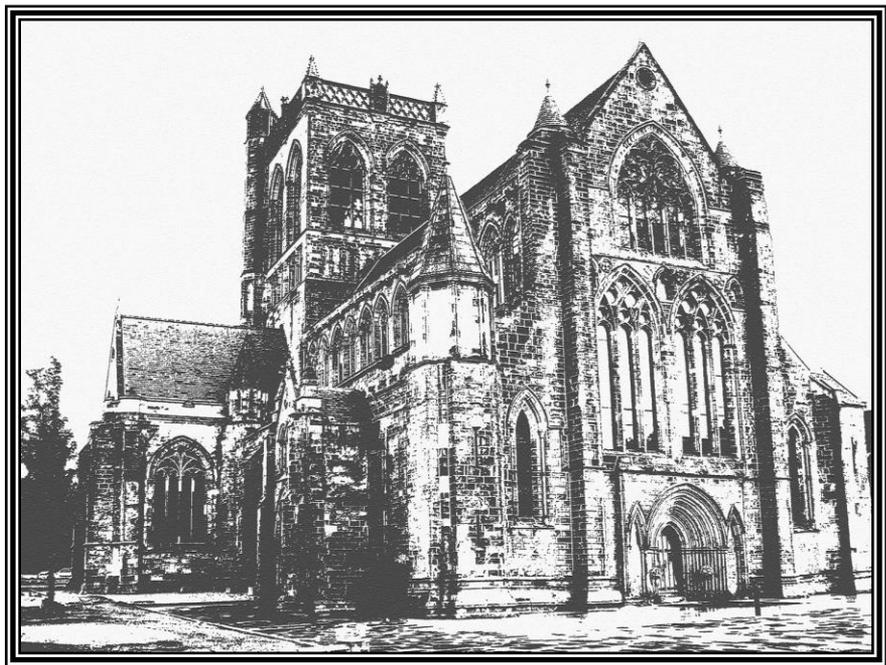


# **Paisley Abbey**



# **Abbey Herald**

**October 2018**

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Dear Friends,

In October, the church remembers the gospel-writer St. Luke who was a dear friend of the apostle Paul and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as ‘the beloved physician’ and, in his second Letter to Timothy, as his only companion in prison. He is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament; firstly the gospel which bears his name and secondly the Acts of the Apostles. In his gospel, Luke makes clear that the good news is for all, regardless of gender, social position or nationality.

To be truly inclusive and affirming all people as beloved children of God has not come easily to the church over the centuries. All too often in the church, as in society generally, at one time or another people have been discriminated against because of their gender, race, colour, sexuality. In recent times, our own Church of Scotland has taken significant steps in recognising such discrimination for what it is and has in the process become an increasingly inclusive church welcoming all. The tradition of welcoming all in a non-judgemental way is, I like to think, part of the Abbey’s DNA going back to our Cluniac roots with its emphasis on extending a welcome in Christ’s name to all who came to the monastery gate. In the footsteps of Luke and of our Cluniac forebears, may we ever look on all people as first and foremost God’s beloved children and our own brothers and sisters in Christ.

At the end of the month comes the first of several events in which we engage with the local community through taking part in celebrations organised by Renfrewshire Council. For the Hallowe’en Festival, and then later on the Fireworks and Christmas Lights switch-on we need lots of volunteers for our stalls and shop and for welcoming people into the Abbey. Do please volunteer to help if you can. Details can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Revd Alan D Birss  
Minister at Paisley Abbey

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wednesday 10 October      Whist Drive 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Place of Paisley
- Saturday 13 October      Coffee Morning from 10.00am followed by a recital at 12.30pm by Daniela Hathaway (Soprano), Mark Hathaway (Baritone), Stephen Adam (Piano), Maria Holmes ('Cello)  
Admission £5 payable at the door
- Saturday 20 October      Joel's Tower Visits and Coffee Morning from 10.30am till 2.30pm. Climb the Abbey tower with Joel and have a coffee afterwards (See Joel's article in this issue of the Abbey Herald)

## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF EVENTS**

There will be recitals on the following dates;

- Saturday 24 November  
Saturday 22 December  
Saturday 19 January 2019  
Saturday 16 February  
Saturday 9 March  
Saturday 27 April  
Saturday 18 May  
Saturday 22 June

Note them in your diary!!

