

September 2026

ST NINIAN'S POLLOKSHIELDS

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ALBERT DRIVE/POLLOKSHAW ROAD, GLASGOW



Detail from the sanctuary fresco

Photo: Andrew Alexander

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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Rector writes...

September looks like being a busy month with lots happening at St Ninian's and throughout the Glasgow South Region of our diocese. On Sunday 20 September we will be celebrating our patronal festival which will also coincide with the regional church service at St Ninian's followed by lunch in the hall, so please come along and join the celebration! Our guest preacher that day will be the Revd Canon Dawn Matthew who is the Diocesan Canon Missioner. Dawn's brief is to oversee the introduction of the Natural Church Development programme which is being rolled out across charges – something that we are hoping to be involved in next month!

As the new term begins for pupils, students and teachers, the new term also begins for ordinands training for ministry with the Scottish Episcopal Institute. You may remember that part of my job is as the Assistant Director of Vocations in the diocese. This involves meeting with those who are exploring vocation to the diaconate or priesthood and supporting them through the discernment process. I am very glad to report that the diocese has had an upsurge in those who are on this journey. There will be three ordinands and one person training as a Lay Reader this year. One of the ordinands is Dominique Pope, who will be living in Battlefield and working within the Minster Ministry Team, as well as studying theology with the Institute. There are several other candidates, scattered around the diocese, progressing through the discernment process, which keeps me and the other Vocations Advisers happily busy. Please remember them in your prayers.

During September we will also be keeping the liturgical season of Creation-tide – celebrating the wonder of our planet and thanking God for all His gifts. St Margaret's Newlands have invited us to join with them in a special Eco Service involving the blessing of their newly created Cloister Gravel Garden on 27 September at 3pm and the very popular Animal Blessing Service will be held at St Oswald's King's Park this year on Saturday 3 October, also at 3pm. St Aidan's Clarkston are holding a Messy Church event on 12 September 4–6pm – for those of you who don't know, Messy Church is an opportunity to have fun, getting creative while learning about an aspect of our faith. If you would like to go to any of these events happening in the other churches, please let me know – I can usually offer a lift!

Verity

Diary for September 2026

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Thursday 3	10.30am Eucharist 1970 liturgy 6–7pm Quiet Space
Saturday 5	1pm Guild of Servers Service followed by AGM, Holy Trinity Stirling
Sunday 6	Creation 1 10.15am Eucharist 1982 Creationtide liturgy
Monday 7	12.00 Funeral Mass for Paul Whitton
Wednesday 9	7pm Regional Churches Business Meeting, St Oswald's King's Park
Thursday 10	10.30am Eucharist 1970 liturgy 6–7pm Quiet Space
Saturday 12	11.30am–3pm MU Big Picnic in Troon 4–6pm Messy Church, St Aidan's Clarkston
Sunday 13	Creation 2 10.15am Eucharist 1982 liturgy
Thursday 17	10.30am Eucharist 1970 liturgy 6–7pm Quiet Space
Friday 18	11am Service at Oakview Manor Care Home
Weekend 19–20	Doors Open weekend
Sunday 20	Patronal Festival *** 10.15am Joint Regional Service, St Ninian's, 1982 liturgy followed by lunch
Thursday 24	10.30am Eucharist 1970 liturgy 6–7pm Quiet Space
Saturday 26	10am Healing Service
Sunday 27	Creation 4 10.15am Eucharist 1982 liturgy 3.30pm service to open Cloister Gravel Garden at St Margaret's Newlands
Tuesday 29	Diocesan Conference
Thursday 1	10.30am Eucharist 1970 liturgy 6–7pm Quiet Space
Sunday 4	Harvest 10.15 Eucharist 1982 Creationtide liturgy

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

For the first week of September, we are asked to pray for North Korea, especially those who, having managed to escape, are forcibly sent back, especially by China though this is illegal. Treatment for those who are sent back is very harsh. Three South Korean missionaries have been imprisoned in brutal conditions in North Korea since 2013. Please pray that they are aware of God's surrounding arms. Week 2 asks for prayers for peace from religious strife and cites Nigeria, India and Egypt as specific lands needing that; for protection for religious leaders, citing Colombia; for freedom for prisoners and cites Uyghurs in China; prayer for displaced people and cites India, Mexico, Afghanistan, Iraq and Nigeria; prayer for those in positions of power asking prayer for change of hearts even in entire regimes. Week 3 has Central African Republic (CAR) with constant abuse for civilians by armed groups, the national army and Russian fighters as the theme. Week 4's theme is for Laos, where there has been improvement in protection of freedom of belief or religion but only in the urban areas; village leaders violate such rules widely. For the week from 27 Sept to 3 October, Myanmar/Burma is the country to be prayed for with a major humanitarian crisis since the military coup five years ago. Religious groups, Muslim and Christian, are particularly targeted. From 4–10 October, we are asked to pray for Afghanistan, described as a graveyard of human rights since the Taliban took over five years ago, women and girls suffering especially. Pakistan and Iran are returning many refugees to Afghanistan and that is causing many problems including famine especially among

