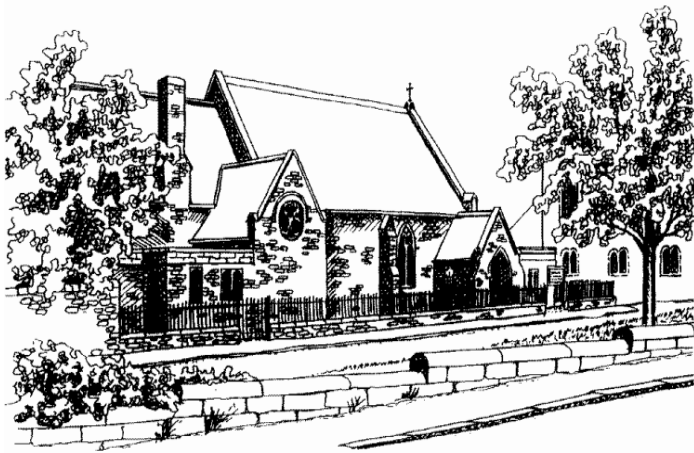


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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

Our Website: www.holytrinitychurch.org.uk



Our family life is very busy at the moment. Despite my best intentions, I haven't managed to spend as much time as I set out to this Lent, in a state of prayer and reflection. In fact, if I am being

honest, I have spent very little time at all, in a state of prayer and reflection and I feel I've failed in that. And I'm sure a good number of you reading this can identify with that nagging feeling that you get, when you finally sit down to rest - "I should be doing something...*anything* but sitting down." Jim's letter overleaf, however, puts all of this in perspective.

March, as you will see within these pages, is nonetheless, a busy month for the church with Easter falling on the last day of March. We have St. David's day on 1st March, St. Patrick's on the 17th and (one of my personal favourites) St. Joseph's day on the 19th. You can read a very interesting article on pages 7 & 8 about the latter. On page 4 you will find a summary of all the services during Holy Week – there are lots of opportunities for prayer, reflection and rest in the Lord, there.

Mothering Sunday too, falls as ever in March and those of us involved in Young Church have been busy preparing our contribution to the All Age Service that day. Busy again... as mothers often are. But in that busyness there is also prayer. A

prayer of service and of love and of hope for the future. Whether you are busy or taking time for quiet reflection this March, may your month be prayerful and blessed.

Elaine

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From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear friends,

March this year ends with Easter Sunday. I confess that this year I feel I've jumped on one of the new high speed trains we read about and feel there is not time to do all the things I'd hoped to get through on the journey. On the other hand, your welcome has been most warm and I feel you are making life as easy for me as it could be.

Perhaps that holding together of rest and activity is the pattern of Christian life. The fundamental message I believe is that we are loved and accepted as we are – while we were yet sinners God sent - - -. We don't have to earn God's approval: rather we are invited to come and rest our restless hearts in Him. There need be no panic, no fear, no need to keep justifying ourselves. Lent is a time to make space to rest in God.

But with that bedrock we then, in response to that acceptance and peace, wish to be better than we are. We want to respond – not because it is demanded but because we are grateful. Being loved makes us want to be better, to love in return, to be more worthy of that love. And so Lent is also a time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you – at services, at the Tuesday evening meetings and perhaps other times. I particularly hope we can walk through Holy Week together. I think we miss a lot if we jump straight from the crowd waving palms to the joy of the disciples at Easter. Life is not usually like that. But to stop at Good Friday would be even less like the Christian Gospel!

So, especially through this month, we walk through all the ups and downs each of us faces, with hope and towards joy and fulfilment.

Jim Mein

Fr. Ross Writes...

Dear Friends,

Quite a number of you have greeted me with words such as, 'Well, you'll be able to put your feet up now.' To which I could only reply with, 'Absolutely no chance!' It is, of course, great to have a colleague especially one such as the Very Rev'd Jim Mein, who, having been appointed as Interim Rector carries overall responsibility for both our churches. As the Bishop pointed out in his letter to the Vestry, Jim has the same full authority as that of any permanent rector.