- Friday/Saturday  
26/27 October      Hallowe'en Events in Paisley

Saturday 3 November	Paisley Fireworks Event
Saturday 17 November	Abbey Stitches Coffee Morning Switch on of Paisley's Christmas Lights
Sunday 9 December	Paisley Philharmonic Choir Concert
Sunday 16 December	The Congregational Lunch will be held on Sunday 16 December at the Glynhill Hotel. See information elsewhere in the Herald

Details of these events will follow

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 21 OCTOBER**

On Sunday 22 October, the after the morning service, tea and coffee will be served in the North Transept.

In keeping with the Harvest theme a small soup and savouries lunch will be served along with tea and coffee.

Do come and join us for some lunch and a chat.

Thank you.

A. Livingstone

## SHOP NEWS



A new Abbey Christmas card is now on sale in the shop- 10 cards for £3.95. It depicts a scene from our beautiful Children's window.

New stock will soon be appearing in the shop in time for your Christmas shopping! Cards and gifts will be available starting from October.

There will be a special discount weekend, when all items will be discounted on Saturday 10 November and before and after the Remembrance Day service on 11 November. On the Saturday there will also be a coffee morning so why not come and make a morning of it on that day! ( See poster)

A number of new lines have recently been ordered at a Trade Fair and will arrive in the shop over the next couple of months. These include a new range of Paisley style jewellery and lucky sixpences for various occasions.

We will be very busy with events over the next few months and we are as ever looking for a lot of extra help! These events bring thousands of people into the Abbey and are very important both as a source of valuable income and as an opportunity to welcome huge numbers into our Abbey.

Halloween, Fireworks and Lights Switch-on are great fun but involve an enormous amount of work so please volunteer to help us.

We need you all!

Carol Birss

Paisley Abbey Shop

Christmas Shopping  
Discount Weekend

Saturday 10 November

10am - 3.30pm

(There will also be a coffee morning)

Sunday 11 November

before and after 11am service

approx. 10am - 10.55am

12.10pm - 1pm



## COMMEMORATION OF THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR 1



As everyone is aware this year marks the centenary of the conclusion of World War 1 and it is being marked in different ways.

In the Abbey we are proposing to commemorate the centenary of the conclusion with the laying of Crosses of Remembrance in the Cloister Garth as we did at the centenary of the start of the war. The crosses will bear the names of the fallen from the Abbey Congregation. This will probably take place on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday.

We have 50 crosses and are inviting members of the Congregation to sponsor one of the crosses by donating at least £2 (to cover the cost of the crosses) and then they can write the name/names of the soldier or sailor of their choice on the cross. You may have a grandfather, uncle or great uncle on the list or even a family member who died in WW1 – it would be a nice way to remember them.

The money collected will be donated to Poppy Scotland.

The list of the fallen from the Abbey is on the wall behind the font and below the flag of HMS Grenville.

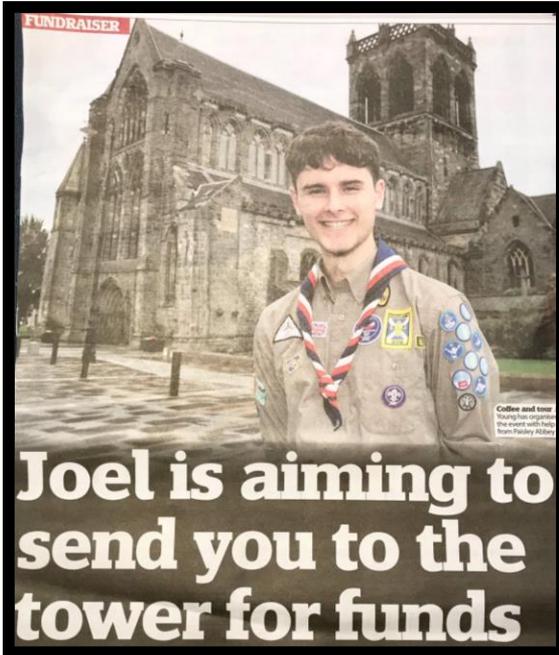
The crosses are available and will be in the Cloisters after the services on Sunday mornings, in October, along with a list of names from which you can choose if you wish to do so.

