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February

February is often a very cold and miserable month weather wise and yet on the days where it stays bright, we see the

days are lengthening again and the bulbs are pushing up through the frost-hardened earth with the promise of new beginnings and Spring.

Love is very much in the air (at least as far as the shops are concerned) with lovers celebrating St. Valentine's day on February 14th. These things might remind us, as Tim's story on pages 2-8 describes, of the everlasting presence of Light (and love) in our world. A Light that "heals, restores, strengthens and enthuses". A love that is for everyone, freely given to all. My children have a picture book called "The Love-Me Bird". It's about a little birdie who is looking for some birdie to love her. She preens and sings and sings and preens "Love me, love me, love me", all day long, much to the annoyance of her neighbour, Owl. She cannot find anyone to love her until Owl suggests she changes her song to "Love you, love you, love you". And guess

what? She finds a mate! God loves every man, woman and child more than we will ever comprehend. We don't need to preen or sing a certain song for His love. But are we always singing the right song to our neighbours? With love this February, *Elaine*

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Pebbles on the shore



On Sunday 19 Feb, the Sunday Before Lent, our gospel reading will be from Mark's account of the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9).

Jesus goes up a high mountain with Peter, James and John and, in their sight, is transfigured – his clothes becoming a dazzling, brilliant white. Moses and Elijah, heroes of the Old Testament appeared too, and spoke with Jesus. Peter, James and John were awestruck, but wanting to mark and, in some way preserve, their experiences, suggested making three dwelling places to contain Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Here is a story that I wrote and preached last August on that theme.

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Deep underground in a coal mine in West Fife, a group of miners toiled away in the near dark: hammering, chiselling,

drilling, trying to open up a new seam.

Suddenly the wall in front of them gave way and they found themselves staring into a large underground cavern. A cavern lit by a strange and wonderful shimmering light – not quite tangible, and yet made up of all the colours of the rainbow.

As the miners stepped back in amazement, the light started to move towards them – within seconds, they were all engulfed in its bright, warm glow – and within a few more seconds, the light had gone, shimmering its way along the tunnel seeking the freedom of the outside world.

And as the miners watched with amazement, they became aware of a strange feeling: well- being, hope, joy even. "What was in that light?" they said to one another. Suddenly, life was good!

Pebbles on the shore

Outside, in the semidarkness of a late winter's afternoon, a few minutes later, the light eventually burst free from its captivity – a weird, shimmering, indefinable splurge of colour and light – and it shimmered off.

Soon, people in the local mining villages began to notice it. They would catch a glimpse of it, perhaps, out of the corner of their eye; or hear a strange crackling noise of static electricity; for some people, the hair on the back of their necks stood up, others felt shivers down their spines.

And, along with the various sightings of the light, people began to notice something else.

They began to notice how they felt once they'd been near the light – a sense of happiness or contentment, a feeling of love and joy – a new

confidence in themselves – strength, courage.

Some people even claimed that the Light had cured them of illnesses and diseases, that it made them feel younger and more alive.

On other occasions, the Light would appear in a more dramatic way.

One afternoon it filled a whole hospital ward with its shimmering and crackling – and, amazingly, people suddenly found themselves in

better health than they'd been for years – even those who were chronically and terminally ill.

But the light was unpredictable. No-one knew where it would appear next. It turned up in council chambers and prisons, schools and old-people's homes, pubs and churches, and even the Masonic Lodge.



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And, wherever it went it transformed the lives of those who touched it. It brought healing and reconciliation, hope, joy and love

Before long, the whole community was affected. The black shadow of despair that had hung for so long over people threatened by the closure of the mine, the fear of unemployment, poverty; somehow seemed to have lifted. People had hope again. It was going to be alright – together, they could make it work.

Crime rates fell; drug users gradually realised that the hope and fulfilment that came with the Light brought a far better high than cocaine or heroin; alcoholics found that they no longer craved that drink.

