



# St John the Baptist

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1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.  
2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came, and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.  
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.  
4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.  
5 And the angel said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.  
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead: and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee.  
8 And the angel quickly said unto the women, Go, tell his disciples, saying, Behold, Jesus is risen, as he said.  
9 And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.  
10 Now when they were departed, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.  
11 And when they were assembled, they gave large money unto them, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.  
12 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and we will secure you.  
13 So they took the money, and did as they were commanded: and of this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.  
14 And when the seven disciples went away into Galilee, into a certain village, where Jesus had appointed them.  
15 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.  
16 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  
17 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
18 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.**

**MATTHEW 28:6**

April and May 2019

# Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I write this well into Lent now, a special time for us all to reflect upon our lives as we dedicate ourselves to God once more. As we prepare for the wonderful celebrations of Easter once again, a time to call out 'Christ has Risen'.

It's been great for us as a congregation to host ecumenical Compline with a Reflection given by different folks around our Churches in Perth. It is a wonderful thing when we can worship together and learn from each other. Thank you to those who have supported this in any way.



During all of this of course it has been a real celebration for me, being appointed by my colleagues as Canon of St. Ninian's Cathedral and in our diocese. I feel both humbled and privileged. I thank Bishop Ian for all his love and words and for a wonderful Eucharist where I was installed. It was great to see so many of you coming along for that. I must say a sincere thank you here to all of you who made it so special in lots of ways. What a great celebration you gave me after the Sunday service along with amazing cakes and a nice bottle of something very special. As I remarked after Bishop Bruce's kind comments on the day, how privileged I feel to serve such wonderful folks here in St. John's and in our community beyond.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you in Church over some of the events.

Blessings,

*Graham.*

# Services in April and May

## *Weekly Services*

Sunday 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Thursday 10 a.m. Prayer Gathering

Thursday 11 a.m. Communion, coffee and a chance to chat

## *Special Services*

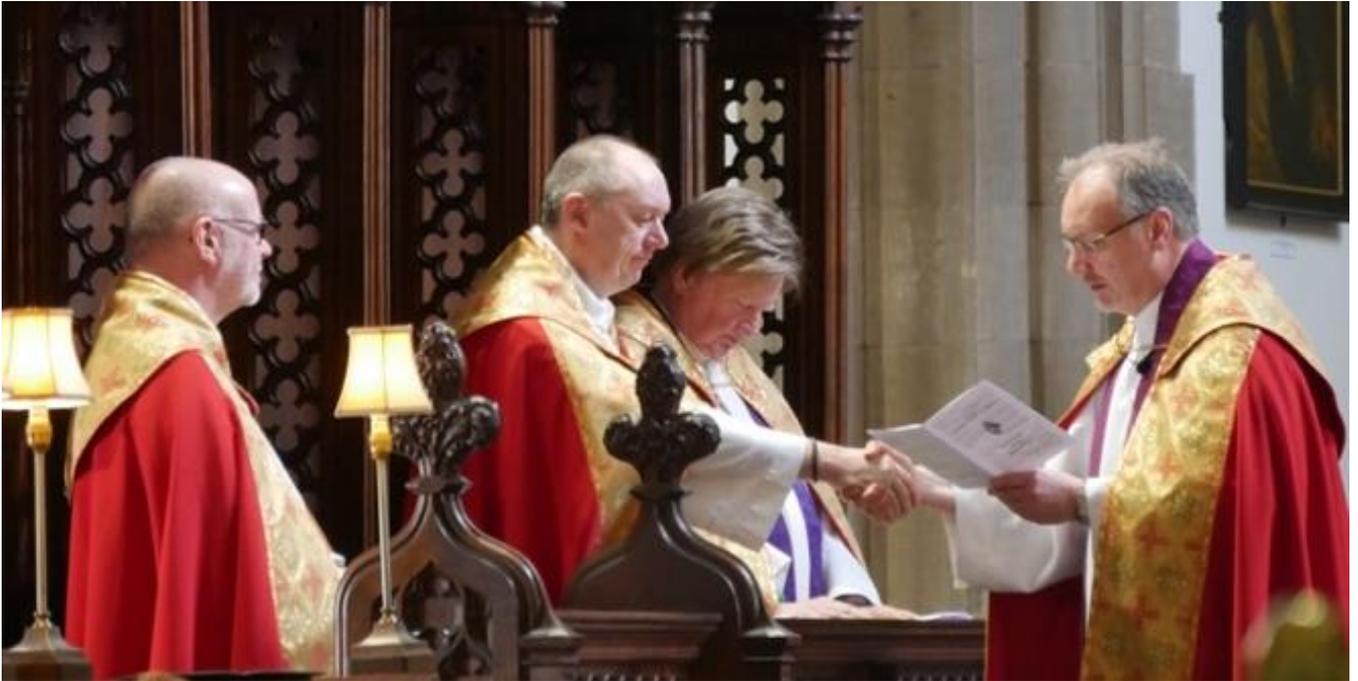
7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 a.m.	Matins
14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday
18 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm.	Maundy Thursday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	3 hours Devotion – Bishop Ian: Stations of Pain
21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30 a.m.	Easter Day
5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 a.m.	Matins
19 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
26 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 p.m.	Nitekirk

