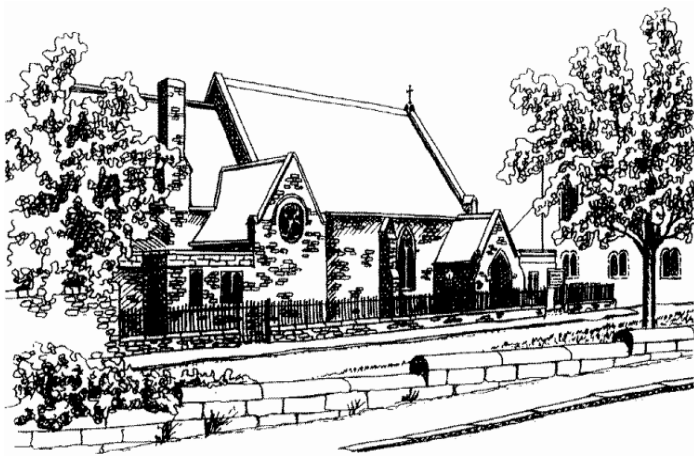


# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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## October 2012 Magazine

# **Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with St Margaret's, Rosyth**

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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

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when we recall the familiar parable of the mustard seed, for example.

In this edition of the magazine we have an article from Jack Wardell telling us how we can help with the annual Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal. There is also a small insert on page 12 about the Diocese of Calcutta in India, our partner Diocese. These articles, together with the extremely interesting but sobering talk given by John Drylie, Chairman of the Dunfermline Foodbank at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 30<sup>th</sup> September (more about that next month), reminded me of something I once read, related to the concept of size and proportion:

A young woman was in despair. Seeing no way out, she dropped to her knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," she said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My child, if you cannot bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room, then open another door and pick any cross you wish." The woman was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," she sighed, and did as she was told. As she looked around the room she saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then she spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," she whispered. And the Lord replied, "My child, that is the cross you brought in." *Elaine x*

From one of our largest editions last month to one of our smallest this month. But size is relative they say, so need I worry? No, not at all. Size definitely doesn't matter to God. We know this

### ***In this issue....***

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## Fr. Ross Writes.....

### A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A "RETIRED" PRIEST

Saturday started bright and sunny and so having already written my sermon I decided to spend a day in Edinburgh. Returning late in the afternoon I decided to read over my sermon. Not being over pleased with what I had prepared I spent the next two hours re-writing it. Mind you I doubt if the second version was really any better than the first.

Sunday - my busy day. Up with the lark at 6.00am and then off to Holy Trinity for the early communion service. Welcomed two new people to the service although numbers remain in single figures. Afterwards home for a quick cup of tea before dashing down to Rosyth for the St Margaret's Eucharist. It's always frustrating having to leave immediately afterwards without having time to greet the people. Returned to Holy Trinity with fifteen minutes to spare. Eventually arrived home by 1.00pm - it has been a long morning. After a light lunch I fall asleep in a chair. Two hours later I wake up later feeling awful.

Monday began with me taking my sister to the surgery for blood tests. On return, the Co-op Funeral Service telephoned to inform me of two funerals. In the afternoon off to Bandrum Nursing Home near Saline with Communion for one of the residents. (Many years ago Bandrum was a children's convalescent home; I spent a month there when I was five years old.) My next call was to parishioners in Crossford. After tea the weather took a turn for the worse and so it was through the pouring rain that I drove to Comrie to visit one of the bereaved families. Arrived home by 9.30pm. In bed by 10.30pm.

Tuesday was spent taking my sister back and forth to the Queen Margaret Hospital. Thank goodness it was not the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy where the parking problems are horrendous.

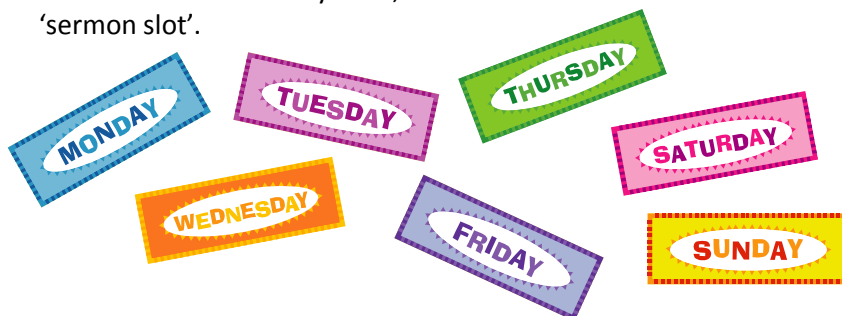
Wednesday (afternoon) Off to Crossgates to arrange the second funeral with another bereaved family. Then to Rosyth to visit the family of a wife and mother whose funeral I conducted a week or so ago.

