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

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Welcome to May! Month of flowers, lush green grass, leaves emerging on trees, May-day dew face washing and spring dancing (and hopefully no more frost, hail or cold winds!). But as Shakespeare said in his eighteenth sonnet: "Rough winds do shake

the darling buds of May" so we will just have to wait and see!

Whether May turns out to be a month of glorious spring sunshine and flowers or more cold, trying weather, May is a great month to think about our spiritual transformation as we come to the end of the Easter season in church, and move to celebrate Pentecost Sunday on 19th May. We recall in our readings for that day, the coming of the Holy Spirit to those first disciples at the end of the forty days. I like to imagine how it might have felt if I had been in that room - those winds rushed through the building, the flames dancing around us and everyone speaking in tongues. What energy, what excitement! What an experience!

While nowadays, we may have lost the ability to speak in tongues (at least in the Scottish Episcopal Church) and we would find flames dancing about us frankly, alarming, we are nonetheless invited to the same party. In fact, it is not so much an invitation as a requirement: Pentecost reminds us, we are now the Body of Christ in the world today. "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father." John 14:12

On page 14 you will find an article written by +David which was published at the beginning of April in the Sunday Times. Some of you may have read it already but for those of you who have not, I thought you might find his thoughts about the place of churches and congregations in modern society, interesting. I certainly did. It seemed particularly timely and relevant given the transition we find ourselves in at the moment here at Holy Trinity, both in terms of our church season and as we move towards a new chapter in our church life, with a new Rector. The season, readings and article remind me however, that mission and ministry are not the sole responsibility of the established church or of clergy but rather, incumbent upon us all. *Elaine x*

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From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

It was good to have the Bishop with us for the Confirmation on Sunday and, much as I enjoy being with you, I hope we are moving (if rather slowly!) towards the appointment of a new Rector.

The Vestry have been using this time, and the money saved by not paying a stipend, and some of our reserves, to do a lot of work on the Rectory. This I think was essential to help attract a Rector and there was certainly a lot to do. The Vestry have, and will be reporting the work needed done on the roof, windows and doors, lighting, gardening, fencing, unsafe garage removal, and the driveway.

All this has come to rather more than the budget we had set aside - as so often, once you start more things to be done come to light! They are considering launching a special appeal to the congregation to fund the external improvements. Those of you who have seen the Rectory recently will know how essential this is if the Rectory is not to stand out amongst its neighbours as the uncared for plot.

The details are not decided yet but I wanted to write about it now to give advance warning of things that may happen in June and to suggest that if any of you have ideas for supporting this appeal you get in touch with one of the Vestry. To my mind it is important in two ways:

First, it can help bring the congregation together at this time when there is no Rector to keep in touch with everyone. A big coffee morning with different groups in the Church working together can remind us of our mutual support and unity. And second, renovating the Rectory in this way shows that we are a live, healthy congregation with the resources and the desire to grow and face the future with confidence.

As always, I'm sorry I'm not around much during the week but do get in touch if you have anything I may be able to help with or answer.

God's blessing to you all,

Jim Mein.

The Gathering 2013
Saturday 1st June
10am – 4pm
St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

This year's Casting the Net Gathering is fast approaching and we are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of workshops based on Mark of Mission 2: 'Transformed lives and communities through receiving the Good News of Jesus Christ'.

Come along for fellowship, share stories and learn something new.

This year's Gathering will feature:

- Big Art activity on growing communities of faith
- Healing and wholeness
- Range of workshops exploring transformed communities
- Ideas for leading prayer workshops
- Music which transforms
- In-depth discussions on transformation
- Godly Play...

...and lots more!

The Gathering is a family-friendly event – all are welcome. Please contact Caroline King, the Casting the Net Coordinator, if you would require crèche facilities or for information about any aspect of the Gathering at castingthenet@standrews.anglican.org or on 01738 443173.

Booking forms will be available from the end of April from your Casting the Net Liaison Officer or on the diocesan website (www.standrews.anglican.org). In the meantime, please keep the date!



Thank you to all who have kindly sponsored me for this event. Anyone who would

still like to do so, please either just hand your donation to me, or do it online at: www.justgiving.com/Helen-Welsh1. The closing date is looming and I will have copies for all my sponsors by the end of May.

