

**THE MAGAZINE OF  
SAINT NINIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**November 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

## *Clergy and ministers*

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Cover image: detail from the Sunday School Window showing  
Jesus giving a blessing. Photo: Andrew Alexander.

## *Rector writes*

The beginning of this month marks my third anniversary as your Rector – my first Sunday with you was the celebration of All Saints followed swiftly by All Souls. Therefore, it seems natural for me to look back at this time of year, reflecting on the events of the last three years. I am so grateful that God guided me to St Ninian's. It has become my spiritual home and the place through which I have made so many new friends and enjoyed so many special times.

Remembering, however, is more than simply looking backwards. Remembering helps us to see where God has been at work in our lives and the lives of others. And when we recognise how God has been present in the events of the past, it gives us hope and confidence as we look to the future. For our God is ever-present and ever faithful. He does not abandon us, even when we might doubt his presence alongside us.

Meeting together as a church family to worship or to socialise is essential to our spiritual well-being. As followers of Jesus, we are called to belong to a community that supports and prays for one another. Each one of us needs the encouragement that comes from belonging: each one of us benefits from knowing that we play a part in contributing to building up the life of Christ's church.

You might think that your contribution is small - but your attendance at worship, your heartfelt prayers, your concern for other members of the congregation and your acts of service outside of the church walls are noted and valued by God and have an impact that is immeasurable.

This month, as well as remembering the saints and our loved ones who have departed this life, we have opportunities to celebrate our life together as a faith community. On Saturday 22 November we will be holding a Christmas Fayre and on Friday 28 November we will be having a Ceilidh. The Annual General Meeting on Sunday 23 November will be another opportunity for us to recognise all that we have done and are doing as a church family, so please come along if you are able.

Thank you all for the last three years and here's to the next three – wherever they may lead us!

Verity

### *Donations for Refuweege*

A few people have asked me for the up-to-date list of items that are needed by Refuweege, so here it is:

- School bags (pencil cases appreciated too)
- Snacks (biscuits, crisps, noodles, fruit)
- Toiletries (all men's and women's)
- Women's clothing
- Nappies (size 3 and up)
- Household items (clean)
- Prams (doubles, newborns, pushchairs)
- Kids clothing (from 3years to 16years)
- Footwear for all ages and sizes
- Toys (dolls, games, creative play)
- Comfy & warm menswear (esp. trainers and jackets)
- Women's jackets and accessories (i.e. handbags, scarves)
- Suitcases, bags for Life, backpacks

Any donations can be brought to church. Alternatively, if you have transport you can deliver them to Refuweege headquarters, 24 George Square G2 1EQ. You can drop your donations off at their back entrance on Anchor Lane. Simply call reception on 0141 401 0756 when you're in the lane and they will open up the back doors for you.

You might have noticed that there is a new notice outside the church. This says "Safe With Me" and is part of a campaign by Refuweege to highlight those places where asylum seekers and refugees are welcome and will be safe.

Verity

# DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2025

\*\*\* indicates use of incense

- 1 Sat 11am Ministry Celebration Service in the Cathedral
- 2 Sun *All Saints\*\*\**  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy  
6.30pm Common Ground service, St Oswald's Church
- 4 Tues 10am Rosemary Anwar's Funeral service in church
- 6 Thu 10.30am All Souls with the names of the departed,  
followed by Prayer Chain Meeting
- 9 Sun *Remembrance Sunday*  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 12 Wed 2pm Mothers' Union Meeting Rectory
- 13 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 14 Fri 11am Service at Oakview Manor Care Home
- 15 Sat 10am Healing service
- 16 Sun *Pentecost 23*  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 20 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 22 Sat 2-4pm Christmas fayre in hall
- 23 Sun *Christ the King*  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy  
AGM following the service.
- 27 Thu 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 28 Fri 7.30pm Scottish Ceilidh Night in hall
- 30 Sun *Advent 1\*\*\**  
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

## *November mindings*

1	Alice (Babs) Gravell	16	Kathleen Tait
2	Jack Gravell		Jeanette Neesham
	Alan Lyell	17	Jean Whalin
7	Hilda Pickford	18	John Taylor, bishop
	Dorothy Ward	21	Alaster Hinds
8	Artemio Lumbag	25	Rev. Canon John Woodley
	Brian O'Hara		Frank Ipgrave
11	Douglas Marr	27	Gilbert McDougall
12	Thomas White		Hilda Kirk
	David Sharpe	29	Margaret Beattie
15	Zbigniew Zochowski	30	James Beattie
			John Lowrie



## *Advent is approaching!*

This year Advent Sunday falls on 30 November. The seasons of Advent and Lent are traditionally viewed as seasons when we recommit ourselves to focussing on our spiritual lives and deepen our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

At St Ninian's some of us meet together after the 10.30am Thursday Eucharist for Bible study and discussion. This year we will be using a booklet of Advent devotions that draws inspiration from the writings of Henri Nouwen. The booklet is called, "A Little Child Shall Lead them". I have several copies of this booklet. If you would like to have one, either as part of the Thursday Group, or for your own personal use please let me know. A donation of £1 would be welcome.

