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SAINT NINIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(Corner of Albert Drive and Pollokshaws Road Glasgow)**

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May-June 2026

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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Church. Photo: Verity

Rector writes

My favourite Gospel stories are those which describe how Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection – I love the fact that following the most incredible event in the whole of human history, Jesus chooses to



appear in amongst the normal routines of everyday life. There's no big, showbiz build-up to his appearances: no red-carpet event with an after party. Instead, Jesus turns up in a garden... in an upper room... by the side of a lake cooking breakfast... on a dusty road. It's

as if he's saying: here I am – alongside you... wherever you happen to be, however mundane. Those days must have been exhilarating for his followers, never knowing where he was going to appear next, or to whom!

Then, eventually, the time came for Jesus to go to his Father in heaven. Once again, his followers had to face the future without his loving, encouraging presence amongst them. But Jesus tells them that they will not be left alone: he will send them the Comforter – the Holy Spirit – who will guide them and bless them with spiritual gifts.

On Thursday 14 May, St Ninian's Church hosts the Regional Churches' Ascension Day Service in the evening at 7pm, when, not only will we celebrate Jesus' ascension but we will also welcome Bishop Nick, who will preside, preach and confirm Dylan Caven, who was baptised on Easter Day. Ten days after that, on Sunday 24 May, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The time from Ascension Day to Pentecost is a period when we are called to pray anew for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives and the life of our church.



The organisation “Thy Kingdom Come” has published prayer journals to help us do just that, with a Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer for each day. It also encourages us to consider praying for five individuals who presently live life oblivious to God’s love. If you would like a prayer journal, please let me know.

The prayer included for the

Tuesday before Pentecost is by Rabindranath Tagore, a Bengali polymath:

“When the heart is hard and parched up, come upon me with a shower of mercy. When grace is lost from life, come with a burst of song. When tumultuous work raises its din on all sides shutting me out from beyond, come to me, my lord of silence, with Thy peace and rest.”

Amen!

Verity

Photos: views of the Easter garden.

First photo: David Pritchard. Second photo: Verity

The church was beautifully decorated for Easter!





Photos: David Pritchard

DIARY FOR MAY-JUNE 2026

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- 3 Sun** ***Easter 5***
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 7 Thu** 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
6-7pm Quiet Space
- 10 Sun** ***Easter 6***
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 10-16** Christian Aid Week
- 14 Thu** 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
7pm Regional Ascension Day Eucharist with Confirmation
- 16 Sat** 10am-12noon Book sale and swap for Christian Aid
- 17 Sun** ***Easter 7***
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
12.00noon Bread & cheese lunch in church hall - in aid of Christian Aid
6.30pm Common Ground Service St Serf's Shettleston
- 20 Wed** 2pm Mothers' Union Meeting at the Rectory
- 21 Thu** 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
6-7pm Quiet Space
- 23 Sat** 10am Healing Service
- 24 Sun** ***Pentecost******
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 28 Thu** 10.30am Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
6-7pm Quiet Space
- 29 Fri** 11am Service at Oakview Manor Care Home

- 31 Sun** *Trinity*
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
 12.45pm Vestry Meeting in the Rectory
- 4 Thu** **10.30am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 7pm Corpus Christi Regional Service, St Margaret's
- 7 Sun** *Pentecost 2*
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
- 11 Thu** **10.30am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 6-7pm Quiet Space
- 11-13** General Synod meets
- 14 Sun** *Pentecost 3*
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 18 Thu** **10.30am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 6-7pm Quiet Space
- 20 Sat** Mothers' Union Big Picnic Helensburgh
- 21 Sun** *Pentecost 4*
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
 6.30pm Common Ground Service St Oswald's Kings Park
- 25 Thu** **10.30am** Eucharist 1970 Liturgy
 6-7pm Quiet Space
- 27 Sat** **10am** Healing Service
- 28 Sun** *Pentecost 5*
 10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy

Mindings

May

- 6 Sarah White
Winifred Lang
9 John Ferris
10 Denis Cruddace
13 Madge Connor
15 Evelyn McQueen
17 Janey Whannel
22 Nancy Bain
25 Liz King
Mary Rodgers
26 Noreen Tully
Ruby Gibson
27 Brian Warren

