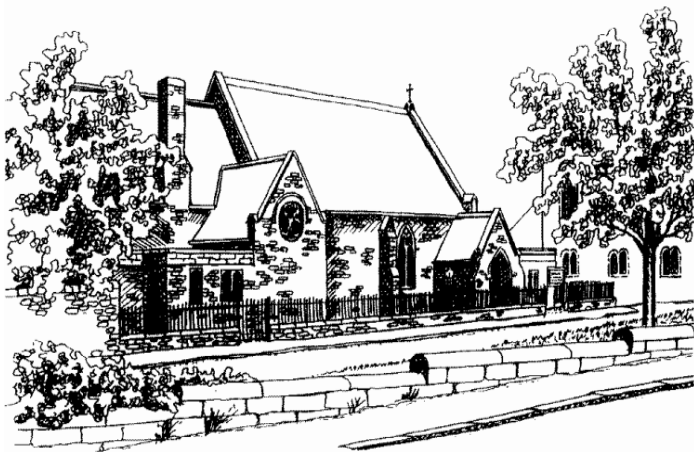


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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
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This month's magazine seems a slimmed down version compared to recent months. Where have you all gone? Perhaps we are all focussing on other things at the moment.

Fundraising is the task at hand this month and for the next few months. May saw us

support two regular Holy Trinity fundraising activities: the Mothers' Union International Feast (page 4) and the Young Church soup lunch (page 9), together with a retiring collection for the Macular Society. And June starts with a fundraising coffee morning kicking off three to four months of specific fundraising for the renovation of the rectory (read more on pages 2 and 10).

At a time when most of us are feeling the effects of 'austerity measures' we might worry that people have little more to give. You only have to pick up the local newspaper to see how many other groups and organisations are reaching out for financial support in order to keep their activities going. But I never cease to be amazed at how people with a common purpose can pull together to achieve an aim. Even better if we can enjoy ourselves along the way - fundraising can be fun-raising! And in the words of 2 Corinthians, chapter 9, verse 7:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The next edition of the magazine will be a double, summer edition covering July and August so please bear this in mind when putting your contributions together. I am looking forward to receiving some interesting, exciting, entertaining and challenging articles for our summer edition. After all, our magazine is easier to fit in your hand luggage than Good Housekeeping or Golf Monthly so let's make our summer edition worthy of being your 2013 'beach read'!

Elaine x

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From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

The months slip by and I still have no hard news about our progress in appointing a new Rector but, in spite of the fact that I am enjoying getting to know you better and working with you, I hope movement will be taking place soon.

Last month, Ross wrote about relinquishing the additional duties he took on, over a year ago now. I will certainly miss all the work he has been doing which has made my role so easy – as I'm sure you will too. I suspect he will still do quite a lot, especially after a few months break, but I do ask you all to take on even more of the general care for each other, and to ring me when there are pastoral needs to be met.

Also elsewhere in the magazine Jack Wardell has written about the work being done on the Rectory and the costs involved. This is essential work, not only to attract a new Rector and family but also as our basic responsibility for maintaining the value of our property. The amount required is beyond our budget and I hope all of you will consider responding to the special appeal.

The appeal will run through June to September – not the best time with our spending on holidays and so on but then when is a good time to ask for money these days! The Coffee morning of 1st June will be past but other groups in the Church may sponsor some fundraising and I hope individuals will consider straight donations. It will certainly be a sign of a vibrant congregation, looking to the future with confidence, if we can support this.

At one level the 'busy season' of the Church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) is over - and I've heard Church involvement described as a winter sport – but at another level I think the weeks after Pentecost is when the theology of all those festivals is put into practice. We not only remember Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection and the coming of the Spirit, we respond to them. We walk the walk, do the living and the caring, be the body we are called to be.

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

I know life is not easy for many these days, and at Holy Trinity we may feel the lack of a servant-leader for our journey, but these can be opportunities for each of us to show our care and support one another. Let's journey well with God's Spirit.

