

Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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Magazine

**Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with St
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Sunday: Eucharists at 8am & 11am
 Young Church at 11am
Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am



Pebbles on the shore this month comes from the Mission to Seafarers Scotland



Did you know that last year over 1,000 people were taken hostage by pirates? In the first quarter of this year the number of ships attacked was greater than ever before and with the killing of at least two seafarers by pirates, the international community's attention is once again being turned to the pirate-infested waters of the Indian Ocean.

"There's a feeling among seafarers that they are left on their own when transiting these waters," says the Revd Michael Sparrow, the Mission's chaplain in the Kenyan port of Mombasa. "Many crews have told me that they do not see the navy ships that are supposed to be protecting them when they're out at sea which is contributing to the loneliness and trepidation that they already feel."

For The Mission to Seafarers, dealing with victims of piracy is high on the list of the services it offers to mariners, not just those visiting nearby ports in the hotspot region, but in all its 230 presences around the world. From Mombasa to Melbourne, Dubai to Dundee –

our chaplains provide a friendly welcome and access to a vital support network for seafarers who are worried about this menace which is threatening the world's shipping industry with greater intensity.

"I find that my main ministry regarding piracy is to the crews who have to sail through the danger zones," says Michael. "Seafarers do want to talk about their fears and I make myself available to them, both when visiting them on board their ships or when they come to the seafarers' centre."

In the piracy hotspots from the Arabian Gulf to South East Asia to the West Coast of Africa, our chaplains are trained in post-traumatic stress disorder and counselling skills, and are often one of the first people a released crew will see after they have completed the formalities required by the authorities.

Just recently, 24 Kenyan seafarers visited Michael at the seafarers' centre to get help and advice after a four-month

detention by pirates after the ship they were working on was hijacked off the coast of Somalia.

“Once the vessel had docked and the formalities were over,” said Michael, “I immediately went to visit the crew to offer the services of The Mission to Seafarers. The crew were naturally pleased to be released and reunited with their loved ones, but from my conversations with them, it became clear that they had been forced to spend their captivity sailing across the Indian Ocean acting as a mother vessel which was used by the pirates to attack more ships further out to sea. One of the seafarers told me that he was assaulted with a weapon because he could not make the pirates understand that they were low on fuel. Another told me that the seafarers had to fish for food to supplement their diet because they only had limited stores onboard.”

For those who have survived months in captivity, the sight of a Mission to Seafarers’ chaplain on the dockside is more than welcome. We provide them with what they desperately need – a friend they can rely on and a safe environment for them to recover, talk about their experience and make vital contact with home.

But of course, it’s not just seafarers who are the only victims of piracy. Very often their families are kept in the dark because companies fear passing sensitive information across. In Tuticorin, South India, for example, our chaplain is a regular visitor to families of captured seafarers, reassuring them of his prayers and providing whatever assistance as may be needed – from providing grants to keep children in school, to lobbying government and shipping company officials for information and to secure a swift release.

We are only able to do this work, however, because of the vital support that we receive from people and churches. As the Anglican Communion’s official mission agency to mariners, The Mission to Seafarers reaches out with a message of love, hope and support in a harsh and often inhospitable environment. From providing piracy support, to regularly visiting ships in port, our chaplains and ship visitors are always waiting on the quayside to provide a welcome and support to seafarers whose time ashore is often heavily restricted and limited.

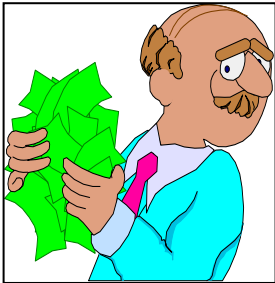
In over 100 ports, the Mission operates seafarers' centres which operate around the clock offering access to telephone, email and pastoral support. In a further 130 we have mobile ministries – chaplains who daily visit the ships, taking onboard laptops and mobile phones so that a seafarer can call home and let his loved ones know that he is safe and well.

This year we are continuing to be where the ships and the seafarers are. Plans are afoot to open in key Asian hubs as the demand for seafarers' centres increases. This though, can only happen because of the support we get from people like you.

So thank you for supporting The Mission to Seafarers – your support is vital and we really do appreciate it.

For more information about our work or to make a donation, please call 0131 466 2304, email scotland@mtsmail.org or write to The Mission to Seafarers Scotland, PO Box 23984, Edinburgh EH7 9BN.

June 2011



At the end of May the income was £40,139 and the expenditure £50,433.

