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Services	Sunday	Eucharist	8am & 11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am



Welcome to the June edition of our magazine. While I was pulling everything together this month, I was reflecting upon what I might write by way of an introduction to this month's magazine. I was

finding it hard not to think about recent events in the life of our church. At a personal level, I am sad that we have lost our Rector and Curate; both have greatly helped me on my journey of faith and discipleship. I was feeling somewhat melancholy about all of this as I worked away but gradually, as I collated and placed the various articles and emails from contributors, I was struck by a positive sense of how life goes on. While I, as well as many others, will greatly miss Tim and Valerie, I felt buoyed by the fact that we are lucky to have many committed and supportive people within our congregation. My reverie reminded me of a pop/folk song from 1965 of which I am particularly fond. It's a song by the US band The Byrds and is called Turn! Turn! Turn! – To Everything there is a Season. The lyrics are almost word for word from the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3. Verse 1 says "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". There is something deeply reassuring for me when I accept my limitations as a human and place my trust wholeheartedly in God and His loving purpose for me and for each of us. I hope you enjoy June's edition. *Elaine*

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Fr. Ross writes....

One of the things that was drummed into me at my ordination was 'once a priest always a priest.' Or as the Bible puts it 'Thou art a priest forever.' So while old soldiers 'never die - they only fade away', the fact is priests are not allowed to fade away - they have to keep going until they die! And I have very good reasons for being grateful for that fact.

Eighteen years ago I was inducted as the Rector of St Columba's Parish Church in Newcastle upon Tyne. Following a vacancy which lasted well over a year they were, I think, relieved to have someone as their Rector even if it was only me. After three months I felt that I was really getting to grips with the parish when suddenly I was admitted to hospital for emergency heart surgery which was followed by several months convalescence. Poor St Columba's folk must have wondered what kind of old crock they had been landed with! But actually they were very caring and thanks to the two retired priests in my parish and a very strong lay team the church continued to thrive without me.

As my old friend Canon Jack would tell me, "Ross the churchyard is full of folk who thought they were indispensable." Now, you may ask where is all this leading? Well, to our present situation at Holy Trinity where we are also fortunate in having a good number of dedicated lay folk who will ensure that our life of faith and witness at Holy Trinity will continue.

For my part I will endeavour to continue the pattern of pastoral care and worship that has gone on at Holy Trinity since the church was built - and so I hope to be with you on most Sundays. On one Sunday in July, however, we may have a visiting priest. There is also the possibility that one of the 11.00am services will be lay led as happens fairly regularly on a Thursday. Such a service will follow the usual order - hymns, readings, intercessions, sermon, choir, etc., but with the Holy Communion being distributed from the Reserved Sacrament.

As some of our newer members may be unfamiliar with this, let me explain. Several of our members: Ron Hawkins, Fay Cuthbertson and Brendan Grimley have been licensed by the Bishop to conduct services of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament when there is no priest available. What happens is that at a previous Eucharist, the presiding priest reserves some of consecrated Bread and the consecrated Wine and these are placed in the Aumbry. This is a small cupboard with an elaborate carved door on the north wall of the sanctuary. Above the Aumbry can be seen a red candle which is kept alight whenever the consecrated Bread and Wine (the Blessed Sacrament) is inside.

The reserved Sacrament is also used to bring Holy Communion to those of our members who cannot attend church due to illness or infirmity. If you are unable to attend church for any reason and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let me know. Either I will bring it to you or one of our licensed lay people.

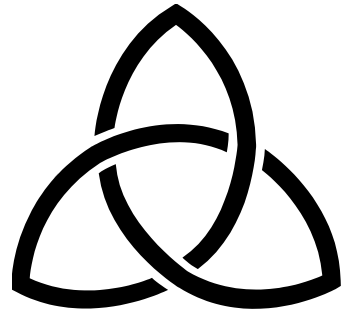
Fr. Ross writes....

