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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...

I've said it many times here before, I know, but I love the autumn, with all its red and orange colours — rather like the girls leaving the tanning salons in the Hilltown — however, the glory of the autumnal high-point in October has now given way to the dark dampness of November, as the year slouches along by streetlight to winter and Christmas.

The Church Year is in tune with the seasonal mood. All Souls Day and Remembrance Day catch the sombre sense of this time of year. The crisp air, the blazing colours and the mellow sunlit days of autumn are behind us. It is our annual season of cold shadows that we must now face again.

Around us the world tries to deal with our seasonal conditions by stringing up lights, burning bonfires, setting off fireworks and holding special events to inject some light and cheer. This helps a bit, I suppose, but it falls flat too soon before the world celebrates (far too early) the Christmas festival. The remedies that are tried every year to help us get through these weeks in November are just so much whistling to keep one's spirits up walking past the cemetery late at night.

But there is something more for the Christian.

Annually, during this season of darkness and death, the Church has given her children around the world a vision to carry us



through. There are two great festivals that puncture the darkness like stars in the winter night sky. Unlike many Christian feasts, they are not the memory of something that has happened long ago; rather, they draw us forward to a future of light and life.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) gives us a vision of the whole Church on earth and heaven, united as One Body in Christ. We are not alone; through Christ we are in fellowship with all God's faithful people today and in every era. The Feast of Christ the King (usually at the end of November, just before Advent begins) reminds us that, as bad as things may be, and even if they get worse, Christ is in charge, His Kingdom is being built, and He will prevail.

This is Good News for dark days.

Blessings in Christ
Fr. Clive



The following describes the project run by Hillcrest Housing, of which our Food Cupboard was a recent beneficiary. Ed.

BRING IT TIN – We were Tinundated!

Bring it Tin was our opportunity to give something back. Working on various projects around anti-poverty (not just for our own tenants) we rely on a number of charitable organisations who can help clients in crisis.

We regularly make referrals to 3 food parcel delivery scheme run by local churches which provide food to those in need, at very short notice and are a lifeline to people who are desperate –

Discovery Food Programme
St Vincent de Paul
St Salvador's Church

Using enthusiasm and initiative we were able to get over 50 organisations involved – donating packets or tins from their cupboards at home. On top of this we suggested dress down days – wear what you want to work but donate £2 worth of food to Bring it Tin. Our own dress down day and Dundee City Council's were a great success and added loads of food to the pile. Even my son's school took part and the children wore whatever they wanted and brought in tins

for the privilege.

We really pushed the 4th September as Bring it Tin day and even had staff promoting the campaign in the foyer of Sainsbury's. Thanks to generous shoppers we managed to fill 3 trolley loads from donations as people finished their shopping.

Support from the Evening Telegraph and Wave 102 helped the campaign gather momentum with people from all walks of life wanting to get involved. We were particularly touched by some of the help we received from sheltered housing complexes where some schemes donated 6 bags of tins.

To put it mildly – we were “tinundated” with donations and the biggest problem the campaign encountered was how to deliver the food to the agencies. Following an appeal in the Tele, a local taxi firm (505050 taxis) agreed to help and came along in a fleet of taxis to collect and deliver the items.

In the region of 150 boxes (of all different shapes and sizes) from 50 different organisations (of all different shapes and sizes) were given to the 3 agencies which hopefully will help a number of households in these difficult times.

...and the good news keeps rolling in, as we have received a cheque from the Home Mortification fund of the Scottish Episcopal Church for £500 to put toward our Food Cupboard. THANK YOU!! Ed.

Film Nights at the Rectory

Film Night in October had to be cancelled, as no one in the regular group was able to make it on the third Monday.

This month, the third Monday, 16 November, happens also to be the feast of St. Margaret of Scotland, and there will be a Mass that evening.

Film Night this month will be on the FOURTH Monday: 23 November at 7 PM. It is hoped that we shall finally see “Chariots of Fire”!

