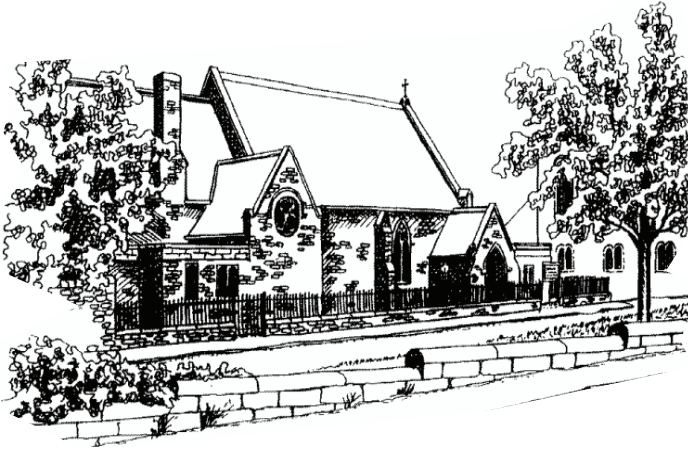


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Sunday: Eucharists at 8am & 11am
Young Church at 11am
Monday - Thursday
Morning Prayer at 8am
Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am

Blowing in the Wind *Hot Air from the Curate*

The Rector writes:

We welcome our new curate, Valerie Walker, to Holy Trinity. This is her first contribution to our magazine since she joined us. In the spirit of my much loved (!) ‘Pebbles on the Shore’, as you can see, Valerie’s offerings will be ‘Blowing in the Wind: hot air from the Curate!’.

A bit of a change

The announcement that I was leaving nursing to become ordained often evoked the response “That’s a bit of a change”. This understatement doesn’t begin to describe the roller coaster adventure that ministerial training and ordination have been. I was warned that training involved an esoteric process of formation, whereby I would be changed into a creature better suited for God’s authorised ministry. My feelings were mixed; metamorphosis may sound appealing to a chrysalis but what if I turned into something I didn’t want to become? Like a slug instead of a butterfly. Change we can’t control can be truly scary.

Three years of hard graft at the



Theological Institute of the S.E.C. (TISEC), including twenty four essays and several sermons, were somehow dovetailed into my NHS commitments, leaving little time for reflection on any change that might be happening. But on the last Sunday of June, at my ordination in St Ninian’s Cathedral, I sensed a transformation. I can’t describe the wonder of seeing so many smiling faces from different parts of my life, from churches and hospitals across the years and miles, and realising that the love that had carried me to that place would continue to support me in the future. A conjunction of sacred and secular, old and new, past and future made it a life changing *kairos* moment; a bit like getting married or giving birth.

My new curacy feels a bit like a honeymoon at the moment; I

even enjoy the morning drive down the M90 to Fife! Common sense tells me these feelings won't last for ever and that things will soon change again. But I believe that the love of Christ we show to each other provides what we need to cope with our uncertainties. We may not be able to control life's changes but God helps us grow through them into something better than we could ever imagine.



Valerie and Bishop David after the ordination

June 2010

At the end of May the income was £ 40,922 and the expenditure £ 41,561.

The income includes £1,320 from 23 donations towards the cost of the new boiler.

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



Peter Hutchings

Young Church News

The children have been preparing for their Prizegiving service with the theme of "Showing our True Colours." and by showing our true colours we can reflect the light of Christ. The service will be a celebration of all that is good rather than the usual negative connotations suggested by the phrase. After the service the Young Church will provide a soup and bread lunch in aid of church funds.

Young Church will close for the Summer and restart on Sunday 22nd August but we hope to be able to offer a creche facility each week. If you are able or willing to be "on standby" please let me or any of the Young Church Mums know.

Sheona Wedge

The Fairtrade Bingo and Angel Drive evening organised by the Young Church raised £162 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who came along or supported us in any way. The photograph below shows a degree of intensity creeping into the Angel Drive!



Casting the Net – The Gathering.

Saturday May 15 at St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.



