

# F CUS

On St. Andrew's Cathedral

November 2018



**A time for thankful remembrance**

# The Provost Ponders

By The Very Rev'd Dr Isaac Poobalan

Dear Friend,

We are preparing this month to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and I feel the excitement of what we are about to celebrate. It will have all the hallmarks of Christ our king in its simplicity, clarity and intentionality. It will be the day of our Annual General Meeting and may I take this opportunity to urge you to attend this service and the meeting afterwards. This is an important moment in our life together at the Cathedral which is going through a transition. Please pray that God will be with us and bless us as we look to the future with confidence and joyful commitment.

On the day, we will meet for Sung Eucharist at 10.45am. There will be no choir, so come prepared to sing and make sure the children are with you, so that, together we can make a joyful noise to the Lord. The choir is needed for the Choral Evensong when the Revd Gerry Bowyer and the Revd Vitto-

ria Hancock will be installed as Canons of our Cathedral and Captain Vanessa Pinto as Pioneer Evangelist for the city of Aberdeen that evening. Please remember them and our Trustees in our prayers.

The Annual General Meeting will follow the same format as in the previous years and we have a bigger turnover than before because we will be bidding farewell to our dear friends and faithful servants of God at the Cathedral, Andrew and Claire Morrisson. Together they have served the Cathedral more than half a century at a very high level of commitment. We pray God will bless them and keep them a blessing in the next steps of their journey. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be Andrew's final service as the Organist and Master of the Choristers.

Regina Jaschke has been extremely busy as our Trustee in the recruitment of our next Director of Music. Details of this may appear elsewhere in this

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issue of the Focus. I hope we will be in a position to announce the new person joining us at the AGM. Please keep Regina and the recruitment team in your thoughts and prayers.

We are in a season of transition in many ways. The bishop has moved her Office from St Clement's Church House in Mastrick to the glorious Mariscal College. The new Diocesan Office will be very close to where the first St Andrew's Chapel once was, in the Upper Room of John Skinner's house in Long Acre. In that sense, the Episcopal Church in Aberdeen is reclaiming its history and heritage. And the Cathedral will enable the journey with the diocese to reclaim our rightful place in serving our city and beyond. The Diocesan Office now being close to the Cathedral, we will see our bishop more often joining us in prayers. This marks another transition for the Cathedral.

Daily Prayers in the Cathedral

is the norm for most cathedrals. However, we have been less intentional in this and I am gradually moving towards prayers being offered at least once daily. As the first step, throughout Advent, Morning Prayers will be said at 8.30am Monday to Friday in the Cathedral. Please commit yourself to come. If not, commit that time to join in on the cathedral Facebook page. We have a great news to celebrate that God is love and we are God's children and it is our Lord's birth we celebrate at Christ-Mass. So, come, let us worship, Christ the Lord.

You would have noticed my use of a few words repeatedly – simple, clear and intentional. I heard it said to us, the Clergy and Lay Readers in the diocese by our Canon from the Episcopal Church, the Revd Canon Dr Charles K Robertson, lovingly known to us as Chuck Robertson. Canon Chuck was with us for a couple of days in October to lead the diocesan Lay Readers and Clergy in thinking about Jesus and his love for

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God's world. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.* John 3.16 This business of God's love was made simple and clear in Jesus Christ who was intentional in all that he did. He prayed throughout the night and walked throughout the day preaching and healing. And the rest of the time he partied and proclaimed the Kingdom of God. I am convinced that our life and work at the cathedral should be simple, clear and intentional.

The Patrons of the Cathedral Development Programme 2020 met in August for a meal, kindly hosted by one of our Patrons and Trustees, Dr Ian Long. At that meeting one of the Patrons offered to organise a free consultation with a fundraising strategist. Mr Ian Ord from the Fifth Ring, B2B Marketing communications agency visited us and surprisingly said that we must be simple, clear and intentional in all that we do and who we are. One recommen-

dation in our hopes to restore our Cathedral was to appoint a Development Officer. We knew it is impossible because we can not afford and hence we resorted to do what we know best, pray. With that I approached someone with experience in Project Development and Management, Prof Gordon Graham. As an answer to our prayers, Gordon had kindly agreed to carry on the excellent job done by Jim Lyon who is now resting in peace. Gordon is in the process of forming a team and developing strategies. There will be more details about this soon both in the Focus and in a separate Newsletter.

