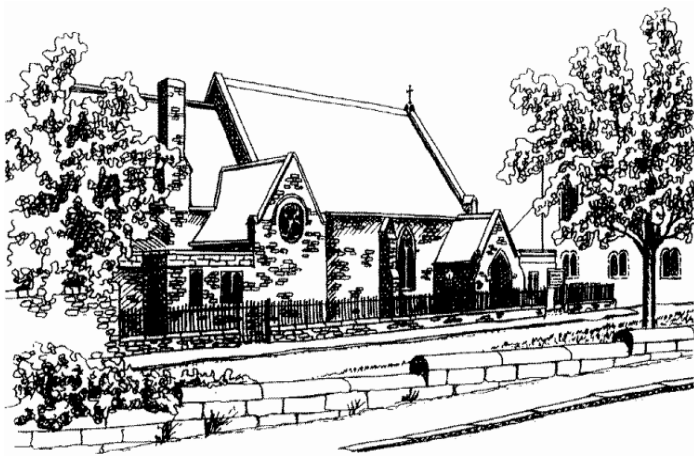


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It's a full year since I took over putting our wee magazine together. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun?! And this month's edition is one of the biggest so far! Thank you all for your contributions over

the past twelve months, and keep them coming please!

This month, John Kennedy candidly shares his experiences of living with Parkinson's Disease. You'll find his article on page 10. Helen Welsh shares a thought-provoking reflection inspired by John the Baptist on page 16 and there is our usual digest of invitations, updates, reports and notices.

Reading all the articles and pulling the magazine together always sets me thinking. I've been reading a bit of James lately too, preparing lessons for the Young Church. I've been reflecting on the relationship between gratitude and action. James reminds us that being grateful and listening to the Word, is not enough. We have to be 'doers', a point Jesus also makes in Mark 7. At the end of

September we will celebrate Harvest Festival, a time when we will rightly give thanks for all that God has given us. Perhaps it can also be a time when we think about what actions we take to reflect our gratitude. "It is right to give God thanks and praise" our Liturgy sings. But as we harvest let us too sow; using drills of love, scythes of compassion, ploughs of tolerance and combines of care. *Elaine x*

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Fr Ross Writes.....

Being suddenly plunged from a gentle retirement into running two churches has been a bit of a shock. You see I hadn't realised how much I had slowed down. Before retirement it would take me no more than a couple of hours to write a sermon; nowadays it takes me a whole evening and sometimes longer. My old grey matter is not functioning as it used to!

Anyway can I thank so many of you for your kind words of encouragement - they certainly help keep me going. It has also been affirming to observe that although many of our church family have been away during the holiday season, the attendance at the Sung Eucharist has held up reasonably well. Quite often during an interregnum church attendance can plummet - so thank you for being there.

We now have a 12 or so of our housebound members receiving Communion at home on a fortnightly or monthly basis. I have the help in this ministry of Fay Cuthbertson, Ron Hawkins and our trainee Lay Reader, Margaret Dineley. In addition to this we have been invited to hold a monthly Communion Service at Canmore Lodge. We had our first service in July and were supported by our organist, Roger and several members of the choir. I was expecting maybe six or eight residents at the service but was absolutely thrilled to find some 29 good folk in attendance. They sang the hymns very well and afterwards Roger led them in a sing song of old favourites.

A small worship group has been formed which has already met and planned our services right up until Easter 2013. We have also looked at ways our worship might be enhanced. One suggestion is for there to be a short period of silence, say 3-5 minutes, before the beginning of the Sung Eucharist. Roger will begin playing the organ as a signal for the period of quiet to begin. Please do try to observe this.

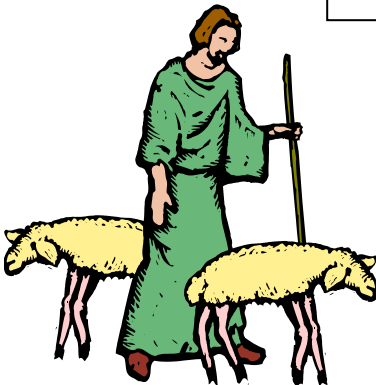
Fr Ross Writes.....

Finally many of our groups will be starting their Autumn programmes this month. Would group leaders please ensure that your meetings are advertised in the Pew Sheet. Who knows - you may well attract a few new members.

