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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

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Hello again! As I write, it is already the end of the first month of 2015 and our thoughts are turning away from Christmas and Epiphany and

towards Lent and Easter. Starting on page 6 we take a brief look back at Christmas and Epiphany with YF and Young Church but then on page 4 we move forward to thinking about Lent.

Over five Wednesday evenings in Lent, Jim has devised a series of discussion workshops which will be led by different speakers, all specialists in their given area. The topics are diverse and challenging – the aim is to help us, as congregations, recognise that there are many strongly held but sometimes differing views amongst us, and to see how we might use this creatively.

I think this is an important and exciting opportunity for us all. From Jim's letter on pages 2 & 3, I gather the workshops might not be easy or comfortable but will get us thinking about our faith in a wider context – something I believe is particularly important at this time of transition; as we move from the past

towards the future. And on that note, I am sure you will all be interested to read a brief biography on page 8 from the Reverend Alison Cozens, who will be instituted as our new Rector shortly after Easter.

Lastly, you will find invites to a couple of fun events being held by the Wives' Group (on page 9) and Youth Fellowship (on page 6). Hope to see you there!

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Elaine x

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

— C.S. Lewis (1904-1977)

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

As I grow older I increasingly recognise that each new year is a bonus to be made the most of and enjoyed to the full. At the same time I'm increasingly aware that our world has many deep divisions, violence and injustices. Gratitude for the present and fear for the future struggle.

Might (should) our Churches be part of the answer rather than part of the problem? I mean, might we help bridge some of the divides rather than pontificate on one side or the other? Didn't Jesus have both a very strong, clear moral stance, and yet also have the ability to cross the divides and speak with love and understanding to those on the other side? Or to make the question more difficult – over which issues did Jesus draw a deep red line, and over which did he cross to meet the other and keep the discussion open?

I suggest teaching in parables is a supreme example of his keeping discussion open. They are stories which we each need to interpret. We each need to see how they affect our particular situation. They enable us to see that both many hands make light work and also that too many cooks spoil the broth.

All that is a rather complicated introduction to my hoping that as many as possible of you will give up Wednesday evenings during Lent to come to our discussions. There are details elsewhere in the magazine but my reason for inviting five 'experts' to introduce the five different topics is twofold:

First because I believe these are each serious topics for Christians and we need to struggle to see what our faith may be saying about them or how our faith might help us see them more clearly. What does the Bible say? What did Jesus say?

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

But second because I'm not sure there will be or indeed is "an answer". I suspect our faith might speak to us in parables – suggesting some principles we should keep in mind but leaving the particulars to be worked out in the particularities of living. We might find hearing the feelings and ideas of others enlightening. Those introducing each week will be trying to see at least two sides and inviting us to listen.

We are approaching Easter, the pinnacle of hope and joy and the victory of good – but the Church has always known that the journey leads through Lent and that can be challenging and even painful. I expect to be challenged and perhaps even hurt – but do come and join us on Wednesday evenings, struggling to be Christ's servants in our very complicated world.

Jim Mein

Lent and Easter 2015

Ash Wednesday Services - February 18th

Holy Trinity 10.15am - Eucharist and Ashes

St Margaret's 7.30pm - Eucharist and Ashes



Holy Week - 30th March to 5th April

Monday	H.T.	7.30pm	Eucharist
Tuesday	H.T.	7.30pm	Readings and meditation
Wednesday	H.T.	7.30pm	Taize chants & readings
Thursday	H.T.	10.15am	The Last Supper
	St: Ms	7.30pm	
Friday	St: Ms	12-1pm	An hour by the Cross
	H.T.	2-3pm	
Saturday	H.T.	7.30pm	Easter fire & renew Baptism vows
Sunday	H.T.	8am	Easter Eucharists
	St: Ms	9.30am	
	H.T.	11am	

Lent and Easter 2015

Wednesdays in Holy Trinity Church Hall - 7.30pm

25th Feb: Inter-faith relations - Frank Bowness from the Fife Inter-faith group will introduce some of things happening in our area and invite discussion about how we maintain our own Christian integrity while giving due attention to other faiths.

