

Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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November 2012 Magazine



It never ceases to amuse me, how despite never issuing any kind of appeal for articles around a theme, from the varied contributions I receive each month, a common thread often

emerges. Perhaps I shouldn't be so surprised –as we move from one month to the next, our liturgy and lectionary of readings mean that we know which season is coming and naturally, our minds turn to the next theme. I like to think that it's a bit more than just simply 'great minds thinking alike' however. For me, it is an example of how the Holy Spirit works with and among us, subtly moving, influencing, changing.

This month there is a definite theme of remembrance. Fr. Ross's articles not only point out the obvious acts of remembrance at the start of the month but also, in the poem 'Indifference' remind us of the consequences of inaction and inertia. Dorissia's interesting insight into the life of Oscar Romero and his prayer on page 13, remind us of the One who ultimately inspires and empowers us. And, together with the article on

page 7 about the Dunfermline Foodbank, all three remind us that it is working among the poor, the dejected and the downtrodden that we find Christ. For, as we recall at the end of the month (and the end of the magazine) on Christ the King Sunday, it is not wearing a crown of gold but one of thorns that Christ conquers death and renews us and his Kingdom for all time.

Perhaps the old saying should be changed to say "remember, remember the whole of November" *Elaine x*

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Fr. Ross Writes.....

THANK YOU FOR HARVEST

Sincere thanks to everyone who made our Harvest Festival so special. To Gill Wardell and her helpers for the beautiful harvest displays in church; to Jack Wardell for producing and printing the order of service; to Roger Weatherhogg, the Choir and Wives Group for providing an excellent lunch in which nearly 70 good souls were well fed. To Elaine for organising the visual presentation and not forgetting the Young Church who inspired us with their happy renditions of various harvest songs. And finally to everyone who contributed by their presence and their harvest gifts for the Foodbank.

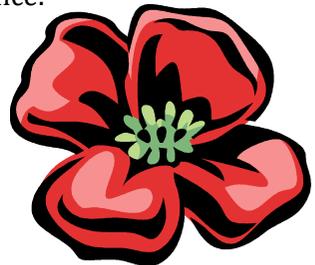
The following Sunday we welcomed a good number of our housebound members to a special Harvest Celebration in which our robed choir led out in the worship. This was followed by an excellent afternoon tea.

THE POWER OF REMEMBRANCE

By the time you read this our Service of Commemoration of the Departed will have been held on All Saints Day, Thursday 1st of November. During the service we remembered before God 'those we

love but see no longer'. Then on Remembrance Sunday 'at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month' we will stand in silence to remember the fallen of so many wars.

But some may ask, "is it not better to forget?" The answer to that question must be a resounding "No!" because the truth is that there is real power in 'remembrance'. For when God 'remembered Israel' he commissioned Moses to go and free the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt (Exodus 2:24) Then was it not a simple plea for 'remembrance' that brought the promise of paradise to a thief on a cross? So it is with us each Sunday as we gather at the Lord's Table to 'remember' Christ and his sacrifice. It is by our weekly remembrance at the Holy Eucharist that we find assurance of Christ's love for us and strength for our journey through life. Such is the power of remembrance.



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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day, 11th November when exactly 98 years ago to the day the guns fell silent and the First World War came to an end. Since then there have been many wars and much suffering as a result. We at Holy Trinity will commemorate the fallen at our Service of Remembrance which will commence at 10.50am. (Please note the earlier time) It would be helpful if you could be in your seat by 10.45am.

HOUSE GROUPS

I am sometimes asked by members of other local churches, "Do you have house groups at Holy Trinity?" Of course I am able to answer in the affirmative because several of our groups do hold their meetings in the homes of members either regularly or occasionally. The early church was in fact a 'house church' which met in the homes of members for worship and the study of the scriptures. I have, however, always been somewhat dubious about the practice for it is too easy for such groups to appear a little exclusive. Meeting in a 'neutral' venue such as the church hall, makes it easier for those who are interested in attending but who

might be a little shy of turning up at the home of someone they don't know. On the other hand it is good that Christians enjoy one another's hospitality in this way. One important point is to make sure it is known where the meeting is to be held. I don't think it enough to announce that "our next meeting will be ats home". Not everyone will know where lives or maybe who she/he is. Perhaps the addition of a phone number for further information would be helpful to those who might wish to attend for the first time.

