

In the Beginning...

Three important personal milestones will be reached this month. I'm reflecting on all three of them, and how they are connected.

Two of these milestones will be reached on the same say. On 3 June, 1979, I was ordained Deacon in St. George's Cathedral by the Bishop of Ontario. It was the Feast of the Martyrs of Uganda, but happened to be Trinity Sunday that year. The occasion marked the end of a long period of discernment and training. It also marked the beginning of a new life. I was aware that the Diaconate was transitional, and that - all things being equal - I might expect to be ordered Priest in the following year. In the meantime, as a Deacon it was my particular duty to engage in pastoral care and to focus on the marginalised. I didn't find it easy. I was very young (24) and lacked a lot of life experience.

The second milestone this month is, as I said, also on 3 June. It was the day in 2005 that I was installed as Rector of St. Salvador's, having by that time had a long ministry in mostly Anglo-Catholic congregations in Scotland and abroad. On the very first Sunday after my installation, someone came to the church door looking for help with food. It was the birth of our Food Cupboard ministry. Fourteen years later it has changed, but it is still going. It is a decidedly diaconal ministry, and through it I have come to understand and value that aspect of my calling that I first found so difficult.



The third milestone this month is our wedding anniversary on 19 June. – number 43! Without the support and sacrifices Katie made during the process of discernment and training prior to my ordination, I might not have got there. I would without doubt have been a very different person and minister. Without her support and sacrifices we might not have come to St. Salvador's. And without her continuing help I doubt that I would have been on course as I am to be the fourth -longest serving incumbent of St. Salvador's in its 163 year history. Here's to you, my dear!

One of God's chief characteristics is relationship. We understand this first in the Holy Trinity, the relationships within God Himself. We also understand this through Christ, who combined within Himself all that is human and divine, and who engaged and engages with us. In our vocations too, whether marriage, celibacy, or ministry, we can discover the God who wants to relate to us.

With every blessing *Fr. Clive*



Lisa Dallas

Lisa Dallas, who sang with *Cantiones Sacrae* for twenty years, died on Wednesday 22nd May. It was not unexpected but came as a great shock nonetheless. Having previously been diagnosed with cancer and having undergone surgery and chemotherapy she made good progress; however, the malignancy made an unwelcome return last year.

Despite having to undergo treatment to alleviate symptoms, she willingly undertook the rehearsal schedule in the lead-up to our Christmas concert and of course sang in the concert itself in December. I stood next to Lisa in the *Cantiones* line-up and it was always a pleasure to have her smooth, effortless and tuneful voice in my right ear. Those who attended St Salvador's beautiful Candlemas service in February cannot have failed to have been impressed with the beauty of her singing especially the alto line of William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*.

Lisa had been involved in music all her life but latterly focused on her singing. She played violin from a young age and, whilst at school, played with the National Youth String Orchestra of Scotland. Although she had performed with various choirs and musical groups she always said that "singing with Graeme, Jonathan and Linda is definitely the most fun".

Lisa worked as Principal Solicitor with Angus Council and said that singing was the best way to forget the stresses and strains of the office. She lived in Brechin with her son, Patrick. We will miss Lisa's calm and thoughtful presence in the group and of course her effortless, tuneful voice.

Graeme Adamson



W5: Who, What, When, Where, Why

There have been three major orders of ministry in the Church since at least the third century: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

A Deacon is a member of the Diaconate, an office generally associated with service of some kind. In the early days of the Church there were both men and women in the Diaconate, although it is unclear what exactly the role of women deacons was.

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word "diakonos", which is a standard ancient Greek word meaning "servant", "waiter" or "messenger". A charming speculation as to the origin of the Greek word is that it literally means "through the dust", referring to the dust raised by someone who is very busy!

It is generally assumed that the office of Deacon originated in the selection of seven men by the Apostles, among them St. Stephen, to assist with the charitable work of the early church as recorded in Acts 6.

As the office of Deacon evolved, management of the Church's funds and property under the direction of the Bishops became one of the main aspects of the ministry. The "Archdeacon" became a kind of "chief of staff" of the Bishop, and one of the most powerful positions in the Church. During times of persecution, Deacons were often targeted by the authorities because it was known that they were crucial to the Church's charitable and other work.

