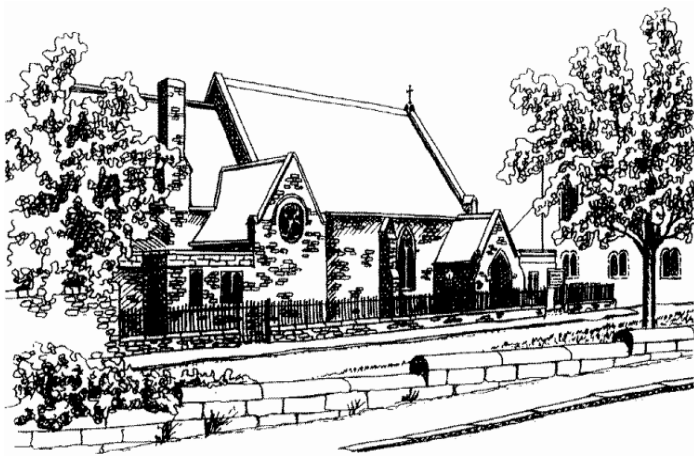


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		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am



Picture the scene, feeling rather pleased with myself, I was almost finished this month's edition of the magazine, in time to relax for the evening. My thoughts were turning

to what I would put in this introduction page. I only had one last picture to insert, then type this page, then I was done.

I was thinking about the clocks going back at the weekend and that extra hour I would gain. Oh the possibilities..... an extra hour reading my book in my comfy bed or perhaps a lazy start to Sunday morning. Maybe I would stay up later on Saturday night and enjoy a film or perhaps I could wash that kitchen floor? But as I inserted that last picture it all went horribly wrong.

The programme froze, an error message flashed across the screen. In my panic, I pressed the wrong button and yes, it was all lost. Well, most of it anyway. I tried to recover the document but to no avail. I would have to start again. What would I now be doing with that extra hour?

I felt pretty frustrated but as I re-typed the article about God in Popular Culture it struck me how relevant God's advice to Joan was to my situation. Perhaps God was showing me that I shouldn't try to plan every moment of every day. Perhaps I should learn to take things as they come. Perhaps instead of longing for more time, I should make the most of this moment right now. I hope you enjoy November's magazine. *Elaine.*

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Prayer Group Retreat



Half a dozen members of our Prayer Group spent an early autumn day of retreat at The Bield, a Retreat Centre based on a former farmstead, set in peaceful countryside near Perth. The stillness and the spirituality wrapped themselves around us as we arrived, together with the warmth and friendliness of the staff.

Our day commenced with Morning Prayers in the chapel, a jewel of a place located in a former small outbuilding. Following the service and a welcome cup of tea or coffee, Robin, who runs the Retreat Centre with his wife Marianne, spoke to our group on the subject of Christian Meditation. For the rest of the day we followed our own loose programme, sometimes together, sometimes alone, punctuated by 'pit stops' to enjoy the excellent food prepared by the staff, many of the ingredients having been

grown in their own gardens and smallholding.

We were able to wander in the extensive grounds, which include a large walled garden, in which there is a small healing garden, full of soothing aromatic herbs. The lounge and prayer rooms gave us quiet places for meditation, reading and prayer and the art room was a source of inspiration for creative 'messy play' for adults!

In the morning we walked the outdoor grassy labyrinth together, accompanied by several of the Centre's hens - though they tended to cheat and cross the paths! After lunch we held our own short worship service in the chapel and talked of what God was telling us through the leaves, pine cones or stones we had chosen to pick up during our morning walks in the grounds.

Community worship, walking the labyrinth and praying with Robin, followed by dinner, completed our day.

Prayer Group Retreat



It was a day valued by all of us and we would highly recommend a visit, either for a day or an overnight stay, for a private retreat or for attending special themed retreats or quiet days which they hold from time to time.

I spent two nights at The Bield a couple of years ago - a wonderful way to unwind - and Lee Green and I had had a relaxing and spiritually rewarding day there back in August.

It is so good to still ourselves and concentrate on relating to and listening to God in a calm, attractive environment where 'rush and hurry' seem a world away.

If you wish to know more, there is a leaflet about The Bield on the large noticeboard in the church hall, or you could speak to Doreen or myself, or you could visit their web site: just type in The Bield at Blackruthven.

Margaret Dineley.