RECONCILIATION AND PEACE

This is the theme of a service to be led by members of our Study and Growth Group. It will be hosted by St Margaret's, Rosyth on Sunday 25th November at 6pm. It is an appropriate theme to be considered as we approach the period of Advent but also given the recent difficulties we have experienced at Holy Trinity. Of course peace and reconciliation can only be achieved if preceded by repentance. Repentance might be regarded by some as an old fashioned concept but what it means is simply recognising within ourselves that we might have wronged others or caused pain and

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hurt by something we have done or written or said. Indeed as Christians, we are called upon to work for peace and reconciliation in the world and what better place to begin than in our own church.



AWAY FROM THE MANGER

No it is not a misprint - it is the name of a new musical for Advent and Christmas. The cast involves parts for adults, teenagers and children and it is hoped that we will be able to produce a performance on the Sunday before Christmas Day. For further information see Roger Weatherhogg, our Director of Music.

INDIFFERENCE

by George Studdert Kennedy

When Jesus came to Golgotha
They hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through
hands and feet,
And made a Calvary.
They crowned Him with a crown
of thorns;
Red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel
days,
And human flesh was cheap.
When Jesus came to Dunfermline,
They simply passed Him by;
They never hurt a hair of Him,
They only let Him die.
For men had grown more tender,
And they would not give Him
pain;
They only just passed down the
street,
And left Him in the rain.
Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them,
For they know not what they do."
And still it rained the winter rain
That drenched Him through and
through.
The crowds went home and left
the streets
Without a soul to see;
And Jesus crouched against a wall
And cried for Calvary.

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'Indifference' was written by George Studdert Kennedy while he was a chaplain during World War I. Woodbine Willie felt God's heartbeat for people and ministered faithfully, through practical love and through his poetry, to the ordinary soldiers living through 'hell on earth' in the trenches.

In his poem, Kennedy compares the behaviour of Christ's contemporaries with our behaviour today towards the stranger and the outcast, and challenges us to consider whether we are following Christ to Golgotha.

Kennedy once wrote: "We have taught our people to use prayer too much as a means of comfort – not in the original and heroic sense of uplifting, inspiring, strengthening, but in the more modern and baser sense of soothing sorrow, dulling pain, and drying tears – the comfort of the cushion, not the comfort of the Cross."

Woodbine Willie, Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929), was an Anglican priest-poet. He was given his nickname 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I because

of his reputation for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with pastoral and spiritual support to injured and dying soldiers.



Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1:38

Young Church News

It doesn't seem that long since we resumed Young Church after the summer and here we are again on holiday, enjoying the October break! The Young Church leaders met recently to plan this term's activities. We will be following the Lectionary for the next few weeks but at the start of Advent, will start our rehearsals for our annual Nativity play. All young people from the congregation as well as "visiting" children and grandchildren are very welcome to take part – just let a Young Church leader know if you would like a copy of the music and words to practice. The tableaux will take place on Sunday 23rd December. The Young Church and Youth Fellowship will also be joining with the choir for the musical performance for Advent as mentioned by Fr. Ross on page 4. *Elaine*

The elections at the 2012 Annual General Meeting to be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 25th November.

