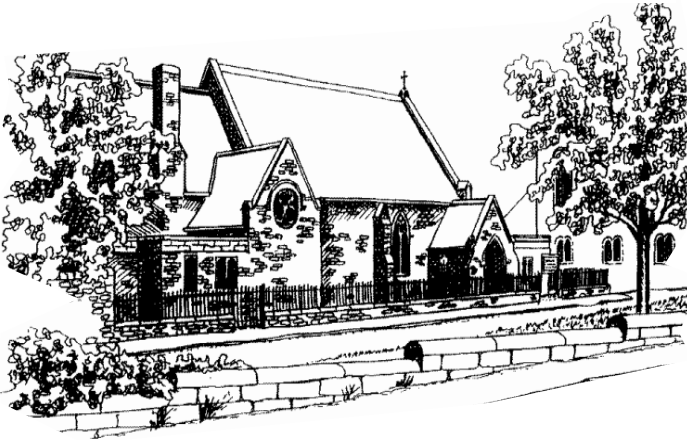


Holy Trinity Magazine



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Services:

Sunday: Eucharists at 8am & 11am
 Young Church at 11am
Monday - Thursday
 Morning Prayer at 8am
Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am

The Young Church meets every Sunday (except School Holidays) in the Church Hall at 11am. Creche facilities for the very young are also provided.

Pebbles on the Shore

It's sometimes said, 'It takes all sorts!' This is often said a bit dismissively - perhaps of people whose behaviour or life-styles we don't exactly approve of, or of people with whom we disagree.

Nevertheless, it's a very true statement. It does take all sorts - we live in a world of 'All Sorts' - and even in the church there are 'All Sorts'!

The truth is, people not all the same. People have different shapes and sizes and genders, some are hairy, some are bald, some are clever, some are not, some are fat, some are thin, some are short, some are tall, there are different philosophies, religions, worldviews, different lifestyles, different values, different ways of thinking and different ways of doing things!

In fact, one of the most amazing things about our world and particularly about human society, is that it's full of difference and contrast! This can have its drawbacks and lead sometimes to conflict, but it also surely makes things much more exciting and can lead to creativity and change as these differences rub



against each other!

There is, however, I suppose, some safety in 'sameness' - it's so much easier being with people who are 'like us'. Sociologists and anthropologists would tell us that a group of 'like' people has enormous power and is usually marked by its great resistance to those who are different in some way.

And so, people who are different to the 'norm' often have a hard time! Whether it be a different skin colour, or a different belief system, or a different sexual orientation or just a different way of dressing, the truth is that the majority of 'like' people find it hard to accept and integrate people who are different!

Why this should be, I don't know. Perhaps we need people 'like us' around us to make us feel secure and affirmed and accepted. But it is, surely, important that we do also engage and interact with

those who are different to ourselves - not in an attempt to convert them to our way of thinking, but so that we might learn from them and they from us, and that we might grow as human beings!!

Best Wishes

Tim

Do you know if someone is unwell?

If so can you please inform our Secretary Fay Cuthbertson so she can send a card from the congregation.

SCOUTPOST

Many thanks to all those who decided to put their Christmas Cards through the Scoutpost this year. There were many more this time round and a total of £86 was contributed by the folks of Holy Trinity. Overall the exercise this year raised over £3200 for local scouting, a considerable rise on last year, even allowing for the increased price. Many thanks also for the donations of the 'postman's trademark sign', the red elastic band. Loads were put in the box and were of great benefit to our work. Perhaps I will put this on the notice for next year.

Phil Smithard

Decorating the Church for Christmas

A big thank you to everyone who donated funds and/or helped decorate the Church for Christmas. Gill

Magazine Distribution 2009

We have decided to disband the recording of subscribers to the Church Magazine with immediate effect. In future the Magazine will be produced as normal for collection from the Church and members are invited to make a donation suggested at 50p per magazine. This can be collected through the plate or in the box to the left of the entry door into the church. Provision will be made to continue a postal service to everyone requesting home delivery. We will monitor the numbers of magazines needed and supply extra copies if necessary.