Keep praying
Keep coming
Keep worshipping.

Shalom

Ross



As quoted by Fr Ross in a recent sermon - A prayer by Janet Cawley

God of the way,
you are the road we travel,
and the sign we follow;
you are bread for the journey,
and the wine of arrival.

Guide us as we follow in your
way,
holding on to each other,
reaching out to your beloved
world.

And when we stray,
seek us out and find us,
set our feet on the path again,
and lead us safely home.



Casting the Net Gatherings 2012

Some of you attended and thoroughly enjoyed Gatherings held in the last two years at St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. This year the pattern is different: there are two separate Gatherings in different locations.

Caroline King, our CTN Officer, sends this message to us all – “The purpose of the Gatherings is to gather people together from across the Diocese so that they may have an opportunity to share with each other their own experiences of Mission Action Planning and of Casting the Net in general – to get involved in workshops which respond to our Mark of Mission for the year – to learn from each other – to take back new ideas to their congregations – to be refreshed and nourished for mission – to deepen bonds of fellowship. For the last two years our Gatherings have been held in St. Ninian's Cathedral in Perth. This year we wanted to do something a bit different – to take the Gathering to different locations so that people feel more connected to Casting the Net and what it is trying to achieve. This is, of course, our Diocesan vision: “Our Diocese comprises a thriving group of hopeful, caring and committed congregations, whose shared life, worship and effective engagement with people and issues in their communities attracts growing numbers of people from diverse backgrounds to share the values and work of our church.”

Details of the events are on page 5. Booking forms are available either from myself, attached to the notice board in the hall, from Caroline King at the Diocesan Office – 01738 443173 – castingthenet@standrews.anglican.org or from the Diocesan website. For the St. Andrews Gathering, forms should be returned either to me or to the Diocesan Office by September 14th – for the Stirling Gathering by 24th September. If you obtain a booking form electronically from Caroline then you can return it the same way.

I do hope that a good number of you will support one of the Gatherings – the fellowship, the learning and the sense of shared mission and caring are very special.

Margaret Dineley – CTN Liaison Officer.



Casting the Net Gatherings 2012

Come and gather with others from across the diocese to share in the experience of Casting the Net.

Take part in workshops, deepen bonds of fellowship and hear from others what Mission Action Planning has done for their church.

The Casting the Net Gatherings will focus on Mark of Mission 7:

Sharing our faith by confident and sensitive evangelism.

Workshops will include: Caring for Others; Caring for the Earth;

Net-Casting for Beginners; Reaching out through Prayer;

Welcoming through Music.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES VERY WELCOME

There will be a special programme of workshops for children.

This year there are two opportunities to attend a Gathering:

22nd September

6th October

All Saints, St Andrews

Holy Trinity, Stirling

10am—4pm

10am—4pm

Spaces will be limited, so please book your place.

For more information or a booking form, please contact the Casting the Net Coordinator, Caroline King:

castingthenet@standrews.anglican.org

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Book Group

Our last good read was 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett and for once, we all absolutely loved it. Here is the blurb from the author's own website:

Three ordinary women are about to take one extraordinary step.

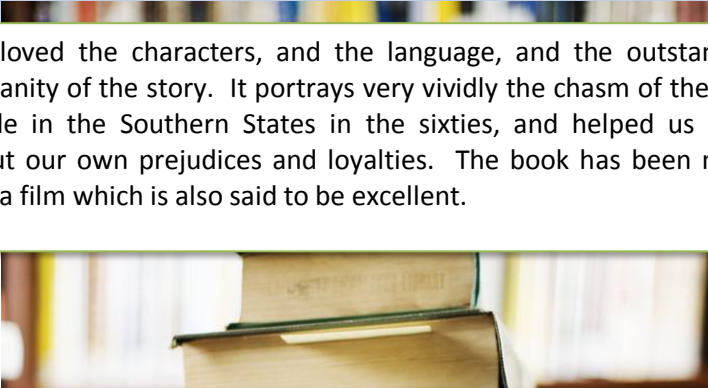
Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from university. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken.

Minny, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can cook like nobody's business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job. Minny finally finds a position working for someone too new to town to know her reputation. But her new boss has secrets of her own.

Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.

In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women—mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.



We loved the characters, and the language, and the outstanding humanity of the story. It portrays very vividly the chasm of the race divide in the Southern States in the sixties, and helped us think about our own prejudices and loyalties. The book has been made into a film which is also said to be excellent.

Next book: 'The Reluctant Fundamentalist' by Mohsin Hamid – at Val Leslie's home, 7th September 7.30pm. From Amazon: *"At a café table in Lahore, a bearded Pakistani man converses with an uneasy American stranger. As dusk deepens to night, he begins the tale that has brought them to this fateful meeting . . ."*

All welcome.



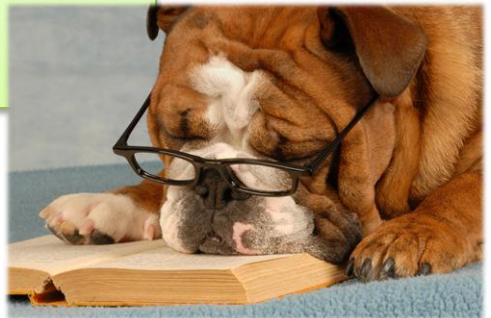
THANK YOU everyone, who has donated books
to raise funds for the Church.

I now have a good stock to replenish the sill in
the Hall when needed.

A big thanks of course, to those of you who
have left donations - they soon mount up!

Keep reading!

Barbara Key



From Your Lay Reader in Training

Following the summer school in July, an assessment meeting with my Diocesan Advisers earlier this month and the moderation panel at TISEC, I can now say that I have successfully completed my first year of my two year training and have been warmly invited back for the second year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the residential weekends, the summer school, the regular seminars and my placement at Old St. Paul's – the only part which was sometimes rather trying was completing all the assignments. However, having undertaken eight assignments last year I only have to do four this coming year – so this will make my load a little lighter. Also, I will be enabled to pursue my own reading programme on some of the ten subjects instead of concentrating on material for an assignment – and I feel this could be equally rewarding. Overall it has been a very special year – learning much, being enabled to develop new skills, making new friends and meeting and being stimulated by a range of wonderful people.

The course resumes at the beginning of October. In the meantime I have been doing a little reading, taking a holiday and going on retreat. This was an amazing experience. I spent a few days at the Franciscan Friary at Alnmouth in Northumberland, a house that concentrates on taking guests on retreat and on teaching novices. Set right up above the long sandy beach of the village, amidst beautiful gardens, it is a haven of peace and spirituality. I loved the rhythm of offices through the day and the daily mass in a chapel which was once the ballroom of an Edwardian mansion built by a shipping magnate – and it overlooks the sea! Above it is an incredible, well-stocked library with huge windows looking out on the bay and large, squashy sofas to sit on whilst reading – absolute heaven!

The brothers were kind, friendly and deeply committed to their work. Mark you, I got a bit of a surprise when I went to leave my case on the Monday morning (entry to rooms wasn't until 4pm).

From Your Lay Reader in Training

I was told that Brother Robert would be there to greet me. Imagine my surprise when the door was answered by a tall young man, with dark curly hair, a beard and twinkly eyes behind spectacles – and wearing a tee shirt and jeans! Yes – he was Brother Robert – habits were only worn for services and at mealtimes!

I would thoroughly recommend a stay at the Friary – there were eleven of us, unknown to each other and we all just did our own thing – there was no compulsion to attend the services and a session with a brother was available if wished. If you would be interested and would like to find out more, please do ask me.

Margaret.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE CHANGES TO OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME. Unfortunately Christine is unable to speak on Inspiring Goldwork at the moment. We hope to include this in next year's programme.

Wed 5th Sept 2.00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall

Card Making - come along and have fun being crafty all you need to bring-apart from yourselves- is a pair of scissors.

Fri 21st Sept 7.00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall

Curry Evening Fundraiser - Tickets will be available from M.U.members

Wed 3rd Oct 2.00pm Members Meal Out

Wed 17th Oct 7.30pm 35, Broomieknowe, Dunfermline

Barbara & Rod will be sharing their experiences during their Alaskan holiday

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological condition. People who have Parkinson's don't have enough of a chemical called dopamine because some nerve cells in their brain have died. Without it people find their movements become slower, their muscles get sore and stiff, sometimes with a tremor and they find it more difficult to do things. The medical profession still don't know why people get Parkinson's but researchers suspect that it is a combination of genetic and environmental factors that cause dopamine producing-cells to die.)