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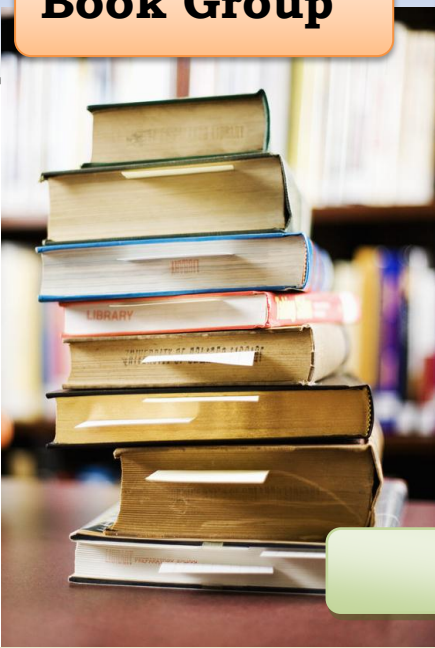
Thursday In the morning I drive to the Diocesan Office in Perth (never been there before) to meet with Bishop David with whom I have a very long discussion about the interregnum. I tried to persuade him that what we need - and soon - is a new beginning in the form of a new rector. I don't think I succeeded. The most disturbing thing that came out of the meeting was the news that licensed lay people will no longer be permitted to conduct a service of Holy Communion using the Reserved Sacrament. This at a time when I need all the help I can get! I was, however, quite moved when I announced the news in church that a fair number of members expressed their regret at the decision. This surely demonstrates how much Fay's, Ron's and Brendan's ministry has been appreciated over the years. The evening is taken up with the Vestry meeting then home by 9.30pm.

Friday. Up bright and early in order to prepare the address for the funeral later this morning. There was a large congregation in the Crematorium which was hardly surprising given that the deceased had been a very popular community policeman in several of the villages of West Fife. Many of his former colleagues were also in attendance. Later in the day I began preparing the order of service for our Harvest Festival.

Saturday. Another beautiful autumn day although very windy. Drove to Kinross to bury the cremated remains of a lady who had died in New Zealand. The place of burial was a private burial ground just above the loch - a truly lovely place. A free afternoon with no sermon to do for tomorrow; our trainee Reader, Margaret is preaching for me at Rosyth and we have the Storyteller, Anne Pitcher at Dunfermline taking the 'sermon slot'.



## Book Group



The Book Group will be meeting at Pam Pryde's house for our next meeting on 4th October, at our new start time of 8.15pm. The book for this occasion is 'The Redbreast' by Jo Nesbo - another Scandinavian thriller from that fertile corner of the literary world. All welcome.

## Young Church News

Young church resumed on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August and has been focusing on the letters of James this term. On September 16<sup>th</sup> we were very lucky to have the storyteller Anne Pitcher along as part of 'Doors Open Day'. We enjoyed a story from Anne during our morning service and several of us stayed on to hear more stories from Anne as part of the Doors Open event. Our intrepid reporter on the day, Sarah Cromwell, writes:

"The storyteller was excellent. She let all the Young Church join in. She told stories about the Bible. She used puppets, instruments and lots more to describe the stories. She was great!"



## **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 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.

**Saturday 10th November** - SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH – in the Church Hall from 12.00 – 2.00pm. Tickets are available from Helen Dalgity, Pam Grimley, Yvonne Gosling and Doreen Esnol for a donation of £3.50. There will be excellent homemade soup and a sandwich of your choice.

**Monday 26th November** - Christmas Markets – come along and Isobel Thomson will tell us and show us how wonderful these markets are.

**Monday 10th December** – It's Christmas Party night !! – joins us in our celebration of the festive season with lovely food, a seasonal quiz and some Christmas Carols. Lots of fun to be had by all!

Please come along and experience the warmth and friendliness of our small group. We have lots of things planned for this year's programme which we are sure you would enjoy. No commitment necessary, just come along to any of our get-togethers that you fancy.

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

# MU Curry Night

What a great night! Delicious food, relaxed atmosphere, wonderful company. The Mothers' Union Curry Night held last month was a resounding success with £465 being raised on the night to support the branch and the work of the Mothers' Union. A big thank you must go to Dorissia Forsyth who prepared and cooked the banquet of curries and accompaniments as well as to the many helpers and servers and those who provided the puddings. Thank you everyone and well done!

We all want to know one thing though - when's the next night?!



