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Young Church 11am

Thursday Eucharist 10.15am



All Change!

After some 14 years as our

very able magazine editor, Jack Wardell has decided it is time to lay down his pen (or as is the case these days) email his carefully crafted, electronic magazine templates to another!

When I heard that Jack was looking for a volunteer to take on the role of magazine editor, I thought "I could do that. I like fiddling about with clipart and photos. I'll enjoy the challenge!" And that's all true but I was certainly not prepared for exactly how involved the whole process can be!

And so it is with great respect, that I take on the role (at least for the time being – any volunteers?) of Holy Trinity magazine editor. On

behalf of us all at HT, thank you Jack, for your unfaltering dedication and pure hard work producing our magazine over the years.

Elaine

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Taizé – a "parable of community"

Many of you will be aware that we have been holding "Taizé" services in church around once a month, since the start of the year. These services are based around the principles of worship of a community of Christian Brothers from Taizé in the Burgundy region of France. The community was established by Brother Roger in 1940 when, acting upon a strong call to establish a community, Brother Roger left Switzerland for his native France.

When the Second World War began, Brother Roger wanted to come to the assistance of people going through this ordeal. The small village of Taizé, where he settled, was quite close to the demarcation line dividing France in two: it was well situated for sheltering refugees fleeing the war. Friends from Lyon started giving the address of Taizé to people in need of a place of safety.

Brother Roger bought a house with outlying buildings that had been uninhabited for years. He asked one of his sisters, Genevieve, to come and help him offer hospitality. Among the refugees they sheltered were Jews. There was no running water, so for drinking water they had to go to the village well. Food was simple, mainly soups made from corn flour bought cheaply at the nearby mill.

Brother Roger's parents, knowing that their son and daughter were in danger, asked a retired French officer who was a friend of the family to watch over them. In the autumn of 1942, he warned them that their activities had been found out and that everyone should leave at once. So until the end of the war, it was in Geneva that Brother Roger lived and it was there that he began a common life with his first brothers. They were able to return to Taizé in 1944.

In 1945, a young lawyer from the region set up an association to take charge of children who had lost their parents in the war. He suggested to the brothers that they welcome a certain number of

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them in Taizé. A men's community could not receive children. So Brother Roger asked his sister Genevieve to come back to take care of them and become their mother. On Sundays, the brothers also welcomed German prisoners-of-war interned in a camp nearby Taizé.

Gradually other young men came to join the original group, and on Easter Day 1949, there were seven of them who committed themselves together for their whole life in celibacy and to a life together in great simplicity.

Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

Certain brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, to be witnesses of peace there, alongside people who are suffering. These small groups of brothers, in Asia, Africa and South America, share the living conditions of the people around them. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poor, street children, prisoners, the dying, and those who are wounded by broken relationships, or who have been abandoned.

Taizé services feature simple songs, repeated many times. The Brothers describe the songs on their website:

"Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this

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reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth," as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us.

These songs also sustain personal prayer. Through them, little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God. They can continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others or resting. In this way prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts." *

Since starting Taizé services at Holy Trinity, the response from those who have taken part has been quite remarkable. People have expressed a whole variety of experiences including being moved by the simple beauty of the music and prayer to deep feelings of calm and warmth, joy, love and hope.

Our next Taizé Eucharist will take place in church at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd October.

You can discover more about the Taize community on their website:



www.taize.fr

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'Free your spirit/stoke your inner fire: An ecumenical gathering for spiritual growth.'

Looking for a different way to spend part of your Saturday? Looking for something spiritually fulfilling taking place within a warm and friendly environment? Then look no further – free your questing spirit and join us on Saturday, $12^{\rm th}$ November at Rosyth Methodist Church. We'll meet for tea/coffee at 10.30am ready to start at 11am.

The introductory session invites you to start stoking your inner fire by taking part in a form of imaginative prayer from Scripture. Following this you can choose between two workshops, one on Lectio Divina and the other on Centring Prayer.

The lunch break gives you an opportunity to relax in company and feed the physical body, having just fed the soul. We will provide tea, coffee and soup (do bring sandwiches etc if you want).

After lunch you will have a choice again between two workshops, this time one on Christian Meditation and the other on Praying with pictures. The afternoon will conclude with an informal Wild Goose Eucharist, finishing around 3pm.

