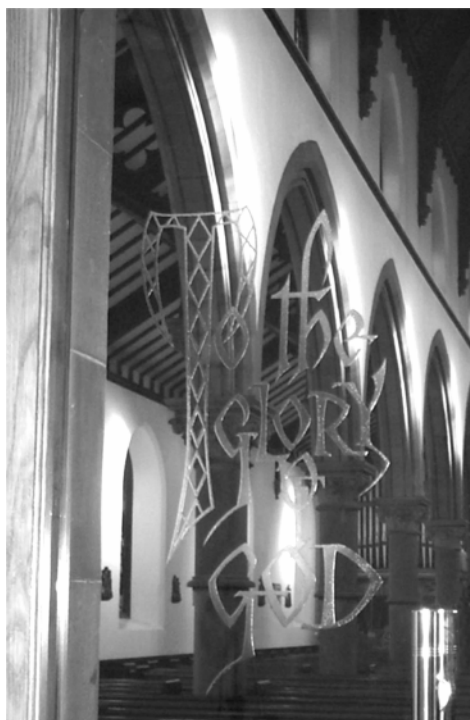


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Service Times

Sunday Services

8am Morning Prayer **8.30am** Eucharist (said)
10.15am Sung Eucharist

Weekday Services

Monday **8am** Morning Prayer **5pm** Evening Prayer
Tuesday **8am** Morning Prayer **5.30pm** Evening Prayer
6pm Eucharist (1982)
Wednesday **8am** Morning Prayer **5pm** Evening Prayer
Thursday **9.30am** Morning Prayer **10am** Eucharist (1970)
Friday **No services**
Saturday **9.30** Morning Prayer **5pm** Evening Prayer
10am Eucharist on the first Saturday of each month
(with anointing & laying on of hands) and on Coffee
Morning Saturdays

Saints' Days Eucharist as announced

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Rector Writes

Dear friends,

Bill Clinton once said during an election campaign “it’s the economy, stupid”. Well, that must haunt his Democratic successor, Barak Obama, and our own Prime Minister, Gordon Brown.

Certainly, the economic downturn threatens to put the final nail in the government’s coffin (though a year is a long time in politics and you never know). If you believe that successful economic management is the essence of politics, then when things go as spectacularly wrong as they are going now, you are bound to be in big trouble.

Well, the essence of politics is one thing, the essence of Easter quite another. If Bill Clinton were talking about *that* – and American politicians do talk rather a lot, too much for my taste, about God - I hope he might say, “it’s God, stupid”. Easter is supremely about the kind of God we believe in. Nobody puts this better than St Paul when he says of this God that He *gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist*.

In other words, the final word is always God’s, not ours. Pilate, the leaders of the Jewish community, thought they had spoken the last words about Jesus; his own followers thought they had seen the last of Him: but we have heard of Him, we live with him and in Him, we can have hope and joy, because they were wrong, because they did not have the last word: “it’s God, stupid”, not Pilate, not those who handed Jesus over, not his despairing followers.

I want to end by repeating something I said in my sermon way back on Lent 2 but which seems just as appropriate for Easter itself: celebrating this Easter God we are going to be people *who do not put their whole trust in what they or others can do or make of their lives, but who know that God is not to be written out of the script, especially when it all seems to be going wrong or hopelessly awry*.

We may come to the end of our tether, run out of steam, not know which way to turn, but in that and beyond that is God, who raised Jesus from just that, God who *gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist*. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him!