The police sat around and twiddled their thumbs; doctors and nurses, therapists and counsellors suddenly had very little work to do. People just felt so good about themselves; and that brought healing in so many ways.

The whole community was being transformed.

Of course, there were those who felt uneasy about all this. Those who weren't part of the community; those who hadn't experienced the Light.

Some tried to scare people by saying the light was evil, or that it came from the devil. Some churches warned people against the Light; others held prayer vigils, praying against it and its affects – it was all a delusion they said, the only way to salvation and fulfilment is to believe the right things about Jesus and generally to do as we say.



Many felt uneasy about the uncontrollability of the Light. It was just too unpredictable. Who knows what it would do next? And it left some worse off.

Pebbles on the shore

Drug dealers were losing a lot of trade. Shop keepers found it harder and harder to cash in on people's mindless urge to have more and more possessions; banks couldn't persuade people to borrow money.

All of a sudden people didn't need money or wealth or social status to feel fulfilled or complete. The old indicators of a healthy society: Standard of Living, the rate of economic growth which had so obsessed successive governments for centuries, suddenly seemed irrelevant. The Light brought with it its own fulfilment; its own purpose. People learned that they were worthwhile and valuable without the need of material possessions to prove it. Politicians suddenly lost their direction and didn't know what to stand for anymore.

Religious leaders were particularly disturbed. For centuries, people had looked to them for direction and for understanding. They had been the purveyors of Truth

and arbiters of a conditional love – laying down the law about who and what was acceptable and who and what wasn't.

Now, though, people realised that there was no need to jump through the various hoops and hurdles that the religions set for them. They didn't need creeds and formularies any more than they needed their irrelevant or prejudicial moral dictates.

The Light helped people to connect directly with what had come to be known as "The Beyond Within" – and priest and Imam suddenly had very little to do.

Eventually, an unholy alliance was formed. Drug dealers, politicians, businessmen and clergy got together and formed what they called "The Confraternity". Somehow, they had to take control of the light.



Pebbles on the shore

After lots of thinking and investigating and, with the help of several tame scientists, The Confraternity, with great relief, eventually developed a machine that would be able to capture the Light.

Soon, they thought, all that joy and hope and love would be a thing of the past. Hostility and competition and lack of confidence would be reinstated, and so would their profits.

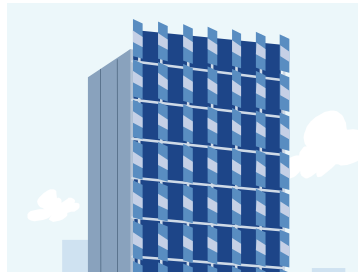
One night, about a year after the Light had first appeared, members of The Confraternity

lay in wait for it outside a church where a particularly difficult and acrimonious Vestry meeting was taking place.

As expected, the Light soon appeared and began to bring healing and reconciliation to this long-divided church community.

The moment it turned up though, The Confraternity turned on the machine and, with a loud hissing noise the light was sucked up into a giant hoover bag and removed from the world.

Rather than dispose of the Light though, the Confraternity realised that, under their control, it could be of great use to them and potentially bring them tremendous influence over the whole community.



And so they constructed a big and forbidding looking building in the middle of their community, with a special 'safe' room in it to contain the

light. The building was under their control, and therefore, so was access to the Light.

Only those who the Confraternity deemed worthy; only those with values and lifestyles approved by the Confraternity were allowed into the room to experience the light.

Pebbles on the shore

And, to ensure that the wrong people didn't slip in, the Confraternity devised a few little tests. Certain things had to be recited; certain rituals had to be fulfilled; certain beliefs had to be articulated; no-one who disagreed with the aims or values of the Confraternity was allowed in.

But it didn't matter. The Light had lost its power. Though it still shimmered and crackled, by subduing and containing it, the Confraternity had taken the life out of the Light.

Those allowed into the room with the Light no longer felt its transforming power. The hope and the healing and the love which the light had brought when it was free had been repressed and subdued.

