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

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I just have time for a quick editorial this month as I am busy preparing for our first, family holiday abroad. Lots of work to finish in the office and lots of washing, ironing and packing to do at home! It's made me think about those times in the

Bible where people embarked on epic journeys – I am sure the Israelites collectively didn't have as much baggage as we seem to need!

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of our little magazine. On page 12 you will find a report from Valerie Leslie on what Mothers' Union has been up to lately. You will find our regular article about the life of a Saint on page 8, which this month is about St. Luke the Evangelist. Jim in his letter on page 2, puts Scotland's recent Referendum result into a Christian context and on page 7 you will find a one-off special report from a 'roving' reporter.

All in all, an eclectic but interesting mix this month, of reports, articles, invites and information – a bit like our congregation really! See you all in a couple of weeks' time!

Elaine x

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From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

I write on the morning after our referendum. One thing that seems clear is that people came to their decision which way to vote for many different reasons but in the end it was either Yes or No.

In the debates that lie ahead it will be more complicated. To debate the powers to be transferred to the Scottish Parliament involves all the people of these islands and will inevitably raise questions about governance in each of them. I have no idea what will, or even what should, be decided. What will be fair to our past, our present and our future together; what will be most effective for producing both the means and the desires for creating more just, caring societies.

But I was reminded on “Thought for the day” recently of one of my favourite stories I’ve used often over the years – you have probably heard it. The six blind men asked to describe an elephant? It deserves setting out more poetically but basically each feels a different part of the elephant and so describes it differently: leg/tree, tail/rope, trunk/hose, side/wall, ear/sheet, tusk/spear. The point is that each has a part of the truth but none the whole truth.

It seems to me that discussions of almost any significant issue are like this. Through our own experiences, our reading, our personalities and so on, we grasp some things that are important but we miss others. The insights we have can themselves hinder or even prevent our taking on board insights others may have. Particularly if their interests clash with ours then our natural selfishness has to be countered by something else – and perhaps for us that can be our faith in Jesus and how he would wish us to behave.

The Church, with our belief that all God’s children are our neighbours and have value, might make a contribution to the hard decisions ahead – not because we have the answers but only because we recognise our need to listen, to understand, and to serve.

Jim Mein

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 October - Playlist For Life - Connecting Music, People and Memories - Founded by Sally Magnusson, this is a wonderful tool used in the care for people with Dementia. Come and hear what Playlist does and how it can make a difference.

Monday 27th October - Lavande - Liz Chalmers is going to give a demonstration of how versatile a scarf can be and give us some fashion ideas for this winter. This will be great fun and I am sure you will enjoy yourself.

SATURDAY 8th November - SOUP AND SANDWICH lunch in the church hall. As always there will be a selection of delicious homemade soups and sandwiches made to order by our ladies. Tickets will be available mid October from Pam, Linda, Doreen or Yvonne.

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.

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

Yvonne Gosling, Secretary

VESTRY MATTERS

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 August the income was £47,638

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £269.

Peter Hutchings

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014

Once again it was a busy meeting with lots to discuss. In the Ministry Report we heard that in the main, Jim and Ross were able to take the services with visiting priests invited as required. Ross and Jim were covering pastoral matters and dealing with anything that the Contact Group people or indeed about any matter to which any member of the congregation alerted them. (I think we keep them busy!)

It is hoped that the Mission Action Plan Group can meet soon to discuss the Plan prior to the appointment of a new Rector.

Ross represented Holy Trinity at the service in Dunfermline Abbey to commemorate World War 1. In addition he has been invited to attend Dunfermline Ministers Ecumenical Fraternal.

Peter's Finance Report was accepted and at Elaine's suggestion, consideration is to be given to setting up a Property Reserve.

VESTRY MATTERS

A group comprising Treasurers, Secretaries and 1 other Vestry member from both Holy Trinity and St. Margaret's are to meet, led by the Interim Rector, to discuss future joint funding of the Rector's Stipend and Travel expenses, Rectory expenses, and Expectations of Rector's duties for each charge.

We heard in Ken's Report that all internal decoration at the Rectory is now complete and the garden is looking good. The gardener will be asked to keep the grass and garden tidy while the Rectory is vacant. Two quotations for painting the railings outside the church are being sought and a firm is being consulted regarding the upgrading of the external noticeboard.

In the Young Church Report Elaine reported that after many years leading Young church Sheona Wedge had decided that the time had come for her to hand over to someone else. Marianne Lethiers is now going to take on that role. Sheona is still on hand to help where needed. Thank You, Sheona for your commitment to our Young Church. Sheona has worked through many initiatives over the years - the start of the Child Protection Scheme, setting up the Creche, The Holiday Club and much, much more. We owe her a deep sense of gratitude and welcome Marianne!