In modern times Deacons can be either transitional, a stepping-stone to the Priesthood, or permanent. Their particular focus is on assisting Priests in pastoral care and ministry to the poor and marginalised.

A biblical description of the qualities required of a Deacon, and of his household, can be found in 1 Timothy 3:1–13.

FOOD CUPBOARD MINISTRY

We have been blessed again over recent weeks to receive more donations, large and small, of food items for our Sunday afternoon Drop In. We have had packets of Jaffa cakes and of crisps to share with our visitors as well as an abundance of bread, rolls and other fresh food. Any items that cannot be kept e.g. fresh fruit and bread, which are left after the Drop In finishes are taken to the church kitchen so that the Maxwell Centre can place them in the community cupboard on a Monday morning.

This brightly decorated wooden cupboard sits outside the Maxwell Centre during their opening hours and is filled with donated food items including fresh produce from the Maxwell Centre's garden. Local people can help themselves to up to 4 items each from the cupboard and many folk do. This is another way of helping those who maybe experiencing food insecurity and those who may not wish to go into the Centre for help.

As always, we are grateful to all those who donate items to our Drop In and to those who bring food, from local supermarkets and bakeries, which is approaching its "sell by date". We are playing our small part in reducing food waste and these extra items to which our visitors can help themselves are much appreciated.

Katie Clapson



A day's singing in Wiltshire

Four jewels and an outstanding director – that's the way the Edington Arts event was described. How could I resist? The director was to be the hugely talented Paul Brough, one of the country's leading choral conductors. The four jewels were works by three composers: Robert Parsons (1535 - 1571), Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695), and Anton Bruckner (1824 - 1896).

On Friday 17th May, I drove to Edinburgh Airport, flew to Bristol in under an hour, picked up a hired car, and was on my way! My first stop was for lunch at Sarum College in Salisbury with old friend Dom Francis, who always speaks so fondly of St Salvador's. I then continued on to Edington to meet up with my usual hosts, Anne and Stephen Curtis. Anne plans and organises the Edington Arts events and how she does it all and also finds the time to accommodate and entertain visitors is beyond me.

Having spent a relaxing evening and had a good night's sleep, we headed to the priory church just before 9am on

Saturday to be ready to greet the seventy or so singers who were attending the event. I was put in charge of distributing and keeping track of all the hired music needed for the day - the least I could do given the generous hospitality I always receive. By 10am we were all set and ready to go but someone was missing. Paul Brough had been taken into hospital two days before and was very unwell. So, at some 48 hours' notice, poor Anne had had to find a replacement. Amazingly, with a bit of help from the Festival Director, she had managed to engage award-winning choral conductor, Tom Hammond-Davies, who had studied conducting under Paul Brough.

Tom was a delight to work with and was not only a very competent and engaging conductor, but also has a beautiful voice meaning he could demonstrate how he wanted passages to be phrased. We spent the day working on four little masterpieces of choral writing which were short in length but huge in "singability". The earliest piece was





Robert Parsons' 16th century Ave Maria, traditionally sung by all three choirs as the closing piece of music in the annual Edington Music Festival. It is said to have the longest and most exquisite "Amen" of any piece of early music. The two pieces by Henry Purcell were Thou knowest Lord from the Funeral Sentences for Queen Mary, and I was glad – which couldn't be more different from the well-known version by Parry sung at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The final work took us into the 19th century with another "Ave Maria", this time by Anton Bruckner. Passionate, thickly scored and a great sing. The rehearsal lasted throughout the morning and part of the afternoon after which we performed a brief concert of the four works.

Once the audience had dispersed, I stayed on to help tidy up the church which included moving all the choir seating back down to the church crypt. I then said my goodbyes and headed for Dorset to visit friends I made a few years ago through the Festival. We spent a lovely evening which began with G &T's in the garden and then moved indoors for a light meal and glass of wine. I consider myself so fortunate to have a small network of likeminded, musical folk who are always so willing to offer sustenance and accommodation!

In the morning, I drove north to Salisbury Cathedral for the Eucharist and, arriving in good time, managed to get a seat in the choir stalls. It was a beautiful and uplifting service with one of my favourite settings, Byrd's Mass for Four Voices, which was sung beautifully by the choir under the experienced direction of David Halls. Next stop was farther north at Gloucester Cathedral for Evensong at 3pm. The canticles were Scottish composer James MacMillan's Evening Service. This is an extraordinary work which sounded very challenging to sing but was extremely competently sung by the cathedral's choir.

