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Loch Lomond and Ben Lomond from Drumkinnon Bay, Balloch



SERVICES & EVENTS

Kalender Aug / Sept 2012

Sundays 9.00 am *Eucharist* 11.00am *Sung Eucharist*
There is no Sunday School /Mini Mungo Club at present, but children are always welcome at our services.
Story cards and Children's Communion Books are always available.

Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel 10.00 am *Eucharist*

Feast Day:
15th August The Blessed Virgin Mary



Social gathering in the Hall

Cover picture: Loch Lomond from Drumkinnon Bay, 2 miles North of St Mungo's

Readers and Intercessors Rota: August / September 2012

9 am Eucharist Reader (RCL Year B)	11 am Sung Eucharist Reader (RCL, Year B)	Intercessor
5th August Ian A. 9th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)	Jean B. 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13 Psalm 51.1-12 Ephesians 4.1-16	Jock S-P
12th August John S. 10th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)	Pauline 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4.25-5.2	Pauline D.
19th August Ian A. 11th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)	Jock S-P 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5.15-20	Jim M.
26th August John S. 12th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)	Jim M. 1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6.10-20	Fiona W.
2nd September Ian A. 13th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)	Jean B. Song of Solomon 2.8-13 Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10 James 1.17-27	Jock S-P
9th September John S. 14th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)	Pauline Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2.1-10, 14-17	Jim M.
16th September Ian A. 15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)	Jim M. Proverbs 1.20-33 Psalm 19 James 3.1-12	Pauline D.
23rd September John S. 16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)	Pat B. Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1 James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a	Fiona W.
30th September Ian A. 17th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21) (Back to Church Sunday)	Jock S-P Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22 Psalm 124 James 5.13-20	Pat B.

Readers, please arrive at the Church in time to make sure that the book is on the Lectern and open at the right place before the service starts. At the 9.00 am Eucharist the reading is normally just the Second Reading/Epistle from the Revised Common Lectionary, and at the 11.00 am Sung Eucharist readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, as shown above. **In the RCL it is Year B and we are following Track 1 after Trinity Sunday. The page numbers and layout are the same as in the smaller paper-back edition. Please ensure that the “book” is passed on to the next week’s reader.** If you need to change dates, please arrange an exchange.

From David Cook, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends,

This month I have been asked to write and encourage ALL of you who can, to regularly come to one of the Sunday morning services or the Wednesday morning service. This is because the vestry members and I are worried about the lower number of worshippers on some Sundays.

It is a known fact that attendance often falls during a vacancy between priests at a church. At St. Mungo's we just cannot afford even a temporary decline in numbers worshipping during the vacancy.

It is vitally important that the Diocesan leadership, visiting clergy (who will talk about their experience when meeting other clergy) and any prospective new priest taking an interest in the church, can see that St. Mungo's is a 'going concern' and is worth investment.

I know that some of you really cannot get to church on Sunday because of infirmity, illness or a caring commitment. But otherwise, PLEASE, PLEASE, will all of you try your very best to be at one of the Eucharists on a Sunday or a Wednesday. It really is terribly important that a good number of you are at one or other of the Eucharists each Sunday.

It is also important to remember that a well-attended church, where people are seen to be coming in and going out on Sunday, is a more attractive church for other people – and for a priest who might be interested in, or feel called to be, serving at St. Mungo's.

Thank you for reading this. Please give very serious thought to what I have written.

God bless you all

Vestry Notes

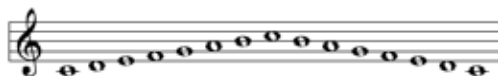
The words of Joni Mitchell's song Big Yellow Taxi 'don't know what you got 'til it's gone' certainly applies to the amount of work that Sally and John undertook. I said before that we are all on a learning curve and rarely a day goes by that we do not meet a new challenge. However, despite a few frantic phone calls, with God's help (delivered by David, Peter, Billy, visiting clergy and members of the congregation) things get done in a spirit of mutual, loving, support.

These words also apply to our church life and community. Most of us can remember when there were more people in church, more young people, more social events etc. and some can remember a church which was central to the community, a spiritual home and social hub. Dwelling on the past rarely achieves anything unless we really learn from it. What is important, is what we are doing today and what we want for the future. In our meetings with the Dean and Gill, our Growth Strategy facilitator, we are asked to consider what kind of church we are, what we do well and not so well, how we can grow and our vision for the future. We want everyone to contribute to this and will invite you all to a meeting after the holiday season to express your thoughts. In the meantime, please ask yourself (and answer honestly) 'Do I really care?' (or like Catherine Tate – 'am I bovvered?'). If the answer is 'no' – please let us know why. If the answer is 'yes' then the next one is 'how am I going to demonstrate that?'.

