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The Bishop of Brechin writes:

Woman Bishop Elected in Swaziland

Our Companion Diocese of Swaziland made history in July when it elected Rev Ellinah Wamukoya as Bishop – the first woman bishop in the Anglican Province of Southern Africa. I have written to her to say how delighted I am with the news and to wish her every blessing in her new ministry. I am particularly thrilled because for some years I have hoped to work with a woman bishop before I retire. I look forward to furthering the mutual friendship and support which has been enjoyed by our Companion Dioceses for some years.

Readers of Grapevine will know that a three way relationship exists between the Dioceses of Brechin, Iowa and Swaziland. Brechin companioned with Iowa in 1982 following a Partners-in-Mission consultation across the Scottish Episcopal Church. I remember it well as at that time Anne and I met Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie and Terry Waite at Dunblane Hyrdro – a few years later Terry was taken hostage in Beirut.

The Swaziland Companion Link with Brechin and Iowa was inaugurated in 1989 after the three bishops met at the 1988 Lambeth Conference. It is reaffirmed following each change of bishop. I assured Bishop Meshack of my support when he visited Dundee for my consecration last October, and likewise Bishop Alan from Iowa when he visited our diocese in February this year. It seems likely that Ellinah and several other bishops-elect will be consecrated together in Pretoria early next year and I hope to be present together with Bishop Alan Scarfe from Iowa. Our triangular friendship is therefore long-standing and special within the life of the much under pressure Anglican Communion – it is Good News!

Gay Marriage

The Scottish Government has announced its intention to legislate for same sex marriage by 2015.

Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has said that she will work with the UK government to amend equality laws to protect churches from having to officiate at those unions unwillingly. She indicated that the Government understood the deeply held and religious views both for and against same sex marriage: “we are committed to a Scotland that is fair and equal and that is why we intend to proceed with plans to allow same sex marriage and religious ceremonies for civil partnerships.”

Two thirds of those 80,000 people responding to the Scottish Government’s consultation (not referendum) opposed changes allowing same sex marriage. In submitting its response to the consultation, The Scottish Episcopal Church stated that “The Canon on Marriage currently states that marriage is a physical, spiritual and mystical union of one man and one woman created by their mutual consent of heart, mind and will thereto, and as a holy and lifelong estate instituted of God.” A recent Dundee Courier editorial said: “Faith groups may have legitimate concerns... but the Scottish Government has done its best to square the right to religious freedom with the right of consenting adults to marry who they choose.” Meanwhile the Scottish Episcopal Church has

issued a statement noting the Government’s intention to legislate for same sex marriage and stating that the Church will engage with the consultation process on the draft Bill when it is published and expects to respond through the Faith and Order Board of the General Synod.”

The issue for the churches is clear – how involved do we wish to be in these permissive but not mandatory arrangements? I guess there may be debates in forthcoming General Synods of the Scottish Episcopal Church to discuss the proposals, our response to the legislation and any canonical changes to the definition of Christian marriage and the pastoral and liturgical practice we may require. I recall how in the 1980s churches in these islands grappled with the issue of accommodating divorcees in subsequent marriages, reflecting the reality of wider society. A great deal of pastoral good came out of a generous approach, many people finding new acceptance in their relationships within the Church. Whether the same can be said of same sex marriage remains to be seen.

Within Brechin Diocese we hold a range of views about same-sex relationships, civil partnerships and marriage, each held with Christian conviction. As Bishop I equally abhor homophobia and the casual dismissal of traditional values. I hope we can have a generous conversation about the issues both within the life of our Church and in our engagement with public debate. Not least because it is a measure of the integrity of our faith and mission in the 21st century.



Coming to Broughty Ferry

On Saturday, 22 September the Rev'd Professor Francis Bridger will be instituted as Rector of St Mary's, Broughty Ferry and his wife, Helen, will take office as Associate Rector.

By way of introduction they write:

It's always an exciting thought to be moving to a new ministry, but even more so to be doing so in a new diocese and indeed a new country. So we are very much looking forward to becoming the Rector (Francis) and Associate Rector (Helen) of St Mary's, Broughty Ferry in an innovative jobshare arrangement that will be as new to us as to the parish!

Francis was ordained in 1978 in London where he served a four year curacy in an inner city church on the edge of Hackney and Islington. After that, he moved to St John's College, Nottingham as Lecturer in Social Theology and Ethics to train men and women for ministry, and, incidentally meet Bishop Nigel for the first time.

Then came parish life for nine years as Vicar of St Mark's, Woodthorpe, a suburb on the northern edge of Nottingham. Following this, in 1999 he was appointed as Principal of Trinity College, Bristol – another Church of England theological college – where four years later he and Helen met, she having gone there

in 2003 to train for ordained ministry. We were married in December 2004 and Helen was ordained the next year in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Prior to her ordination training, Helen worked for seven years at the Nottingham Trent University as a pastoral adviser to students. At the same time, she worshipped at an inner city church in Nottingham where she became involved in lay ministry and community groups.