Having had my fill of choral music for the day, I set off for Bristol Airport to drop off the car and catch the midevening easyJet flight to Edinburgh. All went smoothly and I arrived back home in Dundee just after ten o'clock. It was a busy three days and a hugely enjoyable way to spend my long weekend.

Graeme Adamson

VESTRY NEWS

The Hilltown Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday July 6th from 12 to 4pm in the Hilltown Park. The Vestry hopes to have a stall at this annual event and is looking for

• Donations of books and bric a brac

• Volunteers to help set up, "person" this stall and to clear up afterwards.

Please let Fr. Clive, Katie or a Vestry Member know if you can help in anyway. In previous years this has been an event at which we have made a little money for church funds and, more importantly, participation has helped to raise our profile in the community.

The Vestry would like to thank Graeme for his work to fix the sound system which had developed a very loud fault during a recent Sunday morning service. The repairs and tweaking should mean an improvement in the sound levels at our main services.

Sitting at the back of the church, as I do each week, I have noticed an improvement. Have you?





Eric McKelvie, husband of our People's Warden Muriel, died of cancer on 9 May. He was 89. The funeral was the following week at the Dundee Crematorium, presided over by Fr. Clive, and featured a short and moving tribute by his young grandson Alex.

Eric was a marine engineer by trade, and had a varied and interesting career aboard ship and ashore, abroad and at home. Although not an Episcopalian, Eric attended special events at St. Salvador's with Muriel, and was very helpful in the background at fund-raising events and projects.

We are grateful for Eric's support over the years, and extend our sympathy and love to Muriel and her family.

Rest Eternal.

One day, Jill's husband returned from the office to find her sobbing convulsively.

"I feel terrible," she told him. "I was pressing your suit and burned a big hole in the seat of your trousers.".

"Forget it," consoled her husband. "Remember that I bought an extra pair of trousers for that suit."

"Yes, and it's lucky for you that you did," said Jill, drying her eyes. "I used them to patch the hole."

Two blokes were filling up at a petrol station.

Making conversation, the first one says to the second, "I bet these awful fuel prices go even higher."

The second replies, "Won't affect me, I always put in just £10 worth."

Two opticians were walking down a country lane.

The first one said, "Look at that sheep with one eye!"

The second covered an eye and said, "Where?"





Celebrate, then, this day as members of the one body of Christ. Your celebration will not be in vain if you are what you celebrate, if you hold fast to the Church which the Lord filled with his Holy Spirit; he acknowledges it as his own as it grows all over the world, and is himself acknowledged by his Church. The bridegroom has not lost his bride or been tricked into receiving a stranger.

For to you who are established in every nation as Christ's members, Christ's body, Christ's bride, Saint Paul says: "Forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Notice that, while bidding us to forbear one another, Saint Paul speaks of love; when speaking of the hope of unity, he points to the bond of peace. This is the house of God, built with living stones, in which so great a householder loves to dwell.

--- from a sermon on Pentecost by an unknown African Christian of the sixth century

Come Celebrate!

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St Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary and Martyr (5 June)

Born in England about 673, Boniface was called Winifred until Pope Gregory II gave him the name by which he is known to history. A monk from Exeter, he was consecrated bishop by Gregory during a visit to Rome in 722 and was sent as a missionary to Germany. There Boniface travelled widely and established or restored dioceses, and set up monasteries, notably at Fulda, where he is buried. Although he became Bishop of Mainz, he did not give up his itinerant missionary life, and was killed by pagans in Friesland in 754. Boniface is regarded as the 'Apostle of Germany' - the Englishman who has had a deeper influence on European history than any other.