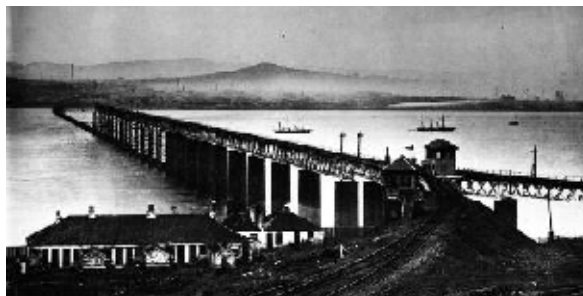
WORDS AND WORTHIES

William McGonagall

Readers of our Rector's book *They in Glory Shine* will remember his account of the last days of Fr Alexander Mackonochie, the Anglo-Catholic priest who died while out walking with his dog in Argyll in December 1887. The events shook Victorian Britain - and not just church folk.

One (perhaps unlikely) person who was moved to write about it at the time was Dundee's famous 'poet and tragedian', William McGonagall. He wrote a long and (in its own way) quite moving poem about what had happened. Like all of his poems, it was meant for public reading and performance, and the choice of subject tells us that this was an event which he felt the ordinary people of Dundee would find interesting.

I like McGonagall. He is not the greatest of poets, of course. He has been described indeed as 'the world's worst poet', but that is unfair - there are many worse poets than he, some of them cheerily lapping up grants from public bodies, paid for by the tax-payer. True, McGonagall had a fairly limited command of the basic tools of poetry: his vocabulary is limited, the same ideas and images keep recurring, his rhymes are often weak, and his sense of rhythm has been likened to an old car rumbling down a hill and crashing into a wall at the bottom. But he is honest and genuine and he wanted to entertain his public, giving them something to feed their imaginations on; never (in contrast to some modern poets) anxious to show us how clever and obscure he can be.



McGonagall's favourite themes were places and events and people in the news. He wrote about politicians, monarchs, famous funerals, disasters, battles, railway bridges being opened (or falling down), animals, rivers and towns, people's work and leisure. People poked fun at him but he plodded on regardless, doing his bit for the labouring poor of Dundee, trying to lighten a little the burden of the human condition: making them think, making them laugh, making them cry.

I think we should rejoice to have McGonagall as a fellow-Dundonian and a fellow-Christian. All the evidence suggests he was a good man whose heart was in the right place. People in turn took him to *their* hearts. He spent a night in Alyth once, on his way to try to see Queen Victoria at Balmoral. The lodging cost him fourpence, but he had to get and prepare his own food. Here is part of his account of his stay:

... when I had purchased the provisions I returned to my lodgings and prepared for myself a hearty tea, which I relished very much, I can assure you, for I felt very hungry, not having tasted food of any kind by the way during my travel [seventeen miles], which caused me to have a ravenous appetite, and to devour it greedily; and after supper I asked the landlady to oblige me with some water to wash my feet, which she immediately and most cheerfully supplied me with; then I washed my sore blistered feet and went to bed. ... Soundly I slept all the night, until the landlady awoke me in the morning, telling me it was a fine sunshiny morning.

And off he goes, bidding the landlady 'good morning' and thanking her for her kindness. A true Christian gentleman!

Fr Gordon

ALL SOULS DAY
Monday, 2nd November
Requiem Masses
at 10 AM and 7 PM

If you would like a departed friend or family member prayed for at our Requiem Masses, please print their names legibly on the All Souls List at the back of the church.

REPORT OF THE AUTUMN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRECHIN 2009

Katie Clapson, Lay Representative

The autumn synod was held on Oct 14th 2009 at St James, Stonehaven, beginning with the Eucharist and continuing to business after refreshments had been served.

Bishop's Charge

The Bishop in his charge said that a number of vacancies in the diocese have been filled and that the number of young people offering themselves for ordination is increasing. He is grateful to all congregations who are paying their quota. Within the diocese a number of lay people are undertaking a training course provided by TISEC and the possibility of province wide training courses is being considered. The iconic painting of the SEC priest baptising children from the Tollbooth jail has been restored and is now back in the museum in Stonehaven. All congregations are being asked to contribute something towards the cost incurred in this work because of the important place it holds in the history of the SEC.

