

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

One of the things that distinguishes the Scottish Episcopal Church (and, indeed, all Anglican Churches around the world) from most other churches is that we have no formal creed or statement of faith to which we expect members to sign up. Whereas the Presbyterian Churches, including the Church of Scotland has a statement of faith dating from the Reformation, called the Westminster Confession of Faith (www.reformed.org/documents/wcf_with_proofs/), the Roman Catholic Church has its huge Catechism (www.christusrex.org/www1/CDHN/ccc.html) and most Baptist and other independent churches have their own individual statements of faith, the Anglican Church, including the Scottish Episcopal Church has no statement of beliefs in order to define its faith or to enforce its beliefs on its members.

In fact, the most that is expected of Anglicans is that they feel comfortable with the ancient, ecumenical creeds of the Church: particularly the Nicene Creed which we recite each Sunday at the Eucharist; and the Apostles'



Creed which is recited at Baptisms and Confirmations, and whenever we have a traditional service of Evensong. Even then, there are no rules about how these creeds should be interpreted and whilst some understand them literally as a set of propositional statements to be believed, others regard saying them more in terms of an affirmation of loyalty or commitment to the Church Community and its history and tradition.

Rather than our faith being shaped by creeds and statements of belief, the primary factor in shaping our faith is the liturgy. To put this, pretentiously, into Latin, this principle is known as *lex orandi, lex credendi* which means 'The law of prayer is the law of faith'. In other words, the most important thing is our spiritual lives - our experience of God, our connection with each other, our prayers and our

liturgies. We don't first of all work out what we believe and then work out how to pray accordingly. Rather, our religious practice (or praxis) is primary and our beliefs are a secondary thing which emerge from it.

And, of course, to help us in all of that, we have the three 'lynchpins' of Anglicanism: Scripture, which expresses the changing and evolving faith and experiences of the Jews and Early Christians; Tradition, particularly the Early Church Fathers and the ways in which they made sense of things; and reason, the way in which we make sense of things in the light

of our knowledge and understanding of the world in the present day.

Sadly, at a time when the Anglican Church is facing both serious internal divisions, and, what some would call, interference from outside, there is increasing pressure for us to define our faith and to make it clear who's out, and who's in.

On the contrary, our traditional lack of definition, our freedom to explore our faith and experience and to come to our own answers is, for me, and I think many others, absolutely vital. Without it, I fear I wouldn't be able to stick around very long!

HOLY TRINITY WIVES GROUP

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE HARVEST SUPPER. THE PROCEEDS AMOUNTED TO £337.00

THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HT 50/50 CLUB WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 12.30P.M.

October 2009

Peter Hutchings

At the end of September the income was £ 52,892 and the expenditure £ 58,059.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish.
The current total to hand is £ 369



Liturgical Corner

Part 4

Liturgical Colours

Some Vestments, such as the stole and the chasuble, along with some other church 'hangings', including the altar frontal and the pulpit fall, come in a variety of colours. These different colours are associated with different season of the church's year.

Thus, in Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) and Lent (the six weeks leading up to Easter), purple is used as a sign of penitence and reflection in preparation for the big festival approaching. Purple is also a symbol of mourning, and is used at funerals and on All Souls' Day.

At Christmas and Easter, and for a few weeks following these festivals, white or gold is used as a sign of celebration and festivity (white is a symbol of purity) White or gold is also used on some special feast-days or Saint's days - for example, on All Saints' Day and Trinity Sunday as well as on 'Feasts of the Lord' like the Epiphany, and feasts of Mary, like the Annunciation.

Red is a sign of blood, and symbolises suffering and martyrdom. It is used for almost all the feasts of the apostles, on Pentecost Sunday, on Palm Sunday (when the Passion of Jesus is remembered) and, in some places, on Good Friday.

Green is the 'ordinary' colour (the colour of the earth, the colour of plant-life), and is used at 'ordinary' times of year, when none of the other colours are appropriate. Green is generally used from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (usually in late May or June), through to Advent Sunday (at the end of November/beginning of December), with the occasional splash of white or red when a Feast Day is celebrated.