We will continue to provide the Inspire; readers should also add an appropriate contribution in the plate or the box—Gift Aided if valid.

FAIRTRADE

At the AGM I said that Michelle and I had not yet decided on a charity for the 2008 donation. This is to let you know that we have sent £100 to John Humphrey's

'Kitchen Table Charities Trust'. This provides small amounts of money direct to people for life-changing projects, e.g. money for a woman to buy a sewing machine so that she can make and sell clothes to support her family.

No money is taken in administration costs, every penny donated goes directly to the people who need it. If you would like to know more about this charity, please feel free to ask either Michelle or me for further information.

Thank you for generosity in supporting Fairtrade.

Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley



A Heartfelt Thank You

My dear friends at Holy Trinity

As this is the first magazine since the December AGM I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and indulgence during the many years that I have served as a Vestry member and as the Peoples Warden.

Five Rectors and Four Curates have served at Holy Trinity during this period and many Vestry members have come and gone.

I will continue to support Holy Trinity as much as possible and I wish you all the very best of health and happiness for the future.

Many thanks again

Ron Hawkins

January 2009

At the end of December the income was £ 17,013 and the expenditure £14,248.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £389



Peter Hutchings

Holy Trinity Social Corner

Christmas is, of course a busy time at Holy Trinity but members found time for several varied social events to compliment the Advent and Christmas programme. The centre spread shows photographs of the YF Panto and the Young Church Nativity (DVD available from Sheona).

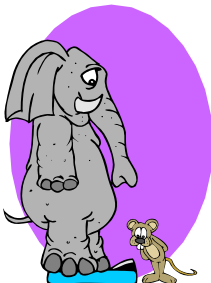
In January we held a Burns Supper as a social and Fundraising event which was much enjoyed by all present. Gill Wardell, ably assisted by her star team, presented the Haggis in great style piped in by guest piper Norrie Little and addressed with spirit by Helen Welsh. Ron Hawkins ably chaired the evening, principal speaker Ross Kennedy proposed the Immortal Memory whilst Tim and Hilary exchanged interesting and amusing views in the lasses toast and reply. Other entertainment was provided by the choir, a forgettable rendition of "Willy Brew'd a Peck o' malt" and recitations of "To a mouse" by Pam Grimley and "Tam O'Shanter by Jack Wardell.

Thanks to all who helped the event raise over £450 for church funds.

DIARY EXTRA

Sunday 1 Feb	Evensong at 6.30 pm
Monday 2 Feb	Wives Group Abbeyview Project
Thursday 5 Feb	Sacred Space at 8.00 pm
Sunday 15 Feb	The Y F meets at 6.30 pm for 'Rough Games'
Monday 16 Feb	Two men in a Boat
Tuesday 24 Feb	PANCAKE PARTY
Sunday 1 March	Y F meets for DVDs and Pizza

SPONSORED SLIM



After the Excesses of the Festive season and the PANCAKE PARTY why not have a go at the HT Sponsored Slim. Sponsor Forms will shortly be available in the Foyer so start collecting sponsors soon and shed these pounds fast over Lent.

"Confidential" weigh in facilities will be provided at the Pancake Party and on Sunday 1st March.



Gill And Her Team (minus George) in the Kitchen



Willy Brew'd a peck O' Malt!





Progress of Implementation of the Diocesan Policy

The implementation of the new Diocesan Policy is moving ahead strongly.

The new Diocesan structure provides for an enlarged and more representative Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has already been enlarged by the addition of the Convenors of the five Policy and Action Groups. It will be enlarged by a further eight members, both clergy and lay, following election at the forthcoming Diocesan Synod. This will give us a stronger and much more representative Standing Committee which will be able to carry forward business on behalf of the Diocese between meetings of the Diocesan Synod.



