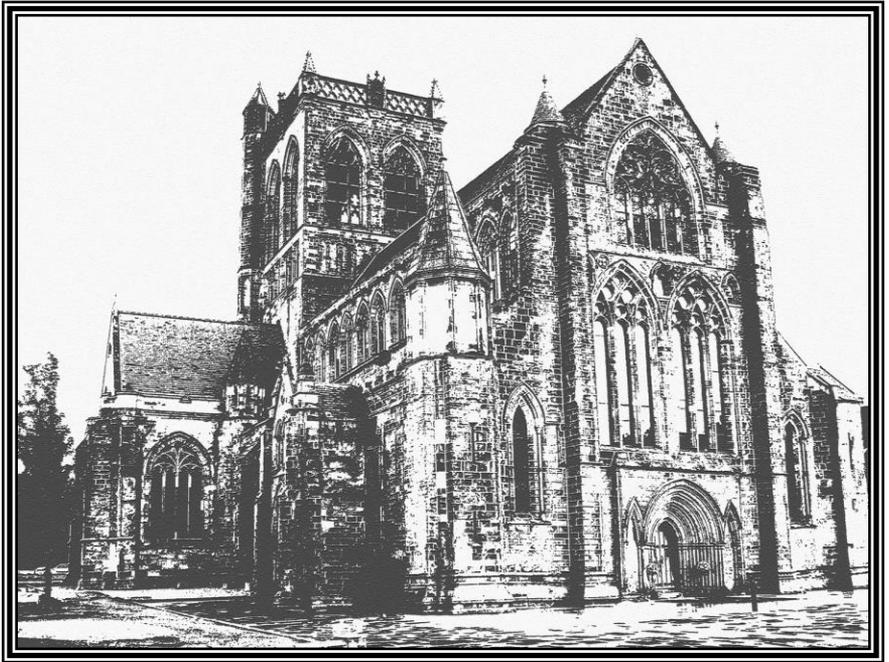


Paisley Abbey



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Dear Friends

I would like to commend to you three of the many events taking place in June this year.

On Saturday 9 June, we have the final leg of our pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Stewarts which will see us going from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay Castle and Mount Stuart on the Island of Bute. The walking on this leg will be relatively short at about 5 miles so those who have considered the longer mileages of previous walks too much might like to take part in this one. Details can be had from Sylvia Jenks who can be contacted via the Abbey office. Apart from visiting interesting places, these walks also greatly enhance fellowship and help us become the family of Christ's people we strive to be.

On Saturday 23 June at 10am we have our annual Armed Forces Day service. Armed Forces Day is a chance to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

On Sunday 24 June we are holding our Abbey Family 'Big Lunch' as part of the national 'Big Lunch', an initiative that encourages people and communities to get together for lunch - last year some 9.3 million people took part nationally. Spending time socially together is very important as we seek to ensure that everyone associated in any way with the Abbey really feels they are part of a community, a family that offers support and above all Christ-like love. Our lunches always combine great food with much laughter and fun. Tickets for the lunch will be on sale on Sundays in the cloisters and from the shop.

Alan D. Birss
Minister at Paisley Abbey

PARISH REGISTER –MAY 2018

Funeral

16 May	Ian Kyle
17 May	David Aaron
29 May	Evelyn Horsburgh

Baptism

27 May	Myla Evelyn Jill Heather McNab
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THANK YOU

The family of the late Dr. Ian Kyle would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind thoughts on their recent sad bereavement

SHOP NEWS

New in the shop this month are more items to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Charles Rennie Mackintosh – magnetic bookmarks, coasters, key rings, magnets, lens cloths etc.

We also hope to have some new Abbey souvenirs arrive during the summer.

Our beautiful Silk by Liliacs cards of Paisley continues to be popular and these are soon to be joined by matching fridge magnets which will make great gifts.

We are in the process of having a brand new Paisley Abbey Guide Book produced with the wonderful help of the Friends of Paisley Abbey. The text has now been approved and we are awaiting the photographs being taken this month. All going well production will then take place over the summer. In the meantime old guide books are on sale at greatly reduced prices.