Christmas is coming Floral Art Demonstration

by Gill Wardell

Wednesday 18th November

7.15pm

at

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Ticket £5

Mulled wine and mince pies



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

Coffee Morning

On
Saturday 14th November 2009
From 10.00 to 12.00
In the Church Hall



Donation £1.00, Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Baking

Readings and Readers

1st Nov All Saints	Wisdom 3:1-9	Revelation 21: 1-6a	John 11: 32-44	
8th Nov Remembrance	Job 19:21- 27	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	John 6: 37-40	
15th Nov Pentecost 24	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15- 18), 19-25	Mark 13: 1-8	
22nd Nov Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37	
29 th Nov Advent 1	Jeremiah 33, 14-16	1 Thess. 3, 9- 13	Luke 21, 25-36	
6 th Dec Advent 2	Malachi 3, 1-4	Philippians 1, 3-11	Luke 3, 1- 6	



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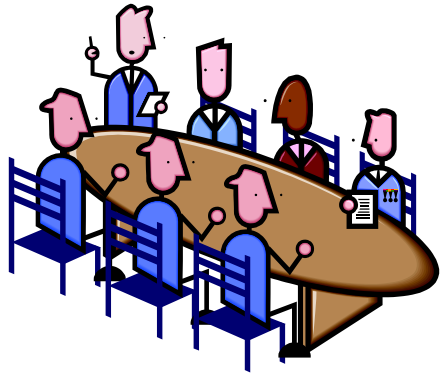
Harvest Afternoon



ELECTIONS

The Rector writes:

As many of you will know, Holy Trinity's AGM is fast approaching, and will take place after the 11.00 am service on Sunday 6 December. One of the tasks of the AGM is to elect people to a number of offices within the Church; and nomination forms will be available in the Vestibule from



Sunday 8 November for this purpose. This year, rather than adding the names of nominated candidates to a list there are separate proposal forms for each nomination so when you fill in your nomination form please ensure that each form has only one name on it and that you have clearly shown to which position that person is being nominated.

There are four 'offices' to which we need to elect people: Lay Representative (one position), Alternate Lay Representative (one position), People's Warden (one position) and Vestry member (two positions). If more nominations are received than the number of positions available in any office (e.g., if there are, say, five nominations for vestry member where only two positions are vacant) then we will have a vote. This will take place by secret ballot.

In order to make things clearer, I have included below a brief 'Job Description' for each office. If you need more information, please speak to me, or any member of the Vestry.

Lay Representative

The task of the Lay Rep, who is elected to serve for a period of one year, is to represent the congregation, along with the Rector and other clergy, at the Diocesan Synod. The Diocesan Synod is the decision making body for the Diocese and consists of the Bishop, all instituted and commissioned clergy and all Lay Reps. Synod meets usually

about twice a year. Lay Reps area also eligible for election at Synod to by a Diocesan Representative at the General Synod which meets once a year. At Holy Trinity, the Lay Rep is a member of the Vestry *ex officio* and attends our monthly Vestry meetings at which he or she plays a full part but has particular responsibility for reporting and explaining matters to the Vestry which have come from, or are concerned with, the Diocesan Synod. Finally, the Lay Rep is a member of the Area Council which meets several times a year.

Alternate Lay Representative

The Alternate Lay Rep is elected for a period of one year and steps in when the Lay Rep is unable to fulfil his or her duties for one reason or another. This usually means attending one of the Synods or an occasional meeting whilst the Lay Rep is perhaps ill or on holiday. The Alternate Lay Rep is not a member of Vestry.

People's Warden

The People's Warden is elected for a period of one year and (along with the Rector's Warden who is appointed directly by the Rector) fulfils a variety of tasks and has particular responsibility for the fabric of the building and related things, and for 'keeping order' in church. In practice, 'keeping order' means making sure people are greeted and welcomed to services, and making sure things run smoothly. At Holy Trinity, among other things, this involves making sure the sound system is running properly and directing and assisting people to Communion. The People's Warden is also a member of the Vestry *Ex Officio*.

Vestry Member

Vestry members are elected for a period of three years and attend monthly Vestry Meetings. The Vestry has overall responsibility for the day to day running of Holy Trinity, and for looking after its finances and property



ADVANCE NOTICE - SCOUTPOST 2008

The Scouts of West Fife will be offering a Christmas Card delivery service to Dunfermline and surrounding villages again this year inside the boundaries of Burntisland, Lochgelly, Kelty, Saline and Kincardine on Forth.



The cost this year is again 20p per card and monies and cards should be placed in a secure bag/envelope and placed in the box marked 'SCOUTPOST' that will be in the Vestibule from Wednesday 25th November to Thursday 10th December.

Delivery will take place from, but mainly on the weekend of 12/13 December.

Scouting was very grateful for the donations made from Holy Trinity Church folk last year and hopefully you might consider supporting local scouting again this year.