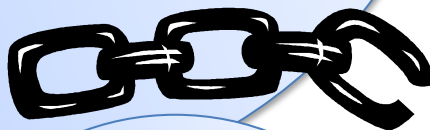


INVITATIONS FROM VIEWFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Our neighbours invite everyone to their Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study, Prayer, Tea and Blether Group which meets in the Viewfield Centre Coffee Lounge every Tuesday @2pm, normally finishing around 4pm. This is a very relaxed and informal gathering. For more details phone 01383 736020 or just turn up.

You are also invited with Tim and Valerie and about 70 others to become part of our email Prayer Chain. All requests (prayer, thanksgiving etc) are confidential and no one will know anyone else's email details. To be a link in the Chain please email

david@hingston40.freeserve.co.uk and you will be sent the simple guide lines.



'Freeing your spirit and stoking your inner fire.'

The Ecumenical Spirituality Event - Saturday November 12th, Rosyth Methodist Church

Contact Margaret Dineley - 01383 624377 for more details.

Our 11am service on 13th November will include our Act of Remembrance just before the service starts. Please arrive at church in time for a 10.50 start.



My Road To Holy Trinity

In this, the first of what we hope will become a series of regular articles about the lives and faith journeys of our congregation, Ross Stirling describes the path which brought him to Holy Trinity. If you would like to share your own story, whether you are a well-kent or new face at Holy Trinity, please contact Elaine. A big thank you to Ross for being the first to share his inspiring story so candidly.

**Have you
always
been a
spiritual or
religious
person?**

Yes! I have always been a believer but not always attended Church. I started going to the Baptist Church in Broxburn when I was about 12 years old. The area I grew up in meant that young people either had the option of hanging around the streets, drinking and whatever else OR getting involved in after school activities. I chose the Baptist Church and summer club. I attended the Church with friends and always felt a bit awkward as I never had any family members go with me.

In September 2010, I was diagnosed with stage 4 aggressive Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma type cancer (mouthful!). This was a total shock to me and I knew I was going to fight it but I needed all the help I could find. Since my Broxburn Baptist Church days, I never stopped believing or praying so, for me, attending Church again was an obvious route to take. I now believe I had to go through this journey for a reason... it brought me back close to God.

**Tell us a bit
about your
spiritual
journey.**

My Road To Holy Trinity

**Why did
you choose
Holy
Trinity?**

Holy Trinity stood out for me straight away. This may sound unusual but I felt like that I was drawn to the actual physical building of the Church. I attended the Vine Church first of all (through a suggestion from a friend). This was probably the best thing I could have done as it led me to HT. The Vine was a lovely place with wonderful Christian people but this was not the place of worship for me. It was evident that their values and beliefs were different from that of my own and I knew I had to find a Church in which I could grow spiritually and feel welcomed for who I am.

Before I attended HT I remember calling Tim to ask a few questions and to ensure I'd be welcome. It was daunting to walk into a Church for the first time without knowing anyone. However, I will never forget that first visit. Everyone was so welcoming and I was invited to stay afterwards for coffee and a chat. Tim made a point of catching up with me after the service and ensuring I was ok. I felt welcomed and part of the Church family from day one. This meant a lot to me that Tim and others went out of their way to make me feel at ease. Once I felt this was the right place of worship for me I was able to introduce my partner to the Church. He had doubts about attending since we are in a same sex relationship. However, after being in a committed relationship for many years we considered it important to be accepted.

**How did
you feel
when you
arrived at
the church?**

**Has it
changed you
in any way,
becoming a
church
member?**

Where do I begin! Firstly, I feel more committed to God and as a Christian person. I feel part of the congregation and as a person I do believe that I have been given a more positive outlook in life. I now feel that I have a second family through attending HT and feel blessed that I enjoy taking part in Church activities, such as the Fair Trade stall

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.

Saturday 5th November - Soup and Sandwich Lunch to be held in the church hall from 12.00 till 2.00 pm. For a donation of £3.50 enjoy some delicious homemade soup and a sandwich.

Monday 14th November - Helen Dalgity will tell us all about her exciting holiday in Kenya.

Monday 28th November - Make your own Christmas Card under expert tuition – great fun !

Monday 12th December - Christmas Party with festive games and nibbles.

All of these events are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. (except the Soup & Sandwich Lunch) and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary



The Women's Guild

Would like to thank Edith Slack for her many successful years as Guild leader.

We are pleased to announce that Catherine Duncan has agreed to take over as our new leader.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th November at 2pm in the church hall. Do come and join us.

God in Popular Culture

There have been numerous books and papers written on the subject of God and the Christian message in popular culture and this is a theme which Young Church have explored on several occasions. While it is important that young Christians learn from the Bible and the Gospels in particular, experiencing God and the Christian message through contemporary stories or films for example, can help children understand that God is living, moving and working in our world today as much as in Biblical times. We hope, from time to time, to share with you some of our experiences of God and the Christian message that we encounter through our favourite films, music or books. Why don't you share your favourites too? - just contact the Editor!