ELDERS ON DUTY

JULY 2018

Marjory Noble's Team

AUGUST 2018

Robin Craig's Team

SEPTEMBER 2018

Michael McGill's Team

Articles for inclusion in September 2018 issue of the Abbey Herald should be handed into the office or e-mailed to cathycraig73@aol.com or robincraig73@aol.com **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY 20th AUGUST**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday 13th May, the Sunday school children, Emma, Finlay, Daniel and Jessica took part in the annual sponsored walk for Christian Aid. Some ran, jogged and other's had a leisurely stroll around the Abbey but between our four superstars they managed to complete 55 laps, which was amazing.

The children would like to thank everyone who sponsored them and the congregation for their donations.

Sandra Leech

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9 June	Pilgrimage Walk/Sail from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay
Sunday 17 June	Organ Concert by Kevin Bowyer at 3.00pm Ticket £10
Saturday 23 June	Coffee Morning, proceeds of which will go to the Choristers Fund. This will be followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Andrew Laird (Clarinet) and Ronald McIntosh (Piano). Recital £5 payable at the door
Sunday 24 June	Abbey Family Big Lunch
Saturday 30 June	Coffee Morning organised by Janette Lynch with the proceeds going towards the Transplant Games
Saturday 7 July	Sma'Shot Day
Wednesday 18 July	Kammerphilarmone from Koln at 7.30pm
Saturday 8 September	Doors Open Day

ABBEY FAMILY BIG LUNCH

What is a Big Lunch?

The Big Lunch is the UK's biggest annual get together for friends and neighbours. It's a simple idea from the Eden Project: that as many people as possible across the UK have lunch with their friends and neighbours annually on a Sunday in June in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

A Big Lunch can be anything from a small gathering in a garden, park or driveway, to a larger party with trestle tables down the middle of your street. The official Big Lunch date isn't practical for every community so you can run one at any time you fancy.

The idea is that by starting simple, all sorts of friendships, ideas and projects can come out of a Big Lunch. It gets people together and talking and it can lead to people doing more within their community, and tackling the issues that matter to them most.

So, after the morning service on 24 June we are having an Abbey Family Big Lunch which will take the form of a Sandwich and Sweet Lunch.

We hope you will come along and join us.

Tickets are on sale now in the Shop and in the Cloisters on a Sunday.

They are priced at: Adult £6, Child £2, Family £15 (2 adults and 2 children)

So get your ticket now!!

FOODBANK

The next FoodBank collection will be on Sunday 24 June. At the moment long life juice, shaving gel, deodorant, shampoo, UHT milk, tinned tomatoes, and jam are in short supply.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Graham McCallum has been appointed Outreach worker at St Ninian's Church, Ferguslie.

Gail Abraham and Anne Craig are now the new Presbytery safeguarding training officers.

Glenburn Church has been given a grant to fund their outreach programme at Gleniffer High School.

Erskine and Inchinnan Churches have been successful in their application for a grant to run a course for young adults with learning difficulties to meet in worship and fellowship.

Debbie Mechan from Prayer 24/7 talked about Prayer Spaces which encourages these groups in schools. For more information: www.prayerspacesinschools.com

The World Mission "Let us build a house" campaign for the victims of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal raised £310,000.

The World Mission stamp appeal will support day centres in Ukraine. Stamps handed in to the Abbey office will be delivered to Renfrew St Stephens in Glasgow.

There are too few ministers to cover every Parish in Scotland. In our Presbytery alone there are 11 vacancies. The Presbytery has to consider various plans for the future and there will be meetings with ministers and congregations to consider a range of options.

In 2018 Two Barrhead churches united to form Barrhead St Andrews Parish Church. As both had thriving youth

organisations, a new community hall extension is planned to accommodate all organisations on the one site.

Margaret Sharp
Presbytery elder

PRESBYTERY PRAYER

Loving God,

You bring hope and relief to those who are afflicted and oppressed, who in our world suffer injustice. You will bring them comfort and maybe even joy.