I am hoping that, with the Vestry's approval, a temporary worship committee might be formed which would then plan all the services to the end of the year.

Finally, we celebrate the Feast of our Church's Dedication (usually called our Patronal Festival) on Trinity Sunday 3rd June. Our preacher on that day at the 11.00am Sung Eucharist will be our own Reader in Training, Dr Margaret Dineley.

SHALOM!

ROSS



I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

From the Breastplate of St. Patrick

Celebrating Casting the Net – 5 May 2012



This day at the Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind Centre in Perth turned out to be a very special celebration indeed. All who had been involved in Casting the Net across the Diocese, including Diocesan committee members, facilitators and CTN Liaison Officers, had been invited to attend. Some three dozen or more joined together to take part in considering Mark of Mission 7: "Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism."

The keynote speaker was Mark Russell, Chief Executive of the Church Army. I was uncertain as to what to expect – Chief Executive sounded somewhat business-like, the Church Army a little daunting. Having been introduced by and spoken with Bishop David (two Irishmen together) he started to speak. How wrong had I been! He was truly inspiring, an amazingly fluent and passionate speaker, with an immense amount of experience around the country, visiting churches and church projects.

He spoke to a background of a Power Point presentation, starting by saying how important it is to let people know that they matter to God, as such knowledge is deeply transformative. Our sensitive evangelism in that respect changes the church, because it changes us. Church is not a club – it is a place to meet God! He continued by affirming that we have been commissioned, like his disciples, to follow Jesus where he went, serving those who are most needy in any respect in our community and to show God's compassion in the lives we live in our local area. He provided a few examples, such as lunch for the elderly, messy church, street pastors and strong pastoral follow-up to occasional offices, baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Mark then talked of the importance of making our churches more welcoming and accessible, including allowing newcomers to sit in Mrs. X's seat and explaining to them what everything means in

the service. People are hungry for belonging in this somewhat fractured and isolationist society and the church should be a caring and inclusive community where folk can feel at home.

Mark concluded with a vivid metaphor, taken from the experience of a baby hippo orphaned by a tsunami, which was adopted by a tortoise in the local zoo. He compared our churches to an old male tortoise; slow-moving, isolated, ancient-looking, withdrawn into its shell and won't stick its neck out. Our culture could be likened to the orphaned hippo; orphaned by religion, science, government, the economy, technology and consumerism. However, later in the day he observed that he had felt there were real chinks of light to be seen in our Diocese – a real sense of moving forward, of caring, reaching out and becoming more inclusive.

These were intense words of encouragement to pass on to you all. 'Being' church today is not easy – but we felt excited and inspired by this deeply spiritual young man.

Following the talk we broke into facilitated groups to discuss issues raised by our speaker, such as trying to identify needs in our local communities and how to address them, plus how to make our church communities more welcoming.

Lunch ensued and the day finished with a Eucharist - a moving service during which we renewed our baptismal vows. The hymns and prayers fed into the theme of the day and I will finish with a verse from one of the hymns and a short prayer –

*'Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice that calls us to care,
And Christ is the one who meets us here.'*

*Holy Spirit, rekindle in us your gifts of grace,
to love and serve as disciples of Christ.
Renew our life in Christ
and bring to completion all that your calling has begun.
Amen.*

Margaret Dineley – CTN Liaison Officer



Youth Fellowship's Trip to Inchcolm Island

On the 6th May Youth Fellowship spent an afternoon at Inchcolm Island. We took the short, 45 minute boat trip from Hawes pier, South Queensferry to Inchcolm Island. When we departed off the boat we went exploring around the island. We had great fun playing hide and seek in the Abbey exploring the old World War bunkers. The island was established by King David I in the 12th century after his brother King Alexander I was forced to seek shelter at the Abbey during a very stormy voyage of the Forth in 1123. The abbey remains as the best, well-preserved group of monastic buildings in Scotland. The island was home to around 500 soldiers during both world wars and formed part of 'Fortress Forth' where all the islands in the fourth were maintain to protect the Royal Navy's base at Rosyth and the Rail Bridge from attack from the sea. In 1916 an ammunition tunnel was dug through the eastern end of the Island by the Royal Engineers and it is still open to explore today. The Abbey and the island are now owned by historic Scotland.
By Rebecca Cromwell



Retiring Collection, 24 June 2012

The retiring collection on Sunday 24 June will be in aid of the Mission to Seafarers and will be celebrated as Sea Sunday when we will have a chance to think about and pray for those who go down to the sea in ships.

