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SAINT NINIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
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October 2025

Service times

Sunday services

10.15am Sung Eucharist

Weekday services

Thursday **10.30am** Eucharist (1970)
 6-7pm Quiet Space

Saints' days Eucharist as announced

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Cover photo: detail showing Christ enthroned in glory, from
the west window at St Ninian's.
Photo: Andrew ??

Rector writes

As events in the world continue to cause deep divisions between people of differing political views and religious standpoints, we are challenged by Jesus to fight for unity amongst people. This does not mean that we sacrifice those beliefs which we hold so dearly or water them down... it means that we draw on the rich resources they offer to reach out to others in friendship, despite our differences.

If we are truly grounded in our own tradition and if we are deeply rooted in the knowledge of the love of God for us, then we find that we are able to listen to the views of others, even the views those we disagree with, without feeling threatened or becoming overly defensive. The way we engage with those whose views and beliefs are different from ours is vital for the mission of the church – if we are able to overcome our natural suspicion of those who, on the surface, seem so dissimilar to us, and find things that we hold in common, this glorifies God who is the Father of all.

One of Jesus's final prayers before he left this earth was that those who follow him would be united in their love for him, for God and for each other: John 17:20-23

“My prayer is not for them (my disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

In September, I was delighted to be able to attend a mass at St Albert's Roman Catholic Church celebrating their Diamond Jubilee. Rev David Black from Pollokshields Parish Church and Rev Adam Dillon from Sherbrooke-Mosspark Church were also in attendance. Our neighbouring churches have been through turbulent times and their futures are still uncertain, which makes it all the more important that

we are able to come together and support one another whenever the opportunity arises.

A recent innovation in our diocese is the creation of a eucharistic liturgy that has been designed for ecumenical gatherings. It is called "Common Ground" and has been put together by Christians working together in the East End of Glasgow. Some of our members have enjoyed attending these Sunday evening services at St Serf's in Shettleston and the good news is that St Ninian's will be hosting "Common Ground" on Sunday 2 November at 6.30pm. I am hoping that the service may appeal to our sisters and brothers from St Albert's RC and Pollokshields Parish Church as well as to members of our own congregation. The service is followed by a bring-and-share meal which is a time of wonderful fellowship, sometimes accompanied by a speaker. On 2 November we are hoping that Bishop Nick will come and talk about his vision: "A Church for Everyone".

Something that Bishop Nick has overseen in the last couple of months is a new online Diocesan newsletter called "Together", containing news from charges around the diocese. You are able to sign up to it via the diocesan website. For those of you who would rather read a paper copy, Irene prints it out and pins it onto our church notice board in the foyer. It is a great encouragement to be able to read all the fantastic things that are happening – I truly believe that we are entering a time of revival for the SEC in our diocese – so let's pray that we may be united in our praise, celebrating all that God is doing amongst us and between us, and give Him the glory through Jesus His Son.

Verity

DIARY FOR OCTOBER YEAR

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- 4 Sat 3pm Joint Regional Service for Blessing of Animal Companions at St Margaret's
- 4 Sat – 5 Sun Proost Arts Festival, King's Park Parish Church
- 4 Sat 7.30pm Ceilidh at King's Park Parish Church
- 5 Sun *Harvest*
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy – donations for the food bank
1.00pm Regional/ecumenical lunch at King's Park Parish Church
Afternoon – exploring art at St Oswald's church
6.30pm Common Ground Service at St Serf's Shettleston
- 9 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 11 Sat 2-4pm Autumn Fayre
- 12 Sun *Pentecost 18*
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
Following the service – Auction of Talents
- 16 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 17 Fri 11am Oakview Manor Service
2pm Mothers' Union in the Rectory
- 18 Sat 10am Service of Healing and Wholeness
- 19 Sun *Pentecost 19*
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
12.30pm Vestry meeting
- 23 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 26 Sun *Pentecost 20*
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 30 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy

