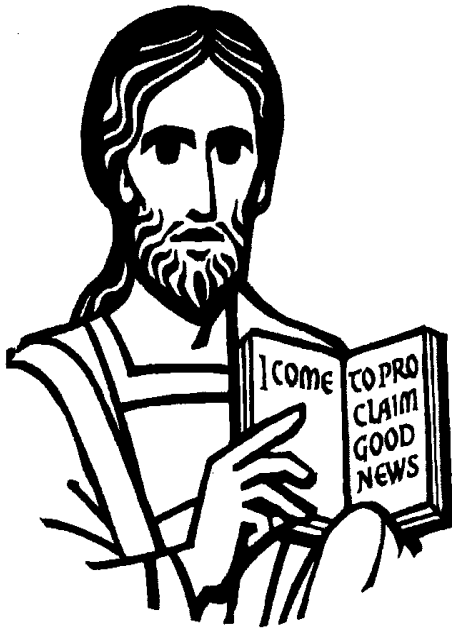


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"Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." Galatians 6:14



In the Beginning...

Communication. It's at the very heart of our faith. "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). We believe in a God who wants to communicate with us, both to tell us what to do and to show us how to do it. He does this in order to get a response from us, to encourage us to communicate with Him.

Worship, Scripture, Sacraments, and Prayer are all about communication: God to us and us to God. As Worship, Scripture, Sacraments, and Prayer constitute a large part of what we do as the Church, we can be said to be in the "communication business".

This is especially true as we believe that we have been entrusted by God with a message He wants His Church to carry to the world. The word that goes forth from God is not intended by Him to return having had no effect (see

Isaiah 45:23). Evangelism is nothing if it isn't about communication.

We also believe that there is power in the message we carry. Somehow, God is IN the message itself. "The Word was God" (John 1:1). Evangelism (which includes Preaching, Teaching, and Social Action) is not only communicating about God; it communicates God Himself. There is something sacred about our "communication business".

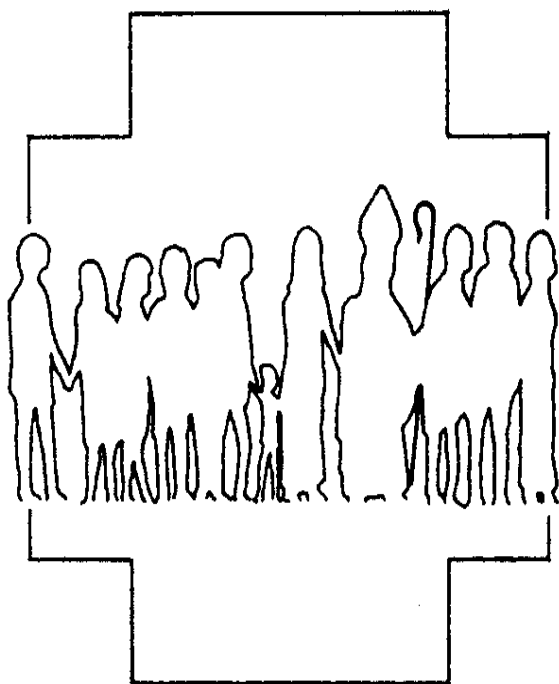
This is important for us to remember as we seek to comply with new laws coming into effect this month on the holding of data. Because we communicate, we need lists to contact people by phone, post, or e-mail. Who is on those lists, how we retain that information, and how the information is used will be affected by these new laws. Please read carefully all the news we will be providing shortly about the implications for us of these new rules. There will be changes in the way we have done things up to now.

Some might say that this is all very distracting and even annoying – the latest example of secular authorities making the work of the Church more difficult. However, government doesn't exist to make our work any easier. That concept has been well and truly dead for more than fifty years.

Our work of communication may be different after this month, and perhaps even a little more difficult, but communicate we must. It isn't an option. It's our business. "Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:3).

Many blessings,

Fr. Clive



Vestry News

The vestry has been much concerned over recent weeks with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which come into force on May 25th.

These new rules are designed to give individuals greater control over the data that is held on them and by whom. All organisations, large and small, that hold data must conform to the GDPR and St Salvador's has been working on the data audit required to identify what data we hold, how it is stored and why we need to hold it and for how long.

