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### Church Lessons



To help you prepare for or reflect further on a service,  
here are the readings for the coming season

3 March	Lent 3	Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
10 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-end Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-end
17 March	Lent 5 Passiontide begins	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8
24 March	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14-22
31 March 11.15 am	Easter Sunday	Isaiah 65: 17-end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18
7 April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14: 10-end 15: 20-21 Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-31
14 April	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3: 14-end Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20] John 21: 1-19
21 April	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7: 1-5; 11-18 Acts 9: 36-end John 10: 22-30
28 April am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Genesis 22: 1-18 Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35
5 May 11.15 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29

You can always find the details of lessons on our website at  
[www.stmarychurchaberfoyle.org.uk](http://www.stmarychurchaberfoyle.org.uk)



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### Church Services

<b>St. Andrew's Leny Road, Callander</b>	<b>St. Mary's Main Street, Aberfoyle</b>
<p><b>Holy Communion</b> Every Sunday, 10.00am</p> <p><i>1st Sunday in the month: Holy Communion according to Book of Common Prayer (BCP)</i></p> <p><b>Midweek service in church</b></p> <p><b>BCP Holy Communion</b> every Wednesday, 10.00am</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> Every Sunday, 11.15am</p> <p><b>Balfron BCP Holy Communion</b> 3rd Sunday in the month, 8.00am St. Anthony's RC Church, Balfron</p> <p><b>Killearn Holy Communion</b> 1st Wednesday in the month, 11.30am Killearn Kirk Session Room</p>

### Easter Services

<p><u>24th March Palm Sunday</u> 10.00 Holy Communion</p> <p><u>25th, 26th 27th, March</u> 19.30 Devotion at the Kirk</p> <p><u>28th March Maundy Thursday</u> 19.30 The Last Supper, St Andrews</p> <p><u>Good Friday</u> 12.00 Devotion—St Andrews 19.30 Devotion at the Kirk</p>	<p><u>24th March Palm Sunday</u> 11.15 Holy Communion</p> <p><u>Good Friday</u> 10.30 Devotion</p>
<p><u>Easter Day</u> 10.00 Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>Easter Day</u> 08.00 Holy Communion, Balfron 11.15 Holy Communion</p>



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### St Mary's Library

Don't forget that St Mary's now has a very extensive and wonderful library of books and other articles. This is in the Church Room.

This should be resource for study and research and has a good range of material about Christianity and Christian living.

We recommend a browse and even (dare we suggest ) a borrow!

But please don't be like one of the 'Borrowers' ..... Just make a note in the book provided when you take something out. And don't forget to bring it back !

Our Editors recommend books by Karen Armstrong and Steven Chalke, to cite but two examples.

Please make use of this facility all of which has been donated generously by members of the congregation.



#### The Magazine

The Editors thank all those who have contributed to this edition.

They are very hopeful that someone will step forward to take on the role of producing and editing this magazine.

Please get in touch with either Mark or Barbara if you can help.



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### St Mary's - Can you help ?

#### Secretary to the Vestry

David Thompson has extended his term yet again. We are indebted to him and Marie.

Would someone please (nicely please) come forward and volunteer

#### Treasurer

Nick Cooke must be the longest serving Treasure of all time. Alistair Gardner has generously agreed to start taking over this role and will become Treasurer in due course. Thank you Alistair

#### Other roles—Volunteers

Can any one help with the Website ?

Can anyone help with garden work ?

**Please let One of the Vestry members or Richard know if you are willing to help or have any suggestions as to who might be willing to take on any of the above .**

**We also need a new Chairman !!**



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### From the Rector

No doubt you will be reading this article during Lent. The season starts on Ash Wednesday and continues until the Saturday before Easter. At one time, Lent was observed by the requirement of strict fasting. Shrove Tuesday came into being through a need for pancake ingredients to be utilised before Lent. Lenten fasting has long ceased, but nevertheless today some still choose give up some pleasure in obedience to Lent. One member of St Mary's congregation abstains from consumption of alcohol under his own roof, but considers it churlish to decline the offer of similar refreshment by a kindly host.

Few if any readers will own a vintage vehicle, or indeed have any interest in those who do. Such owners though have recently been affected by a radical change to the statute book. Before last November, any vehicle using the public highway needed to comply with the stringent requirements of an MOT test. Now cars and motorcycles manufactured before the year 1960 can be driven without being tested for roadworthiness. Parliament in its wisdom has relaxed such rules upon the assumption that owners of old vehicles can be trusted to maintain their pride and joy to a roadworthy standard. Many fear this trust to be both naïve and, in the absence of regulation, in danger of abuse. Perhaps those doubts are well-founded: after all a common human failing in the absence of compulsion is to delay remedying anything that might somehow be put off until tomorrow or never at all.