Fast forward to 2005 and yet another move! We flew west to Southern California where we spent three happy and rather unusual years immersing ourselves in life and ministry. Francis joined the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena as Visiting Professor of Pastoral Theology, and then full time Ecclesiastical Professor of Anglican Studies. He also set up, and became Executive Director of, the Fuller Centre for Anglican Communion Studies which

continues to the present day. Meanwhile, Helen served first as a deacon and then as a priest for two congregations in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

In 2008 we moved back to Nottingham. Francis continued working for Fuller as the director of a long term research project, and also part-time as Principal of the East Midlands Ministry Training Course until its closure earlier this year. Meanwhile Helen served as a curate in three churches in and around Nottingham and also worked part time at Nottingham City Hospital as a volunteer chaplain.

In 2010 we set off for Norfolk, for Helen to take up a position as Chaplain at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn, a pastoral role which she has been privileged to occupy and which very much built upon her years at Nottingham Trent.

Along the way Francis has written a number of books on a variety of topics including: ministry to children; pastoral counselling; the death of Princess Diana; Harry Potter; the credibility of Christian faith; and grief, loss and bereavement.

Our move to the Diocese of Brechin is an exciting step for us as we seek to serve the people of Broughty Ferry and get involved in the life of the diocese – we can't wait to be there!

Clergy Retreat at St Drostan's, Tarfside, 13 – 16 June

Those who attended the clergy retreat were very fortunate to be led by The Venerable Janet Henderson. Janet is at present serving as Archdeacon



of Richmond in the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds, covering 180 churches in West Yorkshire and the Dales. Janet has a wealth of experience working as a nurse in haematology and renal units, parish priest, and a college lecturer in Nottingham and Cambridge.

In the peaceful setting of St. Drostan's Lodge Janet invited us to explore our vocation in ministry and to acknowledge where God was leading us, what energized our ministry and what God was calling us to be.

Enjoying the peace and tranquillity of Tarfside it was a time of fellowship and worship, good food and wine.

I hope that the other clergy attending also felt energized when they returned to their ministerial duties.

Jane Nelson

Swaziland Election

On Thursday, 19 July the Anglican Communion News Service published the fact that history had been made the previous day – the Rev'd Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya became the bishop-elect of Swaziland and the first woman bishop in any of the 12 Anglican Provinces in Africa. It is thought she is only the second bishop elected in a mainline church on the African continent.



Her election comes as The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (which also includes Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Lesotho) commemorates 20 years since the ordination of women to the priesthood as priests and bishops.

The Rev'd Ellinah Wamukoya was one of five nominated candidates. She subsequently received the required two-thirds majority in both houses of laity and clergy in the 12th ballot as the Electoral Assembly met late into the evening of 18 July. The Assembly was described by one observer as a "particularly spirit-filled atmosphere" and there is said to be much excitement in the diocese over her election. Founded in 1968 the Diocese of Swaziland comprises three archdeaconries: Eastern Swaziland, Southern Swaziland and Western Swaziland. Her predecessor, who retired at the end of last year, was the Rt Rev'd Meshack Mabuza, who became bishop of Swaziland in 2002.

The Most Rev'd Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, said, "The election of the Rev'd Ellinah Wamukoya as Bishop of Swaziland, the first woman to be a Bishop in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, is a great joy. When it was announced that she had received the necessary votes, there was great rejoicing both that a person of undeniable skills and personal qualities had been chosen, and that it was Ellinah herself, who obviously commands considerable respect and affection across the Diocese of Swaziland."

"It is rather fitting," the Archbishop noted, "that the Diocese of Swaziland should elect our first woman to be a Bishop, since it was here, 20 years ago, that, amidst both tears and joy, our Provincial Synod agreed that both the priesthood and episcopate should be open to both men and women. We have waited a long time for this moment!"

With a Master's degree in Town and Regional Planning, the Rev'd Ellinah Wamukoya, aged 61, was until recently the Town Clerk of Manzini Municipal Council, overseeing an organisation with some 380 employees, having previously served as the City Planner. She returned to Swaziland in 1990, having worked as a Planning Officer for the Government of Kenya from 1978 to 1990. She met her Kenyan husband, Okwaro Henry Wamukoya when, after completing a BA in Geography and African Languages at the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, she furthered her studies in the Netherlands. The couple have three married adult children, and a fourth younger child.

Having long been active in the Anglican church, she was ordained in 2005, and has served as assistant priest, then priest-in-charge, at UNISWA (the University of Swaziland). Bringing her planning and people skills to bear, in the difficult financial situation of

a country where so many live in considerable poverty, she helped her congregation develop a strategic plan, which has led to their numbers growing beyond staff and students to include also members of the surrounding community. In this, she has been a firm believer in developing lay ministry across the life of the church. "She is someone who will set a direction, both operational and spiritual, and develop a vision for the future," said a friend, of her potential to provide leadership as a Bishop. "She is a restorer of hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's followers, who has helped believers to connect to Christ, the church and their communities."

The election has to be confirmed by the members of the Synod of Bishops of the Province. When that happens, the Rev'd Ellinah Wamukoya will become the 24th non-retired female bishop of the Anglican Communion.

As there are several other dioceses in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa electing bishops before the end of this year, it is likely there will be one big consecration service for them all, early in 2013.

