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Hello again! As the year winds towards autumn we can be thankful for a comparatively warm and dry summer this year. I realise that I often mention the weather in my editor's piece. This perhaps indicates a lack of imagination or originality t

but I would prefer to say it is because I start each magazine by stating the month in question. From that, my mind reflects upon how the year is progressing and the changing of the seasons.

For the majority of us, the weather has little more effect on our lives than to influence our choice of footwear or clothing, whether we can dry our washing outside or perhaps how enjoyable our trip out or sporting event might be. At a time of year in our churches, however, when we traditionally celebrate and give thanks for the harvest, I am reminded that the weather, for our farmers and fishermen, can govern their whole way of life. While the debate rages on about whether global warming is accelerating due to the actions of humans, there is no doubt that the world's weather is changing and that this is adversely impacting the lives of farmers and fishermen, particularly in the developing world.

In this edition of the magazine you will find a number of articles linked to the theme of Harvest (which we celebrate in our Sunday worship on 15th September).

On page 6 you can read about the cookbook challenge that the SEC is running in conjunction with Christian Aid off the back of the "Enough Food for Everyone IF..." campaign which centred on the G8 summit in Northern Ireland, in June. You can read more about that too on pages 9 -11. Helen entertains us on page 7 with a tale of bun-fights and bread and you will find details of a congregational lunch for harvest, on page 6.

Another recurring theme in my introductions is music. One of my all-time favourite tunes is Harvest for the World, originally by The Isley Brothers in 1976 but for me, the version that brings back memories of Aberdeen Student Union and cheap cider, is the 1988 cover by The Christians. The refrain asks a simple question - "when will there be a harvest for the world?" When indeed.

Elaine x

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From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

When does a new year begin? January 1st of course? Advent Sunday if we are thinking of the Church? Spring, with flowers and new growth? September, after the summer holidays, a new school year? Perhaps the truth is that the opportunity is always there to start anew.

That is one of the basic claims of our faith. Contrary to a common feeling that we are caught, bound, unable to change, our Communion prayer in at least two places claims we can change and grow. “Through you Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love” and “He broke the bonds of evil to set your people free to be His body in the world”. The Good News of Christianity is that we can be forgiven past sins and we can start again; we can overcome our frailty and be strong in the Spirit.

I confess my own psychological ‘new year’ in Church life has always been around September when people return from being away and the organisations start up again. I hope we are looking forward at Holy Trinity to a significant year. The Rector is not the only or even the main part of a congregation – you are what matter, who do the work in the community, who support one another, who are the stones who together build up the body – but a Rector can be a focus, a link between the different parts, and an inspiration for the continuing journey. I hope that process will take place in the coming year.

It is also the start of a new financial year. You have done a great job raising funds to make significant improvements to the Rectory. In the next few months, as Vestry look at the budget and see what needs to be done to meet our costs, I’m sure they will be asking us all to consider our giving but if everyone pulls together I don’t expect that to be an unbearable burden. As I’m trying to say in my sermon this week, I believe the Church can be the rock on which we stand to go out and work with all others of good will for “thy kingdom to come on earth”.

With all blessings for this particular new year.

Jim Mein



Glen13

At the end of July, seven of our younger members set off for the annual Scottish Episcopal Church's summer camp at Glenalmond College near Perth. Long known to be an inspirational and faith affirming experience, here Sabine, Iain and Rebecca C share their thoughts about Glen13.

"Saying goodbye is never easy, and this year it feels as though I'm saying farewell to most things in my life...some, a fonder farewell than others. However, as past Glenalmond youth camp delegates will all agree with me, the last ever week of the camp comes as the most emotional and dreaded goodbye.

The experience of Glenalmond is undoubtedly, invaluable. And, it is almost impossible to define exactly what is so precious and life changing about my time there. Every year, I learn more about my own faith and the shared faith of all the past and present delegates from around Scotland. Our faith acts as glue, holding us together as a family, a community, and a voice that needs to be heard. Togetherness is at the centre of the camp's ethos. I have felt an overwhelming sense of community and family which pushes past the boundaries of the seven dioceses who attend; all are welcome and all are included.

