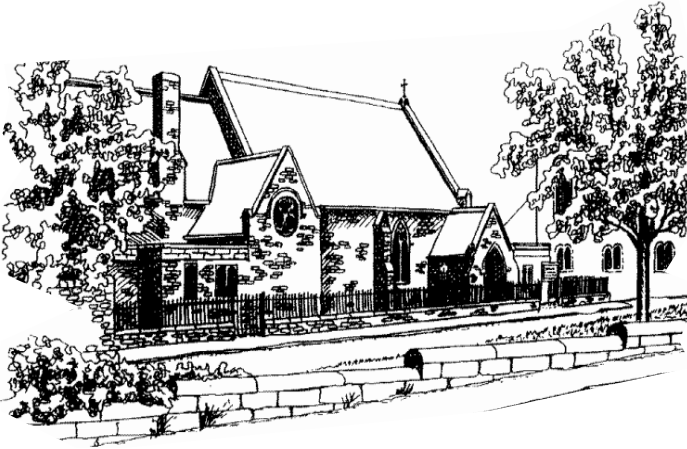


# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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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**

## **Random Reflections** **from the Rector**

Well, summer is finally here, the wasps and mozzies are out in force (well, they would be if it wasn't so cold!) and at last, the long awaited first Ashes test has begun and, as we speak, the Australians are steeling themselves for a humiliating defeat at the hands of the English - well, maybe not, but at the time of writing, England isn't doing too badly and you never know, we just may win the Ashes back . . . or is that just wishful thinking?

Of course, if you're one of those Scottish people (and I believe there are some) who take great delight in supporting England's opponents then the possibility of England's winning the Ashes won't be such good news!

Anyway, moving swiftly on, the cricket is inevitably accompanied by one of my all-time favourite radio programmes, Test Match Special (or, 'TMS' as it's known). If you've never listened to it, give it a try, even if you're not interested in cricket - it's worth it just for the humour and the banter between the different presenters.

One of yesterday's classic



moments on TMS was when Jonathon Agnew (Aggers) said to Geoffrey Boycott (a rather dour retired batsman from Yorkshire): 'I know you're a twit, but are you a twitterer?' - resulting in some rather rude but very funny comments from Boycott!

In asking that question, Aggers was referring to the fact that he'd recently become a twitterer himself - and the reason I mention it, is because so have I!

For those of you who don't know, Twitter is, essentially, a social networking site on the Internet which allows you to leave short messages of up to 140 characters, answering the question 'What are you doing now?' It's a bit like blogging, only with fewer words. It sounds banal, but it's brilliant and it's been used around the world not only to enable people to keep in touch but as a means of getting out important news and information which might have

been suppressed or censored by those who control the more usual sources. In that sense, it's subversive, which makes it attractive to people like me. The protests after the Iran elections were particularly well covered and even at our own General Synod last month, Twitter enabled people to post 'real-time' updates about what was going on. In fact, it was through Twitter that I first heard who the new primus was going to be.

And the other great thing about Twitter is that, despite my children's savvy about all things to do with Social Networking, Facebook, Bebo and the like, they don't know anything about Twitter - so that's one up for us 'oldies'!

One of the fascinating things about Twitter (along with other social networking sites and blogs) is that it adds another dimension to our understanding of 'Community'. Traditionally, perhaps, we think of our community as the geographical area in which we live - the collection of extended families who live together in the same part of town or in the same village. More recently, that concept has broadened out and as for many the sense of local, geographic community has, perhaps, faded, we've found

ourselves part of numerous discrete dispersed communities: work communities, communities associated with our leisure activities (associated, for example, with membership of a club or organisation), church communities, special interest communities and so on - with people drawn possibly from a wide geographical area, or even from beyond the shores of our own country.

The advent of the internet and of blogs and social networking sites has pushed this to a new level, and we now talk of 'cyber communities' made up of people from all around the world.

In that context, Twitter becomes far more than just a way of posting banal messages (although it probably will always be that as well!), it becomes a means of communicating with and connecting to the world, of informing and disclosing - and, more than that, it's something which we, the ordinary people, have control of - and that gives it, and us, great power.