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 ○ succeed, destroy all ○
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THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Scottish Episcopal Church Lay Readers Conference

18 - 20 May 2012

On a rather chilly Friday afternoon in May, three of us from the diocese arrived at Tulliallan Police College to join over thirty Lay Readers, for the second national Lay Reader Conference to be held in Scotland. The theme for the weekend was "The Word in the World".

The conference provided an opportunity to consider the role of the Lay Reader in the 21st Century Church and to learn about the diversity of work carried out by Readers in the seven dioceses.

The accommodation was comfortable, the food hearty and sustaining. We had time to meet up with old friends and make new ones over the weekend.

We were extremely fortunate to have The Rev'd John Knowles, Warden of Readers in the Diocese of Chester, as the main speaker at the conference. Having nearly 500 Readers in his diocese he brought a wealth of experience of the highs and lows of Reader Ministry. He had also served as a Non-Stipendiary Priest in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway so he was well aware of cultural differences between the SEC and the Church of England.

On the Friday evening and on the Saturday afternoon, John led excellent Bible Studies on parts of Ezekiel, entitled "Fill your Stomachs!" and "Fill your Hearts!"

He told us to be like Ezekiel and fill our mouths and our stomachs with the scriptures. We had to read the scriptures to be able to preach. If we didn't take them in and absorb them, we couldn't give them out again in preaching.

We were urged as preachers of the Word to have, "hearts of flesh and foreheads of flint". We were to be like Ezekiel and preach whether people listened or not! He said that if God was sending us out to preach the Word, then it was not our job to worry about how it was received.

On the Saturday morning, The Rev'd Canon Ian Paton led us through the new Liturgy of the Word Service. He explained its origins and showed how it could be used as a Sunday morning service.

The vexed question of Lay Readers taking Services of Holy Communion with Reserved Sacrament was discussed and we were told that the Service of the Word was seen as the preferred option for Reader use by the College of Bishops.

Canon Paton's talk was informative and interesting and he urged Readers to try out the new Service of the Word with their congregations and report how it was received to the Liturgy Committee. As part of the worship during the weekend a Reader from the Glasgow Diocese led a Service of the Word on the Sunday morning.

There were four interesting workshops to choose from on the Saturday: "The Permanent Diaconate" led by the Rt Revd John Armes and Rev'd Dr Anne Tomlinson, "Ritual and Ceremonial" led by Reader Alan Hall, "The Word in your Local School" led by Reader Nerys Brown and "The Word in the Environment" led by Reader Richard Murray.

John Knowles final session was called, "Looking back and looking forward" a historical survey of Reader Ministry. It was entertaining and motivational helping to prepare us for the closing

Eucharist celebrated by John with an excellent address from The Primus, who joined us on the Sunday morning.

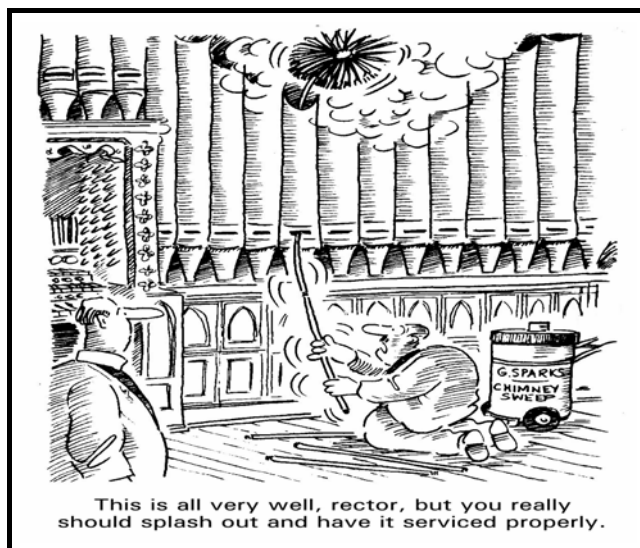
One slogan that John repeated throughout the weekend was, "Life's a campaign, not a holiday!" Food for thought as we left the lovely Georgian splendour of Tulliallan Castle to return to our homes.

Now we're looking forward to the next conference in 2014.

Linda Walls



Linda Walls, Robert Pemble and Jean Forbes
outside Tulliallan Castle



This is all very well, rector, but you really should splash out and have it serviced properly.

Diocesan Communications Day
**Getting your Message across
Effectively**

St Mary's, Arbroath
Saturday, 29 September 2012
10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome but please book a place

COMMUNICATION

(derived from the Latin *communis*, to share)

"This is no time for reticence. Unless it can be communicated, what is meant to be Good News for all men everywhere becomes a frozen asset." J B Phillips (1906-1982)

Though the above was written in 1960 I believe it is just as relevant today. We are constantly being told in the media that the Church is becoming irrelevant to society. In order to counter these articles we need to learn to use the media effectively and that means the traditional forms such as newspapers and the more modern methods often grouped together as social media.

Whatever the method used it is clear that communication between congregations and with the surrounding communities is very important and possibly something we could all do better. Consequently, the Diocese is organising a day to learn more about communicating effectively and providing an introduction to social media. Everyone is welcome to come.

