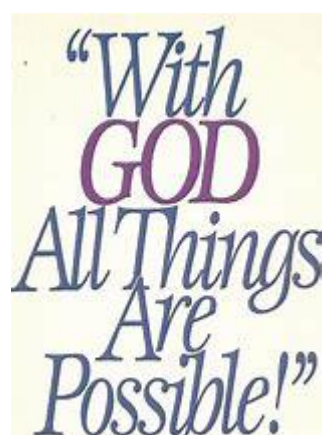


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Traditionalist or Innovator

It is good we have a tradition at St Ternan's that we can be proud of. This Church and congregation have been in North Kincardineshire for hundreds of years and held the faith. Even though the church hierarchy may have changed, the ways of holding worship may have changed, and we had to pray for the reigning monarch, (we do not anymore, as a Monarchist, I wonder why? Surprised?). The faith centred in our Lord Jesus and his Gospel has held strong. It is worth noting, that in all these past times, the church hierarchy, worship, liturgy, and the buildings have all been forced to change, not by the congregations wishes, but by external forces.

There is a saying that tradition at one time had to be innovation, so all traditionalists at one time were innovators. Past successes often stay on long past their usefulness. Past actions that work tend to be used repeatedly. "If it aint broke, don't fix it" However another saying is "If it aint broke break it" The argument with this saying is that if you are not constantly improving your product, your service, etc the company down the road will pass you by. Isn't this exactly what the evangelical movement is doing? St Peter's Torry, Holburn Church, Catterline, Banchory, Westhill, are all full, to name but a few. The traditionalist churches are almost empty.

The biggest innovator of all was Jesus. He cleared the temple of the moneylenders and among other things sellers of pigeons and animals. So, if you were in the temple on that day, where would you be when he did this, among the traditionalists, muttering under your breath with the Pharisees and the scribes, about who this upstart was that wanted to change your traditional ways? Alternatively, with Jesus bringing new life with his Gospel. The constant thing in the past years since the clearing out of the temple has been Jesus and the Gospels. It is the Gospels with Jesus words and deeds on how we should live our lives and deal with others that matters

Therefore, instead of change coming from external sources why not let it come from the congregation. St Ternan's had made a great start with Mission 21 and with the follow on, of Local Collaborative Ministry. We have been successful in holding the faith over this past 20 plus years. Is this now tradition or is it still innovation?

George Masson



Quiet Peace by Amy Carmichael (1867 - 1951)

O Lord, my heart is all a prayer,
But it is silent unto thee;
I am too tired to look for words,
I rest upon thy sympathy
To understand when I am dumb;
And well I know thou hearest me.

I know thou hearest me because
A quiet peace comes down to me,
And fills the places where before

Weak thoughts were wandering wearily;
And deep within me it is calm,
Though waves are tossing outwardly.

In praise of stalwarts - Tony Horsfall

In the church I belong to we recently suffered two deaths in quick succession. Two of our older members (both in their eighties) passed away within a short time of each other, and we will miss them dearly.

Doreen was with us from when we first started the church some 27 years ago. The matriarch of a large family, she was quiet and unassuming, yet deep in her faith and she never missed a Sunday. Kath was full of life, a woman of prayer who witnessed keenly to anyone she met, and whose constant prayer was for revival. They will leave a huge gap in our fellowship, because they were both 'stalwarts'.

'Stalwart' is a Scottish word usually applied to someone who is physically strong, hardy, robust and courageous. It is used nowadays to describe someone who is loyal and reliable, hard-working and deeply committed to a cause, especially over a long period of time. At the same time, it may give a slight suggestion of someone who is not very exciting, even a little boring because they never seek the limelight or do anything particularly dramatic.

Most churches would not function without a good number of stalwarts because they are foundational people. They are the ones we all rely on to do the jobs that need doing without fuss. They are always there, and we can depend on them, but it is easy to take them for granted. And that is the danger.