Gregor

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2009

***indicates use of incense

- 5 Sun *Palm Sunday*
8am Morning Prayer **8.30am** Eucharist
10.15am Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, Sung Eucharist
1982 Liturgy***
Holy Week Services
- 6 Mon **10am** Eucharist **7pm** Meditation and Prayer at Sherbrook
St Gilbert's
- 7 Tues **10am** Eucharist **6pm** Eucharist **7pm** Meditation and
Prayer at Sherbrook St Gilbert's
- 8 Wed **10am** Eucharist **7pm** Meditation and Prayer at Sherbrook
St Gilbert's
- 9 Thu **10am** Eucharist
12noon Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
7pm United Service of Holy Communion at Pollokshields
Parish Church
8pm Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy***, Procession to the
Altar of Repose and Watch of Prayer
- 10 Fri **9.30am** Morning Prayer and Litany
12noon - 1pm Way of the Cross: St Ninian's and St Albert's
united service at St Ninian's
1pm- 3pm Good Friday Liturgy
7pm United Service at Sherbrook St Gilbert's
- 11 Sat *Holy Saturday*
- 12 Sun *Easter Day*
8am Morning Prayer **8.30am** Eucharist
10.15am Service of Light, Renewal of Baptismal Vows,
Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy*** Parish Lunch
- 19 Sun *Easter 2*
8am Morning Prayer **8.30am** Eucharist
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy
- 26 Sun *Easter 3*
8am Morning Prayer **8.30am** Eucharist
10.15am Sung Eucharist 1970 Liturgy

MOTHERS' UNION

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

April 8th: 1.45pm: Speaker: The Very Revd Dr G Duncan
Subject: Meditation in Lent
This is an open meeting to anyone wishing to join us and refreshments are served.

May 9th: MU Summer bus outing to Loch Lomond with lunch at Balloch and returning via Helensburgh. Tickets £25. Please see Elsie Corney or Dorothy Wason.
S Moncrieff (Secretary



Please note that as the second Tuesday of March falls in Lent and the second Tuesday of April falls in Easter week, the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 12th** at 8pm in the church.
Eamonn Rodgers 583 6949

OPEN DISCUSSION
FORUM

Springtime Coffee Morning
Saturday April 18
10am - 12noon



Please note that both the April Coffee Morning and the May Coffee Morning will be held on the third Saturday of the month. Contributions to the stalls are always welcome, as is your presence and that of your friends!

Liz and Valerie wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the March Coffee Morning and Easter Egg stall.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday **April 28th, 8pm at the Rectory.**

Rory Anderson will talk on Human Rights - are they under threat in Britain?

For further information please contact:

The Rector 423 1247 or
Eamonn Rodgers 583 6949

GLASGOW SOUTH
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Tuesday April 28th at St Margaret's: Pre Diocesan Synod Meeting

Wednesday June 17th at St Aidan's: The Revd Paul Watson

Thursday September 24th at St Ninian's: AGM

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please remember Doreen Rendall, especially at this time of bereavement for her father who died very recently. Please continue to pray for Euan Rice who needs to be in hospital owing to infections, but has no quality of life in hospital. Please also remember Jimmy Kirk, Guy who has short life expectancy, Michael White with cancer and heart problems, and Edna Thomas, who suffered a fall, following her recent stay in hospital. Many thanks for your prayers

Alva Caldwell

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APRIL MINDINGS

- 1 Annie Cauley
- 6 Thomas Kennedy
Angela Joyce Merrick
Tilly Knox
- 7 Arthur Williams
- 8 Emmy Nicholson
Margaret Goldie
- 9 Florence Carey
- 11 May Harris
Janet Smith
- 13 William Gardner
- 14 Elizabeth Fraser
Andrew Cowan
- 15 Robert Bell Hannay Snr
Robert Bell Hannay Jnr
Mary Pennie

- 16 Frances Cooke
- 19 Catherine Henrietta Reid
- 20 Robert Jamieson
- 21 Tom Booth
- 25 Stewart Webb
- 26 Caroline Wyatt
Louey Middleton
- 28 Hilda Goodman

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all those at St Ninian's who sent me cards, gifts and flowers during my illness.

I am sure my recovery is down to the love and prayers of so many of you. Your prayers and kind thoughts gave me the will and encouragement to fight.

Also I am grateful to all who supported Brian through this difficult period, especially to Gregor.

God Bless,
Sylvia O'Hara

Elsie and Eric Corney would like to thank all their friends at St Ninian's for the cards, flowers etc. they received for their Diamond Wedding Celebrations. Your kindness and goodness were very much appreciated.