We are a people called to follow Jesus, worship the God in the beauty of holiness, and serve God's world that God loves dearly. God bless you as you remain faithful to this call. May this month of thankful remembrance make you rejoice in God's blessings in loved ones departed. May this coming season of Advent to Candlemas through Nativity, New Year

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and Epiphany fill you with expectation, joy and peace both personally and in our world. We will have our own little nativity or two with the arrival of Amber's and Mimi's babies. Let us hold them in our prayers.

May God fill you with peace, wholeness and joy as you serve the Lord.

In Christ's everlasting love,

Isaac

## Situations Vacant!

By Mark Edwards, People's Warden

Last month I left you with a request to consider whether and how you might be able to serve the Cathedral in terms of serving in one of the positions due to fall vacant at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting [AGM].

I can now confirm that the following positions are available for nomination and, where necessary, confirmation by a vote at the meeting.

**There are two vacancies for the position of Trustee.** Regina Jaschke and Michael Stone both step down from the Board having served their full 3-year term. My thanks to both

for their considerable contributions during their period of service.

Trustees serve for a 3-year term, as directed by our constitution. As a Trustee you will be expected to attend the regular monthly meetings [held in the evening] as well as attending extra-ordinary meetings when these are deemed necessary for the effective management of an ongoing situation. In addition, Trustees are expected to take responsibility for specific actions and to conclude their implementation.

**The position of Lay Representative is vacant.** This is an annual-ly appointed role [by nomina-

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tion and vote] and has been held by Professor Andrew Morrisson for the last few years. This is an ex-officio position and attendance of Board meetings is a requirement. With Andrew's retirement this position will need to be filled. Again, on behalf of the whole congregation I would like to thank Andrew for his professional representation of our Cathedral in the Diocesan Synod in the recent past.

The Lay Representative, appointed under Canon 63, represents the congregation in the Diocesan Synod [normally one whole-day meeting per year]. The Lay Representative is also a member of the Episcopal Electoral Synod, as defined in Canon 50. Hopefully this will not be needed!!

### **The position of People's Warden is vacant.**

This is an annually appointed role by nomination and vote. The role is varied but I will highlight the major responsibilities for brevity. The Warden is

one of two Officers of the Cathedral [the other being the Provost's Warden] and as such has an ex-officio seat on the Board of Trustees. They are expected to attend the Board as other Trustees [see above] and to play a leading role in support of the Chair of the Board. The People's Warden is responsible for representing the interests and concerns of the congregation on and to the Board; they should be as accessible to everyone for consultation and to resolve concerns or issues raised.

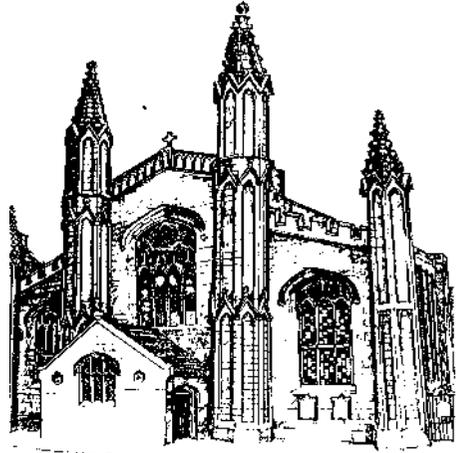
Under our Provost's tenure, the People's Warden has also assumed a more visible role in our services, supporting our Senior Steward, Jean Leiper in all aspects of stewarding and acting as Verger in our larger services. The Warden has a seat on the Cathedral Operations Leadership Team and is required to chair significant meetings as well as planning, coordinating and supervising our larger, more ceremonial services.

