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KENTUCKY COMPANIONS

Recently returned from a visit to the Diocese of Kentucky, Gill Young recalls some highlights...

My three weeks in the USA were a work/holiday sandwich really; visiting Episcopalian friends in New York and Nashville framed an exciting time in our Companion Diocese of Kentucky.

In New York I met up with Gwyneth Leech, artist of our Cathedral frescos, and her family.

I started my Kentucky time in Paducah on the Ohio River, renewing acquaintance with some of the congregation of Grace Church with whom Gordon Fyfe and some of our young people made exchange visits in 2002.

One of those young folk is now in

training for ordination and she and I met with members of the congregation.

Three days later I left for Louisville after a Civil War re-enactment day and a visit to New Harmony, an amazingly preserved old town, latterly owned by Robert Owen and very similar in intention to New Lanark.

In Kentucky I spent time at All Saints, the magnificent Diocesan Residential Centre, meeting with diocesan leaders involved in Christian formation and taking part in a skilfully led youth gathering.

SEARCH FOR BISHOP

Also staying that weekend were members of the diocesan search committee, for Kentucky is also in the process of electing a new bishop. We were able to compare notes and processes!

I was joined in Louisville by Anne and Elliott Glenesk and Bryan Owen from St James Bishopbriggs, and we met up with Sharon and Bob Nesmith and St Matthew's priest Lucinda Laird who visited us last year. Bob and Sharon gave us wonderful hospitality and we were treated to a tour of Louisville churches by former Bishop

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David. We saw some excellent children's work programmes, including Godly Play, and visited their inspiring Memory Care Home.

On Sunday we joined the St Matthew's congregation for worship after which Bryan gave a presentation about Bishopbriggs, and the official link was established.

After lunch, Anne and Elliott joined many thousands of local people in a hunger march. Later that day there was a Celtic Eucharist where we met more of the congregation.

Then the Glasgow folk parted ways and I spent the morning in discussions at the diocesan centre. I met the Dean (Provost) of the Cathedral, Mark Bourlakas, with his assistant, Revd Amy Coultas; Canon Joan Smith

(Dean of the Diocese); and the diocesan communications director Mary Jane Cherry.

The next day I had wide and helpful discussions with Canon Joan and the diocesan Christian formation leaders, sharing ideas and programmes.

Then on to stay with friends in Nashville, former American members of our St Mary's Cathedral, and spent the Sunday at their Anglican cathedral.

The churches I visited all seemed to major on Christian formation and adult education programmes, and the children's work was interesting, but of course their resources are greater. I look forward to sharing more of this visit at a later opportunity.

Gill Young convenes Glasgow & Galloway's Companion Dioceses Action Network

Worship before The Wave

Eco-Congregation Scotland is organising a church service before the national climate justice march in Glasgow on Saturday 5 December.

People from across Scotland are being urged to send a clear message to world leaders by joining Scotland's largest-ever climate change rally, The Wave, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit that starts the following week in Copenhagen.

The service will be at St Leo the Great RC Church, 5 Beech Avenue, Glasgow G41 5BY (close to Bellahouston Park) at 10am.

The march (approx 2.5miles) starts at 11am from Bellahouston Park and finishes in Kelvingrove Park where there will be live music, speakers, a kids' tent with activities and other marquees hosted by member organisations of the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland Coalition.

More details of the route and the day's programme will be on the Stop Climate Chaos website as soon as they are finalised.

Visit stopclimatechaos.org.

News and events in brief . . .

ST Margaret's Newlands is planning a Clothing Clear-out fundraiser next spring, so if you're planning a Spring clean or just feel the need to have a tidy up and turn out, keep any unwanted clothing aside for this event.

Contact Jan MacDonald (0141-585 3155 or jan.lynne2303@gmail.com).

Fasting on the Word is a training day for those who administer Communion from the Reserved Sacrament or lead services of the Word.

It takes place in St John's Dumfries on Saturday 6 March, 10.30am to 3.15pm.

Lunch will be provided for those who register. To book a place contact Ann Tomlinson (mdu.gg@btinternet.com or 0131 668 1322) by Shrove Tuesday (16 February).

HOLY CITY is a monthly workshop & worship event for curious folk and faithful doubters concerned with the contemporary challenges for progressive Christianity. Organised by the Wild Goose Resource Group and others, the next event is Sunday 20 December, 7pm, Renfield St Stephen's Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow.