ELDERS HOME, KANDY, SRI LANKA

Last year members of the congregation were very generous in raising funds to assist with the setting up of the Elders Home which the Revd Paul Watson encouraged the congregation at St Paul's, Kandy, to open. The Home is now operational and there are five residents. It is hoped that in the near future three single men will be able to move to the Home and then only four places will remain to be filled. Recently Paul received a letter from two of the present residents saying how they were enjoying life in the Home and how much they valued the daily evening prayers. The staff are working well as a team and the administration is running smoothly.

Financial support is still required, however, because the Home does not yet have its full complement of residents, particularly ones who can make a reasonable contribution to costs. Paul therefore asks for our prayers that the way will become clear for the three men to move into the Home and that the management committee will be able to achieve the right balance between the financial

needs of the Home and the personal needs of applicants when selecting further residents.

To assist the Home financially the Vestry has decided that we should hold a retiring collection on Easter Sunday. Gift Aid envelopes will be available to enable tax to be reclaimed by the Church Mission Society through whom the money will be sent to St Paul's in Kandy. If you would like to contribute, but will not be at St Ninian's on Easter Sunday, donations can be given to Vivian Davey, treasurer, or any member of the Vestry.

Please support the Elders Home as generously as you can.

RATS
presents
WAITING ON ONE
(A Comedy set in a Bingo Hall)
by
Anne Downie
in The Tramway
April 23, 24 and 25 at
7.30pm
Tickets £8 (£6 concession)
available from Joyce Maxwell

Diocesan Synod - 28th February 2009

This year's Synod was held at the Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew on Saturday 28th March.

As usual we started with a Eucharist, before beginning business by hearing the treasurer tell us about the turmoil in the banking world and the effect on the Diocese accounts. Although our capital worth has decreased alarmingly we are still maintaining a relatively healthy financial state.

We heard the Diocesan Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer, Brian Woodburn, reporting that some churches had not responded to his questionnaire; I was glad that we had.

Business matters continued with a look at the Canons (regulations) that are being referred to General Synod for their second readings.

We saw several DVD's and video presentations this year, and the Bishop's lent appeal for Aquaboxes was a very good and well presented idea. We are being asked to raise money to providing these small plastic crates full of 'disaster aid' ready to be flown to anywhere where people need emergency aid; food, warm clothing, tents etc. The clever bit is that once emptied, they can be used to provide a source of clean water. They have water purification tablets and a tap included and become a real life line, supplying 5,000 cups of clean water. They cost from £50 to £80, and seem to be a really effective way to offer help. There were also presentations from Ecclesiastical Insurance, and one on Back to Church Sunday.

We debated our responsibilities on disability, and the motion to appoint a Diocesan representative was defeated in favour of churches conducting a self audit with vestries being charged with taking appropriate actions. A debate on the response to the Anglican Covenant agreed to reject it in its current form, and reaffirmed that we must seek ways to keep churches IN the communion rather than sending them OUT.

The new Ministry Development Officer told us about her new and challenging role and how she wants it to develop. We also had updates from the work of the various network groups.

However the biggest news was kept to the end when the Primus, the Most Revd Dr Idris Jones, announced in a very emotional speech that he would retire as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway at the end of July. The Bishop has been in post for 10 years, and our prayers and best wishes go with him and his wife, Alison.

As usual I am available to discuss any of the above.

