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Seeking God's will through
prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community



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Letter from our Chaplain

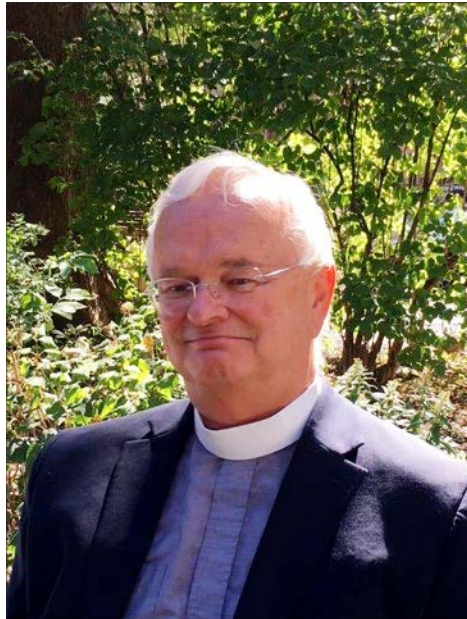
Dear Family and Friends of St. Andrew's,

This marks my third year that I have served as Chaplain to St. Andrew's Church, Gothenburg. It has been a dynamic time in the life of the Parish as we move forward to seek out God's will for us as a Christian Community of Faith in a dynamic and ever changing world. We seek to find new forms of leadership in a community where old forms and habits are becoming less effective and we need to seek out new forms which will set us in the right direction in order to move to a challenging future.

When I arrived in May of 2016 one of the first issues that was addressed concerned the administration and leadership of the Parish. For some time it had been carried out by an inner core of individuals who were long standing in the Parish and wanted to pass on their duties to new people. Over the past year this has started to be implemented and will continue to be carried out in an orderly fashion. Already we have done this by dividing up jobs that had been the responsibility of one person over a broader base of people.

The Music Program which had been under the leadership of Gillian Thylander for many years has now been assumed by a new director Patrick Holming who continues to collaborate with her. While Gillian generously gave of her services over the years the Parish has had to consider that a new person would need to be paid and this was made possible by a generous grant.

The fabric of the building continues to be a concern as we try to think of ways to use a



Church built to accommodate the needs of another generation to today's needs where it is utilized by a broad spectrum of the community beyond the scope of the Sunday Congregation. Every day groups such as AA, the Mission to the Ladies of the Night and the African Choir, who are our community outreach use the building.

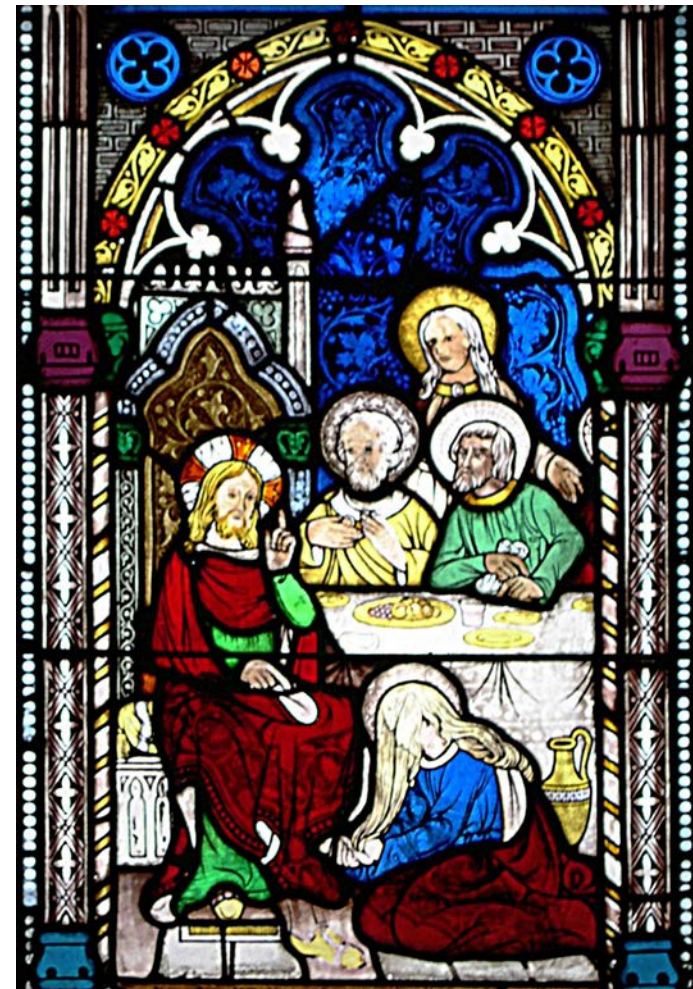
Of more immediate concern is accommodating the children who need a space for their Christian education. Plans have been underway for partitioning the back of the church for this purpose, but we are short of funds needed to complete this project. About 150,000 SEK has been raised so far but 350,000 is still needed.

