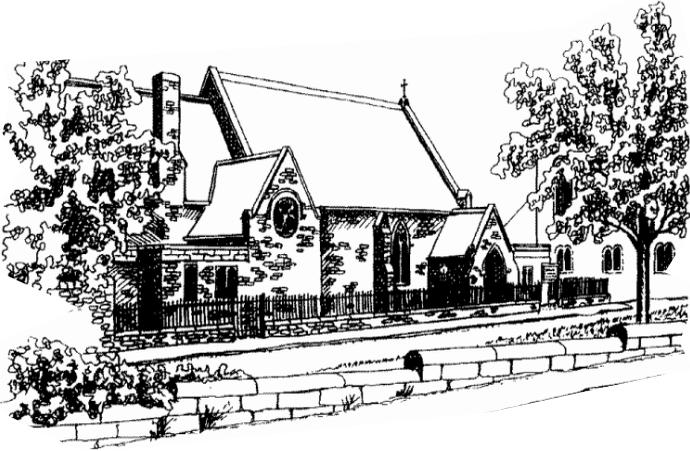


# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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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

“Once upon a time, in a land far away, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog as she sat, contemplating ecological issues on the shores of an unpolluted pond in a verdant meadow near her castle.

The frog hopped into the princess's lap and said: ‘Elegant Lady, I was once a handsome prince, until an evil witch cast a spell upon me.

‘One kiss from you, however, and I will turn back into the dapper, young prince that I am and then, my sweet, we can marry and set up housekeeping in yon castle with my mother, where you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children, and forever feel grateful and happy doing so.’

That night, as the princess dined sumptuously on a repast of lightly sautéed frog legs seasoned in a white wine and onion cream sauce, she chuckled to herself and thought:

‘I don't think so!’

To be free of the need to fulfil other people's expectations or demands can be a very liberating experience. It's so easy to be less than ourselves as we try to please those around us and to get their approval or acceptance; and this, ultimately, can diminish who we are and stifle our self-expression.

To free others from our expectations and assumptions about them is also



liberating, both for them and for us and helps us to see and relate to people as they are in themselves and not in terms of what they can do for us.

The same is true in our church community. If we want to see growth and keep our message relevant to those around us we sometimes have to look beyond our traditions and the things that people expect of us, to new possibilities, new ways of being. Likewise, we sometimes need to free church from the things we expect from it and need it to be so that it has the space to grow and become something new.

Jesus' resurrection was a complete surprise; it fitted none of the cultural or religious hopes or expectations of the time, and it continues to be a surprise and a challenge for us in our scientific age.

Sometimes it's a good thing for us to surprise each other too!

## The Prayer Group.

The Prayer Group, which ran weekly during Lent, will continue after Easter, but will now take place at a more extended interval. The Tuesday afternoon sessions will again be from 2.30pm to 4pm in the church hall. They will be on the first Tuesday of each month, starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. However, there will now also be evening meetings. The first of these will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of this month, the 25<sup>th</sup> May, from 7.30pm to 9pm in the church hall. In June, July and August the meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We hope that, by offering evening meetings, we will open up the group to those who work during the day or who are not available on a Tuesday afternoon.

Nonetheless there is nothing to stop people attending both or opting for a different time occasionally if they miss their usual meeting time. Also, we would like to emphasise that you are equally welcome to join in, whether you are a regular member or an occasional one

Having got this more official business dealt with let us look at what we have been doing and what the group has meant to its members. Each session we start by calming ourselves and opening ourselves up to God by listening to some peaceful music. We have then used different methods of praying, for example following more formal intercessory prayers, or praying through scripture, involving ourselves as participants in scriptural stories, reading meditative passages and praying through cards, allowing God to speak to us through pictures. During our final meeting before Holy Week we followed the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Each time we tend to use different methods of 'connecting' with God – there are a good number we have not yet tried. There is nothing complicated about it – prayer is much simpler and more exciting than many of us think. Each meeting ends with tea/coffee and a relaxing time chatting, extending the sense of companionship we have felt during our time of prayer.

What has it felt like? For me it has been a peaceful interlude in an often stressful life and given me a warm sense of connecting with God in a companionable and meaningful way. I will now pass on comments from some of the other members of the group

'It is good to have the extra focus and dynamism of group worship and still have your personal space respected.'

'The introductory music and the stillness of the group give me a sense of an intimacy between us and the presence of the Lord.'

'It is very spiritually fulfilling and I would like to say to those who have not been there, why not give it a try next time!'

So, why not respond to that call and come and join us!

You can just come along, but if you wish to ask any questions or find out more information, please contact Margaret Dineley (624377) or Doreen Esnol (621054).

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Margaret Dineley.

### **Casting The Net Gathering, May 2011.**

The CTN Gathering will take place this year on Saturday 21st May from 9.30am to 3.30pm in St. Ninian's Cathedral. Perth. The theme will be our 5th Mark of Mission - to 'use prayer, word and sacrament to express God's will.' To quote the Diocesan web site 'It will be a day of fun, practical and enjoyable workshops, suitable for all ages, which should uplift and inspire everyone to take a new experience back to their home congregations.' Those who went last year will remember the fun, the interest and stimulation it gave, as well as the chance to meet others from across the Diocese and exchange news and views. If you didn't manage to go last year, make sure you don't miss it this time, whether you are 5 or 35, 60 or 90!!! It really is for all ages!.

There are now posters up in the entrance and in the hall, telling you a bit about the Gathering and Tim is putting up a list for you to add your names alongside workshops you would like to attend. Also Tim will need to know who needs a lift and who can offer lifts. Numbers are required as soon as possible, the deadline for adding your name to the list being Sunday 15th May. It helps the organisers enormously if you sign up, Although you could just turn up on the day you would have to take pot luck as regards workshops as some may well be full.