Chris Zochowski, Lay Representative

SCARGILL HOUSE, WHARFEDALE

Some of you will have known of this church centre in Yorkshire and others of you will have been praying for it over the last year. I thought you might like to have an update as to what has happened. The council had major funding problems last year and decided to close the house and disperse the community. The house was to be sold and the proceeds used to establish the Scargill Foundation which would continue to help groups who were carrying out the work Scargill had done - vulnerable groups such as asylum seekers, Christian outreach and environmentally responsible action. The help would be in the form of grants from the Foundation. Almost immediately it seems that many associated with the house were unhappy with that plan and wanted the house retained. It had originally been a project of the dioceses in the north of England, especially Bradford. What has now happened is that the Foundation will go ahead with an emphasis on grants to the two first named aims, while the house has been bought by the Bradford Diocese with help from former partners of Scargill, a new community will be formed and the house will continue to serve those it has helped in the past. This will be called the Scargill Movement and is similar to the Lee Abbey Movement - as the original community was based on the Lee Abbey model. There are thus to be two groups carrying on the Scargill house name and work and both needing support. Prayers would be appreciated by both groups at this critical stage of development.

Margaret E. Anderson

Vestry notes

The vestry has held meetings in February and March. The following topics were covered:

1. We discussed the Energy report which had been commissioned by the vestry on the suggestion of the ECO group. It was decided to form a small group consisting of Mr David Pritchard, Mr David Sinclair, Mr Vivian Davey and Mr Rory Anderson (convenor). This group will come up with suggestions on what we can do in the near future and in the longer term based on the report's suggestions and will also cost out their proposals.
2. Mr Marr (who was present in his capacity of Property Convenor) listed the outstanding maintenance work due on the Church building. It was suggested that these were costed and submitted to the Vestry for its approval.
3. Work has started on planning St. Ninian's Patronal Festival.
4. It was reported that the new constitution for Pollokshields Churches Together had been passed and in the near future we will need to elect 2 alternate representatives for this organisation.
5. The treasurer circulated the financial budget for the year 09/10 and this was approved by the vestry.
6. The treasurer announced that the Rector had donated the sum of £1,000 to the church as a token of his gratitude to all that St. Ninian's had offered and taught him over the years and in thanksgiving for his ordination as a Deacon. The Rector has requested that this money be spent on the repair and restoration of the War Memorial. This money can be gift-aided. The vestry thanked the Rector for his generous gift.
7. The vestry was shown a video on child protection and Mrs Anwar gave a report on this subject. The Vestry was given the opportunity to ask Mrs Anwar any questions on procedures we need to be aware of, particularly at Kid's Events. Mrs Anwar was elected for another year to act as Child Protection Officer and Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer and was thanked for her diligent work in this area.
8. The Vestry agreed to spend £ 9,108 plus Vat (some Vat can be reclaimed) on various repairs to building including replacing the valley guttering in the vestibule area, re-plastering various areas, repair to the War Memorial, and painting work. This will be paid for from the fabric fund (£3,000), Dean's Grant (£3,500), Annual Budget for repairs (£2,000) and the donation from the Rector. The work will be undertaken by Flemings who have been doing the remedial work on the church.

9. The Treasurer suggested transferring £30,000 to a higher interest account and this was agreed.

10. A contingency plan has been drawn up if, in the future, St. Albert's R.C. Church have to abandon their church and share our building. This plan is being sent to the Bishop for approval and then the congregation will be asked to consider this.

Irene Nairn (Vestry Secretary)



'The Supper at Emmaus.' by Caravaggio.

'When we read the Gospel account, we are drawn into the scene. For Caravaggio the movement is the other way: the scene reaches out to us from the canvas. Look at the outstretched hand of Jesus, the elbow of one disciple and the left hand of the other: they are being projected into our world. And that basket of fruit, full of apples and figs and grapes, symbols of the Fall and the Eucharist: it is about to topple off the table and into our laps. An Easter encounter two thousands years ago reaching out to us through light and shade and the skill of the artist.'

The Rev Michael Burgess

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store".
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself I was standing inside.
I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care".
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for.
First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING. You need that everywhere
you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run
this race.

By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free,
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought that I had everything to do my MASTER's will.
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

SONGS and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"

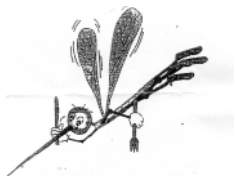
He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again I said, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said,

"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME
AGO!"

(contributed by Sheila Moncrieff)



If you think you are too small to be effective,
you've never been in bed with a mosquito!