These are just a few of the things which are of ongoing concern. I am gratified with the

ways we give of ourselves as it is reaching out to others as Jesus reaches out to us that we witness to the world beyond our doors. So this will be an ongoing concern as we face the future together.

We have a new committee with new leadership who are aware of the challenges ahead; so we pray that God will guide us as we move forward together.

Chaplain Bruce



A sinful woman washes Jesus' feet with her tears, wipes them clean with her hair, kisses them and anoints them with an ointment



Services: June — August

Unless otherwise stated, there is just one service on Sunday: Parish Communion at 11.00

JUNE 30, Trinity 2

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Eileen Korczak

JULY 7, Trinity 3

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JULY 14, Trinity 4

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

JULY 21, Trinity 5

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JULY 28, Trinity 6

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

AUGUST 4, Trinity 7

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

AUGUST 11, Trinity 8

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

AUGUST 18, Trinity 9

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

AUGUST 25, Trinity 10

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: The Willy Family

SEPTEMBER 1, Harvest Festival

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Eileen Korczak

SEPTEMBER 8, Trinity 12

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Andrew Korczak

Fellowship time

Coffee and tea served after our morning services

Many years ago, one of our chaplains, *Bill Lister* together with his wife *Cathy*, said something that has stayed with me. It was that "the service does not end with the minister giving his blessing - *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*, and the reply - *In the name of Christ. Amen*. But it

carries on afterwards with a period of fellowship."

Here we maybe meet a new face, or an old friend revisiting. Just a few words and maybe a laugh, perhaps even a hug goes a long way.

Hope to see you all after the service,
Ann Gustafsson



Chaplaincy News

Palm Sunday



The usual Palm Sunday Procession round the block whilst singing the first psalm

Easter Sunday



The Easter Garden



Our chaplain David talking to the children about what happened on Easter morning at Jesus' tomb

Our new Church Wardens



At our service on May 6th Gunilla Ramell and Tomas Fredén were sworn into office

The International Service



Annual Bazaar and Garden Party



On the last Saturday of May we held our annual Bazaar and Garden Party as usual. The weather was sunny but cold, and the helpers, who started the morning setting up everything, were all in good spirits. We had our usual flow of old and new friends and supporters and it was a very enjoyable day.

Thank you one and all who helped and supported us.

Ann Gustafsson

Baptisms



Sunday 10th March 2019
GLADYS EKLÖF was baptised.



Sunday 25th April 2019
DAVID UZOMA was baptised.



Sunday 17th May 2019

ESTELLA ABBÅS was baptised.

Stella's grandfather came all the way from the United States, together with her grandmother, to baptise her.

A jolly reception was held in the church garden, to which the whole congregation was invited.

Funerals



Friday 14th December 2018
JAN JOHAN VIKTOR ÅBOM aged 86



Thursday 16th May 2019
Marita Tubman aged 78

The beautiful Blue Vase

It was designed and donated by Patricia Brennan - a good friend of St Andrew's. It will be on display with a flower in Remembrance of a dear one departed, or of anyone who needs our prayers.

PS Write your name in a book if you wish us to pray for a dear one during the intercessions.

Ann Gustafsson



What is a Jostaberry?