I continue as before, looking after the pastoral needs of our people such as taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, visiting those who are in hospital and so on. In addition I will still be involved in our services of worship on Thursdays and Sundays.

On Ash Wednesday, Jim's first day as our Interim Rector, it was most encouraging that in spite of a substantial fall of snow, there was a very good turnout for the Eucharist - as there was on Jim's first Sunday with us. (Keep it up!)

The Lenten series of discussions on the various aspects of congregational life that Jim is leading commenced on Tuesday, 19th February with an excellent attendance. This is something that is refreshingly different. So even if you are unable to attend all the meetings do come whenever you can: every Tuesday in Lent from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the church hall.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Magazine you will find details of our services during Holy Week and Easter.

May we all enjoy a holy Lent, a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

Shalom!

Ross



Services During Holy Week and Easter 2013

Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday):

11.00 am: Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms and Dramatic Reading of the Passion

4.00 pm: The Way of the Cross – Service of Readings, Prayers and Hymns for Choir and Congregation

Monday 25 March:

7.30 pm: Eucharist with Hymns and Reflection

Tuesday 26 March:

7.30 pm: Taizé style service with Reflection

Wednesday 27 March:

7.30 pm: Service of the Word with Hymns and Reflection

Maundy Thursday 28 March:

10.15 am: Eucharist

7.30 pm: Mass of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 26 March:

2.00 pm: An Hour Before the Cross – Devotional Service

Holy Saturday 30 March:

7.30 pm: Easter Vigil with Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptism Vows and holy Baptism

Easter Day 31 March:

8.00 am: Eucharist (1662 English Office);

11.00 am: Festal Sung Eucharist;

Wednesday 6th March 2.00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall
Lent Reflections – We will be looking at some of the events of Holy Week.

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm 35 Broomieknowe, Dunfermline
Lent Reflections – We will be looking at the Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23rd March 10.00am St. Ninians, Perth

Lady Day – Bishop Nigel Paton is officiating at the Eucharist and commissioning the new trustees during the service.

Wednesday 3rd April 2.00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall
Rev Michael Bonser



Make a Mother's Day

Please help Mothers' Union make a difference where it is needed by supporting the MU 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal. Log on to www.makeamothersday.org to see how buying a gift can help support families, here in the UK and overseas.

We also ask that you generously support the retiring collection on Mothering Sunday, the proceeds from which will go to the Make a Mother's Day appeal.

Isobel Thomson, Branch Leader

Saint of the Month

Saint Joseph 19 March

For a saint who played such a large part in the life of Jesus; his earthly father, very little is recorded about Joseph in the Gospels. He is mentioned in St Matthew's gospel which sets out the genealogy of Joseph showing him to

have been a direct descendant of Abraham and of the line of David (Matt 1:1-17). Matthew goes on in the same chapter to describe the circumstances of the birth of Jesus, namely that Mary was betrothed to Joseph and was with child. Joseph was minded to quietly have the marriage contract set aside, but an angel appeared to him in a dream telling him to take Mary home with him and that the child had been conceived by the Holy Spirit and a son would be born who should be named Jesus.

If we then switch gospels to Luke we have the well-known Christmas Story of Joseph and Mary going from their home town, Nazareth, to Bethlehem to be registered in the census followed by the Nativity, and after eight days in accordance with Jewish custom the baby Jesus was circumcised and his parents presented him at the Temple.

Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus must have remained in Bethlehem for this time because the following mention of Joseph is after the visit of the wise men when an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, thus escaping the massacre of the Innocents when Herod ordered all boy babies under three years to be killed. Joseph was again visited by an angel after Herod had died telling him to return to Israel. Joseph then took his family back to their home town, Nazareth.