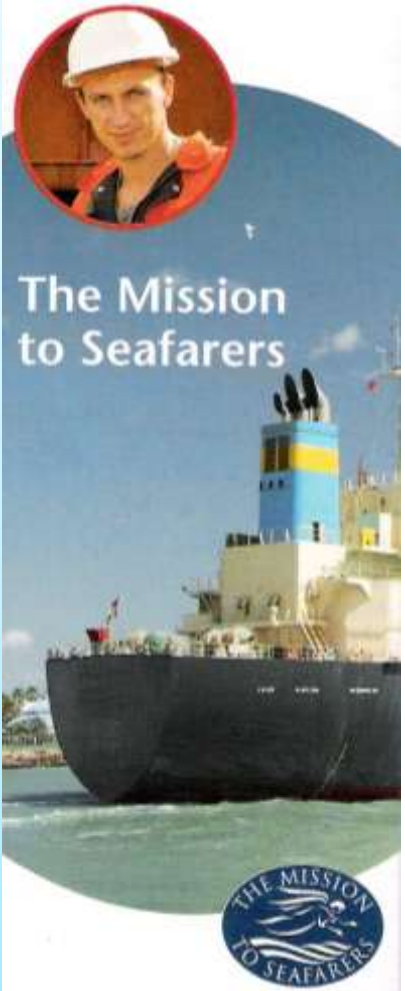
Worldwide, the Mission to Seafarers ministers to the spiritual and temporal needs of the seafaring community. Nowadays the crews of most ships come from low wage nations such as the Philippines. They have long periods away from home and have no one to turn to in case of need, except the ship owners, some of whom exploit their employees. They are also liable to all the dangers of the seas, including piracy. The Mission to Seafarers provides comfort and help to these people on whom we rely for our oil and other imports, and to look after us when we use a ship for holidays.

To do this we maintain a Chaplain in Scotland based on Grangemouth, but with a wide parish covering all the ports in Scotland.

This can only continue if money keeps coming in. So please give generously on the last Sunday in June.

Brian Smith

Creator and Father of all, we pray for those who go down to the sea in ships and serve you upon the waters of the world. Bless them and those who serve their needs, that they may put their whole trust in you and find in you a strong anchor for their hopes, and so be filled with your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Mothers' Union International Feast

Despite the rather cold and dismal weather on the night, the Mothers' Union International Feast (which was held on Friday 18th May in the church hall) was an evening of sumptuous food and warm and lively company. We tucked into a great variety of dishes infused with the spices and flavours of nations from all around the world. Many of the guests dressed up in national costumes for the occasion with Ross Stirling and Raymond Young each stealing the show as the African Chieftain and Mexican Bandito. The evening raised an astonishing £400 for the Mothers' Union overseas fund.

A great big thank you to everyone who was involved in organising the event and to those who slaved for hours on the day preparing and cooking the feast and serving the guests on the night.

See you next year!



Book Group



Dickens

Since the last magazine the book group has met twice; brief accounts of our discussions are noted below, for your interest.

Firstly, we had an 'Anything Dickens' night in honour of Charles Dickens' bicentenary. We all chose different works to read, and had a fascinating and wide-ranging discussion. Perhaps the most interesting was his travel journal 'American Notes', based on his visit to the United States in 1842. It seems he had a wonderful time, visiting and being entertained by people and organisations of all kinds. His well-honed sense of justice and mercy was evident in his appreciation of various charitable organisations he encountered in America at that time. Others read 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' (a whodunit); 'Master Humphrey's Clock' (about a story-telling club, and incorporating a series of short stories); and 'Great Expectations'.