Make us more aware that we are one worldwide family, all you children.

Together we belong to you. And you will make vanish all tears when we all meet in your presence and together in harmony sing in grateful celebration.

Amen

Douglas Scott
Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator

ANIMALS AT WAR

Have **YOU** seen the wonderful display of pictures depicting animals which played a part in W.W.1? If not, take time to have a look and marvel at the endurance and fortitude of those poor creatures. Perhaps, like me, you will be surprised to know that vets were present among the carnage. Once again we have to thank Mrs Cathy Craig for her commitment and time spent in researching and assembling these poignant photos which can be seen.

Well done Cathy!

N. McG

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ROYAL STEWARTS PILGRIMAGE WALK

GOUROCK TO WEMYSS BAY

By comparison with our walk to Gourock on Saturday 12th May the weather turned out to be consistently sunny and warm.

A glorious day!

It had been decided that there would be no need to ask the folk at Gourock Old and Ashton Parish Church to open up for us to use their facilities. There was a veritable abundance of conveniences en route.

After a short prayer, on the pavement, we were ready to make our way to Wemyss Bay I remember saying, “Scotland is such a beautiful country. When I look out onto the fabulous views across the Firth of Clyde I can’t believe that I’m actually living here. What a privilege.” The response from Sally was, “I think, we appreciate it too” Her implication being that although Scots live here, they too, are aware of the changing beauty presented by nature and the seasons. This is just one aspect I enjoy about these Pilgrimage Walks. We are lucky to have seen and walked through hidden Scotland - villages and areas which train, car drivers passengers can only catch fleeting glimpses of .This, was indeed, a glorious day.

Our first point of interest was the Cloch Point Lighthouse three miles west of Gourock. The lighthouse was designed by Thomas Smith and his son- in- law



Robert Stevenson. Its purpose was to ensure that boats kept away from the Gantocks, a rocky reef southwest of the point. It was completed in 1797. The oil lantern was lit for the first time on 11 August 1797. There are two lighthouse keepers' houses, representing entirely different styles of architecture. The most recent of these has crow-stepped gables. The older house, is now, used for storage. Today the main lamp on a pole outside the lantern room is fully automatic.



We continued along the A770. Curious tin huts, alongside the pavement, on the beach below above the tide line pose questions as to their origin. A Clyde Muirshiel Park ranger, we met at Lunderston Bay, had heard that they are never sold but passed on within the families of their owners. If anyone can throw more light on to the history of these huts I would be most grateful.

Prof. Google was unable to help on this

occasion.

At Lunderston Bay, we left the roadside to pick up a purpose built pathway taking the Coastal Route off road. Lunderston Bay near Inverkip is part of the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and a popular beauty spot.

Time for lunch we all agreed and took up just about every park bench available. The fact that they were empty amazed me but

then it was Saturday. I have a theory that Paisley does not wake up until midday on a Saturday and maybe Lunderston Bay is like this too.



What a wonderful spot. My childhood seaside resort was Southport and to see the grassy areas actually finishing at a narrow sandy beach was amazing for me to behold. Those of you who know Southport will be aware of the fact that the seaside at low tide is miles away from the town.

We, for the first time, were able to soak in the glorious weather and made the most of the fact that the length of the walk was shorter than usual.

However all good things must come to an end and our walk continued towards Kip Marina.

This was the Marina's Regatta weekend. We saw several yachts sailing as we walked towards Lunderston Bay. The conditions wind wise was a little too light but I love to see the billowing spinnakers assisting by lifting the bows and encouraging

maximum airflow. I waved to Sandra Cochrane as I knew she was out there ----- somewhere!

As we continued along the path we walked through the woodlands of Ardgowan House which was built for Sir John Shaw-Stewart in the late 18th century. It occasionally has open days.



We continued to follow the Coastal Route towards the Marina.

