

# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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# **Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with St Margaret's, Rosyth**

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	Sung Eucharist	11am
	Young Church	11am
Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

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In his letter this month, Jim mentions challenge and change, words we often hear linked with our faith and church.

And as I write, the world is remembering a woman who faced enormous challenge

and change in her lifetime, the 'Renaissance Woman', Maya Angelou who died on Wednesday, 28 May at the age of 86. An American civil rights activist, Dr Angelou was best known for her autobiography 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'. She also wrote iconic poems including 'Still I Rise', which Nelson Mandela read aloud at his presidential inauguration.

Quotations from her memoirs and writings pop up widely but as I was reading about her life, there was one which struck me on the theme of change:

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"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain." Perhaps stark, even hard words, but communicating a truth which I know I lose sight of at times.

During June we change from the Season of Easter into Pentecost, the time of fire and passion and inspiration – literally! Let us pray that we are inspired to support change for good, to challenge all that is wrong in the world and in the further words of Maya Angelou "try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

I hope you enjoy June's magazine and remember, the next edition will be a double edition covering July and August.



*Elaine x*

# From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

I thought I might write a little about preaching this month. I'm very grateful for the many positive comments I've received over the past 15 months – some I'm sure just polite but many others clearly genuine and heart-felt. I'm also aware that some of you will disagree strongly with things I say and some indeed, be upset.

I have always taught that one should “challenge the comfortable and comfort those who are challenged” but of course that is difficult in a 10 minute monologue. Each Sunday morning there will be some who are experiencing real difficulties in their lives. In addition we have all been brought up with different ideas as to what ‘the true faith’ really is and we are all at different stages on our journey in that faith. It is tempting to tell stories or make points that we hope will offend no-one.

However, I do believe that a failure of my generation of clergy has been that we have failed to communicate two basic things we learned at college: the biblical criticism which makes the Bible so much more exciting and inspirational than simply thinking God wrote it; and the development of doctrine over the centuries which has never stayed the same but developed alongside all our other forms of knowledge.

Some have left our Churches because they see things changing (often with great fuss like the congregation in Stornaway recently) but many more I believe have quietly drifted away because they can no longer believe some things

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that assume they have to believe if they are to remain good members of their Church. The young in particular find it hard to hold together the knowledge they have of our world and the images that described faith millennia ago.

And yet the desire to honour a spiritual reality is still strong. Neither fundamentalist faith nor atheism can really meet the need inside us. But to live in that middle ground, both recognising the reality of God and the call to humanity to live holy lives, and also at the same time rejoicing in all the wonders of God's universe that we are discovering, is not easy. It requires a recognition that none of us can hold the whole truth, and that everyone has something to contribute, and we are all at different points on our journey.

Not easy: but an exciting, creative area in which to try and preach about the God who is so much greater than anything we might describe or even imagine.

Jim Mein

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TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT  
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# The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

Sea Sunday will be celebrated at Holy Trinity on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, also the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul which is very appropriate as both had seafaring experiences - Saint Peter suffering storms when fishing in the Sea of Galilee and St Paul was shipwrecked three times.

The celebrant will be Revd. Tim Tunley who is the Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers in Scotland. With the help of one full-time administrator and volunteer ship visitors, he has the responsibility for providing chaplaincy services for seafarers in the Forth Ports, the Clyde Ports, Aberdeen, Montrose, Dundee, Perth, Oban, Kinlochbervie, Lochinver, Ullapool and as necessary in any of the others of the 85 declared Scottish Ports.

Founded in 1856 the Mission to Seafarers provides emergency assistance, practical support and a friendly welcome to merchant seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and faiths in over 250 ports throughout the world. To do this it depends entirely on donations from the public and congregations such as ours, which over recent years has held an annual collection for the Mission. So on 29<sup>th</sup> June please give generously to the retiring collection to allow the important work of the Mission to continue and give some thanks to the seafarers who do so much and undergo hardships to bring us the things we need from overseas.

Brian Smith

## Notes from The Vestry Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

All except two members were able to attend the meeting this month. We were pleased to record that permission had been granted to complete the proposed alterations to the church roof. The official letter of permission is displayed on the church noticeboards.

During his ministry report Jim informed us of the arrangements for services during the summer months. As both clergy will be having much needed holidays over the summer please keep us informed of any member of the congregation who would like a pastoral visit and either of the wardens or myself will contact one of the clergy.

Ross gave us an overview of the pastoral work and of the monthly service held at Canmore Lodge 17-20 residents, staff and visitors attend this each month.

Jack expressed the appreciation of Vestry and indeed members of the congregation of all that both Jim and Ross were doing and this was warmly endorsed by all present.

In his financial report Peter produced a graph of required and actual income and pointed out that as yet we do not have the normal expenses of a Rector.