Items of Business

There were 3 main items of business beginning with the proposed Anglican Covenant. Two presentations were made on this subject, one by the Dean explaining the importance of the Bishops in making decisions about the covenant and one by Father John Cuthbert about the nature of scripture in relation to the covenant. Synod agreed to pass to the Faith and Order Board the comments made from the floor and the specific questions raised by the Bishop pertaining to Section 4 of the Covenant. The second item of business was the agreeing to amendments made to several canons, including canon 35, after some discussion. Thirdly Rev Fay Lamont gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the recent conference held in Dundee on the theme of growing towards a thriving church. It was an inspiring event for those who attended the conference and

Fay shared with us some of the key ways in which we could become more mission oriented congregations. One thought with which we were left was "the local church is the hope of the world"

We continue to collect used postage stamps (domestic and foreign) and post cards, as well as old spectacles and (clean) tin foil to raise money for a variety of good causes. Please bring any contributions to church and leave them in the basket at the back. Thank you!

LINKS MEETING

"An afternoon of sheer delight" was one comment made about the Links Musical afternoon held on Tuesday, 13th October at All Souls Church, Invergowrie.

The entertainment was provided by the Ferryport Fiddlers, which included a flautist, a pianist and guitarists as well as fiddlers, and consisted of children, teenagers and adults. They played a variety of music, from J. S. Bach to John Williams, with some good Scottish dance music to keep the feet tapping, and some rhythmic Latin American thrown in for good measure.

Some very self-assured players took part with maybe a Nicola Benedetti or Fionnuala Hunt in the making? The children in the orchestra were disciplined and well behaved as also were those children not taking part but sitting quietly in the audience.

There were refreshments during the interval and an opportunity to visit the Bring and Buy stall before settling down to listen to the second half, which included some music from films played as solos or duets.

St. Salvador's was well represented and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in very entertaining and enthusiastic company.

At the end of the day a generous donation was collected for SECMA.

Muriel McKelvie



TEACHER ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a slide rule and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious **Al-Gebra** movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. **'They desire solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns', but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of evil with coordinates in every country.'**

Shocked civil libertarians issued a statement saying: **'There are 3 sides to every triangle'.**

When asked to comment on the arrest, former President Bush said, **'If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes.'**

White House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the former President.

Unless the Rector receives further instructions to the contrary, or circumstances change, it is intended to restore the giving of the common Chalice at Holy Communion on the First Sunday in Advent (29 November). Extra care will, of course, continue to be exercised with the Preparation of the Gifts and the Ablutions, and any members remaining concerned about flu infection may receive the Sacred Host only.

With Advent commencing at the end of this month, and its penitential aspect, the attention of our members is drawn to the Sacrament of Penance. Anyone wanting to make their Confession privately may do so by arranging an appointment with the Rector. If you have not made a private Confession before, the Rector will help you to prepare.

Flowers were donated to the church in October by Phyllis McIntosh and Pam Callaghan in memory of loved ones.

Donations of plastic shopping bags for our Food Cupboard distribution are much needed and would be most appreciated. Help us to recycle your shopping bags!

The new phone number and address of Fr. Tunji, Funke and Adeerimi is:

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They would be delighted to hear from any of their St. Salvador's friends! Please keep them in your prayers as they seek a new church family down there, and remember Tino, Fr. Tunji's sister, who is expecting her first baby in December. Let us as well continue to pray for the Anglican Church in Nigeria, constantly under threat of mob violence in its northern dioceses.

Bishop Forbes: Diocesan Festival: 2009



.....the Cathedral bells rang out drowning the noise of the city traffic below, a warm greeting within the mother church, a large congregation gathered from all around the diocese and the optimal ambience for this great celebration was created!