October mindings

2	Nellie Carlisle	22	Archibald McFarlane
3	Joseph Bullough, priest		Connie Lang
	Allan Clark	23	Frederick Goldie, Bishop
6	Clement Yates	26	Davie Watson
	Cecily Frances Nash	28	Graeme Tully
11	Evangeline Maugham		Alan Forrest
	Frank Quinn	29	Roger Elmhirst
12	Bill Liddell		Richard Kissell
14	Nette Duncan	30	Marion Jack
16	Isabel Hedley	31	Ethel Sinclair
19	Jessie Hannay		Isabel McCrorie
	Richard Thomas		



Prayer requests

For those with cancer: Rosemary Anwar; Kirsten Buchanan; Jim Hastie; Trevor Hauxwell; Louise McCombie; Neil Lockyer; Joanna Southgate; Shirley Whincop; Bishop Gregor; Rev Kenneth Macaulay. For those suffering from injuries: David Webb; Billy Leggate; Javid Nouri. For those having or recovering from tests or treatment: Catherine Clark; Christine Campbell; Rosie Hastie; Peter Hampson; Robin Morris; Jack Laurie. For others for whom prayer has been requested: Leo Buchanan, Carol Campbell, Pat Lowe, Fiona Paton, June Roach, Maire Rodgers, Roger Southgate, Val Vahey, Lesley Lucas, Birgitta and Krister Lundin, Norah Mall, Iveta, Aman and family, Megan Buchanan. For the bereaved: the Baylis family and the Reichel family.



Rory Anderson
3 December 1943—15 August 2025

Thank you all for being with us today as we mark Rory's life, Roderick Iain Duncan Anderson, though he claimed to the end that he was only Roderick when his mother disapproved of him. This is a memorial service because, at his request, his body has been donated to Glasgow University for medical research. He was born in Sutton Coldfield in



Warwickshire, The Royal Borough of Sutton Coldfield as he always insisted, now part of Greater Birmingham. His mother, Elizabeth, known to us as Nina, was from Greenock, his father, John, was born south of the border, where his father, who was also from the Greenock area, was in charge of the Oldham Tramways. John, an industrial chemist, with a degree from Imperial College, London, worked for Dunlop, then moved to Kilmacolm to work for India Tyres at Inchinnan, when Rory was about 11 and his older sister, Seona, 17. Rory went to Dardennes Prep

School and then Glasgow Academy, sorry, The Glasgow Academy – with brother, husband, cousin, son and now grandson there I should get it right by now. He read law at Glasgow University from 1962, in the new degree instead of the previous pattern where an Arts degree had to come first; he got a First but always claimed modestly that was because the new pattern needed a First graduate early on. We met in our first year at meetings of the Student Christian Movement, but it was some years later that we started going out together. Rory was an apprentice, assistant, and at the age of 28, a partner at Biggart Lumsden, and remained with the firm in its various incarnations till he retired as a partner at the age of 60 and as a consultant three years later. In school and later he was very much involved with the Royal Navy, as a cadet and with the RNR. He was about to be made a Lieutenant Commander in 1972 when he became a partner in the firm and when we got married, so he felt the RN had to go. He never lost his love of all things naval and even in the last few months had been buying more books on that theme. In retirement he did some volunteering in archaeology with Glasgow Museums, RCAHMS – Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic

Monuments of Scotland, and hoped to do something similar with Erskine Hospital for Disabled Servicemen, but that did not work out due to ill health. He decided in retirement, since I was still working, to take over the cooking and produced some very good new meals.

He had had heart attacks, increasing problems with arthritis, especially in his knees, and cellulitis bouts. He was then diagnosed with terminal, oesophageal, untreatable cancer in early January of this year. Initially as he came to terms with this, he did not want anyone to know, excluding Verity, our rector, our GP, Jill, the children and their spouses. At this time, I was talking to a friend, widowed in the previous year, who knew nothing of Rory's diagnosis, about a friend's daughter, who lost her husband suddenly in a diving accident. The friend I was talking to noted that a sudden death deprived one of the chance to say goodbye, and to say all the things that usually get said in a eulogy. I took that to heart. The things I am about to say to you we did say to him in these last months.

