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Happy New Year! 1st December brings us back to the start of our liturgical year, and one month later we will of course mark the start of a new calendar year. And so this is the last edition of the magazine for 2013 – another year passed; another year

over and a new one just begun....like the words of John Lennon's song, War is Over - a seasonal pop song which is piped into shops and supermarkets across the country from mid-November each year. But I wonder how often we stop and actually listen to the lyrics? It includes lines like "And so this is Christmas, and what have you done?" and "And so this is Christmas, for weak and for strong. For rich and the poor ones - the road is so long". It concludes – "A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Let's hope it's a good one without any fear. War is over, if you want it." For me, there is some irony in the fact that these words, as well as some of our best loved Christmas carols and hymns, have become the backing music to the frantic and conspicuous consumerism that Christmas is for many people in our society today. Consumerism on a scale which I believe is damaging our planet and the lives of many people throughout the world.

Jim's letter on page 2 and the prayer at the foot of page 16 remind us of the need to slow down at this time of year and consider what happened to mankind that first Christmas. God with us, God within us. Not born rich or with status but born in a barn, poor and lowly yet at the same time, powerful beyond all comprehension.

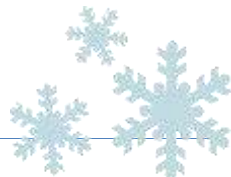
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On page 5 you can read an interesting account of a visit to the Holy Land – the place where it all started some 2000 years ago and on page 12 there is a little article about an organisation called AlterNativity, a Scottish charity which aims to encourage churches and individuals to consider an alternative to the commercialisation of Christmas. Their website makes very interesting reading and suggests different ways in which we can become involved. Perhaps something for us to think about.

Wishing you God's blessings this Christmas.

Elaine x



From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

Preparing to preach at my 51st Christmas in a dog collar I find I am more amazed than ever at our claim. I simply sit in wonder at how men and women had the imagination to formulate it.

Put simply and crudely, as human beings our religious search has been for meaning and understanding. I can see how some have tried to imagine a perfect human being, and I can see how some have tried to imagine the gods behaving on earth, but far more difficult surely is the idea of the fullness of God being found in a human person, living with all our limitations.

A few temptations to embroider the story may have proved irresistible – the choirs of angels and wise men bring gifts are for instance I think later additions – but the idea of a baby, the son of Mary and Joseph, with brothers and sisters, living a carpenter's life and then a prophet's life with its suffering and dying: this is surely utterly remarkable as a picture of the creator God.

The incarnation – the belief that Jesus was both fully human and Divine – has always been virtually impossible to believe. From early times, when the school of Antioch stressed the human and the school of Alexandria stressed the Divine, we all slip one way or the other. But beyond that, what I find so amazing, is how the concept that we should try to hold these two images together, ever came to be.

The Divine and human nature of Jesus in Christian faith is not a problem to be solved, or a choice to be made, but a polarity to be lived. It is the holding of two things in tension, not finding a mid point but celebrating both ends. It is seeing God as being both utterly other and totally at one with us - amazing.

But enough theology. At Christmas many of you will celebrate with family and friends at parties, with presents, food and drink. It is the birthday party we all share and it is right and good to celebrate it. But it

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is for ALL – and so I hope we can also remember the many who will be lonely, homeless, sick and so on.

The image of God sharing our world can inspire each of us to share in the worlds of those don't have all that we have. As Jesus symbolises the breaking down of the greatest divide of all (Creator and creation) can we be inspired to pray for and work for the breaking down of all that divides us in this world? God's Spirit within us does make us brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of God. Can it make us wise enough, courageous enough, to seek justice, exercise mercy, and live humbly with God?

May God be with, and in, each one of us, so bringing
Peace on earth and goodwill to all people.

Jim Mein

Family Christingle Service – 3pm Christmas Eve

Holy Trinity Young Church warmly invites people of all ages, from all denominations, to join us in the Church Hall at 3pm on Christmas Eve. There you will discover the story of the Christingle and get to make your very own Christingle! The festivities will conclude with a procession into the church to carols, and a short act of worship.

Come young and old, come him and her,
Come weak and strong, come one and all,
for He is born for everyone!





Festive Services 2013

Sunday 15th December, 4:00pm
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Service for Choir and Congregation
Of Hymns, Anthems, Music,
Readings and Prayers.



