

# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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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

*Inevitably, because of my job, people, from time to time, ask me what I would like to be called - here are some random thoughts on the question of 'names'.*

I always like to call a spade a spade! This is for the simple fact that a spade *is* a spade! The question is, however, would it be a spade if we called it a fork? Would it be a spade if we called it a duck-billed platypus? Is there some property of 'spadishness' about a spade which means that it will always be 'spadelike', whatever we may choose to call it? Or, is a spade simply a spade just because that's what we happen to call it? Who cares!? You might say, and you'd probably be right!

However, a similar question could be asked in a rather different way about our own names. Is there some pre-existing characteristic or quality of 'Timothy' that I display by virtue of bearing that name - or does the fact that I happen to be called 'Timothy' define the associations connected with the name - at least for those who know me?

That names do have associated



characteristics and qualities is without doubt - ask any parent trying to think of a name for their new-born baby and they'll probably tell you that whether they like or dislike any particular name is largely determined by the kind of person or people with whom they associate it. The name 'Sherlock' for example might be associated with a degree of detecting power, whereas the names 'Timothy' and 'Paul' are more likely to make you think of wit, intelligence and good looks - well, maybe not, but you know what I mean!

Names and the way in which we use them have also, traditionally been taken as an indication of the level of deference and respect, or otherwise, given to a person - although it's interesting that this has changed quite dramatically even in my own lifetime. When I was a child, my friends' parents always had to be called Mr So-and-so or Mrs What's-er'name. It

simply wasn't on to call them by their Christian names. Colin and Barbara always had to be Mr and Mrs Scott; Joan and Clarence always had to be Mr and Mrs Dawson, etc... Now, of course, things have gone to the opposite extreme. When my children were young, they called all of their friends' parents by their Christian names. Likewise, I would never dream of introducing myself to people as 'Mr Bennison'. When people ask me what I want to be called, as they invariably do in my job, I tell them to call me 'Tim'. Anything else makes me feel pretentious!

I guess that some of you probably don't like these changes - perhaps seeing in them a loss of respect for one's elders or an unacceptably high level of familiarity. But this, I think, is a sign of the times, and something that we're just going to have to accept - if not welcome. After all, respect is not something that can be assured by a name or a title. Reverends, Very Reverends, Right Reverends, Professors, Doctors and even plain Misters all have to earn their respect. In the past there has been far too much pomposity and hypocrisy surrounding names and titles and it can surely only be a good thing that their importance has been reduced and their capacity to

guarantee status and respect questioned.

We live in an age of increasing equality and, more and more, it is by their actions that people are judged. Nowadays nothing is taken for granted and nothing is guaranteed - we all have to prove that we are worthy of respect before we can get it. And this is how it should be.

And so to all of you, Bishops, Provosts and Professors; Doctors, Misters, Mistresses and Misses; to Tom Dick and Harry, to Tina Diana and Hyacinth - remember, that in the church at least, nobody has the right to pull rank or to claim superiority. We're all equal in the sight of God and therefore things like names, titles and hierarchies should be irrelevant - so don't let anyone tell you any different!

### **Garden Roses**

Several of the roses in the church garden need replacement and the Mothers Union have recently purchased two Mary Sumner roses in memory of Pat and Betty.



If anyone would like plant a new rose in the garden please see Gill.

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

I would like to thank all those who have made financial contributions to our Church over the past twelve months. The Vestry is grateful for your support in managing the business of the Church.

The monthly envelopes, for those who use envelopes for their donations, will be available within the next two weeks. If anyone else would like a pack of these envelopes, please let me know.

It is important that everybody reviews their contribution each year as costs of running the church escalate.

I would like to remind those who have made Gift Aid Declarations that they should use envelopes, bank standing order or cheques so that the contributions can be recorded and collated. This enables a tax claim form to be compiled and sent to the Inland Revenue.

If you are a taxpayer and have not made a Gift Aid declaration the beginning of a new financial year is a good time to sign up. It is very simple. The only requirement is that the tax that can be reclaimed by the Church must not exceed the amount of tax you pay. Your contributions need not be a fixed amount. You can vary the amount according to your circumstances. Each year you will be sent details of your total contributions so that if you receive a tax form you can fill in the details of your Gift Aid contributions.

If anyone would like to know more about Gift Aid or about other ways of contributing to the Church, please speak to the Treasurer, Peter Hutchings, or to me.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

# Gift Aid

Peter Hand

## February 2009

**Peter Hutchings**

At the end of January the income was £ 21,396 and the expenditure £ 21,520.