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Nomination Forms for all these positions will be available at the rear of the Cathedral for your use. I remain available at any time for informal and non-binding discussions regarding any of the roles highlighted above.

As always, my sincere thanks,  
Mark



## Cathedral AGM

The AGM will be held in the Cathedral immediately after the 10.45am Sung Eucharist on **Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.**

Questions to the Trustees should be submitted in writing in an envelope anonymously, the Sunday after the accounts and reports are submitted to the congregation.

The quorum will be lesser of twenty-five or 30% of the qualifying constituent members, as calculated and notified at the summons for meeting by the Cathedral Trustees. The number will be given on the day.

See you then!

## Cathedral Flowers

By Moira Middleton

A big thank you to everybody who helped make the Cathedral look magnificent for Harvest Thanksgiving. It was three days of extremely hard work with so many people helping out in so many ways. As usual too many to mention.

The October Poppy project has been a great success and hopefully I will be able to display over 200 poppies which have been lovingly made by Cathedral members and Friends as a fitting memorial to

commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Please let me have your poppies by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The next big event will be the Christmas Flowers and I will put more details in next month's Focus.

Thank you all for your continuing support. Donations towards the flowers can be placed in a Gift Aid envelope with Flower Fund written on the front.

## Children's Ministry

By Moira Middleton

Congratulations to the children for their colourful contribution to the Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration. Their dancing and singing brought many wonderful comments from so many people in the congregation. Thank you to the parents and leaders who made it all possible. Godly Play had a couple of weeks off for the school holidays but this Sunday some of the children came

along to cut out and mount felt poppies onto wreaths as part of the WW1 Anniversary decorations. Another 150 poppies to add to the display.

There will be a meeting of leaders to discuss preparations for the Christmas Party on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November after church. If you can stay on for a bit we would like to tidy the equip-

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ment and sort out the storage as things are getting a bit messy. If you can stay a while please bring a packed lunch.

The new Creche Rota is now available:

## **CRECHE ROTA NOV-JAN 2018/19**

NOV 4	Kathleen	Oge	Linda
NOV 11	Tracey	Nan	Mimi
NOV 18	Moira	Faustina	Davika
NOV 25	Christine	Blessing	Catherine
DEC 2	Kathleen	Chioma	Oge
DEC 9	Tracey	Linda	Mimi
DEC 16	Moira	Faustina	Nan
DEC 23	Christine	Davika	Blessing
DEC 30	Kathleen	Catherine	Chioma
JAN 6	Tracey	Oge	Linda
JAN 13	Moira	Nan	Mimi
JAN 20	Christine	Faustina	Davika
JAN 27	Kathleen	Chioma	Blessing

If you cannot come on your allocated Sunday, please arrange a replacement or a swap. You should be in the JSC by 10.30 to welcome parents and children and set out the toys.

We have had wonderful speakers at our two meetings this month. First of all Sister Columba came and spoke about her life story and the influences that led to her devoting her life to the Lord. She spoke of her nursing service and life as a midwife before coming to Aberdeen and working in the old persons Home attached to the convent in the Spital.

Thank you, Sister Columba for sharing with us.

Just this week Bishop Anne was our guest. We were invited to submit written questions and Bishop Anne answered each one in a frank, deep and often very entertaining way. It was a brilliant afternoon and we are most grateful to her for spending time with us. Most importantly she is interested in becoming a member of Mothers Union. How good is that!

### Looking ahead

The next meeting is on Tuesday November 13 at 2pm in JSC. Please bring along a

photo of yourself as a child and also one of a very special day in your life and be ready to tell the group about it. This is all part of getting to know each other and it promises to be a fun afternoon.

Keep the date - **Tuesday 11 December is our Advent meeting.** Usual place and time.

We do not have a meeting in January so our first meeting of the year is the **AGM on February 12th.** We will need to select a new Branch leader and committee so please give this some serious thought as to whether you would be prepared to take office.