It was the little things at first, like chasing my flip flop round the floor of the gym with my foot, trying to put it on; having increasing difficulty tying my shoelaces; turning round in bed; getting up from seats; feeling stiff and sore, and generally becoming slower and slower in my movements. My writing (which was never terribly legible anyway) deteriorated to the point where even I was having difficulty reading it and my voice was also becoming weaker. Apparently these are some of the classic symptoms of Parkinson's Disease (PD), although as a condition it can affect each individual differently.

These changes were very gradual in my case. It is only when someone mentions something to you that triggers the thought "something isn't right with me" and one begins to wonder if there is something more insidious at work. The clincher for me was when I went swimming with my daughter and my wee grandson. I decided that I would try a swim in the adult pool. I set off but very quickly found myself losing my stroke and then sinking (blub, blub). Not a happy feeling and it was after that experience that I sought help.

After persuading my GP to refer me to a neurologist I was fairly quickly diagnosed with Parkinson's. Like many people, when told, I was just relieved that it wasn't one of the more dreaded degenerative diseases. However, I then realised that I knew nothing about PD and when I saw my GP again I realised that neither did he - hence his failure to recognise some of my symptoms!

I found out about Parkinson's UK, the Association that represents people with the condition and publishes an enormous amount of helpful information on all sorts of subject matter which is of immediate benefit to newly diagnosed individuals like myself. It made me aware that Parkinson's is not a terminal disease; that it is a condition that affects mainly people over age 50 but it can affect younger people also. (It is estimated that one in 500 people will get Parkinson's and, within that number, one in twenty will be under the age of 40 when they are diagnosed.)

Although there's currently no cure, there are a range of drugs which can manage the symptoms. Unfortunately, these drugs cannot stop or delay the onset of the condition. Parkinson's UK is the principal charity concerned with Parkinson's and funds a significant amount of research in the search for a cure. Current progress is good and some professionals are predicting a cure within 5/10 years with a lot of work going into, for example, new areas of research such as stem cell therapy. Parkinson's UK also provides initial funding to employ specialist Parkinson Nurses and we are very fortunate in Fife to have two such dedicated nurses available to people with the condition and their carers. They are a mine of excellent knowledge, experience and advice.

What has PD meant for me and Mary, my wife? First of all, it was difficult to know what to do. Who do we tell and when? How will people react? Will it mean restricting our lives and what we can do?

The first thing we decided was not to keep it a secret and to tell family, friends and neighbours who have all been very supportive. I was becoming a little concerned with an embarrassing issue of getting out of my car which more and more, caused me to stagger until I could get my balance. I was concerned that the neighbours may think was becoming a bit of a lush. We determined that it shouldn't be allowed to rule what we wanted to do - that we would take control as much as possible. We also decided to christen it "Michael" to give it a more innocuous tone. Last but not least, we both joined Parkinson's UK and the local Fife Branch which we found to be very welcoming and extremely active in encouraging new members to join in their many activities.

New words and phrases came into my world; "dyskinesia" which means involuntary movements of the body and limbs usually associated with medication running low; "dystonia", the most common manifestation being what we know as "sticky feet" when one wants to walk but your feet simply seem glued to the floor. This can be tricky when out in public. "Shutting off" when your system shuts down and you need to take immediate rest - usually affects people who have had the condition for some time; "bradykinesia", slowness of movement which is one of the main features of Parkinson's. I had the condition summed up for me as: "Slowness, Stiffness and Soreness" which ably defines the main symptoms of the condition. However there are some strange contradictions in that, for example, while I find difficulty in tying my shoe laces I can still tie my very small and delicate fishing flies and thankfully I still manage to fly fish once a week. Not as well as before but I manage to catch some fish.

My life has certainly changed since I got the condition but for Mary it has changed as well. While I am still able to do most of the cooking and shopping, Mary has acquired some additional, and unusual, duties e.g. pulls me up out of seats, pushes me into the table for meals, buttons are done, laces are tied, zips up etc! She also does most of the driving now, all of my paperwork, and generally keeps a watchful eye for which I will be ever grateful.