Instead, those who encountered the Light felt a strong sense of their own importance; they felt superior – they had been selected to access the Light, they were the chosen ones –they were better than everyone else; people had better do what they said.

And so, gradually, life returned to normal. Crime rates went up; police became busy; drug dealers were back in business; the economy grew and people knew their worth by how much they owned.

The Church took control of the Light on behalf of the Confraternity and everything was back in order: predictable, safe, secure –the status quo. The light had been tamed.

But, unknown to members of the Confraternity, on that fateful night, when they had thought they had captured the Light, just a tiny little bit of Light had escaped – only a little, but enough!



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Enough so that people who were open to it; people who had the courage to go beyond blind acceptance; that people who refused to fall in with the crowd; enough so that those people, sometimes, just sometimes, felt their lives being touched and inspired by that remnant of the Light – enough to leave them feeling strangely healed or restored strengthened or enthused.

Enough to bring a little bit of hope and a little bit of love back into the community – to challenge the status quo, to show people the possibility of something different. Enough to show that the Light can never be completely contained or controlled.

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Tim



February

At a glance....

13th – Confirmation Classes
Start

15th – Mothers' Union Open
Meeting

19th – Tickets for Heroes
Lunch Available

21st – Wives' Group Pancake
Party

22nd – Ash Wednesday

25th – Spirituality Event

26th – Last day for Heroes
Nominations

Wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church magazines or newsletters, or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

Scottish Episcopal Church – Church For All

The Autumn printed edition of the SEC magazine “Inspires” contains a number of interesting and thought provoking articles which focus on accessibility and inclusion within the church. These include a piece written by Kate Sainsbury about a special needs’ communion that takes place at St. Serf’s, Comrie (near Crieff). Kate describes how the twenty minute service allows her 24 year old son, Louis, who has a severe learning disability, to participate fully in the service. There is also an article by Dr Lisa Curtice about how disability is understood and viewed within society and our churches in particular. A further article by The Rev Annalu Waller describes the purpose of a recently formed SEC working group “Church for All”. You can find copies of Inspires on the window sill at the main door to the church.

How do we ensure that this is the message that we give to others? Is there anything we could do differently? A starting point might be the monthly prayer and action guide provided by the Church in Society Committee on the SEC website (February edition).

http://www.scotland.anglican.org/media/highlights/faith_in_action_prayer_feb_12.pdf

To help the Scottish Episcopal Church move towards being an inclusive and accessible church, the Church For All Group will be sending out a questionnaire to all charges at the beginning of the New Year with a deadline for returns of 14th February 2012 so that the group can be enabled, through the results it receives, to:

- Raise awareness of what it means to be an inclusive and accessible church;
- Provide churches with access to resources to support “church for all”.

For further information please contact Elspeth Davey, Church Relations Officer at churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org

Young Church News

The Young Church started the New Year with their annual Epiphany Party on Sunday 9th January .

I have just worked out that this was my twelfth Epiphany Party. As you may have noticed I am not always at church now because I play rugby so it is great to be invited to the Young Church Epiphany Party where I can see all my friends and help the little ones have fun.

I always enjoy the games we play each year especially "Find the Christmas Card halves" because we get lots of sweets. I didn't cheat at the egg and spoon race this year but Tim and Dad did!

The food is always delicious with James and Fiona in charge. They may not be Celebrity Chefs but they are excellent cooks and we always have loads to eat.

Thank you to everyone who gave a contribution towards the party or helped in any way. It was great.

Iain Wedge

Some of you may remember the Soup lunch that Young Church organised back in September last year. You were all so generous in supporting the young peoples' fundraising. Overleaf, you can read the nice letter we received from Lemonaid, to whom we donated some of the funds raised.

12 January 2012

Holy Trinity Young Church

Dear Elaine

Firstly, a huge thank you for the generosity Holy Trinity Young Church has shown to the people of Haiti by making a donation to Lemon Aid of £50.00 following the soup & bread fundraising lunch last year. Apologies for the very late acknowledgement. It's always good to know that people have been inspired and moved by the work that we are doing.