Jim Mein

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 June - Summer Lunch - we are back at the Keavil House Hotel, Crossford, for our lunch. This has always proved to be a great success with a lovely two course lunch. If anyone is interested in joining us, please let Helen, Pam, Doreen or myself know so we can keep the hotel informed as to numbers.

Monday 17th June - the Annual General Meeting of the Wives Group will get under way at 7.30 pm. This will be our last meeting until we resume in September, after the summer break.

Please come along and experience the warmth and friendliness of our small group. We have lots of things planned for next 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.

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary

Thank you from Holy Trinity Mothers' Union



Dorissia would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended this year's International Feast. A great evening was had by all and there were no leftovers!

Thank you to all my helpers and contributors in the cooking and pudding-making. The money raised is going to Mothers' Union Overseas to help with the excellent work they do. Well done everyone!

Dorissia

Lord we thank you for the renewed strength of Mothers' Union in Guyana as they have risen to the challenge of economic difficulties. We pray that they would be well equipped to share God's love through the spiritual, physical and sustainable empowerment of all people.

Focus on Mothers' Union in Guyana

Guyana is located on the north eastern shoulder of the South American mainland, surrounded by Suriname, Venezuela, Brazil and the Atlantic Ocean.



It is the only English speaking country in South America. Mothers' Union has over 90 branches in the diocese, and a growing membership of over 1,700. The branches are divided between 15 regions each with its own Mothers' union officer.

One of the great challenges facing Mothers' Union over the past year has been sustaining the community development work initiated by the

Development Coordinator before she left her post in 2011. The Diocesan President worked with the Programme Team at Mary Sumner House and it was decided that the Church Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) might work well for Guyana. CCMP is a programme of Bible-based training which helps church groups go out into the community to solve community problems using resources they already have or can group together to find, rather than relying on aid from developed countries. This strategy includes:

- New knowledge for teaching members through Bible studies
- Awareness of their own available resources and gifts
- 'Dreaming the dream' – planning for a future Mothers' Union
- Creating sustainability
- Future threats and possibilities



The results have been hugely encouraging. The membership have a new vision statement – 'A vibrant Mothers' Union sharing God's love through spiritual, physical and sustainable empowerment of all people, especially vulnerable individuals and communities throughout Guyana' – and are gaining confidence to lead Mothers' Union with renewed strength.

Saint of the Month

St. Columba - 9th June



In last month's article on St Augustine mention was made of the spread of Christianity in the north of Britain by missionaries from the Celtic Church in Ireland and this month our saint is perhaps the greatest of these. Saint Columba, or as it is in the Gaelic *Colm Cille*, was born on 7th December 521 in what is now County Donegal. His great-great-grandfather was reputed to be Niall of the Nine Hostages, a High King of Ireland. He was baptised by his

teacher and foster-uncle Saint Crunathan. He studied at Clonard Abbey in what is now County Meath, and which was at that time a shining light of Christian learning in a dark world with allegedly up to 3000 students. Saint Columba studied in a group under Saint Finian, twelve of which were considered to be saints and were known as the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, St Columba being one of them. He became a monk and was ordained.

Legend has it that about 560 Columba copied a psalter in the scriptorium of Moville Abbey where St. Finnian was the Abbot. Columba wanted to keep the finished manuscript but Finnian said it should belong to the abbey. This led to a battle between the adherents of the two saints at Cul Dreimhne in which many men were slain. The monks of those days were not only priests and scholars but also warriors. For his part in it, the church hierarchy wished to excommunicate Columba but, after a plea on his behalf by St Brendan, the sentence was deferred provided Columba went into voluntary exile. Columba agreed to this and promised to go to Scotland where he would work to convert to Christianity, as many people as were killed in the battle.