Recently Bob Hoskins, the well-known actor, announced his retirement due to the onset of Parkinson's and while I was sorry to learn of his condition, it's famous people like him (and Michael J. Fox) who can do more to bring Parkinson's to the attention of the general public than any publicity drive and hopefully that will lead to greater understanding of the need for funding for research in order to find a cure.

What about the future? I am optimistic about the medics finding a cure but if it takes 10 years then so be it. Parkinson's has been around for a long time. Indeed, a lady who wrote a book about PD maintains that it is mentioned 4 or 5 times in the Bible, referred to as the "shaking palsy". In the meantime I try to look upon it as a challenge, something which I have to take in my stride and be grateful for all the help and support I get every day. By the way, another symptom of PD is loss of facial expression so if I look particularly glum some days please don't hesitate to ask me for a smile. It helps to exercise my face muscles!

I will be more than happy to discuss any aspect of the foregoing article with anyone who has questions or concerns.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention the retirement collection at the end of this month which is in aid of Parkinson's UK.

John Kennedy.
September, 2012.



Thank you John, for so candidly sharing your experiences of Parkinson's Disease with us.

As John says, the retiring collection on 30th September will in aid of the charity Parkinson's UK. Please generously support the work of the charity

You can find out more from:
www.parkinsons.org.uk

WIVES GROUP



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 3rd September - our 2012/2013 programme begins with an opening Service in church at 7.30 pm.

Monday 17th September - a talk on the marvellous work done by CHAS

Monday 1st October - Reflexology - Jennifer Slack will come to demonstrate and explain the benefits.

Monday 15th October - Hong Kong - Linda Sherwood gives us a presentation to tell us about her exciting holiday.

Monday 29th October - Desert Island Discs – George Philp will entertain us with his choice of music.

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

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary

Harvest Festival – Volunteers required to help decorate the church for our Harvest Festival which will take place on Sunday 30th September. If you can help or would like to make a donation, please contact Gill Wardell on 722948



Dorcas Group and Women's Guild

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 29th September 2012

In the Church Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tickets £1.50 from Sheila Hawkins, Barbara
Key and Catherine Duncan

The Guild recommences on
Wednesday 12th September at
2pm in the Church Hall. We
meet on the second Wednesday
of each month. New members
most welcome.

Catherine Duncan, President



A plea from the Young Church

Recently, we have been disappointed to find that some of the Young church pictures and other displays have been moved or have disappeared altogether. A lot of work and at times, expense goes into the craft activities we do and the children (and adults who help prepare them) like to see their work displayed. If any of the children's work falls off the wall please keep it for us, perhaps putting it in the Young Church cupboard to avoid things looking untidy.

Thank you

MU Curry Night



HT Mothers' Union are holding a curry night on **Friday 21st September** in aid of Branch Funds and the Relief Fund. With food to cater for all tastes, the evening promises to be one of good food and great company.

Sample different styles of curry - some mild, others a little spicier, as well as other great dishes to tempt your taste buds. BYOB. 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets are available from members of the MU.

Focus on Mothers' Union in Myanmur (Burma)

The Province of Myanmar was formed in 1970, nine years after the declaration of Buddhism as the state religion and four years after all foreign missionaries were forced to leave. There are six dioceses, with many of the Christian Karen people living across the border in Thailand. Communication can sometimes be difficult, both internally and externally.

In the diocese of Mandalay, workshops are held relating to issues such as HIV/AIDS. To help unemployment, members in Sittwe diocese have started sewing classes so that women are able to find employment in the clothing factories. Members in Mothers' Union are serving the very poor in the province by creating income-generating projects.

In Hpa-an diocese, members run various training courses for their local communities. These look at current and relevant issues such as HIV/AIDS awareness, religious education, domestic violence and family issues.

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many
lives as possible for
thee;
and every life I touch,
do thou by thy spirit
quicken,
whether through the
word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.



Your Head on a Platter, Ma'am

Enter Salome: she's everything you could never be – elegant, graceful, beguiling – every man in the room is riveted. Just when you're telling yourself that it takes all sorts to make a world, and you shouldn't be too hard on yourself, the penny drops: you're in trouble. She wants your head on a platter.