religious and ethnic minorities. 11–17 October sees Cuba as the focus of our prayers. Young Cubans, many of them Christian, have been using their mobile phones to spread the truth about the regime; some have been imprisoned and others had to flee into exile. Initially the authorities tolerated these influencers but once they aligned themselves with Christianity and its influence to help bring freedom to Cuba, this persecution started. I don't have notes that go beyond this date but please look at the CSW website for more and later details.

Margaret E. Anderson

Prayer requests

For those with cancer: Kirsten Buchanan; Jim Hastie; Mike Angus–Scott; Valery Nasikovsky; Louise McCombie; Neil Lockyer; Joanna Southgate; Shirley Whincop; Rev Kenneth Macaulay; Moira Fraser; Bill and Rosemary McNight; Julia Jamieson. For those suffering from injuries: David Webb; Billy Leggate; Jean Smith. For those having or recovering from tests or treatment: Catherine Clark; Christine Campbell; Rosie Hastie; Jack Laurie. For others for whom prayer has been requested: Kirsty Richardson; David Bullock; Mike Williams; Megan Buchanan; Carol Campbell; Pat Lowe; Fiona Paton; June Roach; Maire Rodgers; Roger Southgate; Val Vahey; Lesley Lucas; Iveta, Aman, Lorna and Josh; Megan Buchanan; Lesley and Murray Barnes; the Tilley family; Martin Elbourne; Agneta Finlay; Father John Lyons; Sheila Cumming; Catherine, Hugh and Anne; Kathleen Lucas; John Hogg; Alan McQuarrie; Hardeer Sandhu. For the bereaved: Emma Whitton.

Margaret E. Anderson

3 October is Apple Picking Day at 55 St Andrew's Drive. Neil and Nicola Gordon offer an open invitation for all to come and help themselves to the apples so that they do not go to waste. From 2–7pm the garden will be open with live music by Andy Chung, BBQ and a buffet. All are very welcome to attend at any stage of this period.

Margaret E Anderson

The church Garden Party raised the grand total of £276 for church funds, plus a further £65 from the bric-à-brac stall for the hospice. Many thanks to everyone who attended!

Vivian Davey

World Childless Week runs from 14–20 September. See worldchildlessweek.net for more information.

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Some happy tombola winners at the garden party!

Orkney churches

Where Rory and I have worshipped since we first started coming to Orkney in 2001 is the parish of Birsay, Harray and Sandwick, BHS, now in a new building Milestone Community Church, MCC. It is a Church of Scotland. When we first went there the services rotated round the three churches of the named parishes, Birsay in Twatt,



Sandwick in Quoyloo, and Harray at St Michael's, which, since it was on a hill, Rory always called Mont St Michel. The modern central church in the village of Dounby has been open for about a dozen years now and has all the modern

tech for audio and video aspects of the service. The church has the dais for the communion table at an angle of a wall and is a good focus for worship, with windows looking out over the lovely countryside, weather permitting, it is an inspiring place to worship and we, now I, had/have many friends here. It is the most modern church on Orkney and now comes under the West Mainland part of the Orkney parish in the new C of S structure. There is a vacancy here at present, so we are hearing various

members of the laity and retired clergy. I began this note intending to talk about the many old places of worship in the islands, but I think that should wait for another time.

Margaret E Anderson

Photo supplied by the Milestone Church

Mothers' Union Festival Service

Lesley and Gladys set out for the Underground to travel to St Mary's Cathedral in the West End. This was a new experience for Gladys. (I still look back with fondness at the Clockwork orange.) Still, we made a speedy journey and walked into the cathedral grounds to be met by our friendly Bishop and our new MU diocesan chaplain, the Revd David Guest from Bearsden.

The cathedral was beginning to fill up but as there was some time before the service started, I said hello to various people from MU branches across the diocese from Dumfries to Lenzie. We had a wonderful service to mark 150 years of the Mothers' Union, presided over by Bishop Nick, who gave us a very applicable address remembering the life of Mary Sumner and the foundation of the organisation plus an insight into his first

meetings with MU members in Africa and in the UK and his support of our AFIA project in Glasgow.



Members and non-members came from across the diocese to join in the worship

and the lunch that followed including a very MU blue 150 cake.