At our Garden Party I was constantly asked: what is Jostaberry? since I had made some jostaberry jam. Here is the answer: The cultivated plants (bushes) are a cross between black currant and gooseberry. The name *Jostaberry* was created via combining the German words for blackcurrant and gooseberry, namely *Johannisbeere* ("Jo") and *Stachelbeere* ("Sta"). Following German pronunciation of "J", it may be pronounced "yostaberry" in English. The first cultivar was made available to the public in 1977. A number of varieties have been developed since then by various developers.

The nearly black berry, which is smaller than a gooseberry and a bit larger than

a blackcurrant, is edible both raw and cooked. It is described as having a taste intermediate between a gooseberry and a blackcurrant, with the gooseberry flavour more dominant in the unripe fruit, and the blackcurrant notes developing as the fruit ripens. The ripe fruit will hang on the bush in good condition through late summer, but is very popular with birds. The somewhat unripe fruit can be used in cooking recipes as a gooseberry. Like blackcurrants the fruit freezes well, and like many other members of the genus *Ribes* it is rich in vitamin C.

Gisela Barnard

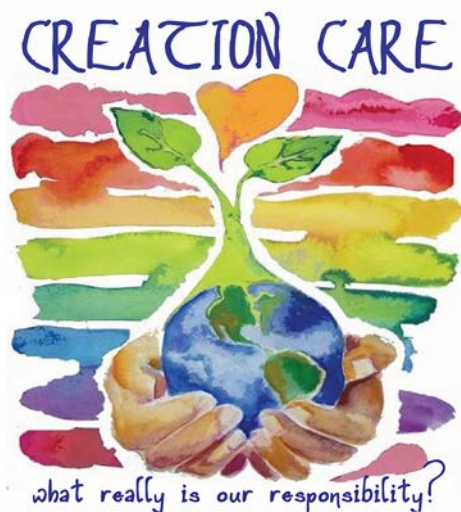




Nordic and Baltic Deanery Synod

Reykjavik, September 2018

The annual Deanery Synod for 2018 was held in Reykjavik, Iceland, from 13 to 16 September. and hosted by the Revd Bjarni Þór Bjarnason, who is vicar of Seltjarnarnes Parish and was licensed during the Synod as Anglican Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Congregation in Iceland. It was well attended by clergy and lay delegates from most chaplaincies. All Norwegian congregations were represented, as well as those from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Latvia. The synod was opened by the Area Dean, Revd Nick Howe.



The theme for this year's Synod concerned climate change and was discussed from a theological angle. On Friday afternoon a lecture was given by Professor Sólveig Anna Bóasdóttir of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Iceland. She described how human life thrived on Earth for 10,000 years, but that since the Industrial Revolution earth's cycle has changed. She considers climate now to

be the greatest challenge mankind has ever faced. Although the poor are the first to be impacted by these changes, she emphasised that 'loving our neighbour' should not only apply to humans but to all life, and we have a moral duty to work to preserve it in all its diversity. All churches and faiths need to contribute to this protection. Later we were invited to a reception and buffet hosted by the Bishop of Iceland, Agnes M. Siguroardóttir, at her residence.

Services were held each day in the Cathedral Church of Reykjavik, including a wonderful Eucharist with the choir on Sunday morning with the licensing of Revd Bjarnason. On Saturday a challenging Bible Study was led by the Revd Jana Jeruma-Grinberga, Chaplain of St Saviour's, Riga, based on Micah 6 6-8 and the parable of the wages for the workers in the vineyard from Matthew 20 1-16.

This was followed by the Lay Chapter Meeting where new regulations for the protection of personal data were presented and discussed (the EU's General Data Protection Regulation). The rules cover a myriad of everyday aspects like tax details, webpages, donations, lists of people, spreadsheets and photographs. What data do we have, and how do we handle them?

Adequate protection is necessary but difficult and time-consuming. All the chaplaincies are struggling to achieve control, but there are numerous straightforward means to limit how information is used, and who should have access to it. A safeguarding update was presented by Susan Boyd who also answered questions. Costs have risen sharply in recent years, but are at last beginning to plateau. Courses and implementation of safeguards are now widespread.

