

Cathedral News

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Who's Who at the Cathedral

From the Provost

Dear Friends,

It really is a joy to have longer days and some beautiful sunshine. Winter seemed endless and dull and grey. It may sound like rather a sad pleasure, but sitting in the garden watching my tatties grow, both of us benefitting from some early summer warmth, feels divine. I don't even mind the grass growing at twice its usual rate!

However, it also feels like we are constantly blighted with problems, making life seem cruel.

Just as we thought we were over the worst of the Covid difficulties, Russia started a war with Ukraine. We're back in the era of nuclear war threats. Presently we are in the middle of a cost of living and energy crisis, which sees higher inflation than we've experienced in decades. This in turn has caused many to participate in strike action, to force employers to understand that higher wages are needed, simply to make ends meet. We are also faced with news stories of acts of dishonesty by those entrusted to lead us. It seems hard to know who to put our trust and faith in



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these days. Sometimes it's so difficult to find God, in any of what's happening around us.

In saying all this, I'm watching birds collecting food for their newly hatched chicks. The fields are full of calves and lambs growing rapidly on their mother's rich milk. I'm lucky in that I'm surrounded by hares and their leverets, rabbits, and their kittens. There are ducklings and cygnets swimming about on a small loch behind me. It reminds me that all life is cyclical, and the bad times are usually followed by good. Isn't this the message that's the main thrust of our Gospel? Resurrection, at the centre of our lives, in this world, and hopefully in the one to come.

I really appreciate the fact that our Church follows a regular pattern of liturgical worship with seasonal liturgies; the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, that in many ways matches our seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter and in turn reflects the reality of life in a world such as ours. It gives us hope and hope is a wonderful gift to possess.

Enjoy the sunshine (safely, factor 50!!)

Every blessing

Hunter



Readings and Collects for June

Trinity Sunday - 4 June

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.4a Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, Matthew 28.16-20

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) - 8 June

Collect: O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Exodus 16.9-15, Psalm 116.10-17, 1 Corinthians 10.16-17, John 6. (51-52)53-58

Columba of Iona, Abbot - 9 June

Collect: Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Columba you made the light of the gospel to shine in our land. May we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-3, Psalm 34.1-8, Ephesians 4.14-19, Matthew 5.13-16

Second Sunday after Pentecost - 11 June

Collect: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 12.1-9, Psalm 33.1-12, Romans 4.13-25, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Barnabas, Apostle - 12 June

Collect: Merciful God, help us to follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 45.5-12, Psalm 112, Acts 11.19-30 (13.1-3), John 15.12-17

Third Sunday after Pentecost - 18 June

Collect: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 18.1-15 (21.1-7), Psalm 116.1, 10-17, Romans 5.1-8, Matthew

9.35-10.8(9-23)

The Birth of John the Baptist - 24 June

Collect: Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.7-13, Acts 13.14b-26, Luke 1.57-66(67-79), 80

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - 25 June

Collect: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 21.8-21, Psalm 86.1-10,16-17, Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39

Peter and Paul, Apostles - 29 June

Collect: Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, Psalm 125, 2 Timothy 4.(1-5)6-8,17-18, John 21.15-19

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - 2 July

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Genesis 22.1-14, Psalm 89.1-4,15-18, Romans 6.12-23, Matthew 10.40-42

Bringing the Church to You

As a congregation, we know the importance of spending time together, both in acts of worship and in times of informal fellowship. We share bread and wine at the altar and tea, coffee, or fizz (sometimes with cake!) following the Sunday service. After the Covid lockdown experience, when the cathedral doors remained shut and there was no public worship in our building, we value our times together all the more.

But we know that, for a variety of reasons, some of our magazine readers and congregation can no longer manage to join us in the cathedral. That's why our team of lay ministers are authorised to support the ministry team in bringing the church to you. We will visit you at home, in a care home, or in hospital, to ensure you still feel part of our church family. For many people the act of receiving communion regularly is central to their faith and we can enable you to continue this practice, bringing bread and wine from the cathedral Eucharist and sharing it with you in a simple liturgy.



Please contact the cathedral office if you, or someone you know, would like to be visited or receive communion in this way. We will be happy to come and see you.