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I am embarking on a new journey with my faith, to study Theology at University. The most common reaction to this - which I do find amusing - is to question my decision to join the priesthood. The Scottish Episcopal Church need not worry yet - I do not intend to become a member of the ministry! However, I intend to study and learn the history of our faith and to further explore the liturgy and the teachings of what we believe.

Glenalmond is incredibly important to the life of the church. It ensures the growth of young people's faith at a crucial time when they can often feel lost or uncertain about their place in the Christian community. It encourages drama, song, prayer and dance - key and favoured elements to youth worship. Glenalmond injects the spirituality back into the heart the young people's faith. And, within our Christian tradition, it is important to promote change and development. Glenalmond provides our young members with the tools to build the ever growing faith we all share.

On behalf of all seven young members of our congregation who attended Glenalmond, I would like to say "thank you" to Holy Trinity for their contributions towards our week."

Sabine Forsyth

Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Weeks

glen **GLEN '13**
at Glenalmond College, Perthshire

"A Year In The Life..."



Week 1 Sunday 28th July - Saturday 3rd August
Week 2 Sunday 4th August - Saturday 10th August

MUSIC ART Glen Olympics WORSHIP
sport new friends CEL/DH

"I really enjoyed my first time at Glenalmond. It was so much fun and I made lots of new friends. Most importantly, I learned how to express my faith in different ways and it made me enjoy being Christian again". *Iain Wedge*

Glen13



What a week Glenalmond was! I learnt so much about myself and my faith while experiencing Glen13. It was not what I expected. I felt nervous about going but everyone was so welcoming and friendly I soon felt part of the community. It was an action packed week. It was great to get to know people my own age, and some older and younger that all share the same religion as me. I felt I could be more open about being a Christian as normally, when I am at school, I will never talk about my beliefs as I am scared about being bullied. I think going to Glenalmond has helped me understand Christianity more and has helped me become a better person. Overall the week was amazing and I can't wait 'till next year! Thank you very much for giving us the change to go.

Rebecca C



Newsletters compiled by participants,
week 1, Glen13

September Events

Harvest Worship – Sunday 15th
September at 11.00am

Fife Doors Open Day – Sunday 22nd
September from 1.30pm



Harvest Festival

Volunteers required to help
decorate the church for our
Harvest Festival
on Saturday 14th September
from 10am.

If you can help or would like
to make a donation, please
contact Gill Wardell on
722948



ENOUGH FOOD FOR 40 DAYS

Calling all Chefs, Cooks, Culinary magicians!

COOKBOOK CHALLENGE

The Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) in collaboration with Christian Aid will be publishing a Cookbook in time for Lent 2014 called Enough Food for 40 Days which will contain recipes suitable for use all year for tasty, nutritious main meals at low cost so that people on low incomes, fixed incomes, students, families ...can eat affordably and well.

The Cookbook shall also include space for reflection on food: where it comes from, what is "enough", what is meant by good food as well as a Grace for each meal and 4 Sunday Bible Studies for congregations to discuss during a congregational meal.

So, to get the 40 recipes required, the SEC is asking its members for recipes for good affordable food for good affordable meals.

The criteria for the recipes are:

- Ingredient costs from £2 - £5 (the upper limit for a main meal for a family)
- Recipes should be able to be adapted to feed 1-6 people – or even for a congregational meal!
- A locally sourced ingredient should be included e.g. potatoes
- A fairly traded ingredient could be included e.g. rice

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Send your recipe to churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org or to the General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE

***The Choir and Wives Group are
hosting a Congregational Harvest
Lunch on***

Sunday 15th September 2013
In the Church Hall after the 11am Service
Tickets Adults - £5 Under 12 - £3

Please bring a Donation for FOODBANK



The Great Harvest Bake-Off

Lightning crackles over the marquee as twelve nervous contestants take their places. They will submit to the plenipotentiary, revered authority of judges Jollygood and Cherry. There will be a long, gruelling knock-out by knock-out bun-fight to the death, when only one may win the coveted Bake-Off Trophy.



