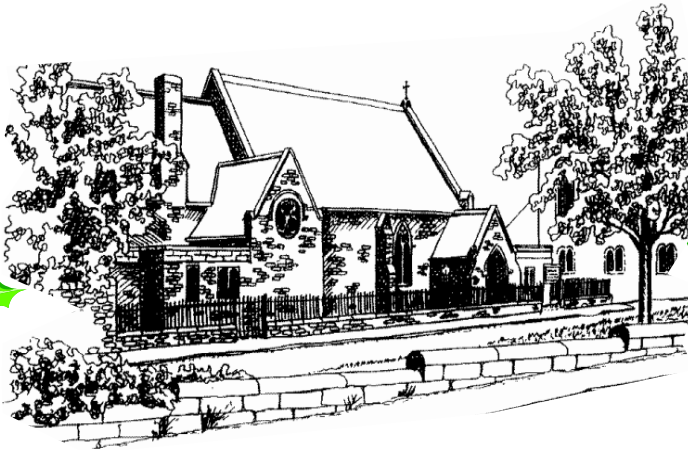


# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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Magazine

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

# Pebbles on the shore

Christmas is nearly upon us again. Town Centres are being lit up; Christmas trees are appearing in shops; everywhere you go, Christmas music is blaring out. It's time to party again!

Or is it?

Well, yes . . . except that, in the Church, before we get to Christmas, we have to endure Advent; which has a somewhat different feel to it.

Traditionally, the season of Advent serves as a dual reminder - of the Hebrews awaiting the birth of their Messiah at the time of the birth of Jesus; and of Christians in the present awaiting the second coming of Christ. In addition, we recall, in Advent, that Christ comes to us all the time - in the Word and Sacrament of Church, and also in the words and actions of those around us - in the beggar, prisoner and drug addict as well as in pious and holy people.

Typical themes for the four Sundays of Advent include the somewhat depressing heaven, hell, death and judgement, and the slightly more optimistic Patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist and Mary.



And, it has to be said that Advent is a rather strange time of year. It's a time, in the Episcopal Church, at least, for austerity - for quiet, for reflection, for waiting on God and for penitence - whereas in the world outside, it's party-time! And whilst those who don't go to church can probably quite easily avoid the quiet sombreness of Advent, those of us who do go to church have to find some way to reconcile the tension between the austerity of church during that period (no flowers, no alleluias, just generally no fun!) and the madness all around us! Perhaps for some it provides a welcome escape every now and then.

For myself, as I get older, I think I'm increasingly glad of Advent. It's a bit of a cliché to say that Christmas gets earlier every year - but it does seem to, and I, for one, find that more and more irritating. Several years ago, I vowed that if I walked into

any shop, pub, restaurant, or any other kind of establishment that was playing Christmas music, or had Christmas decorations up before, at least, the first day of December, I would just walk straight back out again! I soon realised though that if I really stuck to that resolution, I would effectively end up being a prisoner in my own home for at least a month, if not longer. In fact, it was that same year, I think, that I walked into Dobbies in early September only to be confronted with a display of Christmas trees and tinsel, accompanied by a jolly rendition of *Jingle Bells*. So what chance do I stand?

I should hasten to add, of course that I'm not really a killjoy and it's not that I want to spoil people's enjoyment of Christmas – it's just that, for me, if it all happens too soon, then, by the time Christmas really arrives, I'm in danger of being so bored of it all that I just want it to be over. What used to feel like a very special time is all too often now ruined by overexposure!

So, for me at least, Advent can provide a welcome relief from all that madness - and then when Christmas really arrives, I can enjoy it!

So, with that in mind, let me wish you a quiet and austere Advent (for as long as you can stand it anyway!) and, when it comes, a happy and joyful Christmas time.

Tim



November 2010

At the end of October the income was £ 11,226 and the expenditure £ 5,808

The income includes £6,892 from tax reclaimed on Gift Aid donations

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £ 291.

Peter Hutchings



## Young Church News

The children are busy preparing for Christmas. Throughout Advent the children are creating a Jesse tree. This year during Advent, the Young Church will be creating a Jesse tree in the church. A Jesse Tree takes its name from Isaiah - "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse and a branch out of his roots." and is a way of anticipating the coming of Christmas by recalling the main events of the old testament by means of daily readings and the placing of little pictures or ornaments on the tree. Hopefully you already have a copy of the readings and are joining in with this tradition at home. They will be participating in the joint venture to present a New Nowell along with the choir on 12th December. Despite small numbers and very young children they will then tell the Christmas story on the 19th December at 3.30pm. This year, instead of the usual Nativity play the children will retell the story throughout the carol service. Once all the excitement of Christingles and Christmas is over the children will be rewarded with an Epiphany party on 9th January from 2.30pm. Young Church resumes that morning after the holiday.



## 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.



## **Gill and Jack Wardell reporting from Zambia**

During our recent safari holiday visit to Zambia we took the opportunity to attend a special service of celebration of the Centenary of the Anglican Church in Zambia. This was no co-incidence as Jack had become aware of the Service date through his membership of the SEC Provincial Overseas Committee. The holiday Itinerary was conveniently arranged for us to be in Lusaka on the 31st October.