The liturgy committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church states:

'Deacons have since the earliest days of the Church carried consecrated eucharistic elements to Christians unable to attend public worship through illness or imprisonment. This role is now shared by authorised lay ministers, who always act as representatives of the congregation, so that the sick and frail remain integral to the eucharistic community.'

Lis Burke

What's Been Going On?

Birthday Celebrations

Many congratulations to our former treasurer Liz Gardiner who, as Provost Hunter delicately phrased it, was celebrating the 50th anniversary of turning 20. A glass of fizz and the obligatory - and beautifully decorated - cake were served at the back of the cathedral after the morning service on 7 May.



Baptism

A warm welcome to Hugh Archibald Penrose Campbell who was christened in the cathedral on Sunday 14 May. He is pictured here with his parents Scott and Tara Campbell and, presumably, his older brother! Many thanks to Christopher for the photo.



From the Registers

Baptism

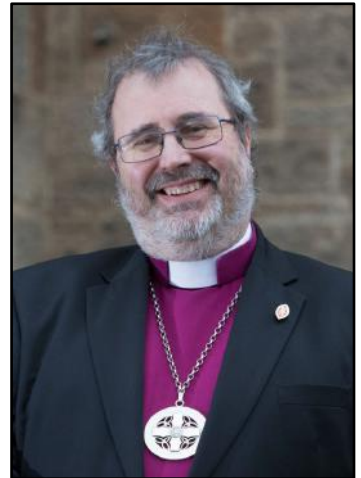
Hugh Archibald Penrose Campbell - 14 May 2023

The Scottish Episcopal Church and the Coronation

The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church has been asked to fulfil a key ceremonial duty at the Coronation Service of The King and Queen Consort next week.

The Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness, and Primus, will present the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross to the Archbishop of Canterbury at what is an important and symbolic moment at the heart of the Coronation service at Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop will then place the Sceptre in the right hand of The King, just moments before the new monarch is crowned.

Bishop Mark (*pictured right*) has been invited to fulfil this historic role as Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion's representative in Scotland. The honour also comes as recognition of service given by the Primus to the Scottish Episcopal Church and to the wider Anglican Communion, as well as his significant contributions to public life.



'I am delighted and honoured to be invited to participate at such a powerful moment in the Coronation of King Charles III,' said the Primus, who will also be part of the Ecumenical Leaders' Procession into the Abbey.

'Last year I was among those who gathered at Westminster Abbey to give thanks and bid farewell on the sombre occasion of the state funeral of Her Majesty The Queen. It is a privilege to return to the Abbey on what will be a joyful day and once again represent the Scottish Episcopal Church.

'I am especially grateful that the invitation acknowledges my service not just in Scotland but in the wider Anglican Communion and within civic society. To be recognised for these commitments, which are so important to the role of Primus, is deeply appreciated.'

The two Sovereign's Sceptres are part of the Coronation Regalia, sacred and secular objects which symbolise the service and responsibilities of the monarch. The Regalia, which are at the heart of the Crown Jewels, have played a central role in coronation services for hundreds of years.

The Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross, representing the sovereign's temporal power, comprises a gold rod, surmounted by an enamelled heart-shaped structure which holds the Cullinan I diamond. The Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove, which represents the Sovereign's spiritual role, will be presented by the Archbishop of Wales.

Another member of the College of Bishops, The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, has also been invited to attend the Coronation as one of 13 people chosen to play 'important historic ceremonial roles . . . [having shown] evidence that their claim related to a historic customary service performed at previous Coronations'.

The Bishop of Edinburgh will attend in his capacity as the *ex officio* chair of the Walker Trustees, a role which incorporated the position of the Heritable Usher of the White Rod, a historic office of the Parliament of Scotland.

The last personal holder of the office was Sir Patrick Walker, on whose death in 1837 the office was held for some years by his two sisters, Barbara and Mary. The Walker sisters funded the building of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh, the see of the Bishop of Edinburgh.

In 1877 the office was incorporated by special Act of Parliament under the title of the Walker Trustees. White Rod today has no official duties but one of the remaining honours of the office is to take part in the Coronation procession.

'I am glad that this part of Scottish tradition is being maintained,' said Bishop John, 'and I am honoured and excited to be the person upon whom the duty falls of continuing this historic convention on the occasion of the first Coronation in seventy years.'

