



# Crucis



The Magazine of St Salvador's Scottish Episcopal Church

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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

## September 2024

### Editorial

This month and year has a particular significance for St Salvador's, as on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September we shall be holding a choral High Mass at 2.00 p.m. to celebrate 150 years since the consecration of our church in 1874 on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (which has since served as our Patronal Festival).

**HOLY CROSS Day**  
Emperor Heraclius taking off his robes before carrying the Cross



The Very Rev. Dr A. Emsley Nimmo, Rector of St Margaret's, Aberdeen, will celebrate and preach. The Strathclyde University Chamber Choir, with their director Alan Tavener, will sing Herbert Howells' Communion Service (*Collegium Regale*) Kyrie, Sanctus/Benedictus & Agnus Dei alongside the Merbecke Gloria, Creed & Lord's Prayer.

If you are able to join us for this important and joyful event please note it in your diary.

The church and school (later to become Dens Road School) were founded as a mission to the growing number of 19<sup>th</sup> century mill workers in the Hilltown, by Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes and the Rev. James Nicolson in 1856. The buildings were designed by G. F. Bodley.

In those 150 years St Salvador's has been blessed by 16 incumbents and around 36 assistant priests together with many other diocesan and visiting clergy who have helped out from time to time.

St Salvador's has endured many challenges and crises over the years, and we trust that God will uphold this community and place of worship in continuing renewal to his enduring glory.

Martin Andrews (Churchwarden)

### Incumbents of St Salvador's

The Very Rev. James Nicolson	1856–1889
The Rev. William Kerr Nicholson	1889–1900
The Rev. Canon George Murray Duncan	1900–1917
The Very Rev. John Dickson Mowat	1917–1929
The Rev. Gilbert Biscoe Ramsay	1929–1935
The Rev. Ernest Rankin Griffiths Jones	1935–1941
The Rev. David Stewart Borland	1941–1943
The Rev. James Johnston Cleland	1943–1948
The Rev. Denis Gilbert Smith	1949–1959
The Rev. Clifford Albert Jones	1960–1969
The Rev. Canon Harold Paterson Duff	1969–1991
The Rev. Paul Johnston Harvie	1992–2000
The Rev. Trevor Stevens	2001–2003
The Rev. Clive Henry Clapson	2005–2020
The Rev. David Gordon	2021–2024
The Rev. Gary Clink	2024–

### Prayer for a Dedication Festival

*Almighty God, whom year by year we praise for the dedication of this church, and who hast preserved us in safety to worship therein: Hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy people, and grant that whosoever in this place shall make his supplications before thee may, by the granting of his petitions, be filled with joy, to the glory of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

American Prayer Book

### Services in September

Sun 1	Trinity XIV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 4	St Gregory (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 8	Nativity of the BVM	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 11	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sat 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Choral High Mass	2.00 p.m.
Sun 15	Trinity XVI	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 18	St Hildegard (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 22	St Matthew (tr)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 25	Our Lady of Walsingham	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 29	St Michael & All Angels	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.

If a priest is not available, a lay-led service may replace Mass.

## Saints' and Special Days for September

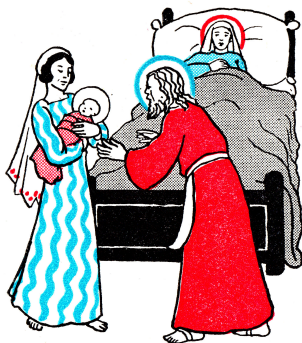
### Tue., 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep. – St Gregory the Great, Bp & T.

Born about 540, Gregory was Prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon, and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople from 580 to 585. He became Pope in 590. It was the time of the barbarian attacks on Rome; he cared for the poor and refugees, making peace with the barbarians, sent missionaries to England. His writings are extensive, particularly the commentaries on Scripture. His liturgical work has been influential even in modern times. As Pope, he styled himself 'Servant of the servants of God' – a title which typified his ministry and personality. With his breadth of interests, knowledge and skills, and with so many achievements, Gregory is considered one of the greatest of Popes. He died in the year 604.

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September – **NATIVITY B.V.M.** Nativity of the Blessed Mary's Birthday

#### Virgin Mary

This festival in honour of the birth of the Mother of God the Son is of long standing, and is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and western Churches.



### Sat., 14<sup>th</sup> Sep. – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

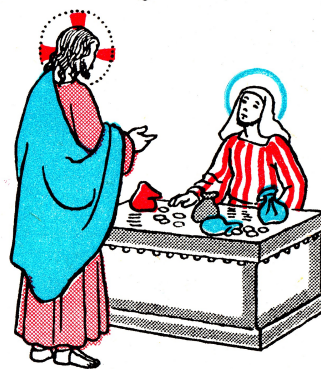
The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal sign of Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church. After the end of persecution early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at places associated with the earthly life of Jesus. St Helena, mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in 335.

### Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> Sep. – St Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess

Hildegard was born in 1098 in Bockelheim in Germany. From her earliest years she had a powerful, visionary life, becoming a nun at the age of eighteen. She was much influenced by her foster mother, Jutta, who had set up a community and whom she succeeded as abbess in 1136. Her visions of light, which she described as 'the reflection of the Living Light', deepened her understanding of God and creation, sin and redemption. They were, however, accompanied by repeated illness and physical weakness. About twenty years later, she moved her

sisters to a new abbey at Bingen. She travelled much in the Rhineland, founding a daughter house and influencing many, including the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa. She was a pastor and teacher, seeing herself as a 'feather on the breath of God'. She wrote three visionary works, a natural history and a medical compendium. Hildegard died on this day in the year 1179.

### S. MATTHEW Sat., 21<sup>st</sup> Sep. – St called by Our Lord Matthew, Ap. and Evangelist



Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus, for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew originally, for Jewish Christians. Tradition tells

that he preached in the East and was martyred there.

### Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Sep. – Our Lady of Walsingham

Our Lady of Walsingham is a title of Mary, mother of Jesus venerated by Catholics and High Church Anglicans associated with the Marian apparitions to Richeldis de Faverches, a pious English noblewoman, in 1061 in the village of Walsingham in Norfolk, England. Lady Richeldis had a structure built named 'The Holy House' in Walsingham which later became a shrine and place of pilgrimage. In passing on his guardianship of the Holy House, Richeldis' son Geoffrey left instructions for the building of a priory in Walsingham. The priory passed into the care of the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine, sometime between 1146 and 1174.

Wikipedia

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. – St Michael and All Angels

A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael the Archangel on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. The 29<sup>th</sup> of September is now kept in honour of Michael and the two other named biblical angels, Gabriel and Raphael, as well as those whose names are unknown. Michael means 'who is like God?', and he has traditionally been regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly in the hour of death. Gabriel means 'strength of God' and he announced the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary. Raphael means 'the healing of God', and he is depicted in the apocryphal Book of Tobit as the one who restored sight to Tobit's eyes.

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