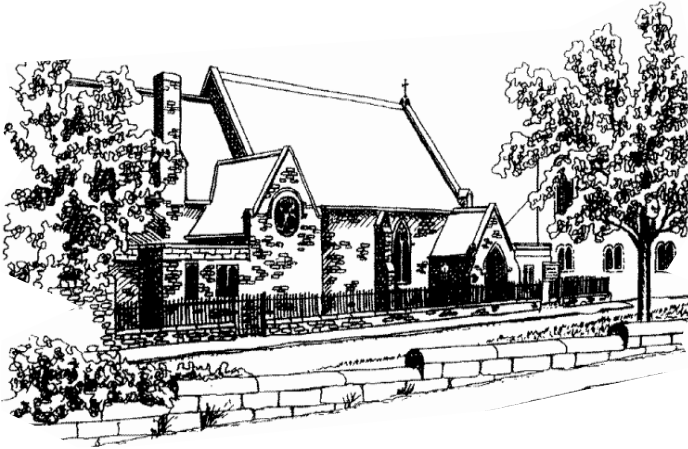


Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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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

At a recent Clergy Study afternoon, we were asked to think of the best sermon we'd ever heard!

Instantly, my mind went completely blank! and I couldn't think of a single sermon I'd heard anywhere: good or bad! I'd obviously blocked them all out in a supreme attempt at self-protection!

After a bit of thinking though, I was surprised that I managed to dredge up something very old. Not a sermon, as such, but an illustration, which was part of a homily I'd heard decades ago in a school assembly.

I don't suppose it can really count as being the best sermon I've ever heard, but it surely deserves some degree of acknowledgement since it has evidently stuck with for more than 35 years

I don't remember the details, but it was a story about some kind of lecture taking place in a big lecture hall. The lecturer was a very old and dilapidated looking man, and when the students entered the lecture hall they found him sitting on a chair on the platform at the front of the hall. Next to him was a big box of tiny screwed up bits of paper - similar to the kind we used to use in pea shooters at school! And, in front of him, suspended from the ceiling, was a big, heavy, silver ball which I imagine looked a little like the kind of



silver balls that hang from the ceilings of night-clubs and discos and spin around, throwing rays of light all over the place.

As the students entered the room and assembled, the lecturer threw these little bits of screwed up paper at the ball – without a word of explanation.

His students, of course, thought he was mad, and they muttered and murmured to each other, wondering what on earth was going on

But then they began to notice something very strange: the huge, heavy silver ball, suspended from the ceiling was beginning to move, only very slightly, but it was, definitely, moving!

Gradually, as the students noticed this, their murmuring subsided and they became enthralled by the image of the mad old man throwing bits of screwed up paper at a hanging

ball; because, as time went on, the ball began to move more and more until, in the end, it was positively swinging backwards and forwards - at which point, the old man stood and walked out of the lecture hall!

End of lecture!

People say: "From little acorns grow mighty oaks!"

Similarly, Jesus says: If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you will move mountains, and "nothing will be impossible for you!"

Changing the world; changing our own lives; making things better. It often seems impossible; we often feel powerless to make a difference.

Take heart! If we just do what we can, no matter how small; and if we persevere, amazing things can happen!

Tim

Thank You

Thank you so much to the members of Holy Trinity for all the love and support I have had since my husband died on 8th February. I have not been able to get to Church over the last year or so and I am especially grateful that you should be thinking of me at this time. Hope to back with you soon."



Evelyn Brown

Thank You

Arthur and Mildred would like to thank everyone from Holy Trinity for their help, support, visits, cards and love and support over the past few months and especially in the past few weeks when they have both been in hospital.





Our retiring collection on 27th March will be for Talkmatters which is an independent counselling organisation. It serves the people of Dunfermline and West Fife and offers a generic counselling service, free at the point of delivery, for adults and, through its youth counselling service, Headroom, young people over the age of 6.

Talkmatters is run by a board of seven volunteers from the local community. The service is managed on a day to day basis by a service manager who is employed for 20 hours a week and who has overall responsibility for all counselling services including those offered to young people through Headroom. Other paid staff are a project worker for Headroom (20 hours a week) and an administrator (also 20 hours a week). Other than these three paid staff, the service relies on volunteers to fulfil its aims. Currently there are 36 volunteer counsellors and 15 volunteer receptionist/administrators.

Talkmatters provides an important community resource, unique to this area, which is available to all people irrespective of income or status. As such, it is in great demand. Over the last year, 203 clients were offered a total of 3171 hours' counselling and currently there are 77 adults on the waiting list.

Clients come to counselling for a variety of reasons and with a range of issues. For example, many clients are experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, anger, rage, low self-esteem. Others experience relationship problems, or are trying to cope with the consequences of bereavement and loss. Clients with suicidal thoughts or who self-harm are not unusual. Almost all clients find that they are having difficulty coping with the complexities of daily life, one way or another.

