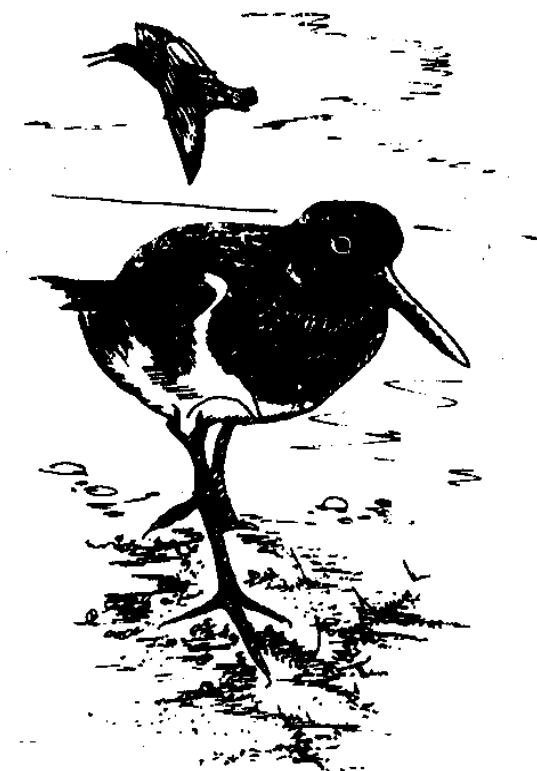


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REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

The very first meeting I have attended of the North West Regional Council was held at St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church in Milngavie. Representing St Bride's were myself and Carol Lovett, who is our Lay Representative. The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by the Revd Andrea Hagenbuch and seconded by David Simmons. Fr Dominic Ind will continue as chair of the NWRC, proposed by Louise Benson and seconded by Mrs Lovett. David Simmons will continue as vice-chair, and Tim Rhead as Secretary, and Richard Smith is to replace the outgoing Fr Sydney Maitland as Boundary Commission Representative, all proposed and seconded by the same. Apologies for absence were issued on behalf of Fr Heller Gonzalez and Morag O'Neill of St Augustine's Dumbarton, Fr David Guest of All Saints' Bearsden, Fr Peter Bradley of St Bride's and David Sheen of St Michael's Helensburgh.

The next Diocesan Council will be held on 7 March at Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock. Ms O'Neill remains on the Synod, but nobody else from the region is standing. There was no report from the last Diocesan Council meeting, however it was mentioned that St Bride's has been granted more financial support.

St Andrew's Milngavie reported well-attended Christmas services with children attending most Sunday Masses. Quinquennial work is proceeding, and new emergency lighting is soon to be commissioned. Two new members of the vestry have also been appointed. The church also holds Church Walks periodically. Lastly, The Revd Andrea Hagenbuch is leaving St Andrew's on 1 March, to be followed by the vestry meeting the Dean the following day. We all wished, and continue to wish, Andrea the best of luck for the future.

As for St Bride's, our Christmas services were advertised in the Community Magazine, which attracted some new congregants. Our Community Carol and Nine Lessons & Carols Services were well-attended. After a generous donation, a new Nativity set was purchased. There is now a heavy demand for the usage of our hall, which is being coordinated by Miss Annie Blackwood. Repairs are needed to the rendering on the South Wall, as well as the windows of the Rectory – it is hoped that the needed repairs will commence in the near future.

St Michael's Helensburgh reported nearly 200 attendants for their Advent Carol and Nine Lessons & Carols services. There are two new walking groups, including the "Golden Amblers" who meet for a local walk bi-weekly. On Tuesdays, there is a Holy Hour, and Thursdays see a Night Prayer and

Meditation service. The first stage in restoration for the church organ has been completed, with the second stage planned for later in the year. Three worship team leaders have now been appointed for St Michael's: Gareth Hooper, Richard Smith and Stephen Brandon. St Michael's also boasts a strong relationship with the local Roman Catholic and Church of Scotland churches, with said relationship only growing. Fr Dominic has also been appointed as Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Dunbartonshire.