St. Mungo's is at a crossroad. Some may say we have a crisis but I understand that the Chinese do not have a word for 'crisis'. It is two words – 'danger' and 'opportunity'. We have an opportunity to make St Mungo's a great, living example of God's loving care here in the Vale and beyond but this needs the will, the prayers and the commitment of all who consider themselves members of this church. It cannot be left to a new priest !

Health professionals advise that, for our physical and mental wellbeing, we should 'use it or lose it'. Many folk find that although 'using it' means stepping out of their comfort zone and takes effort, especially in the beginning, it is actually great fun and can lead to new experiences and valuable relationships. Perhaps we could apply it to our spiritual health – worth a try!

Pauline



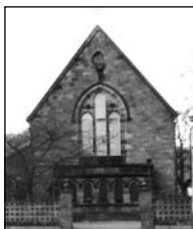
Job Description by Jim Biddulph

Part of the process in looking for a new priest is to write a job description for any potential priest who may be interested in the St Mungo's charge. Sally, supplied a list of jobs to be done for the everyday running of the church for the Vestry before she retired. The following bullet points are just to let everyone know the important and essential jobs, some taken for granted, while others are a necessity over the week.

The Vestry has to compile the Job Description of what is expected of any priest coming to the charge. Obviously when you read down the 'jobs to do' you will immediately see that many of the jobs were done over and above the call of duty in the past. I don't think we would expect all of these to be offloaded to a priest in charge, let alone a part time priest. Therefore more tasks will have to be taken up by members of the congregation. These tasks will be looked at in more detail when the vestry compiles the final Job Description.

Starting with the Church building

- Open church for services and switch off burglar alarm.
- Set heating controls for Sunday services, and any weekday ones if necessary. For Sunday this must be done after 12 noon on Saturday, as it is a 24 hour timer.
- Before setting heating controls to ON, check that nothing potentially flammable, e.g. kneelers, service leaflets, dropped gloves, hankies, scarves etc., is close to / in contact with any of the heaters.
- Double check that all heating is switched OFF after Sunday services.
- Check that all other electrical sockets in church are switched OFF after all services, except for



the mouse deterrents. Pay particular attention to the ORGAN switch - most church fires begin with electrical faults in organs!

- Ensure that burglar alarm is switched on and church is locked up after services.
- During heavy rain / gales check daily for leaks and mop up and put out buckets as necessary.
- Remind those on Church cleaning rota when it is their turn
- Ensure that Hymn Number board is taken down after each service
- Remove occasional candle wax drips from carpet before it treads in. Warm iron and brown paper use with caution.

Church Music

- Deal with piano tuner - annually at present (due November / December) - present cost £40
- Deal with organ tuner - every 2 to, 3 years at present, or when it is out of tune! (Last done February 2012 - see tuner notebook hanging beside organ.) Present cost £ 140 approx
- Choose hymns



- Organise choir practice
- Liase with organist

Magazine / Website

- Write magazine letter
- Write Vestry Notes for magazine
- Produce Readers and Intercessors Rota, including list of readings from RCL / SEC Kalendar.
- Upload finished web version of magazine to St. Mungo's website

- Add news items etc., generally update website
- Ensure that magazines are uplifted and/or delivered to everyone, to keep in touch

Pastoral Care of Congregation

- With Billy's help, visit members of the congregation, especially those who are sick, housebound, etc. administering house communion with Reserved Sacrament when appropriate
- Anointing of sick and dying when appropriate. (Need a priest for this.)

Worship

- Produce and photocopy weekly service leaflet.
- Ensure that Readers and Intercessors pass on books for the following week
- Update Diocesan Cycle of Prayer in Intercessors' bag when necessary
- Obtain communion wine.
- Obtain communion wafers, priest's and people's. (Suggest check Hayes & Finch catalogue / or online prices to get an idea what is "suitable".)



- Obtain candles, including Paschal Candle, from Hayes & Finch. The Coatbridge branch is now closed - everything comes from head office in Liverpool. Check empty boxes to ensure correct sizes and types of candle. Remember to change delivery address - currently the Rectory.
- Burn a few of previous year's Palm Crosses to produce ash for Ash Wednesday.
- Obtain Palm Crosses. African Palms in London generally send a reminder/order form to The Rectory round about January / February. (Check when the time comes, but I think there are probably enough for 2013 already "in stock".)
- Christmas tree(s) Vale of Leven Academy generally gives us their large tree at the end of term. St. Mungo's to arrange transport. (It is usually far too big to fit into a car.) For a smaller tree, if desired, to go on Church porch roof, try Homebase, or B & Q, etc.

