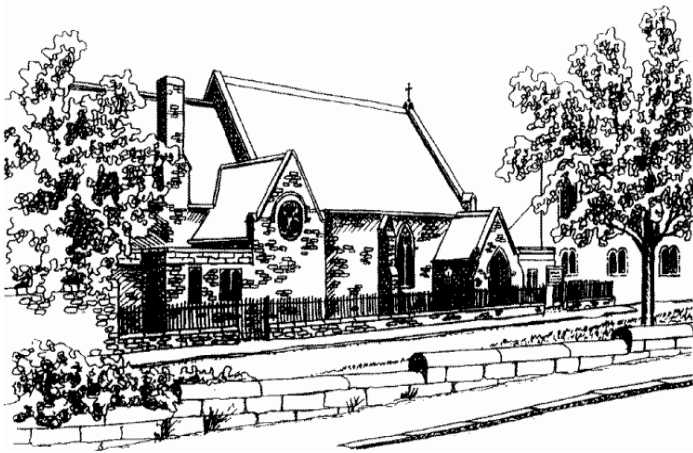


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Magazine

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		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am



Welcome to the December 2011 and January 2012 edition of Holy Trinity's magazine.

In this 'double' edition, Tim writes a thought provoking article which challenges us to reflect upon the coming of God among us. We have news from our Young Church and a Casting the Net Update as well as the usual digest of dates and up-coming events. Look out for the Prayer Group's invitation on page 5 to join with them in a series of Advent prayer meetings. You may also want to look at our website which will also list details of services and events.

The next edition of the magazine will be at the start of February 2012. One year ends and another starts – what is it they say about time flying when you're having fun?

Of course it's the season of Advent which marks the start of our new liturgical year and so I don't think I'm too early in wishing you all a Happy New Year! Or perhaps more in keeping with the meaning of Advent, may I wish for you all hope, peace, joy and love in our new year in Christ.

Elaine

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Pebbles on the shore



As we enter the season of Advent and look forward to Christmas, I find myself reflecting on the story that we rehearse at this time of year. A story we tell in our hymns and readings, in our nativity plays and Christingle services –a story brought to life by music and art; depicted on Christmas cards and crib scenes.

And, of course, it's a very familiar story – one with which most people, both in and out of the church, feel very comfortable. It's also a very simple story though, if we hear it properly, it has great power; power to question and challenge much that we hold dear.

The message is simply this: that God is present with us; God is in our midst; but if we want to find him, we have to look in rather unlikely places.

In the Christmas story, people were crying out to God for

deliverance. They were looking for God's presence in powerful leaders. They had expected a King like David of old, anointed by God with great power and authority, and equipped to lead God's people to victory over their enemies. Instead, the story reveals the frightening truth. God has come to his people not in a king or a warrior - but in a humble child. God is to be found in the weakness and vulnerability of a baby in a manger; not in power, wealth or military authority. The message is radical. God isn't to be found in the powerful; God isn't to be found in those who have authority, control and dominion; but, rather, is to be found, in the weak, the helpless and the suffering.

And that message surely should have the power to jolt us out of our festive nostalgia;

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to waken us from our turkey and mulled wine induced sleep. It strikes at the very heart of our lives and of our society in which power and wealth are still rewarded and accorded status whereas those facing poverty and vulnerability are, all too often marginalised and unheard.

But, the Christmas story presents a fundamental challenge to this way of things. It says that, that which we despise, that which we don't value at all, that which to us is worthless, that which has no place in our society is a fitting vessel for the manifestation of God.

That familiar, simple Christmas story, which evokes a warm feeling of security and well-being in us, with attendant images of snow, Christmas trees and choirboys has a sharp cutting edge. A cutting edge which pierces right to the centre of our

political, social and ecclesiastical hierarchies and challenges the very assumptions and tenets upon which they are based. No longer can we judge a person's worth according to his wealth or position, no longer can we judge a person's value according to her intellect or power. No longer can we reject, exclude or ignore those who won't or can't fit into our system; no longer can we trample on the rights of the powerless and no longer can we exploit those who are desperate or who have no voice.