St Augustine's Dumbarton unfortunately had no report, as Fr Heller is away in Spain visiting his ill father, and Ms O'Neill recently suffered bereavement and is currently recovering from eye surgery. We wish them both the best.

Mr Rhead has been in contact with All Saints' Jordanhill, which has recently appointed The Revd Mary Bowden – who preached at St Bride's some time ago – as their interim priest. Fr Dominic has reported that there has been a very large increase in the Diocesan Quota for St Michael's – it was suggested that legacy payments may have contributed to that. Fr Dominic also congratulated The Revd Andrea for her commitment to the NWRC over the past ten years, and her exemplary attendance record.

Members of our churches have been invited to the Ascension Day service held at All Sants' Bearsden on Thursday 14 May. The next NWRC meeting has been agreed to be held on Wednesday 24 June at St Bride's, likely at the Rectory.

Personally I found this meeting useful to attend as a learning moment, and have committed to attend every meeting where travel allows. I also very much enjoyed meeting the other members of the Council, and look forward to working with them in the future.

Talan Ferris-Morris

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St Bride's Women's Group



Glasgow City Mission - Child and Family

The Women's Group were delighted to welcome Margaret from the Glasgow City Mission Child and Family Centre, who provided us with an overview of the Christ focused work of the centre.

The following information from the GCM website provides an excellent summary of Margaret's contribution:

The Child and Family Centre have been working with children in Govan since 1986 and is knitted into local people's lives. The Centre provides Parent and Toddler Groups, All Age Groups, family support classes and advice for parents, plus after school clubs and holiday clubs. The aim is to break the cycle of poverty and give the children the best possible start in life. To achieve this, the Centre provides a safe, educational and nourishing environment where the children can have fun and are encouraged in their development.

Parents are also equipped with skills and confidence – parenting is not always easy! Relationships within the family and Centre are key. These are built during weekly coffee mornings, parenting groups, healthy eating and exercise groups and daily conversations.

Some comments from those attending -

"Thank you for another excellent meeting last night!

Margaret's report of what she and her fellow workers do was humbling. Four women! "The labourers are few" as St Matthew said!"

"That was a great meeting - I learned a lot!"

Sheena Connolly

Ireland's Inspiration

St Patrick's Day, beloved of the Irish and all who appreciate the Emerald Isle around the globe, is on 17 March. We'll be celebrating the Saint in music on Saturday 7 March. As with our previous events for St Bride of Kildare and St Hildegard of Bingen, the performance will feature:

CANTY -
professional vocal
quartet, directed by
Rebecca Tavener

Bill Taylor -
mediaeval harp



The Schola Cantorum
of St Bride

Community Singers - directed by Alan Tavener

...plus

Readings from *The Lorica of St Patrick* with insights from Fr Peter

The programme will include rare and wonderful 15th century Irish material (from the same manuscripts that the St Bride music came from last year), together with *Lorica* by Michael McGlynn (commissioned by Rebecca and recorded on Canty's album *Carmina Celtica*) – and everyone will get a chance to join in, particularly in singing *St Patrick's Breastplate* as the grand finale.

There'll be a workshop in the afternoon from 1.00 p.m. so that Alan can rehearse the community singers. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

The performance will begin at 4.30 p.m. and end at c. 6.00 p.m. Admission by donation.

Please put the word around and bring friends!

Rebecca Tavener



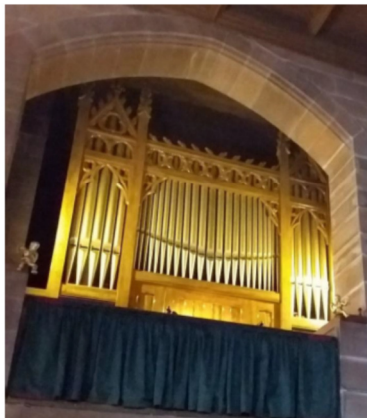
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AROUND AND ABOUT

Congratulations to Alex and Heather Steele on the birth of Isaac on 18 December: a little brother for Grace.