Off-camera, tears and tantrums abound. This is not just about being a fantastic baker, it's about being an emotional gladiator. The contestants grease their girdles and prime their piping bags, and pray for deliverance from the ultimate humiliation, the Soggy Bottom.

It all starts, auspiciously, with Death by Chocolate – all too efficiently executed. The Puddings section brings out the contestants' creativity in an Upside-Down Aussie Pudding with a sponge kangaroo bounding onto the flip side. The Cloutie Dumpling is perfect if you know what to expect, but alas this is new territory for Jollygood and Cherry and they're not impressed by its unctuous skin. Empire biscuits are marked down for bad taste in a postcolonial era. The Leaning Tower of Pizza is a masterpiece until gravity, assisted by melting mozzarella, results instead in Pizza Puddle.



The Devil's Food Cake brings out all kinds of evil machinations on the part of the desperate contestants and for one, it's simply too much as she is found slumped in the pantry, fast asleep, having sampled too enthusiastically certain of the ingredients for her Topsy Pudding. Another hopeful produces something he cooked up in a lab – stem-cell burger buns – and is swiftly ejected on the grounds that his offering is utterly devoid of flavour, texture, nutritional content and looks. Even worse, following Mabel Cherry's perfect demonstration of *langues de chat*, someone reaches a bit too far for authenticity, and there is a noisy exodus of cats from the neighbourhood, each seen to be clamping their jaws shut against advancing pliers.

Jollygood and Cherry compare notes. The time is up for the bread challenge and they go out to meet the neurotic remnant. A hoodie-clad lad steps forward. Jollygood raises an ironic eyebrow and Cherry fixes him with a piercing stare. The boy reaches into a baggy pocket and pulls out

The Great Harvest Bake-Off

two little fishes. Then he searches his other pockets and pulls out five little loaves. The judges gingerly pick one up and break it open. Perfect crumb! Nice crust! Excellent flavour! They turn back to the lad – but he's over at the marquee entrance, beckoning. People are hovering by the doorway but then they're pouring in, hordes of them. The cats come back too. They're all hungry. The other contestants come out from the shadows; they take the bread and pass it round.

And also the fish. There's plenty for everyone. The crowd is satisfied. Jollygood, Cherry, and the contestants know that they've had enough of the fancy stuff. What they want now is proper nourishment. Candles are lit and they wait patiently for the arrival of the bread-giver.



Helen Welsh 27th Aug 13

Enough food for everyone IF.....

IF is a multi-faith action group, a coalition of over 200 diverse organisations as well as many individuals, campaigning together against world hunger. Tonight, nearly one billion people will go to bed hungry. Worldwide, three million children die from malnutrition every year. While progress has been made in other areas, hunger is still the great scandal of our age. All around the world, even in the UK, people are struggling to feed their families.

The campaign in 2013 focussed on the G8 summit held in Northern Ireland in June. IF lobbied politicians to act on the issues of aid, taxation, land and transparency. Some headway was gained in relation to tax dodging but IF claims "less progress was made in addressing tax haven secrecy and more must be done to tackle this. This year's G8 summit shows the public argument has been won for a crackdown on tax dodging, but the political battle still remains. IF campaigners did brilliantly to get the right issues on the agenda and help convince the UK government to get its own house in order."

See more at: <http://enoughfoodif.org/latest/g8-hunger-on-agenda#sthash.TkB5Aqgg.dpuf>

Enough food for everyone IF.....

Following the G8 summit, The Rt Rev Robert Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney writing in the Aberdeen Press & Journal asked “when all the talking has been done and the current media hype has ended, how will we know they have done any good?” He states: “What I’m looking for is a transparent forum in which the G8 leaders are examined and tested. We will then be able to see if they’ve delivered on their promises.” He goes on to ask, “Who would be involved in questioning the G8 leaders? I suggest economists from the charities, farmers and fishermen from the third world, journalists from east and west and, for good measure, a healthy line-up of environmentally, ecologically and fair-trade minded agitators and operators.”