Fr Ross Writes

Dear Friends

When Revd Tim Bennison resigned as Rector of Holy Trinity I spoke to Bishop David offering to ensure a continuity of ministry by leading the worship and providing pastoral care for an initial period of three months. That I have been able to extend this to nearly a year has been a source of satisfaction for me. Many of you, however, will be aware that during this time I have had to cope with issues concerning both my own health and that of members of my family.

I had hoped to continue until a new rector was in place but given the probability that such an event may not take place for some time I have had to accept that I simply no longer possess the necessary physical or mental resources to make such an open ended commitment. Bishop David and our Interim Rector, Very Revd Jim Mein have kindly agreed that I relinquish my current responsibilities at the end of June.

We have been very fortunate in the appointment of Jim as our Interim Rector and I have greatly enjoyed working with him and will continue to support him in any way I can such as by providing pastoral cover when he has to be elsewhere.

Finally let me say what a great privilege it has been for me to serve our two churches over the past year and I am so grateful for the support the members of both congregations have given me. The fact that the attendance has not declined (as often happens during a vacancy) but has actually recorded a small increase has been a source of immense encouragement to my ministry.

God bless.

Ross

On behalf of us all, thank you Ross for your unstinting service, care and concern, particularly over the last year. We are all very grateful for your commitment and continued support of the pastoral care of our congregations.

NOTES FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Diocesan Synod was held on March 10th at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. As is customary, there was a celebration of Holy Communion before Synod business began. In his report, +David started by saying that he had undertaken a lot of travel over the year. He then went on to talk about the Diocesan visit to Calcutta led by Rev Val Nellist and Rev Canon Dom Ind. The two dioceses may be very different in culture but are very alike in worship, with faithfulness, vision and hope in India just as here in our diocese. He said that Scottish people are welcome everywhere so we should not worry about our smallness.

He also acknowledged and wanted to honour the faithfulness of Vestries faced with great difficulty over the last year. He also thanked the Dean for his support and also retired clergy in the diocese for their extraordinary support: "yesterday's suffering will become the birth pangs of something new".

Dr Karen Gaskell spoke about CTN, saying that Congregational growth needs to use all talents available and that we need to be clearer about understanding Mission which must be done through scripture, prayer and the 9 Marks of Mission.

Rev Val Nellist spoke about the packed visit to diocese of Calcutta. 17 people went and had a very full itinerary. There was much emphasis on Violence against Women – West Bengal has the 2nd highest rate in India. There are hopes of setting up school links and in 2014 The Diocese of Calcutta celebrates its Bicentenary.

The Diaconate Working Party in its report said they were looking to redefine the role of deacon so that it is not necessarily one of automatic progression to the priesthood. There needs to be more definition and clarification also in the role of lay readers.

In the afternoon session, which I was unable to attend, there was small group discussion around the Mark of Mission for 2013 – "Transformed lives and communities through receiving the good news of Jesus Christ"

If anybody wishes to see the Synod papers please contact me. The next meeting of the Area Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm at ST Margaret's, Rosyth.

Linda Brownlie

Saint of the Month

St. Augustine of Canterbury - 26th May



Saint Augustine is known to us chiefly because he is attributed as being the Apostle of the English who brought Christianity to England on the orders of Pope Gregory the Great. The latter, who is supposed to have seen some young Anglian slaves in Rome and to have been so taken by their fair hair and blue eyes that he exclaimed they are not Angles but angels (Non Angli sed Angeli) and decided to send a mission led by Augustine to England to bring Christianity to the country. This story, related by the Venerable Bede writing some seventy years after the event, is a nice and cosy tale and could have some truth in it but the reality is more prosaic with motives depending on power struggles between the various kingdoms which divided England at the time and also power struggles within the church.

England at the end of the sixth century AD was a very wild place. The Romans had departed and the civilisation they had left behind had broken down. A wave of Anglo-Saxon invaders had swept in from Denmark and Germany and set up a number of separate kingdoms in Britain. The strongest of these about this time was Kent under King Aethelberht, but other neighbouring kingdoms were expanding. Aethelberht sought to improve his position by forming an alliance with the king of Paris who was a Frankish Christian, which alliance was sealed by Aethelberht marrying the Frankish king's daughter, Bertha.