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



The views expressed in the following hymn (sung to the tune of *Repton*) do not necessarily reflect those of the management!!

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,  
 Forgive our foolish ways;  
 For most of us when asked our mind  
 Admit we still most pleasure find  
 In hymns of ancient days  
 In hymns of ancient days.

The simple lyrics, for a start,  
 Of many a modern song  
 Are far too trite to touch the heart;  
 Enshrine no poetry, no art;  
 And go on much too long,  
 And go on much too long.

O, for a rest from jollity  
 And syncopated praise!  
 What happened to tranquillity?  
 The silence of eternity  
 Is hard to hear these days,  
 Is hard to hear these days.

Send thy deep hush subduing all  
 Those happy claps that drown  
 The tender whisper of thy call;  
 Triumphalism is not all  
 For sometimes we feel down,  
 For sometimes we feel down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness  
 Till all thy strummings cease;  
 Take from our souls the strain and stress  
 Of always having to be blessed;  
 Give us a bit of peace,  
 Give us a bit of peace.

Breathe through the beats of praise guitar  
 Thy coolness and thy balm;  
 Let drum be dumb, bring back the lyre,  
 Enough of earthquake, wind and fire,  
 Let's hear it for some calm,  
 Let's hear it for some calm.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Here is the MU Contribution for March. We meet on Wednesday 4th March at 12.30pm in the church hall for our Hunger Lunch , Lent Readings and Music. Please bring along your favourite music or Book. Any member of the congregation is welcome to join us. Lady Day is on the 28th March at S. Paul's Episcopal Church Kinross. For those who wish to travel by bus, the Citylink M91 departs Dunfermline Bus Station at 09.38am for 10.30am start. As each Branch is to provide a raffle prize, Contributions for the raffle should be given to a member of the committee by the 26th March latest. The programme for Lady Day can be viewed on the MU Notice Board. The Mother's Union Chaplain Rev. Marion will be visiting our branch on Wednesday 1st April at our afternoon meeting. There is a Diocesan Prayer Time at St Ninian's Cathedral at 11.30am every second Tuesday of the month for any member who wishes to attend. Thanks,



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### **The Womens Guild**

will be meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11th March at 2pm.

We will be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us (even if it is only the once!)

### **Wives Group Meetings**

March 2nd: Mary's Meals  
March 16th What's Cooking?  
March 30th How does my garden grow?

### **Earn cash for Holy Trinity Church**

Do you ever shop on line? Perhaps you buy or sell using ebay.

The **easyfundraising** website is a FREE shopping directory that allows charities, schools, churches etc to raise funds easily for their causes. Some of the UK's best-known retailers such as Argos, Amazon, Hotter, Marks and Spencers and John Lewis participate in the **easyfundraising** programme.

Holy Trinity Church has recently been added to the list of beneficiaries and with your help could benefit from much needed funds.

#### **How does it work?**

Whenever you purchase from a retailer's website via the easyfundraising site, the retailer will donate a percentage of the cost. Donations range from **0.5 - 15%** of the purchase price. You just shop online as normal and **do not pay a penny extra for your transaction.**

Everyone who uses easyfundraising needs to set-up an individual account. Registration is simple and completely FREE.

Simply visit **[www.easyfundraising.co.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.co.uk)** and register.

Once you have set up your account you just click on the **easyfundraising** tab to take you to the shopping area where all your purchases will earn funds for Holy Trinity Church.

To make it easier set the **Easysearch** page as your home page and go onto the internet from there as we can also receive donations for web searches done via the site.

If you need any further information please contact Sheona Wedge.

## **Fundraising and Social Planning Sub-Committee Progress Report**

The Sub-Committee has had two meetings and has drawn up some ideas for social events and for raising much needed additional funds. Inside your magazine you will find a questionnaire which sets out a proposed outline programme of social events which the committee hopes will provide something for everyone. We want to know your response to the various activities and events listed and, equally important, we also want to know your ideas. The activities listed will be in addition to our normal coffee mornings and other events. Please help by indicating which events you would like to support (the dates shown are indicative only).

With regard to the proposed 50/50 Club, it is essential that we gauge support for this fundraising mechanism which is in fairly common use by various organisations and churches in and around the Dunfermline area.

Points to note are:-

1. The Vestry has now approved a constitution for the 50/50 club.

The Club will be managed by a committee of 4 people initially appointed by the Vestry and thereafter elected at the AGM of the Club.