June

- 1 John Corney
5 Arthur Fleming
6 Chris Forrest
Anne Reid
7 Beryl Gilchrist

- 10 Margaret McGifford
Eva Browning
Edie Campbell
Sylvia O'Hara
12 Willie Boyd
13 George Gibson
Isa Cauley
Roy Grieve
14 John Fraser
15 Tom Weston
Colin Bullough
17 Vera Ferris
18 Albert Burke
19 Robert Pate
20 Jonathan Mall
Skye Sarah Graham
21 Margaretta Montgomery
22 Norma McAvoy
24 Constance Maud Caldwell
John Harper
30 John Girling



Notes from the Vestry Meeting held on 19 April

1. The Easter Services were reviewed, and it was agreed that these had been well received. On Good Friday, it was great to see people from Queen's Park Govanhill attending the services. The Easter Sunday Eucharist was a lovely service especially as it included the baptisms of Dylan and Zoe.
2. We will be using fairtrade coffee and tea for church events in the future.
3. The Spring Fayre had been a great success, both financially and that many people had said that they enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you to all those who had helped, especially those who had helped for the first time. Some people said that the new way of serving baking from the counter was more hygienic than having cake stands on the tables.
4. The card payment stand was still proving temperamental but is being looked at by a computer repair shop.
5. Storage cupboards for the children's toys at the back of the church will be sourced.
6. Verity's sponsored walk for the Lent Appeal for The Daisy Project should raise £650.
7. Future fundraising events:
 - Summer Fayre – Saturday 25 July – Lesley, Verity and Irene coordinating.
 - Rectory Garden Party – Saturday 22 August.
 - Ceilidh – date to be arranged.
 - Possible Murder Mystery play.
8. Christian Aid Week is 10-16 May. There will be a book sale on Saturday 16 May and a bread and cheese lunch on 17 May.
9. A donation will be sent to the diocese as a mark of our appreciation for the work of Dean Reuben as he stands down as Dean. The new Dean is Rev Canon Matthew Little.
10. We approved increases in the hourly wage rate for the church cleaner.

11. The vestry were told that Paul Whitton has resigned from the vestry due to health reasons. We wish to convey our thanks to him for his support during his time on the vestry.
12. Property
 - The lock on the hall toilet door has been repaired.
 - The moving of the stained-glass window from behind the organ console to the south aisle has received Canon 35 pre-application approval.
 - Repairs to the floodlighting outside the church are being investigated.
 - The rectory boiler has been repaired.
 - Secondary glazing in two more rooms in the rectory will be installed in the next week – we are receiving half the cost from a grant from the Provincial/Diocese Rectory Green Fund.
 - Andrew, Verity's husband, has painted the downstairs cloakroom and is going to paint the porch next – our thanks to him for doing this.
13. The storage of bicycles in the vestibule was discussed. The bikes belong primarily to the people who work in the offices, but some members of the congregation also travel to church by bike. Verity suggested that we have a bike stand in the back courtyard and this was agreed.

Irene Nairn

The Govan Stones

Alan McQuarrie and Lesley would like to invite you to a guided tour of the Govan Stones. Alan had been a volunteer guide there for some time and although he has decided to stop volunteering, he has offered to give us the benefit of his considerable knowledge. A sheet will appear on the notice board with a choice of dates in June and suitable times. Please sign up if you are interested. I hope that you'll be as enthusiastic about this proposed trip as I am.

Lesley Lucas

Prayer requests

For those, with cancer: Kirsten Buchanan; Jim Hastie; Trevor Hauxwell; Louise McCombie; Neil Lockyer; Joanna Southgate; Shirley Whincop; Rev Kenneth Macaulay; Moira Fraser; Bill and Rosemary McNight. For those suffering from injuries: David Webb; Billy Leggate. 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: David Bullock; Mike Williams; Megan Buchanan; Carol Campbell; Pat Lowe; Fiona Paton; June Roach; Maire Rodgers; Roger Southgate; Val Vahey; Lesley Lucas; Birgitta and Krister Lundin; Iveta, Aman, Lorna and Josh; Megan Buchanan; Lesley and Murray Barnes; Peter Hampson; the Tilley family; Martin Elbourne; Agneta Finlay; Father John Lyons; Sheila Cumming; Catherine, Hugh and Anne, Irena and Dezider; Kathleen Lucas; Krister Lundin; the Toner family.