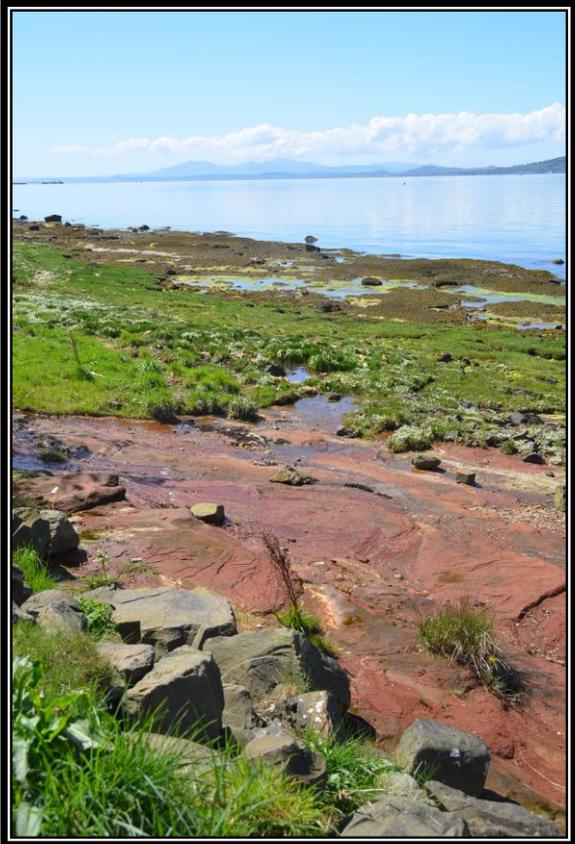


Kip Marina was the first marina in Scotland. Its construction began in the late 1960's which coincided with the erection of the power station. The first phase was completed in 1971. Originally it was planned for 250 berths but by 1984 there were 600. The housing around the Marina is amazing, reflecting what I have come to consider as being reminiscent of old

traditional Scottish Harbour style buildings. All are different.

Some had stepped gables others varying roof heights. In fact the only uniformity of style was in the cream painted exterior walls. An absolute ‘millionaireship’ of ‘yachtage’ sparkled in the berths. That lovely tinkle of forestays and rigging against hollow metal masts completed the sensory scene.

Inverkip village has historical links to Paisley Abbey too. Baldwin de Bres Sheriff of Lanark granted a stretch of land to the monks of Paisley Abbey in 1170. The land was described as “The



penny land between the rivulets Kip and Daff”. Pennyland is an old Scots word from the Norse describing a small piece of land of which the rent was one penny a year. This church served the population from Kilmacolm to Largs for 400 years. By the 13th Century, a castle was built which changed hands between the Scots and the English during the Wars of Independence. The land was acquired by the Stewarts in

1390. The Stewarts built the existing castle in the 15th Century. The castle was abandoned when Ardgowan House was built by the Shaw-Stewarts in 1799-1801.

We walked through the Marina in order to pick up the Coastal Path again on the A78 opposite Inverkip village.

Shortly we took a new cycle path which runs alongside the A78 at a quiet distance. Eventually we re-joined the road again not far from Wemyss Bay itself. The name 'Wemyss' is derived from the Gaelic word meaning 'cave.' It is thought to have been taken from the caves of the Firth of Forth where the Clan Wemyss made their home. The chiefs represent one of the few noble families descended from the Celtic nobility through the Clan Mac Duff Earls of Fife. The name Wemyss Bay may be associated with Bob Wemyss, who was the owner of a hut on the shore in the 19th century.

The history of the station and pier began in the 19th Century. The Wemyss Bay line was opened in 1865 after a group of labourers, mainly Irish, worked to take the line through the hills to Wemyss Bay. The inaugural service was advertised as being superior to the line which served Greenock, as all of the carriages contained seats! The journey to Glasgow took just over an hour with a First Class return costing about 3/6 or 22p and Third Class 2/- or 10p. In 1870 the first steamer service, running in association with the railway, was started.

Our walk, however, finished about 0.75miles from the station at the 'R. C. Church of St. Joseph and St. Patrick, whose priest and ladies of the congregation had kindly volunteered to give us hospitality as the church at Skelmorlie and



Wemyss Bay was being used for a conference which meant we could not have the usual hospitality. St Joseph and St Patrick's Church was designed by Pugin. It was built at a cost of £1200 and was formally dedicated on June 23rd, 1901.