There are only two other mentions in the gospels of Joseph namely in Luke; where at a visit to the Temple for the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old, Joseph and Mary missed Jesus and had to return to the Temple to find the boy debating with the priests. We are then told that they took him back to Nazareth and he was subject to them. Then in John 1:45 Philip describes Jesus as the son of Joseph of Nazareth.

The above is all that we know of St. Joseph from the bible and anything else is based on conjecture and legend. We do not even have firm evidence that St Joseph was a carpenter but he is described in the original Greek of the Gospels by a word loosely meaning a skilled worker and tradition has taken this as being a carpenter. From this, the idea of Joseph working away in a carpenter's shop and teaching Jesus his trade, has been developed. Equally well of course, Jesus may like most of the boys in his community, have helped the family income along by taking his turn watching the sheep and goats. It is also fairly clear that Jesus was regarded at the time as the natural son of Joseph.



We know nothing of what happened to Joseph. It is generally accepted that, because no further reference was made to him after the visit to the Temple when Jesus was twelve, that Joseph had died before Jesus began his ministry. The lack of any detail of his life gave rise to many fictional hypotheses in the early church most of which have been discounted. For example, a fourth century writer states that at the time of his betrothal to Mary, Joseph was a widower with children and that he lived to the age of 111. In the early church he was acclaimed to be a saint and it was widely believed that he performed a miracle, when on the flight into Egypt he stuck his staff in the ground and overnight it flowered. Because of this, many pictures and images of St Joseph depict him with a staff sprouting lily flowers.



St Joseph is widely venerated in the Church as part of the Holy Family. Many churches are dedicated to him and he is the patron saint of Mexico, Canada and Belgium. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope in 1870 declared him a patron of the universal church and in 1955 Pope Pius XII established a new feast day in his honour as St Joseph the Worker on 1st May to provide a counter to the Communist May Day celebration. St Joseph's principal feast day within the Western churches is 19th March.

Samaritans of Dunfermline are bringing their Soup Lunch to our church hall on Saturday 9th March this year. So do come along and enjoy delicious home-made soup with lots of good baking to follow. Lunch will be between 11.30 and 13.30 and Samaritans assure you of a warm welcome at their bottle stall, raffle and plants and books stalls. There will be some very interesting White Elephants for sale too!

Samaritans offer emotional support to people suffering distress and despair, doing very good work in our community as well s across the country. They deserve your support. Do come and bring the family. A donation of £5 is suggested. Tickets are available from Frances Jack.

The SEC's Church in Society Committee has developed monthly prayer guides for 2013, each guide focusing on a different topic. The guides are available for download from :

www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church_in_society_committee/faith_in_action_prayer_guide

Reproduced below is one of the prayers from March where the plight of asylum seekers is the focus for the month.

We remember that the Holy Family fled to find a place of safety.
We pray for all families who find themselves
taking enormous risks in order to secure
a safer future for their children.
Guide their decision making and their actions.
May they find for themselves the safety
And security that St Joseph was able to find for his family.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen



Casting the Net News

CTN events

Bishop's Lent Roadshow

Tuesday 12th March, 7.30pm–9pm, St Peter's, Inverkeithing

The Bishop will lead a conversation on faith, vocation and transformed lives – all welcome.

The Gathering

Saturday 1st June, 10am–4pm, St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

This year the Gathering returns to our mother church and will focus on Mark of Mission 2.

Please see the website for information about all of the above events:
www.standrews.anglican.org.

Getting in touch

If you have any questions about Casting the Net, please contact the Casting the Net Coordinator, Caroline King, at
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Young Church News

The Young Church will be participating in the All Age Worship on Mothering Sunday, 10th March. The origins of Mothering Sunday were almost certainly, pre-Christian. Both the Ancient Greeks and Romans had a spring festival to celebrate motherhood. When Christianity was established in Britain, the focus became a celebration of the Mother Church.

Mothering Sunday can be a difficult time for some people; for those who don't have or have lost children, those whose children are far away from them and those who have lost or who are separated from their mother or perhaps have never known their mother.