One of the biggest changes is that we now need to have the explicit consent of those whose data we hold to do so. To this end letters will be going out to all our members, adherents, volunteers and others to inform them that we hold

their details and asking for their permission. Key features are:

- To remain on our communicants roll a declaration form needs to be filled in and returned to the Vestry Secretary
- For us to continue to contact you by phone, text or email in connection with church news, events, pastoral care etc we need a GDPR consent form filled in and returned as above
- Volunteers will need to fill in a GDPR consent form to enable our Volunteer Coordinator to continue to contact them to organise rotas etc

The forms will be accompanied by a Data Protection Notice outlining our privacy policy. Please read this carefully before filling in the forms when you receive them.

If we do not receive permission to hold your personal data we are required to remove it from our lists, except in so far as we are legally obliged to retain it for a particular reason and a set period, eg for Gift Aid claims.

Anyone about whom we hold data can withdraw their consent at anytime by contacting the Rector or Vestry Secretary.

If you have any questions about this please ask Katie Clapson who has been appointed by the Vestry as the person responsible for data protection issues.

The Vestry Secretary

A Sermon preached by the Rector on Low Sunday, 8 April, 2018

"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life." 1 John 1: 1

When the Spanish arrived in California they built a string of more than 20 missions along the length of their territory. Through movies and television we're familiar with the names of large communities that grew up around some of these missions: Santa Barbara, San Diego, and San Francisco. However, there were many others, large and small. Most of them were built in that Spanish colonial style now familiar around the world: thick white stone walls and red tile roofs. They built them to withstand damage and destruction from earthquakes. In fact, most of them were damaged or completely destroyed less than a century after they were built. The massive white walls were too strong, too firmly fixed in place to withstand the powerful shaking of seismic activity. The Spanish buildings had the wrong foundation; modern buildings in California are designed to move and shift during earthquakes.

What is the foundation of our faith? What God do we have faith in? An old man who has a white beard, lives far away, and gives us good things if we believe in him and do good to others? Is that my God and yours? I don't think so; that's SANTA CLAUS.

God is not Santa Claus. Unlike Santa Claus, God came among us in Jesus Christ not because we were good, but because we were bad. He gave us the gift of life because He really loved us, and we didn't deserve His love. How different from Santa Claus can you get?

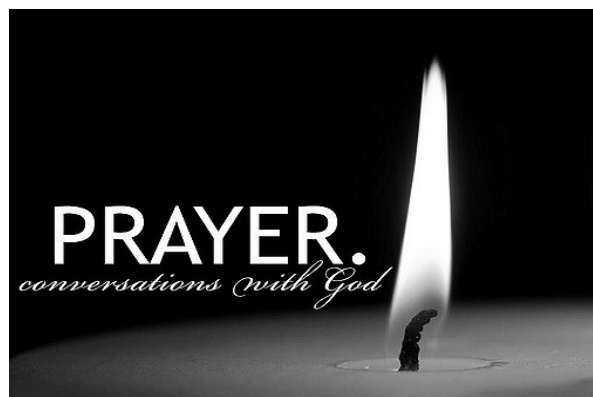
A childish view of God as Santa Claus isn't good enough for adults. It sets faith upon a weak foundation that is usually damaged or

destroyed by adult experiences of the world that shake it to bits. Thomas' faith wobbled.

Coming to faith isn't easy. It can happen in a moment, but it is most often the result of a whole series of events in one's life leading toward it. Remaining in the faith isn't easy, either. Not only is there the constant drip-drip-drip of boredom, disappointment, and temptation that wears faith away, but there may also be the occasional catastrophe that can really shake faith and make it topple.

Those who can't make the leap of faith, or who leap out of it, deserve not our condemnation, but our love. "There but for the grace of God go I." When Thomas said he could not believe, the disciples didn't expel him from their fellowship, and he was there with them on the second occasion that Jesus came. He saw and believed.

But not everyone who sees believes. Christianity is about what is right in front of us. St. John tells us that the Invisible has become visible. The Word of God has been heard and seen. He has become flesh and lived among us. He carries His scars and bids us touch them. This is something not only unexpected, but also undeserved. God has done something new. But He came to His own and they didn't receive Him. They couldn't accept what was right in front of them. However, to those who **did** believe, and still do, the Incarnate Word has given power to become children of God.



Come Celebrate!

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Ss. Philip and James, Apostles (1 May)

Philip and James merely appear on the list of the twelve apostles in the first three gospels, but in St John's Gospel, Philip has a more prominent role. James is said to be the son of Alphaeus, and is often referred to as James the Less or James the Younger. The two apostles are celebrated on the same day because the church in Rome, where their relics were laid to rest, was dedicated on 1 May in the year 560.

St Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher

(2 May)

Athanasius was born in about the year 296 of Christian parents and was educated at the catechetical school at Alexandria. He was present at the Council of Nicaea as a deacon, accompanying his bishop Alexander, whom he succeeded as Patriarch in the year 328. Athanasius held firmly to the doctrines of the Church as defined by that Council, and became leader of those opposed to the teachings of Arius, who denied the divinity of Christ. He was deposed and restored to his See several times because of his uncompromising faith. In or out of exile, Athanasius continued to write. Ever the proponent of orthodoxy, he expounded the need for the Church to teach the true doctrines of the faith rather than watered-down versions of it. He was a strong believer in asceticism as a means of restoring the divine image in humanity and was thus a supporter of monasticism, which was in its early state at that time. He was a friend of St Pachomius and wrote a biography of St Antony, both of whom were monastic pioneers. Athanasius died on 2 May in the year 373.

Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer

(8 May)

On this day in 1373, when she was thirty years old and suffering from what was considered to be a terminal illness, a woman of Norwich, whose own name is unrecorded, experienced a series of sixteen visions, which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the next twenty years of her life pondering their meaning and recorded her conclusions in what became the first book written by a woman in English, *The Revelations of Divine Love*. At an unknown point in her life, she became an anchoress attached to the Church of St Julian in Norwich, and it was by this name of Julian that she became known to later generations. She died around the year 1417.

St Matthias, Apostle (14 May)

In the choosing of Matthias to replace the traitor Judas, we can see that the author of the Acts of the Apostles differs from St Paul in his understanding of apostleship. The number had to be restored so that they might sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. It was conditional that they had to have been with Jesus during his earthly ministry and witnesses to the resurrection. The point of being chosen by lot, rather than by election, indicated the choice was God's alone.

St William of Perth, Martyr (23 May)

Tradition has it that William was a devout baker from Perth. He adopted an abandoned boy and brought him up. On pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1201, this youth murdered William on the road between Rochester and Canterbury. As he had been brutally slain while on pilgrimage, William was widely considered a martyr. Though venerated as William of Rochester, he was never officially canonised.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

(transferred to 1 June from 31 May)

The celebration of this feast first occurred among the Franciscans in 1263, but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it recalls an incident clearly described in Scripture, the churches of the Reformation three hundred years later were less inclined to proscribe it than they were other Marian feasts, particularly as it was the occasion for the blessed Virgin to sing her great hymn of praise the Magnificat. The story of the Visitation emphasises the connection between the old covenant and the new, and how the former clearly points to Jesus as the promised Messiah.

W5: Who, What, When, Where, Why

The Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary emerged at the end of the 13th century. It was a way to Christianize the many spring festivals of pagan origin that lingered throughout Europe at that time. In the 16th century, with the spread of printing presses, books appeared to extend this May-long devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order. By 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in their principal church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

May as Mary's month, full of special devotions, has been encouraged by popes since 1815, and right up to the present time.

Food Cupboard Ministry

Our Drop In continues to run from 1.15pm to 2.15pm on a Sunday afternoon and we are seeing between 60 and 80 people weekly.

We have received a number of food donations for which we are very grateful and the Rector buys what else is needed for the regular bag packing session from monies which have been donated. The bag packing team works hard each Monday morning and is now in need of plastic bags into which to put the groceries that are handed out. With the plastic bag charges now in place it is becoming more difficult to get the requisite number of bags for filling each week and to have on hand some bags for life to give out to our visitors who need an extra bag to carry away additionally donated items. If you have any spare plastic carrier bags please could you let Fr Clive or Katie have them.

Katie Clapson





World Day of Prayer

What a difference a few weeks make!

The original World Day of Prayer service for our area scheduled, as always for the first Friday in March, was postponed due to the icy and snowy conditions.

Fast forward to Friday April 20th and the UK was basking in warm sunshine. Even in Dundee we had a beautiful sunny day and a warm evening on which to gather at St David's High Kirk for the service written by the Christian women of Suriname.

Our hosts made us all very welcome and a great deal of work had gone into a display of things related to Suriname: a replica flag, samples of produce grown there and an excellent PowerPoint presentation showing scenes from the country.

Women from local churches led the service and we all joined in singing the different hymns, ending as usual with the hymn "the day thou gavest Lord is ended".