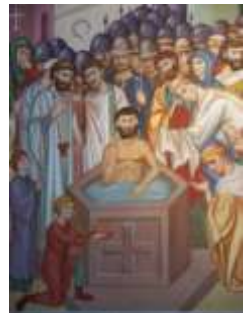
At the same time in Rome Pope Gregory had become concerned that the supremacy of the Papacy, no longer held together by the Roman empire, was threatened. In particular, as regards Britain, any remaining priests in the south of England were Franks, while in the north and west of Britain there existed a comparatively strong, Celtic church being spread by missionaries from Ireland. Neither the Franks nor the Celts accepted the primacy of the Roman Church and there existed quite a few doctrinal and formal differences between them and Rome. Gregory's solution to the problem was to send a mission to England with the object of converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Roman form of Christianity, establishing a structured church with a hierarchy and also healing the differences with Franks and Celts.

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Before Gregory became Pope he had been the Prior of St Andrew's Monastery in Rome and had as his right hand man Augustine, who succeeded him to the office of Prior. Gregory therefore selected him to lead the mission, confident that he was the man for the job.

Augustine set out from Rome with a group of about forty. On their way north staying at abbeys, they heard tales of how uncivilised the Anglo-Saxons were with no love for missionaries and some members of the mission wanted to turn back. Augustine, however, persuaded them to continue and in 597 they landed on the Isle of Thanet. This place was chosen because it was in Aethelberht's kingdom and he was known to be favourable to receiving them.

Aethelberht gave the missionaries ground outside his capital city, Canterbury, on which to build a monastery as a base, and they set about their missionary work, converting first of all, Aethelberht on Whitsunday 597. There is a reference in a report to up to 10,000 being baptised at Christmas that year at Canterbury, in a mass baptism. In those days, if a king said his subjects were to become Christian they generally did not argue!



Augustine continued with the work of expanding the church in England and in 601 Gregory sent further missionaries and resources to assist him. With them they brought a pallium, an archbishop's mantle, which meant that the Pope had made him an Archbishop. Augustine went on to expand the church creating two bishoprics at Rochester and London. Augustine also built a church at Canterbury in the vicinity of the present cathedral and started a seminary to train Anglo-Saxon priests. Gregory also gave Augustine a forward plan telling him to create 12 posts of suffragan bishops; to move his own see to London and create a bishopric at York, eventually to become an archbishopric.

Gregory's plans were not carried out by Augustine. The Archbishop's seat remained at Canterbury presumably because Aethelberht wanted it within his kingdom and Augustine died in 604 before being able to complete the plan. Before he died Augustine consecrated Lawrence to succeed him as the

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second Archbishop of Canterbury to ensure continuity. Pope Gregory died the same year.

With regard to the relationship between the Roman Church and the Frankish and Celtic Churches, Augustine was only partially successful. The influence of the Frankish priests declined and they accepted the supremacy of the Papacy. The Celtic Church remained in dispute which was not resolved until the Synod of Whitby sixty years later.

Augustine was acclaimed as a saint entombed in the St Augustine's Abbey at Canterbury which soon became a place of pilgrimage and there were the inevitable medieval stories of miracles. The Abbey and the Tomb were destroyed during the dissolution of the monasteries at the Reformation.

On Sunday 21st April the Bishop confirmed Alexander MacGillivray, Stephen Campbell, Linda Laing and Kelly Atkins. We welcome them most warmly and pray that they, with all of us, may continue to grow in the faith and live out our calling.

This is a lovely photo of Linda with Jim and Ross at her baptism at the Easter Saturday Vigil service.

**I can do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13



Young Church News

Young Church will be holding a "Soup and Bread" lunch after the 11.00am service on **Sunday, 19th May**.

There will be homemade soup and fresh bread and butter on offer and we hope you will all take a few minutes to enjoy some with us before you head home. Any donations we receive from the lunch we will share between the church funds and a charity which the children will help pick. This type of activity is not only a good opportunity for the children to commune with the wider congregation but also a chance for us to reinforce the Christian values of sharing and charity. The children often get into lively debates about the merits of individual charities and the work they do. Such discussions are great for helping the children learn about the need that exists both within our local community and the wider world. It helps the children understand that there are different ways that we can work together to help those in need and even small, simple things can make a difference. We look forward to seeing you there!



Summer Term 2013

Young Church will run until 23rd June thereafter, a crèche will be provided at the 11.00am service, during the school summer holidays.

If you can volunteer to assist with crèche please let one of the Young Church leaders know as soon as possible.

The Young Church prize-giving will take place at the end of the 11.00 service on 23rd June.