**Diocesan meeting - November 10th in JSC at 10 am for 10.30 am.**

This is to discuss the merger of Mothers Union in this diocese with those in the other dioceses in the north of Scotland. If you have not received details of this proposal and the proposed constitution please email me and I will forward it to you.

## MU Trauma Teddies



The Cathedral Branch of the Mothers Union recently gifted 23 Trauma Teddies to Grampian Women's Aid to give to the children who find themselves away from home due to some emergency.

## Suitcases and Votive Candles

If any member of the congregation has a suitcase (or suitcases) they no longer need could you please get in touch with Isaac or myself. We require one or two for storage purposes.

Our stock of votive candles is running seriously low so we

would welcome any donations from members of the congregation. If anyone happens to be in Edinburgh or Glasgow Ikea is a good place to buy them. Failing that you can of course buy them locally. Thank you in advance.

*Margaret Buyers*

## Choir News

By Andrew Morrisson



### **FCM Grant and Festal Evensong**

The Cathedral was delighted to receive a grant of £15,000 from Friends of Cathedral Music to support various aspects of the musical life of the Cathedral. The grant was presented to the Provost at a special evensong on the feast of SS Simon & Jude by Mr Peter Smith (Member of FCM Council and Assistant Grants Secretary) in the presence of the Bishop, Andrew Morrisson (The Organist and Master of the Choristers), The Lord Glenarthur DL

(FCM Diocesan Representative) and Lewa Olaosebikan (Head Chorister and Cathedral Representative in the FCM Diamond Choir). The photo shows the presentation. The Cathedral Choir, which was joined by members of choirs from Dee-side Churches, sang canticles by Hugh Blair in B minor and anthems by Victoria and Harwood. The event was streamed live on the Diocesan website. The Cathedral Catering Team provided refreshments after the service.

## Choir News

By Andrew Morrisson

### **Picture celebrating 39 years of Choir Tours**

To mark his retirement, Andrew has commissioned a pictorial record of the choir tours he has undertaken over the past 39 years. The artist, Jillian Bain-Christie collaborated closely with Andrew to capture many of the memorable events and personnel who have enriched the tours over the years. The picture takes the form of a detailed 'Mappa Mundi' and is a wonderful reminder of the choir's touring history. The photo shows Jillian officially hand-

ing it over to Andrew and Claire after the FCM Evensong. Jillian has very kindly granted us permission to make copies of this artwork and sell them to raise funds for the new Song School. A smaller copy will be on display in the Choir Vestry until Christmas. A colour, A3 copy of the 'Mappa Mundi' may be purchased for £25 (inc p&p), with profits going to the St Andrew's Cathedral Development Fund for the new Song School. Contact Andrew Morrisson or Claire Woods to order between now and Christmas.



## Choir News

By Andrew Morrisson

### Organ Scholars

Anthony White has been appointed Organ Scholar, and Forbes Kinghorn Junior Organ Scholar for the 2018/19 academic year. Both have commenced playing for services. We look forward to working closely with them.



#### *Anthony White - Organ Scholar*

I am a first-year student at the University of Aberdeen, studying for the Bachelor of Music degree (BMus) alongside my subsidiary subject Geography.

I was born in Oxford and from 3 years old I attended Christ Church Cathedral School in Oxford, where I took

an active interest in Music subsequently becoming a chorister of Worcester College Choir which is affiliated with Christ Church Cathedral School at the age of 7. Later, at the age of 11 I was introduced to the organ and took some lessons with the Organ Scholar at Worcester College and with Dr. Andrew Patterson (FRCO), Organist at St. Giles and Blenheim Palace. I also helped St Giles Parish Church in Oxford in choral singing. My musical talents were noted by Dr. Stephen Darlington, Director of Music and Tutor in Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. In 2014 I moved to Scotland, where I was awarded a Music Scholarship to St Leonards School, St Andrews, for my International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. For 3 years I was enjoying the vibrant music activities: taking part in senior school and public concerts across Scotland, choral singing and piano/organ accompaniment; organising and running organists' recitals from Russia; assisting Edinburgh City Organist (Dr. John Kitchen, MBE) in his organ