We would like Mothering Sunday this year to be a day where the Mother church and all those who care for us can be celebrated. This includes carers, family members or others in the community who play a nurturing and nourishing role. We are looking forward to joining with the rest of the congregation for the whole service on Mothering Sunday and celebrating "mothering" in all its forms and all those who care, protect, teach, nurture, and love us.



Good Friday Happening 2013

People of all ages are warmly invited to join us in the church hall on Friday, 29 March for our annual Good Friday event. We will meet at 11.00 for seasonal activities in the hall and outdoors. You might get messy so wear old clothes and bring a waterproof jacket. We will finish the event with a picnic lunch – please bring your favourite sarnies!

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Caring for seafarers
around the world

This parcel contained 17 scarves, 16 hats and 5 pairs of gloves. That was a grand amount - thank you everyone.

I already have been given some scarves for the next parcel - so keep the needles clicking! *Fay C*

February 16, 2013

Dear Fay

On behalf of the Mission to Seafarers Scotland, please accept, as always, our sincere gratitude for the parcel of knitted items which I have received today; these will be used for the comfort of seafarers from around the world. The really cold wind, and the snow, which we have experienced this week, makes us all the more appreciative of all that seafarers do for us, and for your kindness in helping to ensure their comfort in this way. Please pass of my thanks to the congregation of Holy Trinity and to all who may have contributed in anyway.

Christmas now seems to be a distant memory and it certainly came and went very quickly but I hope that like us you had a good one and managed to do all that you had planned, but the reality for most of the world's 1.3 million seafarers would have been a Christmas that's just a regular working day. No presents, no loved ones and no Christmas lunch. A life at sea brings separation from friends and a local community. Away at sea for up to a year, the world's seafarers often have very little home contact and face long periods of isolation with colleagues who may not even have the same language. Every day many seafarers face danger from pirates, whilst many others are mistreated by their employers, overworked, or left stranded in ports without pay.

Our centres across the world support seafarers facing a range of problems. It is your support that makes this possible.

Please do encourage everyone to keep the knitting needles clicking for us, whenever they are able. You remain, always in our prayers. Jennifer K Gray

Bishop David's Lent Appeal 2013

Dear Friends,

LENT APPEAL 2013

I have decided that our Lent Appeal this year should respond to two visits which I made during my travels this year. In each case, I found myself facing something unexpected - and was moved and challenged by it. I have made arrangements for safe transfer of funds to each project - so cheques should be forwarded to the Diocesan Office. In each case, even relatively small amounts of money will make a significant difference.

KALERWE SCHOOL, UGANDA

Just before Christmas, I visited Kampala, Uganda, to attend the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Uganda. The visit followed the usual course of such events - visits with a group of international visitors to the University, etc. I stayed an extra day and asked for the opportunity of seeing a different side of church life - so I went to Kalerwe Parish in Kampala. It's a slum parish - families squatting on derelict and waterlogged land. I went into church with the Rector and parishioners. We were wearing wellington boots because of the sodden ground. They sang and prayed with fervour.



Then we visited the school next door. There are nine classrooms. Apart from a blackboard leaning against one wall, there was not a single piece of furniture in any of the classrooms.

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The Principal was a wonderful and resilient teacher - I asked her the naive question, 'Are you paid by the government?' To which she replied with a smile, 'Whatever the children bring ... '

Our help would enable them to provide equipment and resources for the school.



STREET CHILDREN PROJECT, UNION CHURCH, DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA

On the Sunday morning of our recent diocesan visit to Kolkata, our group divided in two. I went with others to Union Church where I preached and we shared breakfast with the congregation. Then they said, 'Come and see our children '



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Our children were children living on the streets of the immediate neighbourhood in central Kolkata. As you can see from the photographs, they were beautiful children who were revelling in the opportunity of having a teacher and being involved in drama. It was as if they were being given the opportunity of being children - an opportunity denied to them by their life circumstances.