Good luck to Lou and Stephen who are being married at Holy Trinity on Saturday 25th May. We wish you a long, happy and blessed marriage!



BOOK GROUP

Our first two titles this session have been 'Miss Garnett's Angel' by Salley Vickers, and 'Why be Happy when you could be Normal' by Jeanette Winterson.

'Miss Garnett's Angel' tells the story of a schoolteacher who on retirement decides to spend her lump sum on a six-month stay in Venice. She has lived a modest life and she expects that to be her lot in retirement – but first she will allow herself this adventure. It's a charming tale with a bit of mystery, a bit of romance, a trip into the Apocrypha, and a whole vivid slice of life. Everyone enjoyed it.

'Why be Happy when you could be Normal' is Jeanette Winterson's memoir, and follows on from her novel 'Oranges are not the Only Fruit'. She was adopted as a small child, by an eccentric couple in Accrington who later became devout members of an evangelical church. Her mother would tell her that when they adopted her, 'the devil led us to the wrong crib'. Not a promising start in life. The novel is full of fire and brimstone with enormous wit and style. To give some examples, her mother believes books are the work of Satan so when she finds all the books Jeanette has hidden under her mattress, she burns them in the back yard (and it dawns on Jeanette that she doesn't need them anyway because she can write her own!) The house is plastered in biblical texts so that wherever you go, divine inspiration is visited upon you (even in the outside toilet – with texts carefully placed to meet the needs of those who sit, and those who stand!) When Jeanette forms a relationship with another girl at school, her mother calls in the church elders and they perform an exorcism on her. What is delightful is Jeanette's graciousness in explaining the behaviour of both her adoptive mother, and the church – although damaged by these experiences, she is not bitter; and she tells all these dreadful tales with huge humour. All of us present on the evening loved it; one member who had to send apologies hadn't liked it at all, and we missed the chance to find out why. But bland, it isn't.

The next book is 'One Moment, One Morning' by Sarah Rayner, and will be held at Caroline King's home, 25 Calaisburn Place, on 17th May at 8.15pm. Do please join us.



Retiring Collection Sunday May 26th 2013

I am sure many of you in the congregation know someone or indeed are a sufferer yourself, of Age Related Macular Degeneration and are aware of the devastating effects of that condition.

The macular in the centre of the eye is only the size of a grain of rice but when it becomes damaged the effects on vision are serious. Normal sight deteriorates sometimes rapidly, the vision becomes blurred, colour definition is lost, normal activities around the home and in daily life are made very difficult. You are often seeming to pass friends in the street - you see the outline of someone there but don't see the details of their face.

Worse though is the difficulty and danger of tripping on pavements and not seeing traffic. Indoors the edge of the table or worktop becomes 'wobbly' and the cup or pot isn't placed where you think it is going to be and lands on the floor!

Until fairly recently this couldn't be treated but over the past years a treatment has been developed to aid 'wet macular' in the form a series of Lucentis injections to the eye. The treatment doesn't cure the condition but helps to arrest it. This is only one of the new treatments where research has been funded by the Macular Society. Recently ground breaking research into transplant procedures to rejuvenate the macula and stem cell research has been funded. Recently some patients with Diabetic maculopathy are being treated with Lucentis.

All this research for a cure is important but so too is the research to establish the effects of diet and nutrition on macular conditions and again the Society is assisting with this along with research into published literature into nutritional wellbeing of people with macular diseases.

Many helpful leaflets and books have been prepared by the Macular Society about various aspects of the condition and on 26th May there will be a table in the hall for you to look at the many publications available. If you or a friend would find them useful please do take them away with you and if you require further copies please get in touch with

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either myself or the Society. In fact you may care to join for a very nominal annual sum.

The Macular Society has named a target of £300,000 to continue to be able to assist in this important research which is shared with other agencies and in many cases the research assists other conditions also. Please consider making a donation towards the Macular Society's magnificent work.

Fay Cuthbertson

Wives Group

Monday 6th May – Church Flowers - Gill Wardell is going to tell us about the art of church flower arranging and show us how it is done.

Macular Society

Research Appeal 2013



Please note the May programme has changed.

Friday 3rd May 7.00 for 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church Hall - International Feast.

Wed 15th May 7.30pm 35, Broomieknow, Dunfermline - The Stations of the Cross. We will be using the material we would have used for our cancelled Lent meeting.