The day will include:

- A talk by the Bishop of Brechin (Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton) on the importance of communication and the renewal of the **Diocesan Website**;
- A talk on how to write an effective **Press Release** by the Provincial Communications Officer, Lorna Finley;
- An introduction to **Social Media** by the IT Officer from the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, Mary McKinnell; and,
- Last but certainly not least, **Lunch**.

Please ring Jean Kelty on 01382-562244 or email her at office@brechin.anglican.org to book a place. To find out more about the day please contact Karen Willey on 01241-870986 or email her at klw@iqx.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee
Sunday, 7 October at 11 a.m. **Harvest Festival** followed by Harvest Lunch
Saturday, 3 November, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Autumn Coffee Morning – try our delicious scones with jam and cream!

Diocesan Youth Walk – 27 May



At St Mary's, Arbroath – ready to go!



Walking on the cliff-top



Cooling off on the shore at Auchmithie



Picnic time at St Peter's Auchmithie

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission Scotland supports people in many countries who are suffering from leprosy, which is now a treatable disease.

The Dundee Area Committee of which I am a member, meet on the last Friday of the month in September, October, November, January, February and March at Hillbank Evangelical Church in Cotton Road, Dundee. This runs from Alexander Street (Dens Road end) south towards Victoria Road. In September, October, November and March, the meeting is at 7.30 p.m., but in January and February, we meet at 2 p.m. in case of more severe weather.

There is a time of worship together, followed by a speaker, who is involved with leprosy work or has recently visited an area where leprosy is still being diagnosed and treated. The

session finishes with a cup of tea or coffee and chat.

Christmas cards, calendars and diaries in aid of the Mission will be on sale at the 3 autumn meetings. The speakers at these are:

- September 28 at 7.30 p.m.
Douglas Barr who has recently visited Bangladesh
- October 26 at 7.30 p.m.
Ian Black who has visited India with Compassion International
- November 30 at 7.30 p.m.
Swarthick Salins from Velemegna Hospital, Karnataka, India, which was founded by his parents.

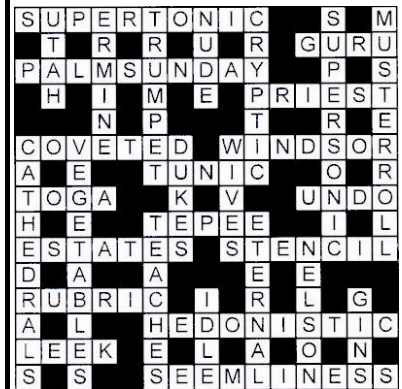
If anybody requires further information, please contact Judy Robinson (tel. 01382 645305), who is the Episcopal Church representative on the Area Committee.

Judy Robinson

MYSTERY SOLVED

There were slightly fewer correct entries for the crossword in the last edition. Someone said it was harder, but the compiler didn't think so!

The correct solution was:



The winner picked at random was Bishop Ted Luscombe.

There's another crossword on page 11.

Comment

In one of my early comments, written at a time when I was very interested in the psychology of politics, I mentioned that political parties ranged both on a horizontal axis from Left to Right, and a vertical axis ranging from Tough-minded to Tender-minded. In the UK, unlike France, our parties lie on the former axis, with the Labour Party traditionally sitting on the Left; the Liberal Democrats sitting right of the Labour Party, but still, as a radical party, far left of centre, and the Conservatives, as their names suggests, on the far right.

In recent times there have been two interesting anomalies, Blair's New Labour moving to the right of the Lib Dems, and now Nick Clegg's Lib Dems going into a coalition with the Conservatives, thus ensuring the inevitable extinction of his formerly progressive party. He may have managed to get government posts for himself and his cronies, but with the shrivelling of his power base, it is inevitable that the Tories will eventually revoke the Coalition, and so many refreshingly original

and humane ideas be lost to British politics. In the past the Liberals held the balance of power between the two main parties, allowing neither the selfish paternalism of the far right, nor the iconoclasm of the far left: damage balanced legislation. Christians should be concerned about what is happening not only at Westminster, but also at Holyrood. In the event of Scotland gaining independence, a parliament dominated by two parties; one or both of which may be more tough-minded than parties in Westminster, it is not only prudent that we create an upper house to monitor parliament's legislation, but also ensure a vital, moderate, democratic input.

I have always believed that the soul of a nation lies in its countryside. Destroy the image its inhabitants have of the physical structure of their land, and they become lacking in both confidence and optimism. The destruction of much of what were once the most beautiful parts of England has already, in my opinion, under-

mined the English. Despite carefully produced programmes like *Midsomer Murders*, and *Miss Marple*, where very cleverly selected remaining beauty spots show an unspoiled rural England, the truth is very different. In Scotland, our present government treats our outstanding countryside with the mercantile indifference of a Brazilian logging company. The selling off of one of Europe's dune site of special scientific interest to U.S. developer Donald Trump; the insensitive destruction of hundreds of square miles of wild life habitat for wind farms; the pressure on Scottish Natural Heritage to make obtaining permits for wild life surveys much more difficult so that development is unimpeded by the discovery of protected species on a proposed building site, are only three examples of this erosion of our wonderful landscape. Even with our tremendous wins in the Olympics, the Scottish persona would be sadly affected if this destruction of our national heritage continues.