Sunday 22nd December, 11.00am
SUNG EUCHARIST
With
YOUNG CHURCH NATIVITY



Tuesday 24th December, 3.00pm
CHRISTINGLE
For All Ages

11.30pm
MIDNIGHT MASS



Wednesday 25th December
8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION
10.00am
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
with
HOLY COMMUNION



Thursday, 26th December, 10.15am
**EUCCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF
ST. STEPHEN**

The Holy Land Revisited

by Phil Smithard

A year ago, Helen Welsh wrote a thoughtful article 'Banksy in Bethlehem' for the magazine, a timely one for the Christmas edition. It stirred valuable memories for me; of my own family visit to the Church of the Nativity in 1991.

The trip was fantastic, from witnessing the exuberant celebration of those on the plane when it touched down on Israeli soil, through experiencing the sites and atmospheres created by visiting those places that we know so well from the Gospels to the enjoyment (for some) of climbing the long path up from the Dead Sea to the heights of Mesada, the place of so much sadness.

There were two really memorable outings. One was our trip to Jerusalem to witness the hustle and bustle of the narrow market streets, wending our way down to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and staring at the immense architecture of this complication of buildings.

Each of the Christian faiths has responsibility for their own area and no doubt disagree on many aspects of maintenance and future planning. From the height of the ceilings to the confines of the Aedicule, was an atmospheric and physical contrast.

We had lunch on an upper level patio near one of the main gates overlooking a busy scene. We ordered chips that seemed to take an age. The boy had been sent out to

the market to buy some potatoes, the way it is done there. After our meal, we were put in touch sharply with the troubles in this land; too scarily I have to say. Apparently we had sat in the same place that two German tourists had been shot not long before. A light shiver ran down the spine for my family safety and it brought home to me the sadness of having this important part of the world in turmoil for so long, something that is even more so today.

We hired an Arab guide just by the Western Wall. I donned appropriate headgear and went down to experience the location, entering the small corridor to the left to see down to the very bottom of this huge historical structure. We toured the Dome on the Rock learning of his faith and the relationship he had, a friendly one, with all. Perhaps we were the source of his welfare, but I think that his bearing was a genuine one. We were shown the bullet holes in the pillars and visited the closed up Golden Gate waiting silently for a revisit by the Messiah before it can be opened again.

It was a great experience to visit the Mount of Olives and site of the Ascension. A bare place with a locked tower marking the spot. The Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive tress and the Church of Gethsemane with nuns singing, were particularly poignant.



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Then to Bethlehem. In 1991 there were no gates and interferences to travel so unlike Helen, we had a free run to and from the town – well almost. On entering Manger Square and driving towards the remaining car parking place, the doors on the adjacent cars suddenly opened, preventing us from parking. The Israeli car number plates were a different colour to the West Bank, so our origin was easily identified. Our Arab Guide let go a volley of something and the doors were reluctantly closed. Another reminder that things were not quite right.

We entered the Church of the Nativity through the very low door, stooping into darkness. All was still. We were the only ones in the Church and the atmosphere was overpowering. We stopped for some time at the purported site of Jesus' birth, just as Helen had done, touching the stone placed there. What a tremendous experience.

Exiting into the heat of the day, we were shown the Shepherds Fields across the valley and we could see the new buildings where Israel was beginning their controversial policy of establishing communities in the West Bank. We were told of the battles on the main roads just below the Church, of gunfights and barricades. It all seemed like a piece of history, but all too in the present.

In Manger Square we had a laugh when Linda pointed out to one of the vendors that there was a fault with his model of the manger scene carved out of olive wood. The merchant grabbed the model and whizzed up a nearby tree to come down with a perfect example. How could we refuse to purchase? The scene brings a smile to my face each time I see it here at home.

Our second trip was three days to Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee where we stayed as guests at the Church of Scotland accommodation. It had its own 'beach' and we swam in the Sea, St Michael fish nibbling at our toes. There were many soldiers, male and female, all with guns. We were nearer Syria here. Our visits to



Capernaum to see the not too attractive space ship of a church over St Paul's house and the synagogue where Jesus attended were highlights as was the visit to the very atmospheric Church of the Beatitudes at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. There was absolute silence, white walls, an eternal flame - and then a brief interlude for a coach load of Japanese tourists, snapping away with their cameras, much to the consternation of the nuns. Then all was peace again. I could have sat for hours. This is where we discovered our digital thermometer did not read above 50 degrees Celsius!

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Book Group

We've had a delightful run of reading as always.