Stop and think for a moment about the stalwarts you know. Who are they? How can you encourage and appreciate them? And if you are a stalwart yourself, don't undervalue your contribution. You are vital to your church's stability.

Signs found outside churches

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch__ch What is missing? (U R)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Ecumenical Service St Ternan's 3pm Sunday the 9th June 2019 Pentecost

When I proposed earlier this year that we join together as a community that lives and works in North Kincardine to celebrate in worship and sing praises to the Lord, giving thanks for the blessing he has bestowed on our communities and our congregations, I wasn't sure how much support there would be for a service like we had on the 9th June at St Ternan's. I need not have worried, there was great support and I thank you all for that. So please extend our thanks to your congregations and the participants who had put a lot of thought in preparing their parts, contributing to making the service such a great success, with approx. 70 people in attendance. I would also include my thanks to the children who made a joyful noise. I love it!

The address was given by the Dean of Brechin, The Very Rev'd Fay Lamont of St Ninians Dundee.

The teas and refreshments were supplied by the ladies of the St Ternan's Social Group who once again did a great job. Thank you

George Masson

Participating churches

- St Ternan's
- Love Citadel
- Portlethen Christian Fellowship
- Newtonhill Parish Church
- Marculter Trinity Parish Church
- Portlethen Parish Church
- St Mary's RC, Blairs.
- Portlethen Parish Church

The Beatitudes: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness'- Rev Paul Hardingham

'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.' (Augustine).

We all have deep longings in our lives that we seek to satisfy, however Jesus points out that we can only be truly satisfied by God Himself: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6). The words *hunger* and *thirst* are strong words referring to a truly desperate for righteousness. But what does this mean?

Longing for right relationship with God: It means putting God at the centre of all we are and do and trusting Him with the whole of our lives. It's a response to Jesus' death on the cross, rather than anything we can do for God: *'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.'* (Romans 3:22).

Longing for right living for God: A righteous or holy life is one that is righteous 24 hours a day. It's an integrated Christian life lived out of our ongoing relationship with God, affecting everything we do, say or think.

Longing for right relationship with others: God's righteousness will influence how we relate to others in the community, so that all our relationships are loving and just e.g. at work, with family, friends or neighbours.

When we are really desperate Jesus says that God will *fill* us and our desire for righteousness will be satisfied. The problem is that often we are not desperate enough! We don't want to let go the deep desires that get in the way of God. *'It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are far too easily pleased.'* (C S Lewis).

The Bible that was thrown away

The story is told by Brother Andrew, who worked for many years with the Persecuted Church, of a Christian pastor who was travelling some years ago on a train in the old Soviet Union.

There was just one other passenger in the railway car, and soon the two men were chatting. The subject of religion came up, and the other man extolled the logic of atheism and criticised religious belief. Then the Christian bravely expressed his own views, and even took out his Bible to show the man some relevant verses. But the atheist was both unmoved and annoyed.

As the futility of their argument became clear, the men lapsed into silence. When a little later the Christian was nearing his stop, he left the compartment for a few moments to get his suitcase. He returned to find his Bible was missing. The atheist was just closing the train window and sneered at him. It was clear that he had thrown the Bible out.

The journey continued the final few miles in stony silence.

A few months later, a stranger came to call upon the Christian pastor in his village. It was a man from a neighbouring village who asked to be baptised. The pastor was astonished and asked him what he knew about such things. The stranger told him this story:

"Until a few months ago I knew nothing of Christianity. I am just a local builder, working on a site near the railway track. Then suddenly one afternoon a book came flying out of the window of a passing train and landed in the dust nearby. I walked over and picked it up. It was a Bible - the first I had ever seen.

"So, I took it home and out of curiosity began to read it. I was amazed by what I read, and I have become a Christian. Now I want to be baptised and meet with other Christians. I have heard rumours that you are also a Christian, so I hoped that you would help me."

The astonished Christian pastor did indeed baptise the builder, and also confided his side of the story of the flying Bible. Within a few years the builder had converted several of his neighbours, and a tiny Christian church had been planted within his own community. All because of a thrown-away Bible.