- The Lay Representative to serve for a period of one year and eligible for re-election thereafter. The current Lay Representative is Linda Brownlie who is eligible for re-election.
- The Alternate Lay Representative to serve for a period of one year and eligible for re-election thereafter. The current Alternate Lay Representative is Adrienne Lyon who is eligible for re-election.
- The People's Warden to serve for a period of one year and eligible for re-election thereafter. The current People's Warden is Ken Spink who is eligible for re-election.
- Two vacancies on the Vestry each to serve for three years. These vacancies are caused by the coming to an end of the terms of Pam Pryde and Jenny Stooke who are both eligible for re-election

Nominations for these vacancies **MUST** be received on the forms available in church or from the Secretary and should be returned to Fay Cuthbertson, the Vestry Secretary on or before Sunday the 18th November 2012

NO nominations will be permitted on the day of the meeting itself.



Dunfermline Foodbank

At our Harvest Service on 30th September, we were joined by John Drylie, Chairman of the Dunfermline Foodbank. John delivered a moving and informative talk about the work of the Trussell Trust and the Dunfermline Foodbank and how we can help.

The Trussell Trust works to empower local communities to combat poverty and exclusion in the UK and Bulgaria. The Trust is a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. The organisation believes in turning faith into practical action, living out God's love for the poor...

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36

The Trussell Trust partners with churches and communities to open new foodbanks nationwide. With over 250 foodbanks currently launched, the Trust's goal is for every town to have one.

The Dunfermline Foodbank was formed in February this year and opened its doors to clients in September. Already our local Foodbank has donated tonnes of food to local people. Many of us were perhaps surprised by the level of need here, in Dunfermline, described by John in his talk. Food is distributed in a way which doesn't engender reliance on the service and other advice and support is offered to clients when they visit the Foodbank.

Following the Harvest service, we were invited to join the Dunfermline Foodbank as a distributor and Vestry agreed at its meeting in October to join. Fay and Ken are our nominated representatives. Some of you may have noticed the basket in the church vestibule which you can use to drop off any donations of non-perishable foods. These will be collected by the Foodbank on a regular basis. The charity is also looking for volunteers to help at the Foodbank at Dickson Court, Elgin Street. Please do consider how you might be able to support the work of the charity.

You can find out more about the Trussell Trust at www.trusselltrust.org and the Dunfermline Foodbank at www.dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk



WIVES GROUP



All are welcome to come along to any or all of our events and partake of a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Saturday 10th November - SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH – in the Church Hall from 12.00 – 2.00pm. Tickets are available from Helen Dalgity, Pam Grimley, Yvonne Gosling and Doreen Esnol for a donation of £3.50. There will be excellent homemade soup and a sandwich of your choice.

Monday 26th November - Christmas Markets – come along and Isobel Thomson will tell us and show us how wonderful these markets are.

Monday 10th December – It's Christmas Party night !! – joins us in our celebration of the festive season with lovely food, a seasonal quiz and some Christmas Carols. Lots of fun to be had by all!

After a short Christmas break we have our FESTIVE LUNCH held at the Pitbauchlie House Hotel on Monday 14th January 2013. We all begin to assemble at 12 noon, ready to sit down for a delicious 2 course lunch at 12.30.

Please come along and experience the warmth and friendliness of our small group. We have lots of things planned for this year's programme which we are sure you would enjoy. No commitment necessary, just come along to any of our get-togethers that you fancy.

All of these events are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary

Study & Growth Group

Reproduced below is a report which was researched and prepared by Dorissia Forsyth for the Study and Growth Group's meeting in October. Dorissia says: "the theme of the meeting was compassion and the group's discussions and devotions centred on the life of Oscar Romero, former Archbishop of San Salvador. He dedicated his life to upholding the case of the poorest of the poor in his country, across South America and the wider Christian world."

Oscar Romero was born in Ciudad Barrios, a town in the mountainous east of El Salvador, on 15 August 1917. He was the second of seven children. When he was thirteen he declared a vocation to the priesthood. In February 1977, Oscar Romero became archbishop of San Salvador.



