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Jim's sermon on Sunday 30th March, got me thinking (and not just about what I was going to make for lunch!). His address was the final of a series of three he had devised for Lent. The first examined how the Church originally placed emphasis on

 $\emph{believing}$ the right things. The second examined how over time, the Church's

teachings moved towards *doing* the right things. In his final talk, Jim postured that perhaps the established Church had, in more recent times, failed to address a need in people that the rest of society had identified with, through the rise in popularity of alternative therapies, spirituality, meditation etc. – the need to *feel* something; to feel moved, to feel connected.

People, particularly (but not always) men I have found, are often suspicious of the whole concept of *feeling*. Feelings are to

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be kept at bay and certainly not expressed publically. The act of feeling and expressing one's feelings has no place in business or for that matter, church. And as a woman who *feels* things readily (who, in fact, is thankful for the ability to empathise and connect with others); that attitude has presented me with distinct challenges in life at times.

But I am no longer apologetic about wanting or needing to *feel*. I like feeling connected to people; I love feeling connected to God. For me, it is essential that I not only express my Christianity through belief and action but also spiritually. I rejoice that we are all different, can express our faith and spirituality in a multitude of ways and that no one way is today, necessarily the right way. I pray however, that we continue to seek room within our churches for new and different ways, towards the one, true Way.

I hope you enjoy April's magazine. And I mean that with feeling!

Elaine x

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

Easter is almost here again. How can we possibly communicate the mystery of these days of suffering and joy, despair and hope? Well, let me start with more general thoughts on communication.

In our Reading of Mark's Gospel through Lent we came to a section where, just after Peter has said "You are the Messiah", Jesus tells the disciples 3 times, the fate that awaits him (8.31, 9.31, 10.33). After the 1st Peter says "No". After the 2nd the disciples argue about which of them will be greatest. After the 3rd, James and John via for the chief seats. They can't hear what Jesus is saying but still see the Messiah as King, the ruler with power and status. We all (I certainly do) hear the things we want to hear and are deaf to much else.

So communication is always a problem – which simply means we have to try harder! Try harder to communicate **and** try harder to hear. In my mind on the human level at present, is the position regarding our finding a new Rector. We have been trying now for 8 months since the Bishop gave permission for us to advertise. There were no suitable responses to our first efforts and the new closing date is April 4th – just too late for this letter! If the Bishop and Vestry agree any of the approaches are possible appointments, we will interview and let everyone know what is happening.

I refer to this specifically because apart from its obvious importance to us all, the lack of a Rector affects all communication badly. Normally a great deal of information

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is automatically siphoned through the full-time paid person and, as I made clear at the beginning, I can't do this and neither can Ross (ministry) or Fay (secretary) or Elaine (magazine) or anyone else, fulfil that roll – though I must say they and others do their very best.

But to return to the major issue, communicating the mystery of Holy Week is more difficult altogether. Yet few years pass without my feeling at some point in the week "Ahh – that's significant/interesting/enlightening". It may be a reading, a hymn, a sermon, a prayer or perhaps, most often a silence. What I'm clear about is that while I'm immensely grateful for however a feeling or an insight is presented to me, I'm aware that the most important ingredient in the process is always my readiness to search, ask, and listen.

May you all have a blessed Holy Week and all the joy of Easter,

Jim Mein

Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me.
I know only
that I cannot have real strength
unless I rely on you.
I cannot feel protected
from my many weaknesses
until I turn to you
for forgiveness and your unalterable love.
Help me to share this
strength, protection and love with others.

Father, my prayer is simple:



Holy Week and Easter 2014 at Holy Trinity

Palm Sunday 13 April	llam	Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading with Eucharist
Monday 14 April	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 April	7.30pm	Meditative Worship
Wednesday 16 April	7.30pm	Prayer and Taizé chants
Maundy Thursday 17 April	10.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion The Last Supper – Sung Eucharist
Good Friday 18 April	llam 2pm	Young Church "Happening" "The Last Hour" – meditation & hymns
Holy Saturday 19 April	7.30pm	Readings & renewal of baptism vows
Easter Day 20 April	8am 11am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
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The Gathering 2014

Saturday 31st May 10am – 4pm St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

It doesn't seem long since last year's very successful and enjoyable Gathering! Around 120 people from around the Diocese celebrated the life of the Church, and were inspired and encouraged to 'Transform Lives and Communities'.

