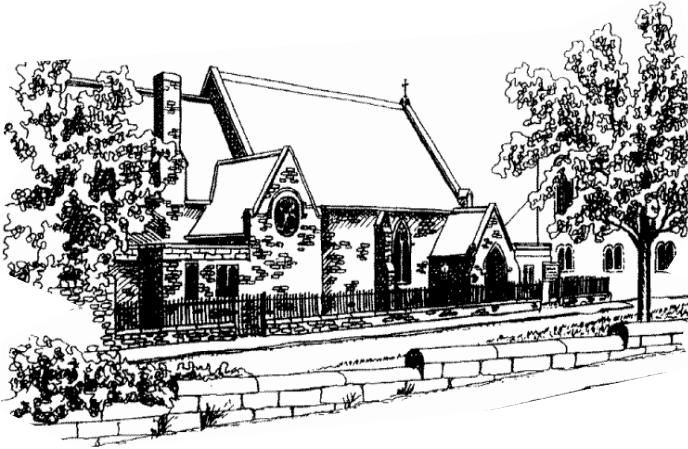


Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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Magazine

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Services:

Sunday: Eucharists at 8am & 11am
 Young Church at 11am
Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am

Pebbles on the shore

*All things spray and squatable,
Diseases big and small
All things paraquatable,
The Lord God made them all.*

Ironically, those words fit rather nicely to the tune of All things bright and beautiful.

It's just a fun song but there's also something deeply theological in those words! Deeply theological because if we believe that God is the creator of all that is then we must believe that not only did he bring us all things bright and beautiful but that he also brought us all things dark and squirmy!

Yet, there are no hymns in which we can sing our thanks for slugs or maggots or head lice; no prayers in which we express gratitude to God for greenfly or Colorado beetles; and definitely no liturgies in which we celebrate those disgusting little organisms that sometimes grow in the half-drunk cups of tea that sit in my office for weeks at a time!

We are, I think, rather selective in the thanks that we give. We give thanks for the things that please us or benefit us, yet we ignore, or take action against, that part of God's creation that hinders us, or revolts and disgusts us.

And it's only natural that we should do that. As humans, we are



inevitably, contextual beings. We focus on what is good for us in our particular context. And, since from our perspective the fruit of the land *is* good for us, we give thanks. However, equally from our perspective, the greenfly and the slugs are not good for us and so we don't give thanks for them.

Similarly, on a global scale too we tend to remain contextual beings - seeing the world from our own perspective not just as human beings but from the more particular perspectives of our own society and of our own interests. Which, for us, means from the perspective of affluent, well-educated westerners. And, from that perspective, we can indeed give thanks. God *has* been good to us. So good that he's given us the lion's share of the earth's resources and its fruit and left us feeling comfortable and secure without real fear of hunger or poverty.

But, if we dare to look beyond

our own communities, outside our own context, then things are rather different. Here are some figures I found on the Internet.

Half the world (i.e., about 3 billion people) live on less than two US dollars a day.

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the poorest 48 nations in the world (i.e. a quarter of the world's countries) is less than the wealth of the world's three richest people combined.

Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.

Less than one per cent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed to put every child into school by the year 2000 and yet it didn't happen.

1 billion children live in poverty (1 out of every 2 children in the world) of those, 640 million live without adequate shelter 400 million have no access to safe water 270 million have no access to health services

From that perspective, there's not really very much to be thankful for at all, and once we grasp this global perspective it's hard not to see our own harvest thanksgiving in a different light. Clearly God has *not* provided for the needs of everybody in our world and it's hard to escape from the feeling that all we're doing is giving thanks for a bit of favouritism: 'Thank you God that we are your favourites'; 'Thank you God that we are the winners'

So, in the light of all that, what are we to make of our harvest thanksgiving?

Just as we should give thanks to God for the fruits of the earth. We should also remember our own responsibility. The global systems which distribute wealth around the world are not created by God, but by us. More than anything, the powers that be in the Western world have control of those systems, and so, as citizens of that Western Society, it's our responsibility to work for changes in the system in order that all may receive their fair share.

That, of course, is not an easy thing for us, as individuals to do - not least because it may well involve making sacrifices and giving up things that are important to us. It's also very easy to think that we're so small and powerless that we'll make no difference.

But we have to try. Because, if we do nothing, then we know for certain that we're making no difference at all.

And, if we do nothing, and if we make no difference then we turn our harvest celebration into nothing more than an exercise in delusion, self-indulgence, and hypocrisy.

And we really wouldn't want that to happen to such a nice tradition as harvest, would we?

Young Church News

The Young Church have been learning about what you need to be a disciple. They have enjoyed singing a new "Marching Song" each week and trying out activities from a new resource called "Roots". At the All Age service in August the children asked the question "Who is welcome at my table?" This took the form of an elimination quiz where members of the congregation decided which characters were less deserving of a meal. They then concluded that everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

The next All Age service will be on Sunday 3rd Oct when they will take time to think about what we can do nowadays to give thanks to God at Harvest Time. After the service there will be another Soup and Bread lunch for members of the congregation.

