

# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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Magazine

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          Young Church at 11am  
Monday - Thursday  
          Morning Prayer at 8am  
Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am

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# **Pebbles on the Shore**

## **Random Reflections from the Rector**

A couple of weeks ago at a diocesan event in Perth, I helped to lead a workshop on the subject of 'Sharing our Faith'. The purpose of the workshop was to help participants more fully understand and embrace one of the Nine Marks of Mission that congregations around the diocese have been encouraged to adopt and develop: Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism.

The discussion was varied and informal, but one of the things that struck me was the level of ambivalence and uncertainty that people felt about the whole question of sharing their faith with others.

Evangelism, of course, is simply the sharing of the gospel, or 'good news' about Jesus Christ and, just to give members of the group some practice in sharing good news, we asked them to break into pairs and tell each other, in their pairs, about something good that had happened to them in the previous week. Afterwards, in feedback to the group, participants were unanimous in agreeing that sharing with others general good



things that had happened in their lives was a positive, uplifting and energising experience.

And yet, when the discussion moved on to people's experience of sharing the good news of their faith, then people became considerably less comfortable and rather more negative. Sharing faith was not perceived to be a positive or uplifting experience for many in the room. And between them, members of the group expressed a variety of fears: 'What if I'm misunderstood?'; 'What if I can't answer their questions?'; 'What if they want proof?' And perhaps the strongest fears were around how they would be perceived: 'people might think I'm ramming my faith down their throat'; and, worst of all, 'people might think I'm stupid'; 'people might reject me.'

One of the things that I found interesting in all of this seemed

to be a general, though unarticulated, assumption that evangelism, or faith sharing, meant somehow having to convince others of the truth of the gospel and being able to justify God's existence and involvement in the world in the light of all the scientific evidence. And, of course, if that's what people thought, then it's no wonder they felt rather nervous at the prospect of sharing their faith.

But, perhaps, in the end, evangelism isn't to do with telling people 'facts' about God or Jesus. Faith sharing isn't about 'proving' to people that God created the world, or that Mary was a virgin or that Jesus rose from the dead. All those words like 'convincing', 'proving', 'justifying' in the end, I think, are unhelpful. Rather, the important thing in evangelism, it seems to me, is simply to offer ourselves and our experience: without any strings attached, without any expectations.

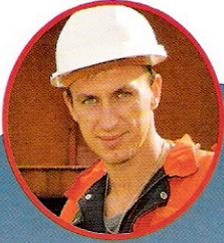
In the first letter of Peter we are exhorted to always be ready to give an account of the hope that is within us. And that, for me, is what evangelism is. Not to coerce or to persuade, but simply to offer what is ours: 'This is how it is for me.'; 'This is my experience.'; 'This is what God means to me.'

It's rare for people to come to faith or to join the church as a result of a process of rational argument and reflection – of being 'convinced' intellectually of truth of the gospel. What many people perhaps find rather more compelling is a living example of what it means to be a Christian and to experience, first hand, the transforming love of God in their lives.



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 Peter Hand.

# COLLECTION FOR THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS



## The Mission to Seafarers



Caring for seafarers  
around the world

The retiring collection on Sunday, 27 June, will be for the Mission to Seafarers. Britain is an island and despite the advent of airfreight most of the materials and good that we receive from overseas continue to come by ship. There are also numerous seafarers employed on cruise ships. Most of these seafarers come from some of the poorest countries and have to spend long periods away from their homes and families on low wages in order to send money home to support their families. The Mission to Seafarers fulfils a vital role in helping these people when they need it.. Examples are visiting and helping seafarers when left sick in hospital;, running centres where seafarers can receive a warm and friendly welcome away from their ship; acting as a welfare organisation when necessary. While most shipping companies treat their crews fairly some are unscrupulous and each year some ships are abandoned leaving their crews stranded away from home and without money.

Here in Scotland the Mission to Seafarers now has a Chaplain in post – the Rev. Tim Tunley. Based at Grangemouth, Tim has a large parish covering all the ports in Scotland.

This help and mission depends entirely on charitable giving so once again please give generously on 27 June.

**Mission Action Planning Day.**  
**Saturday 19 June 2010, 10am – 4pm, The Viewfield Centre.**



Holy Trinity as a 'pilot' in the Diocesan Casting the Net initiative.

You will have read in the previous magazine Tim's introduction to this very important day in the life of our congregation, as well as hearing his announcements in church and seeing the notices in the pres sheet. It is really important that as many people as possible attend so that plans to be set in place for the next few years may have the chance to reflect the wide variety of ideas, attitudes and wishes among the members of our congregation.