Anyway, come and join the fun - whether you choose to walk the labyrinth, sing Taize chants, question the Bishop, pray through vusualisation or watch your children enjoying Godly play - or opt for something completely different.

## Young Church News

My, how time flies when you're having fun! Young Church have had a busy, but fun month. We have been learning about some of the miracles that Jesus performed and more recently, the story of Easter. We even found some time to make and distribute posies in church on Mothering Sunday.

Some of our older members took part in the dramatic presentation of the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, reading parts and holding up objects associated with the readings. On Good Friday, we all went to Lochore Meadows for a morning of play, prayer and reflection. The day started with a bible scavenger hunt which involved using our bibles to solve clues then finding the given object around the park. Everyone, including the adults, discovered that pinions is another word for feathers and that definitely **not** all bibles are the same!

After this, we had a bit of a play and some lunch then all sat together to listen to the stations of the cross. At each station, we had an object to hold while we thought about the pain and suffering of Jesus on his journey to the cross. We even had some vinegar to taste, which all of us agreed only tasted good on chips! While we were doing this, it got really dull and there were even a few spots of rain just as we got to the crucifixion of Jesus. We all had a chance to hammer a nail into a log of wood Gavin found for us and as we sat back down and moved onto the Easter stations, the sun came out again! Our Easter celebrations continued on Sunday with an egg hunt in the church garden during the 11.00am service. We also helped welcome Aoife and Toby to our church at their baptism on Easter Sunday.

We are looking forward now to the last term of the year before the long summer holidays. The Young Church will be preparing and presenting the All Age service on 12 June 2011 which will mark the end of the current session. We hope a great many of you will come to the service that day and support our young people in their witness and ministry.

During the summer holidays, we hope to organise a crèche facility in the church hall during the 11.00am service. Such a facility is widely appreciated, particularly by visiting families. We will only be able to do this however, if sufficient volunteers come forward from the wider congregation as many of the Young Church leaders will be away during parts of the summer holidays and frankly, we need a break too! If you can help for just one service, please let one of us know as soon as possible. Thanks!



## **Shop Online and Raise Money!**

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for **Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline!** If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Vodafone, eBay, Boden and Play.com, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

### **So how does it work?**

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htcd> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us **at no extra cost to yourself.**

### **How much can you raise?**

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

### **Save money too!**

easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

We've raised over **£100** with easyfundraising so far but we need your help to keep donations coming in. Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htcd> and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

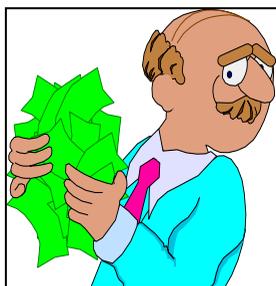
Go ahead and give it a try. You've nothing to lose and Holy Trinity has it all to gain.

Sheona Wedge

Thank you to all who helped man the prayer stations in church during Holy Week. We've received some really helpful feedback and would welcome any further suggestions for next year. Similarly, we would like to hear your thoughts on the display from the Kingsgate shopping centre (now hanging in the hall). This will help us in relation to any similar events in the future. And thank you too to those who helped man the display on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.  
Elaine

Thanks to all you book readers, another £100. has been handed over to the Church Treasurer from the 'tin' off the Church Hall window sill. A big thanks to those who anonymously put fresh books there and to the Guild/Wives Group for the books that were over after their Coffee morning. There is now a good selection.

Barbara Key



April 2011

At the end of February the income was £30,397 and the expenditure £39,638.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £496.

The collection for The was £156.

Peter Hutchings

The May 29th Retiring Collection is for Sense Scotland

Sense Scotland is part of the UK National Deafblind and Rubella Association and is registered as a company with charitable purposes in its own right in Scotland.

We are a significant service providing organisation which is also engaged in policy development for children and adults with complex support needs because of deafblindness or sensory impairment, learning disability or physical disability. We are also a leader in the field of communication and innovative support services for people who are marginalised because of challenging behaviour, health care issues and the complexity of their support needs.

## Student Placement

Later this month we will welcome Sarah McMillan on a two month placement at Holy Trinity. Sarah is a member of St Serf's, Burntisland, and is exploring the possibility of ordained ministry. She has been advised by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and the Bishop to get some experience working with a congregation other than her own.

She will take part in our Sunday services, do some visiting and other pastoral work and spend some time with Young Church and YF.

Sarah will write something about herself for the June edition of the magazine.

### Readings and Readers

8 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 3	<a href="#"><u>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Peter 1:17-23</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Luke 24:13-35</u></a>	All Age Service
15 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 4	<a href="#"><u>Acts 2:42-47</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Peter 2:19-25</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>John 10:1-10</u></a>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> May Easter 5	<a href="#"><u>Acts 7:55-60</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Peter 2:2-10</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>John 14:1-14</u></a>	
29 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 6	<a href="#"><u>Acts 17:22-31</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Peter 3:13-22</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>John 14:15-21</u></a>	
5 <sup>th</sup> June Easter 7	<a href="#"><u>Acts 1:6-14</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Peter 4:12-14;</u></a> <a href="#"><u>5:6-11</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>John 17:1-11</u></a>	



## Rotas

May 8	8am 11am	Rod Key All Age Service Andrew Wedge YC—All Age Service YC—All Age Service Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
15	8am 11am	Rod Key Ron Hawkins Ellen Fearnley Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
22	8am 11am	Rod Key Barbara Hand Rod Key Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes Mr & Mrs K Spink Isobel Thomson & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
29	8am 11am	Rod Key Alan Matthewson Sabine Forsyth Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Mr & Mrs R Hawkins Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
June 5	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Andy Young Andrew Wedge Mr & Mrs R Key Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short Fay Cuthbertson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

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	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