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concerts in the Usher hall, Edinburgh. Out of term time I attended many week-long Royal College of Organists (RCO) organ scholar experience taught organ courses at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Last academic year 2017/2018 I worked as a Graduate Gap Year Music Assistant to the School Director of Music, where I produced and executed very complex pieces of musical work, formed a boys' choir from scratch, organised an organ concert tour in the UK for the Moscow Conserva-

toire Professor A. Schmitov. I was privileged to introduce each musical piece to the concert audience: local community, school and musicians. This certainly enriched peoples' lives through the power and beauty of music.

I am now preparing for my ARCO diploma which I am planning to take in the upcoming years at University. And currently hold the prestigious David and June Gordon Senior Organ Scholarship at King's College Chapel, at the University of Aberdeen.

## Harvest Thanksgiving in Abundance this Year

By Sylvia Simpson

This past Summer's land produce over the entire UK was indeed a bumper harvest. Even in privately owned gardens it appeared to be quite overwhelming—thank God for his goodness. As members of the Cathedral congregation I and others were fortunate enough through Jean the Ordinand to enjoy Victoria's (I guess) plums from her garden and oh weren't they just deli-

icious! Likewise from Derek (Sleeman) apples he had a surfeit of which he brought along to the Cathedral for the congregation "to help themselves". Stewed & some into an apple crumble for a few evening meals went down well in my household. Thank you to both Jean & Derek for sharing their garden bounty. I'll add my grandchildren's response—YUM YUM!

# LaRCs Call

By Amu Poobalan

Recently, people have been asking what 'LaRCs' mean and its purpose. To be honest, the original idea came from developing a small network, where we can have fun and play a part in restoring the Cathedral. The actual name for it came from the bird LARK (slightly different spelling.... never mind!), which symbolises Daybreak, known for their extravagant singing and in some Renaissance paintings, the Lark symbolises Christ!.... so we went for it!!

LaRC's purpose is to organise events to have fun while raising some funds and restore! But it is not just about the restoring the building but the ethos of a Cathedral. In addition to being the seat of the Bishop, a Cathedral is the hub for worship and mission. It is supposed to preserve the heritage, culture and the life of the community it serves. I gather someone who visited our Cathedral from America recently stood at the alter and said that it feels like being in a 'Mother ship'. I think it is exactly what we are meant to be. To gather the community (both physically and spiritually) and to launch the gifts that we have to be blessed and serve the community. SO..let us be ambitious and bring in innovative ideas to restore our Mother church!!

**THANKYOU** - We have had couple of fundraisers with Bollywood and Hollywood night over the past 2 months, where we have raised around £800. Thank you to everyone who made this a success by being there at the event, selling tickets, help to set up and clear the place, giving generous donations and keeping the Cathedral and it's ministry in your prayers. LaRCs also took a lead in providing the Harvest lunch and was an enjoyable event.



**Upcoming events:**

**BODY SHOP PARTY: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2-4pm in John Skinner**

## LaRCs Call

By Amu Poobalan

**Centre.** Please come along and enjoy an afternoon Tea and cakes (£3.00), while you browse and test the beauty products and place orders. Invite your friends please. More orders... more funds for the Cathedral.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AND ADVENT STALL - SUNDAY THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OF DECEMBER 6.30pm:** Let us invite the wider Diocesan family and friends to join us for the Advent Carol service and the Advent Stall. Please get making, baking anything Christmassy that we would add to the stall. Think of innovative ideas to go on the stall and invite friends. Many who came to the previous services appreciated the music and hospitality with seasonal refreshments.

**Advent stall @ St Andrew's Cathedral**  
28 King Street, Aberdeen



**On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2018**  
After morning service and after Advent carol service

**Come and enjoy the blessed**  
**Advent Carol Service**  
**and Browse the stall with Refreshments!!**

**INTERCESSIONS FOR BLESSED DAYS:** It will be good to remember the blessed days of our cathedral family members during the weekly intercessions. This can be Birthdays, Wedding anniversaries, Death anniversaries. A diary is left at the back of the Cathedral and will be until 11<sup>th</sup> of November. If you would like your special days to be offered up at the intercessions, please indicate the dates in the book. These dates will be collated and be included in the intercessions....hopefully from the new liturgical year.