General Administration

- Order following year's freewill offering envelopes. Reminder / order form generally comes in May / June. Suggest deal with it fairly promptly, as I think there is a discount for prompt ordering.
- Order stationery, generally from Viking. (Currently free delivery on orders over £30 excluding VAT).

Look out for special offers.

- Pass on invoices/ mail etc. to Treasurer / Secretary etc. as appropriate
- Liaise with Ecclesiastical Insurance re claims etc.

In the Community / Ecumenically

- Attend meetings /events of ACTiV
- Attend other local/community events as appropriate e.g Remembrance Day service in Christie Park
- Contact with Christie Park School as chaplain at school services/ events, and dealing with class visits to St. Mungo's

Other tasks

- Put church/hall green/ grey or blue/ brown bins out on Sunday evenings according to WDC schedule
- Change light bulbs / tubes in church and Hall
- Cut Church and Rectory grass .
- Various odd jobs as and when necessary!

So as you can see things don't just happen automatically, somebody has to do these jobs. A 'New' priest will obviously have their fair share. At present the Vestry and members of the congregation are carrying out the tasks listed.



Billy snuffs out the candles after service and Easter dressing of church.

Monthly Rota for August into October

Sidesmen/women Rota

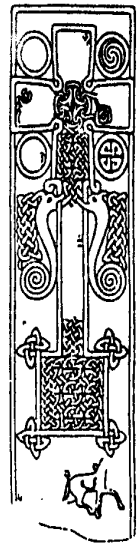
Alicia S.	Aug. 19th and Sept. 23rd
Derek R.	Aug. 26th, Sept. 2nd, 30th and Oct. 7th
Tom and Ian M.	Aug. 5th and Sept. 9th
Bob McL	Aug. 12th and Sept. 16th

Cleaning Rota

Fiona and Jean	Sept. 9th
Lynnette	Aug. 5th and Sept. 16th
Eveline	Aug. 12th and Sept. 23rd
Finella and Jean	Aug. 19th and Sept. 30th
Iona and Mary	Aug. 26th and Oct. 7th
Margaret and Robert	Sept. 2nd

Flowers

P.D.	Aug. 26th and Sept. 2nd
F.S.	Sept. 9th and Sept. 16th
J.M.	Aug. 5th, Sept. 23rd and 30th
E.MacP.	Aug. 12th and 19th, October 7th



Many Hands Make Light Work

Excluding sleep time, there are approximately 480 hours in a month. Could you spare 2 of them to share your skills or develop new ones? Being a small congregation, it means that even with some people taking on a number of roles, there is still a shortage of helpers. Here are a number of opportunities – by no means exhaustive. Please give them serious consideration.

SERVERS

The Pastoral Assistant, Billy, is currently the only person who fulfils this role. As he has a commitment to celebrate communion more often during the vacancy, it is not always possible to provide a server for David or visiting priests. Billy is very happy to provide training for anyone who wishes to learn.

READERS

There are only two readers for the 9am service which makes it difficult to provide cover – they would really welcome others to join the rota!

INTERCESSORS

Together with reading, this is an important part of the 11am service – offering the prayers of the people. We have a number of books which suggest prayers for each week or season and the Diocese provides training.

CLEANING

This is a vital role. There should be two in a team to clean the church once every 6 weeks but currently two people are doing it alone. Can you help?

FLOWERS

No need to be artistic but if you are – great! If you can put flowers and greenery in a vase please come and join the team. If you have flowers and/or greenery in the garden and you wish to donate them, please let us know.

TEA and COFFEE

Providing tea and coffee after the 11am service is an important part of our welcome for newcomers and encourages regular worshippers to have a chat.

The only qualifications for these important roles are willing hands and hearts !



Just one thing bothers me—the spare right foot.

Back to Church Sunday



30th September 2012

**Tea, Coffee and Cakes
in the Church Hall afterwards**

**THE HARVEST FESTIVAL THIS YEAR IS ON SUNDAY
14TH OCTOBER**



We will be preparing and decorating the church with flowers etc. on Saturday 13th October, beginning at 10.00 am.

All helpers welcome! If arranging flowers isn't your cup of tea, you can always put the kettle on, and do your bit that way!