In September we read 'The Nineteenth Wife' by David Ebershoff – a novel set in the Mormon community in the US. There are at least two stories running at the same time, with multiple viewpoints and at different times in history – 19th century and the present day. All these strands tell the story of the Latter Day Saints' early commitment to polygamy, and the miseries that resulted from it. The book was derived partly from historical documents but it was difficult to tell where history stopped and fiction began. We had to keep reminding ourselves that this wasn't necessarily how it really happened. Of all the books we've read, this was probably the one that gave us the most extensive discussion.

In October we read 'The Complaints' by Ian Rankin. This is the first of Rankin's books not to feature Rebus – instead we had Detective Inspector Malcolm Fox, who carries out investigations into complaints against police officers. We had mixed views – Rebus is a hard act to follow. The verdict was 'not bad'. I believe that in Rankin's latest book, Rebus and Fox come together so that will be an interesting result.

As I write, we haven't yet had November's meeting – to be held on Friday 29th, as near as we can get to St Andrews Night. Last year we set up a new tradition – although we didn't realise it at the time – by watching a film of a Scottish book, and partaking of seasonal fare. Last year it was 'The Thirty-Nine Steps', which went down very well indeed with the whisky and shortbread. This year it will be the redoubtable Maggie Smith in 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie' – a film which we've all seen before but will enjoy again, in good company and with seasonal trimmings.

And that will be our 2013 programme over! Although we are sticking with another tradition and having our first meeting of the new year as a play-reading night.

Please come and join us for our 2014 session – we're beginning to throw around ideas of what we would like to read next year, so this is a good time to join us and have your say. We meet once a month in each other's homes and generally have a right good blether – and mainly about the book! *Helen Welsh*



Saint of the Month – St. Nicolas 6th December

A Happy Christmas to all our readers! Because it is Christmas, the Saint for the Season can only be Saint Nicholas, or as he is colloquially known to us - Santa Claus. He was a real person and was born on 15 March 270 in the Greek town of Patara in what is now Turkey near the modern city of Izmir. His parents were wealthy Greek Christians. They both died, however, in an epidemic when he was only a boy and he was brought up by his uncle who was Bishop of the nearby town of Myra. At a very early age he showed a keen interest in the church and was ordained priest.

When his uncle died the other Bishops in the area met at Myra to choose a successor and after a stalemate in the selection the most senior Bishop had a dream that they should choose the first person to come into Matins the

following morning and that his name would be

Nicholas, and lo and behold, the first person appearing at the service was young Nicholas, who despite his age and inexperience was installed as Bishop. He certainly proved to be a first class choice for he fearlessly looked after the interests of his flock sometimes at the risk of his life,

and a number of miracles are attributed to him.

The time in which he lived was not easy for Christians. At the beginning of his time as bishop, the ruling emperor was Diocletian who persecuted Christians throughout the Roman Empire and particularly in the Eastern Mediterranean area. Nicholas survived the persecution though he was imprisoned. He was released, however, when the Emperor

Constantine adopted Christianity as the religion of the Empire.



Saint Nicholas, Russian icon from first quarter of the eighteenth century (Kizhi monastery, Karelia).

As well as being a bishop, he was also a wise and just ruler in his community. On one occasion after some rioting in the port area, three innocent sailors were apprehended by the Roman Garrison and were going to be executed. Nicholas rushed to the scene and saved them at the last moment having grasped the sword from the executioner's hand.

Again, in the time of Constantine the Emperor gave orders for taxes to be raised. Nicholas saw that the level being asked was oppressive and argued the case so well with Constantine that a special low rate was negotiated which continued to apply for many years in that part of Asia Minor.

He attended the first council of the whole church in 325AD, the Council of Nicaea called by the Emperor Constantine, and was one of the signatories of the Nicene Creed. One of the main questions debated at the Council was whether God the Father was superior or equal to God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. The Arian heresy said the former. Nicholas who supported the traditional

interpretation, became so incensed that he struck Arias. Constantine had him imprisoned and stripped of his Bishop's regalia for this. During the night though, in a dream, Jesus and Mary miraculously restored to Nicholas, his symbols of office.

The best known legend of Nicholas concerns his generosity and help to the needy from his family fortune. There was a family of a father and three daughters which was so poor that the girls were unable to marry for they had no money for dowries. St. Nicholas secretly dropped three bags of gold down the chimney of their house. One version says that one bag landed in a stocking drying on the hearth -the origin of the Santa Claus legend.



Nicholas died from natural causes at the age of 73 on 6th December, 343, and was interred at Myra.