Bishop David talked in a recent sermon about John the Baptist's determination to stick it out. He could have chosen to tell lies, flatter his audience, soft-soap them a bit, but he didn't. His was a strong message but he felt it was his job to deliver it, and that made him deeply unpopular to the point of death. Eeeek! Is this what God wants *us* to do? Are we ready for this?

When I was casting around in my memory box for an example of having my head on a platter (alas there has been more than one occasion), I unearthed something from my primary school days which still makes me squirm. We had those old wooden desks with lids and iron frames and inkwells – they seemed ancient even then and were well graffiti'd with messages from former pupils. I think I was in Primary 7 by this time, so should have known better; but you know how your better judgement sometimes deserts you? The arithmetic lesson was boring me and a bit of doodling seemed to help. On the desk. The doodle got an extra layer or two of ink, and then I took the blade from my pencil sharpener to give it all a bit of depth; my addition added a bit of cachet to my desk, I thought; personalised it. I blew away the dust, re-joined the rest of the class in long division, and forgot about it.

A week later, Mr Davidson the headmaster came to our classroom on some errand during playtime and spotted my carving efforts. The bell rang and we all filed back into class but he made us all stand at the front while he went off on a rant about vandalism and the defacing of property. However it was all addressed towards George Robertson who was good at football but in the headmaster's opinion, didn't try hard enough at the three Rs. Mr Davidson thought it was George's desk which had been carved and poor George couldn't get a word in edgeways to protest his innocence. Everybody stood around open-mouthed – Mr Davidson was the only one in the room who *didn't* know the true culprit. Yes, I could have died. And then the rest of the class would have given me a good kicking.

Your Head on a Platter, Ma'am

So I did the only thing I could do in the circumstances, and put my hand up. It was horrific. Mr Davidson gave me three of the belt and then went straight to the dinner hall to tell my mother (dinner lady) that she had failed in her childrearing efforts and that he was deeply disappointed in both of us. So of course, I got it again when I got home from school that night.

It would give me some kind of solace all these years later if my carving had been a call for peace in Vietnam or an end to experiments on animals for cosmetic uses. Here's the worst bit: what I carved in my desk that day was 'I love the Monkees'.

And I must add a sad note and brief tribute to this tale in that George Robertson signed up as a junior to Ayr United, was killed ten years later in a car crash. He briefly brought a dream to life.

So, to go back to John the B. Good for him. His cause was a worthy one and he didn't flinch. He inspires me all these centuries later to keep on saying what I have to say, even if it makes me deeply unpopular. I find further encouragement in the words of the old hymn:

Courage, brother (sister), do not stumble,
Though the path be dark as night.
There's a star to guide the humble:
Trust in God and do the right.

And don't deface your desk,
Or your maw will give you a fright.

Helen Welsh
16.07.12



The Abbey Jubilee Service

Holy Trinity choir were delighted to have been invited to be involved in the Fife-wide ecumenical service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, in Dunfermline Abbey on 3rd June. The service was conducted by the Revd Iain Paton of the Church of Scotland, with participation of Revd. John Chalmers (Principal Clerk to General Assembly), Revd. Jayne Scott (Interim Moderator), Cardinal Keith O'Brien from the Roman Catholic Church, and our own Primus Bishop David Chillingworth. The celebration service was based around Anthems and readings from the Coronation of 1953 and included pieces by Handel and Parry, sung by the Abbey Choir. The Holy Trinity choir sang the beautiful Vaughan Williams setting of Psalm 34, O Taste & See, composed especially for and performed at the moment of Communion at the Coronation service.



Harvest Festival - Buffet Lunch

We will celebrate Harvest this year by inviting everyone to join in a fellowship buffet lunch in the church hall immediately after the Harvest Service, on Sunday 30th September. The lunch will be provided and jointly hosted by the Wives Group & Choir. The lunch will be ticketed to allow us to determine the appropriate quantity of food. Tickets will cost of £3 (£1.50 for children) to help offset cost of providing the lunch.



In a Scottish summer that can only be described as changeable, 40 members and guests enjoyed the 2nd Garvock Gallop which was held on 28th July. The 8 race event was completed between the showers whilst afternoon tea was taken indoors.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and especially to those who helped out with provisions, raffle prizes, serving and cleaning up! £340 was raised towards church funds.