Puzzled by unfamiliar terminology? Well, don't stay out in the cold! Come into the warmth of the Rosyth Methodist Church in company with members of other churches in the Rosyth and Dunfermline area and all will be revealed.

The Spirituality Group, Holy Trinity Church.

Young Church News

Young Church returned invigorated (well our younger members certainly!) after our summer break on Sunday 21st August. On Sunday 28th August YC together with the whole congregation welcomed little Imogen Lethiers on the occasion of her Baptism. As we move forward into the Autumn we will be focusing upon Matthew's Gospel from chapters 18 to 23, beginning a series of practical teachings on skills for living.

A Note from 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 5th September - our 2011/2012 programme begins with an opening Service in church at 7.30 pm.

Monday 19th September - is a Bingo Evening with very sweet prizes.

Monday 3rd October - Pam Grimley will be showing another of her very interesting DVD's on Edinburgh.

Monday 17th October - James Geldart, one of our own congregation, is coming along to tell us about his job as a Paramedic.

Monday 31st October - Alan Suttie from The Fife Society for the Blind is coming to tell us about the work carried out by this society.

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



Please sir, may I have some more?

Young Church will be holding a Soup Lunch on Sunday 11th September after the 11am service to raise funds for a charity (the children will choose the recipient charity as part of their Sunday activities)

St. Andrews West Area Council Annual Service 2011

This year Holy Trinity is hosting the annual St. Andrews West Area Council Service, which will take place on Sunday 2nd October at our usual morning worship time of 11am. Our Bishop and Primus, +David, will be preaching and celebrating.

Members from the various churches represented in this Area Council are being invited. As well as Holy Trinity and St. Margaret's, Rosyth, these comprise the Episcopal Churches in Kinross, Lochgelly, Glenrothes, Leven, Kirkcaldy, Burntisland, Aberdour and Inverkeithing.

The service will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist. The Young Church will be involved as well as a music group and a joint choir, incorporating instrumentalists and choirs and individual singers from all the churches. Activities for the children will take place partly within the service and separately in the hall. There will also be a crèche in the hall. After the service there will be the usual tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall.

If you have any queries or would like to be involved in any of the musical or children's activities, please contact myself initially and I will put you in touch with the relevant person.

Do be sure to come along and welcome the Bishop and our Episcopal neighbours on this special occasion.

Margaret Dineley, Lay Representative, Holy Trinity.



Readings for September					
4 Sept Proper 18 (23)	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15- 20		
11 Sept	Genesis 50:15-	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-		
Proper 19 (24)	21		35		
18 Sept	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Philippians 1:21-	Matthew 20:1-		
Proper 20 (25)		30	16		
25 Sept	Ezekiel 18:1-4,	Philippians 2:1-	Matthew 21:23-		
Proper 21 (26)	25-32	13	32		

Rotas for September					
4 Sept	8am	Phil Smithard	Server		
	11am	All Age	Intercessions		
		Ellen Fearnley	Server		
		All Age	Collection		
		All Age	Bread & Wine		
		Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Chalices		
11 Sept	8am	Phil Smithard	Server		
	11am	Barbara Hand	Intercessions		
		Rod Key	Server		
		Mr & Mrs P Crabb	Collection		
		Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry	Bread & Wine		
		Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices		
18 Sept	8am	Phil Smithard	Server		
	11am	Linda Brownlie	Intercessions		
		Sabine Forsyth	Server		
		Angela Hayes & Derek Morrison	Collection		
		Mr & Mrs G Philp	Bread & Wine		
		Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Chalices		
25 Sept	8am	Phil Smithard	Server		
	11am	Ron Hawkins	Intercessions		
		Ellen Fearnley	Server		
		Doreen Esnol & Frances Jack	Collection		
		Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes	Bread & Wine		
		Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices		

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY						
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	Malcolm Gosling	851605				
	Linda Sherwood	416558				
	Jenny Stooke	-				
	Pam Pryde	739039				
	Polly St Aubyn	-				
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Servers	Phil Smithard	722416				
Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683				
Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948				
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309				
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Youth Fellowship	Jenny Stooke	-				
Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955				
Mother's Union	Isobel Thomson	624322				
	Caroline Laurie	616244				
Wives Group	Muriel McKenzie	727115				
	Yvonne Gosling	851605				
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HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981				
	Pam Pride	739039				
	Doreen Esnol	621054				
	George Philp	725860				
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	Michelle Fearnley	412255				
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054				
	Fay Spink	735732				
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732				



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