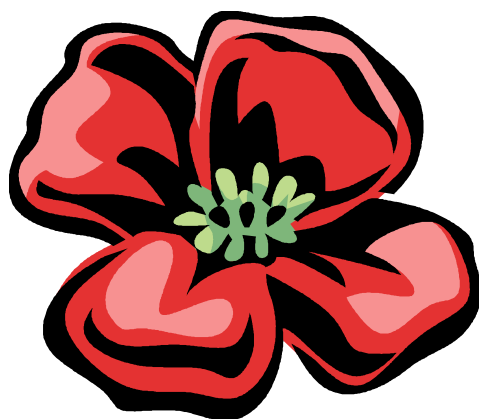


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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

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It cannot be a month since the last magazine! The old adage is so true – time flies when you are having fun. And I am very fortunate indeed to have recently enjoyed a lovely family holiday in the sun.

But it is back to work and school in autumnal Scotland now. I have to confess, it has been hard at times, these first few days back, not to pine for the good times we enjoyed. For the most part, I think I try my best to approach what life presents to me with an “attitude of gratitude”. I’m not always very good at this - I get it wrong all the time, despite how fortunate I really am, but I guess the important thing is that I keep on trying.

But there are times in our lives when such ‘Pollyanna’ attitudes can be severely challenged. Jim in his letter on pages 2 and 3 writes about such times. He reminds us of the importance of recognising the joy as well as pain of past memories but of the need to move on too.

On page 6 you will find details of a new initiative for Holy Trinity – a Christmas Tree Festival - something to look forward to in December!

This month’s magazine also contains details of the retiring collection on the last Sunday of November as well as details of a charity ball being held in Dunfermline later in the month – both of which you may wish to consider supporting.

Finally, the next edition of the magazine will be the last for 2014. It will also be a double edition covering December and January so please bear this in mind when considering your contributions.

In this issue....

- ❖ Letter from Jim
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Elaine x

Never let the sadness of your past or the fear of your future ruin the happiness of your present.

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

It looks as though my time with you is now limited. Sad as I will be to say farewell I'm delighted the Vestry has made progress towards the appointment of a new Rector and I wish you every blessing in the future. However, though this naturally invites us to look to the future (and that is what I much prefer doing) I want to say a word in this November magazine about looking backwards.

We begin November with All Saints and All souls – remembering both the heroes and heroines of the Christian story but also every one of those who have gone before us and especially of course those who were special to each one of us. We then move to Remembrance Day to hold all those who have died in war in our memory and pray they may inspire us to give our lives in many ways to help create a better world for our children. It is the season of falling leaves and bare earth.

But sometimes, in spite of these cultural occasions when we have been bereaved we can often feel isolated because people don't know how to approach us, what to say – and we each struggle to talk to others who have been bereaved. So I want to say this November that perhaps we can all make an effort to speak about those we have lost, tell their stories, celebrate all they gave us – and we, as friends of the bereaved, take time to listen.

I think it is good to remember even if it is also painful. A leaflet I read recently suggested making a special time, perhaps each year, when we looked up the old photographs and showed them to our children or others, a time when we deliberately cooked their favourite meal, a time when we light a candle – there are many ways to remember, and remembering can, perhaps through its pain, help to free us to move on and live the lives our loved ones would want us to live.

Which leads to one last thought: in our Church family life we have had bereavements and memories that are both joyful and painful. It may be that as we prepare to move into a new Chapter there are things we

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should remember; feeling gratitude for much, but perhaps deep sorrow and hurt for other things. Remember, give thanks or recognise the pain, but then be ready to move on, begin again, knowing that God is always ready to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep and always ready to forgive us and encourage us to start anew, struggling towards the light.

God bless you all,

Jim Mein

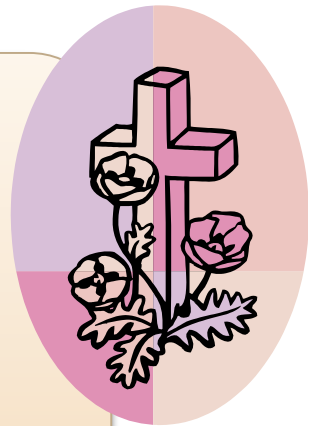
Readings for November			
2 Nov	Revelation 7: 9-17	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 23: 1-12
9	Job 19: 21-27	1 Corinthians 15: 51-57	Matthew 25: 1-3
16	Judges 4: 1-7	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	Matthew 25: 14-30
23	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Matthew 25: 31-46
30	Isaiah 64: 1-9	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 24-37
7 Dec	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Mark 1: 1-8

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9th November at 10.50a.m.

Service of Remembrance with Holy Communion.

Please note the earlier start time.