Subscription will be £5 per month and members can pay for additional memberships if they so wish.

3. Target membership will be 100 and if individual members take on additional memberships then this will help considerably in attaining our target.

4. Monthly draws will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

5. Prizes will be dependent on monies collected and will be three in number –two prizes of equal amount with a third, smaller prize. For example if we achieve 100 members, funds raised would provide for two prizes of £100 each and a third prize of £50.

6. Subscriptions will be payable monthly and to help minimise administration, payment via Standing Order is preferable but payment can also be made in cash.

The benefit to Holy Trinity will be £3000 per annum if we can reach our target of 100 members.

If you have questions regarding proposed activities and/or the 50/50 Club, please feel free to speak to John Kennedy, Jenny Stooke, Helen Welsh, Linda Sherwood, Pam Grimley, Sheona Wedge or Jack Wardell .

**HOLY TRINITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**



**Young Church News** The children enjoyed taking part in the All-age service at Candlemass. Since then they have been learning about Jesus as a healer. Although there were only a few children on the 22nd they made a wonderful collage that set the scene of Transfiguration.

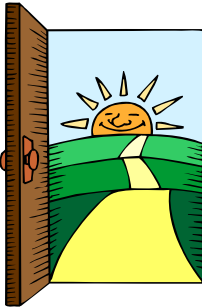
Some of the children were able to come along to the Pancake Party and had a great time with a surprising result in the pancake race! The novelty quiz had a less surprising result.



**Workshop on welcoming people with Alcohol and Drugs problems into Church**

6.30 pm to 9.30 pm - Tuesday 17 March.

Because of our situation in the City Centre we sometimes come into contact with people who are living with drugs or alcohol problems. As a church community it is important that we offer a good welcome to such people and help them to find a meaningful place in the life of the congregation.



However, many people feel nervous and unskilled in this area. This workshop is designed to equip us all better to respond to and work with people struggling with that kind of problem. It will be led by Shirley Sim and Rachel Eastop, both of whom have considerable experience working in this field. All are urged to come and it is particularly important that as many members of the Vestry and the 'welcoming teams' as possible attend.

**DIARY EXTRA**

Sunday 8 March	Children's service for World Day of Prayer- a joint service with the other churches in Dunfermline to be held in Viewfield Baptist Church. Holy Trinity Young Church are preparing the craft activities.
Sunday 29 March	Service of Lenten music and readings, 'The Way of the Cross', led by the choir at 6.30 pm,
Friday 10 April	The TC Good Friday Happening

# THINKING THROUGH LENT WITH BISHOP DAVID

Bishop David hopes to visit a number of centres in the diocese during Lent – inviting people to explore together issues of faith and life. Everybody is welcome – just come along.

There will be two sessions:

**What do we believe in - God, Dawkins or Nigella?  
How do we believe - children of God or adults?**

These are the dates and places:

**What do we believe in?**

Monday March 2 at Coupar Angus

Tuesday March 10 at Dollar

Thursday March 26 at Crieff

**How do we believe?**

Wednesday April 1 at St John Perth

Thursday April 2 at All Saints, St Andrews

All the sessions will begin at 7.30 pm and end by 9.15 pm

## Readings and Readers

March 1 Lent 1	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18- 22	Mark 1:9- 15	
March 8 Lent 2	Genesis 17:1-7	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31- 38	
March 15 Lent 3	Exodus 20:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13- 22	
March 22 Mothering Sunday	Exodus 1:1-10	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	John 19:25b-27	All Age Service
March 29 Lent 5	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5- 19	John 12:21-30	
April Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 11:1- 11	



To The Vestry & Congregation of Holy Trinity Church  
We wish to thank you so much for the lovely surprise you gave us on Sunday 1st February 2009. We were both overwhelmed and could not find the appropriate words at the time. The Quaich is superb and the flowers were beautiful.

With our love and appreciation Sheila and Ron

# Rotas

Mar 8	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Worship Ellen Fearnley Young Church Young Church Ron Hawkins & Fay Cuthbertson NLent—No Flowers	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices Flowers
15	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Sabine Forsyth Helen Dalgity & Monica Terry Mr & Mrs G Philp Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices
22	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Hilary Bennison Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Mr & Mrs R Key Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices
29	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Linda Sherwood Rod Key Frances Jack & Winnie Miller Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices
Apr 5	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Brendan Grimley Ellen Fearnley Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Bread & Wine Collection Chalices



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