We had been asking ourselves about the engagement of the Diocese of Calcutta with the enormous poverty and social deprivation with which they were surrounded. That simple invitation, 'Come and see our children ... ' provided the answer we needed.

I hope that gives you enough information about these two projects. I'm happy to provide more if that is helpful. Please feel free to circulate this information and the photographs as widely as you wish.

With kind regards,

+David



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TILLIE WELSH

Some of you will remember Tillie, who died on 27th January, just before her 90th birthday, in Canmore Lodge. She was a member of St Margaret's RC church across the road, but occasionally joined us for special occasions, including her grandson's confirmation and our afternoon at-home services. I would like to say thank you to all who have kindly enquired after her and kept her in their prayers over the last few years. Especially to Jenny Stooke and her unstinting care; Gill who visited every Friday; and to Pam and Dorissia for supporting me at the funeral.

Tillie was my ex-mother-in-law, and a fine woman. She was that rarest of creatures, a mother-in-law who never once criticised or commented and was always available for emergency babysitting. Although she came to Fife in 1956 she was never a Fifer and staunchly proclaimed herself a Glasgwegian, right to the end. She grew up in the little village of Lambhill, on the northwest edge of Glasgow, and was very nostalgic for her early life there. Lately I asked her how Lambhill got its name, and she didn't know, so I wrote this story – sadly she never got to read it.

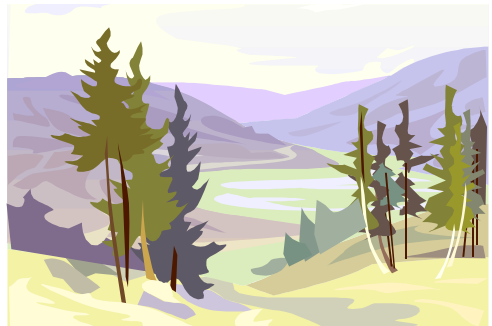
If, like Tillie, you'd grown up in Lambhill, you might wonder how the village got its name. Some people say it was because sheep used to graze here, centuries before it turned into a little settlement on the edge of Glasgow. Or, there's a theory about Jesus, the Lamb of God, visiting these parts along with Saint Columba who

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brought Christianity over from Ireland. But actually the truth is much, much more exciting.

It all happened in the year 1111 - an auspicious year for four-legged beasts, as you can imagine. In that year, God's Creation Angel came down to earth. On the very last day of the year, having travelled round the world and performed all sorts of miracles with four-legged animals, he was hovering on a cloud about a thousand feet up. Looking for a soft landing, he spied a gentle green valley way down below, with pineapple and banana trees nodding by the edge of a gurgling stream, and all manner of four-legged animals galloping about. "That'll do me fine," said the angel, as he jumped. But he forgot about the spinning of the earth, and got caught up in a vortex which whirled him right away from the pineapples and bananas and the gurgling stream and the happily galloping beasts. Instead he came hurtling up the Firth of Clyde and landed smack in a puddle in the middle of what would, in years to come, be Tillie's very own back green (the dent was used to mark the centre of the Anderson Shelter). Angels' bruises heal quite quickly so once his head stopped spinning, he sat up and looked around.

He saw lots of grass. Lots of trees – big tall pine trees and wee stunted rowans and every kind of tree in between. He saw hills; over the brow of one hill he



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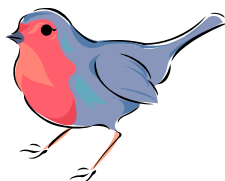
saw water, with soft blue islands floating in it. But animals? He couldn't see any animals, or at least not the kind he was interested in.



A cloud of midges came to inspect him and he kept his temper but pointed out to them that as they didn't have four legs apiece, he couldn't really spare them his time. A centipede came strolling along – “oh no,” he said, “a hundred legs is twenty-five times too many.” A cheeky wee robin flew in, just out of sheer nosiness, and the angel sent him away too – “your turn for the special treatment may come, little robin, but not today.”