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## *Flower fund*

Christmas is fast approaching and I'm asking for donations to the flower fund to decorate our beautiful church for the Christmas season. If you are able to help please give your donation to Liz or myself or place it in the red donation box. Any amount will be gratefully received. Many thanks!

Angela Forrest. (Flower fund treasurer)

## *Prayer requests*

For those, with cancer: Liz Angus; Kirsten Buchanan; Jim Hastie; Trevor Hauxwell; Louise McCombie; Neil Lockyer; Joanna Southgate; Shirley Whincop; Bishop Gregor; Rev Kenneth Macaulay; Moira Fraser. 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; 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; Murray Barnes; Sarah Evans and daughter, Elizabeth; Peter Hampson; Rev. Ann Smith; the Tilley family. For the bereaved: the Baylis family; the Reichel family; the Anwar family.

Margaret E. Anderson

## *Magazine donation*

Many thanks to Mrs Nora Maul for your generous donation.

Other donations to the magazine are always gratefully received!

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## *Auction of talents*

The talents auction, held on Sunday 12 October, after the morning service, raised £540 for church funds. Please could I ask the talented donors and/or winning bidders to supply a photo of the item or items they won? We can then devote a page in a future magazine to them – and hopefully provide inspiration for a future auction!

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## *Notice is hereby given*

that the 154th Annual Meeting of the Constituent Members of St Ninian's Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday 23 November 2025, after the Eucharist.

At the meeting, we will seek to elect:

1. A People's Warden;
2. Lay Representative, an Alternate Lay Representative and a Regional Council Representative – the current Lay Representative (Tom Baylis) and the Regional Council Representative Joyce Maxwell) have indicated that they wish to step down from these roles;
3. Two Representatives to Pollokshields Churches Together;
4. Four or five members to the Vestry (the number is dependent on who is elected as Lay Representative – because if the person elected is a current elected member of the vestry there will be an additional vacancy).

Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church.

Irene Nairn

## *Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme - Christmas Appeal*

We are once again asking for donations for this charity.

Here is some information about the appeal:

**For Christmas 2024**, the Holiday Scheme was able to provide gifts or vouchers to assist **85 families and 203 children and young people** - 52 families receiving vouchers and 33 families receiving gifts. We were



also able to supply selection boxes to 2 local groups for children's parties.

We shared some donations with local nursery and after school groups. We enabled 24 children to attend a local panto and were able to use some gifted toys, books and games at our caravans. In financial terms, we are grateful for the funding support which enabled us to allocate over £2,000 in vouchers to families.

We can all recognise the additional pressures on so many families at this time of year, so any help is greatly welcomed. See below an example of feedback from last year:



Thank you so much for lovely gifts at festive time. Me and my family are so much happier with your support



Thank you so much for the voucher. It will be a great help over Christmas and new year.



Thank you, you have no idea how much this will help my family at Christmas , merry Christmas to you all xxx

As in recent years, the Holiday Scheme are happy to accept donations of new toys, books, games, clothing, etc as well as cash or cheque donations.

Please bring your donations to church by Sunday 7 December. If you wish to give a cash or a cheque donation (made payable to St Ninian's Episcopal Church), please give it to Irene.

Irene Nairn

## *Money matters*

The increase in collections achieved by the Increased Giving Campaign in February (including tax reclaimed through Gift Aid) has been the wonderful sum of £9,000 which was the exact amount of the shortfall in income I was forecasting in January! This large increase really illustrates not only the generosity but also the love and commitment of the people of St Ninian's for its ministry and worship.

Since January, however, there have been larger than expected increases in property repairs, for example the repair of the ceiling of the south aisle and the associated roof repairs. The good news is that these extra costs have been more than met by a combination of an increase over the last year of no less than 40% in income from hall lets which brought in £28,000, thanks to the stalwart work of Irene Nairn, and a greater than expected reduction in the cost of heating because of the warmer summer.

