to, or simply keeping up with people by email. When this is all over, I hope that we have come to value interaction with other people more highly. All lives are precious.

David Willington

Weekly Services

Being back in 'lockdown' means that once again services cannot take place in the church building. However weekly services are still available via the church website. www.episcopal-perth.org.uk or a link on our Facebook page.

There is also a weekly prayer meeting on Zoom. For further details please contact Rob Mackay at the church office: 01738 634999.

He's Just a Prayer Away

No matter what your troubles are
No difference large or small,
Each upset that may come your way
Each time you slightly fall,
The smallest fear you've ever had
Is always known to God,
Each step you've walked He's counted,
On every road you've trod.
So never feel that you're alone
When shadows crowd your day
But speak his name and you will see,
He's just a Prayer away.

100th Birthday Congratulations to Flt. Lt. E. Holmes DFC

At a time when we are sadly short of things to celebrate, there is one event on the near horizon to which St. John's members of a certain age (which means most of us) would wish to raise their voices and glasses. On January 29th our distinguished war hero Flt. Lt. E. Holmes DFC - Ernie to us - celebrates his 100th birthday.

Covid restrictions mean that the landmark party or flurry of visitors that would be his due cannot take place - Kincarrathie House is adhering strictly to lockdown regulations. But his son David, at the prompting of David's daughter Laura, has made arrangements to mark the occasion in a different style. He is compiling, with the help of David Waters, Producer/Director of Songs of Praise, an oral tribute which Ernie will be able to play on his audio book player.

David contacted Canon Graham to ask if St. John's would like to make contributions to this presentation in view of the family's long association with us. The plan is that Canon Graham will send a message of congratulation, as will I on behalf of the Vestry, Jean Hendry on behalf of the Fellowship and Alan McPherson for the erstwhile pastoral group that for so long took monthly communions at Kincarrathie.

Anyone who would like to be associated by name with these greetings could contact one of the last three as soon as possible. There is also the option to send a personal card to Kincarrathie, although, since any print material has to be read to Ernie, David is anxious no additional burden is put on staff in the current circumstances. However, you will be pleased to hear David reports that "*Ernie is in good health and remarkably cheerful, especially since he and the rest of the residents and staff of Kincarrathie have now had their first COVID19 vaccination*". Hurrah to that.

Judy Norwell

Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New

I have long enjoyed the beauty of a peal of English Church bells. Growing up in Shropshire, I recall going out into the fields in the calm of Christmas Day to hear the magic of the simultaneous bells pealing from no less than five churches; three in the town of Whitchurch and one each from the villages of Marbury and Wrenbury! Then, at my late sister's church in Devon, I have been privileged to enjoy the tradition of standing on the bridge over the river at Midnight on New Year's Eve to hear the bells rung. Although Bell-Ringing is experiencing something of a revival, such spiritually uplifting experiences are unlikely to be repeated. Alas I have been to too many English Churches where the bells are merely a recording of Canterbury Cathedral's bells played all too often on a cracked and worn 78rpm record!

The origin of church bells is thought to go back to about 3500 BC in China. Bells in Christian churches are thought to have begun in about 400AD with handbells carried by missionaries. The adoption of hung bells is attributed to Bishop Paulinus of Nola in Campania, Italy in 550AD (hence the term Campanology). In 604AD Pope Subinian authorized the ringing of church bells during the Eucharist and to announce the times of the daily prayers (the canonical hours). By 750AD the use of bells was sufficiently common for the Archbishop of York to order all priests to toll their bells at specific times. By the tenth century, St Dunstan as Archbishop of Canterbury hung bells in all his churches.