This is the day of the cathedral's patronal festival on which the life and work of Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop of Brechin from 1846 – 1875, is celebrated. During this period, when the population of Dundee was growing at a phenomenal rate, Bishop Forbes was responsible for building not only the Cathedral Church of St Paul's and St Mary Magdalene's, 13 other churches, 28 schools BUT ALSO our beloved St Salvador's Church and school. Having been greatly influenced by the Tractarian movement the Bishop carried out assiduously and enthusiastically his stated aims of building beautiful buildings in which to preach and worship (many of which were in areas of great poverty and social deprivation): to make education available to all and to exercise a ministry of mission.

On this day, 27 September 2009, the service followed the traditional format for Choral Evensong. A wonderful new composition for Cantata Domino, was sung a cappella, by the choir, as the introit, at the back of the cathedral, and the scene was set, the congregation 'tuned in' for a moving and uplifting service.

In the course of the Evensong, the Revd Sidney Fox was installed as an Honorary Canon, by Bishop John. Later in the ser-

vice, Joyce Mumford was licensed by the Bishop as a Lay Reader: current Lay Readers were re-licensed, affirmed: thereafter all lay members of congregations who have liturgical, pastoral and other responsibilities were asked to affirm their commitments. Due ceremony accompanied these rites.

Canon Sidney Fox's sermon effectively took us through the pre-Christian account of Moses' burning zeal and obedience to YHWH (Yahweh), this being common to all the religions of The Book, to Christianity, to Judaism and to Islam. Here he brought out the significance of the God of the 'have nots' (for example Mary Magdalene: to-day's needy and addicted). These two threads, the supreme importance of zeal that inspires but does not destroy and the clear fact that throughout the OT and the New, 'God', as he is revealed to us in the unfolding history of Christianity, is a GOD WHO CARES FOR THE 'HAVE NOTS'. Examples were given of the zealous enthusiasm imparted by the 'divided tongues of fire' from Acts. Then, Alexander Penrose Forbes: having created his sacred spaces (cf. the holy ground around Moses' burning bush) his burning zeal operated wholeheartedly in his educational and mission work alongside his ecclesiastical work.

Can we look for signs of a present day resurgence of these attributes? Sidney Fox is sure seeds of them are there if we look for them and will be fostered if we follow the examples seen in the past!

The spiritual high of the service was emphasised by the beautiful music and the visual splendour.

Post-service hospitality and socialising was all that we look forward to on these Diocesan occasions. THANK YOU members and clergy of St Paul's Cathedral!

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W5: Who, What, When, Where, Why

There was once a time when Christians discussing important matters used rational argument. The Church did so even without accurate scientific knowledge. Christians argued logically on the basis of what they did know or thought they knew. Inheriting this attribute from pre-Christian Classical culture, the Christian Church made logic one of the cornerstones of Western civilisation. Ironically, it is logic that is being turned against the Church by Rationalists in modern times, and the Church seems to be finding it hard to respond rationally to attack.

But the Rationalists should look to their laurels. Increasingly, there are signs all around us that we are becoming an irrational, illogical society. Otherwise intelligent, sophisticated people use crystals and “dream catchers”, for example. Not only are many modern folk more superstitious than their Christian parents and grandparents were, but many today are also incapable of articulating thought. It is only how we feel about something that matters. Despite the triumphant crowing of Richard Dawkins and other militant atheists, the demise of Christian influence in Western countries has led not to less muddled thinking and superstition, but to more of it. Dawkins and his ilk may have seen off the Church and are leading us toward a “rational” society, but it seems that they have failed to make it a more logical society. They can hardly ascribe this failure on their part to the Church’s propaganda, when most of the illogical, muddled thought around us isn’t Christian at all.

As secularism rages, a muddled, illogical society is a concern for Christians, but that is a condition that is not of our making. More of a concern is the evidence that muddled, illogical thinking from outside has penetrated our own deliberations. Are we a Church that has ceased to function logically? I fear so. Let us find again our minds, and seek the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2: 16 b).

Christ the King

O Christ the King, you come to us,
A manger for a throne:
As children may we follow you
Toward our heavenly home.

O Christ the King, you come to us,
A cruel cross your throne:
Bring us with you to Paradise
When our life’s work is done.

O Christ the King, you come to us,
An empty tomb your throne:
May we proclaim your victory
And make your triumph known.