Considerable discussion was given to the diocesan Common Fund. A proposal had been made to increase donations from chaplaincies by 10% to cover costs for new archdeacon positions, consultancy on communications, the Mission Opportunities Fund, and safeguarding. Both Clergy and Lay Chapter were independently in agreement that such a move would quickly bankrupt numerous congregations. At the subsequent Business Meeting (where both clergy and laity meet), it was agreed that the overall financial situation in the chaplaincies should be resolved first, and the suggestion to the Diocese was that we were only prepared to strengthen safeguarding at this time. There was also a motion to change rules allowing members in the Diocese of Europe to attend Church Council meetings via Skype, as congregations can be spread over a large geographical area (as in Norway).

This would allow better representation without the necessity for expensive travel, and allow participation without increasing the carbon footprint. Additionally, Nigel Rowley, Diocesan Rep. and lay chair for many years, and Archdeacon Colin Williams, who retires next March, were thanked for all their contributions to the Deanery.

On Saturday afternoon the Synod was treated to a short excursion to , the ancient seat of the Icelandic Parliament, and also a site where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Dr Pall Einarsson, Professor of Geophysics, was our guide at this fascinating place. We delegates were most grateful for the exceptional organisation and hospitality shown by the Revd Bjarnason throughout the Synod.

Jeanette Munro



Pingvellir National Park in Iceland



On how to edit a church magazine

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

So, your vicar has appointed you to be the magazine editor; I wonder what you have done to offend him. I appointed our magazine editor 20 years ago, after her dog dug up my rose bed. Sadly, she seems unaware that I gave it to her as a penance and has been happily carrying on ever since. She has even developed a nasty persistence when it comes to chasing me for a vicar's letter every month. Becoming editor has brought out the tyrant in her.

I applaud your hope that your magazine will be a great force for good in the community, but I fear you may be disappointed. You will hardly believe this, but many readers of our magazine seem to ignore my pastoral letter altogether, and instead scan the adverts for plumbers and undertakers – and even for both - if there has been a major burst in their pipes.

In any case, here are some editorial tips to bear in mind: if you want to keep any piece of church information confidential, then publish it in your magazine. On the other hand, if you accidentally transpose the names of the ladies responsible for the altar pedestal and lectern on the flower rota, it will be spotted within seconds of publication. And you will not be easily forgiven.

Staffing rotas can be helpful, so that people know who to blame when anything goes wrong. Reports of meetings of monthly groups are also welcome, because not everyone who goes to these meetings can stay awake the whole time, and thus a report informs them about the bits they slept through.