Jars of clay

The apostle Paul's understanding of resilient ministry is summed up in 2 Corinthians 4:7: 'But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.'

Here is the great paradox of the Christian life: God has placed His treasure (the life of His Son communicated to us by the Spirit) in the hearts of weak and fallible human beings. God's treasure is wrapped in our humanity. This seems to be a risky strategy, but human weakness in its many expressions is no barrier to the power of God.

The imagery of jars of clay, or earthen vessels, reminds us that as human beings we are made of dust and therefore are inherently weak and fallible (*Genesis 2:7, 3:19*). This may be a reference to the small pottery lamps, cheap and fragile, that were readily available in Corinth. More likely it is a reference to the earthen ware jars that were commonly used for storage - rough, unglazed, without decoration and easily chipped or cracked. Roman generals returning triumphantly from their campaigns would often conceal their plunder in such unlikely containers.

During World War II the King ordered that the crown jewels be hidden away to stop them falling into enemy hands. They were placed in a secret fault under the floor of Windsor Castle, the location known only to a handful of trusted people. Some of the main jewels were removed from the collection, wrapped in cloth and placed in a biscuit tin for even safer keeping. A double bluff, and typically British!

That is what God has done by placing the light of the Gospel in our hearts, a most unlikely place to find the power of God at work.

Extracted from 'Resilience in Life and Faith' by Tony Horsfall and Debbie Hawker, BRF



The Social Group have had a very busy two months but very successful.

- The Beetle Drive was a very happy fun evening in Skateraw Hall and raised £414 for church funds.
- The Quiz night in Muchalls Hall was masterminded by our own Carl Nelson and he certainly tested our brains. Another fun evening well attended and raised £315 for Church Funds. Well done Carl.
- The Quid's in Theatre Group performed *Burkins the Game* the macabre story of Burke and Hare in the Church which was an excellent performance and enjoyed by all. They donated £42.50 part of the takings to us.
- Our annual Afternoon Tea was held on 15th June and although the weather was not that great, we had a busy afternoon. Everybody rolled up their sleeves to help including some friends and we raised ££557.50 for church funds. Well done everybody.
- Our next effort will be a concert by the Granite City Brass Band in the church on 30th June at 7pm. We hope everybody will come and support as we have heard excellent reports on their concerts.

Thank you to everybody for helping with these fund-raising efforts.

Muriel, Rhona, Sheila, Sue, Di, Katy and Carol (Social Group)

Intelligence?

Should we be surprised to read in a guide to degree course vacancies that the place to study Artificial Intelligence is at Westminster?" (from *P C Holderness*)

29th July Olaf - king & patron saint of Norway

If you led a wild life before your conversion, then Olaf is the saint for you. Indeed, anything you have done could hardly match him, for he was a brigand and pirate who roamed the Baltic and Normandy around 1015 AD, maiming and killing, stealing and destroying, feared by all.

Then on one particular raid off Normandy, Olaf met his match: he boarded a ship with Christians on it and was converted to Christianity. The shock of this sent him inland, off the ships, to England, where he joined forces with Ethelred II for a time. But soon his entrepreneurial spirit was asserting itself, and an ambition was born: to return to Norway and convert the country to Christianity.

Olaf was never a man to do things meekly: he sailed for Norway and, helped by his own military ability and the flight of his rivals, seized power and became King. Once king, Olaf gave his subjects peace and security. He remade old laws, and insisted on their just execution, ignoring all bribes or threats.

Above all, Olaf began to convert the country. He was helped by a number of Viking converts and English monks who were missionaries to Norway. But the old paganism was strong in many places, and soon there was a rebellion. Olaf was exiled in 1029 and died the following year in a battle to regain his throne.