The Christmas story is radical because it asserts that infinite value and infinite worth can be found especially in those who are despised and rejected by the rest of society - in those whom we ignore and exclude.

And so we're forced to wake up; to question our values

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and assumptions; to change our opinions of people; to see in all people that which is of great value; to recognise and acknowledge the presence of God in our midst and in all people no matter what their status, wealth or position.

And so this Christmas, have a wonderful time and enjoy the festivities to the full. But when it's all over, when the minced pies and mulled wine have run out and when the months of turkey sandwiches have set in perhaps we might also remember that powerful and disturbing message contained in the Christmas story, and do something about it.

Tim



Festive Services 2011

Sunday 18 December

**11.00 am: Young
Church Nativity;
3.00 pm: Service of
Lessons and Carols**

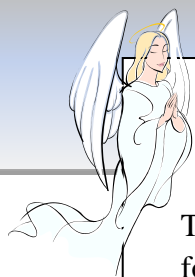
**Saturday 24 December
(Christmas Eve)**

**4.00 pm: Christingles;
11.30 pm: Midnight
Mass**

**Sunday 25 December
(Christmas Day)**

**8.00 am: Eucharist
(1662);
10.00 am: Family
Eucharist.**





Advent Prayer Meetings

The Prayer Group are hosting a series of prayer meetings for Advent. These will take place weekly, on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm in the church hall. There will be a different leader each week, including Tim and hopefully Valerie, and will include quiet music, appropriate prayers, meditations and intercessions.

These meetings are open to everyone. You are invited to dip in to one or two or come to all of them – the choice is yours. They are there to help you in your Advent journey and to provide a peaceful time to refresh yourselves spiritually amidst the hectic physical preparations for Christmas. Nothing will be asked of you – just to ‘be’ not to ‘do.’

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Doreen or Margaret.

May God be with all of us in this Advent time of waiting.

‘God waits silently
in our inner recesses,
the chambers of our soul,
gazing lovingly
on our treasure,
awaiting our response.’

(Yvonne Morland)



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 12th December - is our Christmas Party with a festive quiz, carol singing, lots of laughs and nibbles.

Please come along and join us for some fun and good company.

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

We do not meeting again until January 2012.

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be on Saturday 17th December at 10.00. Could all my helpers plus anyone who would like to join in please give me their names.

It has been suggested that the flower rota should be put up again and some of you have asked if I could give a few lessons on how to do the altar flowers. I would be happy to do this in the New Year and will put a notice in the February magazine. Gill Wardell

Our thanks to the members of Holy Trinity Congregation who support our after-Church Coffees/Teas. During the past year we have raised £1,200 for Church Funds.

Doreen Esnol and Fay Spink

Our thanks to you too ladies - well done! (Ed)

Young Church News

Iain wedge entered the People's Bible competition recently at the Oasis centre in the Kingsgate. Although his picture of Daniel and the Lion's Den did not win, the organisers were very impressed with his submission and both telephoned and sent a little note to commend him on his entry. Iain received a Bible World pencil, rubber and ruler. He was, however, even more excited by the Lion bar he was also given!



Blue Peter Bake a Difference

Thank you to everyone who bought our baking on Sunday 6th November for the Blue Peter Bake Sale. We raised £19. The Blue Peter appeal this year is for BBC Children in Need.

Rebecca & Sarah Cromwell

Casting the Net Liaison Officers Meeting, St. Peter's, Kirkcaldy,
November 12th

This is just a brief mention of a wonderful and Spirit-filled day members of churches across the Diocese spent at St. Peter's on Saturday 12th November. We were able to share experiences from all our very different angles – some, like ourselves, are working through Mission Action Plans, some are working towards these with facilitators and others are not yet involved in the process. However, one very good point was made – we are all casting the net in our worship and life together as Christian communities.

During small group discussions a number of common themes became apparent, including the importance of worship that inspires, the significance of different kinds of music, reflecting where we all are as communities in our journeys of faith, looking for internal spiritual growth, praying before doing, the backing of our churches for our individual channels of outreach, the importance of welcomers (including the need for training) and the promotion of ourselves as 'child friendly.'

