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		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am



Is it just me or is 2012 racing by? I think the recent, unseasonably warm weather hasn't helped. It has been more like mid-July than the end of March! Not that I am complaining. The warm, sunny

days have been a very welcome, if unusual, boon for us all I suspect. And as we journey through to the end of Lent, this warm, sunny weather very much reminds me of the approaching Eastertime and particularly the Easters of my childhood.

I am sure there were an equal number of wet, cold, dreich Easter Sundays back in the '70's and early '80's, but in my memory at least, I recall Easter always being a sunny day, a day filled with brightness, warmth and love. I have forgotten about the dark, wet, cold times.

For me, this is the alarmingly simple message of Easter – our dark, cold days are gone, replaced by brightness, warmth and love.

This doesn't mean that I won't have to deal with real difficulties in my life. But rather, if I hold in my heart that feeling of brightness, warmth and love, and try wherever and whenever I can, to share it with those I meet, then I can enjoy Easter every day, not just one Sunday when the sun shines in April.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of the magazine and find brightness, warmth and love in your lives this Eastertime.

Elaine

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Pebbles on the shore



It's not fair!

It's not fair!

Those are words which I must have whined and shouted thousands of times when I was a child; and I don't think they ever had the desired effect!!

In fact, usually they worked against me: instead of getting me what I wanted, they hardened my parents' resolve not to give in.

My father had a particularly infuriating answer. Whenever I said 'It's not fair', he would go to the window, look up into the sky and say, 'well, it's not raining'. Words which caused me to almost explode with frustration but which he seemed to think were quite funny!

Another memory of unfairness or injustice from my childhood involves ice-cream.



Very often, in school holidays my father would look after my sister and me whilst my mother went to work.

Lunch, on those occasions was always, without fail, soup, followed by ice-cream.

The soup was no problem. But the ice-cream was the cause of many bitter fights with my sister over whether we'd each got our fair share! In the end, my father got so fed up with it that he brought in a ruler and measured the ice-cream so that we both got exactly the same amount!

Of course, the kind of injustice many people have to face is rather more serious than not getting their fair share of ice-cream.

For many, injustice means that their human rights are denied, or that they're taken advantage of, or

Pebbles on the shore

discriminated against because of their race or creed or political views, or falsely accused, or imprisoned without trial.

Others suffer from less direct and obvious forms of injustice - often caused by the uneven distribution of wealth and power around the world, or by the inequalities of the global economy which makes a few in the West wealthy at the expense of the majority in the rest of the world who are left in poverty.


Jesus too had to suffer injustice both at the hands of the Sanhedrin - which accepted the lies of false witnesses, and at the hands of Pilate who knew perfectly well Jesus had done nothing wrong but in order to please the crowd and safeguard his own position, handed him over to be crucified anyway.

In Holy Week we reflect on the arrest, trial and crucifixion

of Jesus - on the huge injustice that was done to him, and, as we do so, perhaps we might also reflect on the world around us and on who, in our society and our world is treated unfairly and unjustly.

Jesus' suffering and death on the cross isn't only an example of injustice. It's also a reminder to us all of the reasons justice and fairness should always be pursued. And we who claim to follow in Jesus' footsteps, we who claim that Jesus' death on the cross was not a horrible tragedy but rather a great victory over evil, must surely challenge injustice wherever we see it and work for a just and fair society in which the God-given worth of all people is recognised and affirmed.





Services During Holy Week 2012

1 April (Palm Sunday):

8.00 am: Eucharist;

11.00 am: Sung Eucharist with Liturgy of Palms and Liturgy of the Passion

2 April:

7.00 pm: Eucharist with reflection

3 April:

7.00 pm: Eucharist with reflection

4 April:

7.00 pm: Eucharist with reflection

5 April (Maundy Thursday):

7.30 pm at St Margaret's, Rosyth: Liturgy of the Last Supper

6 April (Good Friday):

2.00 pm: Veneration of the Cross

7 April (Holy Saturday):

8.30 pm: Easter Vigil with New Fire and first communion of Easter

8 April (Easter Day):

8.00 am: Eucharist (1662 English Office);

11.00 am: Festal Sung Eucharist;

2.30 pm: Eucharist for Senior members



A date for your diary:

Holy Trinity Mothers' Union

Fifth Anniversary International Feast

7.00pm, Friday 18th May

Please see a member of MU
For more information

This month, hop
onto Facebook and
"Like" the Holy
Trinity Dunfermline
Youth Fellowship
page.