He was buried, but his story did not end there. For Christianity had established a foothold that would grow and grow. And it was soon reported that springs of healing water flowed from Olaf's grave, and miracles happened. So Grimkell, the English bishop of Trondheim, built a chapel on the site of his grave and declared him a saint. Olaf's cult grew in popularity until by 1070 his feast day was celebrated throughout Scandinavia.



THE WAY I SEE IT - Rating the 'experience' - Canon David Winter

'How did we do?' (on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is excellent and 'one' is poor?) 'Would you recommend us to your friends?' You can hardly buy anything now, or make use of a service, without an email popping up asking such questions.

Some go further into detail about delivery, courtesy or satisfaction with the 'experience', as they call it. Frankly, buying a hand towel is not an 'experience' for me but an everyday transaction, but perhaps some people get a kick out of it. Obviously enough of them fill them in to make it worthwhile, but it begs the question why do they want to know how we 'feel'? It's surely not a need to be loved and admired; and fairly sure it's not really about improving the service. Basically, they are gathering material for their PR team and their advertising agency. It will all be used online or in advertisements. '90% of our customers rate our service 'very good' or 'good'. 86% of people using our face cream found it 'helpful' or 'very helpful'. Of course, one wonders what the other 16 % said. 'It gave me a nasty rash?' 'My skin was dry for weeks?' Of course, we shall never know. This continual request for 'feedback' is a relatively recent development, which has spread to doctors' practices, hospitals and charities. Soon, perhaps, your church will start doing it. 'How did we do? Did you like the hymns? Were you made welcome? Rate the sermon on a scale of one to ten, where 'ten' is spell-binding, and 'one' is incomprehensible. Actually, there could just be the germ of a good idea there!



Address given by George Masson on Sunday 26th May 2019

(Readings on that Sunday: Acts 16: 9-15 Revelations 21: 10; 22: 1-5 John 14: 23-29)

Paul's vision of a Macedonian asking for his help resonates with me. In the passages before today's readings, Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke were being guided by the Holy Spirit to what countries they were to travel to and spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. In Acts where a journey is being described as "us" or "we", it means that Luke who Acts is ascribed to was a member of the party of travellers.

To reach Traos, Paul and his companions would already have travelled over 1000 kilometres from Jerusalem and then a further 160 kilometres by boat across the top of the Mediterranean Sea to reach Neapolis. Then, in their terms, a short walk to reach Philippi. So began the mission, which touched cities there, to which he later wrote: Phillipi, Thessalonia, and down into the Greek mainland, the isthmus (is-mus) city of Corinth. By linking the move to a supernatural event, a vision, Luke is underlying that this was part of an action linked to God.

The description of the Book of Acts as "History", and the author as a "historian", as well as a healer seemed self-evident for centuries. Then modern students of the bible recognised that in many senses

Acts and all four gospels can just as reasonably be classified as “theology”. Rather than being primarily concerned with an unbiased and simple statement of fact and events, the author clearly had a purpose that involved sharing the good news and convincing or teaching their readers. In Luke, Acts, and other books that make up the bible, the theology is based upon the historical truth.

Lydia was the lady who Paul stayed with when they reached Philippi. It says in the reading that she was a woman who dealt in purple dyed goods. The purple dye is made from a certain mollusc and is extremely expensive. (Mollusc, soft bodied invertebrates which would include snails, oysters, crabs etc) One use of the dye was in the stripes of the togas that Roman Senators wore. She must have been a strong and resolute woman who believed in the one true God. Yet Lydia recognised she was a sinner and only salvation available through Jesus Christ would make her right with the one true God. She appears to have been a senior person in the leadership of that community and had become a foundation member of the Christian congregation there. We are hearing in these readings of the first leaders of a Christian congregation, a woman. Paul did not seem to have the problems which others sensed in having woman in leadership. Prejudice would eventually win and often holds the upper hand, though now possessed with genuine conviction by some as a divine order.