In 1087, the area of Myra was being fought over. The Turks were advancing towards Constantinople and some Italian sailors, fearing that Nicholas' shrine would be ransacked and his relics destroyed, took the major part of his skeleton to Bari in Italy where they are entombed in the Basilica. Some of the smaller bones were taken to Venice they are kept at the church of St Nicholas on the Lido. Scientific tests confirm that both sets of bones are from the same body.

St. Nicholas, because of the many legends about him, is the patron saint of more groups of people than any other saint. He is the patron of sailors, traders, archers, pharmacists, repentant thieves, falsely accused people, pawnbrokers (the three golden balls of the pawnbroker come from the three bags of gold), children and students and he is one of the patron saints of Greece.

Long after his death St. Nicholas continues to work miracles. In Holland a practice grew up of giving children secret gifts on St. Nicholas' Day which were delivered by St. Nicholas (or in

Dutch Sinterklaas) assisted by his servant, Black Peter. Dutch immigrants took this practice to America where because of its closeness to Christmas, when presents are given to children, the legend of Santa Claus grew with all the trappings of reindeer, elves and a sleigh, who visits the homes of all good children and leaves presents on Christmas Eve. So Santa Claus is really St. Nicholas in another guise, and he goes on working miracles, for surely it is a miracle to hear a small child at six o'clock or so on Christmas morning happily shouting out "He's Come, He's Come".



Many thanks to everyone who donates and to those who buy the books from the Church Hall Window. Once the books have had their 'shelf life' at Holy Trinity they are not just put in the bin - we take them to the Oxfam Book Shop in Edinburgh. Thanks also to Fay and Sheila who pass on any money they collect.

Barbara Key



Wives' Group

All are welcome to come along to any or all of our events.

Monday 9th December – It's Christmas Party night! Join us in our celebration of the festive season with lovely food, funny stories, a seasonal quiz and some Christmas Carols. **7.30 pm in the church hall** - Lots of fun is had by all!

Monday 13th January 2014 - After a short Christmas break, we hold our **FESTIVE LUNCH** at the Pitbauchlie House Hotel. We all begin to assemble at **12 noon**, ready to sit down for a delicious 2 course lunch at 12.30.

If you would like to join us, the cost of a 2 course lunch is in the region of £17.00, please speak to either Helen Dalgity, Pam Grimley, Doreen Esnol or Yvonne Gosling as we need to know numbers.

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

All of our Monday events (unless stated otherwise) are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling

Secretary



Advent Reflections

Wednesday 4 December at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Come along and join us for Advent readings, poems, music and singing followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Feel free to bring a reading of your choice.

Isabel Thomson

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Carol's Wee Walk - An Update!

You may have read in last month's edition about Phil Smithard's daughter, Carol and her 'wee' walk – an 1,800 mile trek around the British Isles in aid of RNLI.

Here, Phil updates us on her progress:

Carol finished her WeeWalk on Thursday 21st November having started some 1702 miles ago on 10th August. She had a great welcoming party and a special cake waiting at Longhope RNLI Station, Hoy, Orkney. The funny thing after the end (for us perhaps) is that she found that her feet were so sore after the long road miles from Inverness, that she could not walk without her boots on!

Many thanks to all those who supported the RNLI collection through CarolsWeeWalk on Sunday 17 November. The collection raised a total of £74 on the day, but significantly, other donations have been made directly or to me since and so the total has come to well over £400, a tremendous total and one that truly reflects the outreach practiced by those in Holy Trinity Church.

The AGM talked to us about an open and inclusive vision for our church . This truly tells us that we can be.

It is greatly appreciated that the church is to have a further collection for the RNLI in January and I am sure that Carol will be well pleased with that as she will be to hear of the tremendous response for her efforts.

Thanks from Phil and Carol

Christmas – celebratory, joyful, Christ-centred, devoid of stress. That's the way it should be but for many it is not. Stress, debt, a quick nativity play and worry for many is the reality.

Alternativity works with churches and communities to develop strategies to unpack Christmas to help individuals and groups

- Resist the pressure to over spend
- Respond to Mary's concern for the poor
- Re-ignite enthusiasm for celebration
- Rediscover the Christmas story.