Today the purpose of Lent is often questioned. As believers we willingly submit ourselves to divine rule. We are though created free to live as we please: left to our own devices we all too easily discard or fall away from expected standards of love and obedience. From time to time therefore perhaps we need to be reminded of such rules and the ultimate sanction. One of the purposes of Lent might be to inwardly put our hearts and minds to a test to ascertain

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From the Rector (condt) **Recipe Corner**

whether our lives indeed comply with God's will.

Lord our God give us grace to desire you with our whole heart that so desiring we may seek and find you; and so finding we may love you; and so loving may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our

Lord  
*St Anselm*

*The Bishop's Lent Appeal.*



*Just to remind you what slum conditions look like*

**Chilled Lemon Flan**

From Carol Seymour

- Ingredients
- For the Flan Case
  - 4oz Digestive Biscuits
  - 2oz Butter
  - 1 t/s castor sugar
  - For the filling
  - 1/4 pt dble cream
  - 6oz can condensed milk
  - 2 large lemons

Crush biscuits with rolling pin. Melt butter in pan, add sugar and blend in biscuits. Mix well. Turn into a flan dish and press into sides. Bake in oven at 310F or Gas Mk 2 for 8 minutes and leave to cool. Leave in dish—do not turn out.

Mix cream, condensed milk and finely grated lemon rind. Slowly beat in lemon juice. Pour mix into flan and chill for several hours. Can be frozen.

Decorate with whipped cream before serving.



**Peter Joynson condt**

Braendam, which he called Managed Estates which is still going in Stirling.

He met his wife, Kate, at a party in Edinburgh. Kate found him “rather boring” since he talked politics and forestry. But nevertheless the relationship blossomed and on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1955 in St. John’s Church Edinburgh they were married by the Bishop of Coventry, with a honeymoon in Majorca. They have lived in quite a few houses. A year in Edinburgh at 28 Barony Terrace; Braendam, Thornhill for 10 years; Touch Moller, Cambusbarron for 7 years; The Glassert, Aberfoyle, for 20 years; Meiklewood, Gargunnoch for 4 years; Laraich, Aberfoyle for 26 years and still do. They had two children: Michael and Theresa who started life with them at Braendam.

In 1975 Peter became a Justice of the Peace and held that position for 23 years during which time he sat on the District Court. He was Chairman of the Governors of Belhaven School in Dunbar for 20 years. In 1996 Peter, who, as he says, “compiled” the book “Local Past”, (much of it from his father’s writings): a fascinating history of the area from Aberfoyle 3000 years ago to Aberfoyle in the 1980’s. It is a comprehensive book of the area and what went on in it.

Kate and Peter had many adventures together – one of the most memorable being the County Landowners Association’s Overseas tour which took members to Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania, Kenya, the Ngor Crater, Uganda, Hong Kong, Singapore, the river Kwai, South America -Which he organised and ran. They were most memorable trips.

Peter and Kate now live at Laraich and worship at St. Mary’s Church which was closed during the war. Peter and Kate went to St. Andrew’s church in Callander when they lived near Braendam; but they moved to St. Mary’s when they came to the Glassert. In the Church of Scotland in Aberfoyle, there are three glorious stained glass windows, which Peter and his sister Phoebe, gifted in memory of their Mother and father. A lifetime full of amazing memories and a privilege to listen in on the telling.

By Barbara Caruthers



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### Peter Joynson An Interview with Barbara

Peter was born at Glassert, Aberfoyle on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1928 and will be 85 in May this year. He had one sister born in 1924.. He had a nanny – Miss Cameron- and a governess for 2 years, who taught him the counties of the UK, their capitals and the rivers on which they stood, and Peter can still remember them to this day.

Then to Prep School at Ludgrove in Berkshire – aged 8- it was for boys only with 60 boys and Peter really enjoyed it. It had many playing fields with cricket and football; but on Sundays there was no running until 5 p.m. and no reading except religious reading. Following this, he went to Eton aged 12 in 1942 till 1946. They had to go to the Air Raid Shelter in the evening s as Slough had been bombed and the school was n't taking any chances. Peter enjoyed Eton immensely and in 1946 left to join the Black Watch.

When he was young he had ponies and when in the army a Major Cox would say “Now we're going hunting today”. So he went hunting with the Jedforest Hounds.