The Revd David Guest from All Saints church was commissioned as our new chaplain and the bishop and Revd Ali Mathew from St Oswald's and St Aidan's were enrolled as

members and welcomed into the organisation. Our zonal trustee for Scotland, Ann Wren acted as Deacon at the service and read out a letter from Kathleen Snow, our Worldwide President, addressed to all the members in Glasgow and Galloway. It was a splendid service with lively hymns and thoughtful prayers and it was good to come together as a group to celebrate.

As part of our celebrations, friends and family are invited to our Big Picnic at Troon. Please see the poster overleaf, and let me know if you would like to come.

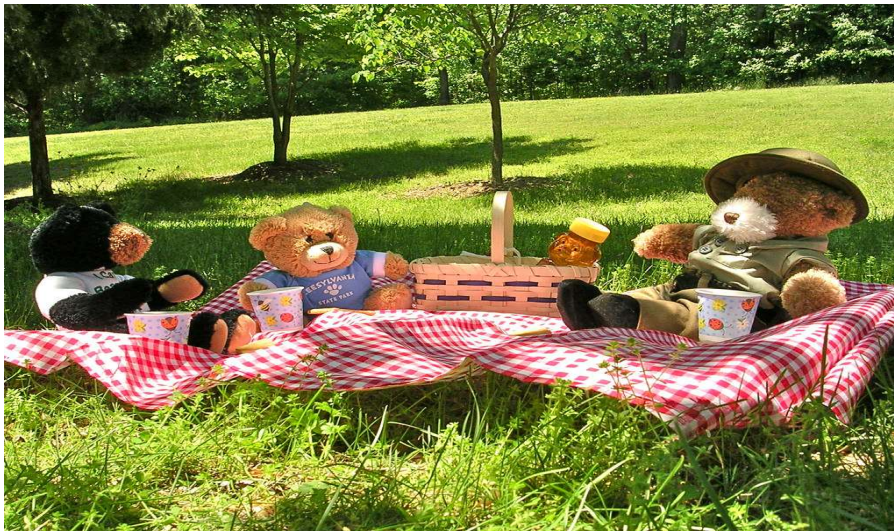
Lesley Lucas

Photos: Paul Hindle





Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
DIOCESAN BIG PICNIC



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Saturday 12th September
St Ninian's SEC Troon
12noon-3pm

Bring your own picnic and blanket to sit on -
tea/coffee and special cake provided.
Open to all and there will be lots of activities for
the children - everyone welcome.
Teddy Bear Competition - bring your teddy
bear - best dressed will win a prize

A short account of St James's Church, Goldenacre, with special reference to the mural paintings by William Hole

On Sunday 9 August 2026 my husband, Ross Burgess, and I fulfilled a long-cherished ambition. We came from the Episcopal church of St James's Goldenacre, near the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, to worship at the Episcopal church of St Ninian's, Pollokshields, and to see the mural paintings by William Hole. We were made very welcome and by way of a 'thank you' we send this short account of our church, which like St Ninian's has mural paintings by William Hole.

St James's Goldenacre was designed by Robert Rowand Anderson. By the time he won the competition to design the church in 1885 he was already a master of his craft, and was working on such prestigious commissions as Mount Stuart House for the 3rd Marquess of Bute, the McEwan Hall and Medical School for the University of Edinburgh, and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. William Hole's mural paintings at St James, painted 1894-7, led directly to the commission for mural paintings in the Hall of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

In 1894, the year of the consecration of the church, a second architect entered the picture, John James Burnet (1857-1938), brother-in-law to David Marwick, Treasurer and powerful member of the Vestry. Burnet, a Glasgow architect, designed much of the ensemble which you see today: tiled floor, decoration of the ceiling, ravishingly carved choir stalls, light fittings (in the nave as well as the chancel - a rare survival) and the scheme of mural paintings by someone both architects greatly valued, namely William Hole (1844-1917). In 1893 Hole brought his family to live in Inverleith Terrace, fifteen minutes' walk away. The death of Janet, his beloved teenage daughter, from meningitis in 1892 caused him to volunteer his services to decorate the church as he sought to assuage his grief.

Four other things to remember about William Hole are:

- (i) he trained as a civil engineer, though with a strong artistic bent;
- (ii) following a tour in Europe visiting galleries and frequenting artists he returned determined to become a professional artist himself, his chosen field being etching, for which he developed a very strong reputation;
- (iii) he gradually evolved into a major religious and historical painter, able and willing to paint on plaster, canvas or wooden panel.
- (iv) For mural paintings he used his own modification of the 'spirit fresco' technique developed by Thomas Gambier Parry, initially for his own parish church of the Holy Innocents at Highnam, near Gloucester.

