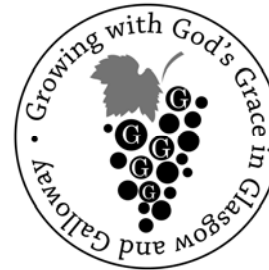


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Musing on a logo



THE Growth Strategy logo is becoming a familiar part of diocesan life, and has given rise to many varied responses, writes ANNE TOMLINSON of the Growth Strategy Working Party.

A member of a small rural charge commented that it gave her hope; 'just as there are small grapes in the bunch, so are there smaller charges in the diocese, but we all are important parts of the whole'. And that is so true; often smaller charges have built up ways of relating, both internally as a congregation and externally with their surrounding community, that larger churches would do well to copy. Ways of relating which lead to growth on the part of both big and small.

Someone else saw the geography of the diocese mirrored in the triangular shape of the bunch! But whatever you read in it, do use it on any publicity you put out in the coming year and beyond. This strategy, as our leaflet says, is not 'yet another' programme for mission or an optional exercise. It is 'who we will be' as the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway grows with God's grace; as we work hard at those six areas of mission and ministry that you yourselves nominated through your questionnaires and Regional meetings: with children and young people, in prayer and spirituality, learning and discipleship, missional leadership, numerical growth, welcome and integration, and imaginative outreach into local communities.

Jesus said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

As we approach the launch of the Strategy at Pentecost, let us commit to praying for one another, that, grafted on to the vine, we may bear much fruit.

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ACADEMY OF LAUGHTER

ON the third Thursday of each month during term time, a motley group of people meet at No. 4, The Square, Glasgow University.

What an impressive address! But Church and the Academy is not about trying to impress.

As individuals we are there to listen, to learn and, following the talk, to share our thoughts and feelings. We even get to share wine and nibbles too.

For me, listening to someone who is both knowledgeable and passionate about their chosen subject is an absolute delight. The seminar topics are diverse and have included, 'Fundamentals for the 21st Century', and 'Edinburgh 2010: the Globalisation of the Church' plus a personal Christian view of 'Climate Change'. We also have book reviews, for example, of one written by James DG Dunn: *Did the first Christians worship Jesus?*

The meetings begin at 5.30pm and officially end about 7pm but, for most of us, the evening continues in one of the eating houses around Byres Road.

Food and small amounts of alcohol are consumed as we continue a lively discussion based, mostly, on the topic we shared earlier. It's almost like being a teenager again but with a lot more wrinkles – actually they are laughter lines, not wrinkles!

I used to wonder why other diners went quiet when we arrived. I thought it might be that they were enjoying our animated conversation but then I realised it was the gusty laughter that seemed to bemuse them and this from a group that included people with back-to-front collars! Whatever next?

Yes, whatever next for Church and the Academy? Look out for next session's programme.

Anthea Clarke, Regional Representative – Ayrshire

Sustainable energy for church property

A FREE seminar on church property and sustainable energy takes place on Tuesday 10 May: 3.30-5.30pm, repeated 6.30-8.30pm. A buffet will be served 5.30-6.30pm.

Organised for the diocese, it is aimed at property conveners, clergy, treasurers and church reps and will be hosted at St Margaret's Newlands.

The programme covers: Engineering sustainable energy (Prof Ian Arbon); Sustainable energy issues for the fabric of historic buildings – performance and upgrade (Roger Curtis, Historic Scotland); Practical application and use of new technology in sustainable designs (Gordon Fleming, ARPL Architects, Ayr); Practical approaches to advising churches (Ian Hamilton, Park Architects, Glasgow), Options, benefits and opportunities for use of renewable energy technology – feed-in tariffs (Joe Ferguson, Farsight Greentech Ltd), and Energy assessments and renewable energy for churches (Paul Gribben – Renewable Resources (Scotland) Ltd).

Book by contacting the diocesan office: office@glasgow.anglican.org; 0141 221 5720.

Music for May at St Bride's

THE programme of music at St Bride's, Hyndland Road, Glasgow, continues on **Saturday 30 April** at 7.30pm with a recital by Christina Know (violin) and Leslie Macleod (piano).

This performance is in aid of the church's restoration fund. The programme includes Prokofiev's Sonata #2 in D, Brahms' Sonatensatz and Paul Ben-Haim's Sonata in G for solo violin.

On **Saturday 7 May**, Daniel's Beard, a new ensemble based at Cottiers, plays Mozart's Quintet for Piano and Wind K452 and music by John Maxwell-Geddes.

Sunday 8 May at 2.30pm (*not 7.30*) 60 Dutch and Scottish voices will combine in concert: St Joris Kamerkoor (conductor Bas Ramselaar) and Glasgow Chamber Choir (conductor Michael Bawtree) with organist Christopher Nickol. Their programme includes Bach, Brahms, Harris, Rheinberger, MacMillan, Albert de Klerk, Hendrik Andriessen, Judith Bingham and Paul Mealor. It concludes with Zoltán Kodály's magnificent cantata *Laudes Organi*.