With twelve companions he sailed to Scotland landing first on Kintyre, but he did not really feel that he was in exile as on a clear day he could still see his native land, so he travelled further north and landed on Iona. Here the king of the Gaelic kingdom of Dalriada granted him land on which to build a monastery as a base from which to evangelise the Picts. The Abbey he

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founded on Iona quickly became a centre of learning from which the monks travelled throughout Scotland and Northumbria founding more abbeys and spreading Christianity. Columba did not succeed in the wholesale conversion of the Picts. He visited the king of the Pictish Kingdom of Fortriu near Inverness who respected him as a just and holy man. Columba also founded several churches in the Western Isles. Because of his reputation he was widely called upon to settle disputes between the tribes in Scotland. He was also a scholar and attributed with writing several hymns and transcribing over three hundred manuscripts. He was even in his lifetime recognised as being saintly and Iona became a centre for pilgrimage. He did return once to Ireland towards the end of his life when he founded the monastery at Durrow. He died on Iona on 9th June 597 and was buried there.

Towards the end of the eighth century the Vikings descended on Iona and left the Abbey in ruins. Columba's bones were removed from Iona in 849 and were divided between Ireland, where they were buried alongside those of Saints Patrick and Brigid at Downpatrick, and Scotland. The relics kept in Scotland were retained in a reliquary with those of other Scottish saints and accompanied the Scots into battle. Tradition has it that they were with Robert the Bruce's army at Bannockburn.

In the 7th Century the Papal authorities expressed some misgivings about the recognition of Saints acclaimed as such by popular belief, and requested that a record of the lives of such saints be sent to Rome. This was undertaken in the case of St Columba by Adomnan, the ninth Abbot of Iona. Adomnan wrote a record in three separate volumes covering firstly Prophetic Revelations made by the Saint, secondly Miraculous Powers, and thirdly Apparitions.

Given the nature of the document and bearing in mind that the writer was motivated to prove Columba a Saint, the books contain many detailed instances, which may or may not be true. Most of the prophecies are trivial as are many of the alleged miracles. For example, it is alleged that he ordered spilt milk to flow back into its pail.

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One alleged miracle is that near the River Ness, he and his followers came across some Picts burying one of their number who has been killed by a sea monster. Another swimmer was just about to be eaten by the monster but Columba ordered the monster to go no further, not to touch the man, and to depart with all speed. To the amazement of everyone the monster fled, terrified. Could this be the earliest reference to Nessy?

St. Columba is venerated as the patron saint of poets and bookbinders, and whose invocation is effective against floods.



Have you ever thought of walking the Fife Coastal Path but don't want to go on your own?

Why don't you join us on a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Church and the rectory?

We're thinking of going on Sunday afternoons after Church, starting in July/August.

Take your first step and let me know if you are interested.

Linda Sherwood



Young Church News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Soup lunch on Sunday, 19th May.

We raised over £80 and decided to donate half to Christian Aid with the remainder going towards church funds.



Carrot, Coriander and Coconut Soup

1kg of carrots	2 onions
Olive oil	Dried coriander
Can of half fat coconut milk	Chopped, fresh coriander to finish

Coarsely chop the onions and soften in a generous glug of olive oil. Scrub and top and tail the carrots the chop into large chunks. Add to the pan with the softened onions. Add enough water to cover the veg, season well and add a generous sprinkle of dried coriander (1 to 2 teaspoons depending upon your taste). Bring to the boil then simmer until the carrots are soft. Remove from the heat and cool. Once cooled, blend or liquidise the soup and add the coconut milk and chopped coriander. Taste and add more seasoning if required. Return to the heat and warm gently.



Congratulations Mr & Mrs Foster!

Well done to Lou and Stephen who were married at Holy Trinity on Saturday 25th May. We wish you a long, happy and blessed marriage!

Holy Trinity Rectory Renovation Fund Raising

A significant programme of renovation work and upgrading is underway at the Rectory and the projected cost already exceeds the provisional budget outlined at the AGM. In addition to routine maintenance (Painting and decorating) the Vestry has had to undertake significant roof repairs, fencing and garden works; replacement windows and doors installation is in progress and Driveway improvements and associated ground works are planned. This work is viewed as an essential part of our preparations for attracting a new Rector. With this in mind Vestry has set up a sub-committee, initially with James Geldart and Jack Wardell as members, to launch a Fund raising campaign with a target of £7,500 to help fund these works.