We also explored ways in which we could in our area groups offer support and encouragement to each other and share ideas. Our area group expressed the strong possibility of incorporating this within the framework of Area Council meetings, which are now going to be open to everyone in our churches due to their increasing use as educational forums.

Margaret Dineley.



The Churches of Scotland – with a thought to local history through maps

There was an article in the Dundee Courier on 7 November that attracted my attention due to an interest in things past and archaeological, and in the history of Dunfermline. Scottish Church Heritage Research (SCHR) is a comparatively new, small organisation that is creating a database of all buildings and places used for worship in Scotland in some considerable detail and importantly, a user friendly way. The website is <http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk/> and it seems to have great potential for the reader with an interest in these things, whether it be in history, architecture or the development of churches in a particular locality. Locating any church is easy and its location is enabled through a link to Streetmap. Photographs are aplenty.

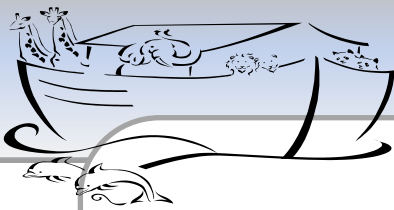
Our own Holy Trinity Church (the second, or is the third with this name in the town as you will see) features with a description and photos at <http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk/sites/site/id/2265/name/Holy+Trinity+Episcopal+Church+Dunfermline+Fife>

Our sister church, St Margaret's Episcopal Church at Masterton is listed, but with no other information other than the map link. This site has had recent new build housing, just opposite Masterton Farm and no trace now exists, though the purpose of the site is preserved in the name of one of the houses there which retains some of the boundary of the church site. It is interesting to trace the history of this location (or any other) via a great website – <http://www.old-maps.co.uk/maps.html> that has a library of historical maps since the mid 1800s. By looking at all the maps for the same location, a picture can be gradually built up to show the changes and development over the years to today. See what was there before your house was built!

There are great opportunities to contribute to the SCHR website with knowledge, reference or photos as well as providing interest and entertainment for you to browse on a local basis or place known to you or your family.

Phil Smithard





One day, God speaks to Noah:

'Noah', God says, 'I want you to build another ark.'

'What, like the last one?', says Noah.

'Yes,' replies God. 'Except this time, I want it to have 14 decks.'

Oh! And shall I lead all the animals into it, two by two, like last time?', says Noah.

'No, this time I only want you to lead fish into it'.

Noah is a little puzzled. 'Just fish?', he asks.

'Yes,' says God. 'In fact, just carp.'

'Just carp? Why carp?', Noah asks.

'Well', says God, 'I've always wanted a multi-storey carp ark!'



Spirituality Event

The Spirituality Event which was due to have taken place on November 12th was postponed due to the illness of Valerie, our curate, who was heavily involved in the organisation and running of the day.

The event, which is to be ecumenical, has now been re-scheduled for Saturday, 25th February and will be held at Rosyth Methodist Church. The date chosen is the first Saturday in Lent, our aim being to offer a spiritually uplifting experience as we all start our journeys through Lent to Easter.

More details will be made available closer to the time, but in the meantime if anyone has any questions or wishes to express an interest in attending please contact Margaret Dineley (margaret.dineley@googlemail.com or 01383 624377).



Your Oasis news

Pat Carrigan, town centre chaplain, has announced his intention to retire when his contract expires in February. Pat has done tremendous work during his four years in post and the churches, especially those in the town centre, have reason to be enormously grateful to him. The future development of Your Oasis, following Pat's departure, is already under discussion.

Plans are being made to mark Advent in the Kingsgate Centre with models of Mary and Joseph journeying shop to shop in search of a room.

Through the winter 'meal packs' will be put together for the most vulnerable visitors. Please consider having a collection of suitable tins and packets in your church. Monetary donations also very welcome!

There will be a carol service in Your Oasis on Friday, 23rd December at 1pm.