The St Bride's General Chat WhatsApp Group now has 24 members, and new ones are always welcome. Discussions have included such a variety of subjects as forthcoming services; the crosswords produced by the late Lily Bland for *The Oystercatcher*; the day the starting chord for the motet was given with an unexpected Bossa Nova rhythm; and the delights to be found in the Stirling Museum. The Editor of *The Oystercatcher* has even used it to solicit contributions for forthcoming issues, with modest success. Watch out for a new regular monthly feature in the Spring.

Also featured were the snowdrops which are starting to appear in the park opposite St Bride's and in our memorial garden.



Giving to St Bride's

If you would like to give to St Bride's on a regular basis, you can do so by taking out a standing order at your bank and making it payable to:

Account name: St Brides Episcopal Church

Bank: Virgin Money Branch code: 82-12-08 Account number: 30063266

READINGS FOR SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

<p><i>Sunday 1 February</i> PATRONAL FESTIVAL</p>	<p>1 Kings 8, v 22–30 Psalm 122 Hebrews 12, v 18–24 Matthew 21, v 12–16 <i>(My house shall be called the house of prayer)</i></p>	<p>Harry Dunlop Annie Blackwood</p>
<p><i>Monday 2 February</i> THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Malachi 3, v 1–4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2, v 14–18 Luke 2, v 22–40</p>	<p>TBA Jonathan Lord</p>
<p><i>Sunday 8 February</i> Sexagesima</p>	<p>Isaiah 58, v 6–10 Psalm 112, v 4–9 1 Corinthians 2, v 1–12 Matthew 5, v 13–20 <i>(You are the light of the world.)</i></p>	<p>Tosh Lynch/Server Elizabeth Moignard</p>
<p><i>Sunday 15 February</i> Quinquagesima</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 15, v 15–20 Psalm 119, v 1–8 1 Corinthians 3, v 1–9 Matthew 5, v 21–37 <i>(It was said to those of old; but I say to you)</i></p> <p><i>Choral Evensong & Benediction</i> Psalm 6 Numbers 20, v 1–13 <i>(Water from the Rock at Meribah)</i> Luke 16, v 17–26 <i>(Blessings and woes on the plain)</i></p>	<p>Gilly McDougall Andrew Lockyer</p> <p>Rebecca Tavener Jane Ross</p>
<p><i>Wednesday 18 February</i> ASH WEDNESDAY (The Beginning of Lent)</p>	<p>Joel 2, v 1–2, 12–17 Psalm 51, v 1–17 2 Corinthians 5, v 20b–6.10 Matthew 6, v 1–6, 16–21 <i>(Almsgiving, Fasting, Prayer, Treasures on Earth and Treasures in Heaven)</i></p>	<p>Harry Dunlop Annie Blackwood</p>
<p><i>Sunday 22 February</i> The First Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 2.15–17; 3, v 1–7 Psalm 32 Romans 5, v 12–19 Matthew 4, v 1–11 <i>(The Temptation of Jesus)</i></p>	<p>Ebi Japhet Joe Mannion</p>

MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Readings	Setting	Motet	Psalm	Voluntary Before	Voluntary After
Sunday 1 st 10.30 Patronal Festival: Choral Eucharist	1 Kings 8.22-30 Hebrews 12.18-24 Matthew 21.12-16	<i>Jackson</i> Communion Service in G	<i>Bruckner</i> Locus iste, WAB 23	122	<i>Boëllmann</i> Prière à Notre Dame (Suite Gothique)	<i>Boëllmann</i> Introduction - Choral & Menuet Gothique (Suite Gothique) <i>William Briant, Organist</i>
Sunday 8 th 10.30 Sexagesima: Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 58.6-10 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 Matthew 5.13-20	<i>Cabena</i> Mass in the Dorian Mode	<i>Samuel Webbe Jr</i> Lucis Creator optime	112. 4-9	<i>Fasolo and Dupre</i> Lucis Creator Optime ("O blest Creator of the Light")	<i>Whitlock</i> St Denio ("Immortal, invisible") (words at NEH 377)
Sunday 15 th 10.30 Quinquagesima: Choral Eucharist	Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Matthew 5.21-37	<i>Harris</i> Communion Service in F	<i>Barriby</i> Beloved, if God so loved us	119. 1-8	<i>Rheinberger</i> Sonata No 4 in A minor (Intermezzo)	<i>Rheinberger</i> Sonata No 4 in A minor (first movement)
Sunday 15 th 15.30 Choral Evensong	Numbers 20.1-13 Luke 16.17-26	<i>Sumsion</i> Evening Service in A	<i>Wood</i> Glorious and powerful God	6	<i>Gade</i> Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern ("How brightly beams the Morning Star)	<i>Parry</i> Dundee ("The Race that long in Darkness pined") (words at NEH 57) <i>Andrew Forbes, Organist</i>
Wednesday 18 th 19.00 Ash Wednesday: Choral Eucharist	Joel 2.1-2,12-17 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21	<i>Michael Haydn</i> Missa Quadra- gesimalis	S S Wesley Wash me thoroughly from my Wickedness	51. 1-17	<i>Demessieux</i> Attende Domine	<i>Buxtehude</i> Praeludium in D Minor, BuxWV 140 <i>Michael Bawtree, Organist</i>
Sunday 22 nd 10.30 Lent I: Choral Eucharist	Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11	<i>Darke</i> Communion Service in E	<i>Attnood</i> Turn thy Face from my Sins	32	<i>J S Bach</i> O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß ("Bewail your grievous sin!"), BWV 622	<i>J S Bach</i> Canzona in D minor, BWV 588

KALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February

1	Sun	BRIDE OF KILDARE, ABBESS, c. 525	Life and Ministry of St Bride's; women in ministry and leadership
2	Mon	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Those who wait upon God in patience and hope
3	Tue	<i>Saints and Martyrs of Europe</i>	Faithful witness under pressure in contemporary Europe
4	Wed	<i>Feria</i>	Christian–Muslim relations and mutual understanding
5	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	Peoples affected by conflict and political instability
6	Fri	<i>Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i>	The Christians of Japan
7	Sat	<i>Feria</i>	Migrants, refugees, and those crossing borders
8	Sun	Sexagesima	Life and Ministry of St Bride's; Christian formation and teaching
9	Mon	<i>Feria</i>	Lay vocations and ministries in the Church
10	Tue	<i>Scholastica, Religious, 543</i>	Female Religious and the gift of stability
11	Wed	<i>Feria</i>	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
12	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	Small nations and island communities
13	Fri	<i>Feria</i>	Reconciliation in divided societies
14	Sat	<i>Cyril, Monk, 869, and Methodius, Bishop, 885, 'Apostles of the Slavs'</i>	Translation, language, and the Gospel across cultures
15	Sun	Quinquagesima	Life and Ministry of St Bride's; charity and love in action
16	Mon	<i>Feria</i>	Those preparing for Lent: clergy, musicians, liturgists
17	Tue	<i>Fínán of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661</i>	Mission shaped by hospitality and prayer
18	Wed	Ash Wednesday	Repentance, humility, and renewal of life
19	Thu	<i>Martin Luther, 1545</i>	The visible unity of the Church
20	Fri	<i>Feria</i>	Christian public witness and civic responsibility
21	Sat	<i>Feria</i>	Those whose authority is exercised in service rather than display
22	Sun	First Sunday in Lent	Life and Ministry of St Bride's; perseverance in discipleship
23	Mon	<i>Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, c. 156</i>	Courage and faithfulness in old age
24	Tue	<i>Feria</i>	The Church in secular cultures
25	Wed	Ember Day	Those discerning vocations to ordained ministry
26	Thu	<i>Feria</i>	The Small states, principalities, and overlooked communities
27	Fri	Ember Day	The sanctification of labour; those whose work is unseen or undervalued
28	Sat	Ember Day	Those to be ordained; bishops, priests, and deacons, and those who support them