Margaret E. Anderson

Baking donations

Once again we owe thanks to the many bakers who contributed to the tables and the baking stall at the Spring Fayre. One new baker

was very generous. We were able to sell much at the fayre and then the following Sunday with a small amount left to take to the Talbot Centre.

Margaret E. Anderson

Mothers' Union

Thank you to the congregation for your support of the Easter Egg stall. Normally the money raised goes to Woman's Aid but this year we decided to give it to the Daisy Project in Castlemilk and continue our support for the Bishop's Lenten appeal. We raised £110. We have also been supporting Refuweege with donations of clothing, children's items and lots of bags for life that the charity recently requested. Finally, with help from donations from the Hospice Shop, we have been able to collect new and lightly used bras to take to the charity Smalls for All. The shop is not allowed to sell underwear so we help out by passing on these garments, which are distributed to the homeless and to refugees and many are sent off to places in the developing world. We have collected £50, which we are sending as the charity are able to source new pants at a discount, rather than our members buying from stores in town.

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One hundred miles - completed!

Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored me or donated money for my 100 miles during Lent. This is the third time I've challenged myself to complete 100 miles for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and...



it doesn't get any easier! However, I was determined to make the effort for the beneficiary of this year's appeal – the Daisy Project – a charity who do amazing work supporting families who have suffered from domestic abuse. The final few miles were undertaken with friends from St Ninian's and the Daisy Project in Pollok Park. During the walk we encountered every kind of weather, including a rainbow, and we came across a Highland calf minutes after it had been born! The afternoon ended with refreshments in the Burrell Collection Café. Before we said

goodbye, I was delighted to present Janice from the Daisy Project with all the Easter eggs that had been donated by church members.

Verity

Photo: supplied by Verity

Easter celebrations

The Easter Weekend was wonderfully busy. On Saturday some members of the congregation gathered to clean and tidy the church, while others created beautiful flower displays. In the hall, children and parents gathered to create Easter cards and bonnets and then helped to construct the Easter Garden in church before taking part in an Easter Egg hunt. Margaret Anderson did a sterling job keeping us going with hot drinks and hot cross buns. The Sunday service began with the church in darkness before we lit the Paschal candle and the light was distributed around the church. Normally we would renew our baptismal vows on Easter Day, but this year we affirmed our vows along with Dylan Caven and Zoe Johnston who were baptised. As they were welcomed into the church family they were presented with a copy of the NRSV Bible.

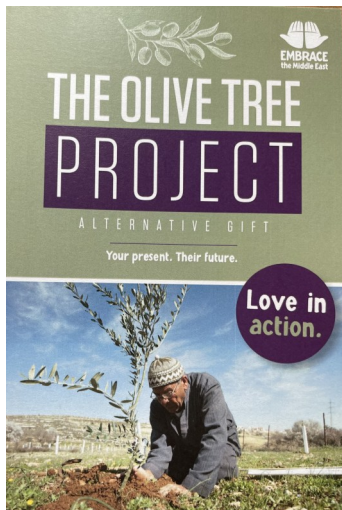
Zoe has been worshipping at St Ninian's while she has been studying at Glasgow Uni as an exchange student. We will be very sad to see her return to Sydney, Australia, in the summer, but how wonderful it has been to see her faith blossom while she has been with us!



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Photo: David Pritchard

*Don't know what to get a loved one for their birthday?
Sponsor an Olive Tree!*

The Olive Tree Project is an initiative set up by the charity "Embrace the Middle East". This a Christian charity that partners with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.



In the occupied West Bank, land is being seized from Palestinian farmers at an unprecedented rate – confiscated for “security” reasons by the Israeli military or claimed for illegal Israeli settlements. Olive trees are being cut down or uprooted by settlers trying to drive indigenous farmers from their land. By taking part in the Olive Tree Project, you can sponsor a tree for yourself or on behalf of a friend, which will be planted in Palestine. Planting new olive trees is a direct and peaceful way to stand with Palestinians, helping them defend their heritage, preserve the land they've worked for generations and maintain an important source of income.