The gathering brought together members of congregations from across the Diocese to learn, worship and socialize together. The atmosphere was lively, stimulating and friendly. After an introductory session led by

Bishop David in the main body of the cathedral we all joined various workshops, punctuated by breaks for refreshments. The afternoon concluded with an all-age Eucharist which took place right in the centre of the cathedral, with the elements being passed from person to person.

Several members of Holy Trinity attended, either for the whole day or just part of it. I went to workshops on spirituality and on what happens at communion, as well as attending a meeting of CTN Liaison Officers led by Karen Gaskell, Convener of the CTN Action Group. This was helpful, as we were able to discuss various common issues and problems, including the difficulties of communicating and helping congregations feel involved in the CTN process. Among the workshops available were such topics as drumming and rhythm, drama, intercessions, healing and sharing our faith. To help you to understand what it was like, I have asked others who were there to share their stories and their experiences.

I turned up at Perth not knowing what to expect. I was amazed to see so many people and more surprised to see the mix of ages with quite a few children and teenagers. It was reassuring to think that they were all there with the sole purpose of finding ways for our church to grow. I had only experienced this positive feeling before at Glenalmond where everyone is around my age. After registration we began with some introductions and worship. During the worship we were all given a coloured Boomwhacker to play. The sounds these percussion instruments made were amazing and it had the effect of bringing everyone together too. After the worship we split up into various groups. Sabine and I chose a drama workshop where we

took a bible reading and explored the words to better understand it. We discussed how and why they said it and the background and the history of the time. This made things so much clearer than if I had just listened and accepted it. Having looked at the other workshop options I was disappointed that I couldn't have stayed for the rest of the day and attended more.

Andrew Wedge

Drumming and Rhythm Workshop

First of all we introduced ourselves then we clapped and tapped together keeping to a rhythm. After that we got to use different instruments and swap with each other. I liked learning to use rhythm in different ways.

Iain Wedge.

Sheona and I attended the Working with Children Workshop. The session was based on "Godly Play", which was introduced by Theologian and Montessori teacher, Gerome Berry. His main aim is "Don't tell children about God; let them learn from story and awe!"

As the children enter the building it is suggested that there is a "welcomer" to make sure that all of the children are made to feel welcomed. The storyteller already sits waiting for the children. When they are all in, the storyteller will wander around looking at all her equipment (which is placed all round the room) until she finds the particular story of the day. In our case, we found ourselves sitting in front of a piece of material with sand on it. While our storyteller was moving the sand around, it became the desert. Two pieces of blue ribbon became a river, and two wooden boxes, the homes of the two wooden figures, Sarah and Abraham. We followed the two characters through the desert, until Abraham spoke to God; Sarah had her child, and when Sarah and Abraham died and were buried in the sand, I must admit I was absolutely drawn into the story and felt quite upset.

This way of learning stories from the Bible is quite appealing. However, it is aimed at children from 5-6 upwards, and the children in our crèche may be a little too young to appreciate it.

Marianne Lethiers.

(Probably it would be suitable for Young Church, though. *MD.*)

Intercessions (Alison Peden & Paddy Allen)

Alison and Paddy led a workshop focusing on intercessory prayer during worship at church. We discussed the purpose of such prayers and our experiences in leading them. Paddy suggested a way of constructing the prayers around a series of headings – the church, the world, our community, family and friends, and ourselves. We then developed brief prayers under each of these headings which formed the intercessions at the all age Eucharist which concluded the day's events.

Spirituality (Spirituality Group)

Celia Matthews informed us of the work of the Diocesan Spirituality Group which can offer support to individuals, churches and inter church groups. She gave us a folder outlining some of the prayer and study practices which they encourage and support people to undertake. We then undertook an exercise where we “entered into” a New Testament scene and shared our experiences with another member of the workshop.

What happens at Communion? (David Chillingworth)

Bishop David led a lively discussion on various aspects of the Eucharist. Topics ranged from what a priest actually does when she celebrates the Eucharist to whether it had to be a priest who did this. We also discussed how differing Christian traditions viewed communion in different ways and the manner in which the eucharist encompasses the three time frames of past, present and future.