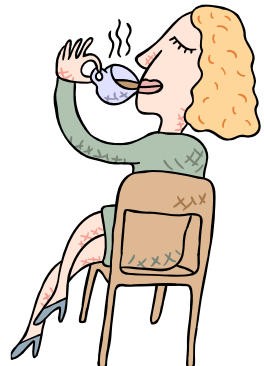
The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £496.

The collection for the Sense Scotland was £59.

Peter Hutchings



The Vestry have agreed to hold a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th August in aid of Church Funds. Further information on the notice board.



Young Church News

Since Easter Sunday, Young Church have been following the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension culminating in the All Age Service on Pentecost Sunday and our annual Prize Giving.

We started the new term by taking part in the All Age Service on 8th May where we heard about the followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they had difficulty in recognising Jesus as He walked with them. Seeing and knowing Jesus in our lives was a theme we explored throughout the Easter Season.

First, we learned about the first followers of Jesus who met to talk, pray, share, serve and celebrate together and how much they cared for each other, just as Jesus had taught them. Then we listened to the story of the wise and foolish builders and built our own churches with the word "Jesus" as the foundation stone. Next, we moved on to think about how difficult it can be to follow Jesus, particularly for young Christians today. We all received a letter from Peter in which he explained that he'd been having a hard time but that he felt safe because he knew God would keep him safe. We then thought about places where we feel safe and can feel close to God. In the following week, we received a further letter from Peter. He told us to be content with who we are and reminded us that God's strong hand is on us. He gave us advice to cast our worries on Jesus. We then thought about, then wrote or drew about the things that worry us and threw pebbles in a bowl of water to symbolise us casting our worries on Jesus.

Our formal Young Church year came to an end with another All Age Service for Pentecost. During the service, we presented a dramatic retelling of Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he describes some of the gifts of the Spirit. Sabine eloquently played the part of Paul and Sheona was Knowledge, resplendent in her mortar board. Among the many others who took part, we had Luke playing the part of Healing complete with stethoscope and Iain who represented Miracles, had lunch for at least 5,000! During the service the young people also presented to the congregation where or when they feel moved by God in their everyday lives, reminding us all of the message of Pentecost; that while Jesus may have ascended to the Father, each of us, every day, is the living embodiment of Jesus in the world today. Each of us receives particular gifts and individu-

ally and collectively we are invited to use those gifts to continue the work that God has set for us to do.

We ended the service with a presentation of books to the young people to mark their commitment and contribution to our church life. We especially marked Rebecca Cromwell's move to secondary school by presenting her with a bible.

The formal Young Church meetings will take a break now until mid-August but in the meantime there will be crèche facilities in the church hall during the 11am service on Sundays. All babies and young people welcome!



Everyone in Young Church would like to thank the congregation for their continued support and interest in what we do and we look forward to coming back refreshed after the summer break ready to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus today. Happy holidays everyone - let's hope the sun shines!

Congratulations to Rebecca Cromwell who was awarded Citizen of the Year at her St Leonard's P7 leavers award ceremony recently. This was not only in recognition of the things she does within school and her concern for others but for her involvement with church, guides and general community spirit. Whilst Rebecca clearly does not seek the limelight she should be proud of and value the fact that she is recognised for way she treats others rather than pure academic achievement.



I wonder how many of you have really looked at the our beautiful stained glass windows in church and thought much about them or the inscriptions on them.

The inscription on the North West window with the depiction of St. Michael reads:



When I was researching the stories behind the windows at the time when we wished to restore and protect them this window intrigued me as Flying Officer Jenkins was born in Australia so how did this window come to be installed in Holy Trinity? I was unable to find out much about it until I looked into the Holy Trinity archive and in a small folder found a letter to Canon Denholm from Miss Diana Jenkins, his sister. I followed several leads from that letter but they all went cold.

The late Alec Jack helped with the research and received this information from MOD Air Historical Branch.

“Flying Officer Jenkins and his crew were recorded as missing whilst flying with 224 Squadron in a Hudson N7222 on a routine patrol on 21st December 1940. The cause of loss was unknown but presumed to have occurred due to enemy action.”

I still wanted to know more. Then a piece of luck. David Campbell the Rector at the time casually handed me a letter given to him by someone who had been to view that very window. It was from Diana Jenkins who was living in a retirement village in Australia.

I immediately wrote to her and received by return such a lovely letter and thus began a correspondence and indeed friendship that lasted until her death in August last year. She very quickly asked me to call her Diana and not Miss Jenkins ‘unless for business letters connected with the window’. I do wish I had known her better and for longer.

She was very proud of her older brother and provided me with informa-



tion about him that she told me I could use when I thought right.