ART and Soul is a church art group for beginners at Ayr's Holy Trinity, every Friday, 2-4pm.

ST Bride's Church, 69 Hyndland Road, will have a coffee morning on Saturday 5 December, 10am to noon. Tickets are £1.50 (which includes coffee and cake) at the door.

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THERE is a new website address for St Margaret's Newlands: www.episcopalnewlands.org.uk.

MARRIAGE and Cohabitation: The same or different? is a one-day exploration on Saturday 27 February, 10am-2.30pm in St Silas, Park Road, Glasgow.

It's hosted by the Mothers' Union for ALL church members and family members and friends. Contact Carolynne Sorrell (01387 255798).

FREE or highly subsidised training is on offer to folk whose income is no more than £22,000 a year.

An Independent Learning Account gives an annual allowance of £200. Call 0808 100 1090 for an application form.

Next issue . . .

ITEMS for the February issue may be submitted by **Monday 18 January** as ordinary running text (*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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'Enough for all' message

The theme for next year's Poverty & Homeless Action Week is Enough for All.

The week runs from Homeless Sunday (30 January) to Poverty Action Sunday (7 February) with churches holding special services, organising sleep-outs, and celebrating their work to help and highlight the plight of the homeless and poor.

The theme is inspired by Luke 9.12: "All of them ate and were filled. When they collected the leftover pieces, there were 12 baskets."

A spokesman said: "The recession is not just a crisis but also a time for us to explore new ways of doing things.

"We have had enough of an economic system built on greed and selfishness.

Readers explore future

A NATIONAL conference for Lay Readers will explore what Reader Ministry in the SEC in the 21st century will look like.

A residential setting will allow time to hear from a number of notable speakers and offer opportunities for worship, reflection and discussion.

The event is organised by Glasgow & Galloway but is open to Readers from across Scotland.

There will be practical workshops in key areas of ministry and skills development.

It takes place on 7 May at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan.

Contact Brian Woodburn (01556 610519).

There is another way.

"There is a growing gap between rich and poor. This is not only immoral; it is bad for all of us, harming our health and happiness. But we can close the gap.

"There is enough for all. Enough food, enough resources, enough money, enough homes, enough love, enough joy.

"But there is only enough if we don't retreat into our shells. We must greet our neighbours, give what we can and share our ideas, hopes and skills.

"Our churches and communities contain a wealth of skill and resources, including many we don't know about yet. We must rediscover and share them."

Scottish Churches Housing Action has worked with Housing Justice and Church Action on Poverty to develop resources for churches to use during the week.

Download free materials from www.actionweek.org.uk.

Further information from Scottish Episcopal representative Joe Cassidy: joe.cassidy@tesco.net.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

NEXT year's Diocesan Synod takes place on Saturday 27 February at the Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew.

Regional Councils are asked to submit any motions via their Diocesan Council representatives to the January meeting of Diocesan Council.

Recently elected Lay Reps and Alternates particularly are asked to take note of this advance notice.

John Calvert — dynamic leader, physician and churchman

DR John Anthony Calvert BSc MB ChB DObst RCOG died suddenly on 4 October while abroad.

He had been in medical practice in Stranraer for 30 years, having come to Wigtownshire in 1969.

John was educated at Glasgow Academy and Edinburgh University Medical School.

Energetic, friendly and capable, John ticked all the right boxes for general medical practice and his patients found him readily available and painstaking on their behalf.

Nobody ever left his surgery without feeling that they had had 'good value'.

A lot of today's local health services started with seeds sown by John Calvert, such as the palliative care unit in Stranraer and the funding of nurses for 'Hospice at Home' care.

In the 1990s and in his retirement, John directed his energies more and more to the cause of the Order of St John.

He was chairman of the Dumfries & Galloway Branch for many years right up to the time of his death, and became a Knight of the Order in 1996.

His leadership was dynamic.

During his last few years John had been Scottish Priory Hospitaller for the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. It was an appointment he took very seriously and he made several hands-on visits to the hospital, often in difficult circumstances. He was in Jerusalem with Pat, his wife, on Eye Hospital business at the time of his death.

Throughout his life John's abiding

recreation and passion was horses.

A member of St John's Stranraer, John served as treasurer, warden and eucharistic assistant. He also made frequent flamboyant appearances in the church's annual pantomime.