Francis D. Bowles

Marriage?

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master — that's all."

And who gets to define 'marriage' — the state, a Christian church or who else?

The state is concerned with marriage primarily as it affects the social order and property rights. The church is concerned about being faithful to divine teaching and about people's salvation. The church's guidance and laws are for her own members. So there have regularly been differences between what the church allows and what the state allows.

Our canons are quite clear that 'marriage is a physical, spiritual and mystical union of one man and one woman...' (Canon 31)

The SEC authorised marriage services are clear that marriage is between a man and a woman, with the 2007 service referring to "husband and wife" and it being "a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh."

The parties to a Christian marriage are a baptised woman and man, free to contract a marriage, who freely express their consent. However if only one of the parties is a Christian then the prayer is, with Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:14, that the unbelieving husband may be consecrated through his wife and the unbelieving wife consecrated through her husband.

If neither party accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour, then what takes place is a natural marriage which, if one or both partners become Christian, can then partake of the sacramental nature of Christian marriage.

The intention in the marriage service is that the marriage is seen as a life-long commitment — "till

death us do part" — reflecting Jesus's words "what God has joined together let no one put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). Following Mark and Luke and Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:10, remarriage after divorce, whilst the spouse from the first marriage is still alive, is contrary to the mind of Christ.

The term 'divorce' has a number of different meanings. Sometimes it is used to describe situations where the marriage itself was null. For example, a 'shotgun marriage' where consent was coerced, the civil law process leads to a divorce; but in terms of church teaching, there was no marriage in the first place. In such a case the partners are free to marry.

Divorce is sometimes used to describe a judicial separation. However, in such a case the marriage vows are not dissolved although the couple live apart.

Divorce is also used to mean the dissolution of a marriage so that both parties are free to contract further marriages.

The SEC, in common with most of the churches except the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches has allowed the state to set the goal-posts as to what constitutes divorce in the sense of freeing people to contract a second marriage whilst the spouse from the first marriage is still alive. The criteria for a legal divorce have changed over the past 150 years from adultery alone to today including separation for 5 years without mutual consent. As a result the legal definition of nullity is too narrow for Christian teaching and the grounds for divorce are far too wide. If marriage is to be compared to the relationship between Christ and the Church, then five year's desertion and apostasy would seem to be the maximum time that Christ would give us before declaring the relationship ended.

Paul (Ephesians 5:32) speaks of marriage as a great mystery and compares it to the relation between Christ and the church. The Latin translation of mystery is sacrament.

In the Greek Orthodox church a first marriage is fully sacramental. If however there is a divorce, then the liturgy of a second marriage has a significant penitential rite and is not considered to be of the same sacramental significance as the first.

The state has also intervened to limit the degrees within which marriage is prohibited and the age at which people can be married, and made it more difficult to marry people from outside the European Union.

There are significant threats in the use of the same word for state and church marriages.

Suppose the Scottish Parliament legislates for same sex marriage. The Equality Act demands that anyone performing a public service should not discriminate on grounds of gender. Officiating at a marriage can be seen as a public service (it does not have to be done by a public authority or even be a paid task) and so refusal to conduct a same-sex marriage could render the minister liable to prosecution. It will be interesting to see what safeguards Nicola Sturgeon suggests if the Scottish Parliament legislates for same-sex marriage.

In an increasingly secular society the state rather than the church becomes the master in defining the terms of public discourse. Not wanting the church to give up the term marriage without a struggle I would want it to have a clearer vocabulary to discriminate between a Christian marriage (holy matrimony?) and a civil partnership.

I would propose that all partnerships (same-sex or different-sex) be registered by the civil authority so that legal and property rights are covered. Thereafter if the couple wish a religious ceremony in addition (a blessing or a marriage), they could request one. In that way the SEC could exercise its own marriage discipline without needing to worry about the views taken by a secular state.

David Mumford



I helped to set up my first Messy Church in August 2008. At that point there was a real buzz about what was then called 'emerging church' but there were relatively few projects in Scotland. When we started there were only two Scottish Messy Churches registered on the Messy Church website. Then from around 2010 a lot of new projects started, and I became the Regional Co-ordinator for Messy Church in Scotland (a responsibility I now share with two others). There are now 60 Scottish Messy Churches on the website, and I estimate the same number who have not registered. A significant proportion of Episcopal churches have tried Messy Church, but there are also Messy Churches based in other denominations, as well as several ecumenical ones.



For some time there has been a lot of interest amongst the churches which are part of the Porvoo Communion in finding new ways of being church. This is not just a pragmatic attempt to fill the gaps left by over-stretched rural priests, or a way of drawing people back into our traditional services; but a positive excitement about finding new ways of connecting with a culture that is increasingly viewed as post-Christian. Much of the academic work on this was started by Roman Catholic theologians developing models of an 'encultured church'. It has been developed further by a range of writers, not least John and Olive Drane at St Andrews University. Messy Church is part of this movement and sits alongside other new ways of doing church.