This year's Gathering will focus on 'Worship that Renews and Inspires,' and we are delighted to have an interesting and varied programme on offer:

- Communicating the Gospel in drama
- Using visual arts in worship
- Photography in worship
- Celtic Art
- Planning and leading a Taizé service
- New music
- Leading Intercessions
- Messy church

...and more!

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!

ALL are welcome – and the Gathering is a family-friendly event. Please contact Sarah McMillan, Casting the Net Coordinator, if you need crèche facilities, have any questions about access to the Cathedral or indeed, any aspect of the Gathering:

castingthenet@standrews.anglican.org or on 01738 443173 (Mondays and Thursdays).

The 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 14th April – our programme resumes today with the service for Holy Week. This will be in church at 7.30 pm with coffee / tea in the Church Hall afterwards.

Monday 28th April - French Evening - come along and sample food from across the channel in France. Sample something different, listen to regional music and enjoy yourself!

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

Yvonne Gosling Secretary

Worship for the Senses

Martin Tarr remembers Holy Week 2013

What would your reaction be if you came into church for a service, and found these items in front of you on the pew? What possible part could they be intended to play in the service?

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Well, this actually happened last year at Holy Trinity, one evening in Holy Week, in the context of Taizé worship. Those of you familiar with this way of doing things will expect quiet music, with candles and perhaps incense, all elements intended to convey a feeling of peace in preparation for worship. This caters for eyes, ears and nose and, if the service happens to include communion, taste also. But where can our fifth sense, touch, come in play?

After our opening devotions of Taizé chants and prayer, all became clear as we heard the first of four readings, from Luke 22.1–6, on the agreement reached between Judas and the Jewish establishment, to betray Christ for 30 pieces of silver, and listened to the meditation that followed.

We were then encouraged to hold the coin as we thought and prayed that we would recognise the things that have real worth. Similarly with Matthew 26.69–75, where the visual aids couldn't (perhaps fortunately!) include the cock that crew. However, as we prayed for our faith to be strong, we were asked to tie a knot in a piece of scarlet wool. And then encouraged to keep the string with us – in pocket, bag or even sock! – to remind us of God's presence.

Our third reading (John 19.2) saw Jesus stripped of dignity and value, and treated with a complete lack of respect. We each ripped off, to take away with us, a small piece of purple cloth, to use to remind ourselves of the suffering Jesus experienced, so that we could remember to treat others fairly and equally.

For our final reading, John 19.12–20, we took up the ultimate Christian symbol, made real by being the empty cross of Easter, the cross of Resurrection. The meditation reminded us that he takes up our own burdens, carrying us with him and supporting us at each step of life's journey, and we were encouraged to pray for any worries or concerns, and let Jesus carry these for us.

We sang the chant:

Nothing can trouble,
Nothing can frighten,
Those who seek God,
Shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
Nothing can frighten,
God alone, fills us.

... and we prayed

"Almighty God, as we contemplate the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen."

... and each took a cross as a reminder of the Lord's guiding presence in our lives.

Altogether a memorable service. And was this because we were challenged to be perhaps more "touchy-feely" than some of us are totally comfortable with?

Our closing prayer:

Christ, light of the world, scatter our darkness, let your healing spring up with the dawn.

In the darkness around us, let this church be a still place of light, a still place of peace, a still place of your presence.

From here, Lord, from this place, through us, may your light flow, may your love radiate, may your peace reach out, may your presence be known.

Make us, Lord, a sure place of your light, a sure place of your love, a sure place of your presence.