At our most recent meeting, we discussed 'When God was a Rabbit' by actress Sarah Winman. This is a debut novel, and has received positive reviews from all the critics. We all enjoyed the story, which told of the life of Ellie and her family and close friends – and her pet rabbit, which she decided to call 'God' (to the horror of her schoolteacher who considered this blasphemous – maybe like the recent case in the Middle East when a school teacher decided to name a teddy bear 'Mohammed', and caused an international incident). The chief joy of this book is in the intimate portrayal of her relationships with her brother, parents, aunt, and closest friends Jenny Pennie and Charlie.

Part 1 tells the story of the first twelve years of Ellie's life; Part 2 tells of her late twenties/early thirties. She becomes a journalist and writes a column 'Lost and Found' which becomes a vehicle for the uncovering of other people's stories. I still had about a hundred pages to read on the night of the book group, and realise now how difficult I must have made it for everybody to avoid telling me what happened! I'm very sorry ladies, I won't do that again... Let me just say that the last hundred pages are action-packed and unputdownable!

Our next meeting is on 22nd June at Valerie Leslie's home; we will be reading 'The Island' by Victoria Hislop. All welcome.

Helen



**Logie Garden Opening - Sat & Sun 14th & 15th July
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Logie House, Crossford, Dunfermline, KY12 8QN

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Fairtrade - A change

As the quality and availability of Fairtrade foodstuffs have increased in the shops and supermarkets so the sales in our small outlet have dropped, until it seems no longer a viable proposition to keep going as many items reach their sell-by date and have to be removed from the shelves, cutting into our small profit. However, I think that it is important that Holy Trinity continues to support Fairtrade in some way and knowing how much you love crafts, Ross, Ray and I have decided to have a craft stall instead. This will run about four times a year, the first being on Sunday 24th June.

We hope you will support us in our new venture. *Linda*

From the Rector's Warden

WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE?

This old hymn is one of my favourites; it's a sort of rallying call when times are hard. The words have had a revamp but I like the old ones; with a few adjustments, which I'll come to in a minute. I have happy memories of cycling in Wexford in the mid-80s with my friend Gillian, belting out 'to be a pilgrim!' on the downward runs. This is the great thing about hymns and being brought up in a church-going family; you sing them so often that the words are hard-wired in your brain.



And pilgrimage is an enticing concept. I guess we all have favourite places we like to visit time and time again, places which give us a sense of peace and belonging. (The Anstruther Fish Bar comes to mind!) Since the middle ages, Christians (and believers of other faiths) have travelled on long journeys to places of pilgrimage, to earn indulgences which they believed would save their souls. Travelling thoughtfully and prayerfully on a long and difficult journey is a means of grace which all humans share.

Dunfermline is, of course, on the pilgrim route; in the middle ages, pilgrims came ashore at North Queensferry and travelled to St Andrews, stopping in Dunfermline en route. Is there still a sense of holiness in Dunfermline? I think we find holiness where we look for it, and at times we are more receptive than others. Steeped in the wonder and occasional anguish of new motherhood, I used to push Harry in his buggy along the cobbles through Monastery Street and up round the Abbey churchyard, and I could hear the monks' chants, and smell their soup of bitter herbs, as I did so.

From the Rector's Warden (con't)

Our pilgrimage is in our hearts and souls. We walk, climb, stumble, crawl, skip, dance forward to God; and rejoicing, we return to show his love to others.