A firm favourite in the Cromwell household is the Universal Studios film, "Evan Almighty". The film follows the main character, Evan who has been visited by God and told to build an ark, just like in the story about Noah in the Bible. Evan's wife and children think he has gone mad. They have decided to leave him to stay with his wife's parents. In this scene, they're already on the road, and they're stopping to eat at a diner. Joan, Evan's wife, meets God but doesn't realise who she's talking to. God encourages Joan and gives her some insight on life and prayer.

(Joan sees God, but thinks He is only a waiter in the diner.)

Joan: Excuse me. Can I get a refill please?

God: Coming right up.

Joan: Thank you.

Youth Fellowship

Next meeting 6.30pm Sunday 13th November in the church hall.

God in Popular Culture

God: Excuse me. Are you alright?

Joan: Yeah. *(God looks at her unconvinced.)* No. It's a long story.

God: Well, I like stories. I'm considered a bit of a storyteller myself.

Joan: My husband... Have you heard of New York's Noah?

God: *(Chuckling)* The guy who's building the ark.

Joan: That's him.

God: I love that story, Noah and the Ark. You know, a lot of people miss the point of that story. They think it's about God's wrath and anger. They love it when God gets angry.

Joan: What is the story about, then? The ark?

God: Well, I think it's a love story about believing in each other. You know, the animals showed up in pairs. They stood by each other, side by side, just like Noah and his family. Everybody entered the ark side by side.

Joan: But my husband says God told him to do it. What do you do with that?

God: Sounds like an opportunity. Let me ask you something. If someone prays for patience, do you think God gives them patience? Or does He give them the opportunity to be patient? If they pray for courage, does God give them courage, or does He give them opportunities to be courageous? If someone prayed for their family to be closer, you think God zaps them with warm, fuzzy feelings? Or does He give them opportunities to love each other?

Well, I got to run.

A lot of people to serve.

Enjoy.



Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal

I know that many of the groups at Holy Trinity have a special interest in Mary's Meals and I wonder if some of you would be kind enough to assist Dunfermline Soroptimists in a project they have taken on.

We recently heard a talk from a Representative of Mary's Meals who told us of the tremendous pleasure the children in Malawi, Liberia and Haiti get on attending school from receiving a backpack filled with all sorts of items. This is usually the first thing they have ever owned in their life. I know some of you have already participated in a similar project.

The member heading up the project for Soroptimists had the brilliant idea of asking the Scottish Executive if we could have some of the satchels used on the recent census and now hear 500 are on their way!

Can you help us fill them? This would be a wonderful way of joining with another organisation in Dunfermline to help others.

You don't need to fill a full backpack, even just a few items from the list will help someone to go to school. As all the backpacks are sorted before they are distributed, these 'extras' will be used to top up those backpacks that are missing something. Mary's Meals also encourage that, where possible, items are good quality second hand, or from a value range.



Wanted Items

- Backpack/School Bag
- Exercise Book/Notepad
- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Pencil Case
- Towel
- shorts / skirt & t-shirt, or dress
- Flip Flops/Sandals
- Small Ball eg Tennis Ball
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Spoon

I have placed some posters round the hall and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or speak with Polly.

We will let you know how many packs Holy Trinity manages to fill.

Fay C secretary@holytrinitychurch.org.uk phone 726243

Mothers' Union Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2 November 2pm HT Church Hall - AGM.

Wednesday 16 November 7:30 pm HT Church Hall
Derek Morrison Trip to India. Open meeting - all welcome.



Dunfermline based Team Tiara work hard all year to raise money for Cancer Research. They invite you to Morning Tea in the Church Hall at 10.30 on Saturday 12th November. The Team will be serving tea (and coffee) and lovely home baking using their own pretty china and cosied tea pots. There will be interesting gift stalls with a Christmas theme and an exciting raffle. Do come and support them and Cancer Research.

Maybe you saw them last year.....you can't miss them they wear pink Tshirts and tiaras!

Frances Jack



BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be Anne Cowlin's on 25th November

We are reading 'The Other Hand' by Chris Cleave
'An ambitious and fearless gallop from the jungles of Africa via a shocking encounter on a Nigerian beach to the media offices of London and domesticity in leafy suburbia...Cleave immerses the reader in the worlds of his characters with an unshakable confidence.' (Lawrence Norfolk, Guardian)

At the first meeting of the book group we agreed on dates, venues, and some of the books we would like to read. Anyone interested, please do come along and if you would like further information, speak to Helen Welsh. We're aiming for focused, lively, enjoyable discussion so do please join us.



