# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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

## Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane

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### Services:

Sunday: Eucharists at 8am & 11am

Young Church at 11am

Thursday: Eucharist at 10.15am

# Pebbles on the shore

"On a particularly treacherous stretch of coastline, where ships were frequently wrecked and many people lost their lives, two men, with an old rowing boat, set themselves up as coastquards.

When the weather was bad, they would keep watch, and if they saw a ship in difficulties, they would row out and offer assistance, or rescue the crew.

Over time, others joined them; they managed to afford to buy a couple proper life-boats, and they built a boathouse to keep them in. Most days, they risked their lives on behalf of others, going out in stormy seas and rescuing unfortunate seafarers before they and their boats were dashed into tiny pieces on the rocks.

Gradually, others became associated with the lifeboat men.

They themselves didn't go out in the boats, but they supported the men who did.

Eventually, it was decided to build a life-boat clubhouse; the number of associates grew and grew and, what had now become a club, took on a life of its own.

The rescue work quietly continued for a few years, but gradually, it became less and less important and



more and more an intrusion into the social life of the club members

As time went on, long periods went by in which the life-boats never left the boathouse; and eventually it was decided that they should be sold in order to build an extension to the clubhouse."

At Church too it's easy for us to forget who we are and what we're here for; to lose sight of the bigger picture as we get caught up with everyday matters and in running the organisation.

Sometimes, we need to stop and look back. Not so that we become bound by the past. But so that we can be inspired by what has gone before; and encouraged by the vision of our forebears to move forwards into the unknown with confidence and hope and in the knowledge of what our purpose is.

### 2011 Bishop's Lent Appeal

There have now been two visits to the Diocese of Calcutta as part of the process of establishing a Companionship Link between the dioceses. Canons Val Nellist and Dom Ind visited before Christmas. Andrew Pont, Canon Bob Harley and I visited last week. You will find a full account and pictures on my blog at <a href="https://www.bishopdavid.net">www.bishopdavid.net</a>

Arunima Hospice

A Centre for Holistic Care, Counselling and Support for People Living with HV/AIDS

We felt that it would be useful way of strengthening the link if we were to make

one of the projects which the Diocese of Calcutta supports the subject of our annual Lent Appeal. A leaflet\* gives full information about ARUNIMA AIDS HOSPICE and the accompanying photo was taken on my visit there. The most recent building on the site was opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury on his visit to India in August 2010.

I found this an inspiring project. We were greeted by a singing group of children and teenagers. Other areas of the Hospice had accommodation for adults. It was a bright and positive place in which the values of Christian healing were practised as a daily necessity and



discipline. I have seen and experienced a lot in my time - but I found it a 'lump in the throat' sort of place.

Donations can be made to Holy Trinity through the plate or directly to the treasurer and marked for "Bishop's Lent Appeal. The total collected will be forwarded to the Diocese prior to transfer to Calcutta.

+David

Ed. \*We hope that there will be a supply of the leaflets made available in the church during April

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

- Sunday 17 April: Palm Sunday: 8.00: Said Eucharist with blessing and distribution of palm crosses; 11.00 am Liturgy of Palms and liturgy of the Passion with a dramatic presentation of the Passion Narrative.
- Monday 18 April to Wednesday 20 April: 7.00 pm: Eucharist with reflections
- Thursday 21 April, Maundy Thursday: 10:15 am: Eucharist;
   7.00 pm: Liturgy of the Last Supper (joint service with Saint Margaret, Rosyth and Rosyth Methodist Church)
- Friday 22 April, Good Friday: 2.00 pm: Reflections for Good Friday with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.
- Saturday 23 April, Holy Saturday: 8.30 pm Easter Vigil Service including the Blessing of the New Fire, lighting of the Paschal Candle, renewal of baptism vows and first communion of Easter
- Sunday 24 April, Easter Day: 8.00 am: Said Eucharist (Scottish Prayer Book, 1929); 11.00 am: Festal Eucharist and baptisms.



#### Thank You

"Eddie would like to thank everyone for the get well cards and phone calls while in hospital. Home now and making slow a slow recovery".

May and Eddie Kirton- Vaughan

### John Pritchard, 'How to Pray' (SPCK 2002).

We all pray in church. We may all pray at home. But, as prayer is basically relating to God, do we always feel 'connected?' Do we sometimes wonder if we are talking to ourselves? Do we listen for God speaking to us?

In this very accessible little volume John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford at time of writing, is addressing these questions and helping us to understand and to work towards feeling God's presence when we pray. In our fast-moving, often hectic, society, we can feel obliged to fill every moment with 'useful' activity. If we are not able to do so, we may well worry about this inability. Often we fail to slow down and reflect. This is what John Pritchard encourages us to do in the first section of his work. There is a delightful little quotation in this early part of the book, a re-writing of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm by Toki Miyashina entitled 'Psalm 23 For Busy People.' To quote the first few lines 'The Lord is my Pace-Setter, I shall not rush, He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals, he provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.'