## From the Registers – Eternal Rest

Albert Murray died 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (aged 83 years)

Ken Miles died 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 (aged 91 years)

# Canon of St Ninian's Cathedral



*Graham being installed in his chair by the Very Reverend HB Farquharson; Very Reverend K Rathband on left.*



*Graham with celebration cake and some bubbly!*

# St John's Fellowship

As anticipated in the February / March Quest Ian Scott's presentation of his photographs was enjoyed by all. What had actually been photographed was very varied and included things that it would never have occurred to me to take a photo of but the results were very impressive. As I write this I have above my desk this year's Diocesan calendar and I am looking at the March photo which is a lovely photo taken by Ian. It is a picture of a few heads of bog cotton, a plant, very familiar to me as a hill walker, which adds to landscape in general but I would have never thought of taking a photo of - just a few heads of bog cotton!

For our April meeting we look forward to welcoming Catherine Meikle who is the acting convener of the Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Organisation (SECMA). She will be giving an illustrated talk about some of SECMA's overseas projects. This is something which we support each year with a donation from the proceeds of our Spring Coffee morning, so it will be good to learn more about how this money is spent.

This year's Spring Coffee morning will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Threshold with the proceeds being distributed between various charities including SECMA. We hope it will be well supported by the congregation and their friends.

Jean Hendry



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## Christian Aid Week May 12 - 18

Our Rector is hoping that Sunday May 12 will be an extra special start to Christian Aid Week at St John's this year. He is delighted to have secured a Christian Aid staff member, **Dr Rachel Tavernor**, to speak about their work at our **10.30 morning service on Sunday May 12**, the start of Christian Aid Week. I know Rachel a little – she is passionate about the power of storytelling to provoke social change, and I am sure her background in youth work, campaigns and research makes her an inspiring speaker. Hopefully some of the other PACT congregations may join us that morning.

Rachel will also be the chief guest at our Christian Aid Lunch that day, in the Threshold following the service. More details soon – meantime, note that there will be a **Christian Aid Lunch Sunday May 12**.

### *A note about Door to Door collections 2019*

St John's will have four collectors this year; some will only go to houses where they are known, or where they anticipate a generous donation.

Christian Aid are very aware that collectors are depleting – so they are trying to make the house-to-house collecting easier. Along with the tradition pattern of leaving the envelope, then returning to collect it, this year there are alternatives:

*Delivery only – No-reply envelopes:* to be delivered, but not collected. There will be a drop-off address for donations. (Drop-off points not yet confirmed.)

*Usual envelopes but one stop collection – collectors may knock, give the envelope, and accept an immediate donation.*

**Church collection envelopes** – with an inspiring Bible quote – to place at back of church. These would be for those of you whose area is no longer covered by house-to-house collectors – we are NOT anticipating two envelope donations from anyone!

## **The difference Christian Aid makes**

Last November, I was privileged to meet Amanda Mukwashi, the new Christian Aid CEO. She was inspirational in describing many of the places she had visited since taking over. In June 2018, she visited Rohingya refugees in Jamtoli camp, run by Christian Aid and local partners. She described the difference our support is making, like the newly constructed latrines replacing the open sewers. Or, after concerns were raised over safety and protection for women, the safe spaces for women to meet in public. One woman said they were a place of refuge in the camp: 'We are happy to be here and learn. We feel good in the women's spaces compared to being at home. Here, we can meet other women and learn from each other.'

Visit the website: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Christian Aid Coffee Morning Saturday 11 May

North Church 10.00 – 11.45 £3

Donations of baking, bric-a-brac, books, plants welcome

CA Paper Quiz – pit your wits against a book-themed quiz

£1.00 per sheet from Elaine

Saturday 11 May

Tay Bridge Challenge – 2.00pm for 3 hours

Saturday 11 May – Friday 17 May

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# AGM from Quest Easter 1969

Fifty-five (about one in twelve) of our members met in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. There were a number of apologies owing to illness and the weather. After dealing with the Minutes and the Accounts, which were duly passed, the following were elected to the Vestry: Mr. J.P. Mahon, Miss C.A. Elliott and Miss A. Jackson. Mr. A.J. Young was re-elected People's Warden and the Rector nominated Colonel P.C. Hunter as Rector's Warden. Wing Commander R. E. Stevenson had already been elected Lay Representative at a special meeting in January.