Paul’s vision led him to Macedonia and to Lydia. His mission was to spread the Gospel of Jesus, and he and his fellow apostles certainly did that, or 2000 years later we would not be sitting here in St Ternan’s worshipping, and joined together in Christian Fellowship

All of us have a vision of how we would like things to be. The present politicians elected at the ballot box by the people of the United Kingdom. Who, once the dust of “Brexit” settles down either for or against it, they are going to be involved in shaping our countries future? Will all these politicians have a vision of how Britain should be governed? Will the lot of the ordinary people be improved, and will they lay down the foundations of a fairer and more just society? Will we have a sound economy, where are children and grandchildren can find suitable work according to their abilities and don’t have to emigrate to fulfil their ambitions in life, that has been the way in the past.

Along with vision they will also need faith, and the Holy Spirit sitting on their shoulder. Will they listen or will they put dogma before the good of the country

The Holy Spirit can guide us all if we take the time to listen. Luke was not writing a book about the Holy Spirit but about the spread of the Gospel, and he describes the Holy Spirit’s central role in that work.

Acts of the Apostles doesn’t tell us how to set up a church or how to do mission, but it does tell us how to live a Christian life. However, things look, God is at work behind the scenes, as he has been with his people in the past.

Acts also shows us not to think that because we are Christians, we can escape such human limitations as disagreements within our fellowship as the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas over John Mark. Nor are we completely immune from sin and hypocrisy and the very real threat of judgement.

Very soon we will be involved with there is Bishop Andrew’s initiative where the Vestry will meet with representatives of “Place for Hope” consultants to work with ourselves initially then together with St James to explore any issues that may remain there. With the Bishop looking to recruit a Priest to support St James and St Ternan’s.

All of us will have different visions of what we expect and faith in how it will be accomplished. Exciting times, as we as a congregation look forward to how our mission furthering the work of the Lord, will progress here in North Kincardine. Because folks it is not for us that we are doing this, but for the furtherance of Jesus work here in this community. However, like Paul’s vision our visions have to be accompanied by a means to fulfil them. He fulfilled his mission to spread the Gospel by boarding a boat and travelling to Macedonia. With the help of the Holy Spirit we will fulfil ours, but only if we allow

ourselves to be guided and have the love of Jesus in our hearts. If we sit on our bums waiting for the Holy Spirit to do it for us, we will have a long wait, and nothing will happen.

Over the years since we first embarked on Mission 21, we as a congregation have tried to recognise the importance of constantly holding a balance between the ideal and the realistic. We have tried to keep before us the vision of a congregation who are involved in the life and worship of the charge and the local community, having the freedom to pick wrong directions as part of our learning to accept responsibility for our life as a congregation. There is a lot of good work done here at St Ternan's of which we all share and can be justifiably proud of. However as in the poem by Charles Murray which says, "There's aye a something".

In John's Gospel, as we have in the reading today in Acts, we read of the Holy Spirit and of faith and of love of Jesus. This passage from John is overshadowed by the horror of the cross. It comes after Jesus has washed his disciple's feet and Judas has begun his betrayal. It is classed as an excerpt from the last discourse of Jesus, before he and his disciples left the upper room.

Both Luke and John see the work of the Holy Spirit enabling people to carry out the purpose of God in the world, especially in the community, that would come to be called the Church. The Holy Spirit's work in the world, whether conceived in terms of power or in terms of teaching and guiding, is to enable the church, or as I prefer "congregation" to carry out its calling as witnesses to the revelation of God in Jesus.

There is no guarantee that the presence of the Holy Spirit will eliminate disagreements among those in the church. But as a community if we are not governed by love through the work of the Holy Spirit there will be no peace of the kind Jesus gives. And in view of the conflict in some churches at both denominational and local levels, the call for peace through community and the work of the Holy Spirit in that community seems entirely appropriate. Jesus said in verse 27 "Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace that the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest and banish fear". Judas Iscariot asks the question "How is it that you are going to show yourself to us and not to the world? The answer to that has already been given in verse 21. Jesus shows himself to those who love him and keep his commandments and are so loved by the father.