Just God, Simply Christmas www.alternativity.org.uk

DUTY ROTA FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION
1 st Dec.	Jack Wardell Fay Cuthbertson	Peter & Jean Crabb	Brenda & John Waterfield
8th	Ron Hawkins Polly St. Aubyn	TBA	TBA
15th	Helen Dalgity Elaine Cromwell	Eileen Donaldson Jennifer Slack	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger
22nd	Linda Sherwood Ivor Curran	Barbara & Peter Hand	Frances Jack Doreen EsnoI
29th	Ron Hawkins Pam Lynn	Adrienne & John Lyon	Catherine Duncan Grace Soanes
5 th Jan.	Jack Wardell Malcolm Gosling	Yvonne & Malcolm Gosling	Barbara & Rod Key
12th	Helen Dalgity James Geldart	TBA	TBA
19th	Linda Sherwood Fay Cuthbertson	Ivor Curran Alex McGilivray	Monica Terry Ivy Stewart
26th	Elaine Cromwell Pam Lynn	Hazel & James Geldart	Dorothy & Andrew Nicol
2 nd Feb.	Jack Wardell Polly St. Aubyn	TBA	TBA

VESTRY NEWS

Our AGM was held on Sunday, 24th November, with a very good turnout. We welcome Linda Sherwood and Adrienne Lyon onto Vestry and look forward to working with them at our first Vestry meeting on 12th December. Elaine Cromwell was appointed Rector's Warden. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to Jim and Ross for their continued support of our congregation. Thanks were also extended to Polly for her contributions to Vestry business during the few months that she willingly stepped in after the resignation of John Kennedy.

Most people will have heard that there were no applications received for the post of Rector by the closing date. The Bishop has assured us that this is not unusual in the Episcopal Church at present and encouraged us to advertise again as others have done successfully.

The Vestry agreed to advertise during December but not close applications till January 24th, giving plenty of time after Christmas for people to respond. Vestry is also making sure the Website is as attractive as possible and have set the date for interviews as "early February" so as not to disbar those who may not be free on a specific date.

Please continue to keep the process of finding our new Rector in your prayers.

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We drove to the Church of the Primacy of St Peter Mensa Christi and its world renowned statue of Christ against the backdrop of the Sea of Galilee. Further on at the most northerly point of Galilee we were reminded once again of the troubles of the area, seeing the tanks parked at the junction of the road north to the Golan Heights. We did not stop, but travelled on – south.

The excitement and feeling of humbleness that takes one when visiting these great places cannot be measured. We were hugely lucky to have been able to travel at a time of comparative peace to see all the places that we did and when the crowds were just not there. Perhaps there was advantage in visiting at the hottest parts of the day! I am sure that this was the making of the experience and it was one that will never be forgotten. Thank you Helen for reminding me of this trip even though it has taken me a year to set my thoughts down in response.

Phil Smithard, Nov 2013



Decorating the Church for
Christmas will be on
**Monday 23rd December at
10.00.**

Would all my helpers plus any new
helpers who would like to join in,
please give me their names.

Gill Wardell

SCOUT POST.

The Scouts of Dunfermline and West Fife are again offering a Christmas card delivery service for West Fife and a few villages in Clacks (not Alloa) plus this year, Freuchie. A full list is available on flyers in the church. The cost remains at 30p. Cards with donations should be placed in the collection box in the vestibule from now until Sunday 8th December. Delivery will be from Saturday 14th December.

Scouting provides a valuable educational tool for young people, giving them access to skills and adventures they would not otherwise experience. Monies raised go directly to the support of the programme and any donation is gratefully received. Many thanks. *Phil*