Around the same time, writing in the Courier, The Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton, Bishop of Brechin questioned the relevance of the G8:

“Has the G8 lived up to its promise? Politicians are rarely the only ones who can make things happen, being faster on positive thinking and sound bites than practical delivery. Maybe G8, borne of late 1970’s concerns, has passed its shelf-life. Without India, China and Brazil or other Latin America and African countries involved, addressing international issues and tackling the most pressing global challenges must be more difficult.” In the rest of his article he challenges us to think about our own responsibilities:

“Point ten of the Lough Erne Declaration says: governments should publish information on laws, budgets, spending, national statistics, elections and contracts in a way that is easy to read and re-use, so that citizens can hold them to account. This is interesting because it underlines the ways in which we all share a responsibility for how we transact political and financial power, everyday business and simply relate to one another in local communities.

So what might our own regional G8 look like? We could bring together a forum of significant people across the public, private and voluntary sectors - political and business leaders, banks and land owners, education and care providers, community groups and faith representatives. The trouble is that we are often trapped in our own bubble or organisational silo and not very trustful of collaboration.

Our G8 would have no posturing, no grand communiques, rather some speedy bite-size commitments, joint action to change the changeable for the

Enough food for everyone IF.....

better, and then moving on to the next opportunity. Investing in meaningful work for more of our local young people would be a great place to start.

World faiths each have something to say about political, economic relationships and human dignity: the duty for example to help a needy neighbour or not to grab what belongs to others, and Jesus's famous distinction between 'rendering to Caesar and rendering to God'. Underpinning this perspective is the belief that our enduring relationships are actually about covenants – kept promises rather than contractual small-print."

At this time of year in particular, as we prepare for Harvest festivals and celebrations across the country, I am thinking about these words and numbers:

1 in 8 = the number of people who go hungry in the world today
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Can one or two people alone *really* make a difference when our governments and churches even, seem to remain largely ineffectual against the power of greed and self-interest? I have faith that, with the help of God, we can. Moreover, as a Christian I believe I am bound to try my best. In this endeavour, I am, at times (most of the time) completely incompetent; I can be weak and worse still, complacent. But the IF campaign and Christian Aid and the Foodbank and the words of the Bishops above and other groups and organisations that I read or hear about, pull me up; help me take stock and review what action I can take. So this harvest season I'm speaking up. I am asking YOU, what can you do? What *will* you do? And I'm praying....and trusting.....that one day.....soon.....there will be enough.

Elaine

Follow this link to read about simple changes you can make in support of the IF campaign:

<http://enoughfoodif.org/onyourplate>



WIVES GROUP

All are welcome to come along to any or all of these events and partake of a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Monday 2nd September - our 2013/2014 programme begins with an opening Service in church at 7.30 pm.

Due to a visit by the Bishop to speak to the Vestry on Monday 16th September, we will be meeting on

Monday 23rd September when Elaine Cromwell will present a DVD on old Dunfermline.

Monday 30th September - British Heart Foundation
Will be showing us their work nationally and in particular the work with their project "Dunfermline Heart Town".

Monday 14th October - Linda Short from Bandrum Nursing Home comes to explain what is involved with looking after our elderly people.

Monday 28th October - Dunfermline Street Pastors - to tell us about their work in our community

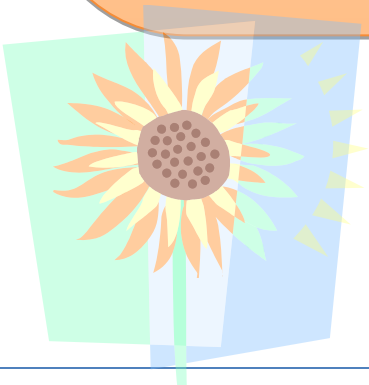
All of these events are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling
Secretary

The Guild recommences on
Wednesday, 11th September
at 2pm in the Church hall.

New members welcome.

Catherine Duncan, President





Saint of the Month

St. Ninian

Saint Ninian is venerated as being the first missionary to bring Christianity to Scotland. However we really know very little about him that can be vouched for as being historically correct.