Just as the decorative scheme at St Ninian's is inspired by the *Benedicite*, so the mural paintings in St James's are inspired by the great Latin hymn of St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan 374–397, the *Te Deum*. The theme of the mural paintings is clearly 'Praise' being offered by the different groups of people mentioned in the *Te Deum*. On the north wall of the chancel we have, high up, monumental figures of the four Evangelists and their symbols. Below them is a group of Prophets and then a figure of St James the Less, our patron saint, holding a model of the church with the intended spire and longer nave. Above St James is a vigorous figure of the Archangel Michael with his sword, subduing the devil.

On the south wall, facing the Prophets is a group of Apostles, followed by the 'noble army of Martyrs' and then a larger group representing the 'Holy Church throughout all the world', several of them representing well-known figures in the Episcopal Church of the 1890s. The middle level of the south wall is occupied by paintings of four great Christian Churches (St Mark's, Venice; St Francis of Assisi; St Paul's, London, and Edinburgh's Episcopal Cathedral) with the gates of the New Jerusalem through which flow the Waters of Salvation.



The martyrs and holy church mural

At the higher level, balancing the Four Evangelists, are four great Angels (Angel of Annunciation, Angel of the Agony, Angel of the Resurrection, Angel of Death – the latter holds a child on his right shoulder and leads a young woman, perhaps his daughter Janet, by the hand). Over the chancel arch facing the altar is the empty tomb asserting the Resurrection of Christ and his promise of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

The text of the *Te Deum* begins in the north-west corner of the chancel and continues right round the church. The nave and south aisle are diapered with a pattern of roses and pineapples, and the chancel with vines and peacocks. The church has outstanding stained glass by Henry Payne, Douglas Strachan and the Ballantine firm. Sculpture is represented by two notable artists, Gilbert Bayes and Charles D'Orville Pilkington Jackson. Gilbert Bayes was Master of the Art Workers' Guild in 1926, and it is a happy chance that his polychromed figures survived the removal of the 1922 Rood Beam designed by John James Burnet.

We have such happy memories of our visit of 9 August and hope there can be others: we would love to have a reciprocal visit by members of St Ninian's to St James's.

Peter Burman (words and photo)

Vestry notes from 31 May

1. Verity expressed her thanks to all those involved in the Murder Mystery Play. £500 was raised for church funds and the event was enjoyed by those who attended.
2. Revd Chris and Anne Wren had covered for Verity, and they had been appreciated the welcome they had been given and the support for Anne's organ playing challenge in aid of Mother's Union.
3. The vestry approved the appointment of two new Eucharistic Assistants – Tom Baylis and Irene Nairn.
4. Repairs to the entrance gate on Pollokshaws Road have been actioned.

Irene

Photos of the summer fayre



Photos: David Pritchard



Duty Rotas					
Date	6 September	13 September	20 September	27 September	4 October
	Creation 1	Creation 2	Patronal	Creation 4	Harvest
Reader	J Maxwell	L Lucas	D Pritchard	I Stainsby	J Whannel
Readings	Exodus 12.1-14 Ps 149 Romans 13.8-14 Mt 18.15-20	Exodus 14.19-31 Ps 103.8-13 Romans 14.1-12 Mt 18.21-35	tbc	Exodus 16.2-15 Ps 145 Phil 1.21-30 Mt 20.1-16	Exodus 17.1-7 Ps 78.1-4,12-16 Phil 2.1-13 Mt 21.23-32
Servers	E Smith J Whannel	S Martin E Smith	J Whannel S Fucito T Baylis	S Fucito S Martin	T Baylis E Smith
Elements	E Dewhurst S Fucito	E Graham W Graham	L Lucas V Davey	L Booth A Forrest	S Martin A Forrest
Intercessor	E Smith	E Rodgers	M Anderson	T Baylis	J Whannel
Coffee	E Graham E Laurie	A Marr Y Grieve	C Shearer J Maxwell	A Forrest G Hunge	L Lucas C Richardson
NOTES If you cannot do a particular Sunday, please try to arrange a substitute. Servers are responsible for setting up and clearing the Altar.					

Life at St Ninian's

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

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Do you like the format?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Do you prefer the new font/colour scheme, or the old one?	New ☐	Old ☐
Do you prefer two columns, or one?	Two ☐	One ☐
Should the back page information on home visits/baptism or confirmation/the congregational roll/magazine information reappear?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Are there any old features you would like to be brought back?	Yes ☐	No ☐
If so, what?		
Do you have any suggestions for new features?	Yes ☐	No ☐
If so, what?		
Please add any other comments below:		