Wives' Group



All are welcome to come along (men included) to any or all of these events and partake of a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

SATURDAY 8th November - SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH in the church hall from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. As always there will be a selection of delicious homemade soups and sandwiches made to order by our ladies. Tickets are available from Pam, Linda, Doreen or Yvonne or just pay at the door if you find you can come along on the day.

Monday 24th November - HEIR HUNTERS ! Lloyd Pitcairn of Pitcairn Research returns to tell us about the fascinating job he does as an heir hunter. Lloyd was very entertaining the last time he came to talk to us about Genealogy and it was very interesting.

Monday 8th December - CHRISTMAS PARTY - it's that time again! Come and enjoy some delicious party food, sing some carols, hear some very funny tales, pit your wits against the Christmas Quiz and generally have a very enjoyable festive evening. All welcome!

We have a really interesting programme of events for this year, please come along to any of our events that you fancy and enjoy an evening of good company and hear about something new. If you would like a copy of our programme please ask Pam or Yvonne.

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

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary

Finance Report

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 or Rod Key.

The annual income shown in the budget is £56,000 and at the end of September the income was £ 52,287

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £299.

Peter Hutchings

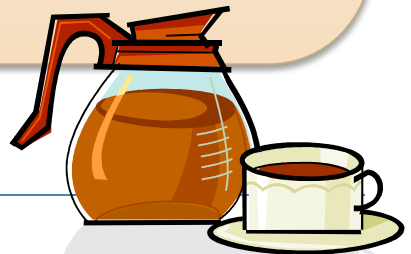


Coffee Morning

Saturday 22nd November

from 10 a.m. till 12 noon

to raise funds for repairs and painting of the Church Railings. More details will be available in the weekly Pew Sheet.



Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity

Following a suggestion from Stephen Campbell, Holy Trinity is planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in the Church during the second week of December. We are providing space for 20 individually decorated Christmas trees and we will provide the trees and stands. We are seeking sponsorship from 20 groups, organisations or local businesses, which will provide the decorations. These may reflect a theme or their organisation. In addition to providing an opportunity to publicise the activities of the sponsors, the aim is to attract visitors into the church during the Christmas season.

Sponsorship is via a donation, recommended at £30 per tree and we already have commitments towards about half of the sponsors required. A vestry subgroup of Jack Wardell, Linda Sherwood, Adrienne Lyon has been set up to work with Stephen to help make the event a success and we look forward to your support - please bring your friends and family along. If you have any suggestions for a sponsor group please let one of us have the details and we will provide a sponsors briefing information sheet.

It is expected that the church will be open for the festival for 3 or 4 days around 11th-14th December, in late afternoon and early evening with tea and coffee served in the hall.



Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity

Christmas Tree festivals have become popular and successful in many churches throughout the country and some have grown into quite significant events attracting thousands of visitors. Our plans are quite modest but we do hope that we will be able to put on a worthwhile event that will attract some visitors who might otherwise not visit a church during Christmas. Visitor entry to the festival will be free but donations will be welcomed. A small charge will be made for the tea and coffee.

The photo shows a Christmas tree festival from a church in Erith, Kent.



November Retiring Collection

For 24 hours every day of the year there are Samaritans available to support people in any kind of distress or despair including those with thoughts of suicide. This winter, Samaritans of Dunfermline celebrate our 50th year of contribution to this support for the people of Fife and the wider community.

Our branch in Dunfermline is entirely run by volunteers. Our Executive Committee, our Leaders, our Recruitment and Selection, Training and Fundraising, our IT support, work in schools, support for the Listeners in Glenochil Prison are some of the activities undertaken by our superb volunteers in addition to their regular duties.

In total confidentiality, we offer callers our individual attention for two minutes or two hours, just as long as is required. We encourage people to explain their thinking, to explore their options and to make up their own minds. We never give advice and we are totally non-judgemental.

Samaritans began as a telephone service but now we also support people face to face, by SMS texting and by email around the world.

We see our 50th anniversary as a milestone and an opportunity to continue our good work for another 50 years.



Saint of the Month – St. Andrew – 30th November

We all know that St. Andrew is the patron saint for Scotland, and most of us are aware that he was one of the twelve apostles and St. Peter's brother. But do you know that he never came to Scotland? So what do we really know of him and how did he become Scotland's patron saint?

All we can say with any certainty is what we know of him from references in the New Testament. The earliest one is in John 1:40 where we learn that he was a follower of John the Baptist and that following the baptism of Jesus, he was so convinced that Jesus was the Messiah that he rushed off and got his brother Simon Peter to come and see Him. We also know that Simon Peter and Andrew shared a house in Capernaum and that Jesus visited and cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever (*Mark 1.29.*). We know that Peter and Andrew were both fishermen, for in two of the Gospels (*Matt. 4.18 and Mark 1.16*) Jesus calls them to follow him saying that he would make them fishers of men. It was also Andrew who managed to persuade the boy to part with his loaves and fishes to feed the multitude (*John 6.8*). He is also mentioned in the lead up to the passion as being present at the entry to Jerusalem (*John 12.22*) and at Jesus' discourse on the Mount of Olive.