God will love people who show they love Jesus by keeping his word. God and Jesus will come and make their dwelling in them. We are to be the dwelling places of God and Jesus.

There just isn't anyone who is more fortunate or privileged in the sight of God. There isn't any advantage here in being wealthier, or fitter, or saner, or born with respectable genes, or whatever.

Jesus says: "Those who love me will keep my word, and my father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

We should remember these passages and take strength from them.

Amen

Prayer

Almighty God who inspired your servant Lydia, to uphold and sustain your Church by her loving and generous deeds. Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, and strengthen our hands to serve you in others. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



Quotes

Keep praying but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your prayers! – *William Culbertson*

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do. - *Epictetus*

National 'Don't Step on a Bee' Day is on 10th July

This annual day encourages people to protect and encourage their local bees.

For further information go to: www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/dont-step-on-a-bee-day-2019/

Top 5 Bee Care Tips to give you inspiration for Don't Step on a Bee Day:

- Don't step on a bee! (Of course)
- Support your local beekeeper! The majority of our honey here in the UK is imported (85%!), but with the wealth of beekeepers on our doorstep there is really no need. Support your local beekeeper by visiting a near-by farm shop or deli and enjoy their precious produce for breakfast on some warm buttered toast – yum!
- Plant your Bee Good labels! Our little tags that accompany all of your Bee Good product orders are impregnated with special wildflower seeds that bees simply can't get enough of! Just soak the label for an hour and plant under an inch of soil and watch your wild meadow grow!
- Download the Great British Bee Count app. This wonderful app created by Friends of the Earth allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK to secure a thriving future for our buzzing bees!
- Build a bee hotel! Did you know that bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission? Get the kids involved and get building!



What's Your Talent? - Lester Amann

For a number of years, talent shows have become popular on TV. The programmes feature contestants, of any age, performing a short act in front of judges in the hope of being awarded a large sum of money. This may also lead to a new career and fame too!

These programmes feature all kinds of people including singers, comedians, magicians and acrobats. Some acts are good and entertaining while others can be odd, quirky or downright appalling! Some people reveal a talent, while others don't. Some have a big ego or an inflated sense of importance and cannot understand why they are rejected!

The Bible tells us that God is *our* judge. We are on show. He watches us, but He is not looking for the slip-up, the mistake or waiting to condemn. Our God is all-loving, kind, and forgiving and looks for our potential and is pleased when we do our best. He looks to help us, to build us up and desires the best from within us.

In the Bible, we see that God chose all manner of ordinary individuals to fulfil His purposes. Some made errors and committed dreadful sins, but even then, God didn't discard them as worthless. For example, Jesus chose a mixed bunch of disciples with all kinds of flaws, yet they became (with the exception of Judas) the ideal men to spread the Good News about Him.

God has a plan for each one of our lives, and we are called to be faithful in serving Him, wherever we are. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian, and the Spirit equips us for service and His greatest activity is amongst the ordinary. Under God's influence, what we regard to be natural talents and gifts, can be enhanced and released by His creative energy.

Isn't this encouraging? We don't have to put ourselves forward and hope to be a winner like contestants on a TV programme. If we give ourselves to God, He will prepare and use us in the way that best suits our gifts and personalities.



What must we do? By Daphne Kitching (John 6:28-29)

Rushing,
serving on this committee or that,
attending courses, meeting to pray,
committed to study
and give thanks for each day.
Trying so hard,
trying so hard,
longing to get it right for you, Lord.
How can we know what we must do?

*Stop trying,
stop doing,
stop stressing.
Be still and believe.*

The whole work of God
is to believe in the one He has sent,
then thoughts, words and actions
will be the natural fruit of that believing-work.

Believe in Jesus -
That's it!



When children write to their minister:

"Dear Minister..."

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.
- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.
- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.
- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money, but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.
- Please pray for all the airline pilots on Sunday. I am flying to California on Monday. Laurie. Age 10.
- I hope to go to heaven someday, but later than sooner. Love, Ellen. Age 9.
- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10.
- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10.
- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph. Age 11.
- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.
- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9.
- Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla. Age 10.