(Of course if the angel had levitated a bit he'd have seen all the cattle coming down the drovers' route, hundreds of them, only ten miles north by the side of Loch Lomond. But down on the ground he couldn't see a thing.)



The angel got up and walked around for a while, looking for anything that could be called a four-legged beast. After all, this was the year 1111, and he had a special commission for them. And then he remembered that this was actually the very last day of 1111 – Hogmanay. This would be his last opportunity to bring blessings to the four-legged beasts, and somehow or other he had bungled, and found himself somewhere on earth that didn't have a single four-legged beast within sight!

Around his robes he wore a thick leather belt, and from it hung a pouch with some of the tools that God

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had given him for his mission. He rummaged to see what he could find; there was a little bell, and a batwing, and a bone, all the way from the Valley of the Dry Bones. He picked up the bone; he couldn't remember who its last owner was, but he knew that on the very last day of this special year, he would have the power to recreate it. It was a bit risky though; what on earth kind of animal had this little bone once belonged to? Not every animal would like these cool damp green hills. On the other hand - it must surely have four legs, because God wouldn't have given him any other kind of bone for this mission; and anyway, if it didn't like its surroundings, it could gallop on.



So he laid the little bone on an ivy leaf and placed it on the earth before him, and said this prayer:



*Come little fragment, dry as dust,
Breathe deep and take life, as you know you must.
Receive the Spirit's holy flame,
Rise up – and give this place your Name!*

And he waved the little batwing over the bone; rang the little bell; and stood back to see what happened.

Well! First there was a tiny nose, then a pair of eyes above it, and a jawbone below. Then a white fluffy set of hindquarters. Then it wobbled a bit as it tried to stand up – and how many legs did it have? One – two – three – yes, four! And a swishy tail. And after that, it just kept on growing. The angel got anxious that it might not stop growing before midnight, and what would

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happen then? Darkness had fallen over the land, and still the animal grew. But eventually it stopped.

Or at least that's what the angel thought. He recognised it from Heaven, and at five minutes to midnight, he clapped his hands and shouted out in joy, "Welcome, Llama, to this place! You have saved it from obscurity and given it your wondrous name! Henceforth this place will be called Llamahill, and you will never be forgotten by its faithful inhabitants!"

The beast fluttered its long eyelashes, placed one hoof forward on the ground, and bowed deeply to the angel. Then it closed its eyes and grimaced a bit, wiggling its shoulders as if something was itching him. He wiggled again, and then a third time – and then, pop! Out popped something on his right shoulder. Pop! Something similar on his left shoulder. The beast shook and stretched the little somethings and they turned into wings, which in their turn grew, and grew, and grew till they reached right down past its long legs to the ground. The angel stared, open-mouthed; did llamas have wings? Was he mistaken in his classification?

There was a deep rumble in the sky – announcing the flash of lightning that would end the old year and bring in the new. And at that, the beast reared on its hind-quarters, emitted a loud baaah-moooh cry, stretched its wings, and took off, its entire white furry



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body lifting gently, steadily, smoothly into the soft damp air. The long white flash in the sky that heralded the end of 1111 and the beginning of 1112 showed the beast swooping serenely out towards the Firth of Forth, the Paps of Jura, the Mountains of Mourne, and beyond, beyond, beyond...

The angel's year-long mission was over. Was Llamahill destined for fame? Or would his little experiment with the dry bone and his bungling over the naming of the beast mean something entirely different? Only time would tell.

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This is one of my favourite poems from a book called "The day I fell down the toilet and other poems" by Steve Turner. He writes poems that make you think. There's another on the next page.

Sarah Cromwell

God is still making up numbers
For numbers just go on and on
Just when God thinks he has finished
God knows he can always add 1.