All this prompted me to check out the age of the tradition of awaiting the bells from Big Ben at midnight on New Year's Eve, as I thought this must also be a very ancient tradition. The Westminster Chimes, or Quarters, as they are more correctly termed, are first recorded as recently as 1793 in the church of St Mary Court, which is the University Church of Cambridge. The chime is traditionally, though without substantiation, believed to be a set of variations on the four notes that make up the fifth

and sixth bars of “I know that my Redeemer liveth” from Handel’s Messiah. This explains why the chime is also played by the bells of the so-called ‘Red Tower’ in Handel’s birthplace of Halle. The decision was taken to incorporate them in Big Ben when planning the new Palace of Westminster in 1851. So, when next you hear the chimes of Big Ben on a Grandfather clock or your mantle clock, you might like to think of this prayer set to them and inscribed on a plaque in the Elizabeth Tower alongside Big Ben.

All through this hour.

Lord be my Guide,

That by thy power,

No fool shall slide.

Graham Kingsley-Rowe



Prayer Walk

Preparation.

Before or at the start of your prayer walk, find 5 small stones or pebbles or 5 small coins - you could even use beer bottle tops! Once you have 5 'counters' put them in your right-hand pocket.

Bring these notes with you.

1. Psalm 19: 1-4

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

*³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.*

*⁴ Yet their voice^[b] goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

Start by looking around you.

Notice the conditions – is it icy or frosty? Is the sun shining, is it cloudy or raining – or snowing?

As you walk, give thanks for this day, and commit this day to the Lord, as you set aside this time for listening to God.

Pray you will hear God and understand well.

Walk for a while. As you walk take a picture of something you see that gives you joy and makes you thankful to God. It may be something beautiful, or a sign of new life – it's up to you. It's your 'thanks picture'. (If you've agreed to have one, you can share it with a walking partner later on the phone.)

2. Jn 14:6-7 says:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you.

As you walk think about 2020. However bad it felt, God was with us—even carrying us when it got too much.

There are many passages in the Old and New Testaments, telling us the Lord is with us. Can you think of any as you walk?

3. Psalm 118: 29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Pause in your walk (if it is not too cold!) **and take 3 of your stones or pebbles from your pocket.**

Think about these words:

Look at them and think of 3 things you can give thanks for in 2020, in your own life.

As you give thanks for each one put a stone in your left-hand pocket and continue your walk.

4. Paul wrote to the Philippians in 1:1-3.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Now Pause and take the last 2 stones from your pocket.

Who do you give thanks for in your area?

As you walk, name one of them, give thanks for it and pray for it, then put 1 stone in your left-hand pocket.

And again, name one person, give thanks for them, pray for them and put that last stone in your left-hand pocket.

5. Psalm 96 1-3.

As you walk home, think of the words of the Psalm.

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² *Sing to the LORD, praise his name;*

proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ *Declare his glory among the nations,*

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

If you have set up a post-walk chat with someone else, share what you wish with them from the things you gave thanks for.

You might like to share some prayer needs and if there is time, pray for each other. Perhaps put a time limit on your call?



Sunday Lectionary

February 7th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

1 Cor. 9. 16-23, Mark 1. 29-39

February 14th Sunday before Lent

2 Cor. 4. 3-6, Mark 9.2-9

February 21st First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9. 8-17, Mark 1. 9-15

February 28th Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17. 1-7,15-16, Mark 8. 31-38 or Mark 9. 2-9

March 7th Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20. 1-17, John 2. 13-22

March 14th Fourth Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21. 4-9, John 3. 14-21

March 21st Passion Sunday

Jeremiah 31. 31-34, John 12. 20-33

March 28th Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4-9a, Mark 14.1-15,47 or Mark 15. 1-39(40-47)

Christian Aid

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who donated money in the envelopes for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. I was rather slow in sending them off, so it will be the next Quest before you learn how much St John's donated – please accept my apologies.

You may recall that I attended the first **Christian Aid Gathering** nearly three years ago in Dunblane and was most impressed by the extent & range of the work described. Although we cannot yet gather in person, CAid staff and supporters have discovered how much can be done online! So the next Scottish Gathering will be online, and everyone interested in their work is invited to attend and hear about some of their amazing partner work.

This year the **Supporter Gathering** will be **6 February 2021**. It would be really good to know there were others from St John's at the Gathering – and this year we don't have to arrange travel! There will be an interactive session with lots of opportunities to ask questions. And the chance to meet some of the new faces on the Christian Aid Scotland team.

