

Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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

Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane

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

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March is a whole month of Lent. Every day falls into the season. It's also the last full month that we will have Jim with us. The Rev'd Alison Cozens is being instituted on 18th April and Jim's last Sunday preaching at Holy

Trinity will in fact be Easter Sunday, 5th April. Perhaps a fitting occasion in our church year at which to say farewell. A time when we rejoice and give thanks - heartfelt, grateful, what-would-we-have-done-without-you, thanks.

I am sure I do not speak just for myself when I say how lucky we have been to have Jim's wise leadership and guidance over the past couple of years. He is quick to underplay his service to us, always citing the work that Ross does; and it is true that Ross's service is equally deserving of our thanks and appreciation.

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But there is something about Jim's manner, his sermons – his 'being' that I find greatly reassuring. He has been for me at least, a steadying influence, wise leader and gentle teacher. While I am very much looking forward to the future at Holy Trinity with Alison as our Rector, I will genuinely miss Jim. We wish you well Jim, and thank you, just simply, thank you.

My children and I were thinking about Lent recently and composing acrostic poems. We came up with this one – **L**ove as much as you can, **E**xpect the unexpected, **N**ever give up or lose faith, **T**he Lord loves and saves us all. Happy March, friends.

Elaine x

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

I guess this is my last magazine letter and I'm torn between looking back or forward. Let me just deal with the past by saying I have genuinely enjoyed working with both congregations, though I'm sorry for your sake it has been so long. It will be hard to say farewell to many friends whose generosity and support I have greatly valued. I wish you every blessing in your future.

About that future I have only one message. I think you are fortunate in appointing Alison and it will work well, but one thing I'm certain about is that every one of us has some strengths and we also have some weaknesses. And over the years I've seen this worked out in two ways:

Some folk note the weaknesses, talk about them and complain. This leads not only to their being unable to see or appreciate any strengths but actually prevents the person from exercising the strengths they have.

Some folk note the strengths, talk about them and rejoice. This leads to there being a community of trust, able to discuss, and find ways to compensate for the weaknesses.

The results are obvious. One route leads to division, unhappiness and all being less effective than they could be, the other leads to a vibrant community where all can contribute their different strengths and be supported in their weaknesses. No glass is ever full to the brim but seeing it as half-full is greatly to be preferred to seeing it half-empty.

I believe Jesus saw people as half-full, God sees us all as half-full, worth creating, worth working with, each one having some real potential. May that potential in every one of you be fulfilled in the years to come.

Jim Mein

Services during Holy Week & Easter 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 St. Ms 7.30pm	The Last Supper
Friday	St. Ms 12 - 1pm H.T.	2 - 3pm	An hour by the Cross
Saturday	H.T.	7.30pm	Easter fire & renew Baptism vows
Easter Sunday	H.T.	8am St: Ms 9.30am H.T.	Easter Eucharists 11am

St. Margaret's RC Memorial Church, East Port, Dunfermline is
hosting a performance of

“The Easter Story”

on Sunday 29th March at 7.30pm

Words: Ernie Dick – Music: Stephen & Sandra Miller

Admission is free but donations welcome which will go to the St. Margaret's
One World Group.

Lent 2015

Wednesdays in Holy Trinity Church Hall - 7.30pm

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?

Treasurer's Report

The annual budget is Income £49,800 and Expenditure £54,500 giving a deficit of £4,700

At the end of January the income was £24,844 and the expenditure £9,958 giving a surplus of £14,886 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

Wives Group

Saturday 28th March – 12.00pm till 2.00pm

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

in the Church Hall. Delicious homemade soup and sandwiches made to order. Tickets are only £3.50 and are available from Pam, Linda, Doreen or Yvonne or pay at the door on the day. Come along and help raise funds for our church.

Monday 30th March – our programme resumes with the service for Holy Week. This will be in church at 7.30 pm with coffee / tea in the Church Hall afterwards.

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.

Yvonne Gosling

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.

Bishop David's 2015 Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2015 will go to support The Scottish Episcopal Institute.

The Scottish Episcopal Institute is the training agency for the Scottish Episcopal Church and forms people for service as competent and confident public ministers, whether as Lay Readers, Deacons or Priests. Currently there are 24 students in its midst, drawn from all seven dioceses. SEI is poised to launch new courses and fresh ways of formation to fit the changing Scottish context. To find out more about its ethos and courses, please go to <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/>

You can help to build the Church of the future by investing in the ordinands of today through the work of the Scottish Episcopal Institute. Please give what you can so that we can equip the Church for its mission. There will be a retiring collection in church on Easter Sunday in support of the appeal.

Prayer for Lent

Almighty God, giver of all good things,
you showed your love for us
by giving us your only Son:
help us to show our love for you.

Grant us this Lent

the vision to see where you are at work in the world,
the courage to join in that mission
and the desire to give

in support of those seeking to train within the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

In the power of the Spirit
we make our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





Youth Fellowship Bibleathon March 7th.

YF 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 can you 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



Young Church Good Friday Happening

Young Church (and Youth Fellowship) will meet in the church hall on Good Friday 11.00am to 1.00pm for our annual 'happening' of fellowship, crafts and to hear the story of Christ's passion. Bring a friend, your creativity and a packed lunch!



Saint of the Month – St. Patrick - 17 March

Saint Patrick is one of those infuriating people who we know existed but hard historical fact is a bit short and about whom a wealth of legend has grown. He was born somewhere on the western coastal area of Great Britain. He is alleged to have come from a Roman Christian family, his father being a deacon called Calpurnius. He was, however, kidnapped as a youth by Irish pirates and sold into slavery somewhere in Ireland.

