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Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with St Margaret's, Rosyth

Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane

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| Services | Sunday | Eucharist | 8am (first Sunday of month only) |
| | | Sung Eucharist | 11am |
| | | Young Church | 11am |
| | Thursday | Eucharist | 10.15am |

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I'm excited! On page 2 you will find our first letter from Alison and of course, we are all very much looking forward to her Institution on the 18th.

I'm also excited because it's almost Easter. Holy Week is

sombre, full of meaning and reflection but it's also a time of discovery and re-discovery. For various reasons, I was feeling pretty disappointed with myself - a bit of an inadequate Christian; like one of those dozing disciples.

It took coming across an editorial on Thursday in the Guardian to remind me. It described how David Cameron was reported as having said during a radio interview, that the message of Easter involves "hard work and responsibility". It went on - "Mr Cameron's Christianity, as it is displayed in this interview, attempts to offend no one, and the result is an

insult to Christianity and to all non-Christians as well. It's an insult to non-believers because the vague and fluffy list of virtues – kindness, compassion, and forgiveness as well as hard work and responsibility – have nothing distinctively Christian about them." The article goes on to say that it's an insult to Christians too – "What Christianity brought into the world wasn't compassion, kindness, decency, hard work, or any of the other respectable virtues, real and necessary though they are. It was the extraordinary idea that people have worth in themselves, regardless of their usefulness to others, regardless even of their moral qualities." And that is it right there. I am inadequate, weak and even lazy, but through that amazing Easter man's actions, God doesn't care. God takes me in and loves me anyway. That's exciting!

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Elaine x

From the Rev'd Alison Cozens

Like many churches throughout the world, we had a dramatic reading of the passion narrative on Palm Sunday. It tells the powerful story of the burial of a king. A king whose crown was a crown of thorns.

In Leicester the Archbishop of Canterbury recently presided over the burial of a king in the cathedral here. And on the front page of the Church Times a young brownie guide is placing a crown on his plain oak coffin.

King Richard III, whose reputation still divides people, was buried with dignity and honour on Thursday 26th March. The large numbers of tourists who came to visit the cathedral surprised us all.

Not so long ago I was preaching in the cathedral and I talked about how it is possible for tourists to become pilgrims.

Something transformational happens and in the visit to see a part of history in the making, I am reminded of my own mortality and of the promise in Jesus Christ of the resurrection to new life.

As we all walk the way of the Cross through our services and readings this Holy Week, I pray that we may all know something of the transforming love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter

And I hope to see many of you on 18th April!

Alison

The Institution of the Reverend Alison Cozens

as Rector of Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline and St. Margaret's
Rosyth, by the Bishop of St. Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane
will take place at Holy Trinity Church

On Saturday 18th April 2015 at 1.00pm.

Retiring Collection Sunday 26th April

Our retiring collection on the last Sunday of April will be in aid of Dunfermline Street Pastors. This charitable organisation is run by volunteers. On weekend evenings and nights, when most of us are tucked up in our comfortable beds, they cover the centre of Dunfermline, walking about providing a listening ear and any help that is required. The Street Pastors make sure people of all ages get home safely. It is a very worthwhile cause so please give generously.

Thanks,
Helen Dalgity



What is a Street Pastor?

Street pastors are trained
volunteers from local churches
who care about their community.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2015

In support of the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

Contributions will be collected on Sunday 5th April and the
following 2 Sundays.

Becoming part of the answer

Martin Tarr reflects on Jim Mein's Lenten discussion series

Nearly twenty folk made a priority of being at the Wednesday evening discussions in Holy Trinity Church Hall, to take advantage of the opportunities for discussion so imaginatively arranged by Jim Mein. There's not enough room to give an account of the inter-faith relations session led by Frank Bowness, or of Lis Burke's very frank and open introduction to our small group discussions on same-sex relationships, but I felt it might be helpful to say something about the 4 March session on Palestine and Israel.

After a short devotional session, which used material that Jim provided, Nancy Adams, a regular visitor to the Holy Land, introduced her experiences of listening to the many different voices of this troubled region, not by talking to us, but by means of a dramatic reading. "The Meeting Place", adapted from *The Journey Toward Reconciliation* by John Paul Lederach, was read by Nancy and four members of the group.

In the literal translation that "captured my mind's eye", as Lederach puts it, the Psalmist says:

Truth and Mercy have met together
Justice and Peace have kissed. (Ps.85:10)

Often we only hear from two of these, so Lederach asks: "What if we invited our four friends to join us and asked them to openly discuss their views about conflict?"

After each of the four had made some very pertinent but generally very different points, the leader asked. "How would it be possible for you four to meet together? What would you need from each other?"

The response from each of the four was positive, and accompanied by moving to huddle in a small circle. "And what," Nancy asked, "is this place called where you now stand together?"

Becoming part of the answer

“This place,” they responded in a single voice, “is reconciliation.” Then, suddenly without signal, they touched hands and danced.

