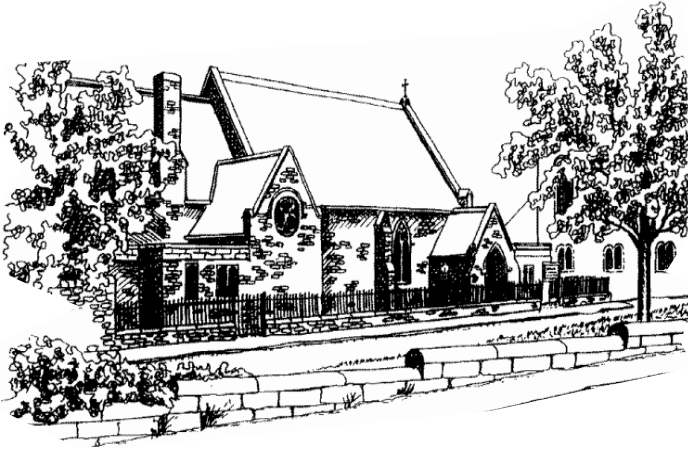


Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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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 parts of our Sunday liturgy that many people at Holy Trinity through themselves into with apparent energy and enthusiasm is the Peace.

Whilst in many congregations the Peace is either omitted or celebrated in a rather lacklustre, awkward fashion, at Holy Trinity, things are different – people move around the building, and, as well as the more formal handshakes, hugs and kisses are often in evidence too. In fact, at the Midweek Eucharist on Thursday mornings, people are so keen to exchange the peace with everyone that sometimes it can be quite dangerous to get caught up in the *Mêlée*.

All of this tends to mask the fact that for some, even at Holy Trinity, the Peace can be a little awkward or embarrassing. For some, the informality and the threat of physical contact with people they don't know very well can be quite off-putting, and cause a degree of unease – and for newcomers, especially those not familiar with our liturgies, it can be quite a nerve-racking experience. And so, for those of us who approach the Peace with gusto and enthusiasm, it's perhaps important to



remember that not everyone feels so relaxed about it and to be sensitive to people's feelings.

Nevertheless, the peace is an extremely important part of our liturgy and, although there is a tendency to think it is a modern thing (and it has been revived somewhat in recent decades), it does, in fact, have ancient origins.

Even in the New Testament, there are a number of references to the 'kiss of love' or 'holy kiss' (see, e.g., Romans 16:16 or 1 Peter 5:14). Later, and certainly by the middle of the 2nd Century, there is evidence that the Kiss of Peace had become associated with the Offertory – where it is still placed today in our Blue Book Liturgy.

Liturgically and theologically, the Peace carries at least two significant meanings. The first is a liturgical response to Jesus'

command in Matthew 5:23f that we should make peace with any with whom we have fallen out before offering our gifts at the altar. This explains why the Peace is placed just before the Offertory – i.e., just before the gifts of bread and wine are offered to God for use in the Eucharist, along with the money which is offered for God's service. The Peace is also an affirmation and celebration of our community, and of the fact that we don't worship alone, but in fellowship with others.

It's all too easy, often, to focus only on our own individual relationship with, and response to, God – 'my sins', 'my repentance', 'my prayers' etc, and to forget that the very nature of the Church is community. We worship not just as individuals before God, but as the people of God, or the Body of Christ. In the Eucharist, in particular, we offer, not only ourselves, but our whole worshipping community to God's service and, in listening to God, we seek not only our own individual calling, but our collective, or corporate calling too.

The Peace, therefore, is a way of recognising and celebrating all of this, within the context of our liturgy and, as such, is an extremely important element

within our service.

Some of you might be relieved to know that within the Anglican tradition in the UK there is no longer any expectation that the Peace will actually involve kissing one another (others may be disappointed, of course!) This perhaps would be rather too much for our reserved British manners, though in some parts of the world this would be quite normal.

The important thing is that, one way or another, we exchange a sign of peace with one another and, around the world, this is usually done in whatever way we would normally greet each other on civil occasions. In Scotland, this will normally mean a handshake, accompanied by the word 'peace' or the words 'peace be with you'. Though, of course, as many do at Holy Trinity, it is quite permissible to kiss or hug those close to us. And, for the record, I'm told that the difference between a normal kiss and a holy kiss is about 90 seconds!

Tim

February 2010

Peter Hutchings

At the end of January the income was £ 22,193 and the expenditure £ 21,313.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish.

The current total to hand is £ 359



Fund Raising and Social Committee

50:50 Club: We have 59 members with 67 subscriptions just now which will provide £2010 pa for HTC. If we get up to 100 subscriptions that will bring in £3000 pa. We now have a Licence so that we can accept 50:50 members from outside the church. Feel free to invite your friends and family to support us in this way. An application Form and Standing Order Mandate is included with this Magazine.

Provisional Social Calendar: 2010—Dates to follow

19th March	Murder Mystery
May	Theatre Outing - Alhambra - "Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat Angel Drive
June	Coffee Morning
August	Family Quiz Night
September	Treasure Hunt
October	Halloween Party (fancy dress competition)

Wives Group Donation

The Wives Group usually make a collective decision regarding the disbursement of accrued funds to various charitable organisations at our AGM in May, with the money being distributed in the summer.. However, this year, in view of the Haiti disaster, we have brought forward some of our charitable giving and have this month sent £150.00, (proceeds of the Harvester Supper) to Mary's Meals to aid them with their work in this area.