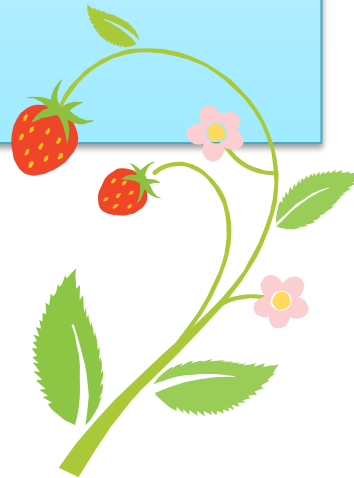
Fair Trade Crafts -
Spring Sale!

Many items half-price

15th April after the
11.00am service

Young Church News

Our theme during Lent has been "Becoming the Good News". Earlier in Lent we reflected upon taking up our cross. We thought about why this was good news and practical ways we could share the Good News with others. More recently we have been thinking about growing and changing and have been reflecting on the example of Jesus in John 12: 20-33. To help us think about the imagery in the Bible passage, we planted seeds and listened to "Inch Worm" and acted out being a tiny seed and then stretched up to become a huge tree, spreading our branches wide. We are looking forward now to learning about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, our Good Friday 'Happening' and celebrating Easter.



Good Friday Happening - 6th April
10.00am to 12.00pm

Church Hall - All Welcome

Bring a packed lunch

Iain Wedge and Rebecca Cromwell would like to thank everyone who supported them in their recent sponsored sports events in aid of various good causes.

Thank You!

HT Heroes Lunch



Around 30 of the congregation enjoyed a celebration lunch on Saturday 17th March the “HT Heroes Lunch”. Here is a report from Barbara and Peter Hand who were among those who took part in the event.

The HT Heroes Lunch was a most enjoyable occasion, a happy friendly gathering of a wide range of ages from our “church family”. We hadn’t known quite what to expect but we felt that we should join in this event as it was a time to mark the halfway point of our Mission Action Plan. We shared a good, informal lunch together and there was an easy atmosphere.

The “unsung heroes” were spared the embarrassment of being pinpointed. Everything was anonymous, but there was a presentation of some of the appreciative comments that had been made about these unnamed heroes. It was emphasised that we all contribute to the life of our church and, in that way, everyone is a hero.

We were invited to make handprints to form part of a display to show that we are all in this mission together in the name of Jesus. There was a light-hearted air of celebration as colourful personalised certificates of thanks were given to each of us. The words on the certificates showed the true mission of our church’s work in the quotation from John 13: 34-35.....

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Seniors' Service

There will be a short Eucharist for "at home" members (whether senior or not!) on Easter Day (8 April) at 2.30 pm. This service is for those who normally find it difficult to get to church. If you are able to help on the day, either at church or by providing transport for people, please speak to Fay Cuthbertson (01383 726243)



Holy Trinity will be represented in a special 'Celebrating Easter' display in the Kingsgate shopping centre on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Please try to pop along and see how the different churches in Dunfermline celebrate Easter.

Holy Week & Easter Events

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be present in church during Holy Week so that people can come and experience our 'interactive' Stations of the Cross.

The church will be open from 12pm to 2pm and 6pm to 7pm Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week. Come along and use the prayer cards and other objects to help you reflect upon the journey of Christ to the Cross.



2012 Bishop's Lent Appeal - Fikelela Aids Project – Retiring Collection 29th April

Fikelela means “reach out” and is the name of the HIV /AIDS outreach programme of the Anglican Church in Cape Town, South Africa. Fikelela was founded in 2000 with the vision to provide an active Christian response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa.

www.fikelela.org.za



The retiring collection on Mothering Sunday for the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day' Appeal raised £72.

Thanks to your donations, the ethical gifts purchased are going towards helping communities in East Africa sustain and improve their environment. There, the women will be encouraged to build enclosed stoves to save on fuel and help protect their eyes from smoke. Facilitators train communities to collect and save rain water as well as work to improve soil.