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Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has brought faith and action together to help families survive poverty and violence, and communities rebuild after crisis. This Christian Aid Week, our support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from their partner Beacon of Hope, Christian Aid can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

This May, we are invited to help mothers like Fridah who lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water, and space is extremely limited. As for many families in Dagoretti, life is unpredictable. Some days there is enough. Some days there is not. The worry returns every morning.

To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. She travels long distances to buy produce, making the journey six days a week. Without refrigeration or storage, everything depends on what she can sell that day.

“Sometimes I don’t know how I’ll buy food. I don’t know how I’ll feed my family.”



Christian Aid envelopes will be given out at church on Sunday 10 May. There will also be a Book Sale/Swap on Saturday 16 May 10-12 noon to raise funds for Christian Aid. On Sunday 17 May there will be a bread and cheese lunch following the service with all donations going to Christian Aid.

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Christian Solidarity Worldwide

The countries being prayed for in May are Venezuela, Eritrea, Nigeria and Vietnam. Venezuela is suffering from great uncertainty after Trump's capture of the authoritarian ruler, Maduro. Religious leaders are being looked to for guidance and are being watched to see anything which might be seen as disloyalty. The Colombian guerilla group, ELN, has been provided with a safe haven in Venezuela. The ELN has very strict rules as to which subjects religious leaders may preach about; they may not mention extortion, kidnapping, human rights or women's empowerment, some are banned from using social media, speaking to press or human rights groups. Nigeria. 14 May sees Leah Sharibu's 23rd birthday; she is still in captivity since she refused to give up her Christian faith 6 years ago. There are still so many instances of kidnapping and of terrorist murder in Nigeria, e.g., on 3 February, with over 200 killed and some days later 176 were abducted, including women and children. Eritrea. In late 2025, 177 Christians were released after arbitrary imprisonment for 3-5 years. They had, however, had to sign that they had committed the crime of belonging to an unregistered denomination. Only Sunni Islam, Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox Christians are recognised. All others are illegal. Vietnam. Montagnard Christians are particularly attacked. Y Quynh Bdap, though a recognised refugee by the UN, and a human rights defender, was forcibly returned to Vietnam and his whereabouts are currently unknown. Other are being charged on false terrorism charges just because of their faith. These are just a few stories to give you a flavour of what happens in these countries.

June. Nicaragua. A pastor and his family and others were captured and held incommunicado for five months, one died in captivity, three have been released to house arrest and two must report to the police as a 'precautionary measure'. Two women released to house arrest from high security prison in November are still there. Anyone who is involved in religious activity or human rights is under great pressure in Nicaragua. India. Grieving families trying to bury their Christian family members risk being in the centre of mobs and police fighting to stop the burial. Many Christian families find themselves attacked, their homes

demolished and police siding with the attackers. Those forced to flee. The third week asks for prayers for those who are internally displaced persons or refugees, where finding safe routes for those seeking asylum is very difficult. Prayers are asked that they should have hope, rest and guidance, hospitality and provision, justice, healing and strength, love and protection, and peace. Myanmar/Burma. The General Election in December was not free, and military control was consolidated. Religious leaders, and the Chin and Kachin peoples, often Christian, are targeted by the junta. Worldwide cases are being brought to the courts accusing the junta of grave human rights violations. Please look up CSW on the web and see greater details in these and other countries.

Margaret E. Anderson

Nora Mall
27 October 1945 - 1 April 2026

On behalf of the Mall family, I would like to welcome, and thank you for joining us today, to celebrate the life of my beloved mum. She was many things to many people but most importantly to her, she was a wife, a mum, a nano, a sister and a friend to everyone.

As you might have noticed from the Order of Service, Nora – as you will have known her – was actually Mary! This caused some confusion for some prospective visitors when she was in hospital!

My Mum, Mary Elnora, was born in the small village of Sagada, Philippines. Born to Ramon and Simeona, she was the fourth of five children, and spent a happy childhood helping my gran tend chickens, ducks and pigs on their smallholding and often spending time foraging in the fields with her siblings Alexander, Virginia, Victoria, and Manuel, which is where she honed her love of gardening and horticulture.