For the remaining story of the life and death of St Andrew we can only look to legend, tradition and early writings. In the Greek and Russian Orthodox churches tradition has it that St. Andrew brought Christianity to Scythia (northern Turkey) and was the first Patriarch of Byzantium (later Constantinople). He is therefore held in very high regard by the Eastern Churches where he is referred as being the "first called apostle". There is also a legend that he was shipwrecked on Cyprus and struck a rock there which gave rise to a spring with miraculous healing properties.

Tradition has it that he was martyred at Patras some time in the latter half of the first century by being crucified on an X shaped cross and by being lashed to it rather than being nailed to it. He was entombed at Patras but what were believed to be his bones and cross were removed to Constantinople in the middle of the fourth century.

The connection to Scotland is based on a legend that St. Regulus (St Rule) who was a Celtic monk exiled from Ireland with St. Columba, journeyed to Patras and became a monk at the abbey there where St. Andrew's relics were kept. In a dream he was told to hide some of the relics to prevent their removal to Constantinople, which he did. Then in a second dream he was

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instructed to take ship with them to the ends of the earth and wherever he was shipwrecked he was to build a shrine to St. Andrew. He is supposed to have been shipwrecked on the east coast of Fife, at what is now St. Andrews. St. Regulus gave St. Andrew's relics to the Pictish King, Oengus mac Fergusa. Oengus on the night before a battle with the Angles at Athelstaneford, vowed that if he won, he would designate St. Andrew as the patron saint of Scotland.

On the morning of the battle, a silver St. Andrew's cross was seen in the sky. The Picts and Scots won the battle, St. Andrew was duly recognised as Scotland's patron saint and the saltire became the flag of Scotland, end of story. Of course that is all it is, a story, as for one thing, St. Regulus lived some hundred and fifty years before Oengus mac Fergusa. A more likely version is that the bones alleged to be relics of St. Andrew were brought to Scotland by Acca, a bishop of Hexham, who was forced to flee from there by the Danes and came to Scotland in 732 and founded a church which could have been at St. Andrews.

Anyhow the legend took hold when the Celtic and Roman Churches met at the Synod of Whitby. The Celtic church claimed St. Andrew as their patron as a counter to the Roman Church which claimed to hold its authority from St. Peter. From then on St. Andrew was widely accepted as the patron of Scotland and claims were even made that he had brought Christianity to Scotland. In fact the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320 refers to Scotland as having been converted to Christianity by "St. Andrew, the first to be an apostle".

It remains however, that St. Andrew, whatever the truth or otherwise of the legends, is long recognised as Scotland's patron saint and his feast day of 30th November was declared recently by the Scottish Government to be Scotland's National Day.



DUTY ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
2 Nov	Fay Cuthbertson Ivor Curran	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Rod Key Brendan Grimley	Caroline Mitchell Sarah Hunt	TBA
9	Jack Wardell Adrienne Lyon	Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Sunday	Rebecca Fleming Fay Cuthbertson Linda Brownlie	Brian Smith Rodney Key	Isobel Thomson
16	Elaine Cromwell Malcolm Gosling	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Arthur & Edith Slack	Rod Key Muriel McKenzie Isobel Thomson	Andy Nicol Yvonne Gosling	Linda Sherwood
23	Ron Hawkins Eve Gilchrist	Andrew & Dorothy Nichol	Frances Jack Monica Terry	Rebecca Cromwell Ron Hawkins Rod Key	Youth Fellowship	Youth Fellowship
30	Helen Dalgity Fay Cuthbertson	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger	Adrienne & John Lyon	Rebecca Fleming Brendan Grimley Fay Cuthbertson	Muriel McKenzie Isobel Thomson	TBA
7 Dec	Linda Sherwood Ivor Curran	Wendy Stephen Doreen Esnol	Sheila Hawkins Fay Spink	Rod Key Linda Brownlie Muriel McKenzie	Pamela Grimley Linda Sherwood	TBA



**Yes-U-Are
Charity**



"The Erskine Church Building" a Community Hub

- To bring community back into the town centre
- To support community development
- To promote active citizenship
- To develop local arts and heritage
- To support prayer groups, worship events, exhibitions

Local charity, Yes-U-Are is holding a charity ball on Saturday, 21st November at the Glen Pavilion. The ball is in aid of the charity's work to transform the currently disused Erskine church building into a community hub.

Tickets for the ball, which includes a three course meal, can be obtained by calling 07753136217 or emailing

office@yesuare.org.uk

You can find out more about the charity and how it is supporting local people by visiting their website:

www.yesuare.org.uk

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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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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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