Stay blessed and spread your blessing!

# Informal Summary of the Trustees' Meeting on 10 October 2018

By Claire Morrisson

## **1. 2017/18 YEAR-END ACCOUNTS AND 2018/19 BUDGET**

Andrew Morrisson presented the 2017/18 financial year (F/Y) accounts and a projection for the 2018/19 F/Y. Several large items of income and expenditure were one-off or unusual (for example those associated with the purchase of the new Rectory), therefore adjustments were required to calculate the underlying 'steady-state' income and expenditure for a 'normal' year. After these adjustments, a shortfall of £20,000 was predicted in the General Fund for 2018/19 unless corrective action was taken. The accounts will be available to the congregation in advance of the AGM and will be explained at the meeting.

The Provost reported that members of the congregation had requested more feedback of the totals raised in giving campaigns. The Trustees agreed that the up to date total should be included on the weekly service sheet for several weeks after the start of each campaign.

## **2. UPDATE ON DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Regina Jäschke reported that the job had been advertised, with a

closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> October. The interview panel would comprise Regina, the Provost and Claire Morrisson. Michael Stone requested that candidates be appraised of the plans for the Song School, because the new incumbent's vision should be aligned with that of the Trustees.

## **3. PROVISION OF TREASURER AND PAYROLL SERVICES FOR 2019**

Andrew Morrisson reported that he had met with Colin Boag (a retired Bursar from Albyn School) to discuss the format of the cash-book and production of accounts in OSCR format. Colin considered the current format good and felt that conversion to OSCR format would be straightforward. Accruals would have to be incorporated as part of this exercise. He is willing to provide some training for Tamunotonye Dikibo, over a limited timescale. He advised us that we may need a full audit of the accounts because our annual turnover exceeds £500,000 this year. Also, if any repairs include an aspect of improvement, this requires capitalization in the accounts.

The Trustees agreed that Mr Dikibo would be trained in keeping the

General Fund cashbook, the gift-aid records, preparing gift-aid rebate claims and VAT rebate claims. Mr Dikibo will also be trained in keeping the Development Fund cashbook, but this is a lower priority, because it is currently kept by Christine Flett. Claire Morrisson had notified Johnston Carmichael that we wish to terminate our contract with effect from the end of December 2018. Payroll will be transferred to ACVO.

#### **4. ORGAN SCHOLARS**

Andrew Morrisson reported that Anthony White had accepted the post of Organ Scholar for the 2018/19 academic year. A second organ student, Forbes Kinghorn, is at an earlier stage in his studies than Anthony. A member of the congregation has kindly volunteered to sponsor him as junior organ scholarship for the 2018/19 academic year.

#### **5. 2019 SALARIES**

The Trustees noted that the Provost's stipend for 2019 will increase by 2% to £26,470, as specified by the SEC. The cathedral also pays an annual pension contribution of £8,523.36 and Employer's National Insurance Contributions of

£2490.35, making a total cost to the cathedral of £37,483.71. The Trustees unanimously agreed to increase the Administrator's salary also by 2%, to £10.71/hour.

#### **6. UPDATE FROM FUND-RAISING STRATEGY GROUP**

Michael Stone reported on the transitional meeting between the old CDP2020 team and the new Development/Fund-raising group. This was attended by Gordon Graham and Ian Gourley, as well as most members of the old CDP2020 team. The Provost opened the meeting by paying tribute to the late James Lyon, the former Chair, who had worked tirelessly as a champion of the development and died recently. The new-look team would amalgamate the responsibilities of the CDP2020 and fund-raising teams, reporting to the Trustees and requiring their approval for strategic decisions. Gordon Graham will chair the group and has outlined its structure. Key roles are:

