



Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr David Gordon (tel: 07311 070277)

Dear Friends in Christ,

I feel honoured as I stand at the threshold of becoming your new Priest-in-Charge. Martin Andrews has kindly invited me to write something for *Crucis* by way of introduction.

I was born and grew up in Edinburgh, training for ministry at Coates Hall, the (as was) Theological College of the Scottish Episcopal Church. I had come from the congregation of Old St Paul's. I was ordained at St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen, as Deacon in 1993 and Priest in 1994, becoming Chaplain at the Cathedral. While there I took a delight in the choral Liturgy.

I became Priest-in-Charge of St Mungo's, Alexandria (Dunbartonshire, not Egypt!) in 1995 where I remained until the very beginning of the year 2000. In January 2000 I moved to Lincolnshire to become an Anglican Chaplain at the Hospital in Grimsby. I did enjoy being part of the Church of England albeit for a short while, as I came back to Scotland in 2001 to become Chaplain at Ninewells Hospital.

I was a full-time Chaplain in NHS Tayside until January 2020 at which point I came back to full-time ministry within a diocesan context and left the NHS behind. Over the years I had celebrated and preached in several churches in the Diocese but was mostly to be found at St Margaret's, Lochee.

As a healthcare Chaplain, it was a tremendous privilege to minister to people dealing with baby loss, death in old age, and everything in between. I have known Graeme Adamson for many years as he was often very kind in accepting my invitations to sing at the services I used to organise for those affected by the death of a baby or child.



Over my years in ministry, I have obtained qualifications in Counselling, Supervision, and group facilitation and for the last 7 years of my ministry in the NHS I headed up the Staff Wellbeing Service which became a well-known and busy resource within the organisation.

Since I took up full time ministry in the Diocese, I have been Priest-in-Charge of All Souls, Invergowrie, and Interim Priest at St Paul's Cathedral. The Cathedral gave me the loveliest send off on Sunday 13th June now that the new Provost has arrived. I continue as Priest at All Souls half time and begin at St Salvador's half time on Sunday 11th July. I will therefore need support from clergy colleagues and from the lay faithful in both churches to fulfil our collective vocation and mission.

I do believe that beauty, dignity, and solemnity in worship, combined with committed pastoral practice is a sound foundation for the Church's missionary activity in the world and I am looking forward to ministering with you all in building on St Salvador's strengths.

When I last celebrated and preached on a Sunday at St Salvador's, in 2016, Martin said to me afterwards, "You made fewer mistakes than most in the celebration of the Liturgy, so you can come back." Well, here I come!

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

Saints' and special days this month

O Lord Christ, by whose single death upon the cross the members of thy body also die to servitude and sin: Grant us so to crucify the old man, that the new may daily rise with thee in the immortal power of thy free Spirit, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and thee, one God, world without end.

Thursday, 1 July – St Serf, Bishop, a 6th century hero of the Celtic Church thought to have been a disciple of Palladius and to have fostered Kentigern.

Saturday, 3 July – St Thomas, Ap., tradition holds that he preached the gospel in India and died there.

Tuesday, 6 July – St Palladius, Bishop, sent to Ireland in 431 to combat the Pelagian heresy, but expelled after a short time. Worked in Scotland, and associated with Stirling and Fordoun in the Mearns.



S. BENEDICT
founded one of the
great Religious Orders

Sun., 11 July – St Benedict of Nursia, Abb., Born at Nursia in Umbria in 480. Founded monastery at Monte Cassino. Wrote his 'Rule', establishing the way of life of monastic communities. He died in 547.

Monday, 12 July – St Drostan of Deer, Abbot, nephew or companion of Columba. Put in charge of the new monastic foundation at Deer.

S. SWITHUN



Thursday, 15 July – St Swithun, Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester and subsequently patron saint of Winchester Cathedral. According to tradition, if it rains on Saint Swithun's bridge on his feast day it will continue for 40 days. Originally spelt Swithhun (Old English: 'strong bear-cub'). Died AD 863.

Wed., 21 July – William Wilberforce, born 1759 in Hull. Converted to Evangelical faith in the C. of E., but became an MP at age 21. Helped found the Bible Society. Remembered for his crusade against slavery. Saw abolition in the Empire just before death in 1833.

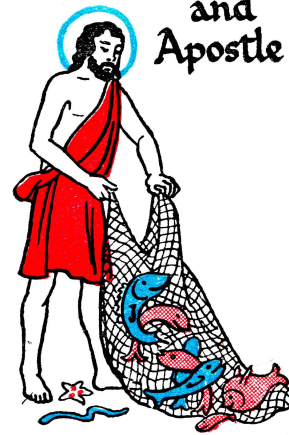
Tuesday, 22 July – St Mary Magdalene, accompanied Jesus through the villages preaching, and stood by the Cross. The first to whom the Risen Christ appeared.

Sunday, 25 July – St James, Apostle, brother of St John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. Beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about the year 42 – the first of the apostolic band to be martyred.

S. ANNE
Mother of the
Blessed Virgin



S. JAMES
a fisherman
and
Apostle



Monday, 26 July – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM, names traditionally given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin, dating back to 2nd century.

Tuesday, 27 July – John Comper, Priest, born in 1823 in Sussex and came to Scotland in 1848 as a teacher. Established St Margaret's Convent in the Spital in 1862. Established missions in the Gallowgate and St Clement's in Aberdeen's dockland. Died in Duthie Park, Aberdeen, on this day in 1903.

Thursday, 29 July – Ss Mary & Martha of Bethany, gave Jesus hospitality in their home. Martha recognised Jesus as Messiah, while Mary anointed His feet. Mary is taken to be an example of the contemplative spiritual life and Martha an example of the active spiritual life.

Friday, 30 July – St Silas, Companion and fellow-worker of St Paul. Accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the decision on the admission of Gentiles. Allegedly died in Macedonia.

Saturday, 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Religious, born in 1491 of an aristocratic family, he became a soldier, but converted to a deep love of Christ. Formed the Society of Jesus, to resist the Protestant Reformation, reform the Church from within, and educate the young. Died at Rome in 1556.

Licensing of Fr David Gordon

If you can, please come and support Fr David when the Bishop licenses him as our new Priest-in-Charge during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, 11th July 2021.