He then went to Mons college at Tweseldown near Aldershot and in 1948 for the Olympic Games Peter helped to train/discipline the horses for the pentathlon. The horses came from Germany and had to be trained to an equal standard to do the pentathlon course. His commanding officer - Medway Morris – supervised the training, which was very grueling. The Olympic Games were opened by George VI. After the Games, Peter went back to his regiment and came out of the Army in Spring 1949.

He decided he wanted to be a Land Agent and went via the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. He was there for 2 and a half years, and passed his exams, though he says he was very bad at Architecture and Drawing (“couldn't even draw a straight line”). Hunting was a “hugely enjoyable” part of his life. He hunted with various hunts including the Beaufort Hunt. “It was an idyllic life” he says.

He got a job with the Edinburgh office of the Country Gentleman's Association and worked as a land agent looking after estates and farms. In 1958 Peter started his own Land Agent Business from



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### The difficulties with Communication

What the British say	What the British mean	What others understand
I hear what you say	I disagree and do not want to discuss it further	He accepts my point of view
With the greatest respect...	I think you are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That is a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest...	Do it or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea, but do what you like
Oh, incidentally/ by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion is...	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	That is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it was their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please re-write completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options	I don't like your idea	They have not yet decided



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### Casting the Net - News

Casting the Net continues to evolve and grow in response to the experiences of people and congregations across our diocese. The diocese is currently undergoing some structural changes to better enable delivery of Casting the Net initiatives; more importantly, these changes reflect the central place of prayer, vocation and discipleship in the life of the diocese.

In 2013 we are focusing on Mark of Mission 2: *Transformed lives and communities through receiving the Good News of Jesus Christ*. Transformation is about seeing ourselves and our contexts in a new light in response to God's call to us. In Mark of Mission 2 we create opportunities for people in our congregations and our communities to know about God's transforming love for them. We do this by supporting them in all aspects of their everyday lives and through sharing the unique value, significance and experience of the Eucharist.

In 2013 CTN will be building up a team of lay learning facilitators to deliver adult education courses and lay ministry training across the diocese; CTN also continues to offer and develop Mission Action Planning, which congregations and their rectors have found to be a transformative experience.

#### CTN Events

##### **The Gathering**

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 10am-4pm, St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth*



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### Letter from John Champness

What follows are some personal thoughts of my own, which I have not discussed with either the Rector or the other members of the Vestry:-

St Andrew's and other places of worship in the region have needed costly repairs and refurbishments over the years. Our church was lovingly restored just a decade or so ago. Such refurbishments are inevitable from time to time, but resources available to finance them are gradually depleted. St. Andrew's for instance has, I think, financial assets potentially available for just one more episode of the kind we are going through now. It is a building much loved by us the congregation, but it is used for about two hours per week only. In between, whilst the hall is quite busy, the church itself is not generally actively monitored or ventilated. Yet it is a historic building, with special needs.

The first priority, I would say, is for the church to be opened up and used more. Could we encourage its use for appropriate activities that are not necessarily Episcopal Church acts of worship?

Leading on from that idea: I wonder why Christian congregations are so isolated from each other? Could we not be more flexible about when and where we worship on Sunday? That way, perhaps one building could become a focus for worship of two or even three congregations, without the burden of a large, historic but expensive building falling on just a few people.

John Champness, 4th Mar 2013



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### Lent Study Group condit

beginning to pray and exploring different methods, I would dread being asked to revisit some particular text, because I would feel I had squeezed all the meaning from it already, as blood from a stone. But now it is different. There are texts of which I never tire. One example would be the passage in Jeremiah where the prophet says, "When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you" (xxix, 13-14). I love the fact it does not say, "When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me", as though the discovery was the result of the search, in proportion to the effort applied; but it says "When you seek me with all your heart" - indeed wholehearted seeking is called for - then "I will be found by you". The passive voice seems to me so profound. There is no seeking that can cause the finding or be sufficient for it, but when the seeking is wholehearted, without reserve, then there is a finding, but it comes as pure gift: "I will be found by You." That text lifts me. It makes my heart rejoice.

So that is me delighting in language. "Pray as you can and not as you can't." It may leave everyone else cold. And let me be clear: such moments are rare. There is no inevitable spark. Usually it is a matter of simply giving time to God, as generously as I can and persevering. In the silence there will seem to be nothing, no one, no sense of presence, nothing to comfort or reassure, just silence, dull, tedious, and boring. Cardinal Basil Hume once remarked that prayer for him at its best was like being in a dark room with someone you love; you can't see them, but you know they are there. I would almost echo that except to say that I can't see them, but hope they are there. There is no unailing recipe for successful prayer, whatever "successful" might mean.