Treasurer's Report by Peter Hutchings

The financial position at the end of January 2013



Income	£	
Freewill Giving	1,288	
Open Plate Giving	1,351	
Gift Aid Giving	7,021	
Tax Recovered	6,921	
Donations	<u>228</u>	
4 months income =	£16,809	My theme this year, started at the AGM, is to remind you of the cost of employing a Rector. The congregation should collectively be willing to at least ensure that this cost is met through the giving to Holy Trinity via Gift Aid, Freewill and Open Plate and Donations.

The annual cost of a Rector is £46,000

The Tax Recovered has now been reduced to 20%, a reduction of 3%. Please take this into account when considering your giving.

The Rector's Fund for the needy of the parish stands at £229.

All we need

Food in our bellies
Hats on our heads
Water to quench us
Sheets on our beds.

Teachers to teach us
Shoes on our feet
Trousers and T-shirts
Shelter and heat.

Someone to love us
Someone to love
Hope for the future
Light from above.

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**60 YEARS WED!
CONGRATULATIONS**
to George and Agnes Philp
who celebrate their
Diamond Wedding
Anniversary
on 14th March



Letters and Notes

Thank you for the lovely flowers, cards,
phone calls and visits I received from clergy
and church members during my latest
illness. Your kindness was much
appreciated. Hope to be with you soon.

Eileen Hutchings

Retiring Collection:

10th March –
Mothers' Union

A series of meetings in Lent

Led by our interim Rector,
Jim Mein

Continue on Tuesday Evenings:
5th, 12th 19th March
7.30 to 9pm in the Church Hall

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Confirmation

I hope congregational
life will continue as
normally as possible
through the vacancy and
as part of that we hope
to have a Confirmation
service later in the year.

If you, or anyone you
know, may be interested
in this – or in Baptism,
Marriage, or any other
service the Church may
give – please let Ross or
myself know.

Jim Mein

Contributions to the church

I would like to thank all those who have made financial contributions to our Church over the past twelve months. The Vestry is grateful for your support in managing the business of the Church.

The monthly envelopes, for those who use envelopes for their donations, will be available at the end of the month. If anyone else would like a pack of these envelopes, please let me know.

It is important that you review your contribution each year as costs of running the church escalate.

I would like to remind those who have made Gift Aid Declarations that they should use envelopes, bank standing order, or cheques so that the contributions can be recorded and collated. This enables a tax claim form to be compiled and sent to H.M. Revenue and Customs.

If you are a taxpayer and have not made a Gift Aid declaration the beginning of a new financial year is a good time to sign up. It is very simple. The only requirement is that the tax that can be reclaimed by the Church must not exceed the amount of tax you pay. Your contributions need not be a fixed amount. You can vary the amount according to your circumstances. Each year you will be sent details of your total contributions so that if you receive a tax form you can declare the details of your Gift Aid contributions.

If anyone would like to know more about Gift Aid or about other ways of contributing to the Church, please speak to the Treasurer, Peter Hutchings, or to me.

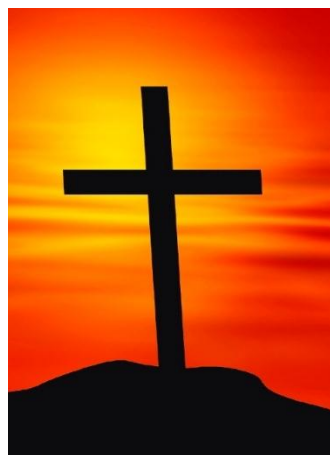
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Readings for March

3 March Lent 3	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Luke 13: 1-9
10 March Lent 4	Joshua 5: 9-12	2 Corinthians 5: 16-end	Luke 15: 1-3, 11b - end
17 March Lent 5	Isaiah 43: 16- 21	Philippians 3: 4b - 14	John 12: 1-8
24 March Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Philippians 2: 5-11	Luke 23: 1-49
31 March Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43	1 Corinthians 15: 19-26	Luke 24: 1-12

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



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

Alleluia!

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

Psalm 118:24

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