He was a most generous man. Even in the last days of his life he was asking Mhairi to see that someone was given some financial support from him. He wanted to support ordinands and young clergy and, over the years, provided funds for a holiday, for theological books, a cassock, liturgical stoles or other as appropriate. He supported a number of charities and usually pre the end of the tax year gave them all gifts. This year he knew he would not be able to do that in 2026 so doubled what he gave them all. On less weighty matters, when the children and I started doing 'expeditions' in the summer holidays, he immediately boosted my housekeeping money to cover treats and travel. Recently if I were going out to lunch with groups of friends, I'd find a post-it note stuck to bank notes telling me to see that we had extra dessert or cakes. Re the post-it notes, once I started to do professional guiding and was off on extended tours, I'd open my bags once I got to the hotel and there would be little notes saying things like "Hope the tour goes well", "Safe journeys", "I miss you" all signed with hearts. I've still got most of them residing in suitcases to bring a smile to my face if I go away, such as last year on our trip to Orkney. On some special occasions I got letters, many now dog-eared with reading. He had a lovely smile which sadly was seen less and less in the last week.

He claimed recently that he had not been around for the children when they were young but the photo albums show that in the early years this was not so, e.g. the children, Rory born, 1974 and Mhairi, 1977, dressed in red oilskins and sou'westers with a hose pipe and a ladder pretending to be firemen but actually helping him to wash a car. The climbing frame might have the same hosepipe attached to be a shower in hot weather, or old sheets wrapped round to turn it into a tent. For Rory 2's Christmas at the age of one, when he was obsessed with a set of plastic keys, Rory got a set of old redundant keys and spent ages cleaning and polishing them; this was a very great success with his son. His getting a family season ticket to the Glasgow Garden Festival, Gardyfest, was to us a highlight of summer 1988. Rory really came into his own in garden games at holiday cottages, especially at Colmonell where Ro, my sister-in-law, and my brother David, had/have a cottage. It started with his flying a flag using clothes' poles and a stripey sheet, a



pram sheet cut from an older sheet; over the years he and the children went to a chandler's in Girvan and many D-rings, shackles, ropes and pulley wheels were bought for the children and himself. Increasingly elaborate structures of tripods and aerial ropeways were constructed where the children could haul themselves up and down or along. He delighted in buying surprises for such holidays, a two-man tent, used by father and son, mother and daughter, and less successfully the first time by son and daughter – at 10.30 p.m. there

was knock on the front door as they came back in driven by wind noises. There were walkie-talkies – for which we needed a license – this was before mobiles, and a metal detector which the children used to search for 5p coins he had hidden in the grass. One autumn holiday we lit Fackeln from Germany – bamboo poles with cups of wax and a wick – round the garden. The children were taught about knots and other nautical matters. Flags continued to feature and he bought two sets of signal flags, taught the children the Nato alphabet and the flag meanings with their own aide-memoires and each morning flew a

message for them to decipher related to what the day's activities might be, Twynholm meant we were heading to the David Coulthard Museum, (Mhairi and Rory Senior shared a love for Formula 1) or Portpatrick for the harbour. Much later he was thrilled to discover that the cottage we go to on Orkney had a full-size flagpole from which, with some reservations by the owners, he was allowed to fly flags. He would have been thrilled to know that a flag was flown there at half-mast when he died. Mhairi's memories are more to do with learning how to use tools and how to drive, never knowing that the reversing with a trailer that he taught her with Britains (a series of toys of an agricultural nature) would be so useful in later life! She's a farmer now. Rory 2 remembers having part of his education listening to the Today programme when travelling into town with Rory each morning.

Almost as soon as Rory died, we started getting many messages of sympathy and support, they used the same words over and over again – generous, highly intelligent, warm, kind, witty, detailed, with a wonderful sense of humour and one the district nurses added to the list, flirtatious, which he was, almost to the very last day with his female visitors and with a twinkle in his eyes. He was a good listener and a group we called his girl-friends benefited from this, over lunches, coffees or ice cream sundaes, when they were able to share concerns to him. May I assure any of them here that he kept confidences about these meetings, the most I got was that X was having a hard time and it helped her to talk to him about it. Lest you think Rory was a saint, may I say that there were problems, as anyone who worked with him or saw our home will confirm, paper, other stationery goods and to some extent books defeated him. Without removing any vital papers, we were able to fill two blue wheelie bins to the brim with papers in the three days after his death and have many more to go. He liked to have many, many