There were also many generous donations including £1,600 from the RATS drama group.

The final result for the year is a welcome surplus of just over £2,000 which will be a further help in meeting the continuing cost of the works recommended in the last survey of the church.

So, again, the Vestry would thank everyone for their generous support and commitment.

The Annual Report & Accounts, which will be available in mid-November, will provide further information about the finances and also details of the activities of the congregation during the year. Please take time to read this record of the past year at St Ninian's.

Vivian Davey, Treasurer

## *The Biblical character I'd most like to meet: Esther*

As a child I was very annoyed by the fact that only two books of the Bible are named after women, and I read both of them often enough to become very familiar with them. However, I think the story of Ruth – King David's great-grandmother – is better known in the Christian tradition.

Yet the book of Esther tells us very little about Esther herself, focusing instead more on the men around her. She married the King of Persia after he divorced his first wife, but seems to have spent more time with her adoptive father than with her husband. She has traditionally been celebrated for her beauty and courage, but she was, I think,

also a very intelligent woman. She probably had no choice about marrying the king – it is unlikely that her opinion was ever sought – but once she was queen, she was able to use her position for the benefit of her people. I think a night out with Esther would be extremely interesting!



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*Image: Esther before Ahasuerus, by Artemisia Gentileschi*

*Please tell us about the Biblical character you'd like to meet, and why!*

## *My favourite place in Scotland*

That's an almost impossible question for a tour guide of over thirty years' experience in showing Scotland off to answer. There are so many places that I love and have enjoyed showing off. Obviously, Orkney ranks very high up but I thought I'd mention one particular day that stands out for me, on a Western Isle not a Northern one. It was on a tour which had been unusual in many ways and not always easy. We'd started the day in an hotel on Mull which had been less than helpful, to put it mildly. We headed from Tobermory to Iona. By this time the weather was lovely and

my small group of Germans were enjoying the island and then we had the chance to visit Staffa or stay on Iona a bit longer. I went off with the Staffa group; we saw puffins diving into the water en route and then landed on the island. Of course, we made our way round to Fingal's Cave and admired it and tried the echo, but then I headed up the path that takes you to the top plateau of the island. From there on the clear day, I could see to the mountains of Rum in one direction and to the Paps of Jura in the other and all parts in between. It was absolutely magical and I found myself saying to myself, 'I can't believe I'm being paid to come here and see this!'

Margaret E. Anderson

*Please tell us about your favourite place in, or experience of, Scotland!*

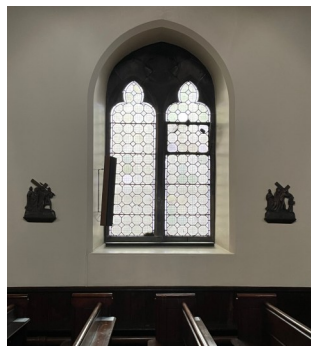
### *Stained glass window repairs*

We are very fortunate to have some beautiful stained-glass windows in St Ninian's, but some of them are showing signs of wear and tear. In particular, the window behind the organ console is badly warped and in a precarious state. It portrays the parable of the Good Samaritan. Present indications are that the cost of repairing the window, which would mean removing it temporarily, could be in the region of £5000.

It struck me that if we are obliged to spend that amount of money on its repair, it is a shame that most of the window is obscured from view by the screen in the side chapel. I therefore suggested to the vestry that we might consider replacing one of the plain glass windows on the southside of the nave with the repaired stained-glass window so that we can enjoy it in its entirety, at the same time as replacing the window behind the organ console with plain or tinted glass; however, this would be more expensive, present indications are that it might cost in the region of £8,000. The small diamond shaped stained glass window at the top could remain in its present position. Something else to take into consideration is the condition of the plain glass window which



potentially could be replaced by the stained-glass. This window (the closest one next to the stained-glass windows on the southside of the nave) is also showing signs of wear and tear, which means that replacing it would also solve that problem in the long run.



Any repairs to the windows require us to apply for permission from the Bishop and the Diocesan Buildings Committee under Canon 35. As part of the application, we are required to consult with church members. If you have any views on this matter, please could you contact the Vestry Secretary, Irene Nairn. Thank you.