St Columba of Iona, Abbot (transferred to 10 June)

Born of the royal house of Ulster in Donegal in about the year 521, Colum, whose name means 'dove', had such a devotion to God as a child that he was nicknamed 'Columcille' - dove of the Church. He was trained as a monk and then founded several monasteries himself, including probably that of Kells, before leaving Ireland to settle on Iona, off the coast of Scotland. He was accompanied by twelve companions and the number grew as the monastic life became more established and well-known. Columba seems to have been an austere and, at times, harsh man who reputedly mellowed with age. He was concerned with building up both the monastery and its life and of enabling them to be instruments of mission in a heathen land. He converted kings and built churches, Iona becoming a base for the expansion of Christianity

throughout Scotland, and its influence endured for a number of centuries even into northern England. In the last four years of his life, Columba spent his time transcribing books of the gospels. He died on 9 June in the year 597.

St Barnabas, Apostle (11 June)

Born in Cyprus, Barnabas was a wealthy Jew and one of the first converts in Jerusalem after Pentecost. He introduced St Paul to the leaders of the Jerusalem Church, was sent with him to Antioch to oversee the inclusion of non-Jewish converts there, and he went with St Paul on his first missionary journey. Barnabas took part in the Council of Jerusalem. Then he returned to Cyprus to preach the Gospel, and died there, possibly as a martyr, in the year 61.

John Skinner, Priest, and John Skinner, Bishop (12 June)

John Skinner the elder was born at Birse in Aberdeenshire in 1721. After studying at Aberdeen he was appointed schoolmaster at Monymusk, where he became an Episco-



Saint COLUMBA

palian. He was ordained in 1742 and served the charge of Longside for 65 years. A devoted pastor and man of liberal sympathies, he was a noted historian and a considerable poet. In 1753 he was imprisoned under the Penal Laws for six months for conducting worship, and his son John, then nine years old, shared his imprisonment.

This son, as incumbent of Longacre Chapel in Aberdeen, was made coadjutor Bishop of Aberdeen in 1782, succeeding to the See in 1786. In 1788 he was elected Primus. Three notable events are associated with him: the consecration of Samuel Seabury as the first Bishop for Episcopalians in the USA in 1784, the death of Prince Charles Edward Stuart shortly after he became Primus, and the repeal of the Penal Laws – largely as a result of his persistent efforts - in 1792. His wisdom and statesmanlike qualities guided the Episcopal Church as it emerged from long years of adversity and division, and laid the foundation for its remarkable advance in the nineteenth century.

John Skinner the elder died in 1807 and his son in 1816.

Bernard Mizeki, Martyr (18 June)

Born in Portugese East Africa, Bernard Mizeki went to work in Cape Town and there the Cowley Fathers converted him to the Christian faith. He then gave his life as a translator and evangelist among the MaShona people in what is present-day Zimbabwe. He was murdered on this day in 1896 in a tribal uprising and is revered throughout Central Africa as a witness to the gospel of Christ.

The Birth of St John the Baptist (24 June)

We celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the man specially chosen by God to be the herald of the Saviour and to prepare the people for His coming.

St Moluag of Lismore, Bishop (25 June)

Moluag was an Irish missionary who came to Scotland about the same time as Columba and established a missionary community on the island of Lismore, Loch Linnhe, where the church of St Moluag subsequently became the seat of the bishopric of the Isles. He and his followers worked mainly in the Pictish areas. He was consecrated bishop and established another centre of mission at Rosemarkie on the Black Isle, where, according to tradition, he died in the year 592.

Robert Leighton, Bishop (26 June)

Born in 1611, the son of a puritanical physician, Leighton studied at Edinburgh and on the continent. In 1641 he became minister of Newbattle, but was highly critical of the Covenanters. In 1652 he was sent to negotiate with Cromwell the release of Scottish prisoners taken at the battle of Worcester, and Cromwell's influence caused him to be appointed in the following year as Principal of Edinburgh University, where he exercised a remarkable influence. At the Restoration of the Monarchy, he accepted the bishopric of Dunblane, the least remunerative, in the hope that he might use that office for the healing of the schisms within the Scottish Church. His plans for an accommodation with the Presbyterians led to his appointment as Archbishop of Glasgow in 1670. After four years he resigned, following the failure of his efforts at reconciliation. He retired to the south of England, where he died in 1684.

Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles (29 June)

St Peter and St Paul have been remembered jointly on this day since the very early days of the Church, it being regarded as the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in about the year 64.