Christmas Greetings

Members of the congregation will again have the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to each other by purchasing a "Bauble" for a donation of at least £1. Many people chose to do this instead of sending cards last year but of course you may choose to do both!. The baubles will be displayed on the tree in the hall for all to see and the donations will go towards Church funds. Baubles will be available from the first week in Advent.

Sheona Wedge

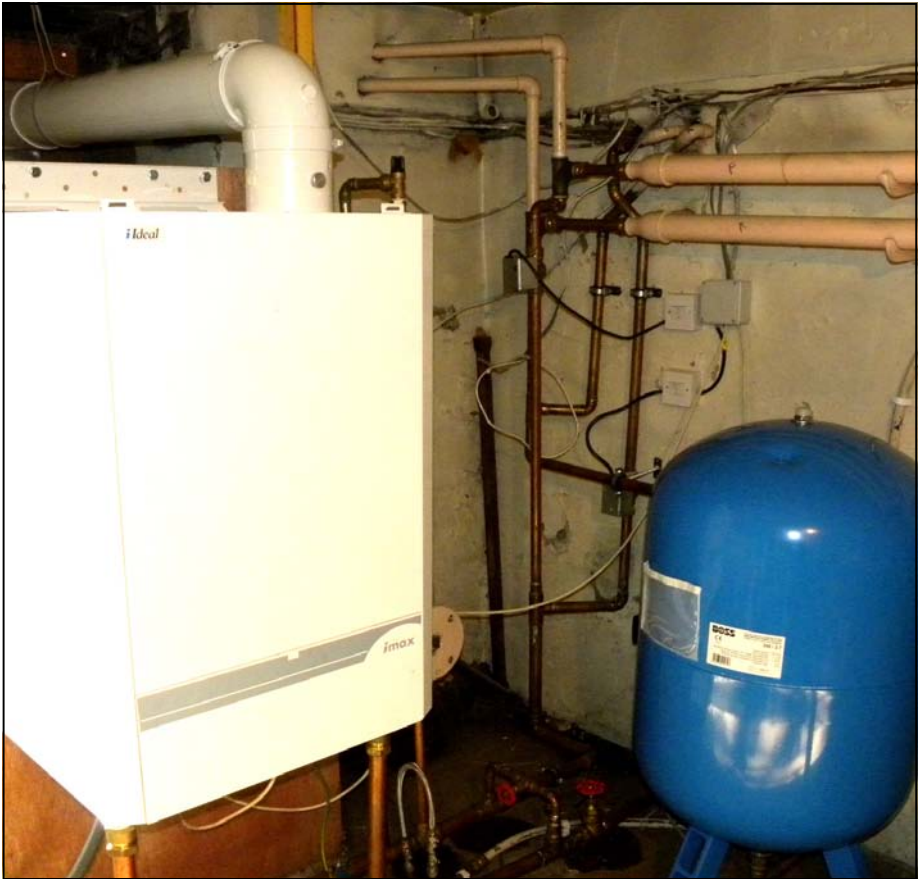


Doors Open Day: Once again Holy Trinity Church took part in the Dunfermline Doors Open Day on Sunday 5th September.



Amongst Holy Trinity's redeeming features the Organ proved again to be an attraction. The C&J Hamilton masterpiece was installed in 1894 when it was water powered. Conversion to electricity was not until 1952 when it was discovered that leaking water had done considerable damage. A full restoration was carried out during 1994. The organ is housed in a spectacular case which was custom designed by the church architect Dr Rowand Anderson. Other attractions included the fine stained glass windows by Kempe and Wilson and a quiz for the children. The photo adjacent shows one child engrossed in seeking out the hidden answers in the Church.





The New Boiler

The two old (obsolete) boilers that heated the Church and the Hall over the past quarter century have been replaced by a larger, modern and efficient boiler that carries out both duties using zone valves to heat either area or both as required.

Despite one or two problems arising from working in an old building and matching to obsolete piping and the like the system is now up and running. We are crossing our fingers waiting to see if our gas consumption will reduce as hoped—or will the church just be warmer? The installation is not quite complete as we need to tidy up a few things and the boiler needs to be in a segregated room if we wish to continue using the rest of the basement room for storage. Many thanks to everyone who helped with donations and fund raising for the Boiler.

September 2010

Peter Hutchings



At the end of August the income was £ 55,281 and the expenditure £ 57,875.

The income includes £2,675 from 47 donations, including an anonymous donation of £50, towards the cost of the new boiler.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £ 130.