It could accommodate 200 parishioners. This gem of a building in its simplicity is beautifully understated. Pictures and statues have an aura of reflective, contemplation about them. Many thanks again to the ladies of the Church who produced wonderful (enormous) homemade crumpets and scones washed down with tea, coffee and juice.



Our final walk in this series “In the Footsteps of the Royal Stewarts” will take place on the Isle of Bute on Saturday 9th June 2018

Photographs – On several occasions photographs are taken to promote the Abbey as a friendly, vibrant, welcoming church. Some of these appear in the magazine, on our website and on our Facebook pages. No one is named in these photographs. If you would prefer that you do not appear in such photographs please let us know.

Alan Birss

FOUR LETTER WORDS COMPETITION

The answers to the Four Letter Words Competition are as follows:

1. Lent
2. Port
3. Lope
4. Land
5. Lest
6. Here
7. Race
8. Gent
9. Lice
10. Tent
11. Rose
12. Corn
13. Lion
14. Lard
15. Vent
16. Rack
17. Pine
18. Rude
19. Tile
20. Less
21. Over
22. Rift
23. Lash
24. Able
25. Aged (or Ages)
26. Itch
27. Oast (or Owed)
28. Cent

Of the 39 replies received 26 were all correct and the winner was Mrs Catherine Wills of Clydebank: the runner up was Mrs Margaret Sharp. Congratulations to them all and many thanks to the approximately 300 others who bought a competition and thus (happily I hope) contributed to the Abbey.

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SPECIAL OPEN DAYS

It is that time of year again – our two open days are almost upon us.

This year the dates are as follows: **Sma' Shot Day Saturday 7th July** and **Doors Open Day Saturday 8th September**.

On **Sma' Shot Day** the Church, Tower, Shop & Café will be open, also there will be children's games in the Cloister Garth (weather permitting) and a stall in Abbey Close selling books, DVDs & CDs. In order that these activities can take place many volunteers are needed especially, this year, as many of our regulars are unavailable. For the stall we require books, DVDs & CDs – if you have any which you do not want please hand them into the shop during June. For the Café donations of baking would be greatly appreciated, please speak to Jan Norris if you can help with baking or serving.

On **Doors Open Day** the Church, Tower, Place of Paisley, Shop & Café will be open to the public all day so stewards are required to welcome visitors and staff to man the Shop & Café. If you can help on one or both of these dates please complete the form in this issue of the Herald or the one which will be in the Orders of Service during the coming months and return it to Robin Craig directly or via the collection plate, shop or the Church office. All assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you have never helped at Open Days before please consider doing so this year – I am sure that you will find it an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Another plea for help – the Abbey, Gift Shop & Café will be open as usual throughout the summer months. It is always difficult to staff the shop and Church during the holiday period. If you can spare some time to help in the shop or steward in the Church please let Margaret Craig (for the shop) or Robin Craig (for the Church) know via the Abbey office on 0141 889 7654 when you are available. Many thanks to everyone who has helped throughout the year

Robin Craig
Convenor of the Visitors Committee

SPECIAL OPEN DAYS 2018

I am prepared to help on:

Saturday 7 July (Sma’Shot Day):

Saturday 8 September (Doors Open Day):

I would prefer to be in:

The Church:

The Shop:

The Café:

The Stall in Abbey Close (7 July only):

The Children’s Games (7 July only weather permitting):

The Place of Paisley (8 September only):

I am available:

Sma’Shot Day: 10 - 1.45pm (includes setting up), 1.45pm - 5.30pm (includes tidying up)

Doors Open Day: 9.30am - 1.00pm, 12.45pm - 4.15pm (includes tidying up)

All day on both dates:

Name:

Email Address:

Telephone/Mobile:

If you find you are unable to help at the time you indicated could you please telephone the Abbey Office (0141 889 7654) by Friday 6th July

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY **27 JUNE**

SCOUT NOTES

The summer term sees the various sections out and about.