As Archbishop of San Salvador, Father Romero was a source of strength and hope for the poor and for the oppressed of his country, working with and for them, taking their struggles as his own. Romero wrote and spoke passionately and publicly of the need for Christians to work for justice, frequently faced

with threat and danger from those who opposed his ideas. On March 24, 1980, while celebrating the Eucharist, Archbishop Romero was shot and killed at the altar by a death squad assassin, paying the highest price for the commitment about which he spoke so often and so eloquently.

Because of his courageous stand for justice, he became a martyr not only for poor Salvadorians but for all struggling to overcome oppression and poverty. Today, his sermons are read as powerful reminders of Christians' obligation to fight for a just society. Shortly before he was murdered, Romero said: "It is my hope that my blood will be the seed of freedom and the sign that hope will soon be reality" The example of Romero's courageous life and untimely death continue to inspire those who struggle for human dignity and justice.

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Early Life and Priesthood

In 1942 he was ordained as a priest and returned to El Salvador in 1944. He was a parish priest and also wrote in the diocesan newspaper. He was known as a quiet, conservative man. He became auxiliary bishop of El Salvador in 1970, and bishop of a rural parish in 1974.

In 1977 He was made Archbishop of El Salvador, a 'safe' appointment, someone who would maintain the status quo. This appointment was welcomed by the government, however many priests were disappointed, especially those that aligned with Marxism. Within three weeks of his appointment things began to alter somewhat. The Church was entering into a time of persecution because of new ideas which were beginning to be talked about and acted upon by those working with and for the poor.

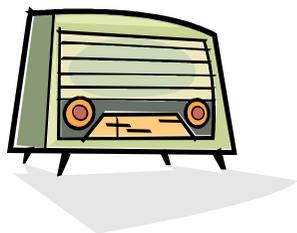
He urged an end to the brewing violence and defended the right of the poor to demand political change. His talk of justice threatened the way of life of the rich and powerful. His views antagonised some within the Roman Catholic church.

"Archbishop Romero was the most loved and most hated person in this

country, and as Jesus he was crucified."

On 12th March a radical priest and friend of Oscar's, Father Rutilio Grande, was brutally murdered in Aguilares. He had been living in poverty alongside landless peasants, believing this is what Jesus would have done. The slogan 'Be a Patriot- Kill a Priest' was written in many walls indicating that the Catholic Priests who had sided with the country's poor were a target for death squads that terrorised the country. Romero was shocked and decided to act. He ordered three days of mourning and a funeral mass in the cathedral, despite advice to the contrary. Further actions followed.

"In every house they were listening to his broadcasts. Ordinary people like workers, but also the authorities - the military, the president and parliament. He brought to attention what was really going on."



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In 1979, Oscar visited the Pope in Rome and outlined to him with evidence, the injustices which were part of the life lived by many in El Salvador. His support within the church was weak, furthermore he was under threat from those outside of it. He spoke out against the USA financed security forces and thus became too much of a threat to the government. Arguably his imminent assassination was inevitable.

Assassination

On 24th March 1980 while celebrating Mass at a small chapel located in a hospital called la Divinia Providencia' Romero was shot dead. His last words were "May God have mercy on the assassin". Archbishop Romero's assassination marked a turning point in the country's history. His death, and violent clashes in San Salvador's main square in which dozens were killed, sparked international condemnation. His murder was an embarrassment for the US administration which counted El Salvador's right wing regime as one of its allies in the region. It also confirmed what many including Romero himself had feared: that this small country was set on a path of violence that would in the ensuing decade kill

some 70,000 Salvadorians in bloody civil war.

His funeral mass was attended by more than 250,000 mourners from all over the world. His funeral was considered by many the largest demonstration in the history of Latin America.

"Tens of thousands of mourners who had gathered for Romero's funeral Mass in front of the Cathedral in San Salvador were filmed fleeing in terror as army gunners on the rooftops around the square opened fire". As the gunfire continued, Romero's body was buried in the crypt beneath the sanctuary. Even after the burial people continued to line up to pay homage to the Archbishop.