4th March: Palestine and Israel - Nancy Adams, a regular visitor to the Holy Land will introduce her experiences of listening to the many different voices of this troubled region.

11th March: Same-sex relationships - Lis Burke from Perth attended the Provincial conference about this and will introduce the discussion. Her name was given me by Bishop David.

18th March: Homelessness - Jeremy Balfour from Scottish Churches Housing Action is coming to help us think through the issues - who has responsibility? Government, voluntary bodies, individuals? And what do we say or do when we pass someone sitting on the pavement?

25th March: End of life issues - Gordon McLaren, Consultant in Public Health for Fife Region and on the Board of Good life, good death, good grief, will lead our thinking. This is NOT a body which is promoting assisted suicide but rather how do we care for those who are close to the end of life, particularly if they are suffering and have no desire to struggle on?

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Psalm 85: 10

Holy Trinity Membership Lists

As you will appreciate we are busy getting things prepared for our new Rector, The Rev. Alison Cozens.

I am anxious that our Membership List is as comprehensive and up to date as possible. Can you please check that you have given me your up to date details - name, address, phone number/s, and email address if you have changed anything since you completed the form.

This information is available only to the Clergy, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary. If I receive a request for any of that information from elsewhere I will seek your permission to give it out.

Please don't just tell me at church - I will probably forget! If you think I ought to have recent information please either complete a new form - available from the church vestibule or send me an email.

You are not obliged to give any of these details but I am sure Rev. Alison would be grateful to have at least a name and telephone number.

Remember too that whether you choose to fill in a form or not the clergy are just a phone call or verbal request away. Never hesitate to contact them on any matter.

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"For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them"
Matthew 18: 20



YF Bibleathon 2015

The YF are having a Bibleathon on March 7th.

We would like to invite the whole congregation to join us on our sponsored 12 hour read. Not only will there be people constantly reading from 7 in the morning to 7 at night but there will be a café open all day in the hall serving tea, coffee and cake!

We would love to see everyone there at some point during the day to help raise much needed funds for the church. How you can help? We are looking for people to sign up to read in one or two of our 15 min reading slots throughout the day (a sign up sheet will be in the hall), sponsor us and/or donate cakes to sell throughout the day to anyone who comes in to hear the New Testament. Hope to see you there!

The Youth Fellowship

We received many positive comments after our Young Church and Youth Fellowship Nativity in December. Many of you asked about the poem. Here is an extract from what was read on the day:

The Message of God's Grace

- By Angela Yardy of Angela's Poems

At Christmas, we all hear the story
Of when Jesus Christ came to earth
We listen and watch a performance
Reminding us of Jesus' birth.



The Message of God's Grace - *continued*

But is this where we tend to leave it?
Enjoyment of something quite sweet;
Then off we go home for our dinner,
Expecting a wonderful treat.

But that's not the end of the story.
God's message is perfectly clear
And when he instructs **us** to share it,
He's speaking to **everyone** here.

For God sent His only son Jesus
To earth, full of love for us all,
And asks each of us just to love Him
Enough that we answer His call.

**Let's tell the whole world the great message
That heaven's a welcoming place
And all who receive our Lord Jesus
Can enter it, purely by grace.**

**So let us remember, united we stand
As we share God's message of love through the land**



Young Church Epiphany Party - Sunday 4th January

Young church would like to record a BIG thank you to the members of YF for entertaining us with energetic and fun games at our Epiphany Party. We all had a fantastic afternoon and we think you may-be enjoyed yourselves too! Thank you too to the member of the congregation who gave us a generous donation to buy yummy treats for our party. We really appreciate your kindness.