If you have never visited Your Oasis, Christmas shopping is the ideal time – come in for a rest and a refreshing cuppa!

Readings for December 2011 & January 2012

27 th November Advent 1	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-27
4 th December Advent 2	Isaiah 40:1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
11 th December Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
18 th December Advent 4	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
24 th December Midnight Mass	Isaiah 62:6-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
25 th December Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
1 st January Christmas 1	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
8 th January Baptism of the Lord	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
15 th January Epiphany 2	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
22 nd January Epiphany 3	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
29 th January Epiphany 4	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

The 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 better for the environment too!



Rotas for December 2011

4 Dec	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Barbara Hand	Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Mr & Mrs G Philp	Collection
		Helen Dalgity & Winnie Miller	Bread & Wine
		Fay Cuthbertson & Isobel Thomson	Chalices
11 Dec	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Ron Hawkins	Intercessions
		Rebecca Cromwell	Server
		Mr & Mrs K Spink	Collection
		Mr & Mrs R Key	Bread & Wine
		Ron Hawkins & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices
18 Dec	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Margaret Dineley	Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Mr & Mrs P Hand	Collection
		Adrienne Lyon & Kath Lindsel	Bread & Wine
		Fay Cuthbertson & Isobel Thomson	Chalices
24 Dec	11.30pm	Dorissia Forsyth	Intercessions
		Ellen Fearnley & Sabine Forsyth	Server
			Collection
			Bread & Wine
		Muriel McKenzie	Chalices
25 Dec	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	10am	Linda Brownlie	Intercessions
		Phil Smithard	Server
		Fay Cuthbertson & Isobel Thomson	Collection
		Elaine & Rebecca Cromwell	Bread & Wine
		Phil Smithard	Chalices



Rotas for January 2012

1 Jan	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Brendan Grimley	Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Mr & Mrs K Spink	Collection
		Fay Cuthbertson & Sheila Hawkins	Bread & Wine
		Isobel Thomson & Ron Hawkins	Chalices
8 Jan	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Linda Sherwood	Intercessions
		Rebecca Cromwell	Server
		John Kennedy & Malcolm Gosling	Collection
		Mr & Mrs S Ballinger	Bread & Wine
		Brendan Grimley & Fay Cuthbertson	Chalices
14 Jan	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Karen Macdonald	Intercessions
		Sabine Forsyth	Server
		Angela Hayes & Derek Morrison	Collection
		Mr & Mrs P Hand	Bread & Wine
		Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Chalices
22 Jan	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Adrienne Lyon	Intercessions
		Ellen Fearnley	Server
		Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes	Collection
		Eve Gilchrist & Jenny Stooke	Bread & Wine
		Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Chalices
29 Jan	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	John Macdonald	Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Frances Jack & Doreen Esnol	Collection
		Mr & Mrs R Hawkins	Bread & Wine
		Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices



Area Council Meeting

At the last Area Council meeting it was decided to officially open up the meetings to all members of our congregations as we are inviting speakers and trying to fulfil a general educational role. Hence you are all invited to attend the meeting which will take place at Rosyth Methodist Church on Thursday, 26th January at 7.30pm. The Rev. Val Nellist will give a talk entitled Travelling in 'Ernest'- reflections on a visit to New Zealand via the Far East. As she and her husband, Bob, encountered various different Christian communities on their travels this should be both entertaining and informative. So, do put that date in your new diaries and come and join members of other churches in our area.

Margaret Dineley - Convenor.

Holy Trinity Hero Awards!

Coming to Holy Trinity Church on 4th
February 2012

Just like the 'Oscars'!

'Celebrating Our Mission' Lunch &
Presentations

Nominations take place in January.
Watch the notice board for more details!

Treasurer's Report

The collection for the Poppy Fund was £62.



Treasurer's Report

At the end of October the income, including recovered tax of £8,350, was £13,340 and the expenditure £3,866.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £380.

Retiring Collections:

December – Save the Children UK



Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep	Margaret Dineley	624377
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	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Jenny Stooke	-
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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 EsnoI	621054
	George Philp	725860
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	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732



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