All the same, when I persevere, however blank and dark and empty and distracted the particular periods of praying may be, I find myself usually managing other responsibilities better, as though the Lord's presence, absent where it might most naturally have been anticipated, comes camouflaged at other times in my coping, taking me by surprise. When I am least expecting it, I am caught unawares. So there is a glimpse at least of what happens to me when I pray.

Now what happens to you?

Monsignor Roderick Strange is the Rector of the Pontifical Beda College, Rome.  
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### News from St Andrews

#### Dry Rot

#### A Letter from St. Andrew's, Callander.

The dry rot saga is not yet concluded, although the end is possibly in sight. Following the discovery of a further infestation last autumn there was a frustrating period of inactivity. The contractor was to quote for the additional work but, for various reasons largely weather-related, could not for some weeks.

The work recommenced at last in early February. The newly discovered fungus was high on the north vestry wall, behind the plaster, feeding on the laths and some lower roof timber. In order to limit costs (also to reduce the opportunity for fungus regrowth) we decided that, following treatment of the infestation, we would not have the upper wall re-plastered – but instead leave the stonework visible though decently repointed. Although the wall will now look darker, with the plaster and some intricate archway mouldings not replaced, the change will not be visible from most of the nave; furthermore, its unadorned stonework will be akin to that of the nave west wall.

Another setback very recently discovered is fungus infesting timbers of the Hall roof at its west end. We had known of wet rot work to be done there once the urgent Church refurbishments were complete; now this newly discovered dry rot outbreak has to be put in the "urgent" category. It must be delicately timed



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### News from St Andrew's (condt)

too: the Hall is a valuable source of St. Andrew's income – popular with hirers for its modest hourly fee; it mustn't shut for long and be allowed to languish.

This, indeed most of the other work, has been the result of inadequate identification and treatment in the 2004 repairs. These were not carried out by a qualified dry rot treatment specialist, so that together with the possible inefficiency of the architect potentially bordering on negligence, any guarantees obtained will be unenforceable. We could take this further, but think legal action and consequent delay and probably additional expense would be counterproductive.

As for what the project is costing: my calculation for the total cost of the project – with only hurried reference to our treasurer for confirmation (the copy

deadline is tight) – comes to about £55,000. £20,000 has been made available from our restricted funds lodged with the diocese, with a loan promised of a further £10,000 more. A further £10,000 has come from realisation of our (unrestricted) Epworth fund and to date about £15,000 has been raised from several small grants and congregational donation. Thus, without the loan, the project will be in the red by about £10,000, and ideally we should replace some of the reserve so hurriedly plundered.

We have hopes of the church being back in use by Easter, though sadly there is no time for the organ to be restored until a bit later.

John Champness,  
4th Mar.2013



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### Lent Study Group—Prayer

During Lent the Rector has been leading a study into Prayer. By happen-chance, The Times published an article by Roderick Strange on 2nd March, which we reproduce in the hope that it is helpful. With thanks to Margie Steven, who found this article.

#### **Seek Him with all your heart, He will be found by you**

Francis Spufford's new book, *Unapologetic*, has attracted attention. His stress on religious experience has struck a chord. The writer, Sara Maitland, has drawn particular attention to his chapter on prayer, with its description of his experience of praying, and has even suggested that bishops writing Pastoral Letters for Lent might consider following his example and letting people in their "dioceses know what happens to them when they pray. It's a bold idea, challenging people to be more personal than usual, inviting them to be open in a way with which they may not be entirely comfortable, or not comfortable at all.

When I read her remarks, it occurred to me that her suggestion need not only be appropriate for bishops. It could be a useful exercise for anyone who takes praying seriously. During Lent, Christians are encouraged to renew their commitment to prayer. What happens when you pray?

Spufford's account of his praying is supplied with humour, subtlety and sensitivity to paradox. One of its most engaging features is his ready acknowledgment of the limitations and inadequacy in the way he is expressing himself, and he recognises that his way is not for everyone. I admire and applaud. A fundamental rule for praying is that there is no single correct way. "Pray as you can and not as you can't" remains an indispensable guide. People pray differently.

Speaking for myself, over the years the way I pray has changed. And so it should have done. In my late sixties I am not praying as I did as a child at my mother's knee. That would be bizarre.

Then there are biblical texts that I have grown to love and to which I can return again and again. In my younger days, when I was