Many Thanks!

Very many thanks to the Church from Samaritans of Dunfermline for the use of the Church Hall for their recent fundraising Light Lunch. Over £660 was raised thanks to your generosity and to our excellent soup-makers.

Special thanks to Doreen and Isobel who rolled up their sleeves and fed what must have seemed like a multitude.

*My sincere thanks to all my friends at holy Trinity for the beautiful flowers and cards I received on my birthday; to the Mothers' Union and the guild for the lovely birthday cakes, they were a big surprise, again
thank you,*

With love, Janet

Thanks to the young church for their donation to the flower fund and for their help to decorate the church for the harvest service. And also a big thank you to all the adult helpers who also rallied to the call with their donations and help on the day.

Gill Wardell.

Harvest Thanksgiving

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On Sunday 2nd October we welcomed Bishop David and many friends from our fellow Area Council churches for our Harvest Thanksgiving service. Among the highlights of the day were the “feast” of colourful fish provided by the Young Church as well as the beautiful floral displays in church on the day.



From Harvest to Christmas.....it may be too soon for many of us to start thinking about Christmas but just a quick reminder that our Christmas Greetings Tree will once again, appear in the hall in early December. For a donation of £1 you can place a “bauble” on the tree with your seasonal greetings for your friends at church. Not only does this raise funds for the church and save you lots of time writing cards it’s far better for the environment.

Readings for November

6 th November Proper 27 (32)	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
13 th November Remembrance	Job 19:21-27	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	John 6:37-40
20 th November Christ the King	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
27 th November Advent 1 (All Age)	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
4 th December Advent 2	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8

The Scouts in West Fife will again be undertaking their annual SCOUTPOST operation, collecting Christmas Cards and delivering them to Dunfermline, Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath, Rosyth and the West Fife villages. Cost this year is 25p per card. A full list of delivery areas will appear on a notice in the church vestibule mid- November.

A collecting box will also appear in the vestibule on 24th November. Cards may be placed inside, in bags along with any monies and they will be regularly cleared. The box will vanish on Thursday 15th December at 4pm and deliveries will take place in the main from 17 December and during the following week.

The congregation has supported scouting in Dunfermline this way for some time, so I hope that you will consider continuing this effort.

Many thanks – Phil Smithard

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Treasurer's Report

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £184.

The collection for the Rector's Fund was £98.



Treasurer's Report

At the end of September the income, excluding bequests, was £55,731 and the expenditure £74,232.

Three bequests were received this year and as a result the annual accounts will show a substantial surplus.

Peter Hutchings

Retiring Collections:

November – Your Oasis

December – Save the Children UK



Rotas for November

6 Nov	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am		Intercessions
		Ellen Fearnley	Server
		Fay Cuthbertson & Jenny Stooke	Collection
		Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry	Bread & Wine
		Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices
13 Nov	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am		Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Mr & Mrs R Hawkins	Collection
		Isobel Thomson & Muriel McKenzie	Bread & Wine
		Fay Cuthbertson & Ron Hawkins	Chalices
20 Nov	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am		Intercessions
		Sabine Forsyth	Server
		Mr & Mrs R Key	Collection
		Ivy Stewart & Joyce Short	Bread & Wine
		Brendan Grimley & Isobel Thomson	Chalices
27 Nov	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	All Age Service	Intercessions
		Ellen Fearnley	Server
		Young Church	Collection
		Young church	Bread & Wine
		Muriel McKenzie & Fay Cuthbertson	Chalices

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place in the church hall on
 Sunday 27th November 2011 after the
 11.00am service.

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep	Margaret Dineley	624377
Vestry:	Elaine Cromwell	721663
	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Polly St Aubyn	-
People's Warden	Ken Spink	735732
Musical Director	Roger Weatherhogg	(work) 01592 583473
Servers	Phil Smithard	722416
Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
Young Church	Sheona Wedge	720278
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
Women's Guild	Catherine Duncan	432832
HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981
	Pam Pride	739039
	Doreen Esnol	621054
	George Philp	725860
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732



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Please send any articles or notices to Elaine,
preferably by email:

ecromwell@thomsoncooper.com

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If you are a Tax Payer making donations to the church and you are not already registered for Gift Aid, please speak to Peter Hand or a member of Vestry who will help you.

Alternatively simply fill in one of the yellow gift aid envelopes that are available in the vestibule and on the pews.