A fuller notice will be placed on the boards in the Church and Hall in November.

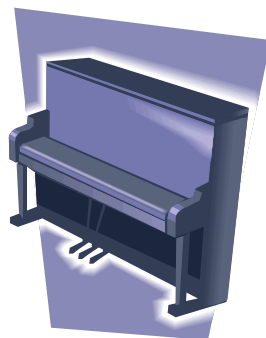
Any further details from Phil Smithard 01383 722416

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PIANO? - for yourself or your children

The piano loaned to us for the church is now no longer required and the lender is offering it to a good home for a donation to church funds. It comes with an affirmation that if the notes are played in the right order, a recognisable, in-tune melody will result. A piano stool completes the set.

Help with transport may be available if required.

Please contact any vestry member if you are interested.



Young Church News

The Young Church were very busy at Harvest; Some of the children took part in the entertainment at the Harvest Supper and were in the limelight again on Sunday when, with the help of John MacDonald, they performed a short sketch called Stone Soup that showed what could be achieved by sharing resources and offering friendship. We would like to thank everyone who enjoyed our Hunger Lunch on Harvest Sunday. Thanks to generous donations we have been able to donate £50 to the Toastie Club, part of the drop in centre in Viewfield Terrace run by the Bethany Christian Trust. The centre provides support for people who are unemployed, homeless or in temporary accommodation. It is good to be able to support such a worthwhile charity on our doorstep.

Congratulations to members of the Young Church who entered the competition to design a new child friendly logo for the Diocese. Rebecca Cromwell and Iain Wedge both received letters thanking them for their entries and 6 year old Sarah Cromwell received the very exciting news that her entry was one of 2 winners. Her picture of a teddy with a cross can be seen opposite. We look forward to being able to display the new logo proudly at Holy Trinity.



Elaine Cromwell has recently updated the children's "Happy Bags" for use in the church. These bags contain books and small soft (quiet) toys or finger puppets that children can make use of when they are in church. A little card is attached that contains details of the Young Church and provides a welcome to visiting children.

Sheona Wedge

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Nov 1	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service Sabine Forsyth All Age Service All Age Service Muriel McKenzie & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *
8	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Isobel Thomson (Remembrance) Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Mr & Mrs R Key Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *
15	8am 11am	Rod Key Karen Macdonald Ellen Fearnley Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Mr & Mrs G Philp Brendan Grimley & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *
22	8am 11am	Rod Key Dorissia Forsyth Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Muriel McKenzie & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *
29	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service—Advent Sunday Ellen Fearnley All Age Service All Age Service Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *
Dec 6	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Barbara Hand Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs M Gosling Doreen EsnoI & Frances Jack Brendan Grimley & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices *

PRAYER IN UNITY GOES LOCAL



One of the exciting legacies of David Campbell's tenure as rector was the creation of an inter-church prayer group 'Prayer in Unity'. This was initiated by Holy Trinity just over four years ago, initially involving St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Viewfield Baptist Church and St Margaret's Touch Parish Church. It soon involved other parish churches such as Limekilns and Kelty as well as people from other denominations such as the Link and Liberty Churches. The idea of the group is simple, to Pray for the Dunfermline and West Fife area (and all those living and visiting).

It has continued from that starting point and, though the numbers attending have gone up and down, there is always a group from a variety of churches – indeed people from at least ten denominations have attended at one time or another. The group is based on the principle that is possible to pray by becoming open to the Holy Spirit. This can create a very potent atmosphere which feels thoroughly enjoyable and relevant. (It does not however require that everyone present needs to pray aloud.)

Recently it was decided to move out of the Dunfermline centre and circulate around the towns, villages and population centres, in partnership with people from local churches who are interested in joining the session or providing local themes for prayer. This started in Inverkeithing and the Eastern Expansion, in conjunction with Baptist and local parish churches. Currently the group is meeting in Kelty. In September there was a tremendously exciting meeting there when around fifteen people came from the local parish church, joined by people from a number of other churches in Dunfermline and West Fife. The session was warmly introduced by Lee Messenger, the local Minister. The second Kelty meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November in the rooms of Kelty Parish Church. You are welcome!

The Prayer in Unity Newsletter is available together with other information on coming meetings. People from some churches, such as the local Methodist Church, have regularly included the prayer themes which arise, as part of their Sunday services.

Following the meeting in Kelty the group will meet in Saline.

John Macdonald

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	Isobel Thomson	624322
	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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