Talkmatters provides a safe and secure setting in which clients can explore all of these issues with a supportive, accepting and non-judgemental counsellor.



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 standing order, or cheques so that the contributions can be recorded and collated. This enables a tax claim form to be compiled and sent to H.M. Revenue and Customs.

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 declare 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





MURDER MYSTERY

There will be a Murder Mystery evening at Holy Trinity in the Church Hall on 18th March at 7pm.

YF and slightly older [!] members of congregation will play characters in the Mystery. Everyone welcome. Come along for an evening of pure escapism. Theme will be Alice in Wonderland. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Tickets available from Jenny Stooke—just to give us an idea of numbers. Suggested donations

Adults £4: Children £2

Pancake Party

The annual Pancake Party, organised by the Wives Group, will take place in the church hall on 8th March 2011. It will start at 7.00pm and finish at about 9.00pm and tickets can be obtained from Yvonne Gosling, Pam Grimley, Doreen Esnol or Muriel McKenzie.



Suggested Donation:

Adults £4

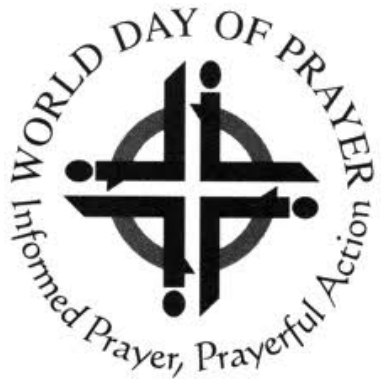
Children £2

Young Church News

The children have been following the theme of "Wise or Foolish" this month thinking about trust, love and worry. At the all Age Service at Candlemass we thought about light and how important it is in our world, how it makes us feel and how we can all reflect the light of God.

It has been great to welcome Andy as a leader onto our rota recently. The children clearly enjoy being with leaders who are not their parents. Volunteers are always welcome!

We will be taking part in the Children's World Day of Prayer activities this year hosted by Dunfermline Abbey on Sunday 6th March. The event starts for children and young people (and their carers) at 3pm in Abbey church halls and concludes with a short service in the Abbey itself at 4pm. We have been asked to particularly encourage all members of the congregation to come to the service at 4pm and show support for not just our own Young Church but all the young people in our local community and farther afield. This year, the Children's World Day of Prayer focuses on the children and young people of Chile.



February 2011



At the end of January the income was £21,676 and the expenditure £27,171

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £ 471

Peter Hutchings

MORNING TEA FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Team Tiara are hosting a Morning Tea in aid of Cancer Research in the Church Hall at 1030am on Saturday 19th March.

Team Tiara is a group of friends from Central Fife who are dedicated to raising money for research into cancer.

Each year the Team enter the C.R.Relay for Life, a community event where teams continually lap a track over a 24 hour period. The team decided to expand their activities to fundraise throughout the year. Their focal point remains the Relay for Life which commemorates those lost to cancer and celebrates life itself while raising money to help the research into finding cures for cancer. In 2010 Team Tiara won the Spirit of the Relay Trophy, raising £6,500 for CRUK. The aim this year is to raise £10,000.

Team Tiara would very much appreciate your support at this event. As well as delicious home baking there will be jewelry stalls, a tempting tombola and a raffle.

Tickets are available from Frances Jack and at the door on the day..
.be assured of a warm welcome.

"Every two minutes someone will be diagnosed with cancer in the U.K.,"

"One in three people will develop cancer in the course of their lifetime."



Rotas

Mar 6	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age—YC Rod Key YC YC Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
13	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Derek Morrison Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs R Key Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Isobel Thomson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
20	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Karen Macdonald Andrew Wedge (TBC) Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie (TBC)	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
27	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Helen Welsh Ellen Fearnley (TBC) John Kennedy & Malcolm Gosling Mr & Mrs P Crabb Muriel McKenzie & Fay Cuthbertson (TBC)	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
April 3	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age—YC Rod Key (TBC) YC YC Ron Hawkins (TBC)	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

Articles and church notices are always welcome. Please contact Jack Wardell;
preferably by email to jack.wardell@btinternet.com

Readings and Readers

6 th March Sunday before Lent	Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28	Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28	Matthew 7:21-29	All Age Service
13 th March Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11	
20 th March Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17	
27 th March Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	
3 rd April Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41	All Age Service



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I sometimes dispense with my dog collar. I think this makes me more approachable

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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Lay Rep.	Margaret Dineley	624377
Vestry:	Sheona Wedge	720278
	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Polly St Aubyn	-
People's Warden	Ken Spink	735732
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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