An early but representative account of what Lederach calls “a little play, a liturgy of sorts” can be found on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/mfbwjyz>.

Certainly a different way to approach the questions for reflection which included:

- How do we find the common humanity in the other when faced with fear, insecurity, hatred and/or oppression?
- How do we stand against hate or injustice in a way that we don't become a mirror image of the same thing?
- How do we in Europe move beyond the guilt of the Second World War to enable us to exercise responsibility and leadership in the current conflict and try to enable healing of hatred?
- How do we stop the vicious cycle of victims becoming victimisers?
- Can we let go of the need to blame and open our heart enough to hear the other's story and try to understand their motivations?
- Can we give ourselves up to the process of reconciliation without a desire for control and without judgement, resentment or criticism?
- For reconciliation to happen, are we willing to make ourselves vulnerable, take risks and live with uncertainty ... to really try to love our enemy?
- As Christians, are we called to be agents of peace? Do we, as Christians in Britain, have a role in peacemaking in the Holy Land?

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 13th April - Haiti Help - 3 nurses from Fife who volunteer to help the children on Haiti. They give up their own time to volunteer and will come to tell us about the wonderful work they and others do for the children in the deprived communities.

Monday 28th April - America - come along and sample food from across the pond in the U.S.A. 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 get-togethers that you fancy. 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary



Thanks to those who have purchased and donated books to the 'Church Hall Window Sill'. Stock has run out. Have you any that you could donate please? I shall shortly be passing over another £100 to the Treasurer from your donations. I take the books that have had a long shelf life here at HT to the Oxfam Shop in Edinburgh - so the benefits go on.

Barbara Key



Easter Meditation

O God, who creates all that is,
who loves all that is,
who is ready to inspire all that is;

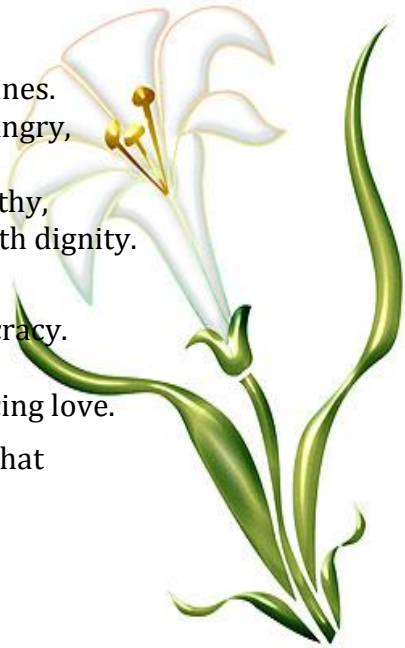
Today, we celebrate life.
we celebrate in spite of knowing that
You, in creating freedom have allowed evil,
in loving had to bear the pain of the cross,
in offering inspiration are so often ignored;

For today.
Many people are sick and facing death;
In many parts of the world people are divided;
Cruelty, greed and selfishness abound;
People are excluded, feeling helpless and hopeless;
The earth is under strain from our pollution;
Our own lives are not as we wish they were - - -

Yet today, we still celebrate life,
and we pray with confidence that though:

In many spheres our environment is in danger,
may it continue to succour life.
In many places nations are divided,
may people of courage reach across the lines.
In many places people are homeless and hungry,
may people in generosity give aid.
Many people are depressed and feel unworthy,
may people with insight counsel them with dignity.
Many people are proud and selfish,
may people of humility encourage democracy.
Many people mourn the loss of loved ones,
may they find comfort in your all-embracing love.

And so today, above all days, may we know that
Goodness is stronger than evil
Love is stronger than hate
Light is stronger than darkness
Life is stronger than death.



Young Church Good Friday Happening 2015

YF and Young Church came together on Good Friday to hear the story of Christ's Passion. We worked together to create a patchwork of Holy Week and Easter symbols and created the Easter Garden at the front door (thanks Gill!). We even had time to ice biscuits and enjoy lunch together!



Youth Fellowship – Bibleathon

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported us with our fundraising Bibleathon at the beginning of March. Between the café and sponsorship money, we raised over £540 for church funds.

At the end of March a few of us enjoyed a weekend away at Tarfside. Lots of eating, studying, Guardians of the Galaxy and a late night church service (honest we did loads of study Mum!) *Rebecca C*

Saint of the Month – St. Mark 25th April

Tradition and legend from the early days of the church suggests that Mark the Evangelist was John Mark, St Barnabas' cousin. It is believed Mark was born in Cyrene, the Western part of modern Libya, and that he was one of the band of seventy disciples sent forth to spread Christianity after the first Pentecost. In the tradition of the Coptic Church, St Mark is portrayed as the disciple that carried water to the Last Supper (Mark 14:13) and fled naked in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51-52). He is also held to be one of the guests at the Marriage at Cana.