It was, of course, a major event in the Life of the Anglican Church in Zambia and, although we were not “formally invited” it transpired that we were treated as representatives of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Along with the many visiting Political Dignitaries, Bishops and Diocese we were welcomed by name in the address by the Presiding Bishop of the Zambian Anglican Council William Mchombo; His full Address can be found at

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011030839.html>

Later during the Service, much to my surprise, I was invited to deliver a message to the assembled congregation. Thinking rather quickly on my feet as I approached the lectern I managed to deliver an appropriate message of greetings and congratulations on behalf of Bishop David, Primus of the SEC. Whilst my message was, perhaps, one of the briefest delivered during a service that lasted over 5 hours I was flattered later, over a late lunch, when Bishop Dean Wolfe thanked me with a “well done, that’s the way to deliver a message.”

This report from the Lusaka Times features the Speech from the President of Zambia, Rupiah Banda, in response to some of the Political challenges offered by Bishop Mchombo

“PRESIDENT Rupiah Banda yesterday joined thousands of Christians in celebrating 100 years of existence of the Anglican Church in the country.

The celebratory church service which was held at the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross also saw the attendance of first republican president Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, his successor Frederick Chiluba, Vice-president George Kunda, first lady Thandiwe Banda, opposition Patriotic Front (PF) leader Michael Sata, NAREP president Elias Chipimo junior, and many other government official.

In his speech, President Banda urged the church to continue with its role of reconciling politicians ahead of the 2011 general elections.

“The Church has a very important role to play in the development of the country and reconciling our people, It’s us the politicians who are spoilers, we cause these problems and the Church always helps us to resolve them, so I urge the Church to continue helping resolve these conflicts between us,” President Banda said.

President Banda recalled that in 1991, tension arose between Dr Kaunda and Chiluba and reminded the congregants that it was the Church that reconciled them.

“I want to congratulate the leaders of the Church especially the Anglican Church. As you can see all our politicians who are not new to those doors, you remember president Kaunda and president Chiluba, when they were arch, not enemies, but rivals, peace between them was brokered here in this same Church,” President Banda said.

The Anglican Church centenary celebrations were held under the theme, “Arise build and grow” depicted from the scripture Nehemiah 2 verse 17-20.”



PS. I have a fair amount of video of our visit that might appear one day as edited highlights!

# The 'O' Antiphons

Traditionally, in the Western Church, seven short verses, or antiphons, are sung before the Magnificat during Evening Prayer, or Vespers on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve). They each begin with the exclamation 'O'; And each of them ends with a plea for the Messiah to come. As Christmas approaches the cry becomes more urgent.



The antiphons were composed in the seventh or eighth century when monks put together texts from the Old Testament which looked forward to the coming of the Messiah and Salvation. They form a rich mosaic of scriptural images. These seven antiphons appear to be the originals although from time to time other texts were used. They became very popular in the Middle Ages. While the monastic choirs sang the antiphons the great bells of the church were rung. This period of seven days, plus the vigil of Christmas is sometimes called 'sapientiatide' after the first of the 'O' antiphons.

A curious feature of these antiphons is that the first letter of each invocation may be taken from the Latin to form an acrostic in reverse.

So the first letters of Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, Clavis, Oriens, Rex, and Emmanuel, provide the Latin words: ERO CRAS . The phrase spells out the response of Christ himself to the heartfelt prayer of his people: "Tomorrow I will be there".

In traditional English (Sarum) and hence Anglican usage this pattern was slightly revised the antiphons began on the 16th rather than the 17th December. This resulted in there being one antiphon too few and so a new one, 'O Virgo' was added for 23 December. However, in the new Church of England Daily Prayer Book the older Roman usage has been restored.

Why not join with the Prayer of the Church each evening and reflect on these words preparing for Christmas day by day:



***December 17th - O Sapientia(O Wisdom):***

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

***December 18th - O Adonai (O Lord God)***

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

***December 19th - O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse):***

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us and delay no longer.

***December 20th - O Clavis David (O key of David):***

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no can shut; you shut and no one can open;: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

***December 21st - O Oriens - (O Morning Star):***

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

***December 22nd - O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations):***

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

***December 23rd - O Emmanuel (O God with us):***

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope for the nations and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Casting the Net Liaison Officers  
Networking Meeting, St.  
Columba's Church, Crieff, Sat-  
urday Oct.30<sup>th</sup> 2010.



**CASTING THE NET**  
Growing Faith Communities in the Diocese of St. Andrews

This meeting gave representatives of churches in the Diocese a chance to get together, share experiences and participate in some stimulating workshops.