The earliest mention that is available in any historical source is a short reference to him in the writings of the Venerable Bede written in the eighth century who says that he was a Briton who had

been educated and ordained in Rome; that he worked with and converted the southern Picts (what we know as Galloway today); and that he had built a stone church which he dedicated to St. Martin of Tours at "hwit oern" (early English for "white house") in the kingdom of the Bernicians (the ancient British kingdom that existed in what was to become later the anglo-saxon kingdom of Northumbria). Bede then goes on to say that he died and was buried there along with many other saints. Bede, who was a careful historian, does say that it is traditional information and not historical fact. Based on the belief that he was associated with St Martin of Tours he would appear to have lived in the period 360-430 a.d.

The tradition of St. Ninian is further clouded by later writers. St Aelred writing in the mid 12th century says that Ninian was the son of a Christian king; that he was consecrated a Bishop in Rome. He then met and studied with St Martin in Tours in France. St Martin gave him masons to go with him to Scotland and build a stone church (most churches built by the early Britons were of wood construction). On hearing of the death of St Martin, St Ninian dedicated the church to him. He converted a rich and powerful Pictish King named Tuduvallus and died being buried in a stone sarcophagus in his church.

An Archbishop of Armagh, James Ussher, in the seventeenth century went even further into the realms of fantasy and fiction saying that St Ninian

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was the son of a Spanish princess. He goes on to say that a miraculous bell descended from heaven to call together his disciples; that he built a wooden church with beams brought to him by stags and that the church was constructed by a harpist with no experience of architecture. He also gave a highly fictional source of the name Whithorn saying that the saint had called land that had been granted to him Wytterna after a blacksmith and his son who had witnessed the miracles named respectively "Terna" and "Wyn". He added that the saint had left Whithorn and gone to Ireland where he died and was buried.

To add to the uncertainty, in some parts of Scotland the saint appears to have been known as Ringan and in the north of England as Trynnian (or Trinian). It has also been suggested by some scholars seeking to identify him as a known historical character that he may have been the Irish saint, St Finian.

He is widely venerated in southern and eastern Scotland and the North of England and a number of churches (SEC, RC and C of S) in these areas and other parts of the world where there is a Scottish influence are dedicated to him, including the cathedral of our diocese in Perth. Under the guise of his alternative name of St Trinian there is of course a well known fictional girls' school named after him!

In the late 18th/ early 19th Century a cave was discovered near Whithorn which was found to contain early Christian artefacts. Of course it was immediately suggested that it was connected with St Ninian and might have been used by the saint as a place of retreat and it is now known as St Ninian's Cave. There is no historical evidence, however, to link the Saint to the cave.



Good Luck!

We send our prayers and best wishes with Sabine Forsyth and Ellen and Matthew Fearnley as they move on from school to start University and College this September.

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Study and Growth Group

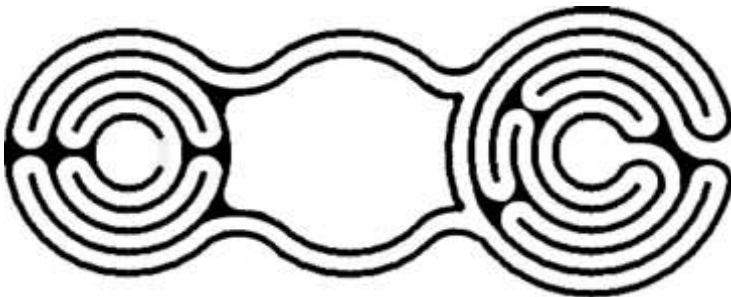
The SAGG group - Derek, Helen, Dorissia, Pam, Margaret, Peter, Barbara and myself, went on a visit to St James the Great Episcopal church in Dollar to walk their labyrinth on the 22nd July. It was a truly amazing and spiritual experience. We were met by the rector of the church the Rev Andrew Frearson who gave us leaflets telling us a bit about their double labyrinth which was designed by Thom Staefel.

St James the Great's labyrinth is rather unusual because it is a double labyrinth due to the rather large evergreen tree which separates the two halves. The first labyrinth is designed in the Chartres style whilst the second, uppermost labyrinth echoes the labyrinths drawn to illustrate the story of Jericho, in the Jewish tradition.