In early May, the Scouts took part in Lowland Adventure, a nationally organised camp that took place at Strathallan and involved some 600 scouts from all over scouts. There was a huge range of activities and a great time was had by all who participated, young people and leaders alike.

The Cubs took part in the district Games Night and came 3rd with a couple of individual first places: so well done to all of them.

The Beavers have been working on the gardening badge and, on the day before the royal wedding, coloured in a wedding cake for the royal couple.

The Scouts also had an evening learning about the Foodbank and the work of the Trussell Trust and following the talk have been handing in items for the Foodbank. Taking an active part in the local community is part and parcel of scouting so it is very good to see the Scouts involved with this much need initiative in our community.

Congratulations to one of our leaders, Craig and his wife Fiona on the birth of their first son Rory.



Finally, Scouts UK have a new logo, one that is designed for use with all the means of communication open to us now. Here it is so look out for it to find out more about what Scouts are doing locally and nationally.

SERVICES: 10 JUNE TO 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday 10 June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings

Genesis 3. 8-15

2 Corinthians 4. 13 - 5. 1

St. Mark 3. 20-35

Music:

Psalm 130

Responsorial

Jubilate Deo

Howells (Collegium Regale)

O sing joyfully

Batten

12.15pm Holy Communion

4 pm Choral Evensong for the Eve of St. Barnabas

Readings:

Job 29. 12 -16

Acts 11 19-30

Music:

Responses

McPhee

Psalm 112

Canticles

Brewer in D

O sing joyfully

Batten

Sunday 17 June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings

Ezekiel 17. 22-24

2 Corinthians 5. 6-10

St. Mark 4. 26-34

Music:

Psalm 92 1-4, 12-15

Benedictus

Ireland in F

O God give thy Holy Spirit

Byrd

Saturday 23 June – Armed Forces Day

10am Ecumenical Service

Sunday 24 June – 4th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion
Readings: Job 38. 1, 8-11
2 Corinthians 6 1-13
St. Mark 4. 35-41
Music: St Anne Mass
(Congregational setting)

MacMillan

Rejoice in the Lord always *anon*

Sunday 1 July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion
Readings: Wisdom 1 13-15, 2. 23-24
2 Corinthians 8 7-15
St. Mark 5. 21-43
Music: St Anne Mass *MacMillan*
(Congregational setting)

Psalm 30 *Responsorial*

12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service
Readings: Ezekiel 2. 1-5
2 Corinthians 12 2-10
St. Mark 6 1-13
Music: Psalm 123 *Responsorial*

12 noon Holy Communion

Sunday 15 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion
Readings: Amos 7. 7-15
Ephesians 1 3-14
St. Mark 6. 14-29
Music: St Anne Mass *MacMillan*
(Congregational setting)
Psalm 85 *Responsorial*

Sunday 22 July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd. Janette Black

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 1-6
Ephesians 2 11-22
St. Mark 6. 30-34

Music: Psalm 23 *Responsorial*

12 noon Holy Communion

Sunday 29 July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd. Janette Black

11 am Morning Service

Readings 2 Kings 4 42-44
Ephesians 3 14-21
St. John 6 1-21

Music: Psalm 145 *Responsorial*

12 noon Holy Communion

Sunday 5 August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd. Margaret Whyte

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Exodus 16. 2-4, 9-15
Ephesians 4 1-16
St. John 6 24-35

Music: Psalm 78 23-29 *Responsorial*

Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 12 August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Services led by The Revd. Margaret Whyte

11 am Morning Service

Readings: 1 Kings 19 4-8
Ephesians 4 25 – 5. 2
St. John 6. 35, 41-51

Music: Psalm 34 *Responsorial*
Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19 August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion

Readings: Proverbs 9. 1-6
St. John 6. 51-58

Music: Psalm 34
Other music to be confirmed

Sunday 26 August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Joshua 24. 1-2, 14-18
Ephesians 6 10-20
St. John 6. 60-69

Music: Psalm 34. 15-22
Other music to be confirmed

12.15 pm Holy Communion