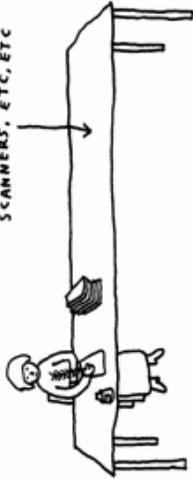


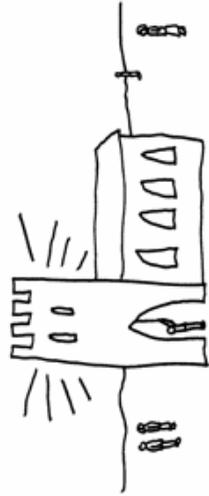
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BEFORE THE INVENTION OF THE COMPUTER

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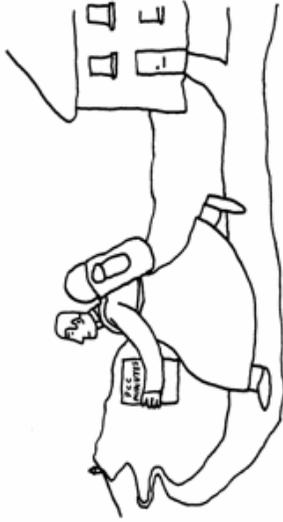


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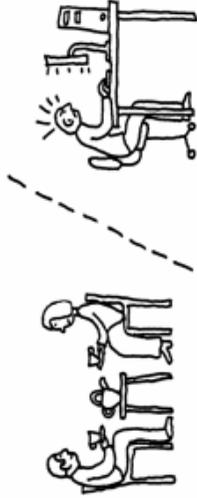


A GREAT BIG BELL WAS RUNG
TO TELL PEOPLE THINGS

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MESSAGES WERE DELIVERED
ON FOOT



PEOPLE HAD HOBBIES, AND DRANK
AFTERNOON TEA, AND DID NOT SPEND
EVERY SPARE HOUR OF THE DAY
IN AN EXASPERATED STATE TRYING
TO MAKE THE WRETCHED THING WORK

St Cross Newsletter

September 2020

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Simon, our Curate writes

Although it is many years since I left full time education I still tend to think in academic terms. I often feel a little sad at this time of year as the summer is drawing to a close, but September does bring with it a new start, a new term for schools, colleges and universities, and although the Church New Year is still a little way off (at Advent), September often brings renewed activity after a slightly quieter summer. I am of course talking of more “normal” years! September although being a time of exciting new beginnings, can also be a time of anxiety as students, for example, move up to a new class, school or leave home for the first time to study at college or university. That going forward to something new and unknown can bring worry - the worry of uncertainty as we leave the familiar behind, and that anxiety is something we all probably suffer to some extent presently. Will the return of school children have an impact on the infection rate? Will cooler weather bring with it a resurgence of the virus?

No-one has been unaffected by the pandemic; even if we have been lucky enough to avoid illness ourselves, we have all suffered restrictions on our lives, some more than others, and many of us will have had holidays, weddings, school proms and graduation ceremonies postponed or cancelled.

There have, however, been some benefits, such as an increase in wildlife

and cleaner air during the lockdown but I think one of the greatest benefits has been the removal of any illusion that we are in control, and that means if we are to have hope we must put our trust in God and his Son Jesus Christ.

As Proverbs 3:5-6 says:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

We do not know when, but we do know at some point the pandemic will be over, we will be able to make plans again and live life to the full. Our prayer must be that we will be better people, more appreciative of the simple things in life and better stewards of our planet, but for now let us put our trust in The Lord in the knowledge that he will make our paths straight.

*Yours, in Christ
Simon*



Pictured here is a Peregrine Falcon which, during August, was a regular daily visitor to St Cross. This beautiful bird has now departed to find its prey elsewhere.

Occasional Offices

Wedding

15 August: Matilda Sekai Mudyavanhu with Simon Andrew Brown

Baptism

30 August: Albert Thomas Williams and Amy Sheila Williams

Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	Morning	Evening
MP = Morning Prayer SE = Said Eucharist (in church 10am) CE = Celtic Evening Prayer		
Wednesday 2 September	MP Luke 4. 38-end	
Sunday 6 September Trinity 13	MP/SE Matthew 18.15-20 SE plus Romans 13.8-end	CE Mark 7.31-end Psalm 118
Wednesday 9 September	MP Luke 6.20-26	
Sunday 13 September HOLY CROSS DAY	MP/SE Matthew 18.21-35 SE plus Genesis 50.15-21	
Wednesday 16 September	MP Acts 13.46-49 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway	
Sunday 20 September Trinity 15 Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	MP/SE Matthew 9.9-13 SE plus 2 Corinthians 4.1-6	
Wednesday 23 September	MP Luke 9.1-6	
Sunday 27 September Trinity 12	MP/SE Matthew 21.23-32 SE plus Philippians 2.1-13	
Wednesday 30 September	MP Luke 9.57-end	

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