O Christ the King, you come to us,
An altar for a throne:
Provide us with our daily Bread
And make us more your own.

O Christ the King, you come to us,
To make our hearts your throne:
Defeat all rivals for our love
That you may reign alone.

Word: Clive Clapson

Tune: any Common Metre tune

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**Sermon preached by the Rector
at the Funeral of Ruby Blake
on Tuesday, 13 October, 2009
at the Crematorium**

1 Cor. 15: 51, 52

A small, glamorously costumed young woman standing on ice skates in an old photograph and an eccentric, reclusive old lady happily swaying to the hymns during the service at the back of her church. It's perhaps hard to see a connection, but that was Ruby.

Aged 84 when she died, Ruby lived all her life in Dundee. She stayed with her mother – who had been a hospital cook – at the top of Provost Rd. and then in Clepington Rd. Ruby never married, although children liked her – including several children at St. Salvador's over the years. Ruby's life might seem to us rather small, quiet and even dull, but we would be mistaken. She had her brief, shining moment.

Ruby's passion from an early age was ice skating. She took part in glamorous ice skating shows from the 1940's onwards, including (and I would really like to have seen how this was done) Highland dancing on skates. Ruby continued to teach and judge ice skating for a number of years, and I'm told that she was still ice skating even as an old lady. She was also always a great walker, and was frequently seen out and about. Sometimes Ruby was alone; sometimes she rambled (as such walking is called) with others.

The ice skating that was Ruby's great passion is also something that is done alone, with a partner, or with a larger choreographed group. As they do it, whether alone or together, ordinary ice skaters become something they are generally not when they aren't skating. They become tender, graceful, glamorous, and beautiful. It is a great achievement, requiring much practise and

discipline to develop the skills. But there is more to it than that. What happens out on the ice rink is not only about technique and dedication. There is something else, something not easy to define and acquire, no matter how hard one might try. There is a transformation. For a brief moment on the ice rink, with lights, music, costumes and fast, graceful dance movements, the ordinary is somehow changed into something extraordinary.

We human beings cannot reach our full potential alone. Our lives are small, quiet, dull and ordinary. For our lives to have value and meaning – even if only for a brief moment – we must be changed, but how?

Ruby was a member of St. Salvador's church. Churches like St. Salvador's were built and located where they were, in drab and dark neighbourhoods, to show people God's beauty and love and to tell the world that it is the God who seeks us out who will change us. He who became like we are in Christ will make us like Himself. We will be changed through the death and Resurrection of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. It is He who will take us to Himself as His partner in the dance – and we shall be something extraordinary, not just for a brief, shining moment, but forever.

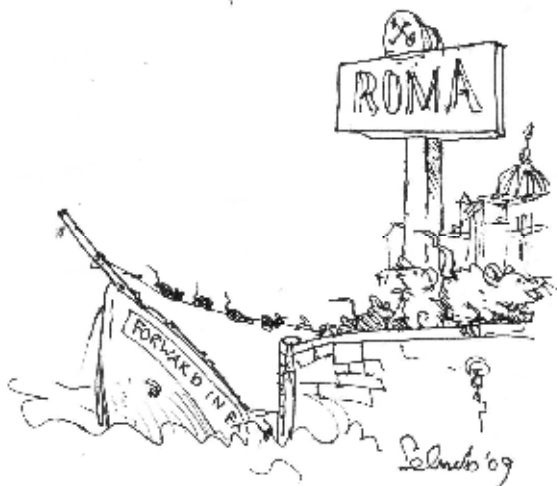


Pope Makes Astonishing Announcement

The Pope has intervened in the crisis enveloping Anglicanism in a most astonishing way. An offer has been made to all disaffected Anglicans round the world to find a place in the Roman Catholic Church where something of our Anglican spiritual and liturgical heritage will be preserved. Unlike previous responses to the distress of marginalised Anglicans unloved and abandoned by their own church, this papal offer does not incorporate individuals in particular places, but whole groups of Anglicans anywhere in the world. They would continue to be supervised by senior clerics from among their own ranks, and not come under the authority of the local Roman hierarchy, which has generally been frosty toward Anglican converts in the past.

