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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

A Message from our Bishop-elect

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Brechin Diocese:

Thank you for the prayerful support and encouragement you have given to me (and to my fellow candidates) in the recent election process. May I also especially thank the electoral synod for their trust in electing me to be your new bishop. Many thanks to all those clergy and lay representatives!

I am looking forward very much to moving with my family to the diocese in the summer and becoming your Bishop for the Scottish Episcopal Church in Dundee, Angus, the Mearns, and the Carse of Gowrie.

I will come and meet clergy, vestries, and congregations, starting immediately, to share in your worship and your life. Dates will be arranged as soon as I am properly in place!

From reading the Diocesan Profile and listening to many people, I am delighted to see that you have hopes for your church communities and plans to develop and grow. I want to explore what those hopes are and find ways to help you achieve those plans. I have also heard about some of the great challenges that we face together as a church. I want to explore with you how these can be worked through.

When I come and meet you, it would be wonderful if you had been able, in your vestries and churches, to think about:

1. The hopes and aspirations for your charges
2. The biggest challenges or obstacles you are facing
3. Your plans—and where these fit in the wider diocese
4. Resources that would help you achieve those plans

I am looking forward very much to good conversations and frank exchanges on the best ways forward for the SEC in Brechin: I am here to listen and help you live out your God-given vocation as the 21st century Scottish Episcopal Church.

With every blessing

The Very Rev. Andrew Swift
Bishop-elect
Diocese of Brechin





ST ANDREWS
ORGAN WEEK
2018

J.S. BACH AND HIS
19TH CENTURY DISCIPLES

**Sermon preached by the Rector
on Sunday, 24 June**

"[The disciples] woke [Jesus] up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'" Mark 4: 38b

Tuesday 31 July, 19:30
St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee
Wordsworth and Maskell organ, 1883

Merseburg, 1856

Henry Fairs (organ)
Feargus Hetherington (violin)
Megan Read (soprano)

Honorary Professor of Organ Henry Fairs reconstructs Alexander Winterberger's 1856 Merseburg Cathedral concert at which Liszt's famous Praeludium and Fugue on BACH received its world premiere.

Bach, Handel, Stradella, Liszt, Von Schellendorf

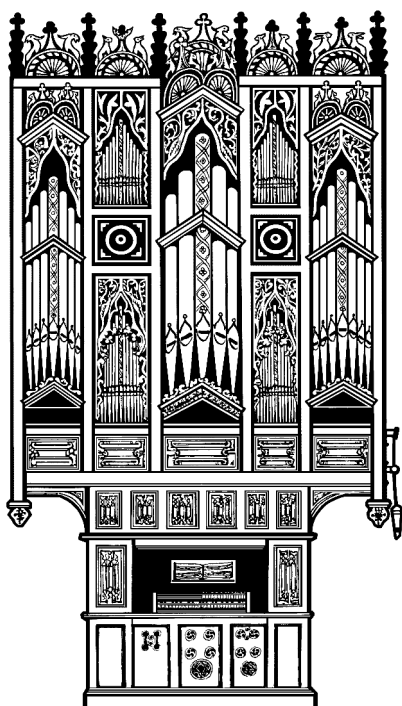
Admission £6, £5 (concessions, Music Centre members)

This concert is sponsored by the British Institute of Organ Studies

The Sea of Galilee was well known for sudden storms. Along the northern and eastern shores there are numerous ravines and narrow defiles that channel winds from the plateaux, hills and mountains beyond. With great and sudden force these compressed winds emerge on to the lake and dangerously whip up the waters. This, presumably, is what happened after Jesus and the disciples set out to cross the lake in their little boat. Some of them were experienced sailors, but nothing can prepare anyone for the sudden squalls on this lake. They realised the danger that they were in, and they were right to be afraid.

When the storm hit, Jesus was asleep in the place passengers usually sat in such little craft. It was night-time, and, after a demanding day, He was tired. His sleep was so deep that even the violent motion of the boat, the howl of the wind and the cries of the disciples didn't immediately wake Him. It was His friends who shook Jesus awake and asked Him whether He cared that they were about to perish. Roused, Jesus spoke sternly to the wind and sea, saying, "Peace! Be still!" The Lord's command had immediate effect. As suddenly as it had started, the storm ceased, and the water was calm again. The disciples were left to wonder at the authority that Jesus possessed to overcome the power of nature.