You may have noticed that as part of the Commemoration of WW1 the List of Fallen and the Roll of Honour of the Abbey have been reframed thanks to a generous donation.

Please help us to remember all those worldwide who gave their lives for King and Country in World War 1.

Cathy Craig

## JOEL'S TOWER DAY AND COFFEE MORNING



As mentioned already in the Herald Joel Young one of our scouts and a member of the congregation is trying to raise funds for his trip to the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA in 2019

Here is what he has to say about it.

“Next summer I am attending the world scout jamboree in

West Virginia. This is a great achievement for me as I'll be one of the youngest if not the youngest leader from Scotland going. I've had to go through application forms and selection days to get to where I am, but to get there I need to raise £2,000. This is for the cost of the camp itself, flights and food. I have - with help - organised a tower day and coffee morning to happen in the abbey on Saturday the 20th of October from 10:30-2:30.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a cake & coffee as well as help me reach my target.

Thank you so much Joel”

Do come along and support Joel in his efforts.

Climbing the Tower may not be your thing but a cup of coffee or tea and some cakes will be I am sure.

Good luck Joel with your fund raising!!

## **ELDERS ON DUTY**

### **OCTOBER 2018**

Jim MacGregor's Team

### **NOVEMBER 2018**

Marjory Noble's Team

Articles for inclusion in November 2018 issue of the Abbey Herald should be handed into the office or e-mailed to [cathycraig73@aol.com](mailto:cathycraig73@aol.com) or [robinrcraig73@aol.com](mailto:robinrcraig73@aol.com) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 12.30 PM ON SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**

## **PARISH REGISTER – SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **Baptism**

26 August                      Neve Alexandra Taylor

### **Wedding**

1 September                      Kate Thomson & Stephen Hosie  
20 September                      Ruby Cormack & John Craft  
22 September                      Sheena Graham & Andrew Napier

## **FOODBANK**

The next FoodBank collection will be on Sunday 28 October. Items in short supply are tinned fish, potatoes, custard, rice, fruit, tomatoes and jam, cereal, biscuits, 1 litre cartons of juice and storage bags.

Thank you to everyone who donates.

M Sharp

## CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Congregational Lunch will be held at the Glynhill Hotel on Sunday 16 December.

Adults £22    Children £10

The menu is:

Trio of Melon served with blackcurrant sorbet and Cassis Glaze (V gf)

Selection of soups of the day served with buttered croutons (V)

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Roast turkey and apricot paupiette served with chipolatas and jus

Steamed fillet of salmon served with a langoustine and spring onion velouté

A vegetarian option will also be available

Selection of winter vegetables and roast Charlotte potatoes and rosemary

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Rich Christmas pudding and Brandy sauce

Fresh fruit salad, strawberry coulis and Glynhill vanilla ice cream

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Tea, Coffee and Mints

Do come along to this happy Abbey family event.

More details will follow in due course.

## **ABBEY DEFIBRILLATOR**

We are very grateful to Paisley North Local Area Committee for providing funds to allow us to acquire a defibrillator. As many of you will have noticed it will be located in a cabinet just outside the shop door in the cloister area and will be ready for possible use once training has taken place. Two Heartstart classes have been arranged and others will take place according to demand.

The machine is fully automatic and can be used for both adults and children. Its location in the Abbey is to improve the health and safety of employees, volunteers, all who visit the Abbey at any time and members of the public in the immediate surroundings of the Abbey.

MGS

## **LIFE AND WORK**

Subscriptions for the 2019 issues of Life and Work are due in Edinburgh by the 19th November 2018.

Current subscribers should have received notification together with an envelope in which to put their subscription if they wish to continue receiving it or to inform me if they wish to discontinue their subscription.

If any member of the congregation would like to become a subscriber the discounted cost is £30.60 for twelve issues of the magazine, which is delivered with the Abbey Herald, could they please let me know by Sunday 11th November.

I can be contacted on 01505 323532 or leave your details at the Abbey office.

Thank you.

Cathy Craig

## **THANK YOU AND HELP WANTED**

The Visitors Committee is grateful for the continued support of the volunteers who help to make our Open Days a success and look forward to their continued support at the following future events.

**Halloween Event** - over two days Friday 26 October from 6.00pm to 9.00pm & Saturday 27 October from 12 noon to 9.00pm when there will be a stall selling soup & hotdogs as well as storytelling, pumpkin carving & films in the Church & the Shop open.