This article, slightly abridged, was published on the SEC website, just before the Coronation. It is perhaps also worth pointing out that The Rev'd Canon Joseph Morrow, in his capacity as Lord Lyon King of Arms, the chief heraldic officer of Scotland, was also present at the Coronation. He is a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee.

Lilias Graham

Following Jamie Gardner's report on the diocesan synod in last month's issue, in which it was mentioned that the late Lilias Graham should be included in the prayer calendar as a 'holy and righteous person', Pamela Robertson writes in response...

I was interested to see mention of Lilias Graham (pictured right) in the May magazine. When Edward (Pamela's late husband) was Rector of St Cuthberts, Hawick, Lilias Graham sent us a young girl who needed a break from Glasgow. She settled in well and enjoyed our rambles in the surrounding countryside. It was through our interest in the work Lilias was doing that Edward hit upon the idea of holidays for the Gorbals children. This was in the 1960s when the Gorbals still existed and I remember visiting two families there. They lived in one room with shared cooking facilities and a toilet. One family's room was a disordered slum but the other was clean and tidy.



Edward worked hard organising accommodation in an old school in Denholm and finding beds and bedding and cooking facilities. He got the local Church of Scotland ministers and their congregations involved and I organised collection of provisions and baking from them each week. The first fortnight was a week for six boys and the second a week for six girls. A young student from England came up to help during his 'gap year' and volunteers from the congregations took it in turns to help take charge and cook meals. The second year we had accommodation in the vacated Craigmount School where facilities and space were much better. I have many memories of the fun of introducing lively 'toonsers' to life in the countryside. At Christmas we had some of the girls stay with us and a member of the congregation. I still have the thank-you letters they sent me.

Thank goodness the Gorbals slums are no more but Glasgow still has many problems.

Pamela Robertson



Thoughts of a Housebound Nongenarian

Having always been active in one way or another in church life, it took some getting used to life without the fellowship of a congregation. I would like to thank John Wright who phones me every week just keeping me in touch with you all and to Jennifer who brings me Communion once a month and tells me of all that is going on.

I am sure there are others in the same situation as myself who would join me in thanking all who do this important work. God Bless.

Pamela Robertson

25th Anniversary



There will be several amongst us who still remember the Very Rev'd Kelvin Holdsworth who was ordained to the diaconate in July 1997 in St Ninian's Cathedral, and priested a year later. Kelvin served as Precentor here between 1997 and 2000. From 2000 to 2006, he was Rector of St Saviour's Church, Bridge of Allan, and also acted as the Episcopal chaplain to the University of Stirling. He was appointed Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow in 2006.

Kelvin celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a special service at St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on 2 June, to which we have been kindly invited. Provost Hunter has sent a letter of congratulations on our behalf, saying he will be remembered in our prayers. Kelvin sends his good wishes to anyone who remembers the start of his journey at St Ninian's.

The Painting of the Ascension

When compiling last month's edition of *Cathedral News* the editor, at the provost's suggestion, thought about creating an advert for the Choral Mass on the evening of Ascension Day. A painting of the Ascension as a background seemed a good place to start and he began trawling through the many such depictions on the internet. One struck him as being familiar and on checking, sure enough, it was a version of the large painting we have in the Lady Chapel.



The illustration on the left shows the print which is available to purchase from Fine Art America and which is attributed to the artist, William Brassey Hole. Our Lady Chapel version is on the right. Hole's entry in Wikipedia is reproduced below.

'William Brassey Hole RSA was an English artist, illustrator, etcher and engraver, known for his industrial, historical and biblical scenes.

Hole was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire, the son of a doctor, Richard Hole and his wife Ann; his father died in the cholera epidemic of 1849, when William was only three years of age, and the family relocated to Edinburgh, Scotland, shortly

afterwards. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy, then served an apprenticeship as a civil engineer for five years, although he really wanted to be an artist.

In 1869, he sailed from Swansea to Genoa, and spent the next six months travelling and sketching around Italy. In Rome he made the acquaintance of Keeley Halswelle who gave him practical advice on art. It was Halswelle whose criticism encouraged Hole to endeavour to become a professional painter.