It also means I can keep up with the Ashes when I'm out and about - which can only be a good thing!

Tim

# Liturgical Corner

## Part 1

### Vestments

A special and distinctive dress worn by religious leaders for the expressions of reverence, dignity and seemliness has often been seen in many faiths to be most appropriate for the worship of God. It may surprise some, however, that the early Christian Church did not borrow its vestments from the Jewish faith, the most obvious source. In fact, it had none, being often persecuted and having to meet in secret. Clergy took part in services wearing their ordinary clothes. In Roman times, of course, this was classical Roman costume.

As time went on, this style went out of fashion in the Roman Empire. Persecution ended and the Church became accepted; the clergy retained the old dress as being more suitable to their profession, both in everyday life and for church services. There was some elaboration made to them over the years but essentially this Roman dress remained in general Church use until the sixteenth century. After the Reformation the puritans desired a return to plainer dress and simpler worship. This caused a fierce controversy, resulting in England, in the law to allow vestments being laid down in the 'Ornaments Rubric' of the Book of Common Prayer. Despite this, most Roman-type vestments went out of use in the Anglican Church until the Oxford Movement (Anglo-Catholic) revival in the nineteenth century. It is interesting to note that the ubiquitous dark suit worn by men worldwide can find its origins in the plain Puritan dress - an example of reverse propagation from religious to secular society!

Tim Bennison

Rector

July 2009

Peter Hutchings

At the end of June the income was £ 41,123 and the expenditure £ 43,553.

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



Recent retiral collections were:

Talk Matters £65.80

Mission to Seafarers £251.60

## Young Church News

On 7th June the Young church had their annual prizegiving and were presented with books. Connor and Matthew received Youth Bibles to mark them moving up to Secondary school and to welcome them to Youth Fellowship. The children had worked really hard to practice their songs for the Patronal festival and it paid off. With the help of the choir and members of the youth fellowship they sang 2 songs from Joseph and presented the story in words and pictures Thank you to Sheila Hawkins who, with the help of others, produced an amazing coloured coat for the performance and to Roger for having the confidence in us to think we could do it.

After the service the children manned the monthly baking stall taking in an amazing £52 for church funds. The sun shone bright enough in the afternoon to allow the children and their families to enjoy a barbecue in the church garden cooked by Andrew, Gavin and Jonathan. A few of the adults however couldn't wait and cheated by using the grill!

The Young Church and Youth Fellowship ran the tombola stall at the recent Strawberry Tea morning and thanks to generous donations from members of the congregation raised £97

Young Church has officially finished for the Summer but we will run a creche facility for younger children. We have a rota of volunteers who will be on standby should any children need to be downstairs during the service each Sunday. There will be no creche on 19th July. Young Church will start back on Sunday 23rd August.

### **Summer Creche Rota**

12th July	Hilary Ballinger	Fay Cuthbertson
19th July	<b>No creche</b>	
26th July	Elaine Cromwell	Michelle Fearnley
2nd August	Sue Morris	Barbara Key
9th August	Julie Combe	Sheona Wedge
16th August	Jenny Stooke	Helen Welsh

## **If God were process-orientated**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, so God created a Committee, carefully balanced with regard to race, sex and economic status. And so ended the first day.

And God said, 'Let the Committee draw up a mission statement.' And behold, the Committee decided to prioritise and strategise. And evening and morning were the second day.

And God said, 'Let the Committee determine goals and objectives.' A debate as to the difference between goals and objectives took up almost all the third day, although God thought the process was constructive.

And God said, 'Let there be a retreat in which the Committee can envision functional organisation,' and supplied coffee and doughnuts. And evening and morning were the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the Committee be implemented and consistent with long-range planning and strategy.' The Committee considered guidelines and linkages. And so would have ended the fifth day, except for the renewal of the debate about goals and objectives.

On the sixth day, the Committee agreed on criteria for adjudicatory assessment and evaluation. God wasn't able to attend, having taken the afternoon off to create day and night and seas and plants and seasons and sun and moon and birds and fish and animals and human beings.

On the seventh day, the committee submitted its recommendations. They were nearly identical to what God had created, so the Committee passed a resolution commending God for implementing according to the guidelines. However, an opinion was expressed quietly that people should have been created in the Committee's image.