Tickets are £10 (£7 concessions) at the door and from choir members. To read more about this event, visit www.glasgowchamberchoir.org.uk.

On **Thursday 19 May** at 7.30pm Feargus Hetherington (violin and viola) and Olga Gorelik (piano) give a recital which includes Sonata in G K301 by Mozart, *Märchenbilder* op.113 by Schumann, *Poème* op.25 by Chausson and Sonata no.1 in D minor by Saint-Saëns.

A study day on Liszt, arranged by University of Glasgow, will be led by Dr Stuart Campbell and Gusztav Fenyő on **Saturday 21 May**, 10am-4pm. Lunch is included. To book contact the university: (0141 330 1860; dace-query@educ.gla.ac.uk).

Hungarian pianist Gusztáv Fenyő celebrates the bicentenary of Franz Liszt on **Friday 27 May** at 8pm with an all-Liszt recital. Full details at www.fenyo-musicmakers.co.uk

On **Monday 30 May** at 7.30pm the BBC SSO Club holds its AGM at 7pm the crypt, followed by a concert in church at 7.30pm by members of the BBC SSO. All are welcome to this concert.

Next issue . . .

ITEMS for the next issue may be submitted up to **Monday 16 May** as ordinary prose (*not* leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown, c/o the Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH, or dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk.

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5pm, and there will be drinks at 7pm.

Revd Professor John Swinton, professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care, University of Aberdeen, and theological adviser to Faith in Older People is the speaker and his topic is 'Who will hold my soul? - dementia, friendship and the spirituality of caring communities'. Further details from info@fiop.org.uk (0131 346 7981).

REV D Paul Romano is to be instituted in September as rector of St Ninian's Pollokshields.

SEPTEMBER is expected to see three ordinations to the diaconate: Maggs McTiernan (Newlands), Liz O'Ryan (Greenock) and Kevin Francis (University Chapel).

MEN'S Rites of Passage is a five-day life-changing programme for men, devised by Richard Rohr OFM. It is being held in Scotland on 27-31 July at The Bield, near Perth.

This, say organisers, is less about religion than about spirituality, about age-old traditions that guide men into manhood, about coming to trust that

ART ON CUMBRAE FOR BEGINNERS

ART for Absolute Beginners is a short residential course at the College of the Holy Spirit at Millport led by Anthea Clark, 9-13 May. Cost from £235 (full board) or £50 (non-residential) including all materials.

For more details and a booking form visit www.island-retreats.org.

there is something much greater at work in their lives than they could ever imagine.

The fee is £300 for camping with your own tent (meals provided) or £385 for a bed indoors. Concessions available for unwaged. Details from www.mrop.org.uk.

AFLOWER Festival will take place at St Oswald's Maybole over the weekend of 3-5 June.

The theme is Seasons and Festivals of the Church Year.

On Friday 3rd the church is open from 3pm. A Songs of Praise service to 'Sing the Seasons' starts at 7pm. On Saturday 4th the church is open 10am-5pm. Sunday 5th starts with morning worship at 11.30am, and the church stays open till 5pm.

Tea and coffee with home baking will be served while the church is open.

Admission donations will be shared between St Oswald's and Save the Children.

ARE you, or is someone you know, campaigning to make a positive change in society?

A Sheila McKechnie Foundation Campaigner Award could equip you or them with the right skills to become a more effective campaigner.

The award categories are: Consumer Action, Environment, Social and Economic Justice, Take Action and Transport.

Contact Mustafa on 020 7700 8231 or mustafa.korel@smk.org.uk. The deadline for applications is Monday 20 June. For further information about the awards programme, visit www.smk.org.uk.

Canon David in shortlist for bishop role

REVD Canon David Bayne is among five candidates shortlisted for the office of Bishop of Brechin.

The vacancy arose with the early retirement of the late Rt Revd Dr John Mantle who had served the Diocese of Brechin since 2005. Dr Mantle died in November.

David (born 1952) is rector of St Ninian's Castle Douglas.

The next stage in the selection process is a meeting of each of the candidates with members of an Electoral Synod (representatives of clergy and lay church members from the Diocese of Brechin only) on Saturday 7 May.

The new bishop will be elected on Wednesday 18 May.

The other candidates are: Venerable Paul Ferguson (born 1955), Archdeacon of Cleveland, Diocese of York; Revd Canon Dr Alison Peden (born 1952), Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Stirling; Revd Canon Dr Alwyn Pettersen (born 1951), Canon Theologian of Worcester Cathedral; Venerable Dr Nigel Peyton (born 1951), Archdeacon of Newark, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham.

Charting the spiritual journey in old age

THE Spiritual Journey and Well-Being in Old Age is the subject of a Faith in Older People (FiOP) conference on 27 May.

The event is for ministers, elder trainers, pastoral carers and health and social care workers.

It's been organised in collaboration with the diocese and Glasgow University, and will take place in Dumfries at the Centre for Research in Health & Social Issues.

