

Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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Magazine

**Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with St
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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

Well, Easter's past, and there's nothing now between us and those long hot balmy days of the Scottish summer - well . . . except for the Scottish weather! For some, the holiday season has arrived already, and over the next weeks and months, I'm sure there will be some notable absences from Church as people escape from the frozen North to warmer climes, or just for a break from the routine of ordinary life.

Holidays are funny things. They always seem to be over far too quickly - and then afterwards, the memory of them fades rapidly, and it feels like they were almost a dream - a time out from reality - and I suppose that's exactly what they are.

But we all need time out from the ordinariness and mundanity of everyday life from time to time. Reality's all very well, but you can have too much of a good thing, and if we had to live with it 52 weeks a year, I think it would drive us all mad. We all need the chance to escape - and holidays are one way of doing this.

Of course, there are other ways - watching a film, for example, or reading a novel - or perhaps, just in the imagination. I sometimes like to think of myself as the hero



in a situation - landing a stricken aircraft, maybe, or providing the key to world peace! Which probably means I'm somewhat disturbed!

For some, Church is an escape from reality - it's a chance to leave behind the present modern ways of thinking, and enter into a mindset or world view which is altogether different. In fact, Anthony Freeman, in his book called *God in us* (which got him sacked by the then Bishop of Chichester) likens the experience of going to church to the Sealed Knot Society. The Sealed Knot Society, for those of you who don't know, is a band of people whose hobby is to come together at the weekend and immerse themselves in the world of the English Civil War. In doing so, they adopt the dress, language and social organisation of Seventeenth Century England and relive the experiences of Cavaliers or Roundheads in

ancient battles, such as Naseby or Worcester.

Well, perhaps that's a bit extreme, but it's easy to see what he means especially in those churches which still use the traditional language of the Prayer Book.

For me though, Church is the one place where we shouldn't leave reality behind - because, for our faith and worship to remain relevant and meaningful, to us and others, it surely has to be rooted in the reality of our experience of life. We shouldn't see our faith as an escape from the trauma and pain of everyday life. Neither should we use our belief that God is in control, and that all will work out for the good in the end, as a basis for absolving ourselves of responsibility for our own lives and those of others.

Rather, our faith calls us to play an active part in the world around us - ministering to one another, standing up for the marginalized and oppressed, and fighting for justice and truth in whatever way we can. Far from escaping from reality, we must engage with it - reflecting, as we do, that love and compassion, which we believe to be at the heart of that which we call God.

Tim

Jemima Puddleduck

A great big Thank You to Janet Cooper for knitting the beautiful Jemima Puddleduck soft toy for us to raffle to help defray the cost of installing the updated Loop System and a big Thank You to everyone who supported the raffle and raised £66.

Jemima was won by Sue Morris who only a few days before had become Grandma to a lovely baby girl.

Congratulations Sue and Andrew on your first Grandchild.

Thank You

Gavin Wedge would like to say thank you very much to all those who kindly took up his offer to do various jobs to raise money for the rugby trip to Canada he is going on with his brother Andrew. He is off on study leave now and still has a little spare time if anyone still requires his services.

Thank You

Colin and Anne White would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, good wishes and the lovely flowers received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary





Our first meeting of the month is on Wednesday 6th at 1.45pm in the church hall. It will be Favourite Hymns. Hope you'll all be in fine voice.

On Friday 22nd we are having our International Feast. This is open to members of the congregation as well. Tickets will be available soon so we know how many are coming. Donations for this evening will be in aid of **Mother's Union Overseas Fund**. The Fund is distributed in over 70 countries and helps community projects, training and long-term programmes such as literacy circles, parenting groups, AIDS Orphanages and various community development schemes.

Worldwide President, Rosemary Kempell

Rosemary will be in the Diocese over the week-end of 22nd—25th May. She will be accompanied by Sheila Redwood (Provincial President) for a Bring and Share Lunch on Monday 25th May at 12noon at Gill Wardell's, Garvock Hill. MU Members from other Fife Branches have been invited. It would be an opportunity to meet her.

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Peter Hutchings

At the end of April the income was £ 32,777 and the expenditure £ 35,107.