Apparently, there are already Anglican bishops, clergy, parishes and whole dioceses considering this proposal, the details of which will be fleshed out over the next weeks and months. However many go, it will without doubt devastate the catholic wing of Anglicanism worldwide, and leave those that remain even more isolated and oppressed than we already are. The liberals and evangelicals will then be left to slug it out between them—with the possibility of a permanent split along those lines.

Of course there are many establishment voices raised in protest at papal “poaching”, and certainly it may seem like it. However, the disaffection and distress that motivates this papal move is real, as our authorities have for decades moved further and further away from the Faith as we have received it and given us nothing but deaf ears, cold shoulders and crocodile tears.



Kalendar

Sun. 1 Nov.: ALL SAINTS: Masses at 9 & 11 AM;
Evensong and Benediction at 5 PM
Mon. 2 Nov.: ALL SOULS: Requiem Masses: 10 AM & 7 PM
Tues. 3 Nov.: Richard Hooker: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 4 Nov. Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sat. 7 Nov.: Feria: Requiem Mass at 11 AM
Sun. 8 Nov.: REMEMBRANCE (Trinity 22):
Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Tues. 10 Nov.: St. Leo the Great: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 11 Nov. St. Martin: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 15 Nov.: Trinity 23: Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Mon. 16 Nov.: St. Margaret of Scotland: Mass: 7 PM
Tues. 17 Nov.: St. Hugh of Lincoln: Mass: 7 PM
Wed. 18 Nov. St. Fergus: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 22 Nov.: CHRIST THE KING:
Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Tues. 24 Nov.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 25 Nov. Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 29 Nov.: Advent 1: Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Mon. 30 Nov.: St. Andrew: Mass at 7 PM

Tues. 1 Dec.: St. Charles de Foucauld: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 2 Dec. Nicholas Ferrer: Mass at 10 AM
Sat. 5 Dec.: Feria: Requiem Mass at 11 AM
Sun. 6 Dec.: Advent 2: Masses at 9 & 11 AM;
Evensong and Benediction at 5 PM
Tues. 8 Dec.: Conception of the BVM: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 9 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 13 Dec.: Advent 3: Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Tues. 15 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 16 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 20 Dec.: Advent 4: Masses at 9 & 11 AM
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 7.30 PM:
Admission by ticket
Tues. 22 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM
Wed. 23 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM
Thurs. 24 Dec.: Christmas Eve:
Midnight Mass of the Angels: 11.45 PM
Fri. 25 Dec.: Christmas Day:
Dawn Mass of the Shepherds: 9 AM
Mass of the Incarnate Word: 11 AM
Sat. 26 Dec.: St. Stephen: Mass at 10 AM
Sun. 27 Dec.: Christmas 1: Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Mon. 28 Dec.: Holy Innocents: Mass at 10 AM
Tues. 29 Dec.: St. John, Ap. & Ev.: Mass: 7 PM
Wed. 30 Dec.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Come Celebrate!

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All Saints (1 November)

Celebrating the feast of All Saints began in the fourth century. At first, it was observed on the day after the feast of Pentecost, the foundation of the Church, commemorating those – many of them unnumbered and unknown – who had given their lives as witnesses to the Faith. In the eighth century, a chapel was dedicated to All Saints in Rome on this day, and, within a century, 1 November had become when this festival was generally celebrated.

All Souls (2 November)

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission explains the thinking underlying today's commemoration like this: 'The believer's pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God. In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer.'

Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher (3 November)

Born in Exeter in about 1554, Richard Hooker came under the influence of John Jewel, Bishop of Salisbury, in his formative years and through that influence went to Oxford, where he became a fellow. He was ordained and then married, becoming a parish priest and, in 1585, Master of the Temple in London. Hooker became one of the strongest advocates of the position of the Church of England and defended its 'middle way' between puritanism and papalism. Perhaps his greatest work was 'Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity' which he wrote as the result of engaging in controversial debates. He showed Anglicanism as rooted firmly in Scripture as well as tradition, affirming its continuity with the pre-

Reformation Church, but now both catholic and reformed. Hooker became a parish priest near Canterbury and died there on this day in the year 1600.