Mum attended boarding school in Lepanto where, despite developing scarlet fever that caused significant hearing loss, she was an excellent student. Now, hearing loss, this is important, because it plays a significant part of our lives growing up! Because of this impairment, she became a voracious reader, as she had to teach herself everything. Mum

would read anything, from The Broons and Oor Wullie to Readers Digest to the classics such as Les Misérables. I remember queueing up at midnight for the latest release of Harry Potter, only to bring it home for mum to take it off me and read it first. Her favourite books were detective/mystery novels; however, patience was never mum's strong suit. As soon as my mum started a book, she would read the first few pages (probably not even a whole chapter) before skipping to the end to find out "whodunit", then would excitedly summarise the ending, before asking if I'd read the book!

After graduation, mum qualified as an English teacher (as Michael informed me, not a Spanish teacher as I had thought - I did wonder why mum's Spanish was no bueno, and also why she looked at me strangely when I asked her to speak only in Spanish to Charlotte).



Mum decided that teaching wasn't for her and completed her nursing course. It was fate that brought her to Scotland, as she received her acceptance to do nursing training in Glasgow. She had originally applied to study in Australia, but the acceptance letter arrived after she moved across the world to Scotland. Mum was dual trained as a nurse, working in the Southern General and Leverndale. It was in the latter of these hospitals that she met the love of her life, a handsome young man named Alexander Mall, who became her partner for 50 years. I always loved telling people that my parents met at Leverndale, just to see their reaction. Mum worked at Leverndale hospital as a CPN, running clinics and specialising in supporting those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

However, her most important job was that of being a mum. Mum had four children, Fiona, Michael, Lailani and Jonathan, and through those children had two sons-in-law, Samson and Sean, and five grandchildren, Reuel, Rochelle, Reece, Charlotte and Alexandra. Raising young growing kids while working fulltime, bearing in mind that my dad worked nightshift and would sleep for a few hours during the day, was an

arduous task, but one that mum accepted with relish. More often than not, she would have to make three separate dinners, fish fingers and the like for us, curry and roti for dad, and something else for herself, but she never complained, never put her feelings first and always made sure that her family were happy and comfortable. Because for mum, family was her life. She would do anything for her children and was extremely caring and protective. She wouldn't sleep until we were home. I remember one night the commotion at around 2.30am when mum, not having heard Michael come home early, due to the aforementioned hearing impairment, had called the police to report a missing person. She was then advised to phone his friends to see if he was with them. This was in a time before mobile phones were a thing, so mum decided to phone Michael's 16-year-old friends' parents on their landline at 3am to try and locate Michael, only to be advised to check his bed. Lo and behold, that's where she found him snoring away... loudly.

When retirement came, there was the worry about what Mum would do, being so active. The worry was unfounded. Michael, in his great wisdom, came home with a gift - a puppy. Bonnie became an active member of our family, with Mum and Dad spending hours walking her. Mum, Dad and Bonnie were inseparable, often seen walking the streets of Giffnock, rain, hail or shine. And that was mum and dad, they did everything together - walking Bonnie, together, going to the shops, together, visiting friends, together. Often, mum and I would go to the theatre. I would always ask dad if he wanted to go and the answer was always, "you and your mum go". Until the day of the show. When mum would tell me that mum and dad were, in fact, going together.

A word constantly used when talking about mum was strength.

Despite being small in stature, Mum was an incredibly strong woman, mentally, emotionally physically and spiritually. She was also incredibly formidable. Believe me, you didn't want to get



on the wrong side of her. She was fiercely independent, even latterly, heaving her handbag and backpack around with her everywhere. But her real strength was her determination. As a young Filipina, with a completely different food culture, attempting to make pilau and various curries, mum was advised to just add this, just add that but never getting the desired outcome, Through trial and error, she soon perfected the techniques needed so that the “just add this” and “just add that” made sense. So much so that she was often requested to make various dishes at the different charity events my dad was involved in, and in fact, ran an Indian cuisine workshop here at CHIPS, Orchardhill, that some of the longer-standing members of the congregation may remember.

She was an active part of her congregation at St Ninian’s, where she was a regular worshipper with my Auntie Rose, and her faith and belief in God was strong No matter the challenges she faced, she always prayed, praised God, told me to pray and ask God for guidance.

One of the hardest times in our lives was when our younger brother Johnny passed. While most people would lose faith, fall apart and hate, mum and dad read the bible, prayed, and loved. They asked for guidance, looking for peace and comfort. At night mum and dad supported each other, talked and sang songs. So the thing that gives me comfort and hope at this time is knowing that mum and dad are together in heaven with Johnny.