It promises to be very helpful, and informative, & I am looking forward to it for several reasons:

Firstly, Christian Aid staff from Ethiopia, **Netsanet Feleke** and **Solomon Woldetsadik**, will speak about the impact of climate change, locusts, and conflict on vulnerable communities – the subject of the 2020 Christmas Campaign.

Secondly, I'm looking forward to finding out about new ways of celebrating Christian Aid Week. Apparently there were lots of new ways of fundraising in 2020 – cycling round the North Inch was not the only one!

Thirdly, as you probably know, the UK will host the 26th Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), in Glasgow on 1 – 12 November 2021. These talks will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. The climate emergency impacts the world's poorest most, so Christian Aid is very committed to it.

This is a faith issue, about which we are likely to hear much more, as the SEC Synod 2020 passed a motion committing us to be a carbon neutral Church by 2030.

The date of the **Scotland Supporter Gathering: 6 February 2021, 10am – 12pm**

You can email to register and receive joining instructions at edinburgh@christian-aid.org

I look forward to seeing you virtually there!

Elaine Cameron



Quiz Time

Some of you may well have participated in the ‘Zoom Quiz’ phenomenon which swept the country during Lockdown 1 and has persisted for many groups and families as a regular event.

If you would like to participate in the quizzing fun then we’re including a few questions for you – without the technicalities of Zoom. (In a more traditional approach the answers are at the back!)

Round 1:

1. The Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, is alleged to have said:
‘I speak Spanish to God, French to men, Italian to women and German to....?’
2. What significant event was Winston Churchill referring to when he said:
‘This is not the end, nor indeed the beginning of the end, but perhaps it is the end of the beginning.’?
3. Which country in the world has the greatest number of land borders with other countries? How many can you name?
4. Of these three heavenly bodies, which is the largest, in terms of diameter and mass?
 - a. Ganymede (moon of Jupiter)
 - b. the planet Mercury
 - c. Titan (moon of Saturn)
5. Which city is the furthest north of the Equator?
 - a. Cairo
 - b. Los Angeles
 - c. Delhi

Round 2: You'll need pen and paper

Try to list 10 items in each category or compete with someone to see who can list the most. You could set a time limit if you want some pressure or just take all day if you like to mull things over.

1. UK prime ministers since the end of WW2
2. James Bond films
3. Decathlon events – be precise!
4. Orchestral wind instruments (brass and woodwind)
5. Non-metal elements in the periodic table



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Lockdown Update – From the Vestry

At its meeting last week the Vestry noted the unwelcome impact of the second lockdown. It has inevitably impacted on the budget for this year, which was based on the resumption of services, albeit it with limited numbers. Not only does it impact on Sunday giving, but on the Gift Aid reclaim and the possibility of letting our premises.

In response, measures are being taken to reduce costs as far as practical. Heating in the Church and Threshold has been cut back to a level which protects against frost and staff have been either completely or partially furloughed as appropriate. A number of Fabric issues remain of concern but are being kept under review; most interior work has stalled in any case due to Covid legislation or contractors' staff being furloughed.

Once again, however, we would like to remind members of ways of giving to the church if possible. Could you make your giving more dependable by using a standing order? Could you gift aid it if you don't do so at present?

Meanwhile we are only too aware that everybody is feeling sobered, and besieged by news of the severe financial impact on so many deserving people and causes.

As a Vestry we want everyone to know that we share your frustrations about not getting back into church for regular worship together. In the meantime we hope those who were able to gain access to the internet enjoyed the streaming of the services when we were in church, and will continue to enjoy our recorded services. We know there is room for improvement in the quality and stability of the latter and are investigating new equipment. For everyone who cannot join us in this way we hope you find some helpful services on TV or radio.

Colonel William Farquhar

As one enters the Greyfriars burial ground behind our Church, immediately on the left is a substantial monument in memory of Colonel William Farquhar inscribed with “Founder of Singapore”. I think it not unfair to suggest this to be a somewhat ambitious claim.