After six years as a slave he had a dream telling him to return to his home. He escaped and walked half across Ireland to a port where he persuaded a shipmaster to give him passage to Britain. He then appears to have found his way to France and there studied and was ordained as a priest by St Germanus of Auxerre. In another dream, he heard Irish voices calling him back to Ireland to lead a mission to the Irish. He sailed again for Ireland, this time being full of missionary zeal.

Little is known of his missionary work apart from references to a letter he wrote called his Declaration but it is not in great detail. From his Declaration it is clear that he was persecuted by the druid priests who held sway in Ireland and for a time he was held captive and threatened with execution.

The legend is that he eventually got the ear of the High King of All Ireland at Tara who having heard Patrick explaining Christianity, had difficulty in understanding the mystery of the Trinity and said to Patrick “if you can explain it to me, I will become a Christian”. Patrick looked down at the ground in front of him and noticed a little green plant with a trefoil leaf. He plucked a leaf off it and said to the king “See this leaf. It is one but it has three parts. If one is taken away it is not a whole leaf. It needs all three to be a whole”. The king was so impressed with this explanation that he converted to Christianity along with all his subjects. The shamrock became the national emblem of Ireland and St Patrick an Irish icon.



Another well known legend is that after being attacked by a snake, St Patrick banished them from Ireland. Not a very likely story however there is a dearth of snakes in Ireland!

Saint of the Month – St. Patrick - 17 March

St Patrick is said to have spent a forty day Lenten fast on the top the mountain Croagh Patrick in County Mayo. This has now become a place of pilgrimage and every July there is now a stream of the Saint's devotees climbing the mountain, some even ascending it on their knees.

He is known to have founded churches, Christian communities and bishoprics and is generally considered the first Bishop of Armagh.

The date and circumstances of St Patrick's death are unknown but it either occurred at Down Patrick or his body was taken there, and he is said to be interred at Down Cathedral alongside the remains of Saints Brigid and Columba.

In the conflicts over religion and national identity in Ireland, St Patrick was a rallying symbol for the Roman Catholics and Irish Nationalism. But at the same time the British state also recognised St Patrick and the Irish order of chivalry, equating to the English Order of the Garter and the Scottish Order of the Thistle, was named as being the Order of St Patrick. The flag given to the order in 1703 of a red saltire cross on a white background, was named St Patrick's Cross and incorporated into the Union Flag as representing Ireland in 1800.

The cult of St Patrick is now prevalent wherever the Irish settled after the exodus from Ireland in the 19th Century and St Patrick's Day has been commercialised. It has become a day for Irish parades as in New York and Sydney (and proposed for London by Boris Johnson). Postal packets of Shamrock are despatched from Ireland all over the world. In the United States in particular, the custom is growing of sending St Patrick's Day cards. Shamrock bunches are also given out to Soldiers in the Irish Regiments of the British Army at special St. Patrick's day parades. So, although we may not have a lot of hard historic facts about the Saint he is well remembered, not least in pubs and clubs wherever Irishmen meet on 17th March when toasts to the saint in Johnny Jameson and Liffey Water will be the order of the day.



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 MARCH

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
1 Mar	Malcolm Gosling Eve Gilchrist	Muriel McKenzie Elaine Cromwell	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Pam Lynn	Rodney Key Andy Nicholl	John MacDonald
8	George Philp Pam Lynn	Brenda & John Waterfield	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Muriel McKenzie	Eve Gilchrist Helen Dalgity	Caroline Mitchell
15	James Geldart Linda Sherwood	Fay Spink Janice Mohr	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Rebecca Cromwell Elaine Cromwell	Linda Brownlie
22	Ivor Curran Jack Wardell	Doreen Esnol Barbara Key	Eileen Donaldson	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie	Adrienne Lyon Stephen Ballinger	Malcolm Gosling
29 Palm Sunday	Andy Nicholl Dorothy Nicholl	Frances Jack Adrienne Lyon	Eve Gilchrist Monica Terry	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Pam Lynn	Caroline Mitchell Muriel McKenzie	Elaine Cromwell
5 April Easter Sunday	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	TBA	Polly St. Aubyn

Retiring Collection – Mothering Sunday 15th March

Make a Mother's Day – Mothers' Union

<http://makeamothersday.org/>

Readings for March

1 Mar	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Romans 4: 13-25	Mark 8: 31-38
8	Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Corinthians 1; 18-25	John 2: 13-22
15	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ephesians 2: 1-10	John 3: 14-21
22	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5: 5-10	John 12: 20-33
29	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Philippian 2: 5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

Welcome Duty

This has now changed and will just entail welcoming people, giving out pew sheets and putting the collection, uncounted, into the two bags. After this, you will be able to go back to your pew for the service. I hope this will encourage more of you to take part in this important part of our church life. If you are interested in this or would like to help by taking the bread and wine or collection up to the altar, please speak to Linda Sherwood who is making up the duty list for April. Also speak to Linda if your name is on the rota and you cannot manage that Sunday. Some spaces have been left in this month's rota, so please put your name forward if you can help.

Retiring Collections

15th March – Mothers' Union

26th April – Street Pastors

Please also remember the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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Mothers' Union	Isobel Thomson	624322
Wives Group	Pam Grimley	851473
	Yvonne Gosling	851605
Women's Guild	Winnie Miller	725157
HT 50/50 Club	James Geldart	734997
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	John Kennedy	511981
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	Helen Dalgity	726350
Hall Booking	Linda Sherwood	416558

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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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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