This means they can then grow crops and improve their health and nutrition.

Thanks again - HT MII Branch

Mothers' Union Meetings for April

Wed 4th April 7.00pm Joining with Holy Week Services in Church.

Wed 18th April 7.30pm Adrienne Lyon on India, HT Church Hall.

Wed 2nd May at 2pm Valerie Walker, in HT Church Hall.

Friday 18th May 7pm International Feast, in HT Church Hall.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

WIVES GROUP



Our programme of events resumes this month after a pause for the winter months.

We resume on Monday 2nd April with an evening service to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week.

All are welcome to come along to any or all of our events and partake of a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Monday 16th April - Alan Suttie returns to tell us about important projects he is involved with in Tanzania, including :

Patandi Teachers College - where specialist teachers for the blind are trained to support blind and partially sighted youngsters in mainstream schools across Tanzania.

Upendo - is a self-sustaining community for people with leprosy, established by Rotary but now managed by the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

Alan will be able to show photos of the projects during his talk.

Monday 30th April - We are having an Italian evening with food to sample, music and as always, good company. Come along for an enjoyable evening.

All of these events (with the exception of the service which starts at 7.00pm) are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary

From Your Vestry

NOTES FROM VESTRY MEETING 24TH JANUARY 2012

The Treasurer confirmed that the quote for the organ repair was still in place and it was agreed that in principle the repairs should go ahead to Max, £5000 with the firm informing at each stage of any extra costs likely to be involved. In the meantime the treasurer and Secretary would investigate the likelihood of grants this work might attract.

Smart Water anti theft deterrent. Ken was to contact a church Vestry who had already had this treatment applied.

A new oven has been purchased for the Rectory.

Casting the Net. Elaine gave an overview of the progress of the CTN work at Holy Trinity and was asked for more details of the event on 17th March. The Rector requested that our appreciation of all her work with CTN and other areas was recorded.

The Rector gave details of Bishop David's visit to Holy Trinity on 18th March when he would confirm 9 candidates. It was felt that this number of candidates was commendable.

Elaine circulated two publications from OSCR that set out the duties of the Trustees of the church and also details of good practice required to meet OSCR criteria. All Vestry members have completed the 'Fit and Proper Persons' documents as required and have been issued with a copy of Holy Trinity's Constitution. The Rector's Warden requested that our thanks to Elaine for this large piece of work was recorded in the Minutes.

In response to a letter received from the Trustees of MU it was agreed to agree to the request hold a retiring collection for the work of the MU on Mothering Sunday.

The extract of Minutes of the Vestry meeting held on 13th March will be published after they have been agreed at the next meeting scheduled to take place on 8th May.

Any items for the Agenda should be with the Secretary (secretary@holytrinitychurch.org.uk) or handed to her in writing by 30th April.

From Your Lay Representative

NOTES FROM SYNOD 10th March 2012

Bishop's Report

- Membership is increasing in the diocese, the cathedral by nearly 100
- MAP's are having an effect on congregational life, with a growing group of laity committed to mission as a vocation. Church mission and ministry policy is working both at diocesan and provincial level.
- There are 2 important questions facing the SEC now,
 - i) The Anglican Communion Covenant – the Bishop has been and still is travelling around the diocese speaking to groups about this issue which is to be decided at General Synod this year. The SEC is widely respected in the Anglican Communion so its decisions regarding this issue are very important.
 - ii) Scottish Independence – this is a complex and very important issue which matters to the SEC. Churches should not have a dogmatic view but should be involved in the debate about “identity” as this is linked to “faith”. People can invest a “lost identity” in a church which can then lead to sectarianism which is very negative. Therefore, we in the SEC need to know who we are.

Notes from Policy and Action groups

Congregational Development – People want to learn more about discipleship. This need is becoming obvious through Casting the Net and Mission Action Plans.

Ministry and Education – Discipleship training course “Footsteps” is being piloted in May. There is to be training for lay people for leading intercessions and readings later in the year.

From Your Lay Representative

Children and Young People – The number of Child Friendly churches is increasing in the diocese. Information about “Glen 12” will be out soon. Revd Canon Dom Ind (DDO) asked what was being done to nurture vocation in young people. Answer – nothing structured as yet.