William Farquhar hailed from Perth and spent 35 years of his life in the East both as a soldier and an employee of the East India Company following his military career. In 1819 he held the position of British Resident (local governor) of Melaka on the mainland of the Malay States. He had lived in the area for many years, spoke the local languages, and had taken a Malay mistress. He was undoubtedly a sound and loyal man. But he fell out with Thomas Stamford Raffles.

Raffles was Lieutenant-Governor of Java in whose responsibility fell Melaka and Singapore Island. Since time immemorial the Straits of Singapore lay at the heart of a rich trading region in which great Malay empires had flourished. Sent to reconnoiter the area, the moment Raffles dropped anchor at the mouth of the Singapore river, he was immediately impressed by its magnificent geographical location. At that time, Singapore Island was virtually unpopulated and Raffles had not initially set out to establish a trading post and port. This was to change rapidly when he recognised there was an established Malay village, a welcoming local Chief and a compliant Overlord.

Raffles brought Farquhar into his confidence in meetings with local rulers, with whom Farquhar was familiar, following which their original grant in early 1819 merely gave the East India Company permission to establish a trading post as tenants in a Malay settlement. The Malay Chiefs would exercise judicial powers and share in trade revenues. Raffles left Farquhar with comprehensive instructions to clear the ground, set up simple defence works, suitable buildings and encourage traders by

having no Tariffs. Messages were sent to Melaka seeking settlers and supplies. The Melaka traders responded vigorously and word spread in the region.

After four months Raffles reported “my new Colony thrives most rapidly” and later that “it bids fair to be the most important station in the East”. Furthermore the Temengong Abdul Rahman (being the Malay Chief Justice) settled in Singapore. Within 6 weeks more than a hundred small Indonesian craft had anchored in the harbour, in addition to two European merchant ships and a Siamese junk.

Raffles then had to leave to attend to his wider duties in Sumatra and Java and was away for 3 years. Trusting him, he left the infant Singapore in Farquhar’s safe and competent hands, requiring him to follow plans carefully. These covered the full range of law and order, public works programmes, property and everything else the infant settlement required. The Island prospered.

Farquhar’s controls and management were admirable but the task was almost beyond him and communications, both with Java and India, were not easy. His character was effectively that of a Civil Servant while Raffles was a visionary and inspired. The two ultimately did not make for a good mix. Farquhar started to defy many of Raffles’ principles and instructions. This led to severe disagreements and further problems which offended Raffles when he returned.

Raffles had considered his administration too traditional and old-fashioned. His conservative ideas stood in the way of Raffles’ soaring ambitions for Singapore. Nevertheless, he encouraged Asian settlers, especially the Hokkien Chinese, many of whom were already prosperous merchants, drawn to what today we would call “Free Trade” principles. Compared to the ruthless conditions of the Dutch settlements, Singapore soon became to be seen as the bright star in the East Asian trading

universe. Raffles wrote “Singapore is a child of my own and I have made it what it is”.

In spite of his delight with Singapore’s rapid progress, Raffles disapproved of many of Farquhar’s pragmatic measures. He objected to his allocation of land. He thought Farquhar deferred too much to the Sultan and Temengong and was shocked by his support of legalised gambling and lax attitude towards slavery. On his return from Sumatra, their former friendship soured into mounting irritation and disagreement. In spite of Farquhar’s considerable achievements, their relationship had broken down. Farquhar was ousted.

Many thought Raffles’ treatment of the older man was unfair. Even the Governor-General of India was dissatisfied with his harsh treatment but refused Farquhar’s plea for reinstatement. But matters could not have continued as they were. Raffles installed his own men in government and set about to revise what had been and build what was to be, the Singapore of today.

With reference to the “Founder of Singapore” on Farquhar’s monument in the Greyfriars burial ground, with due respect one has to accept the words of Sinnathamby Rajaratnam, the Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore in a speech he gave in 1984: “Our decision to name Raffles the founder of Singapore, is an example of the proper use of history.....we are accepting a fact of history”.