In ancient times, people lived in an atmosphere of battle between good and evil forces. All bad things were believed to be the result of the mischievous and malignant work of demons or gods. Even the Jews, who believed in one all-powerful God, saw themselves as subject to inferior wicked forces. The God they believed in was con-



stantly at war with evil. To the disciples and the first Christians who heard this story, the calming of the storm was a demonstration of Jesus' power, and so proved that He was God's Son. Through Him, God foiled the wicked purpose of the power that had stirred up the wind and water.

This miracle, and, indeed, many of Jesus' other miracles, presents modern people with problems. For the last four hundred years, as human knowledge of the ways of nature has grown, it has been increasingly difficult to ascribe the origin of natural phenomena to divine or demonic forces. God has been relentlessly pushed to the fringe of human existence and experience. To some believers God is the One who set up the laws of nature, and now stands back to let them take their course. They might ask whether, if there is a God, He would or could still a storm. However, they are quite wrong to see God in those terms. In no way does a remote, powerless and disinterested God on the margins of life fit the picture we have been given by Him in the experience of His People and in the Life of His Son.

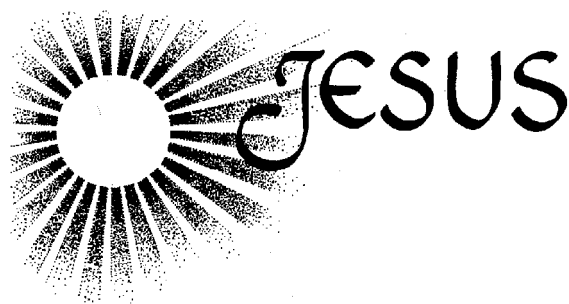
The God of the Scriptures is continually, almost restlessly, active in the world. He may not be at war with demonic forces as the ancients understood them, but He **is** bringing in His Kingdom of love, joy, peace, justice, wholeness, and life. All things contrary to His Kingdom – hatred, sorrow, injustice, brokenness, and death – are its enemies. He is still at war with them. In Christ, God has acted decisively in the struggle to establish His Kingdom in this world, and to restore all created things to the way He wants them to be. God is continually at work, not on the edges of life only, but at its very heart, working against all that is at odds with His Kingdom.

However, this dynamic view of God raises other questions. The most important one to many of us is this: "If God **does** care, **isn't** far away and **is** so powerful, then why do bad things happen to His People?" I would

be wrong to say that there's a simple answer to that. Job never came up with one, even seeing God face-to-face to ask Him. Let's admit that it would be a lot easier to believe in demons, other gods, or no God at all. It's harder to cling to faith in a loving, involved God when bad things happen and He seems so far away. It is times like those that test our faith in Him. It is at those points that many have turned away from Him. They have called out to Him, "Lord, don't you care that we're perishing?" and have heard nothing but the roar of the storm.

God has, however, already answered. He has uttered one Word, and that Word became flesh and lived among us. His Body bears the marks of the wounds that come from living in this world where bad things happen to good people. Yet in Him, God's glory and truth have been revealed for all time. His power has been revealed in weakness, sorrow and vulnerability. He has overcome them. What more need God say? Maybe we should consider that the problem is not that God has failed to respond to our distress, but that we haven't heard His response. Perhaps we should take to heart Jesus' question to the disciples after the storm was stilled: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

In St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, we heard today that the Apostle had to overcome all kinds of troubles. They were his "storms". But he survived and in himself became a powerful witness to the power of God. We can overcome our "storms" too. Jesus will bring us through. And our saved lives can be a powerful testimony to the Kingdom of God.



Come Celebrate!

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St Thomas, Apostle (3 July)

Nothing is known for certain about the life of St Thomas, apart from the Gospel account. Tradition holds that he preached the gospel in India and died there.

St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot (11 July)

Benedict was born at Nursia in Umbria in 480. He studied in Rome, and then he turned his back on the world and lived in solitude in Subiaco. Disciples came to him, and he went to Monte Cassino, where he founded a monastery. He wrote his 'Rule', which established the spirituality and way of life of monastic communities ever since. He died in 547.

St Mary Magdalene (22 July)

Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' followers, accompanying Him on His journeys through the villages preaching (Luke 8:3), and she stood by the Cross. Mark 16:9 tells us that Mary was the first to whom the Risen Christ appeared.

St James, Apostle (25 July)

James was the brother of St John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and at the Transfiguration of the Lord. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about the year 42 – the first of the apostolic band to be martyred.