A spokesman at FiOP said: "There is growing recognition that spiritual care is critically important in ensuring the well-being of older people as part of person-centred care. What defines 'spiritual' is very individualistic and Faith in Older People uses the definition of 'what gives meaning to a person's life' which can encompass religion and other key factors.

"Within the health and social care services there is a requirement to enable spiritual care needs to be met and research has shown that this is often difficult for staff and volunteers to interpret."

The conference aims to increase understanding of the importance of the spiritual journey in old age and how congregations and health and social care staff can be enabled to ensure that older people receive the spiritual care they need. Contact info@fiop.org.uk for further details.

News and events in brief

BISHOP Gregor will give two lectures on the Post-Resurrection Appearances of Christ. The first of these will be offered at St Silas' Church, Glasgow, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 May. The lecture will be given again at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31 May at All Saints, Greta, at 7.30pm.

DAOUD Nassar, Director of Tent of Nations - People Building Bridges in Bethlehem, Palestine, will address a meeting at St Aidan's, Clarkston, on Wednesday 18 May, at 11.30am.

His talk, during a visit arranged to address the Kirk's General Assembly, is an opportunity for us to learn about the work of reconciliation between communities in which he is involved. Further details on the St Aidan's website: www.staidansclarkston.org.uk.

AFREE electronic version of the Scottish Episcopal Church's Inspires magazine is available by e-mail. Sign up for SEC news at <http://www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe>.

CANON John Woodley hopes to observe the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest with a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday 28 May.

The service will take place at the Church of the Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Moss Street, Paisley, at 12 noon. It will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

In place of gifts, donations may be

made to the Bishop Goldie Fund for training ordinands. For catering purposes, please advise the diocesan centre (0141-221 5720) if you are going to attend.

ANEW edition of *Icons of the Passion* offers a collection of meditations by the late Canon WH Vanstone on a set of woodcarvings made by Sheila Wrigley when she was a sister of the Community of St Peter Horbury.

The booklet (£3) has been compiled by Creetown resident Muriel Palmer at the prompting of Revd Christine Mylne of Challoch, Newton Stewart. Profits from the sale of the booklets are to be split between All Saints Challoch and St Thomas' Rochdale.

THE annual ministry celebration service takes place on Saturday 4 June at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. All Lay Readers and those in Authorised Ministry and their supporters are warmly encouraged by the Bishop to attend. A light lunch at noon will be followed by the service at 1.15pm. This year's service will have a focus on Lay Readers.

TO help Christian voters be more election-savvy, a new website has been produced.

Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office, Catholic Parliamentary Office, CARE, Christians Count and the Evangelical Alliance are behind www.churchesvote.org.

It is intended to help explore the is-

sues; find out what the parties are saying; and find out how to question candidates.

GLEN '11: Mission Possible is the name of the Provincial Youth Weeks that will be taking place at Glenalmond College, Perthshire. There is a choice of dates: 31 July-6 August and 7-13 August. The weeks are open to all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church aged 12-18 who have completed their first year of secondary education.

For details and a booking form visit www.scotland.anglican.org or contact Christian Okeke (0141 221 5720). The closing date is 6 June.

TO mark the official opening of St Silas' new building in Woodlands, special events include a ceilidh on 6 May. On 8 May, a special 11am service will mark the occasion. Patron Mike Parker will be speaking at both services that day. Ceilidh tickets available from the church office.

ST Columba's in Largs welcomes you to Taizé for Easter in the church hall on Sunday 1 May at 4pm. This will be a celebration through the music of Taizé, with prayer and meditation, followed by fellowship with sherry and shortbread. Donations for Mercy Ships are invited.

THE William and Jane Morris Fund is open to applications from places of worship built before 1896. It offers grants of up to £1,000 towards the conservation of decorative features such as stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and

tombs, and wall paintings. Visit www.s.a.l.o.r.g.u.k/grants/williamandjanemorris.

THE Arts Chaplaincy in Scotland is hosting a conference to celebrate the quatercentenary of the publication of the King James Bible in 1611.

It is on Saturday 14 May, 10.30am-3.30pm in the General Synod Office of the Scottish Episcopal Church, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EE.

Speakers include Revd Professor David Jasper on 'Preaching the Bible'; Revd Canon Dr Michael Fuller on 'Singing the Bible' and Revd Dr Donald Orr on 'Illustrating the Bible'. Lunch will be provided, and no charge will be made, but donations will be welcome.

Places are limited, so register quickly with Dr Orr (0141 881 1372 or email revdonaldorr@goolemail.com).

THE Church Service Society invites non-members to its annual meeting and dinner at 5.30pm, Thursday 26 May. It is at Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland Kirk, Edinburgh.

Revd Canon Peter Moger, precentor of York Minster, will speak on 'Liturgical pluralism in a mixed-economy Church - challenges facing the Church of England'.

Bookings for dinner (£9) to secretary Revd Dr Douglas Galbraith: dgalbraith@hotmail.com.

FAITH in Older People's inaugural annual Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture will be held on 17 May in central Edinburgh (venue to be confirmed), 5.30-7.30pm. Tea will be served at