After the events of the Passion, Mark had a period of disbelief but his faith was restored by St. Peter after which, Mark travelled with St Peter as an interpreter, recording his stories and teachings which became St. Mark's gospel. While in Rome, there is a legend that he was thrown to the lions in the Coliseum but the beasts refused to harm him and let him stroke them. The emperor was so astounded that he let Mark go free. Pictures of St Mark usually show him with a lion and his symbol is a winged lion.

Around the year 49AD, Mark travelled to Alexandria and founded a Christian Church there which is claimed as a landmark for the foundation of both the Coptic and Orthodox Churches. After further travels he returned to Alexandria in 68AD where he was martyred by the pagan believers by being dragged through the streets of the city behind a horse.

In 823AD most of the skeleton of St Mark was stolen by two Venetian Merchants assisted by two Greek monks. It was smuggled out of Alexandria, hidden under a cargo of pork and cabbage and taken to Venice where it was seized by the Doge who ordered that a basilica be constructed to house the relics. St Mark was adopted as the patron saint of Venice in place of St Theodore.

The basilica is now the famous St. Mark's Cathedral standing in St. Mark's Square the centre of Venice, where there is also an imposing column surmounted by St. Mark's sign of the winged lion.

St Mark as well as being the patron saint of Venice is also the patron saint of Egypt and of lawyers.



50/50 Club Winners

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|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| February | 1 st | Brenda Waterfield | No. 81 | £100.00 |
| | 2 nd | Brendan Grimley | No. 36 | £71.50 |
| | 3 rd | Edith Slack | No. 64 | £36.00 |
| March | 1 st | David & Caroline Laurie | No. 91 | £100.00 |
| | 2 nd | Peter Crabb | No. 6 | £70.00 |
| | 3 rd | John Kennedy | No. 10 | £35.00 |

I know many of us have enjoyed the alternative affirmations of faith that we have used during Lent. This is my personal favourite:

I believe in the mystery of being, the extravagance of loving, the abundance of living.

I believe in God

I believe in inclusion, welcome and acceptance, human dignity and worth, the transforming power of being believed in.

I believe in Jesus

I believe in the life force that greets me through my senses, the love that I give to others and receive from them, the energy that wells up from the depth of my being.

I believe in Spirit

I believe in travelling together in to the mystery we call God, supporting and being supported, working together to make the world a better place.

I believe in Church

I believe in the fulfilment that comes from living fully, the enduring quality of love, the ultimate vindication of truth.

I believe in eternal life

DUTY ROTA FOR APRIL

| DATE | WELCOME | BREAD & WINE | COLLECTION | SERVERS | READERS | INTER. |
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| 5 April Easter Day | Andy Nicholl Dorothy Nicholl | Muriel McKenzie Eileen Donaldson | George & Agnes Philp | Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key | Fances Jack Pamela Grimley | Polly St. Aubyn |
| 12 | Eve Gilchrist Adrienne Lyon | Wendy Stephen Jenny Stooke | Brenda & John Waterfield | Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Pam Lynn | Malcolm Gosling Yvonne Gosling | Andrew Wedge |
| 19 | Elaine Cromwell Sarah Cromwell | Fay Spink Sheila Hawkins | Peter & Jean Crabb | Rod Key Isobel Thomson Muriel McKenzie | Sheona Wedge Iain Wedge | Rebecca Cromwell |
| 26 | James Geldart Hazel Geldart | Stephen & Hilary Ballinger | Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling | Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key | Gill Wardell Lesley Fleming | Yvonne Gosling |
| 3 May | Pam Lynn Linda Sherwood | Andy & Dorothy Nicholl | Arthur & Edit Slack | Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Pam Lynn | Jean Turner Linda Brownlie | Adrienne Lyon |

| Readings for April | | | |
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| 5 Apr | Acts 10: 34-43 | 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 | Mark 8: 31-38 |
| 12 | Acts 4: 32-35 | 1 John 1: 1-2:2 | John 2: 13-22 |
| 19 | Acts 3: 12-19 | 1 John 3: 1-7 | John 3: 14-21 |
| 26 | Acts 4: 5-12 | 1 John 3: 16-24 | John 12: 20-33 |
| 3 May | Acts 8: 26-40 | 1 John 4: 7-21 | Mark 14:1-15:47 |

Linda,

26-2-2015

As you know, I am seldom lost for words, but on this occasion, all I could manage was "thank you"!

I had no idea that a presentation was to be made to Fay and myself.

It has been a privilege to be part of the life of Holy Trinity, and hope to continue to do so.

I have decided to replace two of my small electrical wood-working machines which are getting on in years, just like myself!

A big thank-you to all, from Fay & myself for the generous Gift voucher and basket of beautiful flowers.

Ken & Fay

Thank You Letter from Fay and Ken Spink

And apparently the new tools were commissioned doing some work at the Rectory recently! Ed

Treasurer's Report

The annual budget is Income £49,800 and Expenditure £54,500 giving a deficit of £4,700. At the end of February the income was £27,959 and the expenditure £13,278 giving a surplus of £14,681 which will reduce when our new Rector arrives.

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

Peter Hutchings

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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| | Yvonne Gosling | 851605 |
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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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