St Leo the Great, Bishop and Teacher (10 November)

St Leo the Great became Pope in the year 440 and twice proved his bravery in saving the citizens of Rome from invading barbarians. He was an eloquent and wise preacher, using simple gospel texts to proclaim the Christian faith. His administrative skills were unrivalled. Rather than further confuse Christians by entering into controversy over the person of Christ, St Leo spoke simply of the humility of Christ who was divine and human in his compassion, uniting biblical images in prayer rather than dividing in debate. He died on this day in the year 461.

St Martin of Tours, Bishop (11 November)

Born in about the year 316 in Pannonia (modern-day Hungary), St Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He found the two roles conflicted and so left the army to devote himself fully to Christ. Under the influence of St Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, he founded a monastery in that diocese in the year 360, the first such foundation in Gaul. The religious house was a centre for missionary work in the local countryside, setting a new example where, previously, all Christian activity had been centred in cities and undertaken from the cathedral there. In 372, St Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim and he continued his monastic life as a bishop, remaining in that ministry until his death on this day in the year 397.

St Margaret of Scotland, Queen (16 November)

Born in the year 1046, St Margaret was the

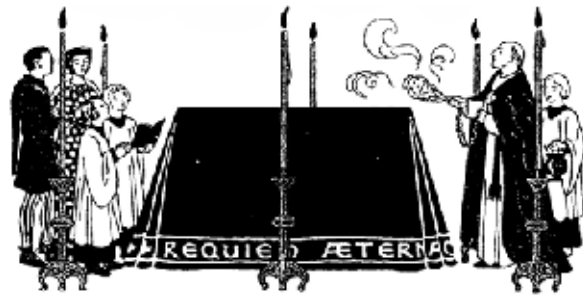
daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England but educated in Hungary, where her family lived in exile during the reign of the Danish kings in England. After the Norman invasion in 1066, when her royal person was still a threat to the new regime, she was welcomed in the royal court of Malcolm III of Scotland and soon afterwards married him in 1069. Theirs was a happy and fruitful union and Margaret proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. She instituted many church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer as well as good works who seemed to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. She died on this day in the year 1093.

St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop (17 November)

A Burgundian by birth, St Hugh became a monk at the Carthusian Grande Chartreuse in 1165 at the age of twenty-five. In about 1175, he was invited by the English King, Henry II, to become prior of his Charterhouse foundation at Witham in Somerset, badly in need of reform even though it had been only recently founded. In 1186, St Hugh was persuaded to accept the See of Lincoln, then the largest diocese in the land. He brought enormous energy to his diocese in every aspect of its life, combining with his building, reforming and administrative skills very real pastoral gifts and deep compassion. He managed to defend the rights of the Church without making an enemy of the king – something St Thomas a Becket failed to do. He died in London on this day in the year 1200.

St Fergus, Bishop (18 November)

There are a number of dedications in the Pictish lands of Caithness, Buchan and Angus recording the missionary work of St Fergus in the north of Scotland. The three



churches he founded in Strathearn are all dedicated to St Patrick. He is generally identified with a Pictish bishop who attended a Council at Rome in the year 721. He was the patron saint of the burgh of Wick, and the Aberdeenshire village of St Fergus is probably the site of the small settlement from which his mission radiated.

St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (30 November)

Though St Andrew is named among the apostles in the synoptic gospels, it is in St John's gospel that most is learned about him. St Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, a follower of John the Baptist when Jesus called him to follow Him. He then went to find his brother Simon Peter and brought him to Jesus. St Andrew became one of the inner circle of disciples that included his brother and the other pair of brothers, James and John. Together they witnessed all the major events of our Lord's ministry. After Pentecost, tradition has St Andrew travelling on several missionary journeys and eventually being martyred by being crucified on an x-shaped cross. He became patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics had been miraculously brought here in the eighth century.

The deadline for the next issue of *Crucis* is Sunday, 22nd November. Please submit articles or information by then. Thanks!

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