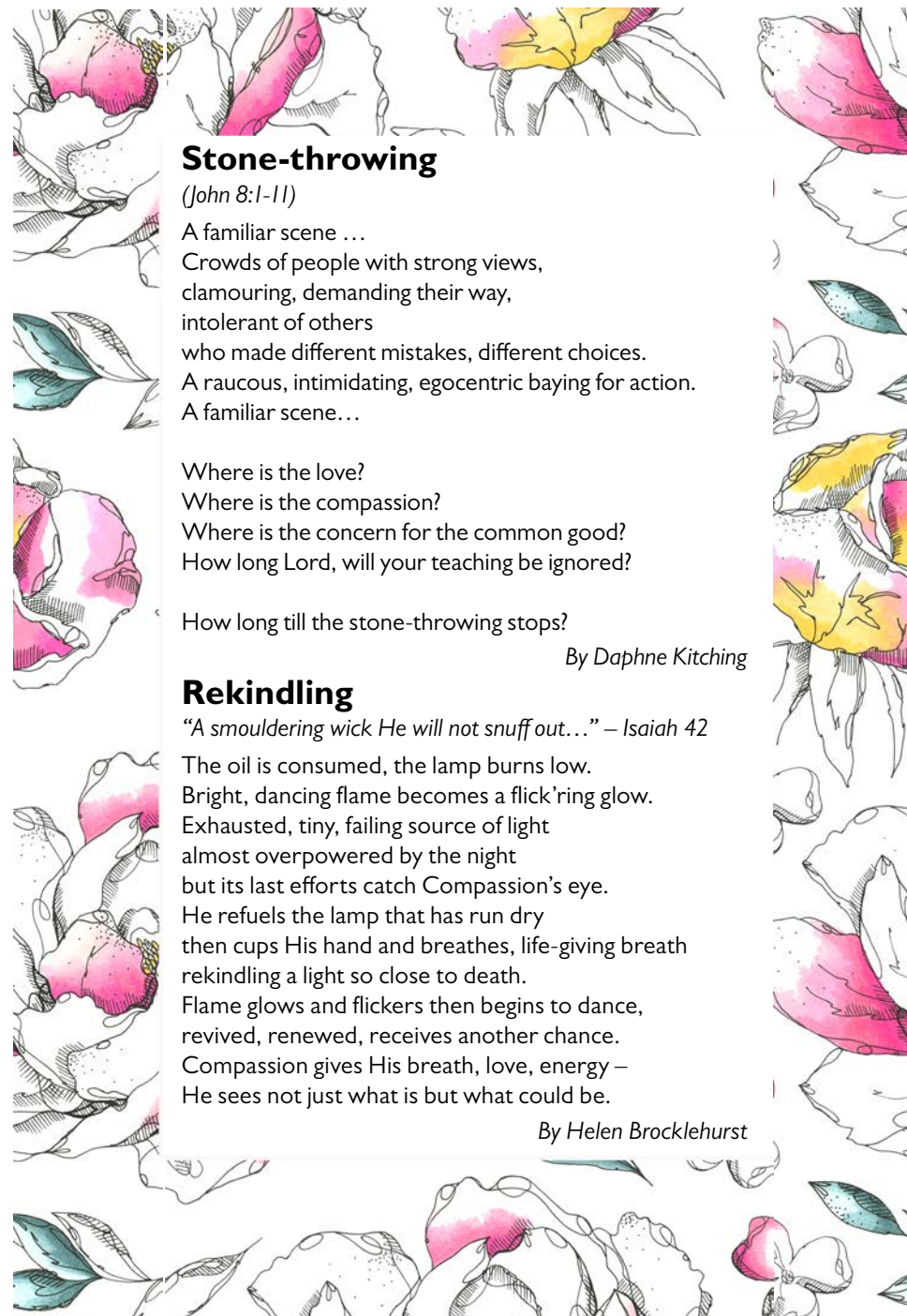
Always include a list of contact details for all the church officers, but don't worry if you mix up their various phone numbers. In fact, it can help get people talking to each other, because in order to reach the PCC Secretary, they will have had to phone most of the other PCC members first.

My final piece of advice is to omit any deadline for submission for the following month. A deadline is like a red rag to a bull, and simply incites people to break it. Whereas if you have them a bit worried that they may be left out, they will get you the copy in good time.

I wish you many happy hours reading badly written copy, fending off fearful poems, and stalking your own vicar, in vain hopes of getting his clergy letter.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

From: *St James the Least of All*
Editor: *The Rev Dr Gary Bowness*



Stone-throwing

(John 8:1-11)

A familiar scene ...

Crowds of people with strong views,
clamouring, demanding their way,
intolerant of others
who made different mistakes, different choices.
A raucous, intimidating, egocentric baying for action.
A familiar scene...

Where is the love?
Where is the compassion?
Where is the concern for the common good?
How long Lord, will your teaching be ignored?

How long till the stone-throwing stops?

By Daphne Kitching

Rekindling

"A smouldering wick He will not snuff out..." – Isaiah 42

The oil is consumed, the lamp burns low.
Bright, dancing flame becomes a flick'ring glow.
Exhausted, tiny, failing source of light
almost overpowered by the night
but its last efforts catch Compassion's eye.
He refuels the lamp that has run dry
then cups His hand and breathes, life-giving breath
rekindling a light so close to death.
Flame glows and flickers then begins to dance,
revived, renewed, receives another chance.
Compassion gives His breath, love, energy –
He sees not just what is but what could be.

By Helen Brocklehurst



Hear My Voice! – Eir Vocal Ensemble

Sunday 7 July at 15:00

St Andrews Church (Hvitfeldtsplatsen 2, Gothenburg)

A concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Sweden.

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