Back to the words of the hymn: "Who would true valour see? Let him come hither." Feminist thinking challenges the assumption that all the important roles in life are given to men. On the whole, I go along with this challenge, because what I read in the Bible about faith and love tells me first and foremost that God loves me as I am, and makes no distinctions on the basis of gender (or of colour or age or sexuality or any other artificial divide). So sometimes I play around with the words of old hymns, just to remind myself of God's love for me, a female sinner. It works for me, makes me put my foot forward on my journey with a bit more faith, to sing

"Who would true valour see? Let her come hither;
One here will constant be, come wind or weather.
There's no discouragement can make her once relent;
Her first avowed intent: to be a pilgrim!"

Celtic spirituality gives us the concept of 'thin places'. The idea is that heaven and earth are never more than three feet apart; but in some places, the layer that separates us from heaven is even thinner and that is where, in this life, we can get closest to God. Thin places typically can be at the tops of mountains; at the stretch along the beach where the tide turns; in any place just after a storm.

So here we are in our own thin place at Holy Trinity, after the storm. No doubt there will be more storms to come. However we can take great courage and comfort from the notion of being ever closer to heaven. In the weeks and months to come we will be thinking about Tim, our rector, praying for him, helping him in whatever ways we can. We rejoice that the Holy Spirit flows where love flows. Jesus tells us, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am with you'. I urge you to join each other in prayer for Tim, Bishop David, the Vestry, Ross, and all of us at Holy Trinity; and also for Valerie as she finds a way forward for her ministry.

Helen Welsh, 17th May 2012

Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

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Letters and Notes

Dear friends,

I would be very grateful for your help with the new diocesan website, which I am currently working on. We desperately need up-to-date photographs to populate the site. Many of our church pictures can be taken from the old site, but it would be great to have more photos – and not just of buildings. If you are able, please send me photos from recent events, both in the church and in the wider community.

Please make sure you have agreement from people who are clearly identifiable, as they may not want to appear on the website! Photos of clearly identifiable children cannot be put on the website without written permission from the parents. I attach a permission form which you should send back with any photos featuring clearly identifiable children. *[can be obtained from Fay Cuthbertson – Ed]*

If the photo is of a crowd in a public place, you don't need to get permission to share the photo.

The more photos we have to choose from, the better – so please send me as many as you want, stating which church and/or which event. Please also spread the word amongst the members of your congregation and ask them to contribute any photos they may have.

Many thanks,
Caroline King
Casting the Net Coordinator
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

Eileen Hutchings wishes
to thank all her friends
at Holy Trinity for their
thoughts expressed with
the flowers and cards.

Valerie Walker would like to pass on her warm appreciation of the gift of a digital photo frame plus £80 cash, which members of the congregation gave recently as a parting gift. Photos of her time at Holy Trinity and St Margaret's were uploaded and organised by Jack Wardell and Martin Tarr, and give a rich picture of her time here with us.

Readings for June

June 3 rd Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
June 10 th Proper 5	Genesis 3:8-15	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 17 th Proper 6	Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:6- 10, 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 24 th St John the Baptist	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Acts 13: 14b-26	Luke 1:57-66,80
July 1 st Proper 8	Wisdom 1:13- 15, 2:23-24	2 Corinthians 8:7- 15	Mark 5:21-43



Father,
 You sent your Word to bring us truth
 and your Spirit to make us holy.
 Through them we come to know the mystery of
 your life.
 Help us to worship you, one God in three
 persons,
 You reveal yourself in the depths of our being,
 by proclaiming and living our faith in you.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
 Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit,
 one God for ever and ever.
 Amen.

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for
 Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the
 minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may
 energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth,
 and Eternal Life.

Amen



Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of April was:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Voluntary Giving	20,758	Clergy	25,183
Church Groups	4,440	Property	7,264
Hall Usage	620	Operational	8,960
Tax Recovered	8,351	Diocesan Quota	4,700
Investments	1,103	Administration	418
St. Margaret's	2,100		
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	37,372		46,525

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £500.

Gracious and Loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send your Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to your enduring love of all Creation. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen



Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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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
Prayer Group	Margaret Dineley	624377
	Doreen EsnoI	621054
Traidcraft	Linda Sherwood	416558
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732



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