A particularly useful and fruitful part of the day was holding a discussion with participants from churches within our own Area Council districts. During this time we were able to glean how far along the path of the Casting the Net initiative each one of us was, to learn of difficulties, challenges and success stories. Holy Trinity, as a pilot scheme, is the first to have launched its Mission Action Plan, although St. Paul's, Kinross, another pilot, is not far behind us (though sadly not represented at Crieff that day). St. Peter's, Kirkcaldy and the ABI Group (comprising the churches at Aberdour, Burntisland and Inverkeithing) are also now involved in the process. The Central Fife group (Lochgelly, Glenrothes and Leven) have been without a priest now for about 18 months and would probably struggle to become fully involved at present and St. Margaret's, Rosyth finds itself in a unique position, which requires considerable thought, as the congregation shares a building, some worship services and various activities with the Methodists. However, all present at Crieff saw the value of sharing experiences and helping each other in different ways, whether or not officially involved in the Casting the Net initiative.

The various workshops on offer included mission, communications in our churches, prayer and the Scottish Episcopal Church today. This last Workshop, which I attended, was led by Bishop David and was a very encouraging experience. There was much positive energy flowing, much hope expressed for the future and a very significant point made by +David. In the past the Scottish Episcopal Church was basically a church on the margins, as the Church of Scotland was the principal focus for worship in our country. However, that has now

changed considerably. Each Christian denomination finds itself on the margins of our materialistic society, so each one of us has an important role to play in releasing spiritual energy into the communities in which we are based. Casting the Net is our own /Diocese's vehicle for doing just that.

Finally, Rev. Richard Evans launched a Casting the Net Prayer Network for the Diocese. Each congregation in our Diocese involved in the CTN initiative has been allocated a specific Sunday on which all congregations in the Diocese are asked to pray for them specifically in their Intercessions and in any other way they choose. You may have noticed that since October 31<sup>st</sup> each of our members leading us in Intercessions has named a particular church and those within it especially involved in the CTN process.

As we study the Mission Action Plan launched on October 31<sup>st</sup> in the presence of the Bishop and prepare to get involved in activities and actions included in it, it is heartening to know that we are not alone, but sharing in a movement occurring right across our Diocese. It is a movement to refresh and energise us so that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may deepen our own spirituality and be empowered to reach out to others in our increasingly materialistic but crisis-ridden society.

Margaret Dineley.

## **Samaritans Light Lunch**



There will be a Samaritans Light Lunch on Saturday 11th December from 11.30 to 1.30pm in the Church Hall. Come and enjoy home made soup and bread followed by cake and coffee. Stalls will include books and plants, home baking and Christmas items. And there is a Raffle too! Everybody will be made most welcome.

Tickets from Frances Jack

# Christmas Services At Holy Trinity

## ***Sunday 12 December Advent 3***

11.00 am: Sung Eucharist (Choir, Youth Fellowship and Young Church perform Michael Hurd's, *A New Nowell.*)

## ***Sunday 19 December Advent 4***

3.30 pm. Candlelit Carol Service with Nativity Play



## ***Tuesday 21 December***

2.30 pm: Short Services for 'At Home' members followed by refreshments. Transport provided. Please let the Rector, Curate or Vestry Secretary know if you know of people who might like to attend this service, or if you can help with transport.

## ***Thursday 23 December***

10.15 am: Eucharist

## ***Christmas Eve:***

4.00 pm: Christingle Service (Children and families especially welcome);

11.30 pm: Midnight Mass

## ***Christmas Day***

8.00 am: Eucharist

10.00 am: Family Eucharist

## ***Sunday 26 December***

8.00 am Eucharist

11.00 am Sung Eucharist



<b>Readings and Readers</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12	
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 3	Isaiah 35:1-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11	
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 4	Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25	
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14	
Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20	10:00am
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec St Stephen	Isaiah 63:7-9	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Naming of Jesus	Sirach 24:1-12	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18	
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17	
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany 2	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Conversion of St Paul	Acts 26:9-23	Galatians 1:11-24	Matthew 10:16-22	
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan Candlemas	Malachi 3:1-4	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40	All Age Service
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Epiphany 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	

## Rotas

Dec 5	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Derek Morrison Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
12	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Margaret Dineley Andrew Wedge Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack Mr & Mrs K Spink Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
19	8am 11am	Rod Key Dorissia Forsyth Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
24	23.30	Ellen Fearnley, Sabine Forsyth, Andrew Wedge Linda Sherwood Vestry Vestry Muriel McKenzie	Server  Intercessions Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
25	8am 10am	Phil Smithard Family Service YC Phil Smithard Family Service YC Family Service YC Phil Smithard	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
26	8am 10am	Phil Smithard Alam Mathewson Andrew Wedge Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Mr & Mrs R Key Brendan Grimley & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

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Jan 2	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Isobel Thomson Rod Key Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
9	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Ron Hawkins Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs P Crabb John Kennedy & Malcolm Gosling Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
16	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Christine Mathewson Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley Muriel McKenzie & Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
23	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Barbara Hand Andrew Wedge Angela Hayes & Derek Morrison Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
30	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age—YC Ellen Fearnley All Age—YC All Age—YC Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Feb 6	8am 11am	Phil Smithard John Macdonald Rod Key Mr & Mrs G Philp Mr & Mrs P Hand Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

## Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep.	Margaret Dineley	-
Vestry:	Sheona Wedge	720278
	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	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	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