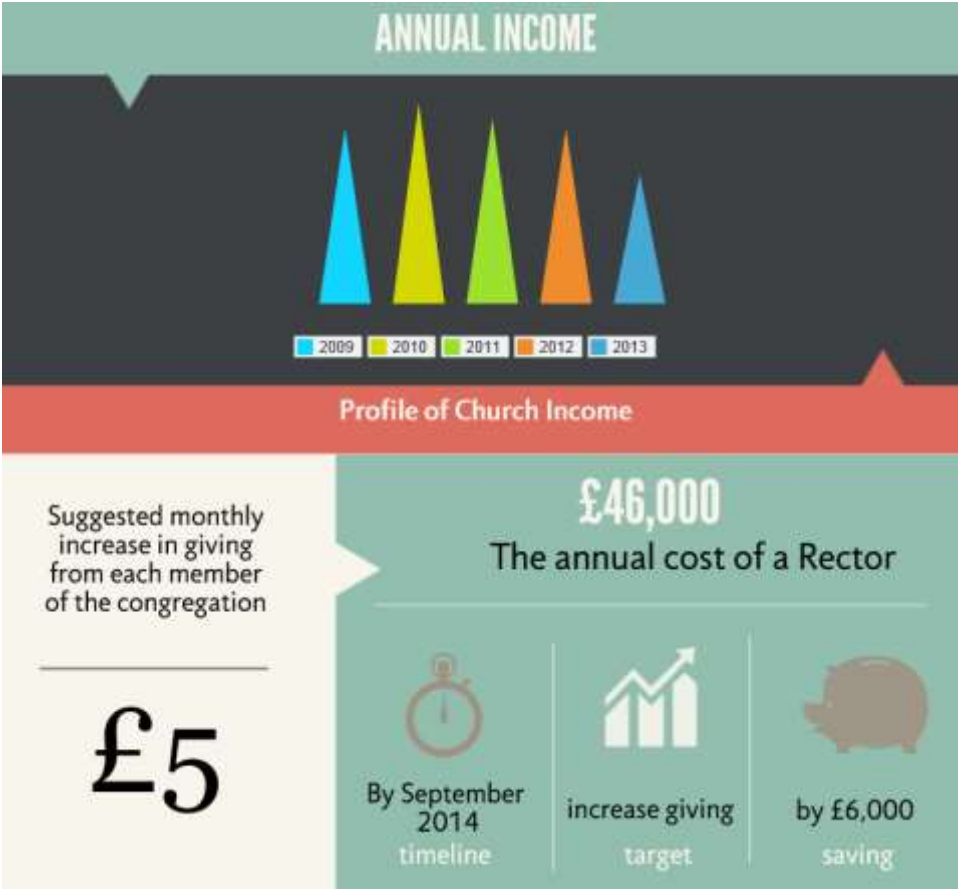
My theme this year is the need to achieve £6,000 from the Stewardship Campaign. I will keep you informed of the number of pledges received and their total annual value. If you require a Standing Order Mandate or a Gift Aid Declaration Form please speak to me.

The annual income shown in the budget is £56,000 and at the end of October the income was £ 3,356

The collection for the Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children totalled £110

The Rector’s Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £359.

Peter Hutchings, November 2013



Readings for December and January

Dec 1	Isaiah 2.1–5	Romans 13.11–end	Matthew 24.36–44
Dec 8	Isaiah 11.1–10	Romans 15.4–13	Matthew 3.1–12
Dec 15	Isaiah 35.1–10	James 5.7–10	Matthew 11.2–11
Dec 22	Isaiah 7.10–16	Romans 1.1–7	Matthew 1.18–end
Dec 25	Isaiah 9.2–7	Titus 2.11–14	Luke 2.1–14 [15–20]
Dec 29	Isaiah 63.7–9	Hebrews 2.10–end	Matthew 2.13–end
Jan 5	Isaiah 60.1–6	Ephesians 3.1–12	Matthew 2.1–12
Jan 12	Isaiah 42.1–9	Acts 10.34–43	Matthew 3.13–end
Jan 19	Isaiah 49.1–7	1 Corinthians 1.1–9	John 1.29–42
Jan 26	Isaiah 9.1–4	1 Corinthians 1.10–18	Matthew 4.12–23

Let me not wrap, stack, box, bag, tie, tag, bundle, seal, keep
Christmas.

Christmas kept is liable to mould.

Let me give Christmas away, unwrapped, by exuberant
armfuls.

Let me share, dance, live Christmas unpretentiously,
merrily, responsibly with overflowing hands, tireless steps
and sparkling eyes.

Christmas given away will stay fresh—even until it comes again."

Linda Felver



Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of
human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and
weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding
hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day
of universal peace.

Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968

‘What good is it that Christ was born 2,000 years ago if he is not born now in your heart?’

Lord, we do far too much celebrating your actual coming in our hearts. I believe in God, but
do I believe in God-in-me? I believe in God in heaven, but do I believe in God-on-earth? I
believe in God out there, but do I believe in God-with-us?

Lord, be born in my heart. Come alive in me this Christmas! Amen.

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
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Lay Rep	Linda Brownlie	-
Vestry:	Pam Lynn	881874
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	James Geldart	734997
	Jack Wardell	722948
	Adrienne Lyon	
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Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
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Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
	Isobel Thomson	624322
Mothers' Union	Caroline Laurie	616244
Wives Group	Helen Dalgity	726350
	Yvonne Gosling	851605
Women's Guild	Catherine Duncan	432832
HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	James Geldart	734997
Prayer Group	Margaret Dineley	624377
	Doreen EsnoI	621054
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	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



Next Copy Deadline

20th January
2014

(magazines in church 2nd February)

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.

I would like 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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