Wed 5th June 2.00pm Holy Trinity Church Hall - Craft Afternoon. Do come and join us for a chance to try your hand at card making - I guarantee you will be able to take home some unique cards you have crafted yourself.

Wed 19th June 7.30pm 35, Broomieknow, Dunfermline - Helen Welsh

The Times – they are a-changin...

This is an article written by Bishop David and published recently in the Sunday Times. It has been taken in its entirety from the SEC website. What do you think about secularisation within society? What do you feel about a move from traditional models of church to different ways of worship and mission? How well placed do you think our own church is to respond to the need in peoples' lives for spiritual meaning? If you would like to share your views, write to me or email me your thoughts for inclusion in a future edition. Everyone's view is important – we all have something to bring to the debate.

"I serve as bishop in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane and as the Primus, the 'first among equals' of our seven bishops. I have been a full time priest or minister now for 36 years in Northern Ireland and in Scotland. I am more positive and hopeful now than I have ever been about the church and its future. Our society may be secular - but people are looking for the answers to deep questions about life and they want to experience spirituality. In the Scottish Episcopal Church we are fortunate. We are able to be flexible and innovative. So right across Scotland we are developing patterns of church life which provide a 'way in' for people who have lost their traditional church membership and want to explore faith in a new way,

"Last week's article on falling patterns of membership and church attendance in Scotland's churches gave the other side of other story. Secularisation is merciless in its effect on churches. It will erode to vanishing point churches which operate in traditional ways and cannot adapt. It challenges the mindset of 'as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.' But I believe that secularisation also presents a positive challenge for churches. It encourages us to develop church communities of new quality - disciples who are deeply engaged with their faith and not just of members who belong. It will be good for churches and good for faith.

"Let me surprise you first by saying that I am a supporter of secular society. My family roots are in the beginnings of what has become the Irish Republic. In the early years of the last century, Ireland was what some have called a confessional or theocratic state. The Catholic Church exercised an undue influence on the way in which government

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approached matters of social and moral legislation. The modern secular state is a safer place - it allows space for a proper separation of legislature, judiciary and church. In my view, there is then room for a proper relationship between church and state. The state should be the guardian and protector of religious freedom but it should not defer to religion.

“Last week’s article treated secularisation as if it was a single phenomenon. But it’s much more subtle and complex than that. It is actually a sort of ‘double whammy’ - let me explain what I mean.

“First it isn’t just about churches. Secularisation - or factors akin to it - affects all organisations which depend on voluntary commitment. Political parties find it hard to build membership. Voluntary organisations find it harder to attract committed volunteers. We are becoming more individualistic, less communitarian, less committed to dreams, visions and ideas. People are no less good, kind or caring. But we seem to have a weaker sense of being part of one community and ‘all in this together’. The society which is emerging is not a good place to be. I find aspects of our present political discourse appalling. Social policy seems to be designed to harass those whom government chooses to view as the undeserving poor. Our view of political choices sees things through the lens of ‘how does this affect me’. This is not just secular. It is arid. It needs the contribution of churches to bring vision, hope, care and compassion.

“But secularisation is of course also about a collapse of faith - certainly a collapse of traditional and conventional church-going faith. The common language of faith has gone - people are sometimes said to have ‘lost the habit of God’. They have more choices - so faith becomes one option among many. There is the insidious suggestion that, ‘there is nothing more than what you can see and touch.’ Mystery and transcendence - other dimensions of hope, possibility and experience are relentlessly squeezed out.

“There is one more important aspect of understanding secularisation in Scotland. Scotland’s secular society has its roots in the Scottish Enlightenment which implanted in the Scottish psyche patterns of thought

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based on rationalism and individualism. To that is added the impact of the Scottish Reformation. The fiery gospel which John Knox preached at St John's Kirk in Perth was also individualistic and rational. Put the two together and you have a breeding ground for what we know as the secular society today. My impression of Ireland is that the decline of the Irish Catholic Church - characterised more by community than individualism and by experience more than by rationalism - leaves behind a deposit of values and community cohesion. The decline of churches in Scotland - particularly the Church of Scotland - leaves behind it simply an empty space

"The effect of all this on churches is dramatic. What worked in the previous generation suddenly no longer works. There is frustration and blaming. Churches lose their sense of where they are going. In the middle of the last century, some of the leadership of the Scottish Episcopal Church began to believe that our church would not survive their time. They began to dispose of the buildings of our church. Churches and rectories were sold. Where we are now expanding, we desperately need those buildings.