The Reverend Alison Jane Cozens

The Rev'd Alison Cozens was ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1994.

My first sense of vocation to ministry came when I was 14 years old. I vividly remember walking to Rochester cathedral, near where I grew up, and asking the elderly Deaconess there if I could be ordained. She told me in no uncertain terms that I could not, as women could not be ordained!

Recently I was privileged to be at York Minster to play a small part in the service of consecration of the new Bishop of Stockport, Bishop Libby Lane. Almost forty years after that conversation in Rochester, it felt like a wonderful affirmation of ministry.

As I was finishing my degree at St Andrews University, I had a conversation with Bishop Michael Hare Duke. He encouraged me to become a Lay Reader and then to apply to Edinburgh Theological College. So I was the first woman in full time training at Coates Hall.

I believe the life of faith is a journey and I have been blessed to have known God's presence with me through each of the unexpected paths I have travelled.

Working in the Scottish borders for my first curacy and then in north Edinburgh at Holy Cross Davidsons Mains, followed by ministry in Edinburgh city centre for many years and then most recently in one of the most diverse parts of Leicester in the Church of England, my ministry has grown and matured as I seek to find God in each person I meet.

Both my husband Peter and I are looking forward to getting to know the good people of Dunfermline and Rosyth. We both love walking, reading and listening to classical music as well as sharing the occasional glass of red wine or malt whisky!



Wives' Group invite you to enjoy.....

PANCAKE PARTY

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY

7.00 - 9.00 PM

LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLE

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

Adults- £4.00 Donation
Children under 10 - £2.00 Donation

Tickets can be obtained from Pam Grimley, Linda Sherwood, Doreen Esnol or Yvonne Gosling



SCOUTPOST 2014

Many thanks to all those who placed Christmas Cards in the box to raise funds for Scouting in West Fife. Numbers of cards were slightly down on last year, but a sum of just under £7000 was raised, Holy Trinity contributing £128.85 to this amount.

Scouting programmes become more challenging for the Young People each year with expeditions and activities - a new training programme is being launched at the moment and no, it is not all done on an iphone - so this annual fundraising effort is very important to help make the excitement attractive.



Thanks to you all
Phil Smithard

From Country to Home..... by Dorissia Forsyth

I have always enjoyed going back to Seychelles to visit my family and friends. It is where I was born and brought up. Previous trips with the girls have always been planned well in advance with tickets purchased at least six months before departure date; allowing enough excitement to see the relatives, sun, sea and food. My trip in October was different altogether, travelling on my own to see my mother for the very last time. A necessary visit which conjured up very different emotions because of the short length of time doctors predicted she had left with the family.

I decided to make my visit a surprise to make it a wee bit easier for both of us, and was able to have quality time with her talking about my childhood memories, complaining about the heat, dogs barking at night and world issues. She had fond memories of her trip to Scotland in 1988 to attend Nadine's christening at Holy Trinity, and of meeting with David Redwood and the congregation. Her spirit was strong, although she got weaker as the time went on. As she loved singing, we sang French hymns which she preferred. She passed away on the very day I left Seychelles for Scotland.

My visit was not all sad. I had the opportunity to attend my niece, Angelica's confirmation on Remembrance Sunday morning, then in the afternoon chatted to some war veterans of Tobruk. My Uncle John fought at Tobruk with the East Africa Corps when Seychelles was part of the British Empire. I could not understand why they called all those men "Tobruks" when I was growing up, until I did History at school! There are quite a number of them alive, and they speak fondly of being a soldier and of Empire Days. They still receive a British War Pension.

Niece Angelica's confirmation by Bishop James Wong, with her mother Lucine, godmothers and Auntie Dorissia



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As Seychelles is a member of the Commonwealth, there were a lot more questions asked about Glasgow and Scotland, and in particular the Referendum. Almost everyone I bumped into said that Seychellois eyes were glued to the television more than ever. At least now most people know where Scotland is on the map of the world and have promised to come to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Of course our knowledge of their world also comes from the media. Thankfully threats from Somali pirate attacks in Seychelles waters have considerably diminished.