And God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the Committee.

### Traidcraft

As Michelle and I will be on holiday on and off during July and August, the Traidcraft cupboard will be closed from Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August incl.

Linda

Retiring Collection 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – Help Age International  
(Helen Welsh is co-ordinating this donation)

Tackling HIV in Africa has become one of the major priorities for African governments and the international community. But most programmes providing prevention, treatment and care exclude a key group from their work: older people. HIV affects older people in two main ways. Large numbers of older people are themselves living with HIV. Many are also taking on vital caring responsibilities for loved ones living with HIV and the children orphaned by AIDS.

HIV programmes often discriminate against older people because of a misconception that older people are no longer sexually active and therefore not at risk of HIV. In fact, they are very much at risk, through the same routes as any other population group: predominantly through heterosexual sexual contact.

HIV is causing a shift in household structure and responsibilities. At a time in their lives when many older people might expect to be supported and cared for by their own children, a growing number are taking on caring roles for younger adults living with HIV, and for the orphans and vulnerable children they leave behind.

Sons and daughters often come home to their parents when they become ill, and older people find themselves caring for them and their children. Surveys in seven countries in sub-Saharan Africa revealed that around 40 per cent of people living with HIV were being cared for by older people.

These new roles are having a huge impact on older people's lives, adding to the challenges they already face, including health problems, low income and discrimination.

**Nokwazi, 62, from South Africa tells her story:**

**“Seven of my grandchildren live with me because their parents – my children – have passed away. They all had HIV.**

**I care for my sick son too. I was very sad when he was diagnosed because he was so supportive. I receive a state pension which I spend on food and rates. The Muthande Society for the Aged are also helping me apply for grants and school fee exemptions so that my grandchildren can continue going to school.**



**My biggest fear is that everybody depends on me – I worry about what will happen if I pass away.”**

Source: 'Mind the Gap' final report – Help Age International 2008 – access at <http://www.helpage.org/Worldwide/Africa/Resources>

The Episcopal Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

We are a Child Friendly Church.  
Now help us spread the word!

We are inviting designs for a 'Child Friendly Church' logo so that families can easily identify churches which have amenities and activities for children and young people.

The competition, open to children and young people from 5-21, will be judged in three categories:

5- 10 years

10-15 years

16- 21 years

There will be one overall winner of the logo design competition, who will receive **a prize of £50.**

Entries should be on no larger than A3 (preferably A4), **with name, address and phone number clearly marked on the reverse.**

**Please Note:** Your entry will not be sent back to you unless you specifically request this and provide us with a stamped addressed envelope.

Please send all entries to the address below by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Winners will be contacted by 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Logo Competition  
Diocesan Office  
28a Balhousie Street**

## Fundraising & Social Committee



We are thinking of organising a visit to The Alhambra, Dunfermline to see 'Blood Brothers'. It is on from 28<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October. I have put a copy of the programme on the notice board and a sheet of paper for you to sign if you are interested in going.  
Linda

### Readings and Readers

12 <sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 6	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b- 19	Ephesians 1:3- 14	Mark 6:14- 29	
19 <sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 7	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Ephesians 2:11- 22	Mark 6:30- 34, 53-56	
26 <sup>th</sup> July St. James the Great	Jeremiah 45:1-5	Acts 11:27- 12:2	Matthew 20:20-28	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August Pentecost 9	2 Samuel 11:26- 12:13a	Ephesians 4:1- 16	John 6:24-35	
9 <sup>th</sup> August Pente- cost 10	<a href="#">2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 4:25- 5:2</a>	<a href="#">John 6:35, 41-51</a>	
16 <sup>th</sup> August As- sumption	Isaiah 7:10- 15	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:1-7	
23 <sup>rd</sup> August Pen- tecost 12	<a href="#">1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41- 43</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 6:10- 20</a>	<a href="#">John 6:56-69</a>	
30 <sup>th</sup> August Pen- tecost 13	<a href="#">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</a>	<a href="#">James 1:17-27</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7:1-8, 14f, 21-23</a>	
6 <sup>th</sup> September Pentecost 14	<a href="#">Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</a>	<a href="#">James 2:1-10, 14-17</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7:24- 37</a>	