Mission is not just about reaching out to others and to increasing our numbers, it is also about deepening our own sense of spirituality and our caring for each other in our own community in every way. It is not something that belongs solely to high-powered, totally committed full-time 'professional' missionaries. It is something we are all called to take part in, something that may in some ways seem quite 'ordinary.' I find this little prayer from the Wild Goose Worship Group to be quite a powerful reminder of this -

'If we met you, Jesus Christ,  
we might not think that you were on a mission.

Your talk would be of common and curious things:  
salt, dough,  
lost lambs, lost coins,  
paying taxes, hosting a meal,  
wise virgins, and foolish house-builders.

We would not know you were on a mission,  
we would think you were making sense of life,  
lighting up the ordinary, identifying the truth.

When next you look with compassion on the world  
And need mission done in your way,  
Lord, send us.

It is indeed important to underpin our Mission Action Planning with prayer, to ask God to be with us as we go through the process and to try to discern what His will is for us here in Holy Trinity. To this end, I would like to ask you all to use the following prayer in the days leading up to June 19. I will ask Tim to print it in the pews sheet for the previous Sunday, June 13 and when I am leading our intercessions on that day I will ask everyone in the congregation to join me in saying it together.

‘Loving God,  
as we look forward to meeting together to discern your will for us here in Holy Trinity,  
help us to grow in holiness, unity, effectiveness and numbers.  
Draw us closer to you and to those around us.  
Give us enthusiasm in our faith, and wisdom in sharing it with others.  
Open our eyes to new opportunities,  
our lips to sing and speak of you,  
and our hearts to welcome the stranger.  
We know that decisions may be difficult and the path hard,  
but may your love and compassion light a flame within us,  
so that we may spread your kingdom  
following the way shown us by our Lord Jesus Christ and empowered  
by the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.’

(Adapted from a prayer created by Mike Burke, Area Bishop of Wolverhampton.)

Thank you – and may God send his blessing on us as we deliberate, discuss and plan.

Margaret Dineley, Casting the Net Liaison Officer.

**From the new curate, Valerie Walker;**

The thought of becoming a curate next month both delights and daunts me. I'll be dividing myself between St John's Al-loa, Holy Trinity Dunfermline, and St Margaret's Rosyth, and wonder how on earth I'll manage. On the other hand, working with different people in a variety of places can broaden the perspective. That was my experience practising as a nurse specialist between Ninewells Hospital, Dundee and Perth Royal Infirmary.



Working in a variety of venues requires being sufficiently organised to be in the right place at the right time. Having no sense of direction will add to the challenge; a user friendly map or satellite navigation system will be essential.

I currently live in Forgandenny with husband Roger, son Ben and daughter Olivia. We moved here from Yorkshire six years ago when Roger became school chaplain at Strathallan. Olivia will soon go into her last year at school; Ben is about to start an Arts Blacksmithing degree. Like many teenagers they have mixed feelings about both parents being ordained!

It's a wrench leaving my hospital friends and nursing career but I've felt called to full time ministry for several years now. As the date of



ordination draws closer I look forward to meeting you that day or very soon afterwards. I hope and pray that we will be a source of blessing to each other but trust, in the words of the ordination service, that "*with the help of God, we will.*"



### Young Church News

May has been a busy month for the Young Church. We were delighted to welcome the Dads and one Grandad to our Young Church meeting in the park on 9th May. The rain stayed off long enough for everyone to find all the chalk clues on the ground and play together before walking up to the church in time for Communion. Over the past few weeks the children have been learning about the Life Giving Spirit at Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Our All age service at the beginning of the month looked at how the meanings of words have changed over time and we asked the question "What does it mean to love someone?" We reflected upon the times when we find it difficult to "love" our neighbours.

The powerpoint of reflective images was used and much appreciated again at an ecumenical service held for "Pentecost in the Glen". Iain represented Holy Trinity Church by reading the intercessions. Iain also had the opportunity to take part in the Drumming and Rhythm workshop at the Casting the Net workshop in Perth held earlier in the month. Ask him what a Boomwhacker is !!

Young Church will continue until Sunday 27th June when we will have an All age Prizegiving service. During the Summer holidays we hope to run a creche facility if we can find enough volunteers so if you can help out please get in touch with Sheona Wedge.

### Soup and Bread Lunch

On Sunday 27th June the Young Church Mums will prepare a soup and bread lunch with proceeds going to the New Boiler Fund. Hopefully people intending to go to Valerie's ordination will come along before travelling to Perth.