Through us let your light shine, let your love enfold, let your peace fill, let your presence be known. Amen

David Adam, The Open Gate



Young Church News

Young Church has been busy since Epiphany. We have been looking at New Testament stories and some of Jesus' parables.

A total of nine children from Holy Trinity took part in the recent World Day of Prayer children's service at Gillespie Church. The event included a craft session followed by a service of worship and prayer for the peoples of Egypt. It was very well attended, with a

groups represented.
The children really
enjoyed themselves. Our
group of children wrote and
performed their own
dramatisation of the story
of Mary and Joseph fleeing
with the infant Jesus into Egypt
in order to escape Herod's soldiers.

wide range of age

We heard about Moses in the basket in the River Nile and the princess who took him out and rescued him. It was fun.

The Fife Easter school holidays are early this year and the children will in fact be back at school prior to Easter. As several of us are away during the school holidays, there will be no Young Church or crèche on Sunday 6th April. Young Church resumes Palm Sunday - 13th April.

Our annual 'Good Friday Happening' will take place this year at 'The Bungalow', Pitreavie Playing Fields on Friday 18 April at 11am where we hope to have some art and crafts, worship and play. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information, speak to any of the YC leaders.

Elaine





Focus on..... Rwanda

Mothers' Union Rwanda is very active in helping communities around the country.

In response to the recent influx of refugees from DR Congo, Mothers' Union Rwanda has been able to provide assistance to 2,000 refugee families, with support from the Mothers' Union Relief Fund.

Mothers' Union members in Butansinda, Shyogwe implemented a programme to improve maternal and child health in the area and built a Nutritional Centre. Members initiated a nutrition awareness campaign which reached 120 pregnant women and 210 children who were found to be at risk, and from this they developed plans to expand the project further. The Nutritional Centre now provides a meeting place where mothers, children and pregnant women come for advice and training in how to prepare nutritious meals.

Mothers' Union Kigeme is educating women on various issues, training women leaders, starting income generating activities, visiting the vulnerable, providing marriage counselling, HIV/AIDS awareness and caring for the sick.

There are a large number of widows and women living in adversity in the Kigeme area. Mothers' Union Kigeme helped one woman to join a local Mothers' Union savings and credit group. She was given some money from the group to start a small business selling produce at a market.

Mothers' Union Community Development Coordinator Esther says:

Mothers' Union focus on Rwanda

'Although all problems are not yet solved, she is no longer begging. Now she can subscribe to health insurance for her children and take them to the doctor. She is well integrated in the community and she plans to expand her house'.

The Mothers' Union Worldwide Parenting Programme has also made a big impact on improving relationships and bringing peace and reconciliation in many families and communities.



Mothers' Union Rwanda members have noticed a reduction in the number of street children. Parents now understand the importance of their children's education and this has contributed to the reduction in the unemployment rate amongst young people.

Mothers' Union Rwanda also runs a project for widows where they learn to weave the famous Rwandese Gaseke, a traditional pot, in order to generate extra income for their families. Others take part in small scale animal husbandry projects.

Mothers' Union members: 21,368

Saint of the Month - St. George

St George was a Roman soldier who was martyred because he was a Christian who refused to offer sacrifices to the Roman Gods. He is thought to have been born about 280AD in Lydda, a Greek town in the then Roman

province of Syria Palaestina, his parents being noble Graeco Roman Christians. His father, Gerontios, was an officer in the Roman Army and had served under Diocletian when he had commanded a legion and his mother Polychronia was a Greek from Lydda. In another form of the legend his parents are called Anastasius and Theobaste. George decided to follow his father into a military career and was warmly welcomed by Diocletian. By his early twenties he had become a Tribune, a high ranking officer, and served as a member of the Praetorian Guard guarding Diocletian, who was now the Emperor and held his court at Nicomedia.