# Rotas

July 19	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Helen Welsh Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack Fay Cuthbertson & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
26	8am 11am	Phil Smithard John Macdonald Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs K Spink Mr & Mrs Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
Aug 2	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge Isobel Thomson Rod Key Mr & Mrs M Gosling Fay Cuthbertson & Linda Sherwood Muriel McKenzie & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
9	8am 11am	Rod Key Nadine Forsyth Andrew Wedge Winnie Miller & Grace Soanes Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Fay Cuthbertson & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers
16	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Jennifer and Arthur Slack Sabine Forsyth Helen Dalgity & Monica Terry Mr & Mrs R Key Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices Flowers

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Sep 6	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge TBA Sabine Forsyth TBA TBA Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

The Most Revd David Chillingworth  
Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

Dear Fay

I am writing to thank you for the kind letter which you sent on behalf of the Vestry and the Congregation at Holy Trinity on my election as Primus.

I feel that it is a great honour and a challenge. I feel too that it honours the life of our Diocese and we have worked out that it is 1907 since the Bishop of St. Andrews last served as Primus of the SEC.

I am grateful for the prayers of the Congregation as we move forward together and look forward to what lies ahead.

With all good wishes

+David

## 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



## **STRAWBERRY TEA SUCCESS**

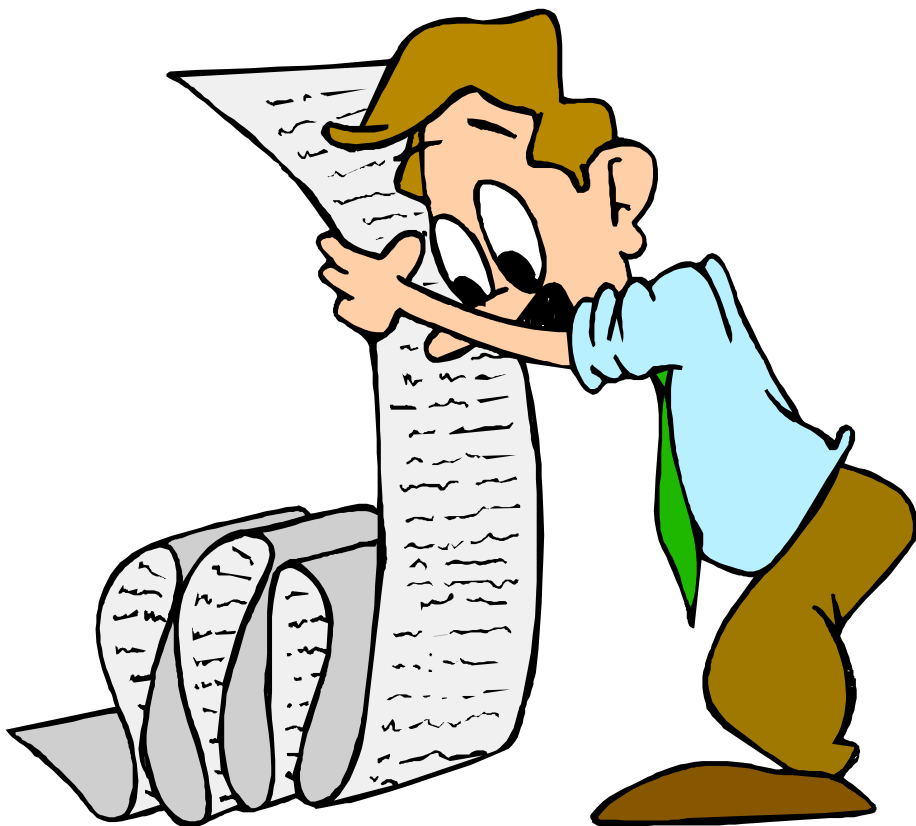


The Social and fundraising committee were delighted with the response to the strawberry tea held in the Church Hall on Saturday 20th June.

Particular thanks go out to all those who supported the event with the generous contributions of time, skill, effort, donations and ticket sales which help the event raise almost £700 towards Church Funds.

The Strawberries were not bad either!

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