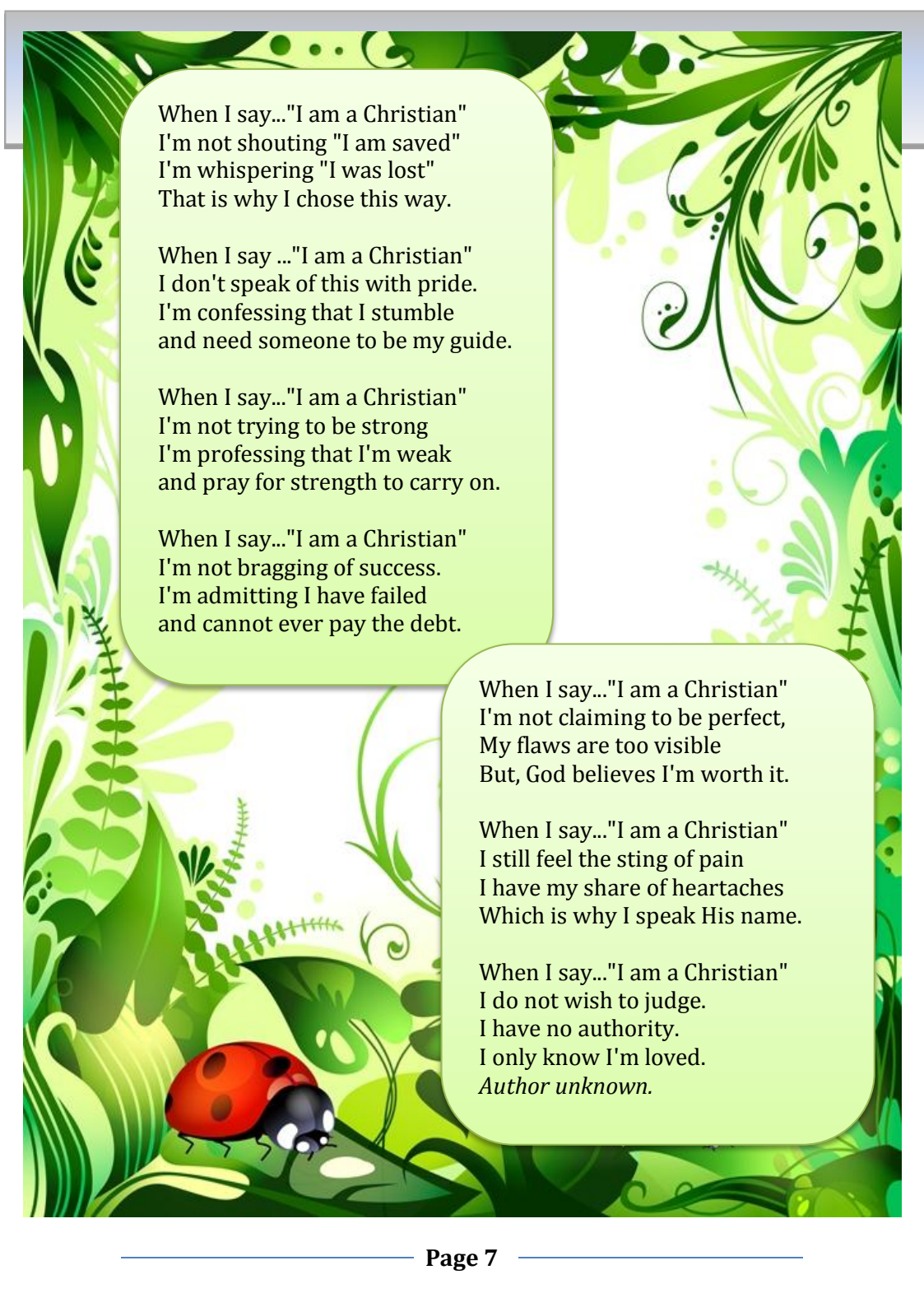
It was suggested by a MU member at the curry night that it would be good to print a favourite recipe in the magazine each month. (For entirely selfish reasons, the editor thinks this is a great idea since finding different things to feed a hungry brood can be challenging at times and all ideas would be very welcome!) Please send your contributions to Elaine.

*Fervet olla,  
vivit amicitia:*

*While the pot  
boils,  
friendship  
endures.*







When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I am saved"  
I'm whispering "I was lost"  
That is why I chose this way.

When I say ..."I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
and need someone to be my guide.

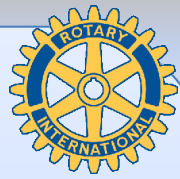
When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are too visible  
But, God believes I'm worth it.

When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartaches  
Which is why I speak His name.

When I say..."I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge.  
I have no authority.  
I only know I'm loved.  
*Author unknown.*



## Rotary Shoebox Scheme

The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares. The scheme caters for schools, colleges, companies, individuals and of course Rotary Clubs. You will need some of our special shoeboxes that identify you as a supporter of the Rotary Shoebox Scheme – see picture on this page.