**Fireworks Display** - Saturday 3 November 3.30pm to 7.00pm when we will be serving soup in the Cloisters

**Switching on the Christmas Lights** Saturday 17 November 12 noon to 6.00 pm. There will a hotdog & soup stall in the Cloisters and the Church and the Shop will also be open on both days.

These events, which are an important part of our outreach to the community, have been very busy in past years and while they can be hard work they are good fun while at the same time helping the Abbey's finances. I hope that many of you will give some of your time to these events.

As it is becoming more difficult to fill shifts I am looking for people to help steward in the Church and to serve in the Gift Shop & Café in the first instance to be on the reserve list. As a steward you are there principally to welcome our many visitors from home and abroad and give out our leaflet so a knowledge of the history of the Abbey, though useful, is not essential to begin with as you will very quickly pick it up while in the shop a smiling welcoming face can work wonders with the visitors. Please help to keep the Abbey's reputation as a welcoming and friendly Church.

If you and/or your friends are interested please contact Robin Craig on 01505 323532 or email at [robincraig73@aol.com](mailto:robincraig73@aol.com) or leave your details at the Abbey office.

Thank you.

Robin Craig  
Convenor of the Visitors Committee

# SCOUT NOTES

## Scout notes



Scouts, Explorer Young Leaders and Leaders all helped with Doors Open Day at the Abbey on 8 September. The Scouts took many visitors up the tower in the course of the day and stamped 'passports' for children who were taking part in the Doors Open Day challenge to visit at least five places of interest in Paisley.

In addition two scouts provided entertainment for our visitors at the west door encouraging many to come in. Well done to the young people and leaders who helped make the day the success it was.



We currently have vacancies in all sections so do encourage young people you know to join us. Beavers are for girls and boys aged 6-8, Cubs for girls and boys aged 8-10.5 and Scouts for girls and boys aged 10.5-14. All sections meet on Fridays in the Abbey Halls in Lawn Street, the Beavers from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm and Cubs and Scouts from 7.30 pm to 9.30pm. In addition, for young people aged 14-18 there is the North Paisley Explorer Scout Unit which also meets in the Abbey halls, in their case on a Wednesday from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

## SUNDAY SERVICES OCTOBER 2018

Sunday 7 October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

11 am Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 2. 18-24  
St. Mark 10. 2-16

Music: Communion setting – Mass for four parts -  
Byrd  
Laudate nomen Domini – Tye

Sunday 14 October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 4. 12-16  
St. Mark 10. 17-30

Music: Psalm 90 – Responsorial  
Jubilate Deo – Gabrieli à 8  
Lobe den Herrn – Schütz

12.15 pm Holy Communion (in the St. Mirin Chapel)

4 pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Joshua 5.13-6.20  
St. Matthew 11. 20-30

Music: Responses – Smith of Durham  
Psalm 127  
Canticles – Stanford in A  
A hymn for St. Cecilia – Howells

Sunday 21 October - The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

11 am Harvest Festival Holy Communion

Readings: Deuteronomy 8. 1-10  
St. Matthew 6. 25-33

Music: Communion setting – St. Anne Mass:  
MacMillan (congregational setting)  
My soul there is a country - Parry

Sunday 28 October – The Last Sunday after Trinity

11 am Morning Service

Readings: Jeremiah 31. 7-9

Hebrews 7. 23-28

St. Mark 10. 46-52

Music: Psalm 126 – Attwood

Te Deum – Harwood in Ab

Lobet den Herrn – J S Bach

12.15 pm Holy Communion (in the St. Mirin Chapel)

4pm Evening Service marking the Festival of Simon and Jude,  
Apostles

Readings: Ephesians 2.19-22

John 15.17-27

Sunday 4 November – All Saints Sunday

11 am Holy Communion

Readings: Revelation 7. 9-17

Matthew 5. 1-12

Music: Communion setting – Mass for Double  
Choir - Martin

O quam gloriosum – Vittori

## **Confirmation Class**

A Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday 21 October at 5pm.

The class will look at the basics of the Christian Faith and is open both to those who wish to be confirmed and to people just interested in learning more about our faith.

The class will last one hour and will run for four weeks.