The crowds of mourners at Romero's funeral mass.

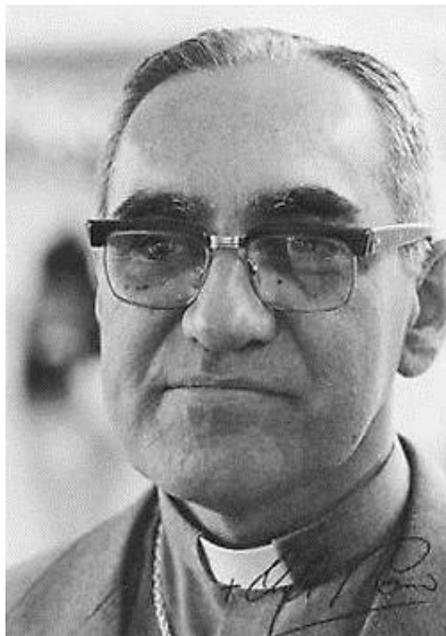
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Legacy

El Salvador has seen economic development and democratic advances in the 30 years since Romero's death however violence remains common. The religious composition of the country has also changed where there has been a rise in numbers belonging to various Protestant denominations. And yet he is still considered by many the unofficial patron saint of the Americas and El Salvador itself often referred to now as 'San Romero' by Catholics. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1981. In 1997 a cause for beatification and canonization into sainthood was opened for Romero and Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the title Servant of God.

The Canonisation process continues. And yet, his memory today goes beyond religion and even into pop culture. Arguably his appearance on t-shirts, murals and even in hip hop songs means attempts that were made to silence him have failed. Ultimately his assassination has led three generations to continue to think about him and reflect upon his thoughts and attitudes towards persecution. Indeed, prior to his death Romero himself predicted

that "if I am killed I will rise again in the Salvadorian people", something which is evident from his legacy that still survives today.



Oscar Romero 1917 - 1980

"The words of this prayer also struck me as worth sharing. They remind us, as disciples of Jesus, we can never assume we know everything or can achieve anything but through Him."

Dorissia, 22nd October 2012

Something to think about..!

It helps now and then to step back
and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way
of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said,
no prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit
brings wholeness.

No programme accomplishes the church's mission.

No set goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow,
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they
hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond
our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it well
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step
along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to
enter and do the rest.

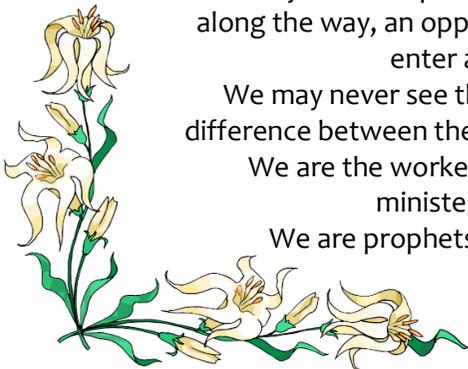
We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are the workers, not the master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen

Archbishop Oscar Romero



Morocco Expedition

Two years ago I began the challenging journey known as The Duke of Edinburgh Award. For each level I have been required to complete a programme of activities in four or five sections that involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, and planning, training for and completing an expedition. So far I have begun to learn to play the piano, improved my dancing skills and volunteered to teach 'Wake-up, Shake-up' classes at 2 local primary schools as well as help out at the local branch of 'Shelter'.



Me, ready for 'Wake-up, Shake-up'!

I have now successfully completed my silver award and am currently working towards my gold. In order to achieve this I not only have to continue a programme of activities similar to that required for the silver award but I also have to undertake to work with a team on a residential activity.

This residential activity or expedition is to take place in Morocco next June and will comprise a 4 day hike through the High Atlas Mountains before spending time living alongside a local community and getting involved in project work. The work aims to support the villagers in improving infrastructure and quality of life within the village, allowing them to grow crops and have sustainable lives.



A group on a similar expedition in Morocco!

