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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

In the Beginning...

One of the few good things about this coronavirus lockdown for Katie and me has been our (almost) daily walk for exercise. We have become acquainted with areas of the city new to us or seldom visited by us, all reachable on foot from the Rectory.

We thought that we knew this place pretty well, but it turns out that there were still surprising and pleasant experiences along the way as we travelled. Neither our destinations nor the routes we took to get there proved a disappointment.

All of us at St. Salvador's have been travelling together for a long time: exactly 15 years. We will be moving on the 15th anniversary of our arriving. St. Salvador's and Dundee have been the longest we have lived and worked anywhere. Leaving will be a wrench for us, and, I think, our leaving may be a wrench for some of you as well. But time marches on.

Of the fourteen Rectors of St. Salvador's over the generations, my incumbency has been the fourth longest. I left a prosperous congregation in Aberdeen because I felt called to come here. When I came, I was asked to do three things: continue the liturgical, theological, and pastoral tradition of St. Salvador's, sort out the halls and Club and make them profitable, and grow the congregation. To the extent that any of those objectives has been achieved, I leave up to you and posterity to determine. Although not always at my best, I do believe that I have tried to do my best. For any good that has been accomplished, may we all give God the glory.

As we have walked together along this route, we have encountered a number of blessings, sorrows, and challenges, all of them quite surprising: giving MIC a new completely modernised home and their turning our dusty back lot into a beautiful and useful community garden; the renovation project on our exterior stonework

and west window; the Food Cupboard and Drop -In becoming one of the busiest of its kind in the city during two national crises; the loss of old friends through death, removal, or taking other church paths; going on half-stipend voluntarily to keep full-time ministry at St. Salvador's; the redecoration of parts of the glorious church interior by Andy; and the attraction and recruitment of new members drawn mainly from that part of society almost untouched by the Gospel. It has been quite a journey we have shared.

The daily walk during the coronavirus lockdown is not intended to expand knowledge of one's surroundings. It's supposed to be for our wellbeing. At least that's what the medical and governmental authorities tell us. Our wellbeing is the fruit of our walking. So too with this time we have spent travelling together.

Katie and I have grown close to God during our time here. Travelling with you on our journey has helped that to happen. It is our hope that you may be able to say the same of us.

May God bless each one of you. You are in my heart and prayers always. *Fr. Clive*



Fr. George Greig died at home with close friend and neighbour Ian near at hand on 1 May. Because of the lockdown, his funeral took place at the crematorium and was restricted in numbers. It is hoped that a Requiem Mass will be organised in the church when restrictions on public worship are lifted. Pray for Fr. George's soul and give thanks for his ministry among us.

We note with sorrow the passing of Miss Doris Douris, who died recently in a local nursing home. A lifelong member of St. Salvador's, her family's association with us goes back 100 years. Doris was a quiet, unassuming person who loved dancing and foreign travel. *"Rest eternal grant unto her, and let light perpetual shine upon her."*

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From the Churchwardens

As Fr Clive and Katie will be retiring at the beginning of June, we would of course like to wish them a smooth transition to their flat in Haddington and a very happy retirement. It is unfortunate that the lock-down means we cannot give them a decent send-off now, but we have assured them that we will have them back to visit when the lock-down has ended and perform all suitable ceremonies then.

From June the Vestry will be working closely with the Bishop to do whatever we can to keep St Salvador's Church (which of course is a community and not just a building) as active as possible. There is plenty to do. As the lock-down is slowly lifted we will take advantage of any new opportunities to begin to revivify the life of our Church. We shall also be advertising for a new Rector. In the meantime please keep in touch at any time with news or comments, or call one of us if you would just like someone to talk to. You can find our numbers on the backs of past magazines and on this newsletter.

Best wishes and prayers

Martin Andrews & Muriel McKelvie

As I say goodbye I want to thank you all for the love, kindness and support that you have shown me over the last 15 years. I also want to thank especially those of you who have worked with me on the Vestry, coffee, reading and welcoming rotas, and the Food Cupboard. May God keep you all in His care as you continue to serve Him at St Salvador's. *Katie Clapson*