The first event of this campaign is the Coffee morning being held on 1st June 2013 in the Church Hall. As well as inviting individual donations the Vestry will welcome suggestions or ideas for fund raising events that members of the congregation would like to organise as part of this campaign. Such Ideas should be channelled via the Fund-Raising sub-committee.

Individual Donations or proceeds from fund raising efforts may be placed in the collection plates or handed to the Sub-Committee members or to the Treasurer clearly marked for "Rectory Renovation". The Yellow GIFT AID envelopes may be used when the contribution is a valid Gift Aid donation. Progress of the Fund Raising will be reported in the Magazine and on the Church Notice Boards via a Thermometer Graphic as illustrated below.



Treasurer's Report by Peter Hutchings

The financial position at the end of April 2013



Income to April	£	My theme this year, started at the AGM,
Freewill Giving	1,889	is to remind you of the cost of employing
Open Plate Giving	2,450	a Rector. The congregation should
Gift Aid Giving	13,994	collectively be willing to at least ensure
Tax Recovered	6,921	that this cost is met through the giving to
Donations	430	Holy Trinity via Gift Aid, Freewill and
7 months income =	£25,684	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.

Duty Rota for June

Date	Welcome	Bread & Wine	Collection
June 2	Ken Spink James Geldart	Peter & Jean Crabb	Frances Jack Doreen Esnol
9	Helen Dalgity Elaine Cromwell	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	TBA
16	Ron Hawkins Pam Lynn	Ivy Stewart Monica Terry	Polly St. Aubin Muriel McKenzie
23	Linda Sherwood John Kennedy	James & Hazel Geldart	Adrienne & John Lyon
30	Jack Wardell Jenny Stooke	George & Agnes Philp	Edith & Arthur Slack

Readings for June

2 June Proper 4	1 Kings 18:20,21 [20-29] 30-39	Galatians 1: 1-12	Luke 7: 1-10
9 June Proper 5	1 Kings 17: 8-16 [17-end]	Galatians 1: 11 - end	Luke 7: 11 -17
16 June Proper 6	1 Kings 21: 1-10 [11-14], 15-21a	Galatians 2: 15-end	Luke 7: 36 – Luke 8: 3
23 June Proper 7	1 Kings 19: 1-4 [5-7], 8-15a	Galatians 3: 23-end	Luke 8: 26-39
30 June Proper 8	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51- end

Prayer for Generosity (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.



Wed 5th June 2.00pm, Holy Trinity Church Hall - Craft Afternoon

Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon making cards. You will be able to take home your own unique creations.

Wed 19th June 7.30pm, 35 Broomieknowe, Dunfermline

Speaker Helen Walsh

Wed 3rd July 2.00pm, Holy Trinity Church Hall - Summer Fruits Tea

This is our last meeting before our summer break, we meet again in September.

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
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Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
	Isobel Thomson	624322
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Wives Group	Helen Dalgity	726350
	Yvonne Gosling	851605
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	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Doreen Esnol	621054
	James Geldart	734997
Prayer Group	Margaret Dineley	624377
	Doreen Esnol	621054
Sunday Coffee	Doreen Esnol	621054
	Fay Spink	735732
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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Please send any articles or notices to Elaine, preferably by email: ecromwell@thomsoncooper.com

We don't charge for the magazine but donations towards the printing costs are gratefully received.

Over the next month or two I want to hear what you think about the magazine. What do you like/dislike? What do you want more or less of? Do you have something that you would like to contribute on a regular basis? Any other suggestions? Please do let me know.

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If you are a Tax Payer making donations to the church and you are not already registered for Gift Aid, please speak to Peter Hand or a member of Vestry who will help you. Alternatively simply fill in one of the yellow gift aid envelopes that are available in the vestibule and on the pews.