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 Young Church 11am
 Thursday Eucharist 10.15am



Pebbles on the shore is on holiday this month as Tim takes a well-earned break so I've high-jacked his pages as you will see.

To give you some idea of the work our Rector undertakes, between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Tim presided at a total of 14 Eucharist services (including a baptism), participated in a further 4 ecumenical services, setup the Easter display in the Kingsgate centre (and took it down again a day later), zoomed up to Perth to take part in the Chrism Mass at the cathedral, sung Stainer's Crucifixion with the choir at St Margaret's on Good Friday and even processed with a donkey on Palm Sunday through the streets of Rosyth!

These are just the things I know about and this of course doesn't include the time preparing for all these services, producing service sheets and booklets, 'phoning people to discuss arrangements and dealing with the day-to-day enquiries, calls and issues that arise in a parish such as Holy Trinity Dunfermline.

Of course this is a priest's calling, you might say, a priest's duty to his or her parish and Tim has been able to call on the assistance of Valerie, our curate, this last year or so; true.

Nonetheless, we should never take for granted the dedication and effort of our priests. We need to remember them in our prayers and remember too that while called by God to serve, they are skin and bone, flesh and feeling, just like the rest of us!

Elaine

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Waving from the shore....



If you get a chance, look for a poem by contemporary poet and broadcaster, Stewart Henderson called *Priestly Duties*. The poem is an articulate, amusing and thought-provoking account of the life of the priest today. For copyright reasons I cannot reproduce it here but it is well worth looking up.

Elaine

INVITATIONS

Footsteps.

Our local Area Council, St. Andrews West, have agreed to host a tester/taster course as a pilot for the Diocese, run by the Casting the Net team. Entitled 'Footsteps: Walking the Path of Christian Discipleship,' it is a course for anyone wishing to nurture their Christian faith. It will take place on two consecutive Monday evenings in May at 7pm for 7.30pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy – refreshments provided (St. Peter's are excellent at this!) – and it will be led by the Reverend Andrew Frearson, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Dollar.

Week 1: Stewards of God's Mysteries – Monday 21 May.

Week 2: Servant Leadership – Monday 28 May.

I would encourage you to go along – it sounds really interesting and it would be great to have some of you participating. If you would like any further information or to confirm your attendance, please either contact Caroline King (the CTN Officer) on 01738 443173 or at castingthenet@standrews.amglican.org – or myself or Linda Brownlie, your Lay Rep – or just turn up.

Certainly if you have anxieties over transport do let me know – and I look forward to seeing you there.

Regional Gatherings.

This year, instead of one big Gathering in the Cathedral in Perth, there are to be two smaller events in different locations within the Diocese. Those who attended last year will remember the fellowship, the learning and the sheer spiritual joy of the occasion, so please put the following dates in your diary so that you won't miss out this year.

All Saints, St. Andrews – Saturday 22 September, 10am to 4pm.

Holy Trinity, Stirling – Saturday 6 October, 10am to 4pm.

Casting the Net News

If you have not attended a Gathering before now is your chance to take part, to share your experiences and attend workshops on topics as diverse as music, worship and theology of evangelism. More details will be available later.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Celebrating Casting the Net.

On Saturday May 5 in Perth there will be a day to bring together all who share in the work of Casting the Net. During this event there will be a Commissioning Service and a chance to meet Mark Russell, Chief Executive of the Church Army.

The day is to be about sharing and celebrating the vocation of those who have given so much to Casting the Net. The deep sense of calling that many feel has been recognised by the CTN Team, who have felt it appropriate to affirm that sense of calling in a Commissioning Service, in which everyone can pray together and show their gratitude to all the people who contribute to Casting the Net.

This year's Mark of Mission 7 – 'Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism' - is the focus of the event. Mark Russell, who is the guest speaker, has extensive experience in this field and will offer new and exciting perspectives on how we may confidently share our faith.

As your CTN Liaison Officer I will be attending this event and will report back to you in a future magazine.

Lay Ministry Training.

During the year the CTN Team plan to offer a range of training events for people involved in lay ministry, whether it be reading lessons, leading intercessions, administering the chalice or pastoral visiting. Details will be available at a later date.

***Margaret Dineley – CTN Liaison Officer - 624377:
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HE LEADS ME HOME

By Beth Marie Freeman

When life may lead a certain path
Sometimes we feel afraid,
Yet every footstep that we take
We know this path God made.

Its purpose sometimes is not clear
And aimless we may roam,
Yet every day in every way
The Lord will guide us home.

For home is where the Lord intends
A place inside our hearts,
Where fears and doubts just slip away
No matter where we are.

So if we walk with trepidation
Sometimes stumble even fall,
He'll pick us up and dust us off
If his name we only call.