Derek Morrison.

Casting the Net Drama. (Chris de Forest and Nicki Wilkins).

Chris began the session with a reading of the Gospel story which describes the miraculous catch of fish by Simon Peter and his fisherman friends, following the intervention by Jesus (*Luke 5:1-11*).

The mixed group of participants were then asked to imagine how this dramatic scene could be portrayed. Each chose a part – Jesus, Peter, James/John, crowds/fish – and we used the imagery to think through what the passage might be saying to us. How did we imagine the different characters' feelings about what happened? How could we enact the transformation of the fish into people? What could such a passage be saying to us today?

The session finished with a film in which a young man spoke directly to the watching audience (us) and posed a number of questions, which we were called to reflect upon. They centred round the fact that, despite God's faith in us, we as Christians constantly struggle to be faithful to him and to put both our faith and trust in him.

Healing Ministry. (Alison Peden and members of St. Andrews Church).

Initial discussion focused on the contemporary forms of healing ministry and also on Biblical injunctions associated with healing and imaging of that healing. The group explored what the word meant or conjured up for each of us and how it was enacted in our churches. We then divided into pairs to explore and compare experiences related to healing.

Afterwards we were alerted to the differences between healing and curing. The notion of cure was attached to the removal of illness or disability, whereas healing took many different forms, including resolving inner conflicts, easing pain, and a more peaceful acceptance of what must be. It is God who does the ultimate work of healing, not us. We are merely channels.

The group went on to discuss *spiritual gifts*, of which healing is but one, and how these are discerned. The importance of prayer by the church community in support of the healers was emphasized. Finally we were informed of a growing literature on differing forms of healing ministries in Scottish parishes and left the room felling we had plenty of food for thought.

Education – Sharing Our Faith (Alison Peden and Tim Bennison).

Copies of the Diocesan booklet *Sharing Our Faith: a short study course* were handed around and Alison opened the discussion by referring us to the section on evangelism, asking for our impressions of what evangelism is and what it isn't. Tim then spoke about the issue of how we as individuals share any kind of good news. He called us to divide into pairs and share some good news from our everyday lives with our partner, paying particular attention to how it made us feel or to any issues or problems raised for us. Various people responded that it was an unusual situation to find themselves in, and they felt inhibited and awkward.

Later discussion centred on problems of sharing salvation/good news with others and finding ourselves embarrassed or feeling inadequate when faced with answering difficult questions. The general feeling was that we don't have all the answers. We were then encouraged to think through the impact of our different backgrounds, differing forms of salvation, church membership issues and so on, as well as the meaty question of defining a Christian. At the end we were encouraged to go online to explore other resources and to download the Diocesan booklet contents for small group study in our own churches.

Andy Young.

What a wealth of experiences! We hope you enjoyed hearing about them and I would like to add 'wish you had been there!' Perhaps there might be another opportunity?

Margaret Dineley – CTN Liaison Officer.

Mission and Action Planning Day

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the **Mission Action Planning Day** which was held on Saturday 19th June. The Vestry and Mission Development Group will keep you informed of its progress in putting together our strategy for the future.

The photograph below shows one of the Action Planning Groups in discussion.



Holy Trinity Contact Scheme

The Rector writes:

Some of you might have been surprised to learn at our Mission Action Planning day in June that the total number of people connected to our congregation in one way or another is somewhere in the region of 250, including about 155 Communicant Members. Whilst certainly not exactly huge by the standards of some churches, that does make us one of the larger Episcopal Churches in our diocese. Whilst this is mostly good news, being a bigger congregation doesn't come without its difficulties. One particular issue for us, as for any larger congregation, concerns how we keep in touch with all our members and how we communicate them that they are important and valued members of our church community.