Innovative forms of worship are important to this movement (e.g. monthly Youth Church, meditation group, Taizé or Iona worship). Interest has recently been further fanned by the acceptance at the 2012 Synod of the 'Truly Called Two' report, which states this is a "Kairos moment", when we have been called to fresh ways of looking outward; ways that are still informed by and value our episcopal heritage.

So what is this recipe for church? Messy Church is a way of introducing new families to church through activity-based church service. It is an all age church (not just a children's service) and includes a welcome, a time for activities, a Bible-based celebration, and a meal together. Messy Church has perhaps proved so popular because it is a very flexible model (and with a kitchen and some creativity it's fairly straightforward to do). About half of Scottish Messy Churches are in rural settings but it has also worked well in towns and cities (including urban priority areas).

As many of our Messy Churches approach their second birthday (and perhaps come to the end of the second Messy Church book) what are the likely challenges ahead?



After two years some of our volunteers have moved on or got tired, and some of the replacements have been from local churches. Ecumenism seems a natural feature of emerging church (and is certainly something that I have noticed elsewhere). I also think that family outreach

naturally tends to become focused towards the younger children, with a majority of women participants and an assumption that people are coming from a Christian background – and that you have to work hard at maintaining relationships with families as their children get older. All of these factors mean that periodic reviews are really useful. They not only help us notice and address these changes in the Church but are also a good way of helping new team members to start to think strategically about what they are doing.



As time has passed the boldness of calling what we do 'church' has sunk in. As I get to know families I'm particularly challenged as to whether what we do is enough to help them develop or sustain a vibrant faith. We perhaps lack the challenge of living in a real Christian community. If we are to disciple people do we need to meet more than once a month? We have lots of Bible teaching but no sacraments, which again is a real challenge to a model that is largely lay led.

If you want to meet other Messy Church teams and explore some of these issues then join us and Lucy Moore (who is the person who pioneered the development of Messy Church) on 13 October in Edinburgh for a day's training at St Thomas' Episcopal Church, Corstorphine (cost: £10). For more information about Messy Church or to book a place please email me at reubenaddis@yahoo.co.uk.

Reuben Addis



in collaboration with Dementia Positive

Faith in Older People

present a one-day workshop on

Creative Communication

Finding ways to connect with people with dementia

28 September 2012, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Aberdeen Arts Centre,

33 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AA

(booking is essential; a course flyer is available on the website address given below)

The seminar starts with the perspective that while the experience of dementia presents profound difficulties to the individual and those around them, it can also include personal growth and discovery, joy and well-being, and rich new possibilities for connectedness and relationships. The focus will be on exploring ways of connecting with persons with dementia through language, non-verbal communication and creative activities, and finding new ways to savour and celebrate our shared humanity. It will look at how genuine communication and compassion in relationships address the spiritual needs of both persons with dementia and those who support them. It will offer ideas and perspectives, together with very practical approaches, which draw on the experience of the presenters, and from a wide range of others including people with dementia themselves. Words, stories, images and films will convey these messages in a warm, humorous and memorable fashion.

This workshop will be fully participatory with illustrative activities and opportunities for discussion.

This workshop will appeal to all of those involved in supporting people with dementia, including those with an interest in the subject of spirituality.

The facilitators will be:

Kate Allan is a psychologist whose interests include communication, creativity and well-being in dementia.

John Killick is a writer who has championed the role of the arts for people with dementia for 16 years.
Website: www.dementiapositive.co.uk

Further information available from:

Faith in Older People

21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

Tel: 0131 346 7981

Website: www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk

Faith in Older People

- celebrates ageing and spiritual values
- develops an understanding of spiritual care of older people.
- offers support and training to pastoral carers and ministers on an ecumenical basis and amongst people of other faiths.

Ecumenical service of witness against Trident at Faslane

The Dean of Brechin was one of the worship leaders at the Eastertide ecumenical service of witness against Trident.

Participants in the annual service of witness against Trident at the nuclear base at Faslane on Saturday, 31 March included the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, the Rt Rev'd Joseph Toal, the Very Rev'd Alan McDonald, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Dean of Brechin. Some 200 people filled the north gate of the base and heard speakers condemn the possession and use of weapons of mass destruction and call for governments to seek alternatives to violence and war in settling disputes.



The Dean of Brechin, speaking, with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles in the black suit to the left (behind the amplifier) and the Rev'd David McClachan, chair of Scottish Clergy against Nuclear Arms, on the right

If you want more information, please contact:
David Mumford, St Andrew's Rectory, 9 Castle Street,
Brechin DD9 6JW. Tel. 01356 622708.

The Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (Brechin Diocese)

are having a

LINKS Summer Gathering

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

St James' Church Hall, Stonehaven

from 1.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

**The speaker will be Canon Valerie Nellist
(Convener of the Provincial Overseas Committee)**

**Further details from Rosemary Eddy
(tel: 01382-667119)**

And Then It Happened...

Beautiful as the Christmas story is, we would always like to know more. How did Mary and Joseph react to the angel's message? What did the shepherds think about the heavenly chorus on the hills above Bethlehem? Why was the donkey so important in the Christmas story? What was his name? How was it that the wise men caused so much trouble and almost wrecked God's best-laid plans? How did the Holy Family escape?