Peter was in the air cadets when he was at school in Australia and later joined the Air force. When war broke out his mother at once resolved to come to Scotland with her daughter Diana to be near to her son and they rented a house in Malcolm Street. Peter was obviously a very skilled young man who quickly was noted

I can best quote her letter describing Peter's career almost verbatim.

“Peter was appointed as Personal Assistant to the Air Officer Commanding Scotland early in December 1938. This HQ was at Pitreavie Castle (a name only used with utmost discretion at that time) to the south of Dunfermline. In his appointment Peter broke all known records in that it was straight from R.A.F. Flying Training School at Shawbury Salop; Customarily the officer had at least five years in the Service at a higher rank. (Peter had learnt to fly immediately after he left school at the Royal Aero Club at Mascot Aerodrome. He got his ‘wings’ in the then shortest time known and subsequently won prizes for forced landings, navigations etc.) Service Flying is very different but Peter was equally outstanding.

In his posting as PA to the AOC he had to be an exceptionally good pilot, wholly British, a diplomat never to breath a word of vital information and to have social poise.”

She goes on to tell me

After the Battle of Britain Peter had insisted on transferring to one of the Coastal Command Squadrons which had to try to shadow

the two German ships the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau and the U boats that were causing appalling losses of men and supplies to Britain. These ships were very heavily defended and the RAF could only rely on surprise and speed which was achieved by carrying no armaments. The result was that these Coastal Command Squadrons had high casualties. Peter was lost on one of these missions - missing presumed dead."

After the death of her mother and by this time they had moved to England for a time. Diana resolved to have a window placed in Holy Trinity in their memory. She always told me that her mother had done tremendous war work too and I have a feeling Diana must have too but she never mentioned her contribution. I have found some wonderful letters from her to Canon Denholm arranging for this window to be erected and copies of his responses. Canon Denholm's attention to detail and his insistence on accuracy is so typical of him and Diana did tell me that they never did agree on one point - Canon Denholm's wish prevailed!

Diana wasn't able to be present at the dedication of the window and I'm not sure she ever returned to Scotland to see it.

If you look at the window carefully you will see that the Southern Cross constellation is depicted in the window and in the wreath



above St. Michael you can see - a thistle a rose and a wattle sprig. The window was sent from the designer in England - by train and on time! The man to install it arrived by train the next day.

Diana has generously left Holy Trinity a legacy to ensure the maintenance of the window and it was a thrill the other Sunday to meet her lawyer and his wife from Australia who were holidaying in UK. He has been so involved in Diana's wish and heard so much about the window that he came to see it for himself and to bring me a little package of letters and photos. One day I'll try to share them with you. It was a lovely friendship and I'm so honoured to have received the photos, letters and the service sheet from the Service of dedication of the window.

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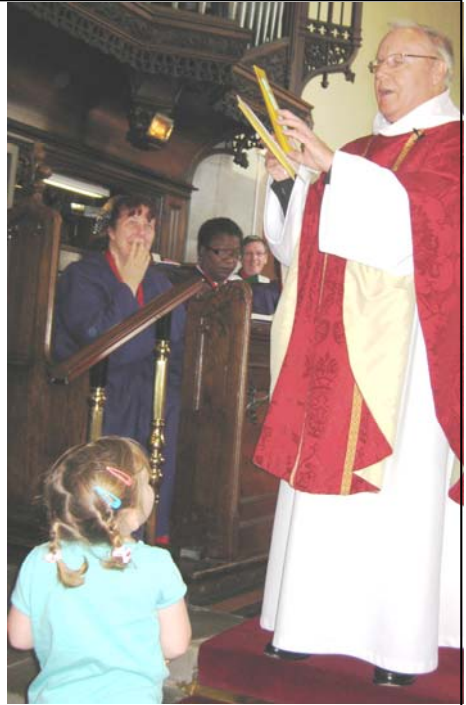
Readings and Readers

3 rd July Proper 9 (14)	Zechariah 9:9-12	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	
10 th July Proper 10 (15)	Isaiah 55:10-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
17 th July Proper 11 (16)	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
24 th July Proper 12 (17)	1 Kings s:5-12	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	
31 st July Proper 13 (18)	Isaiah 55:1-5	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	
7 th August Transfiguration	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	2 Peter 1:16-19	Luke 9:28-36	
14 th August Proper 15 (20)	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28	
21 st August Proper 16 (21)	Isaiah 51:1-6	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20	
28 th August Proper 17 (22)	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28	
4 th September Proper 18 (23)	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20	All Age Service

Friends and family at Holy Trinity helped Ross Kennedy celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination with presentations and a reception after the Eucharist on Sunday 3rd July. The photo opposite shows Ross's Ross as he received a special card from the Young Church.