## St Margaret's Chapter of Benedictine Oblates.

### **What is an Oblate of St Benedict?**

– an extract from *'Oblates – An Introduction'*, Colledgeville

Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian individuals or families who have associated themselves with a Benedictine community in order to enrich their Christian way of life. Oblates shape their lives by living the wisdom of Christ as interpreted by St. Benedict. Oblates seek God by striving to become holy in their chosen way of life. By integrating their prayer and their work, they manifest Christ's presence in society.

St. Paul tells us that each member of the body of Christ, the Church, has a special function to perform. Most are called to the married state and the raising of a family. Some are called to the single life in the world and others to the life of a priest or religious man or woman. The role of Oblates is to live in the world, to become holy in the world, to do what they can to bring the world to God by being witnesses to Christ by word and example to those around them.

Oblates concern themselves with striving to be what they are, people of God and temples of the Holy Spirit. Their prayer life will flow from this awareness, as will their willingness to offer themselves (that is the meaning of the word *oblate*) for the service of God and neighbour to the best of their ability. Oblates do not take on a new set of religious practices and are not required to say a certain number of prayers or engage in special devotions. They do not live in a religious community or take vows.

### **St. Benedict and Oblates**

St. Benedict lived in the sixth century. He was born in a small town north of Rome and came to Rome for his education. Before long he abandoned his studies and lived as a hermit for several years at a place called Subiaco, where in time he acquired a reputation for holiness and miracles. Attracting many followers, Benedict established monastic communities at Subiaco, Terracina and Monte Cassino. It was at Monte Cassino that he wrote a Rule which combined moderation with fidelity to the best traditions in Christian monasticism. During the following centuries, his monastic way of life spread throughout Europe, and Benedictine monasteries and convents became the principal centres of prayer, culture and education.

From the very beginning Benedictine monasteries accepted boys, and convents received girls, "offered" to them by their parents for their religious training and education. These children lived in the community, shared its

daily round of religious activities, and became known as Oblates. In the course of time, lay people asked to be associated with the work of the monks and nuns, without however leaving their homes, families, and occupations. These too were received, offered themselves to God, became Oblates of a monastery or convent, and promised to regulate their lives according to the spirit of the Rule of St. Benedict. They applied the teachings of the Rule to their lives in the world, in their family circles, in their places of work, and in their civic and social activities.

Today, throughout the world, there are thousands of Oblates praying and working in spiritual union with Benedictine men and women of various communities and receiving spiritual strength and inspiration from their association as Oblates.

## **Oblate Spirituality**

Benedictine Oblates seek God in association with a monastic community: as individuals and as members of a body, they grow in love of God, neighbour and self. With the Rule as their guide, Oblates adopt values that are part of the very fabric of Christian spirituality, such as, spending time daily reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures; cultivating an awareness of the presence of God in silence; devoting time to the praise of God.

An acquaintance with these and other Christian values presented in the Rule of St. Benedict will enable Oblates to attain that spiritual peace and joy that Christ came to bring and promised to all who follow him.

## **St. Margaret's Chapter.**

St Margaret's Chapter is a group of Benedictine Oblates based in Dunfermline. The Chapter meetings take place on the last Friday of every month, and are open to all interested in exploring Benedictine spirituality, and in becoming an Oblate in particular. The meetings take place in Holy Trinity Church, commencing with the Office of Vespers at 7.30pm. After Vespers, the group meet together over a light supper of bread and cheese, and discuss aspects of Oblate life. The Chapter are working their way through the book 'St. Benedict's Toolbox', by Jane Tomain, and are currently discussing Stability – one of the three important monastic vows adhered to by professed religious and Oblates alike. The discussion is led by one of the group, who reads selected passages to form the basis of discussion. The meeting finishes with the Office of Compline between 8:30 and 9:00pm.

If you would like further information, please feel free to attend the Chapter meeting, or ask Brendan Grimley *OSB Obl.*

Holy Trinity Church  
**ANGEL DRIVE**  
&  
**FAIRTRADE**  
**PRIZE BINGO**

Sunday 6th June

6.30pm

Raffle—refreshments

Tickets £1

Organisation by HT Young Church—Please give us your support for this Fund Raising and Social event. All ages welcome.

Donations for prizes and raffle gratefully received. Cost of ticket includes Angel Drive games and cuppa. Bingo tickets will be sold on the night. All proceeds to church funds.



Thank You

I'd like to thank my Mum and Dad for all their love and support and for everything they have done and continue to do for me particularly over the last few difficult years. Each bit of help is so very much appreciated.