I’ve spent a lot of time looking at photos of my mum recently and the thing that hits me is her warmth and love. Love of her family, love of her friends, love of life. My mum was utterly joyous and welcoming. Everyone was welcome in her home, be it a flatmate, a friend, an acquaintance – mum made everyone feel welcome and loved. Someone told me that when speaking to mum, they had mentioned in passing that they enjoyed Filipino food. Well, didn’t my mum just make some pancit for her the next time they met up. My mum was so generous and loving. And that love and joy rained down on her grandchildren, Reuel, Rochelle, Reece, Charlotte and Alexandra. How she loved her grandchildren. One time, Fiona and I went out for half an hour, leaving the kids with my parents. Of course, Rolly said he was starving and hadn’t been fed. My mum, obviously makes them all food, made sure her babies

were full, and when we returned made sure Fiona and I would never let her babies go hungry. They'd already eaten before we left, but as Rolly said "we were still hungry!"

Mum also made sure to welcome Charlotte into their home, during Covid times, and then Alexandra. In fact, Charlotte's first ever meal was organic mashed potatoes, picked from mum's garden, because mum wanted the absolute best for her baby. Mum was at her happiest with her grandkids and would happily take directions from Charlotte and Alexandra. She loved singing songs and dancing with the kids, playing with them, reading them stories and even letting Charlotte sleep with her each night! Alexandra would copy her Nano, the way she walked, and tried to sing along with her, giggling whenever Nano played peekaboo with her.

Mum and Charlotte would spend many hours in the garden together, with mum sharing her encyclopaedic knowledge of plants and flowers. Mum and Charlotte also shared a love of cooking with Chef Charlotte a constant fixture in the kitchen with Nano or Mamoo.

As most of you know, and will have experienced, my mum is a feeder. You can't come to the house without being offered something to eat or drink... multiple times. This was her expression of love. Mum loved family meals and get-togethers, any reason to celebrate. She loved when Charlotte and Alexandra got home from school and nursery and would have dinner ready for them. She loved with Rolly, Rocha or Reece would pop in, making sure that they left home fed. She loved listening to us talk and laugh, and I know she will continue to do that, keeping an eye on us, making sure that her family are safe and protected and loved.

Finally, I just wanted to say thank you Mum. For always being there, for being the light on in the night, for the love and support you gave us. For teaching us to be strong, to have faith, to be kind, to treat strangers as your neighbours. Thank you for showing me how to love unconditionally, to be patient, for being the most amazing role model and mum. My girls will talk about their Nano, they will remember the love you gave them, they will grow up surrounded in the love that you and dad started over 50 years ago. Thank you mum for giving us

everything. Just so you know, the love that you showed us, we love you more. We love you mum, always.

Now, just as we had requested at Johnny's funeral 14 years ago, and at my dad's funeral less than 2 years ago, could I respectfully request that we be upstanding and give my mum a round of applause for a life full of love, joy and giving... for a life well lived.

Lailani Mall

Photos: Mall family

Verity's Lent courses

Some of you were able to take part in several of these courses but I thought I'd comment on a couple of them for those unable to be there. Many of you sponsored Verity for her 100 miles of walking. These finished in Pollok Park with about 2-3 miles and Verity invited others to join her. About 5 from the congregation did so and also some mothers and children from the Daisy Project who had been helped by it, Hilary from Largs, and, of course, Monty. It was a glorious day, and the park was full of lots of groups enjoying the sunshine. We started and finished at the Burrell Collection and walked in a circle towards Pollok House, round through the gardens, along the Cart and back to Burrell. New life was everywhere with trees beginning to bud, daffodils and other flowers appearing and one or two new Highland calves. We spent some time enjoying the fairy houses and dens in a group of trees, but the best was yet to come. We reached another field with a cow and her new calf. He was up on his feet but still very shaky and we watched for a while as he searched for his first drink of milk and finally latched on. Another lady nearby said they had arrived just after he was born and had watched his mother clean him and his early struggles to get on his feet. The boys with us were very keen to take turns with Monty on his lead. Back at the Burrell hot chocolate was enjoyed by nearly all the group.