Below Ross is captured cutting the special celebration cake in the church hall.

Afterwards Ross thanked everyone for their kindness and shared a few memories of his journey to his ordination and his early ministry. Having been sponsored and trained by the Scottish Episcopal Church at Coates Hall Theological College in Edinburgh his placement in the English Church was

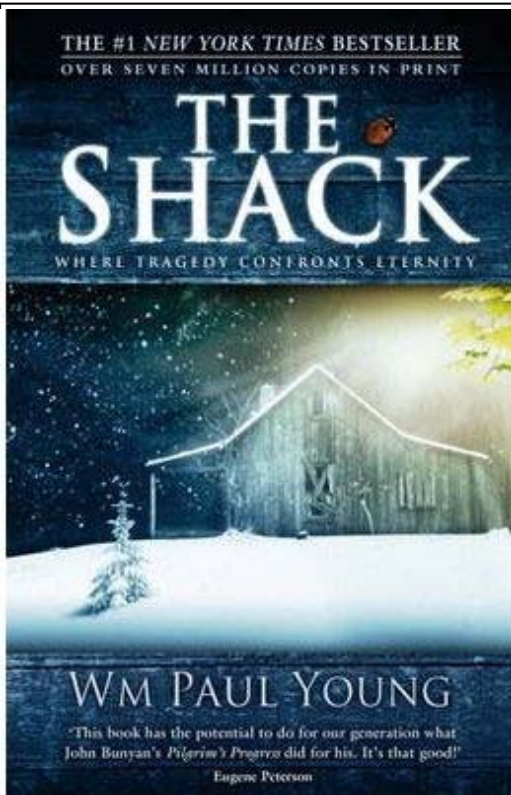


just a little bit strange. Ross offered no explanation though there was a hint of intrigue! However Ross was undaunted and he considered himself as a gift from Scotland to the Anglicans of Northumberland on his placement at Hexham Abbey. Within a few weeks this thought dimmed somewhat and was extinguished on reading the history of the Abbey which included "Scots were the bane of many a border church or Priory and Hexham was no exception. Both William Wallace and Robert the Bruce paid less than Friendly visits!!



The MU International Feast in June was, once again, a great success as members and friends enjoyed culinary delights from around the globe.—see photographs above and below!
The proceeds from this total £271 and this sum will be sent to the MU Overseas Fund. Thanks to all who attended, provided and prepared food, assisted in serving and supplied raffle prizes.





BOOK REVIEW

William P. Young, *The Shack* (Windblown Media, Los Angeles, California, 2007).

ISBN: 978-0-9647292-3-0.

Now for something completely different. You, the reader, will either be somewhat shocked or deeply moved – there will be no half measures. The book is a novel, at times totally and even horrifyingly real, at other times seemingly a work of fantasy. But then it all depends on how you, the reader, interpret it.

Initially the tale centres round the life of an American family. It is not appropriate to say 'normal' or 'abnormal'

as that would lead to the question of what is normal. However, fairly unexceptionable events occur, then horrific tragedy bursts onto the scene and the central figure, Mark, descends into what the author calls 'The Great Sadness.' A few years later Mark receives an inexplicable note signed by 'Papa', the name his wife uses for God. It is an invitation to *The Shack*, the location of the confirmation of the earlier family tragedy. Is it from God? Is it a hoax? Will it lead to further danger?

Without communicating his mission to the family, Mark goes to *The Shack* and there follows a fantastic (or fantastical?) weekend with God, God as three persons. It is a time of immense love and a path towards healing and the ability to forgive. Many passages are beautiful, some are funny, but it will have a profound effect on you, the reader, in some way. Whatever your views on the outpourings of this

author's imagination and experience of life, there is a huge amount of warmth and compassion shining through his words. The final incident in the book may well lead you to further questioning about the weekend at The Shack. Did it really happen? Was there a God-given time warp involved? Or was it merely the fevered dreams or hallucinations of an injured man?

You, the reader, may put this book down with relief, grateful you have finished it, feeling irritated, shocked or even scornful. You will relegate it to the darkest recesses of your bookshelves – or even the charity shop. But, on the other hand, many of you will feel quite the opposite. Mark's life was deeply changed by his experience and you, the reader, may well find it so powerful and moving that you feel God stirring within you – and some of you will never see the world of Creation in quite the same light again. In a world of pain, stress and personal disaster it projects a very positive image of God and his purpose. Too often we turn away from God and try to tackle our lives with only a cursory nod in his (or her?) direction. The author wants us to 're-turn' to God, letting his spirit right into the very centre of our lives at all times. So, I encourage you to give 'The Shack' a chance. You may well find yourself in the latter group and want to re-read it and to share your feelings with others.