And what of the church there? My relatives are mostly members of the Anglican Church and worship at Holy Saviour's Anglican Church, the second biggest parish. Almost everyone goes to church on a Sunday and congregations are well-balanced in ages. In fact, younger people between the ages of 16-30 are most represented. Not going to church is not an option, even if you have been out till the early hours the night before!

Singing and music have always played an important part in my family. My brother Robin plays the organ, with my three sisters and five nieces in the choir. Inevitably, I was asked to join them. Services are held in the four languages of the islands - Creole, French, Latin and English - which I miss at times.

Seychelles forms part of the Province of the Indian Ocean in the world-wide Anglican Communion. Although Seychelles is a popular destination for tourists, in a fast-moving world it faces many social issues including drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancies, divorce, abuse and domestic violence. Members of the Mother's Union are very active and work alongside the authorities to tackle those issues. They are (rather cheekily) called the "Army of the Church" by the youth. Shortly before I left, the Anglican Church held a rally against domestic violence and abuse. Often the Government pays more attention when it is the churches that call for these rallies. As in a number of countries which offer freedom of worship, a number of new churches are being built. Islam, with its financial support from wealthy Middle East States, is also very visibly on the rise. This doesn't make it very comfortable in a small island state with strong Christian traditions. The Seychelles Inter-Faith Council, which

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comprises all the main religious bodies in Seychelles, plays an important role in maintaining religious tolerance and harmony.

I also spoke about St Margaret's and Holy Trinity, and my family's parishioners send you all a sunny greeting from the Anglican Communion in Seychelles.

Saint of the Month - Janani Luwum - 17 February

Until now, our stories of the Saints have been drawn from the New Testament, from legends of the early and medieval church and occasional historical references. This month though, to show that real saints can still tread the earth, I have chosen a man who suffered martyrdom only in 1977. One difference from previous articles is that in the heading he has not been given the honorific title of Saint. This is because subsequent to the Reformation no process of canonisation of a saint was established in the Anglican Church because of doctrinal differences with the Roman Church. No saints have been given the title as such in the Anglican Church since the Reformation.



Janani Jakalya Luwum was the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda from 1974 to 1977 and was one of the most influential and go-ahead leaders of the modern church in Africa. His misfortune was that his time as Archbishop coincided with the time when Idi Amin was head of state in Uganda.

He was born in 1922 of the Acholi tribe in the village of Mucwini in the Kitgum District of North Uganda. He attended High School in the town of Gulu and seeing how his compatriots required education he decided to become a teacher and attended Boro Boro Teachers Training College. After qualifying he taught for a time at a primary school. In 1948 he converted to Christianity and decided to become a priest. He spent a year training at Buwalasi Theological College and then was attached for training to St Philip's Church in Gulu.

Saint of the Month - Janani Luwum - 17 February

He was ordained Deacon in 1953 and priested the following year. For the next fifteen years he served in churches in the Upper Nile Diocese of Uganda and the Mbale Diocese and in 1969 he was consecrated Bishop of Northern Uganda. After only five years as a Bishop he was appointed Archbishop of the Metropolitan Province of Uganda, Ruanda and Boga (in Zaire) in 1974 three years after Idi Amin came to power as Head of State in Uganda.

Suffice to say that Amin was a megalomaniac dictator of the worst order. As head of state he filled his government with his cronies. Anyone who criticised him was arrested and disappeared. He was even said to practice black magic and cannibalism. He is portrayed by Forest Whitaker in the 2006 award winning film *Last King of Scotland*.