A fun afternoon was enjoyed by all and the sun came out once more for the grand final and prize giving!

Doors Open Days

get into buildings!

Sunday, 16th September, 2012

It's that time of year again when organisations are asked to throw open their doors to the public and Holy Trinity will be participating as in previous years. I have been asked to organise this year's event and I've formed a small team to help.

The structure of the afternoon event will follow much the same as in previous years with the Church open to visitors from 1.30pm until 4.30/5.00 pm. We will lay on refreshments in the Hall and this year we will also have the input of a professional storyteller, Mrs Anne Pitcher, who will be available to entertain any children who may come into the Church during the afternoon. She is being sponsored by Fife Council with Holy Trinity paying her travel expenses. It is hoped that with a little publicity she may attract more visitors to Holy Trinity.

As in previous years we are looking for a small number of volunteers who can provide an hour of their time that afternoon to help with receiving visitors, help in the kitchen and supervise children as required. Names can be added to the list on the church notice board.

John Kennedy

Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of July was:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Voluntary Giving	30,618	Clergy	35,779
Church Groups	5,025	Property	8,570
Hall Usage	1,050	Operational	12,093
Tax Recovered	8,351	Diocesan Quota	6,472
Investments	1,848	Administration	834
St. Margaret's	3,000		
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	49,892		63,748

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £330.

Tales of a Christian storyteller by Anne Pitcher

When people discover I'm a storyteller, the first comment I generally get is 'Do you tell to children?' Explaining that I mainly tell to adults at the moment, gets me a look of complete incomprehension. The same happens when I say I tell stories as a committed Christian in all sorts of Christian settings. They say 'Do you tell to Sunday School children?' It is true that as an ex Nursery Teacher I'm very comfortable telling to children but I'm equally at home telling to people of all ages, right up to elderly folks in care homes.

People are sometimes puzzled about what Christian storytelling involves. If it's telling to adults they think it's preaching, if it is to children, they think it's teaching. As a storyteller I always let the stories speak for themselves, no matter what the setting, no matter what the age and whether it is to Christians or not. I believe that Jesus was the greatest storyteller of all. I know that the power of the message of the Bible will shine through and have experienced this when I'm telling.

I come from good storytelling stock – my father - Rev James Shanks – was a Congregational Minister and a master storyteller. Although I had been storytelling for a long time, it was only a few years ago that I really discovered how stories can bring alive what the Bible has to say. I wanted those hearing the stories to feel as if they were really there – engaging all the senses, evoking the emotions and feelings that people experienced – to see the Bible as not something dead and gone, but living and relevant to their lives today. I began to do my own writing, recreating what I wanted because I couldn't find anything that quite fitted what I was looking for. I created stories for tiny babies to the elderly in Care Homes.

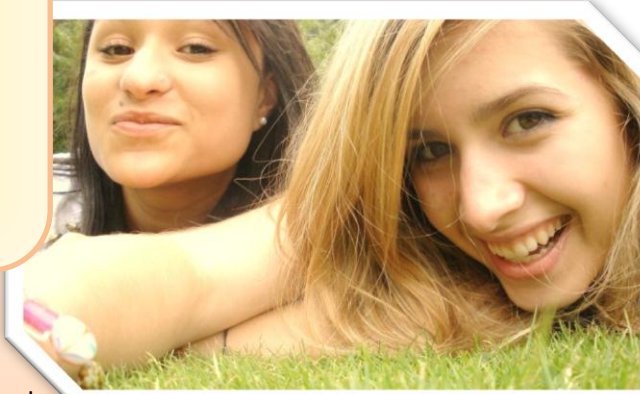
My heart is to continue to bring the Bible vibrantly alive in church and non-church settings to young and old alike in a way that reaches into people's hearts and souls.

I am very much looking forward to storytelling in your church both in your morning service and in the afternoon for the Doors Open Day public.

Anne is on the Scottish Storytelling Centre's Directory of professional storytellers and can be found on their website.

www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk

Congratulations to Ellen and Sabine on their recent success in their exams. Well done from everyone at Holy Trinity and remember, the studying is not over yet!