My Christ-thoughts- By Sam Doubtfire

I light my Christ-light daily
And I lift my Christ-thoughts high
While in the flame I see my Lord draw near.
He takes my prayer
For you and yours and puts them at the heart
Of God's concern for all in need

As He works through those who care.
He takes their skill, their patience
To encourage, comfort, bless;
To strengthen faith, and hope, and love,
And uses life to profess
The wonder of creation and
The wonder of His grace,

As through the care of many
We behold the Lord's own face.
He's the Light in every darkness
And the Hope in all despair -
For He's the one in everyone
Who says, 'My love, I'm here!'

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Date:	CELEBRANT/ Pastoral Assistant/ Address/Chalice	Readers/ Intercessions:	Readings:	Sidesperson	Cleaning/Flowers Teas
07/07/19 Pentecost 4	ARMA ISLES <i>Irene Butler</i> Sue Selway	Sheila Usher Eric Hargreaves John Usher Sue Selway	ISAIAH 66: 10-14 GALATIANS 6: (1-6) 7-16 LUKE 10: 1-11, 16-20	Eric Hargreaves	Rhona Vassilikos Rhoda Nelson
14/07/19 Pentecost 5 (Seafaring)	JOHN USHER <i>Sheila Usher</i>	Katie Gill Sue Manson Sheila Usher Muriel Hargreaves	DEUTERONOMY 30: 9-14 COLOSSIANS 1: 1-14 LUKE 10: 25-37	Jan Horn	Sheila Usher Katie Gill
21/07/19 Pentecost 6	RUSS HUDDLESTON ? <i>Irene Butler</i> Carl Nelson	Carol Masson George Masson Jan Horn Sheila Usher	GENESIS 18: 1-10A COLOSSIANS 1: 15-28 LUKE 10: 38-42	Eric Hargreaves	Muriel Hargreaves Carol Masson
28/07/19 Pentecost 7	REV JANE NELSON <i>Irene Butler</i>	Di Driver Eric Hargreaves Sue Selway Sue Selway	GENESIS 18: 20-32 COLOSSIANS 2: 6-19 LUKE 11: 1-13	Sue Selway	Kathleen Northcroft Oksana Huddleston
04/08/17 Pentecost 8	ARMA ISLES <i>Sheila Usher</i>	Jan Horn Ken Tonge Sue Manson Eric Hargreaves	ECCLESIASTES 1: 2, 12-14; & 2: 18-23 COLOSSIANS 3: 1-11 LUKE 12: 13-21	Carl Nelson	Sue Selway Rhoda Nelson
11/08/19 Pentecost 9	REV JANE NELSON <i>Irene Butler</i> Carl Nelson	Carol Masson Sue Selway Di Driver Muriel Hargreaves	GENESIS 15: 1-6 HEBREWS 11: 1-3, 8-16 LUKE 12: 32-40	Jan Horn	Sue Manson/ Di Driver Katie Gill
18/08/19 Pentecost 10	JOHN USHER <i>Russ Huddleston</i>	Eric Hargreaves George Masson Sheila Usher Ken Tonge	JEREMIAH 23: 23-29 HEBREWS 11: 29-12: 2 LUKE 12: 49-56	Eric Hargreaves	Sheila Usher Carol Masson
25/08/19 Pentecost 11	ERIC HARGREAVES/ IRENE BUTLER		SONGS OF PRAISE	Sue Selway	Rhona Vassilikos Oksana Huddleston
01/09/19 Pentecost 12	GEORGE MASSON <i>Sheila Usher</i> Sue Selway	Katie Gill Sheila Usher John Usher Sue Selway	ECCLESIASTES 10: 12-18 HEBREWS 13: 1-8, 15-16 LUKE 14: 1,7-14	Carl Nelson	Muriel Hargreaves Rhoda Nelson