On returning to Edinburgh, Hole entered the School of Design, then won admission to the life school of the Royal Scottish Academy, first exhibiting there in 1873; in 1878 he was elected an associate of the Academy. Around this time he took up etching and was accepted into the Royal Society of Painters and Etchers (RE) in 1885; he was already a member of the Royal Scottish Watercolour Society (RSW) from 1884. He eventually became a full member of the Academy (RSA).

Hole went on to specialise in painting industrial and historical material. Although an Englishman by birth, he devoted much of his energies to Scottish national subjects and purposes.

Principal paintings include *End of the '45* (1879), *A Straggler of the Chevalier's Army*, *Culloden*, *Prince Charlie's Parliament* (1882), *If thou had'st known* (1885) and *The Canterbury Pilgrims* (1889). Other paintings included *Medea in the Island of Circe*, several based on Arthurian legend, and several depicting the life of fishermen on the west coast of Scotland, exhibited in 1883-84. Of the latter, *The Night's Catch* and *The fill of the two Boats* were praised by critics.

Hole's etchings were also highly regarded, one critic describing them as 'perhaps the most wonderful translations of colour and handling, of design and conception and spirit, into another artistic medium ever made, and entitle their author to rank with creative artists of the highest class.'

Around 1900, he travelled to Palestine in order to study the background for biblical painting. There he began working on the 80 watercolours that would eventually appear as illustrations in his book *The Life of Jesus of Nazareth* [*the painting on the left of the previous page would appear to come from this series. Ed.*]. In April to May 1906 these pictures were shown at an exhibition at the Fine Art Society in London. He also painted scenes from the Old Testament.

In 1898 Hole painted a Processional Frieze for the entrance hall of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, showing over 150 figures or 'heroes' from Scotland's past. A critic described this work as 'one of the most notable essays in mural decoration ever accomplished in this country.' He also provided historical paintings for Edinburgh City Chambers and ecclesiastical decorations for other buildings.

Hole drew the black and white illustrations for several books including works by Robert Louis Stevenson, J M Barrie, and Robert Burns.

In later life he lived at 13 Inverleith Terrace in north Edinburgh, his neighbour at 15 being fellow-artist James Cadenhead.

Hole died in Edinburgh in 1917. He is buried in the Grange Cemetery in the ground of James Lindsay in the centre of the north wall. His name is listed at the base of the monument along with other members of the Hole family.'

Quite how one painting relates to the other is unclear. Which came first? Were they both painted by Hole, or is ours a copy by a person unknown? Should ours perhaps be cleaned? We have asked the National Galleries of Scotland for some advice and will keep you posted on progress!

Volunteers Wanted!

The food bank which is based in the old Giraffe cafe in Mill Street is looking for volunteers to allow it to extend its opening hours to two days a week, rather than just one. If you are interested, please contact Sally Bonnar at the North Church office (01738 622298).

Living in Endlovini

The Township in the Kwazulu Natal Hills

From western society to the humbling experience of living in a township called Endlovini, where time just changes in an instant. From no electricity to no bath, to no running water, to an outside long-drop toilet. Where life moves at a much slower pace and people we are living with are so grateful for what they have. They



Alodie has kindly sent in this snap, taken from her family album

don't have much but they have so much to give. Collecting seed pods from the local stream of running water which then get made into baby teething beads. I have one and treasure it with care.

My sister and I were at our last year of high school when staying in Endlovini and found studying here a very humbling experience. We were embraced by the amazing community and as we were both very young women we embraced the activities of the township. Such as collecting water from a local watering hole and being watched by the locals as we carried water on our heads in a very big bucket. Most people would learn to do this as young children. I was laughed at by many as I found it difficult. The watering hole was in the centre of the town and all the huts - made of mud with grass roofs - faced the centre. After this we had a rainwater tank which made us appreciate water.

Then my mother asked one of the local builders to improve our long-drop toilet, using cement which was quite a precious commodity. When my sister came to use it she placed her hands on the wall...and it collapsed. Not much cement used!

The humbling experience of living in Endlovini made us cherish all the good in life. My mother worked with the people in the community, bringing them food from the local supermarkets and helping to take them to local clinics, as most of these people had tuberculosis and public transport was not so good. When you live in Africa many things come in handy, such as a wheelbarrow which could move sick people - and the not so sick - from place to place.