(contributed by Dorothy Wason)

DUTY ROTAS

Date	5th April	12th April	19th April
Sidespersons	S O'Hara J Sinclair	B Smith L Lucas	J Whannel C Johnston
Readers	B O'Hara	R Anwar	R Whincop
Readings	Is 50.4-9a Phil 2.5-11 Passion Gospel	Isaiah 25.6-9 1 Cor 15.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	Acts 4.32-35 1 John 1.1-2:2 John 20.19-31
Servers	(r) J Whannel (l) C Johnston (c) P Whitton (th) I Nairn	S Whitton R Anwar C Zochowski J Whannel	C Johnston F Ipgrave P Whitton
Intercessions	S Whincop	Rector	L Osborn
Elements	E Duncan L Osborn	A Caldwell L Booth	R Anwar B Smith
Coffee	J McLean S Whincop J Ferris V Rodgers	Parish Lunch	J Sinclair D Sinclair S O'Hara B O'Hara
Welcomer	D Wason	A Caldwell	M Montgomery
Sanctuary	S Walker	J McLean	J McLean

DUTY ROTAS

Date	26th April	3rd May
Sidespersons	J McLean B Baxter	A Marr A Caldwell
Readers	V Davey	L Fleming
Readings	Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48	Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18
Servers	(r) I Nairn (l) J Ferris (c) C Zochowski (th)	S Whitton J Whannel P Whitton
Intercessions	A Caldwell	Curate
Elements	D Watson D Wason	J McLean R Anwar
Coffee	C Shearer D Wason J Gibson J Maxwell	V Rodgers B Smith Y Grieve A Grieve
Welcomer	B Smith	D Wason
Sanctuary	S Whitton	S Whitton

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Vestry Treasurer	Vivian Davey
Child Protection Officer	Rosemary Anwar
Property Convener	Allan Marr

The vestry

The Rector, Liz Booth, David Watson, Irene Nairn, Vivian Davey, Chris Zochowski, Rory Anderson, Elsie Corney, Aileen Grieve, Colin Johnston, Fiona Paton, Jim Whannel, Paul Whitton.

The Church

At St Ninian's, as in nearly all Episcopal Churches in Scotland, we reserve the sacrament of the Eucharist. From this reserved sacrament Holy Communion is given to the aged, sick or infirm at home, in hospital or in hospice to assure them of Christ's love and presence and to enfold them in the communion and fellowship of the church. The sacrament is also reserved to assure us all of Christ's constant presence with his people.

For Baptism, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, Marriages and Confession please speak to the Rector.

At St Ninian's we meet our needs largely through planned giving envelopes. Every member of the church is urged to pledge a definite amount and, if possible, to GiftAid their offering. Please apply for information and envelopes through either the Recorder or the Treasurer.

The Vestry has reluctantly decided that it is unwise to keep the church open on weekdays. If you need access at times other than the services and events posted on the notice board please phone the Vestry Secretary.

Life at St Ninian's - to contact any of the people below, please email info@stniniansglasgow.org.uk giving the name or organisation you wish to contact

Organization	Contact
Bible Reading Fellowship Library	Valerie Rodgers
Choir	David Pritchard, Isabel Stainsby
Christian Aid	Brian O'Hara
Eco-Congregation	Rosemary Anwar
Flower Guild Magazine	Richard Whincop
Mothers' Union	Elsie Corney (Treasurer)
	The Rector (Editor)
	Joyce Sinclair (Sec & Treasurer)
	55 Whitton Drive Giffnock
Paperback Book Club	Elsie Corney (Branch Leader)
	Sheila Moncrieff (Secretary)
	Dorothy Wason (Assistant Treasurer)
Pew Sheet	Rosemary Anwar
Pollokshields Churches Together Recorder	Valerie Rodgers
Sacristy Guild	Vivian Davey
Sanctuary Guild	Margaret Arrol
Servers Guild	Sandra Whitton
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	Paul Whitton
	Catherine Cumming
	Susan Walker

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