copies of things. He carried this into other areas of life too with doubles or quadruples of items. He claimed this was due to having been an officer in the RNR dealing with stores – well, maybe. On the other hand, his best friend, with whom he was at school, in law studies and in the RNR told us a story of Rory, to prove how tough and brave he could be, I quote “Provided you could keep him out of the sun, which always treated him unkindly, Rory was tough. I will always remember on a minesweeping weekend finding one of our HMS Clyde propellers becoming fouled by a wire hawser just off Ailsa Craig. It was winter and being on the upper deck was no fun let alone in the sea. Yet Rory volunteered to go overboard and see if he could free it. Clad in a heavy white submarine jersey with a polo neck and with a pretty useless smoke breathing mask Rory spent an indecent amount of time submerged under the stern of the ship. Predictably it was all to no avail. A fully kitted professional diver would have been challenged. A lot of us saw the clearly frozen Rory in a new light.” Even recently Rory mentioned this to us at home without saying it was in deep water off Ailsa, or that it was winter or that the item fouling the propeller was a wire hawser. We had got the impression it was a lesser obstacle and in a harbour.

As you can imagine we have been discussing which readings and hymns to have in the service. Rory had two that he felt linked to professionally. The Sunday when the Good Samaritan story was read was always called Donaghue v Stevenson Sunday because the lawyer in the story asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbour?” and that is the core of this case, which was, if I remember rightly, about a fizzy drink in Paisley with a snail in it. The hymn, he called the lawyer’s hymn, really probably the advocate’s one, begins “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”. In the end we decided not to include them in the service!

I want now to say thanks to so many people. Maybe this would have been better done at the House for an Art Lover to which I hope many of you will come after the service but some may not be free to do that or may be seeing this in the live feed or recording, so I’m doing it now. The press spends a lot of time saying what is wrong with the NHS; we have had the very opposite experience of that in the months from Rory’s heart attack in December 2023, and especially in these

last eight months. They include our wonderful GP, Jill, and her colleagues, the cardiac teams at the Queen Elizabeth and the Golden Jubilee, the Upper GI team at the Queen Elizabeth, the staff and other colleagues at Ward 9A there, the fantastic team of district nurses based at Pollok, other ancillary specialists, physio, dietician, pharmacy and their deliverers, Equip deliverers and many more. Rory said often how lucky he was despite the diagnosis because of all the care he got – often well over and beyond the basic help. So many of you have been supportive of us, praying for us, or saying your thoughts were with us, Rory and me and the family. Some of you may not be people who pray but I'm sure God interpreted your thoughts as prayer. Mhairi's WhatsApp and broadcast group sent many messages of support. The Tavistock Drive neighbours, who, even with changing personnel, have been supportive in all the nearly 50 years we've been there, have been as great, food handed in or left at the door, at the time of the heart attack and in the last few months and other help such as lifting Rory when he fell a couple of times. The spiritual input has been wonderful too, from the pastoral concern from clergy and congregation at St Ninian's but also from St Aidan's, St Margaret's, the Milestone church on Orkney and other churches. Verity, often with Liz, has brought communion to us, but almost from the start of his illness Verity sent a consecrated wafer to him on Sundays and, with the service sheet, pewsheet with readings, and the printed sermons and intercessions I was able to bring home from church, he was able to have his spiritual input, topped up by watching Songs of Praise on catch-up. He had been involved in various church committees, more papers, and his faith was important to him so this was all very much appreciated. Up to about ten days before his death he was hoping that maybe he'd be able to be at church once more, in his wheelchair but was not really strong enough for that. Verity was with us the day he died, a day which was supposed to be a holiday for her but she turned up, said the service for the dying and then she, Mhairi and I shared some good memories over a cup of tea, and Rory seemed to want to join in. After the district nurses had been to confirm death and the undertakers had taken Rory to arrange to hand him over to the University, Jill, our GP, also on a day off, arrived to support us. To have these two ladies, our main spiritual and medical support over

these months to chat to and have tea with then was a true blessing. Of course, the family, Rory and Mhairi, and their families have been very supportive in the months since the diagnosis and since Rory's death and that has made a huge difference to me, and did to Rory prior to his death.