He will keep us safe within his arms
Our troubles disappear,
For a love that knows no boundaries
Is a love that's always near.

Knowledge and wisdom

*There is a difference
between knowledge and
wisdom.*

*Knowledge is knowing
that a tomato is a fruit not
a vegetable.*

*Wisdom is knowing not to
include it in a fruit salad.*

Most of you will know that Valerie, our curate, is soon leaving us for her own charge. Valerie announced that her last Sunday with us at Holy Trinity will be Sunday 13th May. Her Institution at St Paul's, Kinross will take place on 14th June and if you would like to attend please put your name on the list that can be found in the church vestibule. Places will be in high demand and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Young Church News

Our Good Friday Happening this year was on the theme of New Life. We were visited in the church hall by Callum of "Cool Creatures" who spent time showing and explaining to us his wonderful exotic animals, which included Iggy the Iguana, Lightning the Ferret, Twiggy the stick insect and Revel and Rascal the baby Meer Kats. It was a great experience for us all, young and old, as we were allowed to touch and hold the animals. In hearing about the animals, we learned about where the animals were from in the wild, the special care each one needs and the different ways in which each creature fits into God's amazing creation. We then went on to hear a story about a caterpillar who was transformed into a beautiful butterfly and how God's love transforms us all. We sat quietly and reflectively and listened to the story of Christ's passion and how that relates to the Good News of Easter and new life in the risen Christ. Our busy morning concluded with some crafts (you may have noticed our colourful crosses and butterflies adorning the church hall) and sharing time together over lunch.





Thank you to the mystery donor who left a beautiful basket of chocolate eggs for the children on Easter Sunday. As you may be aware we had lots of extra children that day who had come along to share in Nosa's Baptism. Just like in the story of the Loaves and the Fishes our original supply of eggs multiplied so that we were able to have our usual Easter egg hunt and make up small Goodie bags for every child in church that day. The Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways!

Focus on Mothers' Union

The Holy Trinity branch of the Mothers' Union is hosting its 6th "INTERNATIONAL FEAST" in the church hall on Friday 18th May at 7.00pm. The event, as well as a much anticipated "do" in the congregation's social calendar, is also a way of raising awareness of the work that the Mothers' Union does internationally. As the Mothers' Union website describes:

"Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide.



In 83 countries, our members share one heartfelt vision - to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue through prayer, programmes, policy work and community relationships. By supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, we tackle the most urgent needs challenging relationships and communities.

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. Single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. For all 4 million members what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs. We lobby local and national governments on issues affecting family life and campaign to challenge legislation that neglects the vulnerable and marginalised. We are also represented at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women."

The event is free but guests are invited to make a donation to the Mothers' Union Overseas Fund. Overleaf, you can read about the work that Mothers' Union supports in Papua New Guinea.

Focus on Mothers' Union



Mothers' Union was first established in Papua New Guinea in 1949, and has branches in all five dioceses. 85% of the population live in rural areas, and as three quarters of the island is covered with dense tropical rainforests, with few roads, travel

has always been extremely difficult. This perhaps has contributed to the development of almost 800 individual local languages, some spoken by only a few people. Now English, Pidgin and Motu are the main languages spoken.

Facts and Figures	
Population	5.9 million
% of Population Christian	97%
Life Expectancy	57 years (men), 59 years (women)

Mothers' Union in Papua New Guinea is lively and active. It has over 20,000 members in the five dioceses of Aipo Rongo, Dogura, Popondota, Port Moresby and New Guinea Islands. Mothers' Union is involved in a wide variety of activities there, including hospital visits and community outreach, raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, and organising trainings on communication and gender issues. Mothers' Union is also involved in running projects throughout the Province, such as fishing, baking, sewing, embroidery and other handicrafts. It intends to expand income-generating projects to enable members to sustain activities in their own dioceses.

Tickets for the event are now available from the International Feast organisers; just ask any M.U. member and they should be able to point you in the right direction. While entry is free, you will need a ticket as we have to follow the safety limits on the capacity of the hall.

Focus on Mothers' Union

The event will feature favourite family dishes with an international theme – who at Holy Trinity has not heard of Dorissia Forsyth's famous lamb curry! If you would like to contribute a favourite dish, please see one of the organisers.

It is a "B.Y.O.B." event, in other words please bring your own drinks either alcoholic or non-alcoholic with you. There will be fantastic food, great company and if past evenings are anything to go by, much hilarity! We hope to see you there!

Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

Lord, as we seek to reach out to others,
help us to remember that we are made in your image and equally loved by you.
For those we find easy to love and who appreciate our efforts,
we ask your blessing;
For those we struggle to connect with; for those who seem to take us for granted,
we ask your blessing.
For ourselves we ask for forbearance and a large dose of the gift of humour,
that we can serve all, with lightness and a good heart.
And in your mercy, may we catch a glimpse of yourself in the most unexpected places.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mothers' Union Prayer Resources – Volunteer Prayers



Study and Growth Group

The spring/summer session of the Study and Growth Group began on 19th April and we decided to try something a bit different. Instead of studying a book together we are going to address the theme of forgiveness from a variety of angles, using different approaches.

On Thursday 3rd May Barbara and Peter Hand will lead a discussion on peace and forgiveness in relation to their visit to Hiroshima in Japan. This meeting will take place at 73 Upper Kinneddar, Saline. On Tuesday 15th May we will watch and discuss Le Fils (The Son) an award winning film which addresses issues relevant to this theme. This meeting will take place at 28 Rosethorn Wynd Dunfermline, the home of Derek Morrison. On Thursday 31st May Dorothy Nicholl will lead a bible study on forgiveness. This meeting will take place at 29 Albany Street Dunfermline. On Thursday 14th June we will review the use of this themed approach and decide on future activities for the group. This meeting will take place at 20 Selvaige Street Rosyth, the home of Helen Welsh. All these meetings will begin at 7:30pm.

The Study and Growth Group is open to everyone and you would be very welcome to attend any of these meetings. Either way we'll let you know how things go.

"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." "The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is the attribute of the strong".
Mahatma Gandhi



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 14th May - We are off for an afternoon trip, destination yet to be decided.

Monday 28th May - Our own John Kennedy is coming along to tell us about being a Guide at Falkland Palace. This should be really interesting with a visual presentation.

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary



Seniors' Service

We had around 45 members; family, friends and carers attend this special service on Easter Sunday.

After a lovely Eucharist service with well kent hymns, everyone went to the hall for Afternoon tea. Members of HT were on hand to serve tea and chat with the guests.

When we heard Giles had come from Edinburgh to visit Lucy his owner and that he walked on a lead we persuaded him to come into the hall and join us where he was spoiled and petted by lots of cat lovers.

Great big thanks to everyone who helped to make the afternoon such a success: those who baked, made sandwiches, provided transport, managed the wheelchair lifts and many more tasks necessary to make our guests welcome.

Fay Cuthbertson



Update from your Lay Reader Trainee

By the time you read this, some of you will have already seen me back in Holy Trinity, as my first Sunday with you, following the end of my placement, is April 29. However, as it is impossible to talk to everyone after the church service, this is just a brief outline of my experiences on the course since my last article.

As most of you know I have been on placement since Epiphany at Old St. Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, which follows an Anglo-Catholic tradition. For most of us the description 'high church' would seem appropriate – some people indeed would use the rather derogative term 'smells and bells.' Neither description can convey the immensely prayerful atmosphere of worship at Old St. Paul's. The ritual is indeed more complicated than we are used to here at Holy Trinity, or indeed in most Episcopal churches, but it flows beautifully and the movements heighten the sense

of worship and awe. There is a deep sense of spirituality in every part of the service of High Mass on Sunday morning – the procession, the music, the prayers, the sermon, the Eucharist – and the silences. All of our senses are engaged – hearing, seeing, smelling (the incense), tasting (the elements) and touch, as we greet each other at the peace. We can feel God's presence, both individually and communally.

I have been given the opportunity to participate actively in many areas of church life at Old St. Paul's, including Sub-Deaconing at High Masses and Choral Evensongs, co-leading the Stations of the Cross service on the evening of Palm Sunday, singing the office at Choral Evensong services, preaching at weekday Low Masses and pastoral visiting. It has been a wonderful experience and helped me tremendously in my formation.

However, I am indeed happy to be back with you and, although

I hope my training at Old St. Paul's will prove of value to yourselves in assisting in ministry at Holy Trinity (and our sister church of St. Margaret's, Rosyth), I will not be attempting to nudge our Rector towards Anglo-Catholic worship! Mark you, I have rather taken to the use of incense - but I do realise it is not everyone's 'cup of tea!'

Alongside my placement I have been continuing, of course, with the regular Wednesday evening Seminars. Since Christmas I have studied the Synoptic Gospels, Church History around the Reformation period and am now starting to look at Doctrine. The monthly Ministry Reflection Course finished recently by looking at critical awareness, following evenings on communication, prayerfulness and team leadership, all led by different priests in our Diocese, including Tim, our own Rector. I have been on two more Residential Weekends at St. Mary's Monastery, Perth, studying Spirituality, Ministry

and Liturgy and in January being part of the team leading the eight worship services of the weekend. Alongside this I have been reading for and writing three more assignments – so I reckon I have been well and truly 'kept out of mischief!'

Margaret Dineley.