MANY THANKS
TO ALL MY
HOLY TRINITY
FRIENDS FOR
THEIR
PRAYERS,
CARDS, AND GOOD WISHES FOL-
LOWING MY OPERATION.
DOREEN ESNOL



Decorating
Church for
Harvest

Gill would like
to thank every-
one who was

able to help with the decorating
of the church for the Harvest
Festival.



Harvest Supper

Crossford Village Hall
Main Street, Crossford
Saturday 9th Oct at 6.30pm

Tickets £7.50



(Family Tickets available)

Hot/Cold Buffet

If Required transport can be arranged

Tickets available from members of the Wives' Group

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WINE/BEER AND GLASS.

SOFT DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

**Don't forget to bring along your favourite instrument,
party piece or song and dance routine.**



CASTING THE NET.

As you all know the congregational event associated with the Diocesan Casting the Net programme took place on June 19th. Since then there seems to have been silence,

so many of you will be wondering what is happening or, indeed, whether anything at all is happening. This brief article is to reassure you that the process of putting together a Mission Action Plan for our church family has been progressing. The Mission and Development Group has met with the outside facilitators as well as on its own and a draft plan has been drawn up, which was presented to the Vestry on Tuesday September 21st. The Vestry has approved the plan in principle but some fine tuning and further details need to be finalized before it can be communicated to you.

Those of you especially who attended the workshop will remember that, following an audit of our strengths and weaknesses, it was found that, out of the Nine Marks of Mission, three particular areas seemed to offer us the greatest challenge. The three marks identified were:

- ◆ Transform lives and communities.
- ◆ Nurture faith through lifelong learning and mutual support.
- ◆ Share our faith through confident and sensitive evangelism.

I know this all sounds rather vague and difficult to put a handle on, but once the Mission Action Plan is ready, copies of the document will be available for you to study. This should hopefully make things much clearer. The aim is to have this ready in good time before the launch of the plan on Sunday, Oct 31st, in the presence of the Bishop. The Mission Action Plan belongs to all of us, not just the Mission and Development Group, not just the Vestry, though naturally we need the approval of the latter otherwise nothing happens. So we look forward to hearing your reactions and hope that many of you will wish to be involved in one or more of the proposed activities.

Finally, I mentioned earlier the launch date of our Mission Action Plan. Please put that date in your diaries – Sunday, Oct 31st at the morning service. We do hope that you will all want to make the effort to attend.

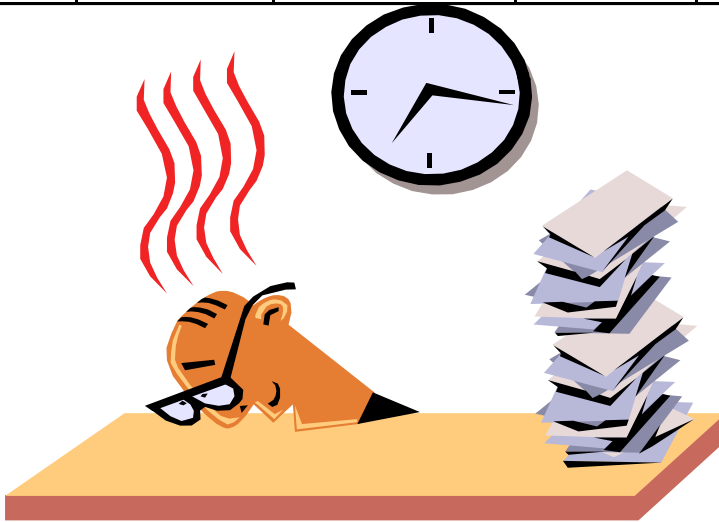
Margaret Dineley – Casting the Net Liaison Officer.

Rotas

Oct 3	8am 11am	Andrew Wedge Harvest All-Age Service Rod Key All Age—YC All Age—YC Muriel McKenzie & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
10	8am 11am	Rod Key Ron Hawkins Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs R Key Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
17	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Barbara Hand Andrew Wedge Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Ron Hawkins & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
24	8am 11am	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
31	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Christine Mathewson Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Mr & Mrs M Gosling Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Nov 7	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age—YC Sabine Forsyth All Age—YC All Age—YC Ron Hawkins & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

Readings and Readers

3 rd Oct Harvest	Lamentations 3:19-26	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	All age service
10 th Oct Trinity 19	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19	
17 th Oct St Luke	Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10	2 Timothy 4:5-13	Luke 4: 14-21	
24 th Oct Trinity 21	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14	
31 st Oct All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31	
7 th Nov Trinity 23	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38	All age service



**Next Copy Deadline
20 October 2010**

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Polly St Aubyn	-
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Servers	Phil Smithard	722416
Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
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	Muriel McKenzie	727115
	Yvonne Gosling	851605
Women's Guild	Edith Slack	724552
HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981
	Pam Pride	739039
	Doreen Esnol	621054
	George Philp	725860
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Michelle Fearnley	412255
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732