"So is there a future for churches today? I believe that there is and that churches can survive and even thrive in this challenging environment.

"In the new diversity of our society, we are engaging with other faiths - and being enriched. We are challenged by changing patterns and values. We are guardians of a historic tradition of faith. But we also need to respond to change with openness and compassion. That's the root of the dilemma which faces all faith traditions as they address issues like same sex marriage.

"In the Scottish Episcopal Church we have been experimenting with new models of church life and membership. Essentially we are recognising that we need to move from a model based on membership to one which is based on discipleship. We are having some success in doing that. In my own diocesan area of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, we reported a slight increase in numbers in 2012 and a slight decrease in 2013. Our Casting the Net initiative is transforming and encouraging congregations.

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Some are growing while others are shrinking. Across the Scottish Episcopal Church, our bishops see themselves as 'leaders of mission' rather than as managers of an institution. We are creating a narrative of growth and possibility for a changing church - rather than being obsessed and troubled by a narrative of institutional decline.

"The last couple of weeks have seen the arrival of both Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby. Both seem poised to offer their churches robust and creative leadership. Both seem to understand that today's society is unimpressed by churches - but that people are searching for spirituality. It's about people and not institutions. It's not about membership - it's about living a transformative faith."

Faith in Action – May 2013 Aid Agencies

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

O God,

Enlarge my heart that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch my heart that it may take into it all those who with me around the world believe in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it that it may take into it all who do not know him,

But who are my responsibility because I know him.

O God, magnify me with your love.

AMEN

This May you might consider these actions:

- Pray for the work of Aid Agencies locally, nationally and internationally.

- Donate to Christian Aid as it is heavily dependent on the fundraising of Christian individuals and congregations.
- Participate in Christian Aid Week each May.
- Get involved with one of Christian Aid's national fundraising events.
- Receive regular updates about Christian Aid's work world-wide, apply for a subscription to their quarterly magazine Christian Aid News.
- Use your gifts and skills for the benefit of an Aid Agency.
- Volunteer with an Aid Agency.
- Sponsor a child.

Vestry Notes – April 2013

It will hardly be surprising for you to read that much of Vestry time and energy has been taken up with improving the Rectory in preparation for advertising for a new Rector which we hope to be in a position to do soon. The garden has been cleared of old shrubs and dead leaves and a new boundary fence erected. This has been painted by a Vestry member and already things look much different. While repairs were done to the leaking dormer roof and rotting wood replaced the opportunity was taken to bring the insulation up to current standards. Various quotes were sought for fitting new doors and windows and Vestry have agreed that this work should also be undertaken. It is likely to start soon. In addition, proposals are being developed to upgrade the driveway in keeping with the neighbourhood and to improve access and parking. The church has not been neglected and several leaks in the roof have been attended to.

Ross reported on his work within the congregation and commented that attendance at weekly services were very good. He continues to visit the local hospitals when a member of the congregation has been admitted and the monthly service at Canmore Lodge goes ahead. Home Communion is taken to those too frail or ill to attend church.

Vestry were delighted to hear that the YF is now up and running again under the leadership of Jenny Stooke and Jennifer Irvine and by all accounts a good time is being had by all!

I am delighted to say that the process for appointment of a new PVG Co-ordinator for Holy Trinity is in its final stages and you should hear more about that soon.

As required by the SEC, Vestry formally readopted the SEC Code of Good Practice for Protection of Vulnerable Groups and the SEC Policy on Recruitment of ex-offenders. HMRC forms have been completed by new Vestry members and they have received a copy of the Constitution of Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline.

Dorcas Group offered to replace the very worn and tatty blue Liturgy books and we are grateful to them for this generous gift.

The annual review of the organist's and cleaner's remuneration was undertaken. As you can see it has been a busy time with various necessary items dealt with promptly by Vestry members. If you have any questions or an item you wish to have raised at our next Vestry meeting on 7th May please do not hesitate to be in touch with any Vestry member.

Fay Cuthbertson

Treasurer's Report by Peter Hutchings

The financial position at the end of March 2013



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| Income to March | £ | My theme this year, started at the AGM, |
| Freewill Giving | 1,715 | is to remind you of the cost of employing |
| OpenPlate Giving | 1,903 | a Rector. The congregation should |
| Gift Aid Giving | 11,941 | collectively be willing to at least ensure |
| Tax Recovered | 6,921 | that this cost is met through the giving to |
| Donations | 316 | Holy Trinity via Gift Aid, Freewill and |
| 6 months income = | £22,796 | 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 £390.