Morocco Expedition

The exact nature of the project work will be decided nearer the time but may consist of building stone bridges over rivers, clearing large sections of rocks for footpaths, creating stone walls, improving irrigation channels around the village or maybe clearing large areas of rocky terrain to create football pitches. I may also get the chance to work with the local children, teaching them English and playing games.



A typical village in the High Atlas Mountains.

A lot of training and ground work needs to be covered before I can set off – an essential part of which is raising the £1500 required to fund each person's expedition. This figure not only includes transport to and from Morocco, but also pays for local guides and any materials required to enable us to complete the project. The fundraising process is seen as an integral part of the whole expedition and will teach us invaluable money management and budgeting skills which we will be able to apply to future life.

As part of my on-going fundraising activities I will be holding a silent auction in the church hall on Friday 9th October. Tickets will be £5 per head and will include a glass of wine or a soft drink. I hope you will be able to support me in this and I look forward to seeing you there.

Ellen Fearnley

Casting the Net

This Diocesan mission programme continues apace. Although we have found it necessary to suspend our Mission Action Plan during the inter-regnum, hopefully in the future it will become possible for us to re-address our role in this movement. Certainly it is spreading. Some churches, such as Forfar, Crieff, Kirkcaldy and Kinross, are working on their Mission Action Plans, while others, including Cupar, Dollar and Newport-on-Tay are at different stages on their Casting the Net paths. This reflects an eagerness in our Diocese to examine ways in which we work on our spiritual health within our churches and how we may successfully reach out to those beyond our walls, many of whom are needy or know nothing about what we have to offer in our Lord's name.

In previous years there has been an annual Gathering in St. Ninian's Cathedral in Perth, an opportunity for members of congregations across the Diocese to get together, to exchange views and ideas, to socialise and to attend workshops together which examined different aspects of a Mark of Mission. Those attending found these Gatherings uplifting and spiritually inspirational.

This year it was decided to hold two separate gatherings at different locations in the Diocese, All Saints', St. Andrews and Holy Trinity, Stirling. The theme this year was Mark of Mission 7: 'Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism.'

I attended the Gathering at St. Andrews, held in the delightful premises of All Saints' Episcopal Church. We were warmly welcomed by the Rector, Rev. Jonathon Mason and ably carried through the day's programme by Caroline King, the CTN officer. We were pleased to have Bishop David with us throughout the day. He led a workshop and also the closing worship, during which he addressed us in his usual thoughtful, reflective manner. I enjoyed workshops on Welcoming through music, led by Rev. Richard Evans and Caring for others, led by Rev. Paddy Allen. But the highlight for me was the workshop entitled 'Walk the church, walk the soul,' during which Jonathon Mason took us on a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage, through the church, starting at the entrance, working through the spiritual meanings of each section within the building, finally arriving at the altar – the culmination of the whole journey. It is a beautiful church, emanating a sense of peace. I found the journey truly inspirational.

I spoke with a member of our congregation who had attended the Gathering at Stirling and she was equally enthusiastic. Hopefully more of you will take the opportunity to attend next year – it really is worthwhile.

Margaret Dineley, CTN Liaison Officer

Upcoming meetings:

Wed 7th Nov, 2.00pm - Holy trinity Church Hall
A.G.M.

Wed 21st Nov, 7.30pm - Holy Trinity Church
Gill Wardell

Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of August was:

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Voluntary Giving | 32,959 | Clergy | 38,577 |
| Church Groups | 5,119 | Property | 8,860 |
| Hall Usage | 1,230 | Operational | 12,918 |
| Tax Recovered | 8,351 | Diocesan Quota | 7,063 |
| Investments | 1,848 | Administration | 934 |
| St. Margaret's | 3,300 | | |
| | <u>52,808</u> | | <u>68,351</u> |

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £314.

Lay Representative Report

The Area Council service was held at St Columba's, Aberdour on Sunday 30th September and was quite well attended. The Rev'd Tim Tunley from the Mission to Seamen preached about the local work of the Mission and it was very interesting.