Archbishop Luwum could not keep quiet and spoke up for his flock - he was a leading critic of the dictator. In 1977 Archbishop Luwum delivered a note to Amin protesting against the unexplained disappearances and killings of so many people in Uganda. As a result, the Archbishop and other leading churchmen were accused of treason. The Archbishop and two Ministers from Amin's government were arrested. They were taken to a rally held by Amin in Kampala and following confessions implicating the three men. They were charged with being agents of Milton Obote, the former head of state and of planning a coup. The following day Radio Uganda announced that Archbishop Luwum and the two ministers had been killed in a car accident while being transported to an interrogation centre. Radio Uganda later announced that the accident had occurred when the three men had tried to overpower the driver of their vehicle and escape.

When the bodies were released for burial, it was clear they had been shot.

Archbishop Luwum left a widow, Mary Lawinyo Luwum, and nine children. He is buried in his home village of Mucwini.

Although the Church of England does not canonise saints as such, Archbishop Luwum has been formally recognised as being a martyr for having been killed for his Christian principles. His death is commemorated in the calendar of the Church of England as a lesser festival on the 17th February, the anniversary of his death and his statue is among those of the twentieth century martyrs on the front of Westminster Abbey.

serving the community in practical ways

reaching out to others, especially those in need

The Gathering 2015

Saturday 30th May

10am – 4pm | St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

We are planning an interesting and varied programme for both young and not so young from across the Diocese.

Lots of our churches and individual members are already busy serving the community in various ways. They are in themselves a helpful source of information for the wider Diocese.

We would like each congregation to bring a poster, A3 or A4, with pictures and text in order to share these important service initiatives.

More about that and the programme later.

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!

Val Nellist, Convener | Congregational Growth Group



DUTY ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
1 Feb	Elaine Cromwell Andrew Wedge	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Ken & Fay Spink	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Pamela Grimley Ivor Curran	Adrienne Lyon
8	Fay Cuthbertson Pam Lynn	Linda Sherwood Adrienne Lyon	Arthur & Edith Slack	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Ron Hawkins	Brian Smith Dorissia Forsyth	Andy Nicholl
15	Ivor Curran Adrienne Lyon	Wendy Stephen Frances Jack	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Muriel McKENZIE	Doreen Esno Linda Brownlie	Karen MacDonald
22	Linda Sherwood Andy Nicholl	Helen Dalgity Barbara Key	Monica Terry Eve Gilchrist	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Polly St. Aubyn James Geldart	Dorissia Forsyth
1 Mar	Malcolm Gosling Eve Gilchrist	Muriel McKenzie Elaine Cromwell	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Ron Hawkins	Rodney Key Andy Nicholl	John MacDonald

Readings for February			
1 Feb	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13	Mark 1: 21-28
8	Isaiah 40: 21-31	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Mark 1: 29-39
15	2 Kings 2: 1-12	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Mark 9: 2-9
22	Genesis 9: 8-17	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 9-15
1	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Romans 4: 13-25	Mark 8: 31-38

50/50 Prize Winners

At the AGM, there was a request for information about who won the 50/50 prizes to be put in the magazine.

December:	1 st prize	£100.00	Sheila Hawkins	Ball No. 18
	2 nd prize	£63.50	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Ball No. 34
	3 rd prize	£31.50	John & Adrienne Lyon	Ball No. 73
January:	1 st prize	£100.00	John Kennedy	Ball No. 30
	2 nd prize	£68.50	James & Fiona Barcroft	Ball No. 35
	3 rd prize	£34.50	Evelyn Tyrell	Bal No. 29

17 subscriptions to go and then we would have 100. If you haven't joined in yet, see Linda Sherwood for information and forms. A great way to raise funds for our church and a chance for you to win!

Retiring Collections

Will anyone who wishes to put forward a charity to be considered for our Monthly Collections please contact Pam Lynn in church, by phone (01383 881874) or E-mail at pamlynn46@hotmail.com.



If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
(1 Corinthians 13:3)

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981
	Linda Sherwood	416558
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	James Geldart	734997
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	621054
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Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732

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



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

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

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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