In 302AD Diocletian issued an edict that all Christians in the Roman Army should abjure their faith and offer sacrifices to the Roman Gods. St. George obdurately refused, despite being offered gifts of money, land and slaves by Diocletian if only he would deny his faith. This left Diocletian with no option if he were to retain his credibility. He had him lacerated by blades on a wheel, then stripped and dragged through the town behind a horse to humiliate him, and then beheaded. He underwent this suffering so nobly that it is said that Diocletian's Empress, Alexandra, and a pagan priest Athanasius who witnessed it, decided to declare themselves as Christians and were also martyred.

So what about the dragon? St George was a popular saint in the early church and it was obvious that storytellers would relate many fanciful legends about him. One of them was that on his travels he visited a town where the inhabitants were bothered by a large man eating crocodile. To enable them to draw water from the river in safety, they would sacrifice a lamb to the crocodile and while the crocodile's hunger was appeased, they could draw water in safety. They started to worship the crocodile as a god who must be appeased. If no lambs were available then a young girl, drawn by lot, would

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be sacrificed. When St George arrived in the town it was a day when the king's daughter had drawn the short straw. St George rode up, killed the crocodile and the inhabitants converted to Christianity. Of course, when this legend was repeated by crusaders coming back to England where nobody knew what a crocodile was, it was transmuted to a dragon. St George slaying the dragon became a symbol of good overcoming evil in medieval mystery plays.

St. George, as we all know, is the Patron Saint of England. You may well ask why a Roman Soldier martyred in a distant land should be so honoured. The idea of countries having patron saint seems to have taken root in the middle ages. At that time it was generally accepted that the English patron Saint was St Edward the Confessor, a former English King who reigned at the beginning of the 11th Century who, though a good king, was not perhaps an inspiration to men about to do battle. "Upon this charge cry God for Harry, England and St Edward the

Confessor" has hardly the right sort of ring about it that would have inspired the English army at Agincourt.

During the third crusade, the English crusaders began to invoke the help of St. George and wearing the cross of St. George as their emblem in battle. The crusaders brought this practice back to England and for many years both St George and St Edward were jointly regarded as being patrons of England. Henry VIII settled the matter with an edict that England would only have one patron saint, who would be St. George and the Flag of England would be St. George's Cross.

As well as being the patron saint of England, St George is also a patron saint of a number of other countries, states and cities, including Portugal, Russia, and of course Georgia, both the country and the US State.

Vestry Matters

My theme this year is the need to achieve £6,000 from the **Stewardship Campaign**.

I have received a pledge from 31 people which total £3,060 per annum.

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 February the income was £27,889

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £390.

Peter Hutchings

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY MEETING 25TH MARCH 2014

Only two members of Vestry were unable to attend this meeting – Jack Wardell who was on holiday and Elaine who was attending school Parents' Interviews, so the congregation was well represented by the elected members. Meetings follow a set Agenda that members receive in advance. If any member of the congregation has any item of business they would like us to discuss please tell any member of Vestry well in advance of a meeting in order that the Agenda can be arranged. If for any reason the Agenda has been so full that some item has to be held over, be assured that it will be dealt with at a future meeting and you will be informed. The next scheduled meeting is 12th May.

On the 25th we agreed to invite Andrew Morris, Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Co-ordinator for Holy Trinity, to speak to us at the next meeting in May about the new PVG scheme. *Continued on the next page...*

Vestry Matters

We noted that Linda Sherwood represented us at a Foodbank presentation and Linda kindly wrote about that in the magazine also that Helen Dalgity was that day attending a World Day of Prayer meeting on our behalf – thanks to both ladies.

In his Ministry Report Jim, outlined the various arrangements for the Easter Services and notice of this is published elsewhere in this magazine.

Peter gave his Financial Report and again a resume is published in the magazine each month. We discussed the payments for the next financial year for Mr Weatherhogg, Director of Music and Mrs Waterfield, cleaner. We appointed Mr Rodney Key as Gift Aid Secretary following the retiral of Mr Peter Hand after loyal service over 10 years. Vestry recorded their thanks to Mr Hand for all his work, help and advice during that time.