- Chair (Gordon Graham)
- Special Programmes Coordinator (reaching communities such as the Diocese, Aberdeen City, the USA)
- Communications Officer (including events and me-

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- Grants and Funding Officer (Ian Gourlay, with past members of the fund-raising team)
- 'Friends' secretary (possibly also Gordon Graham)
- Buildings Officer (who will liaise with the Architect and tradespeople)

Gordon believes the Provost needs to be in touch with every aspect of the Project Team's work, but should not be expected to undertake any specific role, as this could detract from his core ministry. Michael Stone will have responsibility for liaising between the Development Team and the Trustees. The link between the Patrons and the Development Team has to be established through an appointment by the Development Team.

The Trustees agreed that the Development Team should have access to the Development Fund monies for their own funding. Seabury House and the Old School Building are key resources for the Development. The intention is still to convert the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Seabury House into a Song School and a Young People's Ministry area. The top floor will become of-

fices, although it is undecided whether these will be for our own use or for renting out.

## **7. UPDATE ON HARVEST APPEAL**

The Provost reported that the total raised to date is £4196.40p, which rises to £5245.50p including gift-aid.

## **8. CARETAKER ROLE AND CATHEDRAL HSE OFFICER**

Claire Morrisson had circulated a job description for the role of Caretaker, devised with the Administrator. The role was evaluated at 24 hrs/month. The Trustees agreed that we do not have funds to pay for a caretaker. The post will be advertised as a voluntary role on the ACVO website. Mark Edwards reported that Adekunle Oke has volunteered to take over as the cathedral's HSE officer.

## **9.UPDATE ON PVA LEASE AMENDMENT**

Andrew Morrisson reported that PVA have signed the lease amendment, which is now ready for signing by the Provost and the Wardens. This lease expires in April 2019.

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### 10. AOCB

BBC programme on poverty: St Andrew's Cathedral may feature in this programme. The Provincial Communications Officer (Laura Findley) will manage it.

AGM format: Some members of the congregation had requested more time for questions and answers at the AGM. The Trustees agreed to move the start of the Eucharist to 10 am and to invite members to submit questions well

before the meeting.

Trustees' vacancies: The Trustees agreed to post a list of vacancies in the November issue of Focus and to have nomination forms available at the back of the church from the beginning of November.

### 11. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm in the JSC.

## Photos from Cathedral Members



Practising Choir before the 4.00 pm Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 28 October, by Florence Cal-Anglia

## Photos from Cathedral Members



Two photos from Pam Lawrence who recently visited Washington DC:

Top: Statue of Samuel Seabury  
Right: Carving of Samuel Seabury's consecration



Aberdeen Choral Society  
presents

# *Handel's Messiah*

Conductor Alistair Macdonald

Holburn West Church  
Great Western Road, Aberdeen

Wednesday 12th December 2018  
at 7.15pm

Tickets - £16 from:

Aberdeen Box Office Tel.(01224) 641122 or  
Key Moves 14 Chapel Street Tel (01224)  
251100 or

Choral Member, Ian Flett at Cathedral Office  
Tel (01224) 640119



Would you like to receive the Focus magazine by mail, or know someone who might? Contact Christine Flett if you'd like to be added to the mailing list!



## **Reach out to touch the World this Christmastime**

No wrapping paper required, ribbon or tags, just knowing that by offering hospitality to a "*Stranger Soon to Become Friend*", the experience will stay with you and your guest long after recycling the wrapping paper, storing decorations and finishing off the cold turkey!

Here at HOST UK we offer you the opportunity to engage in an extra special Christmas-time by opening your home to an international student for whom the alternative would be, not only being far from home and loved ones but marking time in lonely halls of residence.

HOST UK arranges visits for International students all year round but as can well be imagined, festive season hospitality is greatly sought after and valued. Our "festive season" will include the period in the Christmas run up, as well as New Year. Your guest will be someone keen to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture...and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, invariably remembered and treasured. Your gift to each other and to the world will be that of growing friendship, peace and understanding.