The vacancy was discussed and Fay was asked to write to Bishop David requesting a meeting of both Vestries at an early date. We now have a meeting arranged for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. The congregations will be informed as soon as there is anything to report.

## Notes from The Vestry Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

Andrew Morris was unable to attend the Vestry meeting due to work commitments but sent a most comprehensive report regarding the new requirements for disclosures and two Vestry members will be completing the new forms. (I have had a look at mine and honestly it won't take too long!)

Ken gave a report of a preliminary meeting he had had with Fife Council regarding the upgrading of the floodlighting scheme in the area. He was given authority to proceed with the discussions.

Elaine reported on the Young Church activities especially the Good Friday Happening and the Easter Egg Hunt both of which had been successful. She also informed that the school holidays are extended to 7 weeks this year and it may not be possible to provide a supervised crèche on those weeks. However the bags of books are available in the church for visiting families.

Jack will be making a few suggested trial amendments to the service sheet.

Pam reported that the Open Day at the Rectory had been most successful and those attending had made many appreciative comments about the work done.

The next Vestry scheduled Vestry Meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Fay Cuthbertson,

Vestry Secretary

25<sup>th</sup> May 2014



# The Wives' Group

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

**Monday 16th June** - Summer Lunch - we are back at the Keavil House Hotel, Crossford, for our lunch. This has always proved to be a great success with a lovely 2 course lunch. If anyone is interested in joining us, please let Helen, Pam, Doreen or myself know before 2nd June so we can keep the hotel informed as to numbers.

**Monday 23rd June** - the Annual General Meeting of the Wives Group will get under way at 7.30 pm. This will be our last meeting until we resume in September, after the summer break.

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

Yvonne Gosling  
Secretary

to thank everyone who attended the fundraising evening on the 9th of May. There was a lot of laughter, food and of course the much anticipated 'Commonwealth Quiz' with first prize being first choice of deserts! We raised a magnificent sum of £390 which will go towards MU charitable funds. We are now in our ninth year of International Feast and the money raised over these years would not be possible without everyone's support and enthusiasm.

On behalf of all the kitchen team and everybody else who helped with the organisation, I would like to express sincere gratitude for all of your work. We look forward to making our tenth year just as good!

Our next meeting will be held in the church hall on Wednesday 4th June at 2pm. It's our summer sing-a-long by Sue Masson and Val Lesley - Guaranteed Fun! No previous singing experience required, just your wonderful selves and be sure to bring some of your favourite songs from throughout the ages.

Dorissia

## **Saint of the Month – St. Peter**

**St. Peter**  
**29 June**

This month we will take a look at the greatest of all the Saints. It would be possible to fill a whole book on him but we are limited by the space that can be spared in the magazine so I am not going to repeat everything in the Gospels about him - you can follow that for yourselves.

Born the son of Jonah and named Simon he was given the name Peter, a rock, by Christ who commissioned him to look after the Christian Community saying that it was on this rock that the Christian Church would be built and that Peter had the authority to forbid or allow things on earth which would also apply in heaven (Mt 16.18) and abjuring him to feed his lambs and sheep (Jn 21. 15-17). This seems to have been accepted by the other apostles who after the Ascension of Jesus looked to St Peter as their leader.

It was Peter who ordained the election of a new Apostle (Mathias) to replace Judas Iscariot and commissioned a council of seven disciples to look after the day to day needs of the Christians in Jerusalem, giving the Apostles the time and freedom to spread the word. At the first Pentecost Peter preached to a crowd of Jews who were amazed to hear the apostles speaking in many tongues and having heard him near on 3000 sought to be baptised and become followers of Christ (Acts 2).

From here on, St Peter travelled extensively the Holy Land visiting and encouraging the Christian Communities. His travels are in part covered in the Acts of the Apostles and

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included not only preaching but also the performance of miracles. He cured a lame man in the Temple. He cured a man with paralysis when visiting Lydda and raised Dorcas from the dead at Joppa. All these miracles attracted new followers not only from among the Jews but also from gentiles.

The success of the Christians had not escaped the notice of the Jewish authorities and Peter and his fellows were brought before the High Priest and discharged with a flogging and a warning not to preach Christianity again. Of course this did not have any effect on Peter who continued to preach Christianity. The Christians were now becoming a force to be reckoned with and began to be persecuted by King Herod the ruler of Judaea under the



Romans. He arrested and imprisoned Peter and the day before his trial, which would have led to the death sentence, an angel appeared to Peter and struck off his manacles and released him.