For several years, David Shepherd has been writing stories and plays for the children at St Mary Magdalene's Church in Dundee. Now he has collected his Christmas stories together into one book entitled: *And Then It Happened ... The Christmas Story and a little bit more*. These are eighteen stories designed to be read by parents and children in the weeks immediately before Christmas. The stories have proved so popular that he has decided to put them on Kindle – so that they may have a wider audience.

David is now putting together a second collection of his Sunday stories: *John Mark lives in Jerusalem* which is about Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost seen through the eyes of a child living in the house with the Upper Room, where so many crucial historical events took place.

Copies of the original book *And Then It Happened...* are available from the Rev'd David Shepherd, 14 Albany Terrace, Dundee, DD3 6HR; or 'phone 01382 223510.

NEW FACILITIES

On 3 May 2012 Bishop Nigel inaugurated a new disabled toilet and shower and additional toilet and shower facilities at St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside.

St Drostan's Lodge provides accommodation for groups and families, is located in the heart of Glenesk and is open to all, it being the only provider of low cost accommodation in the Glen.



The Lodge is used by a wide variety of different groups from throughout Angus and NE Scotland. Over recent years, families in the Glen have recognised that the Lodge is an excellent location for family reunions, and there is very heavy demand around the time of the Tarfside Games. This is an extremely useful contribution to the family life of the Glen as there are now no other accommodations nearby.

The Trustees decided to refurbish the old existing Ladies WC and shower room area to make an "Ambulant Disabled WC/Shower room" and a separate "WC and shower room"; these modifications result in the Lodge having an additional shower and WC in a room particularly designed for those who are less able (but not wheelchair bound) in addition to a separate new WC and shower. An average of 1100 people a year use the Lodge and, as many of the regular groups are increasing in age, this is a facility which will directly benefit users.

The project has been funded by grants from the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme and the many friends of St Drostan's Episcopal Church and Lodge who gave personal donations.

Olympics at St Ninian's

In early August 25 children and 10 leaders participated in a holiday club at St Ninian's Mid Craigie with the title On Your Marks..... This was built round an Olympic Pentathlon theme, with 5 different games over 5 days, stories from St Mark's Gospel and country-themed snacks and crafts. We were helped to pay for it by a grant from the Dunderdale Endowment Fund.



Above Team Italy parades at the Opening Ceremony with Olympic torches and below is the Olympic theme dance warm up.



Outpost of Glory

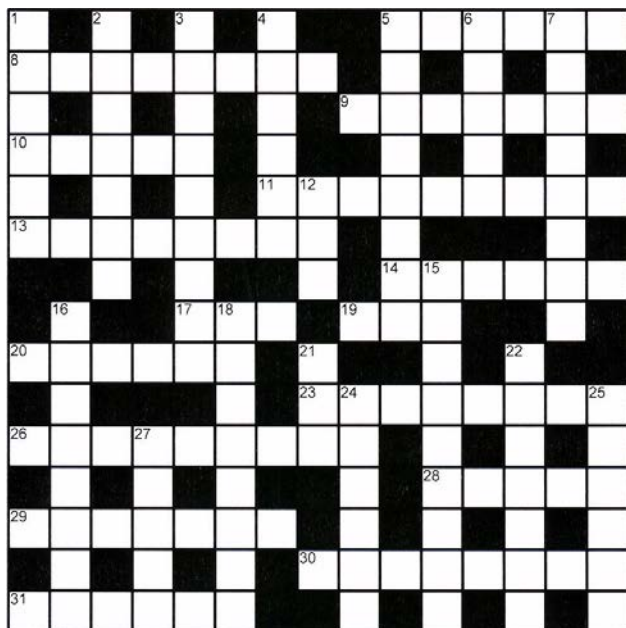
She went through her pockets and found 20 pence. Putting it into our church's Restoration Fund, she said: "I don't want this church to close."

These are true stories from Dundee's Hilltown, told not so much from the Lord's Vineyard as from Secularism's Scrapheap, reflecting upon the Church's ministry to the least, the last and the lost.

Outpost of Glory by Clive Clapson is a series of reflections in prose and poetry on ministry at St Salvador's in one of Scotland's most deprived and challenging urban neighbourhoods. Available from Amazon at <<http://tinyurl.com/c8pc86a>>.

CRYPTIC PRIZE CROSSWORD

Autumn is nearly here – time to relax in an armchair! Send your entries in to the editor at the address on the back page by Saturday, 3 November 2012 at the latest and make sure you put your name and address in the box provided.