I realise that I have missed some other key aspects of his life, such as his love of Roman history, passed to his son and a grandson, and military history, both of which were read about in fiction and non-fiction books. After he had been sent on a computer course by the firm many decades ago, (he brought home a ZX81), he got very involved with computers and computer games, but he also 'flew' all round the world with flight simulators. He did like flight, and we had several helicopter trips, and he and Mhairi did some short flights in Scotland, including the world's shortest, scheduled, commercial one from Papay to Westray. The family feel I've left out anything about the eighteen months we were going out or the couple of years before we had a family. These were happy times, with some good holidays, lots of cooking together and enjoying the flat we had then. These are some of our thoughts and memories. We hope to hear many more of yours over afternoon tea when you can also see some photos of Rory from an early age till now.



Margaret E. Anderson
Photos.

Headshot: Susan Walker
80th birthday celebrations: David Pritchard
With champagne glass: Anderson family

Admission into the Guild

On 6 September, we, along with Jim, were inducted into the Scottish Guild of Servers. The day involved a service, lunch, and an AGM afterward. It was a unique experience owing to the service being focused, for once, on the servers instead of the congregation. It was a powerful moment to be admitted into the Guild, and then in return to receive our crosses, along with blessings. It was also amazing having Verity and Liz be there to support us. The day was a delight for many reasons, including seeing familiar faces already in the guild (our pilgrim friends), and meeting other less familiar members, who are based both in the wider Province but also on a more local level, such as St. Margaret's, down the road. We look forward to future participation in the Guild, and more generally in church life.



Sal Fucito and Jill Mendoza

Photo: Verity

Important news from Glasgow South Region

The departure of Rev Nicholas Taylor from St Aidan's Charge in September has instigated a review of the area by Bishop Nick involving the clergy and congregations of St Aidan's, St Oswald's and St Margaret's. The outcome is that the three churches are being invited to work more closely together, sharing resources using the "Minster Model". Rev Alison Mathew will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Aidan's as well as carrying on her ministry at St Oswald's.

St Aidan's church will also become the new home of a Nigerian Anglican congregation who first began to gather and worship in St Mary's Cathedral and more latterly at St Serf's Shettleston. This congregation has been ministered to by Rev Chucks Iwuagwu who will

also be licensed to work within the Minster Model on a part-time basis. A memorandum of agreement is being prepared and will be signed by the three churches in the presence of Bishop Nick at a joint service to take place in St Aidan's church on Advent Sunday, 30 November at 10am. The Revd Alison Mathew and Revd Chucks Iwuagwu will both be licensed at this service, and the Nigerian Anglicans will also officially join St Aidan's congregation at this special celebratory service.

What about St Ninian's? Since St Ninian's church community is in the fortunate position of being able to sustain ministry independently it has not been necessary to incorporate it into this new model. However, our church will continue to play its part in the region, being involved in all future joint events and services as normal. Please pray for all those involved in this new arrangement, that it may be beneficial to each of the charges and advance the outreach of God's kingdom in the Southside of Glasgow.

Verity

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

In Cuba an exiled pastor has been repeatedly refused any chance to return. The Ladies in White are still carrying out their silent protests for human rights and suffering harassment from the authorities. Religious leaders, already poorly paid, are facing increasing fines. The churches are working hard to provide help for acute humanitarian needs. Pray especially for political prisoners on 3 October.

In China, wives of husbands in jail on unfounded charges, are being stalked, harassed and intimidated. Even those in the registered churches are facing raids, and detentions. Prayers are requested that world governments would stand up to China.

In Pakistan, very young Christian girls are abducted and forced into Islam and marriage with their abductors. In February a civil judge set one such girl, abducted at the age of 11 and now 25, free from her captor, annulled the marriage and provided her with documents accepting this new status and her Christian status. Pray that other

judges would have the courage to do likewise and for other girls to be freed.