The Vestry has reviewed the Annual Budget which continues to show a significant deficit and will require further usage of invested funds to keep the church open.



The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £ 469

Recent retiral collections were:	World Vision £110.30
	Lent Appeal £ 87.37

Young Church May Magazine

The Young Church has had a very busy time recently. On Mothering Sunday they met early in the morning to eat bacon rolls and prepare posies to distribute to the congregation. The children took an active part in the service doing the readings, intercessions and collection. A few of the children also took part in the service on Palm Sunday. This was a particularly emotive service and many of the congregation commented on the maturity of the children and were impressed by the way the youngest ones seemed to understand and react to the occasion appropriately.

On Good Friday the children again met up with some of their friends from St. Serf's in Burntisland. The format was slightly different this year as we began with lunch. After some prayers and reflection we shared a hot cross bun and talked about the reasons we have them at Easter; the cross of Sacrifice, the yeast, a sign of Christ rising again and the fruit, the good things in life that God provides. Each child then read a small part of the Easter story up to and including the crucifixion. Activities this year included a very striking Good Friday collage, Stained glass window crosses, Cross bead necklaces, pictures of New Life, an Easter Timeline, our Easter Garden and of course decorated eggs and biscuits. We then went up to the church for a short service of reflection. We had several children come along for the first time this year and we were really pleased to see members of the Youth Fellowship continue to come along and help us. Some of them have been to a Good Friday Happening for 14 years now! Thank you to Gill for all her help with gardening and gluing and Agnes for the Easter bonnets with bells on them!

On Easter Day we had several visiting children who helped to complete the Easter story by adding the final stages to the Easter timeline. They then took advantage of the sunshine to hunt for eggs in the Church garden before returning to the hall to have an egg and spoon race.

On the 17th April the Young Church organised an Angel drive. The evening was very noisy and highly competitive. The two winners with shining halos were Iain and Fiona (though it has since been discovered that the halo of one of them was tarnished!) Lesley and Barbara were the two whose halos had slipped a bit with slightly lower scores. £150 was raised for Church funds and a good time was had by all.

Sheona Wedge



Fundraising and Social (F&S) Update

Our first social event on our programme, the Young Church Angel Drive was an outstanding success and we had a full house in terms of attendance and the mix of young and not so young “shaking it” together with great gusto was wonderful to behold. Some of us “not so youngs” were also grateful for the help and guidance from the younger experts who knew a thing or two about throwing dice. In all the evening was most enjoyable and raised the sum of £150 for church funds.

Also of note recently were our sponsored slimmers whose virtuous efforts over Lent raised almost £200.

Our next event is scheduled to be a “social walk” which we are planning to hold in mid to late May. We will be looking at several of the Loch Leven walks to select a suitable “course”. The new pathways provide excellent and easy walking, all on flat terrain and what we want to fix is a walk of about 2 miles, then with a stop for refreshments and then a return to the start but with the option for those who may find this too much to be transported back to the starting point.. At that time of year the bird life around the Loch should be prolific and, who knows, we could even be lucky enough to spot Mr or Mrs Osprey on a fishing expedition. More details to follow soon.

As for the Fete tentatively indicated for June, the F&S Group has decided that trying to organise such an event within the limited time available is simply too ambitious and we need to rethink a more practical alternative. We will be meeting very shortly to do just that.

The 50/50/Club is progressing and we are now finalising the signing up of those members who indicated interest. Provided the take-up is as indicated then we plan to hold the first draw in June. Anyone interested in joining the club in aid of much needed church funds should speak to Pam Pryde, Doreen Esnol, George Philp or John Kennedy.

The Easyfundraising web site has already raised almost £25 for Holy Trinity simply by people logging on through the web site to make normal internet purchases. It's easy and worthwhile to do and anyone who uses the internet to buy items can help by registering with this site. Sheona is our expert on how we can raise funds using this medium. Please speak to her if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all who have supported our funding and social activities to date.

Coming Soon

members of the Youth Fellowship will be leading part of the 11.00 am service on Sunday 17 May.

We'll have a baptism on 31 May.