The Transfiguration of the Lord (6 August)

The Transfiguration of Jesus reveals that salvation is for all, and that the Son of God is the One who brings that salvation. The testimony of the Law and the Prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses

and Elijah, and the event also pre-figures the Resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.

St Boisil, Prior of Melrose (7 August)

Boisil, or Boswell, became abbot of the abbey at Melrose that St Aidan built. Bede describes him as a man of great virtue. Among his disciples were the saints Cuthbert and Egbert. He died around the year 642.

St Dominic, Priest and Friar (8 August)

Born in 1170 of an ancient and noble family in Castile, Dominic became an Augustinian friar and led a disciplined life of prayer and penance. He became prior in 1201, but, three years later, whilst on a trip to Denmark with his bishop, he passed through France and came across the heretical Cathars or Albigenses, holders of the Gnostic view that all material things are evil and in conflict with the spiritual. Dominic formed an Order of Preachers to combat this view. This Order spread to many countries in just a few years and did much to maintain the credibility of the orthodox faith in late medieval Europe. Dominic died at Bologna in 1221.

St Maximilien Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (14 August)

Maximilien Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. His parents were Franciscan tertiaries and, beginning his education for the ministry in 1907, Maximilien joined the Conventual Franciscans as a novice in 1910. His career as a priest and Franciscan friar was exemplary, and included the founding and publishing of a magazine for Christian readers that achieved a huge circulation and that led further to the publication of widely read weekly and daily journals by his community. After the Nazi invasion of Poland, Maximilien was arrested as an 'intellectual' and taken to Auschwitz in

May 1941. There he continued his priestly ministry, secretly celebrating the Eucharist. After an escape, ten prisoners were chosen to forfeit their lives, and Maximilien stepped forward to take the place of one of them. They were starved for two weeks before Maximilien, the last one remaining alive, was put to death by lethal injection on this day in 1941.

St Mary the Virgin (15 August)

The Church customarily commemorates saints on the day of their death, and although the date and place of the Blessed Virgin's death are unknown, for centuries today has been celebrated as her principal feast. In the East, today's feast is entitled 'The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin'; in the Roman Catholic Church, reflecting its distinctive doctrinal emphasis, it is called 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. Both are equally ancient titles for this festival, when the Church celebrates the reunion of Christ with His Mother.

St Bartholomew, Apostle (24 August)

It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael, 'bar Tolmai' being a Jewish surname, however, this identification is by no means certain. Nathanael was described as an Israelite worthy of the name, as he was an upright man who, as the Gospel account tells us, came to recognise Jesus as the Son of God and the King of Israel. Some later writers connect Bartholomew's career after Pentecost with Armenia, where he is said to have been flayed alive, but there is no reliable historical evidence for this.

St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher (28 August)

Augustine was born in North Africa in 354. His career as an orator and rhetorician led him from Carthage to Rome, and from there to Milan where the Imperial court at

that time resided. By temperament, he was passionate and sensual, and as a young man he rejected Christianity. Gradually, however, under the influence of Monnica his mother, and of St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Augustine began to look afresh at the Scriptures. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Not long after returning to North Africa he was ordained priest, and then became Bishop of Hippo. It is difficult to overestimate the influence of Augustine on the subsequent development of Western European thought. A huge body of his sermons and writings has been preserved, through all of which run the theme of the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.

The Beheading of St John the Baptist (29 August)

The main celebration for John the Baptist is on 24 June, the date observing his birth, but John was also the forerunner of Christ in his death, which followed his denunciation of immorality and his call to repentance.



St. Dominic

FOOD CUPBOARD MINISTRY

The Sunday Afternoon Drop In is in need of more mugs in which to serve tea, coffee or hot chocolate to our volunteers and visitors. If you have any mugs that you could spare please let Fr. Clive or Katie know. We do have quite a high attrition rate for our mugs and they are a vital part of the hospitality that we offer.

We are pleased that another new volunteer has joined us at the Drop In and we are, as always, grateful for all that our volunteers do to enable our Food Cupboard ministry to run smoothly week by week. We have been blessed with more donations of items for our food cupboard and are thankful for them all.