The garden of remembrance in which the Labyrinth is situated is both peaceful and beautiful. The stunning Ochil hills made a perfect backdrop for a truly memorable evening. The sun was going down over the hills showing them off in all their glory.

The labyrinth walk has an amazingly spiritual effect upon the walker; giving one a sense of oneness with God. Walking slowly and mindfully around the curving narrow path opens up one's mind to the wonder of creation. You can take time to explore the tiny details of Gods earth and find yourself as part of it. I watched a tiny insect climb up a blade of grass and in my mind's eye I felt as if I was standing on the edge of the universe.

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In the booklet we were given there was a passage of scripture from Jer 6:16 - "Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient path, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls".

I am sure that all who walked the St James the Great's labyrinth with me will have felt the same profound peace I did. Afterwards we said prayers together thanking God for the experience of peace we had experienced together on our shared journey.

Meaningful walking is like meditating and every bit as refreshing and stimulating. If anyone is interested in walking the labyrinth at St James the great they should contact the Rev Andrew Frearson on 01259 742494. You will receive a warm welcome and an amazing experience.

Valerie Leslie

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of thefillingstation.org to invite your congregation to our first ever renewal weekend that we are holding in Stirling. It is two days of inspiration, worship and transformation. The conference is to be held in Allan Park South in Stirling on the 7-8 September.

The Filling Station is not a new independent church movement, rather a model of how existing churches can work together to bring new spiritual life to their areas and in the process bring many people to faith in Jesus Christ. One of our fundamental principles is to promote Christian unity.

The price is £32 for the full weekend or £16 per day which also includes lunch. For more information you can visit our website

<http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk>

God Bless

Helen Moody, Events Manager



Sponsored Walk in Aid of the Rectory Fund

Linda Sherwood, Gill Wardell and Stephen Irvine have successfully completed their sponsored walk round the 81 miles of Fife Coastal Path from the Forth Bridge at North Queensferry to the Tay Bridge at Newport. The team have been blessed with decent weather throughout the 7 weeks walking on Mondays. The last walk was done on Wednesday, 28th August by squeezing in an extra day so that the final leg could be completed before the end of August. By their efforts and the generous support of their many sponsors who have promised over £1,000 plus any accrued Gift Aid, the Rectory Renovation Fund will receive a welcome boost. Thanks also go to Jack Wardell who has provided transport to and from each of the walks.

In addition, Helen Dalgity and Pam Grimley have started a shorter version of the walk. So far, they have walked from the Forth Bridges to East Wemyss and further walks are planned. Additional funds for the Rectory Fund will accrue from their efforts.

Starting at the Forth Bridge



Leaving Leuchars



WOW! What a fantastic effort, Linda, Gill and Stephen!

Well done and thank you! Ed

Rectory Renovation Fund

The rectory Renovation Fund now exceeds £5,000 and there is a good deal more in the pipe line from the Fife Coastal Path Sponsored walkers and from the Rag Bag collection. With accrual of some Gift Aid on many of the donations received we will be getting close to hitting our target of £7,500. Thank you to all our church members who contributed directly to the fund, to those instrumental in the successful coffee morning and to the church groups who also contributed generously.

Work at the Rectory is reaching the final stages with the new driveway being laid as we go to print. Of course the vital roof repairs were, along with urgent garden and boundary fence works, carried out first, then followed by the replacement doors and windows and other minor maintenance. Ken Spink has also been busy inside with coving and other preparations for final decoration. Once we appoint a new Rector we will consult prior to making the final choice of internal decoration and floor coverings. Jack Wardell has been assisting Ken, in particular with arranging for the Driveway, re-laid patio and slab paving paths



Completed drive – looking great!

HOW MANY LIGHT BULBS DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE INVESTMENT ETHICAL?

The public spat between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Wonga - and subsequent revelation of the Church Commission's investment in Wonga - have again opened up the debate about ethical investment. As somebody who regularly witnesses the suffering caused by usury in our town - I applaud the stance Welby has taken.

