



St. Cyprian's Link - 5th January 2014

Many thanks to everyone who helped in our Christmas Celebrations, from taking part in services, to decorating the church, to providing music, to providing refreshments..... and anything else I have forgotten! Personally I really enjoyed and was inspired by our Christmas Celebrations, and hope everyone else was as well.

We also need help tomorrow to clear up - if you are free please come and help us!

The Mothers Union are meeting on Wednesday 8th January at 2pm. Maxine says: Its our AGM and apart from the 'business' part of the meeting we will be discussing how to help the EDC Woman's Aid ladies and planning our February afternoon tea fundraiser.

Services today:

9.15am - Eucharist

10.30am - Eucharist

Preacher and Celebrant - Les Ireland.

All Hymns from the Ancient and Modern New Standard Book.

3.00pm - Service at Lilyburn Care Home.

We also have Holy Communion on Thursday mornings at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee for everyone who wants to join us.

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I am hoping to have produced a Church Calendar for the next year in the next couple of weeks, including dates of all of our major events (although of course things are always subject to change...).

It would also be good to put in dates for other "cross-church" events. If you have any dates of interest please let the Rector know - E.mail would be best - and they will be included.

Prayers:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the diocese of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and their Primate: the Most Revd William Brown Turei.

In our own Diocese, please pray for the church of Holy Trinity & St. Barnabas, Paisley (Rector: Tom Wilson).

DAILY PRAYERS

- 6th For everyone returning to School
- 7th For Big issue sellers
- 8th The Church of Sweden
- 9th The work of "Hart for the City" and Lukas Njenga
- 10th Ministers of the Sacrament and Pastoral Visitors.
- 11th Families facing divisions

Please also remember in your prayers:

Margaret Conway; Jennie Downes; Daphne Fraser; Susan Frost; Marilyn Hazlette; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Geoff Scobie; Jack Smith; and for all those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of the church.
May God keep them in His care

*Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.*

*Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.
--Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)*



If you would like to get something into the Link, please let the Rector have it - best to E.mail it - before teatime on the Wednesday - Les949@btinternet.com

Opening Hymn: 51

(As with Gladness)

Collect: God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them

gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Psalm 147:13-21

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs — who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ² before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the

first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Hymn: 47 (Brightest and Best...)

Gospel Reading: John 1:10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Offertory Hymn: 49

(O Worship the Lord....)

Communion Hymn: 256

(Let all Mortal Flesh keep silent)

Prayer after Communion: Light eternal, you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn: 48 (Earth has many a noble city...)