Love Rebecca Key

## Readings and Readers

6 <sup>th</sup> June Proper 10	1 Kings 17:17-24	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17	
13 <sup>th</sup> June Proper 11	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3	
20 <sup>th</sup> June Proper 12	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatiarns 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39	All Age Service/ Prizegiving
27 <sup>th</sup> June Proper 13	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62	
4 <sup>th</sup> July Proper 14	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	

May 2010

At the end of April the income was £ 36,078 and the expenditure £ 36,632.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £ 280.



The central heating boiler for the Church is now no longer repairable and a new boiler will need to be installed this summer at a cost of £6,000.

Please consider making a donation towards the cost of the new central heating boiler.

If each household could contribute £50 that would total to £6,000.

Please place your donation in a Gift Aid Envelope and mark it 'Heating'. I will report in the magazine the number of donations received and their total value.

Peter Hutchings

## Rotas

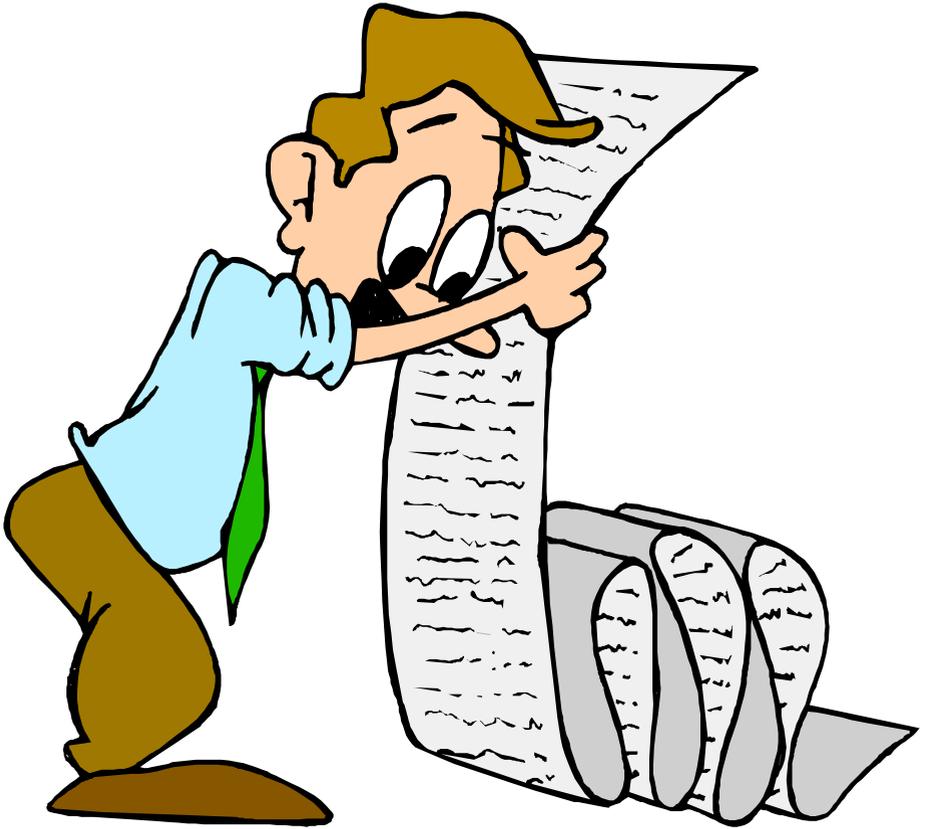
June 6	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Dorissia Forsyth Rod Key Mr & Mrs P Crabb Joyce Short & Ivy Stewart Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
13	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Margaret Dineley Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley Brendan Grimley & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
20	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service Andrew Wedge All Age—YC All Age—YC Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
27	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge Barbara Hand Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs P Hand Helen Dalgity & Monica Terry Isobel Thomson & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
July 4	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Rod Key Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Fay Cuthbertson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

### **Help Needed**

Would you like to join the Rota for processing with the elements at the 11 O'clock Eucharist. If so please let Brendan, Jack or Ken know and you will be allocated a slot from time to time. They will also be able to answer any questions you might have.

## Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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Vestry:	Sheona Wedge	720278
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	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Polly St Aubyn	-
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Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
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Youth Fellowship	Jenny Stooke	-
Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
Mother's Union	Isobel Thomson	624322
	Fiona Barcroft	-
Wives Group	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	Pamela Grimley	851473
Women's Guild	Edith Slack	724552
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Michelle Fearnley	412255
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	Fay Spink	735732
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