John was a particularly happy family man. Small in stature, he was in many ways larger than life.

Contributed by Annabel Taylor, secretary to St John's Church vestry

Chaplain of the ports

THE induction of Revd Timothy Tunley as Chaplain of the Scottish Ports was held on 9 November at St Mary's Church, Grangemouth.

The Most Reverend David Chillingworth, Primus, and Liaison Bishop for The Mission to Seafarers in Scotland, officiated at the service. Chaplain Tim will be based in Grangemouth, and will extend his ministry to other ports.

During the proceedings the Reverend Allan Boyd was appointed Chaplain Emeritus. He had served until recently as Honorary Chaplain for Glasgow and the Clyde, a position he had held since 1989.

Prior to that he served for 20 years as a volunteer in various capacities. Following the appointment by the Reverend Tom Heffer, Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, the congregation responded with a standing ovation.

The Mission to Seafarers is a missionary society of the Anglican Church that serves seafarers around the world.

Teamwork will shape new Sunday service

Teams will take turns to create a new service at St Margaret's Newlands. Member June Gray explains...

IN the life of a church community it is important for members regularly to review their contribution and response to global issues, surrounding communities' needs and to their own worship.

St. Margaret's is no exception to this and our focus for the last year has been to establish sub-groups to look at these particular issues and to form a way forward to develop our church life towards having a relevant response to the needs

of world, communities and the church members.

The First Sunday Service has evolved partly because of these developments and partly as recognition of the importance of making worship accessible to all ages.

This means that we include a range of materials as part of the worship, such as world church songs as well as more well-known hymns.

We may use symbolic actions as a response to God's Word, and drama to illustrate God's message.

The First Sunday Service is being organised by a diverse group of church members who are split into teams and allocated responsibility for preparing the service for their allotted month. Some of our material comes from Wild Goose Resource publications of the Iona Community and the church has had a visit from Revd John Bell to help us think about worship in our own setting.

We have decided that we will organise these services for a year as a pilot with regular reviews.

We know there is a tremendous amount involved for the teams preparing the worship services, but the motivation behind this work is a longing for the worship to challenge, strengthen and sustain us all in St Margaret's church life.

Filmfest inspires talks

Peter Andersson's news from our linked diocese, Gothenburg

A CINEMA festival was staged recently by two city parishes in Gothenburg, providing a forum to discuss existential matters.

The films were *Waltz with Basher* (on war in the Middle East); *Juno* (about a young girl dealing with her unplanned pregnancy); *Forgiveness* (about South Africa); blockbuster *Mamma Mia*; *Crash* (about a racism in Los Angeles); *The Edge of Heaven* (a physical and spiritual journey from Bremen to Istanbul); and a Swedish movie about being teenager.

Seminars and discussions were scheduled alongside the viewings.

TWELVE Jewish, Muslim and Christian young people visited Leicester at the end of October as a part of the project Youth Engagement in a Multifaith Society.

In Leicester together they visited among other things a synagogue, a mosque and a church.

After the trip the group will share their experiences in different places.

OLD-FASHIONED TEA

AN old-fashioned Christmas tea party takes place at Holy Trinity Ayr on Saturday 12 December, 2-4pm.

Dainty cakes and cucumber sandwiches await, along with piano music from Mrs Catherine Overdijk. Tickets £3.

THE General Synod of Church of Sweden decided at its meeting in October to accept same-sex marriage in the church and a supplement for such ceremonies will be added to the handbook for marriage services.

Three young delegates from Glasgow & Galloway participated in the All Saints Camp arranged by the youth organisation of Church of Sweden.

A SEMINAR on being the Church in the modern city was arranged in Gothenburg last month. Speakers included Christopher Baker (University of Manchester) and Dean Christoph Schuppan (Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berlin).

Episcopal vacancy

THE Preparatory Committee is now considering nominations for the new Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway and will produce the short-list of candidates by the middle of December.

The candidates will meet the Electoral Synod in January before the election.

Lay Representatives and Alternates are reminded that if they attended the preliminary meeting in September, they are still members of the Electoral Synod, even if they have recently handed over as Lay Rep to someone else.

GIVE IT UP FOR LENT

20 February, 10am-4pm
St Bride's Church
69 Hyndland Road G12 9UX

A Lenten event for 11-17-year-olds

Come and drum, sing, think,
meet, laugh, dream, create,
celebrate, chill, chat,
have fun!

Cost £2

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