Goodbye SILVIO

We are sorry to hear that Silvio who hales from Romania and who has been worshipping with us over the past months, is soon to leave us. He is a marine architect and has been working on the building of the new aircraft carriers at Rosyth. Sadly his work is taking him to Newcastle. As we say farewell to Silvio, we do hope that he will keep in contact with us.

THE STORYTELLER IS COMING

On Sunday 16th September Anne Pitcher from the Scottish Storyteller Centre is coming to our church. In place of the sermon, Anne will tell a story at the 11.00am Service and then will join the Young Church to do likewise. (Remember how Jesus used stories and parables to teach the people.)

VESTRY

Will meet with Bishop David and Dean Kenny on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm

Harvest Festival

Will be celebrated on Sunday 30th September at 11.00am.

Study and Growth Group

In our last series of meetings we explored the theme 'Forgiveness', via a film, a bible study, and a talk by Pete and Barbara on their visit to Hiroshima; and finishing off with a talk on the Forgiveness Project at the Festival of Spirituality and Peace at St John's, Princes Street. We found the whole package very enlightening and rewarding (and are now trying to put what we learned into practice!)

For our next theme we will look at the theme 'Compassion', with meetings planned as follows:

6 September - bible study on compassion at Margaret Dinely's home

20 September - discussion on the life of Archbishop Romero at the home of Barbara and Peter Hand

4 October – Preparation for the service we are to lead at St Margaret's. This will take place at Helen Welsh's home

18 October – film (to be confirmed) to addresses some of the issues around compassion at Derek Morrison's home

1 November - review of the theme of compassion at the home of Dorothy and Andy

25 November – (to be confirmed) service at St Margaret's on Forgiveness

All meetings will begin at 7:30pm. And all welcome.



Readings for September

Sept 2nd Pentecost 14	Duet 4: 1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-end	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sept 9th Pentecost 15	Isaiah 35: 4-7a	James 2: 1-10, 14-17	Mark 7: 24 - end
Sept 16th Pentecost 16	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	James 3: 1-12	Mark 8: 27-end
Sept 23rd Pentecost 17	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	James 3: 13, 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37
Sept 30th Harvest	Joel 2: 21-27	1 Timothy 6: 6-10	Matthew 6: 25-33
Oct 7th Pentecost 19	Genesis 2: 18-24	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12	Mark 10: 2-16

Children's harvest prayer based on Psalm 65

Creator God, you send rain to make the land produce crops.

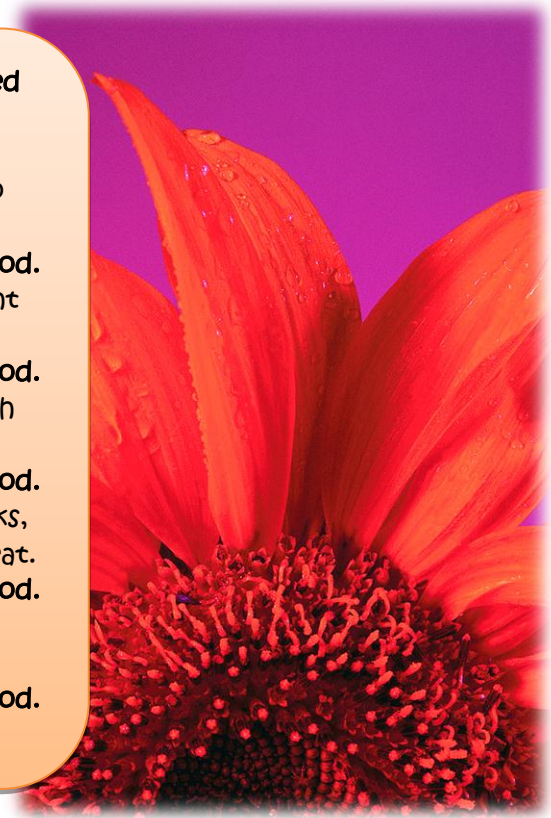
We praise and thank you, O God.
You provide water and sunlight for the crops to grow.

We praise and thank you, O God.
Your generosity provides a rich harvest.

We praise and thank you, O God.
The fields are filled with flocks, and the valleys are full of wheat.

We praise and thank you, O God.
You satisfy us with the good things you provide.

We praise and thank you, O God.



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