Other matters concerning CSW include those in Nicaragua fighting for human rights, who have been arbitrarily detained and have died shortly thereafter in custody. A protest was held in London outside the Eritrean embassy demanding the release of 7 church leaders who have been held for over 20 years. In Nigeria 8 of the 16 children taken from the Du Merci orphanage run by the Tarfa family and held in a state orphanage have been released after one of them became mentally unstable and the orphanage could not cope; they were able to return to the Tarfas. Prayers are asked for those who have 'disappeared' in Laos, China, Kenya, Nicaragua and North Korea and elsewhere, for ongoing problems in Columbia, Sudan and Nepal. Further details can be found on the CSW website.

Margaret E. Anderson

Windows in windows

On the third weekend in September, we participated in Doors Open Day, where historic buildings across the UK are open for free to the public. This year, we also had an exhibit of icons belonging to the church and congregation members, and we gave visitors a run-down on what icons are, and what is special about them, which you can read [here](#):

What is an icon?

Icons are not pieces of art, but rather devotional items, and as such when they are made, we do not say they are painted, but rather 'written'. Whilst an icon is being written, the iconographer (icon-writer) prays continuously. Traditionally, an icon is never meant to be 'new' but instead copies an older icon of the saint, in this way passing down the likeness of the saint from generation to generation. Many of the icons around the church today are copied from very ancient sources, or are copies themselves of old icons, printed and disseminated for public use.

How are they made?

Icons are traditionally made in a very specific way, using a wooden panel prepared with a gesso base (a white primer made of rabbit skin glue, chalk and/or marble dust), and then hand-painted with vibrant egg tempura paints and gold leaf. In traditional iconography, there are certain gestures made by figures, certain colours of robes, certain logics to item placement, and rules of reverse perspective, that form a shorthand for different theological motifs.



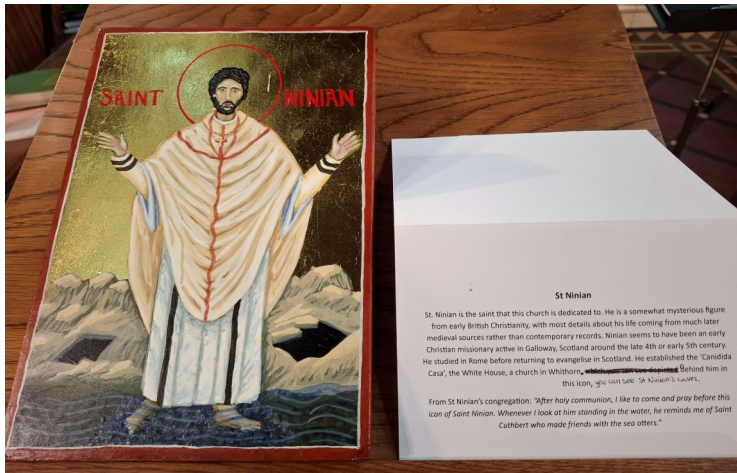
Patterns and meaning in iconography

For example, red is the colour of Earth, while blue represents heaven. You will often see Christ in icons depicted in the colours of Earth (red), wrapped in heaven (blue), indicating his two natures in one person – the divine become human, Earth wrapped in heaven. You will often also see the symbol of blessing in icons, where the thumb is touched to the third finger, said to represent the Trinity, and still a widely used gesture of blessing today by many clergy. The Rublev icon (left) in particular shows a good example of reverse perspective in

iconography, where the viewer is drawn into the image, and invited to be on the inside looking out, in order for the perspective to make sense. We are invited to sit with the persons of the Trinity in communion, rather than to simply be a viewer of the situation.

The theology of icons

Icons are used by many Christians throughout the world, and depict either Christ, Mary, saints, or scenes from the Bible. They act as focal points for prayer. The theology of icons was developed most fully in the 6th century by St John of Damascus, who helped to articulate theologically what is happening in icon devotion. An icon essentially forms a window to the saints, so that, in John's words, what is given to the image, is transferred to the person depicted. When someone prays to an icon, they might ask the saint depicted to intercede with God on their



behalf, and the icon is seen as a way to honour the person it depicts, and provide a place of mediation and rumination. We are speaking not to the piece of wood, but through a window, to the saint themselves. And the saint themselves is considered someone close to God, someone whose example we wish to follow, who can help us to be a good human like them, or who can speak on our behalf.