Another of Verity's Lenten exercises was a series of four prayer walks from St Ninian's on Saturday mornings. Up to about eight people joined

her on these walks. The first went from the church left and up Albert Drive to Shields Road, round by McCulloch Street and back to Albert Drive, the second started the same way but then took us left into Darnley Street and across to the park at Kenmure Street and then a loop left and back along Nithsdale Road to a café in Darnley Street, the third took us across Pollokshaws and Victoria Roads and via Butterbiggins Road, Cathcart Road and Calder Street, and finally walk four went via Allison Street and Dixon Road to the southern part of Govanhill. In each case we stopped for prayers at various buildings. It might be that we stopped at various venues associated with health – surgeries, opticians, pharmacies, dentists, etc., and prayed for each of the workers and patients there. For some of us these could be quite personal. Libraries and schools were on the routes so learning and education would be the themes, or shops or markets where we would give thanks for the food available to us. Other venues were linked to charitable outreach such as the base for the Food Bank, and the Well. Yet others might be transport links and we would give thanks for such services. There were various present or past places of worship also. It was very salutary to see the range of such services within easy reach of St Ninian's and how much we had to give thanks for or ask for help for them. We hope that these may be repeated on another occasion. I found it interesting to see these places from this prayerful angle since I have led city walks in all these areas and looked at them from different aspects, social, architectural, historical, and industrial.

Other courses were after church on Thursdays and the Friday, mostly, film nights. Verity had put a great deal of thought and work into all of these and those taking part greatly appreciated them.

Margaret E. Anderson

What is going on at St Ninian's church tonight?

I had made a point of trying to put up the flyers, left at the back of the church, for Lunettes. There was not a lot of information: a list of names, a reference to Gethsemane and a mention of some inspiration from the windows in our church. Verity had told me that it was a concert by some young musicians to raise money for a charity event that was to be run by a Roman Catholic seminary.

I put up as many of the leaflets as I could. This was Sunday after church and I was going to Common Ground in the evening and the concert was on Tuesday. I had told a friend about it and we were going together.

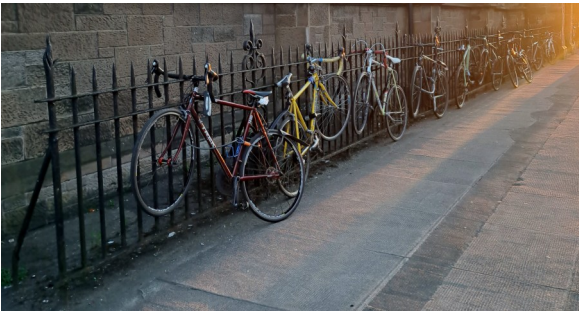
I arrived early, asked the young lady at the desk for some more information and discovered that this fundraiser was to enable St Peter's Seminary in Cardross to put on a puppet show. At the front of the church one of the performers was checking sound levels and trying out some of her pieces. The sound levels were rather alarming and the look on my face caused the young lady at the desk to tell me that the concert would get louder as the night went on. I did not think I would make it to the 10 o'clock finish!

As it turned out that piece that had been checked over before the concert started was to be the opening number. Before we had gone halfway I had removed my hearing aids. The second piece was quite pleasant, a female voice and four sections of a piece of music using a synthesiser, but still rather a loud volume. The next piece started with the lone voice of a tall young man who was walking down the aisle from the back of the church and I thought "We could do with him in the choir!" The final piece before the interval increased in volume rapidly, with many discordant notes and I whispered to my friend "I am going to the back of the church." The reply came swiftly "I'll come too". So we crept out, not stopping at the back but going out in to the entrance hall. "Is it too loud?" asked the wee lassie at the desk. Yes, I thought!! The interval had arrived. A blessed rest for the ears. Lots of the youngsters in the audience went out for a breath of fresh air and to

chat with their friends. What a lovely friendly lot they were, greeting their friends with hugs and smiles. They were having a great evening. There were well over a hundred young folk there. I have never seen so many young folk in St Ninian's, the place was packed and there was a lovely atmosphere. Not my kind of music, alas, I did feel old.

As we sat there Vivian popped in to see what was happening and told us the story of the pigeon. You'll have to ask him.