It's now 2 years since the devastating earthquake of 2010 and we're continuing to provide specific targeted relief to the people of Haiti through various projects.

Currently, much fundraising efforts are being directed towards the cost of rebuilding the hospital complex on Lagonave. The 33 bed hospital, the only one on the island, was built over 50 years ago to cater for a population of 10,000; the island is now home to over 150,000 people. In addition, the current building was damaged beyond repair as a result of the earthquake. The total cost of this project is approximately \$1 million, and we've raised over half of those funds to date.

Before constructing the hospital itself we've had to build the new guest house for medical teams and some construction workers. The original guest house is due for demolition as it's on the site of the new hospital. The guest house is almost complete now, with the roof going on now, then we just have to finish the internals.

We're well on with planning the next medical trip too which leaves in March. We'll continue with our vaccination programme on Lagonave as well as assessing siblings and family members from the projects that we attend.

Once again, many thanks to you all for your amazing generosity. Please continue to pray for the Haitian people.

Yours sincerely



Mike Fisher
Finance Director

Announcing - HT Heroes

We are planning to hold a light lunch in the church hall on Saturday 17th March 2012 to celebrate the mission and work of the congregation. We know that you all serve God and the church lovingly and freely, without seeking any praise or acknowledgement. There are times however, when it is good and right to give thanks and celebrate the gifts we receive through the hard work and commitment of others. We are also nearly eighteen months into our three year Mission Action Plan and so we felt that reaching this marker would provide a good opportunity to recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution that everyone makes to the life of the church, not just those involved with the Plan itself or Vestry for that matter, but the quiet contributors to church life or 'hidden heroes'. We are inviting you, therefore, to nominate members of the congregation for recognition as an "HT Hero". Nomination forms and a ballot box can be found in the church vestibule.

The lunch will include some brief presentations about where we are with our Mission Action Plan as well as discovering more about the varied ministries within our congregation (based upon the information we receive from the nominations). We hope the event will give us all encouragement and inspiration to move further forward with our Mission Action Plan. The HT Heroes nominations are simply a way for us to gather in your views about the various individuals who contribute to the life of our church and hopefully will add an element of fun and celebration to the event. If you have any queries regarding the event or the nominations please do not hesitate to contact Tim, Valerie or Elaine. Tickets for the lunch, which are free, will be available from 19th February, 2012.



‘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, 25th February at Rosyth Methodist Church. We’ll meet for tea/coffee at 10.30am ready to start at 11am.

You will be invited to stoke your inner fire by taking part in sessions which will include Christian Meditation, Centring Prayer, Praying through Images and Praying with Scripture.

The lunch break gives you an opportunity to relax in company and feed the physical body, in between feeding the soul. We will provide tea, coffee and soup (do bring sandwiches etc if you want). The day will conclude with an informal Wild Goose Eucharist, finishing around 3.30pm.

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 event was originally planned for November but was delayed and being the first Saturday in Lent, what better way to start your Lenten journey?

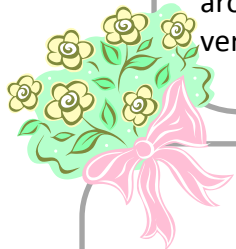
In order that we may have an idea of numbers (although we would be delighted to welcome anyone who is only able to make that decision on the day) please e-mail or phone Margeret Dineley - 01383 624377 - margaret.dineley@googlemail.com





Confirmation Classes These will begin on Monday 13 February at 7.30 pm at the Rectory and will weekly until Monday 12 March. The Bishop will be at Holy Trinity on 18 March. If you are thinking about being confirmed or would like to know more, then please speak to the Rector or Curate.