The next Area Council meeting will be held at St Luke's, Glenrothes on Thursday 29th November when Val Nellist will be speaking about the Diocese of Calcutta with which we have a link now. *Linda Brownlie*

The Russians are back!

We had a marvellous evening on their last visit, and are pleased to welcome the Voskreseniye Choir back to Fife as part of their 2012 UK tour. Musical Director Jurij Maruk will lead the a cappella ensemble in an evening of traditional Russian sacred and folk music at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 November at Rosyth Methodist Church in Queensferry Road.

Voskreseniye, which means 'resurrection', was founded by Maruk in 1993, and brings together eight gifted vocalists, who all studied at the St Petersburg Music Conservatoire. Voskreseniye is now a much respected ensemble on the sacred music circuit, winning critical acclaim across Europe for its inimitable performances.



For their return visit, the choir have included some favourites from last year's folk songs, but the majority of the programme is new. The first half contains some of the most inspirational and moving works in the Russian sacred music repertoire, and contrasts four extracts from Rachmaninov's 1916 Vespers with pieces written during the previous fifty years. After the interval, we will be able to enjoy a complete contrast, with a selection of spectacular Russian folk songs, exploiting the talents of individual performers, and displaying, for example, the extraordinary range of basso-profundo notes that we associate with the world of Russian choral music.

Tickets are priced £9, £7 concession, and £1 for school-children, including a programme and tea/coffee at the interval. This is likely to be a popular concert, and you are recommended to reserve tickets well in advance by phoning Martin Tarr on 01383 723989, texting 07772 241560, emailing tickets@rosythmethodist.org.uk, or writing to 1 Methven Drive, Dunfermline. Fife. KY12 0AH.

Study and Growth Group

1 November - review of the theme of compassion at the home of Dorothy and Andy.

25 November – service at St. Margaret's on the theme of Forgiveness.

All meetings will begin at 7:30pm. For more information contact Margaret Dineley 624377. All welcome.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that during the interregnum the 8.00am Eucharist will be held only on the first Sunday of the month



A short service of prayers, reflections and Taizé chants will be held in church on Sunday 18th November at 6.30pm.

Everyone warmly invited.



Buy now for Christmas!

There will be a selection of Fairtrade crafts and goods on sale in the Church hall after the service on Sunday 18th November. There will be lots of excellent stocking fillers and presents for all ages. Come and have a look and support Fairtrade.

Linda Sherwood

Readings for November

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| Nov 4 th All Saints Sunday | Isa 25:6-9 | Rev 21: 1-6a | John 11:32-44 |
| Nov 11 th Remembrance Sunday | Job 19.21–27 | 1 Corinthians 15.51–57 | John 6.37–40 |
| Nov 18 th Second Sunday before Advent | Dan 12:1-3 | Heb 10:1-14,19- 25 | Mark13:1-8 |
| Nov 25 th Christ the King | Dan 7:9-10,13- 14 | Rev 1:4b-8 | John 18:33-37 |

Oh Jesus,
You are the King of Glory,
You are the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.
And we pray that your Kingdom will reign forever in our hearts and in this world.

Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come here now,
bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love,
peace, mercy and grace for all.
Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts,
lead in this world and govern over your kingdom.

But Lord honestly,
We often have our own plans and agendas
And we want to be rulers of our world.
Forgive us for those times.
And Lord we live in a time that would rather idolise the king of pop
Than worship you.
Help us to know how to live as your Kingdom People in these times.
And Lord there are a lot of kings in this world who terrorise, over-tax, humiliate,
Over-exploit, and abuse those they are to lead.
Help us to spread the good news of the different kind of king you are.



Lord, thank you for being a different kind of king.
Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.
Thank you for your generosity.
Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any Kingdom in this world.

Amen

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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| Treasurer | Peter Hutchings | 728534 |
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