We decided we would at least wait and see what the second half had to offer. Well. A noise like a digeridoo, wailing and increasing in volume. We saw Vivian cross from the left to the right side of the church. What was he up to? He lasted about 3 minutes and then emerged. "The sound is bouncing off the walls!" he exclaimed.



We left.

Vivian kindly gave my friend a lift home. "I didn't understand it at all," she said, "but weren't the young folk lovely?" When I exited the church, I saw all the bikes along the railings.

They had not been there when I arrived but folk kept arriving as the evening went on.

All in all, it was an unforgettable experience. People keep saying to me that there is a lot that goes on at my church. They are not wrong.

Lesley Lucas
Photo: Lesley

Changes to the magazine

The next issue of the St Ninian's magazine (July-August) will be the last in its current format. Microsoft are discontinuing Publisher, the software that I use to create the magazine and, while there are alternatives, they are expensive.

From September, the magazine will always appear at two-monthly intervals, possibly even three-monthly on occasion, and will probably have a format much more like a newsletter, though details here are still being ironed out. It will still contain important contact details, information about services and church events, and of course the rotas, along with (I hope!) articles, poems, artwork, photography showcasing the interests and talents of the congregation.

And here's your chance to have a say. What do you think a new, revamped magazine should look like? What should it include, or not include? What do you look out for in the magazine? Is there anything you think is unnecessary? What would you find helpful? And, crucially, what contributions can you make? I'm happy to continue to edit, format and coordinate, but that isn't much use on its own. It's the material that makes the magazine shine – material provided by you.

Please speak to or email myself or Verity and tell us your ideas! Thank you.

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DUTY ROTAS

Date	3 May Easter 5	10 May Easter 6	17 May Easter 7
Readers	E Smith	E Dewhurst	S Martin
Readings	Acts 7.55-60 Ps 31.1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2.2-10 John 14.1-14	Acts 17.22-31 Ps 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21	Acts 1.6-14 Ps 68.1-10,33-36 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11 John 17.1-11
Servers	(r) J Mendoza (l) J Whannel (th)	E Smith S Martin	T Baylis S Fucito
Intercessions	E Rodgers	M Anderson	T Baylis
Elements	L Booth A Forrest	E Dewhurst S Fucito	E Graham W Graham
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	24 May Pentecost	31 May Trinity
Readers	T Baylis	V Davey
Readings	Acts 2.1-21 Ps 16 1 Cor 12.3-13 John 20.19-23	Genesis 1.1-2.4 Ps 8 2.Cor 13.11-13 Mt 28.16-20
Servers	(r) S Martin (l) S Fucito (th) E Smith	J Whannel S Fucito
Intercessions	J Whannel	S Martin
Elements	L Lucas V Davey	L Booth A Forrest
Coffee	A Forrest G Hunge	L Lucas J Mendoza

DUTY ROTAS

Date	7 June Pentecost 2	14 June Pentecost 3	21 June Pentecost 4
Readers	C Shearer	J Maxwell	L Lucas
Readings	Hosea 5.15-6.6 Ps 50.7-15 Romans 4.13-25 Mt 9.9-13,18-26	Exodus 19.2-8 Ps 100 Romans 5.1-8 Mt 9.35-10.8	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Ps 69.8-11,18-20 Romans 6.1-11 Mt 10.24-39
Servers	(r) J Mendoza (l) T Baylis (th)	E Smith S Martin	J Whannel S Fucito
Intercessions	E Smith	E Rodgers	J Mendoza
Elements	E Dewhurst S Fucito	E Graham W Graham	V Davey L Lucas
Coffee	D Sinclair J Sinclair	E Graham E Laurie	A Marr Y Grieve

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DUTY ROTAS

Date	28 June Pentecost 5	5 July Pentecost 6
Readers	D Pritchard	I Stainsby
Readings	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Ps 89.1-4,15-18 Romans 6.12-23 Mt 10.40-42	Zechariah 9.9-12 Ps 145.8-15 Romans 7.15-25 Mt 11.16-19,25-30
Servers	(r) J Mendoza (l) S Martin (th) T Baylis	E Smith S Fucito
Intercessions	M Anderson	T Baylis
Elements	L Booth A Forrest	S Martin J Mendoza
Coffee	C Shearer J Maxwell	A Forrest G Hunge



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For Your Information...

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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

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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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