Review of Diocesan Policy and Action plan

It is now three years since Casting the Net was launched hence the review.

The aims for the next 3 years are;

- Working creatively and supportively to develop mission-shaped communities of faith
- Education, training and support to build confidence and encourage growth
- Building dynamic and loving relationships through which we share our faith

The revised policy and action plan for the next 3 years was accepted unanimously by Synod

Overseas Committee

Hopefully there is to be a Diocesan visit to the Diocese of Calcutta early next year (2013) to strengthen links. It will be led by Bishop David, Dom Ind and Val Nellist.

All the usual business took place during the morning as well and in the afternoon the Anglican Communion Covenant was discussed in Indaba mode.

Synod next year is on Saturday 9th March 2013

Thank you Linda, for your comprehensive notes which give us and interesting insight into the topics covered at Synod.

Book Group



This month's book was 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons. Published in 1932, it has been in and out of print and while receiving rave reviews in some quarters, has never been fully embraced as a classic.

In the introduction to the latest edition, Lynne Truss (of 'Eats Shoots and Leaves' fame) opines that this is a wonderful book which, had it been written by a man, would have been on every A level syllabus since publication. Who knows whether this is the case; Gibbons was a working journalist, rare in her time for a woman, and hence had mastered a brevity of wit which makes the book move along at a dancing pace.

The main character is Flora Poste, orphaned in her early twenties and left with little in the way of fortune and therefore having to cast herself on the goodwill of relatives, of whom she has many. However she perversely chooses the most eccentric, who live in rural Suffolk and scrape a gloomy living by farming. They are all obsessed by the inevitability of failure in all their enterprises (they name their cows Feckless, Pointless, Aimless and Useless) and live in various states of war with one another and within themselves. Flora however is a great optimist with an enthusiastic belief in her own ability to sort things out; so she enters on the project of bringing Cold Comfort Farm to a state of happy balance. She finds success in unexpected ways, with the final triumph of enticing from her room Aunt Ada Doom, who retired there some forty years before, having seen 'something nasty in the woodshed'.

At face value, Flora is an irritating, interfering know-all; however the story is a parody of various other types of literature and read in that way it is hugely entertaining. Most of us really liked it; one or two found Flora unbearable; some found the plot 'bitty'; everyone loved the language of it, which is really beautiful, pithy and evocative of rural life, tragedy and triumph.

At our next meeting on 13th April we are reading Dickens – any Dickens of our own choice, from Frances' vast collection – to commemorate his bicentenary. The meeting will be at Pam Pryde's home, 43 Townhill Road, at 7.30 pm and we are all to dress in a Dickensian fashion. All welcome, so long as you turn up in bonnet and shawl with a book in your pinny pocket!

Helen Welsh

HT Heroes – Your Nomination Comments

"This child is a ray of sunshine that brightens my Sunday"

"There are so many people who help in Holy Trinity, in lots of different ways that it's impossible to name them all!"

"We come to church to worship God and to meet our friends. We do things not for reward but with love for God and each other. We are all worth it."

heal play worship
bring hope listen write
uplift understand give sing
minister smile love
talk read reassure
preach dry tears enthuse fix
spread the Good News energise paint
spread happiness help cook
care assist give joy give hope
pray laugh inspire advise

God of new beginnings
we pray that you will
transform your church
as you renew us by your love.

Give us vision for the journey
that we may travel light
and live increasingly by faith.

Inspire, enliven and empower us, so that along the Way
we may be sustained by the life of Christ in ourselves,
in one another and in the world. Amen.

"Creative and
resourceful and always
so positive. A blessing
to us all."

*"Always available to
anyone who needs help
and a good listener to
anyone who needs it."*

"Works
endlessly for
the good of
the church."

"Duties
carried out
with care and
devotion "

Some Thoughts for Easter.....

Jesus said: The time has come for the Son of Man to be given his glory. I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat. If you love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life. (John 12: 23-25)



How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God!