Muriel M



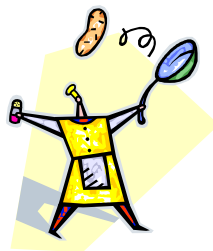
Visitors to Holy Trinity over the past few weeks will have noticed the hole that has appeared in the ceiling in the Vestibule. This is apparently due to some water damage to the plaster which caused it to come away from the lathes. The root cause is thought to be a leak in the zinc roofing above the area.

The Vestry has obtained quotations to carry out the repairs and are investigating the insurance status, grants and other ways of covering the uninsured cost.

Pancake Party:

The annual pancake party was organised by the Wives Group and provided food and enjoyment for all. The quiz was won by Margaret and Gill and a team of Golden Oldies won the Pancake Race but declined extra publicity!

Over £140 was raised.





The February Retiring Collection is in support of TALK MATTERS, the Dunfermline based Charity Organiser that Tim works in partnership with.

Their website is at <http://www.talkmatters.org/home.html>

Welcome to *talk* matters

As a confidential counselling service for people in Fife we can help with a wide range of problems. Whether you are suffering from depression, anxiety, stress, anger, have recently been bereaved or are simply feeling that you've lost your way; if life is getting on top of you and you are struggling to cope, come and talk to us...we are here to help.

You can talk confidentially to our counsellors in a safe, secure and comforting environment where you will be treated with respect.

We see people from all walks of life and for all sorts of reasons. You may be adjusting to life events such as redundancy, retirement, divorce, separation or bereavement - whatever the painful situation or difficult feelings you may be experiencing, we really believe that 'talk matters'.

We are here to help you find a way to work through your feelings and to build your confidence, taking a holistic approach to what is troubling you.

Making a difference

Talk Matters has made a difference to so many people over the years with a consistently high client satisfaction record. Lives have been changed through counselling.

Young Church

The Young Church have recently been learning about the Lord's Prayer and the Story of Samuel. On Valentine's day they heard the story of the Love Me Bird who learned to love others so that others could love him. They also had great fun at the pancake party on Shrove Tuesday



Holy Trinity are hosting the Children's World day of Prayer service on Sunday 7th March.

There will be craft activities and preparation for the service at 3pm.



Members of the congregation are invited to come along at 3.30 for a cup of tea before joining with the children for a short service. The theme of the service is "Let everything that has breath praise God" and has been created by the people of Cameroon. This is a wonderful opportunity for us at Holy Trinity to welcome those from other churches to worship together with us and we hope that as many as possible will support it. We are also looking for

a few volunteers to help with making the refreshments on the day.

Creche Volunteers - The Young Church will be on holiday on 11th and 18th April but we would like to offer a creche facility. If anyone is willing to be on standby for either of these two weeks please speak to any of the Young Church leaders. Volunteers will require to already be disclosure checked.

Sheona Wedge



Gift Aid

Increasing Your Income Just Got Easier!



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 at the end of the month. If anyone else would like a pack of these envelopes, please let me know.

It is important that you review your 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 orders, 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.

Peter Hand

Readings and Readers				
7 th March Lent 3	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9	
14 th March Mothering Sunday	Joshua 5:9-12	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	All Age Service
21 st March Lent 5	Isaiah 43:16- 21	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12: 1-8	
28 th March Palm Sunday	-	-	Luke 19 28-40	
4 th April Easter Sunday	Acts 10: 34-43	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24 1-12	

Dear All,

Hello from Zanzibar, and thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. It's all going well so far apart from mosquito bites, being too hot, and breaking my camera. The bites are healing, and I'm getting used to being hot and sweaty all the time - but I really need a camera. Does anyone have an old one they're not using, and if so can I buy it from you? I'd rather buy than borrow, as there's a good chance it'll get broken, lost or stolen. What I need is a digital camera that I can more or less point and press - nothing too technical - complete with software for uploading, and the connecting cable for the PC. I'll do a money transfer so payment should be straightforward.



You're all in my prayers too, I miss you,
take care Helen

Rotas

Mar 7	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Rod Key Mr & Mrs M Gosling Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Fay Cuthbertson & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
14	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service Sabine Forsyth All Age Service All Age Service Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
21	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Margaret Dineley Ellen Fearnley Doreen EsnoI & Frances Jack Mr & Mrs P Crabb Brendan Grimley & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
28	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Linda Browlie Andrew Wedge Irene Short & Ivy Stewart Mr & Mrs R Key Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Apr 4	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge Brendan Grimley Rod Key Monica Terry and Linda Sherwood Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

Decorating the Church for Easter

Volunteers are invited to help with the decoration of the church on Saturday 3rd April commencing at 10am.

All skill and experience levels are welcome; just bring your enthusiasm and sense of fun. Please let me know if you can come along and help.

Gill

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep.	Dr Margaret Dineley	-
Vestry:	Sheona Wedge	725860
	Malcolm Gosling	720278
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Polly St Aubyn	-
People's Warden	Ken Spink	735732
Rector's Warden	Brendan Grimley	851473
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
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Michelle Fearnley	412255
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732

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