The five Policy and Action Groups have also come into being. The Convenors have been appointed:

Casting the Net – Karen Gaskell

Ministry – Canon Alison Peden

Children, Young People and their Parents – Rev Anne Haselhurst

Charges and Groupings – Ven Kenny Rathband

Administration – Dr John Ferguson-Smith

Members of all these groups have now agreed to serve and the groups are beginning to shape their programme for the future. An important early task is that of shaping the Job Descriptions and other information for the appointment of the three Diocesan Officers as outlined in the Diocesan Policy. Those posts will be advertised immediately following the meeting of the Standing Committee on 4 February. The development of the Casting the Net Group is of particular interest. The primary task of this group will be to encourage our congregations to take part in a review of their life against the Nine Marks of a Healthy Mission-Shaped church. This group will also be responsible for the way in which the whole programme is given identity and for the way in which it is launched. At the moment we are exploring the possibility that Casting the Net would be launched in every congregation on Pentecost Sunday. This may involve giving each congregation a net and other items which are sym-

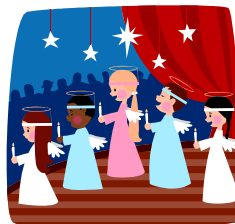
bolic of the programme. We are then considering bringing together the whole Diocese in the Cathedral for a celebration on the eve of St Andrews Day.

The implementation of this programme is, of course, a major task but it is encouraging that so much progress has been made so quickly. We look forward to being able to begin to enrich the lives of our congregations as the programme develops.

Young Church News

The Young Church have at last got back to normal after a very busy time. Most of the children took part and thoroughly enjoyed being in the YF Pantomime, "Star Wars meets Sleeping Beauty." Connor and Rebecca C played the King and Queen, Iain was Darth Vader (the Wicked Fairy), and Rebecca F was "Just a Fairy". The others played little Stars and Royal Guests.

The children also worked hard to learn the songs for their Nativity play, "Whoops - A - Daisy -Angel" which was performed to a nearly full church on Sunday afternoon. The next day they helped prepare 100 Christingle oranges for the service on Christmas Eve.



Despite a few families having to call off because of illness a hardy few braved the cold to travel to Lochiehead to see the live Nativity performance there. Although the car park was more like an ice rink and some tried to arrive on air rather than petrol, the performance was wonderful, really bringing the story to life in an amazing setting with fantastic costumes, a beautiful baby Jesus and real animals including a rather reluctant donkey and a noisy lamb!

Having made their own crowns and place mats, and as a reward for all their hard work, the children enjoyed an Epiphany Party on the 4th January where they played games and ate lots of food. Thank you to all who helped or contributed.

If you would like a copy of the DVD showing the Pantomime and Nativity please let me know.

Sheona Wedge

MOTHERS' UNION

Notices for February. Firsy Meeting is on wednesday 4th Feb. in the church hall at 1.45pm. We will be discussing Relationships. On February 18th at 7.30pm ,we meet at Barbara Key's house for our slightly late Burns Supper so hope you'll let Barbara know as soon as possible. The MU Recipe will be given at our meetings for those who have ordered them. This year Lady Day will be held at St Paul's in Kinross on 28th March. Further information will be available in next month's Magazine.



Dorissia.

Wanted—Toiletries

Members of the Mothers Union group recently listened to a very interesting and thought provoking talk given by Bobbie, a worker for Women's Aid. This is a national charity working to end violence against women and children. Bobbie had worked for many years with Cicily Whitelaw, the founder member of the Dunfermline Branch and a much loved member of Holy Trinity Church.

Bobbie spoke about her work and revealed shocking statistics about the level of abuse that exists in Fife. She explained that when a woman plucks up the courage to ask for help they try to offer a safe refuge for her and any children.

Although they are funded by Fife Council they still do not have enough funds to provide safe refuge for all the women who require it. As well as giving financial donations, one of the ways we can help is to provide toiletries. They are greatly appreciated particularly if the victim has fled their home quickly without their personal belongings. Do you have any unwanted toiletries left over from Christmas? Did you bring home the bubble bath or soap from your last hotel stay or could you add an extra item to your shopping this week? If so please hand them in to Isobel Thomson who will arrange to deliver them to our local Women's Aid branch.

Thank you.