Please consider this opportunity and remember that if the festive season is difficult for you, we do operate all year round and hosting can become one of your New Year Resolutions!

If you should like to know more, please go to our website [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or leave us a message on <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

## Events Around the Diocese

### **Aberdeenshire Theological Circle OPEN LECTURE**

5th November 2018 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Speaker: Prof. John Swinton, 'Christian Experience of Mental Health: Theological Reflections'. Refreshments. All welcome.

*Aberdeen University Chaplaincy Centre, 25 High Street, Old Aberdeen*

### **Remembrance Sunday Services**

11th November 2018

### **Discipleship as relearning self and world – a healing vision of human life**

15th November 2018 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Denis Duncan lecture 2018 given by Rev Dr Doug Gray, lecturer in Practical Theology, University of Glasgow. The lecture will be followed with a panel discussion with Prof Jim

McManus, a Public Health Director, and Rev David Hutchinson, chaplain to Aberdeen University.

*A free, ticketed event. As numbers are limited booking is required [https://](https://gohealth.org.uk/event/the-denis-duncan-lecture-2018/)*

*gohealth.org.uk/event/the-denis-duncan-lecture-2018/*

### **Mothers' Union Prayer Circle**

20th June 2017 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

The Mothers' Union Emergency Prayer Group is available for anyone in your congregation or known to you, who has a need for prayer because of illness, accident, bereavement or any other need.

We are a group who meet once a month to pray together and who pray for all who are in need.

*Now meeting in the John Skinner Centre behind St Andrew's Cathedral.*

**Editor's note:** I'll be taking a few months off for maternity leave, but will be back for the March 2019 edition. For the joint December/January and February editions Lynda and the Provost will be gathering materials and editing (please send submissions to the Cathedral office). Thank you to Lynda and the Provost! I'll see you in the New Year! — Amber



## Advent & Christmas 2018 @ the Cathedral

### Services & Social Events

**Sunday, 2 December**

10.45am Festal Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Advent Carol Service  
with Candlelight Procession

**Saturday 22 December**

Cathedral @ Noon Recital  
Christmas Carols with the Trebles Choir

**Sunday, 23 December**

10.45am Sung Eucharist with Cathedral Nativity Play

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Monday 24 December**

**11.30pm Midnight Sung Eucharist**

**Christmas day, 25 December**

10.30am Christmas Day Family Sung Eucharist

**Monday, 31 December**

11.30pm New Year Eve Holy Communion

**Tuesday 1 January 2019**

10.00am New Year Eucharist

**Sunday, 6 January**

10.45am Festal Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

# November Diary

## Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sundays at 8.00 am	Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
Sundays at 10.45 am	Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy) followed by coffee in the JSC
Sundays at 10.45 am	Crèche available in the JSC
Sundays at 6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

## Events

First Tuesday of each month at 6.00 pm	Fellowship: Prayer, Praise & Feast Cathedral
First Friday of each month 10am - 12 noon	Friendship Café, JSC
Saturdays at 12 noon	Cathedral at Noon (30 minute recital followed by refreshments)

### Cathedral at Noon - November/December

<b>10 Nov</b>	<b>George Chittenden</b> <i>Organ 200 series</i>
<b>17 Nov</b>	<b>Heather Evans, Karin Friedrich and Ben Marsden</b> <i>Music for two flutes and piano by Berlioz, Koehler and Fauré</i>
<b>24 Nov</b>	<b>Anna Wiedemann and Jeremy Coleman</b> <i>Figures of the popular: a journey through 20th-century art song</i>
<b>1 Dec</b>	<b>Raemond Jappy and friends</b> <i>Traditional Scottish music</i>
<b>8 Dec</b>	<b>Andrew Morrisson</b> <i>Seasonal organ music</i>

The **deadline** for the December issue of the Focus magazine is the **29th of November**. Please send your articles to Lynda at [office@standrewscathedralaberdeen.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewscathedralaberdeen.org.uk) Many thanks to all those who contributed to make this issue of the Focus Magazine possible!

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