Ronald Noel-Paton

Quiz Answers

Round 1

1. 'my horse'
2. The battle of El Alamein, November 1942
3. China (Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Tajikistan, Kyrgystan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos, North Korea, Russian Federation)
4. a. Ganymede
5. b. Los Angeles

Round 2

1. Clement Attlee, Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Harold Macmillan, Alec Douglas-Home, Harold Wilson, Edward Heath, James Callaghan, Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson
2. Dr. No; From Russia With Love; Goldfinger; Thunderball; You Only Live Twice; On Her Majesty's Secret Service; Diamonds are Forever; Live and Let Die; The Man with the Golden Gun; The Spy Who Loved Me; Moonraker; For Your Eyes Only; Octopussy; A View to a Kill; The Living Daylights; Licence to Kill; Golden Eye; Tomorrow Never Dies; The World is Not Enough; Die Another Day; Casino Royale; Quantum of Solace; Skyfall; Spectre; *No Time to Die*
3. 100 metres; long jump; shot put; high jump; 400 metres; 110m hurdles; discus; pole vault; javelin; 1500 metres
4. Flute; piccolo; oboe; English horn; clarinet; bass clarinet; bassoon; contrabassoon; saxophone; trumpet; trombone; bass trombone; (French) horn; tuba. Plus there are probably more that you can argue about!
5. Hydrogen; Helium; Boron; Carbon; Nitrogen; Oxygen; Fluorine; Neon; Silicon; Phosphorus; Sulfur; Chlorine; Argon; Germanium; Arsenic; Selenium; Bromine; Krypton; Antimony; Tellurium; Iodine; Xenon; Astatine; Radon

From the Editor

Thanks very much for everyone's contributions to this issue and to those who helped prepare it for printing and distribution. Please hand in or email all items to David Willington for our April/May issue by

Sunday 21st March

Books Galore

During periods of isolation and lockdown we have been thrown back onto our own resources. How have we spent the time? I suspect that many books have been read, perhaps books that we have always wanted to read but never got around to (*War and Peace?*), or old favourites, like the lady in EM Forster who was commencing her twenty-third reading of *Pride and Prejudice*. Perhaps we are looking around for new authors and titles. To provide some ideas, I am inviting people to recommend books that they have themselves enjoyed, whether novels, history, biography, or any other genre that has appealed to them. Elaine Cameron has volunteered to suggest a book in the next edition of *Quest* and I hope that others will feel moved to do the same for subsequent editions.

David Willington

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Other pictures by Mary Willington

Other Notices

Thank You

Alison, Rachel and Elizabeth send warm thanks to members of St. John's for all the lovely cards kind words and thoughts received following their sad loss of Iain. Thanks also to those who were able to be in Burghmuir Road as Iain left home.

Graham conducted a very touching and uplifting service at the crematorium and although we were few in number, we knew we had the support and prayers of friends.

Iain always felt very welcome in St. John's and enjoyed and appreciated the friendships made.

We will miss a kind and caring husband, father, grandpa, brother and friend but cherish happy times and memories made.

Thank you all.

Love and Best Wishes
from Alison Swanney.



RIP

Please pray for Duncan Cameron and family as they mourn the loss of Joanna. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. The funeral will take place on Friday 5th Feb at 11.30 am in St John's. Only family flowers and any donations please to Cancer Research UK.

Lent Reflections:

As per Canon Graham's wishes, Lent reflections are to be absorbed into Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6-30pm on Zoom to which all are welcome. Contact Rob Mackay if you wish to join:

robertemackay@googlemail.com 07538802116.

For those unable to join on Zoom, Eleanor in the office will be sending out a copy of the reflection by email and by post in due course when they can be used as and when people wish - perhaps on Wednesday evenings when we can be united in spirit as a community.

Climate Change:

The Provincial Synod has expressed the need for urgent action in relation to the global climate emergency and has called on the Church in Society Committee, working in conjunction with other appropriate bodies, to bring forward a programme of actions to General Synod 2021 to resource the Scottish Episcopal Church in working towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

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