Ken reported to us on various property matters. He and Jack have kept you informed via the magazine of the proposed alterations to the church roof. Ken also informed us of the quotes received for internal painting at the Rectory and for keeping the Rectory garden in good order while it is vacant. He was given approval to meet with Fife Council to investigate their proposals for reinstating the floodlighting of our church. He will report back on this at the next meeting.

Linda Brownlie (Lay Representative) gave her report on the recent Diocesan Synod. We hope to receive a report on the final sessions in due course.

Vestry Matters

The Young Church Report was also received and again you hear regularly of their activities in the magazine.

I had decided that it was time for a new, fresh approach to the Monthly Retiring Collections and Pam Lynn has kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator from this month. You will be hearing from her in the future. We also heard from Pam about the Rectory Open Days to be held on 12th April from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. All members of both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's congregations are welcome to drop in to have a look round.

Finally Vestry was concerned to hear that some members of the congregation are unhappy with the level of communication from Vestry to church members and similarly with the content of the magazine. It isn't always possible or indeed correct to give a public report on some matters but over the next couple of months each member of Vestry wants to hear from you just what you are looking for from us. Similarly Elaine is happy to hear and constructive comments or indeed receive articles for the magazine. Remember she needs articles to include and ideas for content – it's your magazine.

If you have any comments – criticisms or compliments - on either Vestry communication or the magazine speak with Elaine, Ken, Peter, Linda Brownlie, Fay Cuthbertson, Jack, Malcolm, Pam Lynn, Linda Sherwood, James or Adrienne. We are waiting to hear from you!

The next scheduled Vestry meeting is on 12th May. I really do hope we will be reporting to you and the congregation at St. Margaret's before then about the subject that is on all of our minds – The vacancy! Fay Cuthbertson, March 2014

DUTY ROTA FOR APRIL

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
6 April	Elaine Cromwell Polly St. Aubyn	TBA	ТВА	Rebecca Cromwell Fay Cuthbertson Isobel Thomson	Andy Nicholl Adrienne Lyon	Linda Brownlie
13	Ron Hawkins Adrienne Lyon	Peter & Jean Crabb	Monica Terry & Eve Gilchrist	Rod Key Linda Brownlie Muriel McKenzie	TBC	Linda Sherwood
20 Easter Day	Helen Dalgity Ivor Curran	Frances Jack Wendy Stephen	Yvonne & Malcolm Gosling	Rebecca Fleming Pam Lynn Rod Key	TBC	Dorissia Forsyth
27	Linda Sherwood Pam Lynn	Adrienne & John Lyon	Doreen Esnol & Catherine Duncan	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Ron Hawkins	TBC	Isobel Thomson
4 May	Jack Wardell Fay Cuthbertson	ТВА	ТВА	Rod Key Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	TBC	Rebecca Cromwell

After 10 years as Gift Aid Secretary I am now retiring partly due to health problems. I am pleased that Rod Key has agreed to take over the job. Thank you all for your co-operation throughout the past 10 years. I am sure that you will extend the same level of support to Rod as you have given to me. I wish him well. Peter Hand

Rectory Open Days to be held on 12th April from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. All members of both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's congregations are welcome to drop in to view the work completed so far.

Readings for April						
6 April	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45			
13	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Philippians 2: 5- 11	Matthew 27: 11- 54			
20 Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-18			
27	Acts 2: 14a, 22- 32	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31			
4 May	Acts 2: 14a, 36- 41	1 Peter 1: 17-23	Luke 24: 13-35			

at the cross

earth meets heaven, pain meets bliss, sorrow meets joy, sin meets grace, fear meets faith, law meets love, absence meets presence, death becomes life. By Patricia Newland

crucifixus est

I bring you my anger and my pain and beneath your feet, I nail them to the tree with the splinters of my hope. Forgive me for I have sinned, love me, for I have nothing else. By Liz Knowles



Both taken from Even Angels Tread Lightly

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY						
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	Yvonne Gosling	851605				
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HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981				
	Linda Sherwood	416558				
	Doreen Esnol	621054				
	James Geldart	734997				
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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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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