A Sermon preached by the Rector on the Third Sunday of Easter 5 May, 2019

"After this [Jesus] said to [Peter], 'Follow me.'" St. John 21: 19b

Peter had denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Now, having recognised the Risen Lord and hastened to greet Him on the shore, Peter was taken aside. Three times Christ asked Peter whether he loved Him, and three times Peter affirmed his love. Each of his earlier denials was overcome by each affirmation of love. Three times the Lord told Peter to look after the flock entrusted to him. Then, Jesus said to Peter, as He had said by the lakeside three years before: "Follow me".

In the Book of Acts, Saul has a startling encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is told to go into the city, where he must wait to be told what to do. A few days later, Saul – now Paul – was bearing witness to Christ in Damascus.

Today's readings call us to look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and what our discipleship is for.

Peter and Paul were both called by Jesus. They were disciples. A disciple is someone who follows a master, learning from him and rearranging his thoughts and life according to the master's teaching. A disciple is called into a relationship with his or her master that is friendship and yet deeper than friendship. It is a transforming relationship.

Change is our business. Maybe we should have some sort of health warning above the main door of our church that says: "Warning! Prepare to be changed!" Would it keep people away? Maybe, but perhaps fewer than we think. Most of us want some aspect of our lives to change. But being changed by Christ is not for the fainthearted. It's for the open-hearted, and especially for the broken-hearted, who place our lives into Christ's pierced and healing hands to be recreated by Him.

Discipleship is about following Christ. We do that by prayer, Bible-reading, and worship. If we take our calling to follow Jesus seriously, we will be changed by Him. We will love Him more and follow Him more closely. But there's more.

Both Peter and Paul were called to follow Jesus for a reason. So are we. It isn't enough only to love Jesus; we have to do something with our love. It isn't enough only to follow Jesus; we are called to lead others to Him.

Christ calls us to be not only disciples, returning again and again to the Master to be taught and changed by Him, but also to become apostles, sent out to others for Him. If we love Jesus, we will follow Him as disciples. If we follow Him, He will send us out to find and look after His sheep. Disciples must become apostles, to move from being consumers of ministry ourselves to being providers of ministry to others.

Our Lord told Peter that if he loved Him, Peter should feed His sheep. Every one of us knows wayward sheep, people who know that they are getting less out of life than they need and want, sheep who feel lost, sheep who are hungry. A word here and there from us, with perhaps a kind deed too, may be just what they need. Jesus told Peter: "Follow me!" The better disciples we become – followers of Jesus Christ – the better apostles we shall become – leaders of sheep back to their Shepherd.

Kalendar

Sun., 2 June: Easter 7: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 4 June: Feria: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 5 June: St. Boniface of Mainz: Mass at 10 AM Sun., 9 June: PENTECOST: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Mon. 10 June: St. Columba (transferred): Mass at 7 PM Tues., 11 June: St. Barnabas: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 12 June: John Skinner & Bp. John Skinner: Mass at 10 AM Sun., 16 June: Trinity Sunday: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 18 June: Bernard Mizeki: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 19 June: Corpus Christi (anticipated): Mass at 10 AM Sun., 23 June: Trinity 1: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Mon., 24 June: Birth of St. John the Baptist: Mass at 7 PM Tues., 25 June: St. Moluag: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 26 June: Robert Leighton: Mass at 10 AM Sat., 29 June: SS. Peter & Paul: Mass at 11 AM Sun., 30 June: Trinity 2: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 2 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 3 July: St. Thomas: Mass at 10 AM Sun., 7 July: Trinity 3: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 9 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 10 July: Feria: Mass at 10 AM Sun., 14 July: Trinity 4: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 16 July: Feria: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 17 July: Feria: Mass at 10 AM Sun., 21 July: Trinity 5: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM Tues., 23 July: St. Mary Magdalene (transferred): Mass at 7 PM Wed., 24 July: St. James (anticipated): Mass at 10 AM Sun., 28 July: Trinity 6: Masses at 9AM &11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 30 July: St. Silas: Mass at 7 PM Wed., 31 July: St. Ignatius Loyola: Mass at 10 AM



Bishop Andrew Swift will be visiting St. Salvador's on Tuesday, 11 June, at 7 PM, the Feast of St. Barnabas, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on William Scotland at a simple service in the Lady Chapel. William has become a useful and well-liked member of our church family since coming to us some time ago, and we are delighted that he is taking this extra step of commitment to Christ with us!

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