Mothering Sunday Flower Posies For several years now the Young Church have prepared the posies which are distributed at the 11.00am service on Mothering Sunday which this year, is on 18th March. The posies are very popular among the congregation however, due to the fact that a number of us are involved with the confirmations on that day, we are looking for volunteers to take on the task of making the posies for distribution. Please contact a Young Church leader for more information. We need someone to head up the group and around 6 volunteers but the more the merrier! New ideas are very welcome.



Make a Mother's Day 2012

This Mothering Sunday, as you remember your mother, Mothers' Union are asking you do something a little different. Instead of flowers or a box of chocolates why not buy her an ethical gift that will help another mother? A range of gifts are available on the Mothers' Union website or from the catalogue on the MU notice board in the church hall.

<http://www.makeamothersday.org/mothering-sunday-gifts.php>

Update from your Lay Reader Trainee

I am now well into the first year of my training. It is very spiritually fulfilling and immensely informative, if at times a little exhausting! The companionship on the journey is wonderful and the support we can give to one another is extremely valuable.

I have eight assignments to do during this first 'academic' year and I am at the moment tackling the third. They are proving to be a totally different 'ball game' from the academic writings I have done in the recent past, but the challenge is undoubtedly helpful. My first assignment was on the Pentateuch, the second, which I found harder, on an ethical issue, and the current one is looking, from a spiritual point of view, at a vision for my church in its community.

As well as assignments, which involve considerable reading, there are weekly seminars in Edinburgh and monthly Ministry Reflection seminars in Perth. Apart from the learning, there is the benefit of discussion and general conversation with other students on the course, both ordinands and

Lay Reader trainees – not to mention the sharing of food beforehand, which takes the form of a veritable feast in Perth!

During the year there are five residential weekends, which take place at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoul, Perth. The programme for each weekend is very full – seminars, eight worship services, projects in groups and Bible study. However, the hospitality at the monastery is top class. We are well looked after, with excellent meals, and we also have time for socialising, particularly at the end of the day, and an opportunity for walking in the beautiful grounds or the nearby hillside if the weather is clement. Unfortunately the bedrooms and some of the other rooms are very cold in the winter, as anyone who has stayed there will testify to, and in December I was also full of the cold myself and rarely took off my scarf!! Following the example of some fellow students I have bought fingerless gloves in preparation for our January weekend.

Update from your Lay Reader Trainee

Each year we have to undertake a placement, either in another church, or in a chaplaincy. My placement, which I started at Epiphany, is at Old St. Paul's in central Edinburgh. I am absolutely delighted to have this opportunity, as it is an Anglo-Catholic church, drawing its congregation from a very wide area – even as far as Argyll! Certainly it is fairly unique in Scotland and totally outwith my previous experiences of worship, this being a reason for my placement there. The Rector, Father Ian Paton, is delightful and an authority on liturgy (in fact, he is the Liturgy tutor on our course) and the congregation have proved very welcoming (my first Sunday there were about 200 people in the congregation – considerably more than I have been used to in the various churches in which I have worshipped over the years!).

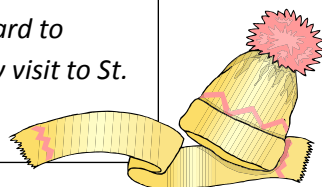
Each Sunday the main morning service is High Mass and there is Choral Evensong in the evening. During my time there, which continues till the Sunday after Easter, I will have a number of different opportunities, including serving, bearing the chalice (acting as a Sub-Deacon), presiding over non-Eucharistic services and undertaking pastoral visits.

Once I have completed my placement I will write another update. Please remember me in your prayers as I face the various challenges. Although I am still keeping some involvement with Holy Trinity during my placement time and you are constantly in my prayers, my first Sunday back with you will be 22nd April, a couple of weeks after Easter.

Blessings,

Margaret Dineley.

What a active and interesting training you are experiencing, Margaret! We're all looking forward to seeing you again in April. We hope your January visit to St. Mary's Monastery wasn't too cold!



Wednesday 15th February 7.30pm HT Church Hall

90th Anniversary Battle of the Somme trip, speaker Pat Gordon.