Margaret Dineley, Holy Trinity, Dunfermline.

NOTICES

I would be grateful to hear of anyone willing to help out at the **Afternoon Eucharist on Sunday 17th July at 2.30pm**. If you can offer help with the refreshments, transport or assisting our less mobile guests when they arrive at church please do let me know.

Fay C.

A couple of Good Byes—At least Bye for now!

In June we said goodbye to Andrew Wedge who has moved to Barrow-in-Furnace with his work. Andrew has been a server for many years at HT and he will be missed though I am sure he will pop back from time to time; if only to get some washing done!

We also said goodbye to Andy Young. Andy has been with us for a few years and involved in several different aspects of church life. He is moving on now to St Andrews.

They go with prayers and our love.

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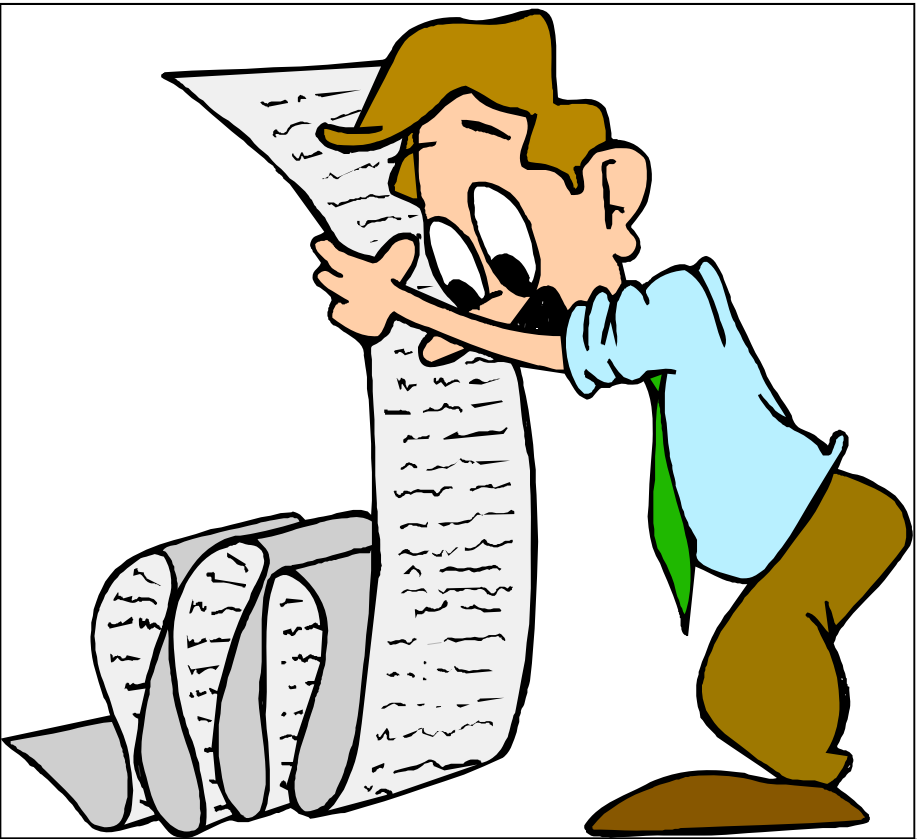
July 3	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Andy Young Ellen Fearnley Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
10	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Helen Welsh Rod Key Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Mr & Mrs G Philp Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
17	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Margaret Dineley Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs P Hand Adrienne Lyon & Kath Lindsel Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
24	8am 11am	Phil Smithard Karen Macdonald Rod Key Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Doreen EsnoI & Frances Jack Fay Cuthbertson & Brendan Grimley	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
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Aug 7	8am 11am	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Sabine Forsyth Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller Mr & Mrs K Spink Muriel McKenzie & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
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28	8am 11am	Rod Key Alan Mathewson Sabine Forsyth John Kennedy & Malcolm Gosling Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices
Sept 4	8am 11am	Phil Smithard All Age Service Ellen Fearnley All Age Service—YC All Age Service—YC Fay Cuthbertson & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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	Pam Pryde	739039
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Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
Mother's Union	Isobel Thomson	624322
	Caroline Laurie	616244
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



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