CLUES ACROSS:

- 5 The Rev turn this place into a sty! (6)
- 8 Greet a woman via a mare (3,5)
- 9 Suitcases for an upper class gaggle? (7)
- 10 Looks as if the holy man penned his own identity (5)
- 11 His curate had a celebration (9)

- 13 Blow a north-east breeze

on a stone monument (8)

- 14 Does she reach fifty? (6)

Listen! What Professor Higgins' pupil said (3)

- 19 Like a quiet viper (3)

Advertisement of a rag leads to a pig of a place (6)

He carries something made of copper and iron (8)

- 26 Her bite heals (9)

- 28 Sear yttrium for a long time (5)

- 29 Can an angel be a girl? (7)

- 30 The denomination for Earl Hunt (8)

- 31 Only the Gestapo can get these (6)

- 6 Sweeten an American rag (5)

- 7 Greet Sir to have your name put in it (8)

- 12 Ash container? (3)

- 15 Hidden between the Testaments (9)

- 16 Vernacular 8 (4,4)

- 18 Lambs err when they see them (8)

- 21 Deed of a count (3)

- 22 A very loud tune played many times (7)

- 24 The ushers monkey about (6)

- 25 Object to it having been despatched again (5)

- 27 Slave motor goes over the pole (5)

CLUES DOWN:

- 1 Clean five hundred for a source of light (6)

- 2 Put me in the quire for the solemn service (7)

- 3 Abler hand needed to style this facial hair (9)

- 4 Shout of delight when a pip hits you in the eye! (6)

- 5 Make over such tokens (8)

Name

Address.....

St Salvador's Church, Dundee

invites everyone to join in their annual festival
on the feast of

The Triumph of the Holy Cross

Friday, 14 September

at 7 p.m.

The celebrant will be Bishop Nigel

The guest preacher will be

The Rev'd Canon Mel Langille

(Synod Clerk of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness)

Cantiones Sacrae will be singing the
setting of the Mass

There will be a reception after the service

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee



Christine Mollison and Judey Struth stand in front of the new baptismal gates which were blessed on Mothering Sunday, 18 March. They were dedicated in memory of Christine's father, Andrew Ballantyne, and Judey's baby, Georgia Struth.

Music in the Cathedral

Choral Evensong at 6 p.m.:

Sundays, 9 September, 14 October & 11 November

Sunday, 30 September at 6.30 p.m. Bishop Forbes Diocesan Festival Choral Evensong

Lunchtime Concerts at 1 p.m.:

Saturday, 15 September: Opus Duo –
Jane Colvin ('cello) & May Halliburton (double bass)

Saturday, 29 September, Raymond Spasovski
(piano)

Saturday, 13 October: Graeme Stevenson (organ)

Saturday, 27 October: Fires of Love (early music
quartet combining instruments and voices)

Saturday, 10 November: Blake Parham (baritone)

Saturday, 24 November: Luke Welsh (piano)

Evening Concerts:

Wednesday, 29 August, 7.30 p.m.:
The Australian Voices (vocal ensemble)

Wednesday, 24 October, 7.00 p.m.
Dundee University Music Society Concert

OBITUARY

FORMER DIOCESAN SECRETARY

The Rev'd William Leng Glazebrook died at his home in Perth at the end of July. He was eighty-three years old and had been ill for some time. He is survived by his wife, Diana and a daughter.

Before his ordination to non-stipendiary ministry in 1976 he had been a regular officer in The Blues and Royals (The Household Cavalry). In 1983 he became a stipendiary priest, initially serving for a year as temporary chaplain at Glenalmond College.

Bill Glazebrook came to the Diocese of Brechin in 1984 on appointment as priest-in-charge of All Saints, Glencarse. He combined this work with that of Diocesan Secretary as well as a chaplaincy at HM Prison, Perth.

In 1987 he went south to the Diocese of Oxford to become vicar of the Broadshire group of parishes. When he retired in 1994 he and Diana came back to Scotland and were much involved in the life of St John the Baptist, Perth; he as a post-retiral assistant and Diana in the Choir. Bill was a much valued priest.

May he rest in peace.

+ Edward Luscombe

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

"Pray the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into
the harvest."

"These twelve Jesus sent out,
saying, 'Go to the lost sheep
of the House of Israel.' "

FIRST JESUS ASKS
THEM TO PRAY
FOR WORKERS,
THEN HE TELLS
THEM TO GO
THEMSELVES.

YEAH.

YOU'D THINK
SOMEONE
LIKE JESUS
COULD
MAKE UP
HIS MIND.

OR YOU'D THINK
THAT HIS
DISCIPLES
SHOULD TRUST
THAT GOD IS
GOING TO ANSWER
THEIR PRAYER
AND ACT LIKE IT.

AND YOU'D THINK
THAT I'D BE ABLE
TO TELL IF YOU'RE
AGREEING WITH ME
OR MAKING ME
LOOK STUPID.



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FAIRTRADE

Each congregation is asked to have a Coffee Morning or Bake Sale between the 24 September and 14 October to raise funds for Fairtrade.

St Ninian's is having a Fairtrade Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. on the 22 September and invites support from other congregations, especially if their own congregation is not going to organise one.

Congregations that do hold a Fairtrade Coffee Morning could send in photographs of the event.

Cate Weir

Fairtrade Rep. for the Diocese of Brechin

Places are still available for the Women's Retreat

"Living as God Wants Me to Live"

14 – 16 September

St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside

Leader: Carole Phelan

Cost £55

To book a place contact

Rev'd Jane Nelson, 4, St Michaels Road, Newtonhill,
Stonehaven, AB39 3RW

Tel. 01569 730967

or email: nelson.jane1@btinternet.com

The next issue of **Grapevine** will be coming out for 25 November 2012.

All articles, letters, comments should be with the Editor by 5 November 2012.

Preferably articles should be no longer than 500 words.

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