The Church generally has lagged behind many voluntary bodies - we don't like change. (How many Christians does it take to change a light bulbCHANGE?!??) But our church HAS progressed some distance since I first raised the issue four years ago by 1: adopting a policy which has an ethical dimension, and 2: including mention of environmental and human rights issues. However, insistence of the 15% leeway rule means that part of our money will still, unnecessarily, be being used to support companies that cause random deaths, human abuse and environmental degradation.

The ethical investment industry has developed over the last twenty five years. Ethical screening allows organisations to rule out virtually ALL areas they wish to avoid. We are not simply talking about abstractions. For instance, a firm such as Rio Tinto in addition to its record of support for Apartheid has been involved in decimating the sacred land of tribal people and working in league with governments that facilitate militia gangs to murder those who resist. BP has presided over the largest land area of environmental destruction in the world - the shale mines of Alberta which are very markedly visible from space as a large gash across this part of Canada. The screening process can also enable investment in funds that have a positive impact on the community. As lead trustee of an ethical investment fund rising from half a million, I receive regular reports from the investment company of the positive areas we are able to assist. If this company can ensure there is no per-cent leeway there should be no reason why we cannot find a company which is capable of the same.

During a period of history when national and international church leaders are at last starting to lead the way by raising difficult issues about the negative impacts of government and the financial and banking sectors, the arch-bishop's public position and commitment to widespread practical action is, in my view, exemplary. Experienced in the banking sector, he is also from a generation that knows about the methodology, effectiveness and viability of ethical investment. Neither does he accept the long held prejudice that what churches do with their money is separate and disconnected from what Christians should do in their lives. It seems we would be very wise to learn from Justin Welby, and to put our money where our sermons are! *John Macdonald*

Treasurer's Report by Peter Hutchings

The financial position at the end of July 2013



Income to July	£	My theme this year, started at the AGM,
Freewill Giving	2,509	is to remind you of the cost of employing
Open Plate Giving	3,279	a Rector. The congregation should
Gift Aid Giving	21,174	collectively be willing to at least ensure
Tax Recovered	6,921	that this cost is met through the giving to
Donations	1,364	Holy Trinity via Gift Aid, Freewill and
10 months income =	£35,247	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 £329.

Duty Rota for September

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION
Sept 1 st	Ron Hawkins Pam Lynn	George & Agnes Philp	Monica Terry Ivy Stewart
8 th	Linda Sherwood Malcolm Gosling	Andrew & Dorothy Nicol	Sheila Hawkins Fay Spink
15 th	Jack Wardell Polly St. Aubin	Adrienne & John Lyon	TBA
22 nd	Fay Cuthbertson Ivor Curran	Peter & Jean Crabb	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling
29 th	James Geldart George Philp	Frances Jack Doreen Esnol	TBA
October 6 th	Ron Hawkins Malcolm Gosling	Eve Gilchrist Evelyn Brown	Peter & Barbara Hand

Readings for September			
Sept 1	Jeremiah 2: 4-13	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sept 8	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Philemon vv 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
Sept 15 Harvest	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
Sept 22	Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luken16: 1-13
Sept 29	Genesis 28: 10-17	Revelation 12: 7-12	John 1: 47-end

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. *Hebrews 13:2*

Appeal from HOST

Many international students come to Scotland to study at our universities. Will they make contact with people and life beyond the academic environment? What will they do for a homely break if home is too far away? For 26 years, national charity HOST has been linking students with volunteer hosts, who invite a student to spend a day, a weekend, Christmas or New Year in their home. Chatting; eating together; playing games; seeing the area; joining in with the local community; making friends – a HOST visit lays down wonderful memories to be re-lived in China, India, the USA and many other parts of the world. And hosts learn from their guests too. If you could make a student welcome, please contact HOST through www.hostuk.org or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser for Scotland, Alan Robson, on 01946 825170.

Loving God, you make us in your image.
 Forgive us when we fail to see your image in each other,
 when we give in to greed and indifference
 when we do not question the systems that are life-denying.
 As we are made in your image,
 let us live in your image
 and be Christ-like
 in service, endurance and love.
 Amen

Christian
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