Clay was a local resource you could go and dig out of the fields and hills. Grass too could be gathered for weaving and thatching. Lampshades were made from the clay and sold to local shops. Woodworking projects were also set up for people allowing them to learn new skills, as with bead workshops.

Before moving to Endlovini we lived in an amazing western home with a pool, massive garden and sauna. Beautiful outbuildings, lovely fruit and paid staff. As young adults we then moved with our mother to a beautiful town called Endlovini which made us so humble to have experienced such a special thing.

Alodie Orr

Not many of us will have had such an interesting experience in childhood and we are grateful to Alodie for writing about it. If anyone else would care to write about a similar experience in their life Cathedral News would be delighted to hear from you!

Our SEC Superheroes!

What do you get if you put together a software engineer, a hotel duty manager, a couple of priests, an airworthiness manager, a nurse, a community empowerment officer, a biological safety officer, a submarine dismantling project senior officer, an audio-engineering student, and a housing officer?

No, this isn't the start of a strange 'what do you get' joke, these are just some of the professions that make up our amazing provincial youth leadership team who give up a week of their annual leave to support our young people in the Scottish Episcopal Church at the Provincial Youth Week (Yeek) which is held at Glenalmond College at the end of July to the beginning of August. Over a week, the youth leaders each volunteer for about 90 hours of youth work, with days starting at 8.00am and often not finishing until 11.00pm at night. Some are even on duty for longer, as some roles over the week require being on call for 24 hours.

Such roles include being on night duty and being the camp's designated driver, ready to take anyone off to hospital at any time of day or night. They all work together to help grow the faith of teenagers in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

All of the leadership team, complete a deep-dive application form to be considered as a leader at camp. This application form explores our own faith, and relationship with God: how we continue our ministry away from the youth week, and how we all develop and sustain that throughout the year, as well as questions around dealing with conflict, working in a team, and being in a leadership role.

The team then all come together at the end of May for a weekend currently hosted by the Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, at Bishop's House in Arpafeelie on the Black Isle. It is a weekend full of fellowship, prayer, team building, planning, and most importantly training. It begins on the Friday evening, with a session on our camp ethos and listening, and closes with night prayer. Saturday begins early with Morning Prayer, followed by an hour's training on supporting our delegates at camp. This may include training on pastoral matters that may come up over the week, and awareness-raising regarding those young people who may have additional support needs, and how we can use strategies that



The youth leadership team for Yeek 2023, with Jamie seated on the stair

would help support them to get the most out of the week's experience. After coffee comes the annual safeguarding training, but for most this is a refresher course. However, we do often have new leaders who join the team each year and who have been delegates before so this is a key training element of the weekend.

After lunch, health and safety is the main topic of the afternoon, as all our activities are risk-assessed by the leaders running them, before arriving on site and then reviewed again on site. After this, it is time for some of us to learn and study the daily house group materials and the other half of the team to start dreaming up

activities. And so a timetable and menu of activities begins to form.

The day finishes with dinner and Evening Prayer before some of the team depart for home, and some continue planning or enjoying some down time in each other's company.

Sunday morning and everyone who has spent a night on the floor in the diocesan centre packs up sleeping bags and beds for the journey home, and then we travel over the bridge into Inverness and to St Andrew's Cathedral for the 11.00am morning Eucharist service.

Being involved in Yeek is a unique experience for the young people in our church. Relationships, formed as teenagers at Yeek, continue as they move to young adulthood and to college or university, with some returning as leadership colleagues after a few years away from camp.

I had several of the younger age group in the current and new leadership team for this year as young people in my early years as a youth leader, and now they are planning and delivering the camp alongside me. And at the other side of the spectrum, some leaders were also my camp leaders! You can experience some of what happens and what our current young people say about Yeek by watching a short video, made last year, at this web address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNhBrIdMN3o> .