Wow Margaret! You *have* been busy! What an interesting and exciting journey you are on.

We're looking forward to seeing you again back at HT!



From Your Lay Representative

The Area Council meeting was held on 8th March at St Peter's, Kirkcaldy. The speaker was Rev'd Dom Ind, whose topic was World Religions. Synod papers were also discussed prior to Diocesan Synod which is to be held on Saturday 10th March.

In May, as part of Casting the Net, a two week course entitled "Footsteps – walking the path of Christian discipleship" is to be held. It will be led by Rev'd Andrew Frearson and will be held at St Peter's, Kirkcaldy on Monday 21st and Monday 28th May. It will be free and is for all members of the congregation.

From the Diocesan Standing Committee it was announced that there will be a template for the operation of church websites coming out in April.

The next Area Council meeting is on Monday 14th May at St Paul's, Kinross when Bishop David will talk about "The Anglican Covenant", which is also on the agenda of Synod.

Linda Brownlie

MOTHERS' UNION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18th May 7.00pm for 7.30pm HT Church Hall
INTERNATIONAL FEAST (see pages 8 & 9)

Wednesday 6th June 2.00pm HT Church Hall
Lesley Brooke is our speaker

Wednesday 20th June 7.30pm 35, Broomieknowe
Bible Study on Mary Magdalene

Letters and Notes

Blessing of Registered Civil Partnership

The last two months have certainly been a busy time for us both: Baptism, Confirmation, Civil Partnership and Blessing.

Ray and I celebrated our Civil Partnership on 30th March 2012 in South Queensferry followed by our Church Blessing at Holy Trinity the following day.



The Civil Partnership was a special occasion for us both as this now signifies our equal rights in life after being a couple for nearly 9 years.. However, the ceremony lacked any religious or spiritual context and it was with great delight that we were able to have a blessing in our own Church.

We approached Tim and Valerie to enquire about the possibility of a blessing quite some time ago but plans were put on hold until I finished treatment and life returned to normality. After being in remission for over a year we felt this was an ideal time to go ahead with our commitment. The blessing was an important ceremony for us as we believe it was right to have our commitment witnessed by God.

Although Ray and I wanted a Church Blessing we were apprehensive to what people may have said or thought. However, it was apparent we had nothing to worry about. We were shown such great support from people from all areas of our life including our new Holy Trinity family.

We are thankful to our Church and our Christian family for supporting us on our continued journey together.

Ross & Ray

Letters and Notes

The Department of Spiritual Care at Queen Margaret Hospital held a Service of Thanksgiving on 25th March for Volunteers, who over the years have supported the work of the Chaplaincy and enabled so many patients to attend worship on a Sunday morning in the Hospital Chapel. Due to the changes at QMH these services will no longer be taking place. The photo shows members of the Episcopal Church team who attend the Service, some of whom have been helping since the Sunday morning services started 19 years ago.

Our personal thanks to all those who have been our team members over the years. We have had the reputation at the Department of being the team that would 'fill in' at short notice - sometimes as late as Friday afternoon!



Barbara and Rod Key

Many thanks to my dear friends for the beautiful cards that I received on the occasion of my "special" birthday.

Doreen Esnol

BAGS OF THANKS!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising handbag party on Friday, April 20th. The final total was £170 - after a few unexpected, kind donations were made after the event. As Tim said at the service on the 22nd, some of the money will be used to pay the DORCAS Group for the clavinova cover and the rest will go to the organ fund. Thank you all again! *Lee Green*



Readings for April

May 6 th Easter 5	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
May 13 th Easter 6	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 20 th Easter 7	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 27 th Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Hearts ablaze

Beautiful Lord,
 may we say "yes" to You
 so that the Spirit in our hearts
 will once again be set ablaze.
 Spirit of Wisdom,
 guide our actions so they tell of God's love.
 Spirit of Truth,
 open our eyes to see the world as it really is.
 Spirit of Power,
 enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.
 Spirit of Love,
 inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill us.
 Come, Holy Spirit.
 Come.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD





Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of April was:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Voluntary Giving	17,472	Clergy	21,839
Church Groups	2,913	Property	6,916
Hall Usage	525	Operational	6,895
Tax Recovered	8,351	Diocesan Quota	4,109
Investments	1,131	Administration	245
St. Margaret's	1,800		
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	32,193		40,004

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

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
 Count your gains instead of your losses.
 Count your joys instead of your woes;
 Count your friends instead of your foes.
 Count your smiles instead of your tears;
 Count your courage instead of your fears.
 Count your full years instead of your lean;
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
 Count your health instead of your wealth;
 Love your neighbour as much as yourself.



Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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	Jenny Stooke	-
	Pam Pryde	739039
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Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
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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
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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.