Verity  
Photos: Verity

### *Christian Solidarity Worldwide*

The themes of the weeks for November are 1. Afghanistan, 2. Myanmar, 3. Nepal and 4. Syria. 1. Shi'a Muslims, women and girls, refugees repatriated from Pakistan and Iran and those affected by the major earthquake on 31st August where over 2000 died, are among those we are asked to pray for. 2. Religious intolerance tied to rising Buddhist nationalism, Christian and Muslim minorities especially targeted after the earthquake in April, religious leaders supposedly exempt from conscription being conscripted, the need for a return to democracy, and bad treatment of religious prisoners are among the concerns for that land. 3. There are demands of a return to a Hindu nationalist state, with Christian minorities suffering from this; inter-caste marriage couples can be discriminated against, refugees from Bhutan are also in a legal limbo and human rights defenders are being increasingly harassed. 4. Despite the overthrow of the Assad regime, many groups are suffering – a suicide bomber attacked an Orthodox church killing 70, Al-Murshidiyyah religious groups are increasingly oppressed, government and militia group clashes led to the deaths of 1,200 in 8 days. Prayers are asked for a return to democracy and for international

support to achieve this. As always you will find more details of these awful situations on the CSW website. Remember always to be grateful for our freedom to worship freely.

Margaret E. Anderson

### *P.S. to Rory's eulogy*

After the service, I was asked by a member of the choir, what the signal flags displayed at the House for an Art Lover said. I thought they were just random but Mhairi told me that they read, 'RIDA – Decommissioning.' In the RN, decommissioning is when a ship is stripped down before a refurbishment or at the end of its life before it goes to the breaker's yard. Any one at the meal with naval knowledge and that of the meanings of signal flags would have been able to read that. Rory 2 and she had worked on a couple of possible signals to hoist but that seemed the most appropriate.

Margaret E. Anderson



A Blessing of the Animals service was held at St Margaret's Newlands on 4 October 2025. Photo: Verity.





**TROPPPOS**  
*Concert*

**FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**  
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## DUTY ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>2 November</b> All Saints	<b>9 November</b> Remembrance	<b>16 November</b> Pentecost 23
<b>Readers</b>	E Smith	E Dewhurst	M Martin
<b>Readings</b>	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ps 149 Eph 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-36	Job 19.21-27 Ps 90 1 Cor 15.51-57 John 6.37-40	Malachi 4.1-2 Ps 98 2 Thess 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19
<b>Servers</b>	(r) J Whannel (l) E Smith (th) M Martin	S Fucito J Mendoza	T Baylis M Martin
<b>Intercessions</b>	E Smith	E Rodgers	J Mendoza
<b>Elements</b>	E Dewhurst S Fucito	E Graham W Graham	L Lucas V Davey
<b>Coffee</b>	L Lucas J Mendoza	D Sinclair J Sinclair	E Graham E Laurie

### 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>23 November</b> Christ the King	<b>30 November</b> Advent 1	<b>7 December</b> Advent 2
<b>Readers</b>	J Mendoza	V Davey	T Baylis
<b>Readings</b>	Jer 23.1-6 Ps 46 Col 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43	Isaiah 2.1-5 Ps 122 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44	Isaiah 11.1-10 Ps 72.1-7,18-19 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12
<b>Servers</b>	(r) J Whannel (l) J Mendoza (th)	S Fucito M Martin T Baylis	E Smith J Whannel
<b>Intercessions</b>	M Anderson	J Whannel	Y Grieve
<b>Elements</b>	L Booth A Forrest	J Mendoza A Forrest	E Dewhurst S Fucito
<b>Coffee</b>	A Marr Y Grieve	C Shearer J Maxwell	A Forrest G Hunge



## *Lay Officers*

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Property Convener	Vacant	

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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.

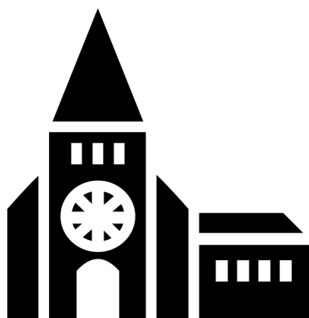
If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to consider making this step in your Christian journey, please contact the Rector who would be delighted to talk things through with you.

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.

If you would like to write an article for the magazine, or provide photos or any other information that may be of interest to church members, please email Isabel Stainsby: [isabelstainsby@googlemail.com](mailto:isabelstainsby@googlemail.com)

If you would like your copy of the magazine sent to you by email, please contact the Church Secretary Irene Nairn: [irene.nairn@sky.com](mailto:irene.nairn@sky.com)

Any donations towards the cost of producing and distributing the magazine are gratefully received.



## *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**

**All phone numbers have the code 0141 unless otherwise indicated**

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Flower Convenor	Eileen Graham	569 5090
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