May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



This is the day the
LORD has made; let
us rejoice and be
glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

Young Church Prayer for Easter

Jesus is not on the cross
Jesus is not in the tomb!
He lives, and is with us now.
Help us Lord, to spread the Good News!
Amen



Letters and Notes

A worldwide women's organisation working to advance human rights and the status of women.

Member countries: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bangladesh, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cameroon, Georgia, Grenada, Guernsey, India, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Republic of Ireland, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Seyshelles, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, South Africa, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe.

Women serving the global community



22 March 2012

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Soroptimist International
Great Britain & Ireland Federation

On behalf of Soroptimist International of Dunfermline please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone at Holy Trinity Church who generously contributed so much to our Mary's Meals Backpack appeal. Your **26** filled bags and the extra bits and pieces you donated will make a huge difference to the many girls and boys in Africa who cannot go to school because they have no school bags or basic school equipment to use.

As a result of the efforts of the members of the Soroptimist club in Dunfermline and the many friends and family like yourselves who helped us with our project, we were able to send over 500 filled backpacks, 10 boxes of extra equipment for the school and about 6 boxes of extra clothes, balls, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. This was far more than we ever thought we would manage and it was a wonderful occasion for everyone involved.

If we are able to get photographs of the children getting their backpacks we will make sure you see them.

Many thanks again for all your efforts.

Yours sincerely

Agnes Allan
President,
Soroptimist International of Dunfermline

Readings for April

April 1 st Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
April 8 th Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18
April 15 th Easter 2	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 22 nd Easter 3	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 29 th Easter 4	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
May 6 th Easter 5	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8



Lord of life

We pray for all who bring your word of life
 As a light to those in darkness
 For those who bring your word of peace
 To those enslaved by fear
 For those who bring your word of love
 To those in need of comfort
 Lord of love and Lord of peace
 Lord of resurrection life
 Be known
 Through our lives
 and through your power
 Christ the Lord is risen to-day

Alleluia!



Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of January was:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Voluntary Giving	15,120	Clergy	18,061
Church Groups	2,717	Property	6,858
Hall Usage	475	Operational	5,809
Tax Recovered	8,351	Diocesan Quota	3,424
Investments	650	Administration	207
St. Margaret's	1,500		
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	28,813		34,359

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £460.

The retiring collections for Children with Special Needs in Pre-School and Save the Children were £138 and £126 respectively.

Can You Help?

I really enjoy putting the magazine together and appreciate your feedback and comments. If you feel you have something to contribute to the magazine, please do let me know. It's great to receive a variety of articles and I am always open to new ideas and any assistance you can offer! I am particularly keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to do a short "Faith Journey" interview for a future edition of the magazine.

I am also appealing for volunteers to help copy and collate the magazine on a regular basis. The task involves photocopying various pages and making up the booklets. The task might suit a small group who could work together over a cup of coffee and a biscuit. If you would like to help, please let me know.

Elaine



Wot no Rotas?

We have decided to stop reproducing the various rotas in the magazine. There are a few reasons for this: it takes a fair bit of time to collate the information from various sources and reproduce in the magazine; not all rotas were included (for example Readers and those on Welcome duty) and at times, they weren't all that accurate due to 'swaps' and necessary changes.

Everyone involved in an activity is notified directly by the co-ordinator for that activity, of the date and time of their involvement and the various lists are on display on the notice board in the vestibule in church.

The co-ordinators are:

Welcome Duty	Ken Spink
Readers	Brendan Grimley
Intercessions	Barbara Hand
Servers & Administrators	Phil Smithard
Collection & Bread & Wine	Helen Welsh
Flowers & Brasses	Gill Wardell

If you would like to be involved in any of the activities described above, please contact the relevant co-ordinator.

We are currently looking for volunteers to process with the bread and wine and collection during the Offertory Hymn. If you would like to be involved, please let Helen know.

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
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	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
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Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
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Youth Fellowship	Ross Stirling	-
	Raymond Young	
Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
	Isobel Thomson	624322
Mother's Union	Caroline Laurie	616244
	Muriel McKenzie	727115
Wives Group	Yvonne Gosling	851605
	Catherine Duncan	432832
Women's Guild	John Kennedy	511981
HT 50/50 Club	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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Alternatively simply fill in one of the yellow gift aid envelopes that are available in the vestibule and on the pews.