The main business of the meeting was concerned with Stewardship. While the Accounts had drawn attention to the reduction in numbers of pledged givers through the Envelope Scheme or Deeds of Covenant, it was felt that there must be a strong emphasis on Time and Talents. Accordingly, two main decisions were reached. First, that there should be a regular annual Stewardship Service at which members might re-pledge their giving, and the congregation dedicate some active use of time and talents. Secondly, the existing Committee, which had carried out a visitation of members who had come to the area since the original campaign, was thanked for their efforts and discharged. Wing Commander Stevenson was re-appointed Convener, and the Vestry instructed to appoint a small new committee to work with him.

Other matters discussed in relation to Stewardship included the question of whether the boxes of Offering Envelopes should continue to be left at the back of the Church to be picked up, or whether they should be delivered; the matter of a Transport Rota was discussed and remitted to the new Committee.

Under Other Competent Business it was suggested that a fresh appeal should be made for volunteers to clean the brasses and to help with the Altar Flowers. Anyone interested to help in these ways should get in touch with Mrs P.M. Watson, 3 Murray Terrace for brasses and with Miss C.G. Moncrieff, 4 Strathview Terrace for flowers.

# Sunday Lectionary

## **April 7 Passion Sunday**

Matins Psalm 30, Lam 3. 19-33,  
Matt 20. 17-34  
Isaiah 43. 16-21      John 12.1-8

## **April 14 Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50. 4-9a  
Luke 22. 14-23, 56

## **April 21 Easter Day**

Isaiah 65. 17-25  
John 20. 1-18

## **April 28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 118. 14-29  
Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; his mercy endures  
for ever.  
Rev 1. 4-8      John 20. 19-31

## **May 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Matins Psalm 48, Hag 13,  
John 2. 13-22  
Psalm 30  
Refrain: I will exalt you O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up.  
Rev 5. 11-14      John 21. 1-19

## **May 12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 23  
Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.  
Rev 7. 9-17      John 10. 22-30

## **May 19 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 148  
Refrain: Praise, O praise the name  
of the Lord.  
Rev 21. 1-6      John 13. 31-35  
Evensong: Psalm 96, Zech 4. 1-10,  
Luke 2. 25-32 (33-38)

## **May 26 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 67  
Refrain: Let the peoples praise you,  
O God; let all the people praise  
you.  
Rev 21. 10, 22-25  
John 14. 23-29

## **May 30 Ascension Day**

Psalm 47  
Refrain: God is gone up with a  
shout, the Lord with the sound of  
the trumpet.  
Ephes 1. 15-53      Luke 24. 44-53

# Nitekirk – A Reflection

How often have you said: ‘I don’t do Meditation – it’s just not for me.’?

That was me until the last time Sunday evening Nitekirk was announced. I went along to find a silent church being quietly prepared by a small team into a number of areas to use either to pray or to complete a small task. A sheet of things to do was handed to me and I went to the front row by the pulpit to read it through.

I remained there for over an hour and found complete peace to think back on the way St John’s had enveloped me in regular worship of the Lord amongst a wonderful church family. ‘Is this Meditation?’ I wondered and if so I can do it quite easily. Time will tell as the next Nitekirk will find me there but perhaps to move around the spaces as we are invited to do.

If you can join us you will find it very rewarding. Approach it in your own way and you will fit right in.

Doreen Kneller



# Just for Fun!

I love mathematics! I know that not everyone shares this appreciation including – despite my best efforts - many of those I teach. But for me the beauty of mathematics is part of the wonder of God's creation.

I also enjoy puzzles! For those of you who might enjoy a little brain exercise I include one here, selected for its church context! (No advanced maths required – just some gentle arithmetic with a twist!)

Have fun!

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There are to be four hymns sung at the service. The numbers have been displayed on the hymn board using 12 cards.

Can you move just two single cards so that all three vertical columns add up to the same total? In each column the four cards must all be different digits.

# Music at St John's

## Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 6.00 p.m.:**

Organ Recital by Geoff Bolton, Organist at St Ninian's Cathedral

**Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 p.m.:**

Organ Recital by Alexander Wallace, Organ Scholar of St Catherine's College, Cambridge

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m.:**

Plaid song – Scottish history through song - Nicky Small and Syd House

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 p.m.:**

Ferntower Jazz, with Gordon Murch

There will be a retiring collection with funds raised being used for projects within our own church fellowship. It is hoped that members of St John's will come along to support these events and also will promote them to friends, family and neighbours.

Refreshments will be available after the last two events.

David Willington



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# Voice and Verse

**40th anniversary concert**

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Gordon Murch, piano

**Sunday 28th April 2019 | 7.30pm**

**St John's Kirk of Perth**

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