Back by popular demand! – Duty Rota for May

| Date | Welcome | Bread & Wine | Collection |
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| May 5th | Ken Spink James Geldart | Eileen Donaldson Jennifer Slack | Helen Welsh Alex McGillivray |
| 12th | Ron Hawkins John Kennedy | Ron & Sheila Hawkins | TBA |
| 19th | Linda Sherwood Polly St. Aubin | Adrienne & John Lyon | Ivor Curran Helen Dalgity |
| 26th | Jack Wardell Malcolm Gosling | Peter & Barbara Hand | George & Agnes Philp |

Retiring Collections - Last Sunday of the Month

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| May 26 | Macular Society |
| June 30 | Mission to Seafarers |
| July 28 | Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children |

Work at the Rectory

As part of the work involved in updating/maintaining the Rectory, the Vestry has been developing a proposal to improve the approach to the property by resurfacing the untidy gravel and paving slab driveway with block paving in line with adjacent properties. The proposed scheme includes for re-grading the drive to reduce the steepest slopes and to provide a turning area so that a car can be driven in and out in forward drive. Quotes received so far suggest a budget of about £8,000 will be required and Vestry are considering options for funding these works.

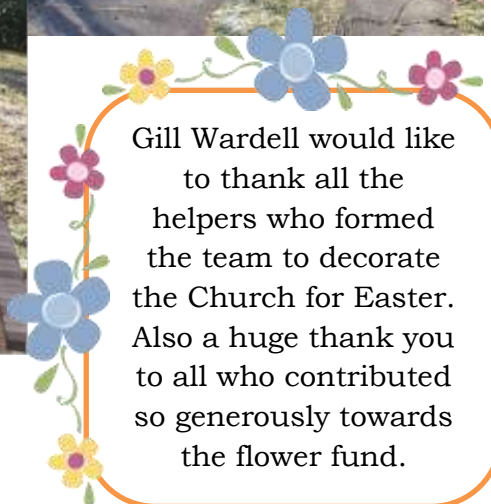
The photographs below show the drive today and an impression of how it may look after renovation.

Jack Wardell

As the drive is now



Impression of how
the drive will look
after work



Gill Wardell would like to thank all the helpers who formed the team to decorate the Church for Easter. Also a huge thank you to all who contributed so generously towards the flower fund.

Readings for May

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| 5 May Easter 6 | Acts 16: 9-15 | Revelation 21: 10,22-22.5 | John 14: 23-29 |
| 12 May Easter 7 | Acts 16: 16-34 | Revelation 22: 12- 14, 16-17, 20-end | John 17: 20- end |
| 19 May Pentecost | Acts 2: 1-21 | Romans 8: 14-17 | John 14: 8-17 [25-27] |
| 26 May Trinity Sunday | Proverbs 8: 1- 4,22-31 | Romans 5: 1-5 | John 16: 12-15 |

Mother Teresa on Kindness:

“People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

Study and Growth Group

The next meeting of the Study and Growth Group will take place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 May at 22 Trondheim Parkway West, Dunfermline, the home of Helen Welsh. On this evening we will plan the programme for our next session. Everyone is welcome.

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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| Secretary | Fay Cuthbertson | 726243 |
| Treasurer | Peter Hutchings | 728534 |
| Lay Rep | Linda Brownlie | - |
| Vestry: | Pam Lynn | 881874 |
| | Malcolm Gosling | 851605 |
| | John Kennedy | - |
| | James Geldart | 734997 |
| | Elaine Cromwell | 721663 |
| | Jack Wardell | 722948 |
| People's Warden | Ken Spink | 735732 |
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| Sacristan | Frances Jack | 721683 |
| Flowers | Gill Wardell | 722948 |
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| | Isobel Thomson | 624322 |
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| | Yvonne Gosling | 851605 |
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| | Linda Sherwood | 416558 |
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| | James Geldart | 734997 |
| Prayer Group | Margaret Dineley | 624377 |
| | Doreen Esnol | 621054 |
| Sunday Coffee | Doreen Esnol | 621054 |
| | Fay Spink | 735732 |
| Hall Booking | Ken Spink | 735732 |

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