John of Damascus explained that the world is full of icons – and that human beings are in fact a form of icon, since we are made in the image of God. All of creation is full of icons, John says, since instances of the Creator shine through in creation, and matter itself has been made holy by Christ being born into human flesh, and sanctifying all matter. Therefore, we can praise God through the material – not by worshipping the objects themselves, but by seeing God in them, in one another, and in seeing the work of the Holy Spirit still maintaining and breathing life into all things.

In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with humans, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake, who willed to take His abode in matter; who worked out my salvation through matter. Never will I cease honouring the matter which wrought my salvation! I honour it,

but not as God. [...] I salute all remaining matter with reverence, because God has filled it with His grace and power. Through it my salvation has come to me. [...] Reverence God and His friends; follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Do not despise matter, for it is not despicable. God has made nothing despicable.








c.716 AD, John of Damascus, *On Divine Images* Ch 16

Icon devotion

If you wish to, you are invited to stand before the icon and rest your thoughts. We have a small amount written about each icon that tells you who is depicted in it. Should you wish to, you can direct a prayer to the person in the icon, perhaps asking them to help you with something, or saying one thing you are happy for. Here is a very old traditional prayer, called the Jesus prayer, that dates back to very early Christianity:

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

Words and photos: Euan Dewhurst

 Proost Mycelium Weekend ... 			
Creating Connections, Community & Art ... 4th & 5th October			
			
Saturday 4th	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th	Sunday 5th
Artist? Interested in art, spirituality & faith? @10am	Community Ceilidh @7.30pm	Worship @11am	Community lunch & open arts event @1pm
St. Oswald's for a day of creation, conversation & reflection Poet, musician, photographer, potter or painter ... all welcome	Kings Park Parish Church Live music & dancing / BYOB Got a poem or a song? Come and share!	King's Park Parish Church	St. Oswald's Church ... all welcome to come for lunch and explore (& create) some art Live pottery firing!
For more information and ceilidh tickets stoswaldskingspark@gmail.com			
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DUTY ROTAS

Date	5 October Harvest	12 October Pentecost 18	19 October Pentecost 19
Readers	C Shearer	J Maxwell	J Whannel
Readings	Deut 8.7-18 Ps 126 1 Tim 2.1-7 Matt 6.25-33	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15 Ps 111 2 Tim 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	Gen 32.22-31 Ps 121 2 Tim 3.14-4.5 Luke 18.1-8
Servers	(r) J Mendoza (l) J Whannel (th)	M Martin S Fucito	E Smith T Baylis
Intercessions	E Rodgers	M Anderson	J Whannel
Elements	E Dewhurst S Fucito	E Graham W Graham	L Lucas M Martin
Coffee	E Graham E Laurie	A Marr Y Grieve	C Shearer J Maxwell

NOTES

If you cannot do a particular Sunday, please try to arrange a substitute.

Servers are responsible for setting up and clearing the Altar

DUTY ROTAS

Date	26 October Pentecost 20	2 November All Saints
Readers	M Anderson	E Smith
Readings	Jer 14.7-10,19-22 Ps 84.1-6 2 Tim 4.6-8,16-18 Luke 18.9-14	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ps 149 Eph 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-36
Servers	(r) S Fucito (l) J Mendoza (th)	J Whannel E Smith M Martin
Intercessions	Y Grieve	E Smith
Elements	L Booth A Forrest	E Dewhurst S Fucito
Coffee	A Forrest G Hunge	L Lucas J Mendoza



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For Your Information...

If you or anyone you know is ill and unable to attend church, please let either the Rector or one of the Pastoral Assistants know. As well as praying for you, we would be more than willing to visit and offer you the option of receiving communion at home or in hospital.

If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to consider making this step in your Christian journey, please contact the Rector who would be delighted to talk things through with you.

If you have been coming to St Ninian's regularly for the last six months and would like to be added to the congregational roll, please see the Church Secretary, Irene Nairn. If you are able to give a regular donation towards church funds, we would be very grateful. For more information about how to donate, please see the Church Treasurer, Vivian Davey.

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Life at St Ninian's

We strive to be an inclusive, welcoming congregation, which enables everyone to grow spiritually and find ways to share our faith with the wider community

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