Dear HT Members, **Fundraising (note by John Kennedy)**

Those of us who have seen the projected budget figures for the current year will no doubt be as shocked and shaken as I was to see that we could be facing a potential deficit of up to £13,000. Such a financial situation is clearly untenable for any organisation and certainly requires urgent steps to try and mitigate our financial position.

There are two fundamental objectives :-

- ◆ Increase our membership
- ◆ Increase our overall giving and also devise other ways and means of raising funds.

To explore ways and means of meeting these objectives, Tim, our Rector, has decided to form two small groups – one to look at Mission and membership and the other to look at fundraising and our social activities. Tim has asked me to lead the fundraising group and I am joined on this new group by Jack Wardell, Helen Welsh, Pam Grimley, Jenny Stooke, Linda Sherwood and Sheona Wedge. The group will be called the “Fundrasing & Social Planning Group”

Our task will be to develop a range of fundraising mechanisms which we hope

will be supported by you, the congregation, and also to look at developing a social programme which will supplement and complement the ongoing good works undertaken by our existing social groups, i.e. the Wives Group, The Guild, the Young Church, the YF, Mothers Union and the Dorcas Group. As well as raising much needed finance our social activities also should be about enhancing fellowship within our congregation, utilising our assets e.g. our church and hall more fully and hopefully also attracting potential new members.

We have had our first meeting and , recognising seriousness of our finances, it is intended to establish as an urgent first step, a “50/50” Club which could potentially raise up to £3,000 per annum. The Club’s members will pay £5 per month into a fund and if we can raise 100 members this would raise £500 each month. Half of the proceeds would go to the church and the other half would form a prize draw with two prizes of £200 and £50 available each month. Club membership will be open to friends, neighbours and family with the objective of reaching 100 members. We look to you, our church

members, to give this maximum support and also to recruit as many other members as we can. There is a bit of work to do to get the Club up and running and further details will be issued in the near future.

On the social side I have been asked by the Group to speak with representatives of the above groups to provide assurance that it is not the intention of our group to seek to disturb the ongoing plans of these groups but more to seek their ideas about enhancing our overall social programmes. Some of us for example would like to explore the possibility of forming a Men's Group and to that end we are planning to hold a Games evening for us boys. Nothing too energetic by the way.

We have had lots of interesting ideas already and we hope to share some of these with you in future bulletins. Your ideas will also be welcome. Meantime, please continue to support the coffee mornings and other social events already on our calendar.

Readings and Readers

February 1 Candlemas All age service	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40	
February 8 Epiphany 5	Isaiah 40: 21-30	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39	
February 15 Epiphany 6	2 Kings 5:1-14	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45	
February 22 Transfiguration Sunday	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9: 2-9	
February 25 Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	
March 1 Lent 1	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15	

Happy 105 Birthday Nan

Rotas

1st Feb	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Worship Rod Key Young Church Young Church Ron Hawkins & Fay Cuthbertson Nan McLean	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers
8th Feb	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Ellen Fearnley Helen Dalgity & Monica Terry Mr & Mrs G Philp Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson -	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers
15th Feb	8am 11am	George Philp Hilary Bennison Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Mr & Mrs R Key Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley -	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers
22nd Feb	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Linda Sherwood Andrew Wedge Frances Jack & Winnie Miller Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie -	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers
1st Mar	8am 11am	Ken Spink Brendan Grimley Ellen Fearnley Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley Lent—No Flowers	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep.	Brendan Grimley	851473
Vestry:	George Philp	725860
	Sheona Wedge	720278
	John Kennedy	511981
	Malcolm Gosling	-
	Linda Sherwood	416558
Child Protect. Coord	Helen Welsh	411120
People's Warden	Ken Spink	735732
Rector's Warden	Jack Wardell	722948
Musical Director	Roger Weatherhogg	(work) 01592 583473
Servers	Phil Smithard	722416
Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
Young Church	Sheona Wedge	720278
Youth Fellowship	Jenny Stooke	-
Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
Mother's Union	Dorissia Forsyth	-
	Fiona Barcroft	-
Wives Group	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Pamela Grimley	851473
Women's Guild	Edith Slack	724552
Hall Telephone	-	432490
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Michelle Fearnley	412255
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732



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