Katie Clapson

My Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Part 1

Arthur Lynch

I wasn't going to Lourdes, but my brother who has dementia, and who is going, pleaded with me by saying, "I wish that you can get to Lourdes so that we can pray together at Our Lady's grotto." So he was overjoyed when I told him that I will be going. The only problem was my travel arrangements

My brother will be travelling with the Diocese of Dunkeld, so they will be flying from Edinburgh, but I will have to go by bus. The reason for this is due to me having one leg, and in a special electric wheelchair it would be difficult to get to the toilet on the plane, as I would need to be manhandled.

As it is, I will have to order a taxi to get to the bus in Glasgow. Now this bus is very special. It has two lifts, five beds, a specially designed toilet, and a kitchen, along with laidback seating. The only unfortunate thing is that it will take about 17 hours to get there, as we travel overnight by the sea boat.

Although Lourdes is basically where all the sick pilgrims gather for processions and blessings, it is also visited by many who have no faith, but are curious, and love to see the statues and the décor inside the chapels. It is like a multi-national gathering. You can say it is a little bit of heaven on earth.

There is not much more I can tell you at the moment, but will give you part two after I come home.

I will pray for you all at the grotto.

VESTRY NEWS

At our last meeting the Vestry

- considered matters related to the building,
- heard about our new Bishop Elect, The Rev Andrew Swift
- made preparations for the Coldside Family Fun Day and the Organ Concert to be held on July 31st (see separate article),
- received the usual reports,
- was updated about our adherence to the new Data Protection requirements (GDPR).

St Salvador's Church will once again be taking part in Dundee's Doors Open Weekend, which falls on Sept 15/16 and coincides with the grand opening of the V&A Museum of Design in Dundee. Kirsty has volunteered to organise our participation in Doors Open and we hope that lots of people will come to see our wonderful sacred space.

If you have not already done so do take a look at the painting work being done in the Lady Chapel and see what a lovely job Andy is doing. Thanks for this ongoing work Andy.

Katie Clapson, Vestry Sec.

Fr Clive: If anyone would like to help Arthur with the cost of his journey to Lourdes, please speak to me about it. Thank you!

Kalendar

Sun., 1 July: Trinity 5: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 3 July: St. Thomas: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 4 July: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 8 July: Trinity 6: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 10 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 11 July: St. Benedict: Mass at 10 AM
Sat., 14 July : Memorial Service at Noon
Sun., 15 July: Trinity 7: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 17 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 18 July: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 22 July: St. Mary Magdalene: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 24 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 25 July: St. James: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 29 July: Trinity 9: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 31 July: St. Ignatius of Loyola: Mass **CANCELLED** due to organ concert.

Wed., 1 Aug.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 5 Aug.: Trinity 10: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Mon., 6 Aug.: Transfiguration:
Mass at 7 PM
Tues., 7 Aug.: St. Boisil: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 8 Aug.: St. Dominic: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 12 Aug.: Trinity 11: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 14 Aug.: St. Maximilien Kolbe:
Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 15 Aug.: The Assumption:
Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 19 Aug.: Trinity 12: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 21 Aug.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 22 Aug.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Fri.: 24 Aug.: St. Bartholomew:
Mass at 7 PM
Sun., 26 Aug.: Trinity 13: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 28 Aug.: St. Augustine of Hippo:
Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 29 Aug.: Feria: Beheading of St.

John the Baptist: Mass at 10 AM
Sun., 2 Sept.: Trinity 14: Masses at 9AM
&11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 4 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 5 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sat., 8 Sept.: Birth of Our Lady:
Mass at 11 AM
Sun., 9 Sept.: Trinity 15: Masses at 9AM
&11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 11 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 12 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Fri., 14 Sept.: HOLY CROSS:
Mass at 7 PM
Sun., 16 Sept.: St. Ninian of Whithorn:
Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 18 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 19 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Fri., 21 Sept.: St. Matthew: Mass at 7 PM
Sun., 23 Sept.: Trinity 17: Masses at 9AM
&11AM; EP at 5 PM
Tues., 25 Sept.: St. Finnbar of Caithness:
Mass at 7 PM
Wed., 26 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sat., 29 Sept.: MICHAELMAS:
Mass at 11 AM
Sun., 30 Sept.: Trinity 18: Masses at 9AM
&11AM; EP at 5 PM

On Saturday, 14 July at Noon
at St. Salvador's. Church
there will be
a Memorial Service
for those who have attended
the Food Cupboard
and died suddenly
and unprepared
over the last 13 years
since it began.

The deadline for the next issue of 'Crucis' is Sunday, 26 August. Please send any material to the Editor (the Rector) by that day. Thank you!

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