This is an open meeting, everyone is welcome please come and join us and bring your friends.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Hymns @ Holy Trinity

A small subgroup of choir members has been formed to choose hymns for our Sunday service. This group consists of Roger Weatherhogg, Brendan Grimley and Lee Green. If you have any comments about the hymns, or any requests for particular hymns, please speak to a member of this group.

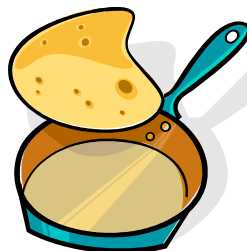
Wives Group Annual Pancake Party

Will take place in the church hall on

Tuesday 21st February

7pm – 9pm.

Tickets are available from a member of the Wives Group priced £4 for adults and £2 for children.



From Your Vestry

Vestry met on Tuesday 4th January 2012, primarily to welcome the new members elected following the AGM in November and to discuss the points raised by the congregation at the AGM. The following is a summary of the meeting. Copies of the full Vestry minutes will be available in church or can be requested by contacting the Secretary, Fay Cuthbertson.

Ethical Investment: The Treasurer noted that we did have an agreed Ethical Investment Policy in line with the SEC policy. The Vestry decided to continue with this Policy and to review it in three years' time.

Communication to the Congregation: It was agreed that the dates of upcoming Vestry Meetings would be noted in the magazine and service sheets. A summary of the business conducted at Vestry meetings, based on approved minutes, would be published as soon as possible in the magazine.

Website Content: The substantive content of the website has not been changed since its launch in Spring 2010. In view of recent comments it was decided to discuss this at a Vestry Away Day. Comments from members of the congregation are invited via the magazine and website.

Choir: Vestry has appointed a working group to liaise with the choir and organist to ensure best practice.

Dates of next Vestry Meetings:

13th March & 8th May

Your Oasis News

Your Oasis is an ecumenical drop-in centre situated on the second floor of the Kingsgate Shopping Centre next to Debenhams.

The following is their schedule of Sunday afternoon services for the next three months.

All services start at 3.00 pm

5th Feb:	Family friendly worship
12th Feb:	Coffee house church
19th Feb:	Time of reflective worship
26th Feb:	Taize

4th Mar:	Family friendly worship
11th Mar:	Coffee house church
18th Mar:	Time of reflective worship
25th Mar:	Taize

1st April:	Family friendly worship
8th April:	Easter Sunday Service
15th April:	Time of reflective worship
22nd April:	Taize
29th April:	Ecumenical worship

Letters and Notes of Thanks

Andy Young
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To everyone at Holy Trinity,

After almost six months in St Andrews, I still wonder from time to time why the Good Lord should have chosen to bring me here after keeping me in Dunfermline throughout the years of my studies. But here I am and it is here that I am called to be faithful to the work I have been given to do.

And what challenging work it is! Sometimes I don't know whether I am coming or going, with all the different roles I am called to play in the course of a normal week. As most of you will know, my main job is part-time manager of the Ladyhead Bookshop on North Street. This involves organising the weekly rota of volunteers, researching and ordering the books, cards and other gifts for the shop, and paying the invoices on time. In addition, I pay the cafe invoices and arrange for the staff wages to be paid, as well as counting and banking all the takings. And all this in 16 hours.....!

As part of the deal for the flat in which I stay with my cat Titch, I am also responsible for opening and locking the church and the church halls each day. All Saints is very High Church and it has taken me a while to get used to the way they do things here. The church celebrates Eucharist every day at various times and it is kept open throughout the day for those seeking a break from the busy streets. Many people appreciate an open church as a space to unwind and pray or simply sit, and I am pleased to be able to help that happen. But, of course, security is also important, which is why Jonathan wanted somebody "on site" to keep an eye on things.