The Rotary Club of Dunfermline has participated in the shoebox scheme at Christmas for several years now and I have taken on the job of coordinator this year. I have a supply of boxes and I will be happy to make them available to anyone interested in filling one or two for Christmas. There is guidance on suitable contents printed on each box. I will be collecting filled boxes in early November ready for delivery to our district collection point.

*Jack Wardell*

You can get more information at  
<http://www.rotaryshoebox.org>

The Voskresenije Choir of  
St Petersburg will be  
performing again this year  
at St Margaret's, Rosyth on  
Tuesday 14 November.  
More details to follow.



Upcoming meetings:

**Wed 17th Oct, 7.30pm - 35 Broomieknowe D'line**

Barbara & Rod Key - Alaska

**Sat 20th Oct, 10.00am - Holy Trinity Church Hall**

Diocesan Council Meeting

**Wed 7th Nov, 2.00pm - Holy trinity Church Hall**

A.G.M.

**Wed 21st Nov, 7.30pm - Holy Trinity Church**

Gill Wardell

## Treasurer's Report

The financial position at the end of August was:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Voluntary Giving	32,959	Clergy	38,577
Church Groups	5,119	Property	8,860
Hall Usage	1,230	Operational	12,918
Tax Recovered	8,351	Diocesan Quota	7,063
Investments	1,848	Administration	934
St. Margaret's	3,300		
	<u>52,808</u>		<u>68,351</u>

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £314.

**Harry Welsh** will be posted to Afghanistan with his regiment, the Royal Logistic Corps, on 5th October for six months. As a junior officer, this is his first posting. Some of you will remember his last day in church before leaving for Welbeck College, with David Campbell enthusiastically telling the Young Church: "Today we're saying goodbye to Harry. The next time we see him he will be a trained killer!" How time flies. Please remember him in your prayers.



### **Sunday 7th October at 2.30pm**

Harvest Eucharist for our Housebound members followed by afternoon tea.

If transport is needed please phone 726243.

All are welcome.

Vestry are meeting with Bishop David and the Dean on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Congratulations - Phil**

Smithard on the recent presentation by the Chief Scout of your Silver Wolf Award. This is the Scout Association's highest award and is only presented "for services of the most exceptional character". Phil has been involved in Scouting "his whole life". He became a scout in 1960 and is today, a senior figure in Scottish Scouting as East of Scotland Regional Secretary. Phil is also involved in other voluntary work and of course has helped Holy Trinity for many years organising and training our altar servers as well as performing server duties at most 8.00am services. Well done and thank you Phil for all your hard work.

### **Wednesday 24th October at 2.30pm**

Service of Holy Communion at Canmore Lodge Care Home

# Study and Growth Group

Meetings planned as follows:

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.



A short service of prayers, reflections and Taizé chants will be held in church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm.

Everyone warmly invited.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that during the interregnum the 8.00am Eucharist will be held only on the first Sunday of the month

**Sunday 28th October**  
Bible Sunday; Sung Eucharist at 11.00am

**Thursday 1st November at 10.15am**  
Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

## Readings for October

Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 19	Genesis 2:18-24	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost 20	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Hebrews 4:12-end	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost 21	Isaiah 53:4-end	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55:1-11	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	John 5:36b-end

Many of you will know that our Diocese is partnered with the Diocese of Calcutta part of the Church of North India. Bishop Ashoke Biswas, their Bishop, spent a month in the UK recently and has sent the Diocese, his latest Diocesan newsletter, a copy of which you can find in the church vestibule.

A party of around 17 from St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane Diocese, including Rev Canon Val Nellist, whom many of you will know, are travelling out to Kolkatta in January which will further forge the link between our two Dioceses.

And I wonder if any of you watched a fascinating documentary recently, on BBC2 called "Welcome to India"? There are two further episodes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. I found the programme managed to avoid sentimentality to present the reality of life for Kolkatta's marginalised and poor as it is – people working together, with humour and hope in very difficult conditions, to make a better life for themselves and their families. *Elaine*

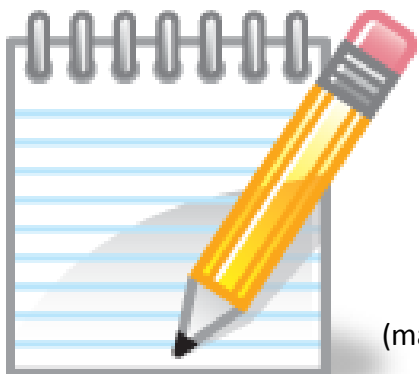


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