The theme was "All God's creation is very good" and this was demonstrated in the readings, prayers, and the reflection given by Sinclair Piper.

Following the service we were able to enjoy fellowship together. About 25 women and men came together in this act of worship and the offering, given for the work of WDP and for Christian societies with projects in Suriname, came to £116.

Our thanks go to all involved in organising this for our area.

Katie Clapson

Yes, Folks, They Are Out There!

A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the Branch and wrote, "Put all your money in this bag".

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note so might call the police before he reached the teller's window.

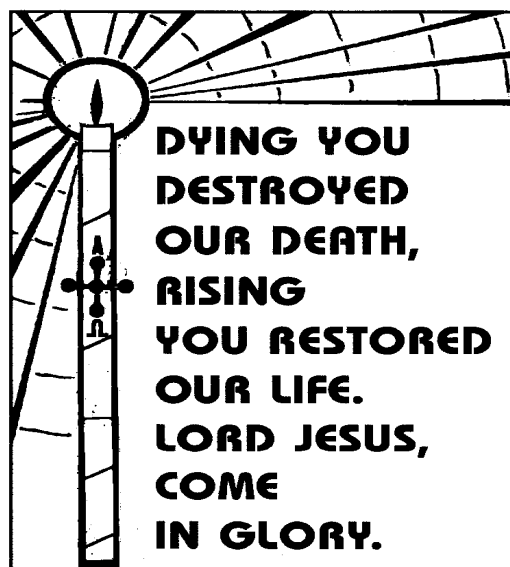
He left the Bank of America and crossed the street to the Wells Fargo Bank.

After standing in line for a few minutes he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller.

She read it and surmised from his spelling errors that he really wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, so she told him that she could not accept his stick-up note ...because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip. She said that he would either need to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip, or return to the Bank of America.

Looking rather defeated, the man said, "OK" ...and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later - waiting in line, back at the Bank of America.



Kalendar

Tues., 1 May: SS. Philip & James:
Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 2 May: St. Athanasius:
Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 6 May: Easter 6: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 8 May: Julian of Norwich:
Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 9 May: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Thurs., 10 May: ASCENSION DAY:
Mass at 7 PM

Sun., 13 May: Easter 7: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Mon., 14 May: St. Matthias: Mass at 7 PM

Tues., 15 May: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 16 May: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 20 May: PENTECOST: Masses at
9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 22 May: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 23 May: St. William of Perth:
Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 27 May: Trinity Sunday: Masses at
9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 29 May: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 30 May: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Thurs., 31 May: Corpus Christi:
Mass at 7 PM

Fri., 1 June: The Visitation: Mass at 7 PM

Sun., 3 June: Trinity 1: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 5 June: St. Boniface of Mainz:
Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 6 June: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sat., 9 June: St. Columba: Mass at 11AM

Sun., 10 June: Trinity 2: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Mon., 11 June: St. Barnabas: Mass at 7 PM

Tues., 12 June: Rev. John Skinner &
Bishop John Skinner: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 13 June: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 17 June: Trinity 3: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; No EP today.

Tues., 19 June: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 20 June: St. Fillan: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 24 June: Trinity 4: Masses at 9AM
& 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Mon., 25 June: Birth of St. John the Baptist:
Mass at 7 PM

Tues., 26 June: Robert Leighton:
Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 27 June: Alexander Jolly:
Mass at 10 AM

Fri., 29 June: SS. Peter & Paul:
Mass at 7 PM

In order to keep the church decorated with
flowers, we need donations toward the cost.
Please consider making a contribution.

The meeting for the election of a new
Bishop for our Diocese will soon be taking
place. Please remember the clergy and lay
electors in your prayers.

Our service of Evening Prayer on Sundays
at 5 PM has attracted a regular congregation
of 8 to 10 attenders. Only a half hour long,
the service is reflective and simple— a fit-
ting way to round off the Lord's Day. All
welcome.

Diocesan Website:
www.brechin.anglican.org

CONFESSIONS
may be made at any time
by arrangement with the Rector.

Our Sunday Schedule
8.45 AM: Mattins (Traditional)
9 AM: Low Mass (Modern)
11 AM: Solemn Mass (Traditional)
1.15 PM: Midday Prayer (Modern)
5 PM: Evening Prayer (Traditional)

The deadline for the next issue of
'*Crucis*' is Sunday, 27 May. Please
send any material to the Editor (the
Rector) by that day. Thank you!

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