At the end of April, I had the joy of attending a second wedding, connected to the Provincial Youth Network, since last summer. The first was in Inverness in September when two of the leadership team married each other - it was a wonderful occasion, even though it was also around the time of great national sadness following the passing of HM The Queen. In April it was the turn of another leader who married her long-term fiancé in Glasgow. What was special about these two weddings was that several friends who were invited to them had a common connection through the Provincial Youth Week. A common friendship, rooted in the fellowship of the SEC, which brings us all together from across the country as young people and delegates, which deepens in young adult life, despite all the trials that come with it, to then becoming colleagues working in a team to create a small part of God's open and welcoming kingdom for a week in rural Perthshire.

Jamie Gardner

Christian Aid News

The Walk

Well, the weather wasn't great - some torrential showers and the odd clap of thunder - but the intrepid party of a dozen or so completed the five-mile walk without major mishap and ended up at Bruce and Elaine Cameron's house for well-earned tea and cakes. Over £1500 was raised and the walkers hope that further donations will come in over the next few weeks for this excellent cause. The team is pictured outside the starting point at the Tickled Trout in Almondbank.



Summer Opening

Perth's two A-listed churches, St Ninian's and St John's Kirk, are both looking for volunteers to help keep them open to tourists. With the opening of the new Perth Museum in the old City Hall scheduled for next year, St John's, next door, is anticipating a huge increase in numbers visiting - from around 11,000 a year to probably over 30,000 - and in an attempt to attract more volunteer stewards is holding an open day in the Kirk on Saturday 24 June between 11.00am and 3.00pm. If you are interested, either go along to the open day or telephone former councillor Willie Wilson on 01738 626270. But please don't forget about dear old St Ninian's, which may well also benefit from the opening of the new museum!

From the Farquhar Diaries

19 June 1923. Since November I have been increasingly unable to do anything like so much visiting amongst the Congregation as I did from my first coming to Perth till comparatively recently. At one time I used to get round more than twice. Then for many years I got round twice regularly and without undue fatigue. Then I did it with some effort. A year or two ago I had to drop down to once and the beginning of a new round and, if I was ever stopped by indisposition, it was only a passing incident. But since November last I have been able to do next to nothing for many weeks and my constantly repeated efforts to go on have been almost too much for me and I have been able to pay little more than half the number of visits I used to pay on any afternoon, and which were needful. It is all due to an inexplicable weariness which overtakes me, when I set off to walk & still more, to climb stairs. Still I think I have got round the Congregation once in the last twelve-month. Say 400 visits? I am making a little spurt at present because in summer weather (though it is rather cold) I can use my bicycle a little and I find that sitting on a bicycle does not fatigue me so much or so quickly as walking on my feet. Of course I have consulted Dr Stirling but he does not say very much.

It's sad to see our old friend showing signs of ageing. He was 66 when he wrote this - not particularly elderly by today's standards but old enough to have qualified for what was then known as the old age pension! This extract comes from The Diary of the Very Rev G T S Farquhar, edited and published by the late Margaret Lye.

Summer Holiday Reading

The Rev'd Richard Coles, known to many nowadays as a popular television personality, has made a foray into writing crime fiction and what an excellent start he has made. *Murder Before Evensong* was published last year and is a gentle story (apart from the two murders!) set in an English semi-rural parish. Church life and the life of an Anglican priest provide the background and one can tell immediately he knows intimately of what he writes. Some of the village characters are perhaps a little too one-sided and verge towards caricature, but this was written for light reading, not the Booker Prize. What makes the book so good are the many insights into church and clergy life. The editor generally hesitates to recommend any particular book but makes an exception in this case. A crime novel to die for!

Eddie the Eagle says...

Distant cousin Willie has a great job. Apparently he's the main lectern in St George's Chapel, Windsor and enjoys digging up information about the royals. He tells me that Queen Camilla has a Perth ancestor, one George Hay, 1st Earl of Kinnoull, who is her 9 x great-grandfather. There's a splendid memorial to him in the old kirk of Kinnoull near the Rodney gardens - which perhaps now needs this connection highlighted?



Times of Services etc

At St Ninian's we extend a warm welcome to all those who come to share in the worship of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Services

Sunday	Eucharist	11.00am
Monday	Morning Prayer	9.00am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.00am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	9.00am; Eucharist 11.00am
Thursday	Morning Prayer	9.00am

Giving

For all committed giving, envelopes and covenants, please contact Chris Ahern, our treasurer, who will be delighted to advise.

Flowers

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