On June 6th we will celebrate our Patronal Festival with an All Age Service and the Sunday School Prize giving and a Festal Evensong at 6.00 pm.

Decorating the Church for Easter

Thank you to everyone who helped in many different ways in Decorating the Church for Easter and for your Flower fund donations which are always appreciated.

Gill



Date for your Diary

Get ready for Wimbledon fortnight with the **Holy Trinity Tea and Strawberries** on the morning of 20th June 2009.

Various stalls including Books, Plants, Craft, Tombola and Raffle



Tickets with further Details will be available soon

Readings and Readers

10 th May Easter 5	Acts 8:26-40	I John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8	
17 th May Easter 6	Acts 10:44-48	I John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17	
24 th May Easter 7	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	I John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19	
31 st May Pentecost	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	
7 th June Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17	All Age Service

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May 10	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Jennifer & Arthur Slack Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs A Slack Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
17	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Hilary Bennison Rod Key Mr & Mrs P Crabb Frances Jack & Winnie Miller Fay Cuthbertson & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
24	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge Ron Hawkins Andrew Wedge Fay Spink & Doreen Esnol Mr & Mrs R Key Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson Hilary Ballinger	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
31	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Karen Macdonald Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Mr & Mrs G Philp Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
Jun 7	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service Sabine Forsyth Young Church Young Church Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers

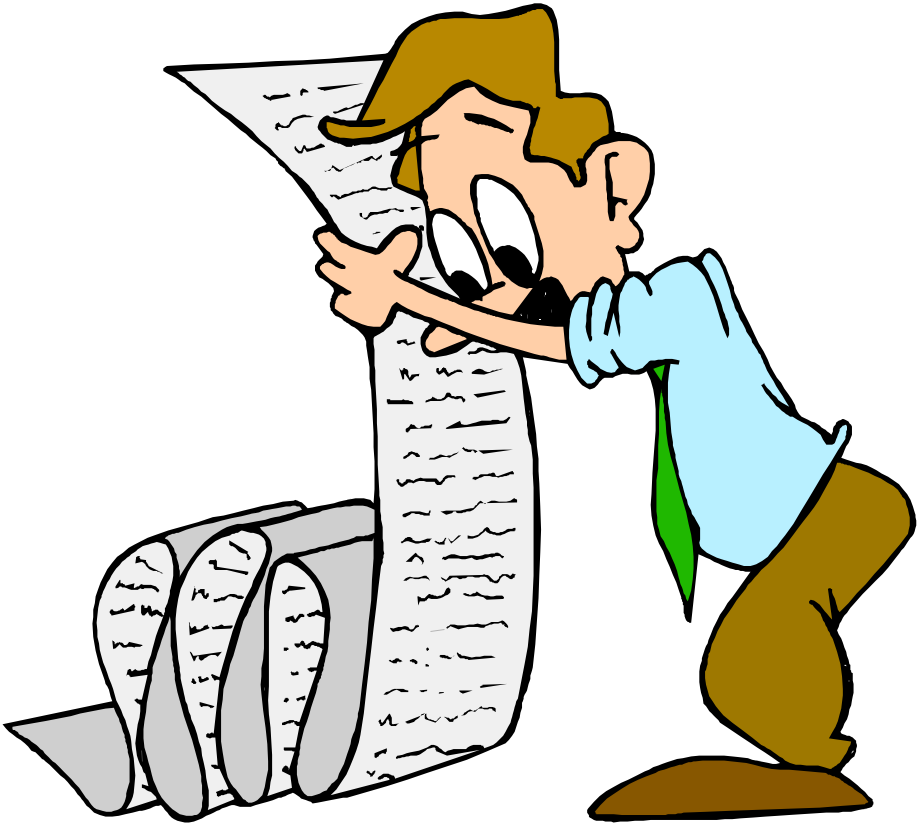
Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Michelle Fearnley	412255
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732

Please note the website to click on for easyfundraising is www.easyfundraising.org.uk **not** ".co.uk" as I wrongly put in the magazine last month. Please give it a go. We've already raised some money with only 5 members. Remember you don't need to spend any money just use it to search the internet.

Sheona

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