There are five parts or sections to the book, each dealing with a different aspect of prayer. The second section takes us through the day with God, helping us to see how we can relate to Him from when we wake till when we retire to bed. Section three introduces us to various ways of praying through the Bible, using Ignation, Benedictine, Franciscan or Celtic methods. The fourth part looks at how our personalities and interests can be harnessed to help us sense the presence of God, for example using the arts and music or silence or our imagination. He also stresses the value of sacred times and sacred places. Finally John Pritchard looks at praying in bad times, whether times of personal trauma or times when we feel somewhat adrift in our faith, and he urges us to persevere, to make the whole of our life a prayer.

I found this to be a delightful and inspiring little book, filling me with hope and the inexpressible love of God. Interspersed with Bishop John's sound, practical and invaluable words of guidance are quotations, anecdotes and even a few appropriate cartoons. I would like to end this review with the Bishop's quotation of a prayer of St. Benedict, which I found particularly helpful-

## **Prayer of St Benedict**

'O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you.

eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Margaret Dineley** 

### **Decorating the Church for Easter**

Volunteers are invited to help with the decoration of the church on Saturday 23rd April commencing at 10am.

All skill and experience levels are welcome; just bring your enthusiasm and sense of fun. Please let me know if you can come along and help.



Gill



At the end of February the income was £26,116 and the expenditure £33,821.

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

The collection for The Royal Marines Trust was £156.

The Diocese has proposed to rent a flat in Dunfermline for the use of the Curate.

The Vestry has agreed to the proposal, however although the travel costs will reduce it is likely that we will incur an increase of £50-£100 per month in our support for the Curate. If you would like to contribute to this increase I would of course be very happy to receive any donations

Peter Hutchings

### **Young Church News**

During March we concluded our theme of "Wise or Foolish?" and have started our Lenten theme "Live for Lent". We all enjoyed taking part in the All Age Service on 6th March and "transforming" Andy and Karen as we recalled how Jesus was transfigured on the mountain top and how God said "Listen to Him". Later that day, several members of the Young Church took part in the Children's World Day of Prayer activities and service at Dunfermline Abbey where we made colourful fish, watched a puppet show about the feeding of the five thousand and remembered our sisters and brothers in Chile.

Many of our older YC members recently took part in the YF Murder Mystery evening. We all had a great evening dressing up as our favourite Alice in Wonderland characters and were shocked to discover that it was Alice all along!



On Good Friday, weather permitting, we plan to visit Lochore Meadows to enjoy some outdoor activities with a Passiontide theme. We plan to arrive at the park for 11.00am with activities finishing at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome, especially visiting children. Please bring a packed lunch and your waterproof jacket (just in case!). If, on the day, it is very wet, please contact Elaine or Sheona before travelling, for alternative arrangements.

Elaine

The Youth Fellowship had a busy time in March with, first of all, a special Murder Mystery organised by Jenny to raise some funds towards the "Glenshee" weekend.

As usual the Murder Mystery was just that; a Great Mystery! But lots of fun and opportunity to dress up and have fun. The photograph opposite shows two of the older YF members posing for the camera.

The other photo top right shows the happy group sitting in the sun at the lodge at Glenshee. Activities included archery, hill walking and, apparently a "water challenge" which involved carrying a plastic cup of water in your mouth whilst crossing a dodgy bridge!



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April 3	8am 11am	Rod Key All Age—YC Mothering Sunday Rod Key YC YC Brendan Grimley & Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices				
10	8am 11am	Rod Key Linda Sherwood Sabine Forsyth Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry Mr & Mrs S Ballinger Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices				
17	8am 11am	Rod Key Margaret Dineley Andrew Wedge Linda Sherwood & Michelle Fearnley Angela Hayes & Derek Morrison Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices				
24	8am 11am	Rod Key Dorissia Forsyth Rod Key Mr & Mrs P Hand Mr & Mrs G Philp Isobel Thomson	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices				
May 1	8am 11am	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Sabine Forsyth Mr & Mrs J Waterfield Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke Brendan Grimley & Ron Hawkins	Server Intercessions Server Collection Bread & Wine Chalices				
Articles and church notices are always welcome. Please contact Jack Wardell; preferably by email to jack.wardell@btinternet.com							

Readings and Readers							
3 <sup>rd</sup> April Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41	All Age Ser- vice			
10 <sup>th</sup> April Lent 5	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6- 11	John 11:1-45				
17 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4- 9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14- 27:66				
24 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	Acts 10:34- 43	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18				
1 <sup>st</sup> May Low Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31				



Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY							
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