We know that Peter continued travelling to different communities and for some time led the Christians at Antioch. He then went to the Rome, the hub of the Roman Empire and became leader of the Christians there and was generally accepted as the leader of the Christian Church. What is amazing is that at this time, St. Paul was also in Rome. It

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must have been fantastic to have been able to see and hear these two Titans of the early Christian Church. There were certainly arguments between the two, particularly over the relative status of Jewish and gentile converts to Christianity and St. Paul publicly says Peter is wrong. (Galateans 2.14).

Both Peter and Paul were martyred in 64 AD in the pogrom against the Christians blaming them for causing the great fire of Rome. Legend has it that St Peter was crucified upside down as he asked his executioners not to kill him in the same way as Jesus as he was not worthy to die in a similar manner to his master.

Because of the pronouncement by Jesus that gave authority to Peter over the church on earth and ordained that what he said on earth would also apply in heaven, St Peter has been considered as holding the keys of heaven and judging which souls should be admitted there in the hereafter. The symbol of St Peter is the crossed keys. The Roman Catholic Church uses these words as the argument for Papal authority and Papal infallibility. Perhaps because of this there have over the centuries, been continual arguments as to whether Peter ever went to Rome and whether the two epistles ascribed to him were his work. Good arguments can be made to support either side but the legendary version was believed by the early church for several centuries and this is a sound argument for accepting them.

As to character, Peter seems to have been a bit brash emphasising his love and belief in Jesus as the Messiah and

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then having doubts, but one can wonder whether the triple denial at the time of the Passion was anything more than sensible pragmatism. On another occasion, however, Peter's faith did waver when he brashly decided to try and copy Jesus by walking on the water and then lost faith and sank, having to be saved by Jesus. Many commentators cite his cutting off of the High Priest's servant's ear as indicating a quick temper. Surely though this would be the natural reaction when on a dark night some men waylay a loved and respected friend. What I find more interesting is how Peter came to have a sword and knew how to use it. A common fisherman's choice of weapon would more likely have been a cudgel. It makes one wonder whether there was more to St Peter than we are told in the gospels.

With reference to Peter's two epistles it is interesting to read them and compare them with the more voluble style of the Pauline epistles. One gets the feeling that St Peter was much more direct and straightforward than Paul. A manuscript was also uncovered of a gospel alleged to have been written by St Peter but this was adjudged by the early church as being apocryphal.

I have a feeling that Elaine will think that I have written too much so perhaps it is time that I quoted the penultimate line of a well known children's rhyme:

I'll let you off this time! <i>Ed</i>
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"Fly away Peter. Fly away Paul."

My theme this year is the need to achieve £6,000 from the **Stewardship Campaign**.

I have received a pledge from 31 people which total £3,060 per annum.

If you require a **Standing Order Mandate** or a **Gift Aid Declaration Form** please speak to me or Rod Key.

The annual income shown in the budget is £56,000 and at the end of April the income was £35,781.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £420.

*Peter Hutchings*

Readings for June			
1 Jun	Acts 1: 6-14	1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11	John 17:1-11
8 Jun	Acts 2: 1-21	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13	John 20:19-23
15 Jun	Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13	Matthew 28:16- 20
22 Jun	Genesis 21: 8-21	Romans 6: 1b-11	Matthew 10:24- 39
29 Jun	Genesis 22: 1-14	Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10:40- 42
6 July	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16- 19, 25-30

## DUTY ROTA FOR JUNE

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
1 Jun	Linda Sherwood Fay Cuthbertson	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Fleming Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	Muriel McKenzie Dorissia Forsyth	John Macdonald
8 Jun	Jack Wardell Malcolm Gosling	Hilary & Stephen Ballinger	Sheila Hawkins Grace Soanes	Rebecca Cromwell Rod Key Muriel McKenzie	Pamela Grimley Caroline King	Adrienne Lyon
15 Jun	Elaine Cromwell Adrienne Lyon	Peter & Jean Crabb	Barbara Key Wendy Stephen	Rod Key Pam Lynn Isobel Thomson	Doreen Esnol Yvonne Gosling	Barbara Hand
22 Jun	Ron Hawkins Pam Lynn	Peter & Barbara Hand	Frances Jack Monica Terry	Rebecca Fleming Brendan Grimley Ron Hawkins	Andrienne Lyon Gill Wardell	Linda Brownlie
29 Jun	Helen Dalgity Fay Cuthbertson	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Edith & Arthur Slack	Rod Key Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	Iain Wedge Sheona Wedge	TBC
6 July	Jack Wardell Ivor Curran	Adrienne & John Lyon	Andrew & Dorothy Nicol	Rebecca Cromwell Rod Key Muriel McKenzie	TBC	TBC

The next Vestry meeting is on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. A  
report will follow in the summer magazine.



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What do you like/dislike? What do you want more or less  
of? Do you have something that you would like to  
contribute on a regular basis? Any other suggestions?  
Please do let me know.

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