In other words, how do we keep people informed about what's going on; How do we make sure people are invited to community events and involved in the life of our community, without anyone being missed out; and, in particular, how do we make sure that we notice when people are absent for a few weeks, or when they're ill, or struggling with things; and how do we make sure we're available to offer help and support if needed? The sad reality, is that with such a large church community, it's all too easy for people to slip through the net, for people, especially, perhaps, those who are new or not part of one of our church groups or organisations, to disappear from view without anyone noticing, and therefore without anyone following it up.

The clergy, of course, try very hard, with help from the congregation, to keep up with all of this but we're not 'all seeing' and 'all-knowing', and with the best will in the world, the pressures of time and other demands of the job mean that it's impossible to cover everything – and so, inevitably, people get missed.

So, in order to address this we've been thinking of ways of making sure we can stay in touch. Many of you, for example, will have subscribed to the electronic version of the weekly notices emailed out by Fay Cuthbertson every week (she has around 80 on her list now, and if you would like to subscribe, please let her know).

In addition to this, we're also in the process of setting up another initiative, which will be experimental to start with, aimed at keeping in touch with people, keeping them informed about what's going on and

making sure we respond when people are ill or absent, or need some kind of help or support.

For want of a better name, this initiative will be called the Holy Trinity Contact Scheme and the idea is that those who want to participate in the scheme (which we hope will be all members) will be allocated to one of a number of key contact people whose job it will be to keep in touch, to keep them up to date with what's going on and to make sure that the clergy or other appropriate person in the congregation be informed should help, support or a visit be required.

I should stress that this is not a pastoral visiting scheme. We are not suggesting that the contact person comes and visits all the people allocated to him or her. Neither are we suggesting that people shouldn't contact the clergy directly when they need to or want to. The point of the scheme rather is to provide a designated point of contact, to make sure that no-one gets overlooked, and to ease avenues of contact and communication. As for the clergy, I suspect it will make us busier rather than less busy as we become more aware of those amongst us who might need support and respond to those needs. The end result should be that we become a more caring and supportive Christian community.

The job of the contact person will be to keep in regular but brief touch with those to whom he or she is allocated. An occasional brief word at church for example – passing on information or news; a quick phone-call or email if someone's been away for a few weeks, just to check all is OK – and so on and so on. In many ways, of course, this already happens informally – people care for each other and look out for one another, clergy are involved when someone needs a hospital visit or home communion for example. All that we are suggesting with the new scheme is that we extend what's already happening to make sure that it covers a wider group of people and that nobody gets missed out.

Key contact people will be disclosure checked, will undergo some training, and receive support from vestry and clergy in this role.

In the next month or two each adult member should receive a letter explaining more about the scheme and details of their proposed contact person. If you have questions or would like to talk more about the proposed scheme, please speak to the Rector, or to Fay Cuthbertson or Hilary Bennisson.



Congratulations to Eileen and Peter Hutchings who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on the 18th June.

The congregation enjoyed a piece of their celebratory cake in the hall after the service on June 20th

Readings and Readers

4 th July Proper 14	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	
11 th July Proper 15	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37	
18 th July Proper 16	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42	
25 th July St James the Great	Jeremiah 45:1-5	Acts 11:27-12:3	Matthew 20:20-28	
1 st August Proper 18	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21	
8 th August Proper 19	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40	
15 th Aug Proper 20	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56	
22 nd Aug St Bar- tholomew	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	1 Corinthians 4:9-15	Luke 22:24-30	
29 th Aug Proper 22	Sirach 10:12-18	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	
5 th Sept Proper 23	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33	

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July 4	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Christine Mathewson Rod Key Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Fay Cuthbertson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
11	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Linda Browlie Ellen Fearnley Jack Wardell & John Macdonald Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Muriel McKenzie & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
18	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs K Spink Mr & Mrs R Key Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
25	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Brendan Grimley Sabine Forsyth Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson Ron Hawkins & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Aug 1	8am 11am	Phil Smithard TBA Rod Key Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Aug 8	8am 11am	Phil Smithard TBA Ellen Fearnley Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Mr & Mrs P Crabb Fay Cuthbertson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

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Aug 15	8am 11am	Phil Smithard TBA Rod Key Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
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Sept 5	8am 11am	Rod Key TBA Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

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