One advantage of being responsible for a Christian bookshop is that I get to read some wonderful books. Ladyhead must cater for all tastes in worship and liturgy, so I have been ordering evangelical, Anglo-Catholic, non-conformist and many other types of devotional books. Where else would you find Nicky Gumbel sitting amongst Anglican bishops, Papal writings, hymn books, C S Lewis, academic theology, children's bibles and books on grief and suffering? I have been blessed by much of the reading I have done in the past few months and have tried to pass on these blessings to other people. In the coming year, I hope to be able to put more energy into writing book reviews for the many church newsletters in St Andrews.

I will end by sending you all my very best wishes for Christmas and throughout the coming year. Special thoughts to those taking part in the Christmas services this year. I will do my best to come through when I have time.

God Bless

Andy


Andy Young, who moved from our congregation to St. Andrews last summer, wrote to us at Christmas and very generously bought meals for children in Bangladesh, through Christian Aid as a Christmas gift to the congregation of Holy Trinity. *Thanks Andy!*

THANKS

*To all my friends at Holy Trinity for cards, messages
and prayers during my illness.
I hope to be back again before long.
Barbara Heath*

Readings for February

5 th February Epiphany 5	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
12 th February Epiphany 6	2 Kings 5:1-14	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45
19 th February Transfiguration	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
26 th February Lent 1	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
4 th March Lent 2	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

Mary's Meals Backpack Project

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this. Thanks to your generosity we have already filled 10 backpacks and it looks as if we will manage to fill *at least* 5 more. Could anyone who still has items they wish to donate please get them to me by 15th February so that I can use your cash donations to purchase the items still needed to complete packs.

Fay Cuthbertson

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Treasurer's Report

At the end of December the income was £21,439 and the expenditure £18,351.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £405.



Interested in finance, economics or politics?

Why not read about Christian Aid's tax and financial justice campaign?

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/policy/tax.aspx>

What do you think about ethics and social responsibility in business? Should governments intervene? What can Christians do?

Send your views to the Editor.

Thank You!

Gill Wardell would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed or helped in the preparation and decoration of the Church for Christmas.

There is a new rota on the notice board for church flowers and polishing the brasses.

Why not commemorate a special date or anniversary by putting your name down to sponsor or arrange the flowers or clean the brasses? Gill is happy to support anyone wanting to be involved – just get in touch!



Rotas for February 2012

5 Feb	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Helen Welsh	Intercessions
		Rebecca Cromwell	Server
		Mr & Mrs P Crabb	Collection
		Eve Gilchrist & Monica Terry	Bread & Wine
		Isobel Thomson & Ron Hawkins	Chalices
12 Feb	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Isobel Thomson	Intercessions
		Sabine Forsyth	Server
		Angela Hayes & Derek Morrison	Collection
		Mr & Mrs G Philp	Bread & Wine
		Brendan Grimley & Fay Cuthbertson	Chalices
19 Feb	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	John MacDonald	Intercessions
		Ellen Fearnley	Server
		Doreen EsnoI & Frances Jack	Collection
		Catherine Duncan & Grace Soanes	Bread & Wine
		Muriel McKenzie & Isobel Thomson	Chalices
26 Feb	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Barbara Hand	Intercessions
		Rod Key	Server
		Mr & Mrs R Hawkins	Collection
		Mr & Mrs K Spink	Bread & Wine
		Ron Hawkins & Brendan Grimley	Chalices
4 Mar	8am	Phil Smithard	Server
	11am	Ron Hawkins	Intercessions
		Rebecca Cromwell	Server
		Mr & Mrs J Waterfield	Collection
		Adrienne Lyon & Kath Lindsel	Bread & Wine
		Fay Cuthbertson & Muriel McKenzie	Chalices

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
Treasurer	Peter Hutchings	728534
Lay Rep	Linda Brownlie	
Vestry:	Elaine Cromwell	721663
	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	John Kennedy	-
	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
	Jack Wardell	-
People's Warden	Ken Spink	735732
Rector's Warden	Helen Welsh	415901
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 EsnoI	621054
	George Philp	725860
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732



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