Jack informed us more about the proposed Christmas Tree Festival and you will hear of that as time goes on.

I reported on Andrew Morris's work with the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme.

I spoke of the response to date to the advert placed in the Church Times and reminded members of the shortlisting meeting with both Vestries and the Dean on 9th October. We will definitely let you know a) if we are able to shortlist and b) if the provisional date for interviews is confirmed.

The next Vestry Meeting is Monday 6th October 2014.

Fay Cuthbertson
Secretary.

*Playlist For Life in collaboration with The Paris Foundation
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TEA DANCE

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
AT THE GLEN PAVILION
2PM - 5PM

*Come party like it's 1940!
Dress Dapper!*

MUSIC FROM THE FABULOUS
LIVE SWING BAND

BABY ISSAC

Dancing

*1940's hair &
make up bar*

*Vintage bus
photo booth*

Raffle

Afternoon tea



PLAYLIST  FOR LIFE

Tickets can be purchased from Munroe's
Hairdressing & Beauty, DAFC club shop
& Thomson Cooper Accountants.

Our reporter in the field.....by Elaine Cromwell

Many of you will know that I am an accountant. Contrary to popular belief, the work of an accountant is rarely boring. It's varied and interesting and allows me to contribute to the work of countless organisations. I am privileged to meet, work with and often help, many fascinating and remarkable people. People who often believe they are 'ordinary' or 'nothing special' but who in fact, all have their own unique story and are an inspiration to others through their passion and enthusiasm for what they do.

And so it was through my work at Thomson Cooper that I found myself presenting an award on behalf of the firm, at the Fife Voluntary Action Awards Ceremony held at the Old Course Hotel in St. Andrews on Wednesday, 24th September. Imagine my surprise as I read through the list of nominations to see not one but two of our very own congregation listed for awards! Phil Smithard was present being recognised for over 40 years' service to the Scouting Association. Frances Jack was also there representing Dunfermline Samaritans which had been short-listed for the Voluntary Organisation of the Year award. And as the evening reached its climax, the two-hundred or so guests held their collective breath as the final winner was announced.....Samaritans of Dunfermline! Well done Frances and the team at Samaritans and, of course Phil too! The service you give is remarkable and a genuine inspiration to us all.



Frances Jack, Chair of Dunfermline Samaritans is pictured receiving the award from Eric Byiers, CEO of Fife Chamber of Commerce.

Saint of the Month

Saint Luke as we all know was one of the four evangelists and he is credited as not only writing the gospel attributed to him but also the Acts of the Apostles. Apart from that, we know very little about him other than that which we can deduce from his writings.

There is no mention of St Luke in any of the Gospels, nor does he refer to himself either by name or implication in his Gospel. It is a fairly safe assumption to say that he was not one of the disciples of Jesus during His ministry. He is, however, mentioned in several of St Paul's epistles (*Colossians 4 v14*, *2Timothy 4 v11* and *Philemon 1v24*). These references are without exception, passing on Luke's good wishes. They do however tell us that Luke was a disciple and close associate of St. Paul. This is further borne out by the style of Luke's writing in the Acts. In referring to things that happened he uses the third person but in chapter 20 he moves to the first person plural in describing Paul's journeys implying that he was accompanying Paul on his journeys and eventually was with him in Rome. This change in style occurred when he was describing St Paul reaching Troas and it has therefore been suggested that Luke was from that area. From the reference in Colossians St Paul passes on the greetings of the only Jewish disciples of his and then separately sends greetings from "our dear friend Luke, the Doctor" which has been taken by some as being firm evidence that Luke, the Evangelist was not a Jew but a Gentile and that he was a physician.

The content of St Luke's Gospel also raises some conjectures about him. His Gospel is the only one that mentions the Annunciation and the visit of the Angel to Mary with the words that eventually became the prayer of the Hail Mary; and Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, and the words of the Magnificat and also the loss of Jesus in the Temple. Where did Luke obtain this detail? Luke must either have got it from Mary herself or someone who was close to her. It is Luke's Gospel also that is the only one which tells of the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan leper returning to give thanks, and Jesus praising the faith of gentiles, such as Namaan the Syrian. Some

St Luke the Evangelist – 18th October

biblical scholars have suggested that Luke went out of his way to show that Christianity was not only for Jews.

To fill in any other details of Luke's life we are left only with tradition and legend that suggests he was born in Antioch. After St. Paul's martyrdom, legends ascribe him as having preached Christianity in various parts of the Roman Empire from Gaul to Anatolia and that he was eventually martyred. Other tradition says that he retired to Greece where he lived out his time writing and painting and died of natural causes at the age of 84 in Boetia and his remains were entombed in Thebes.

Legend credits St Luke as having painted the first icon of the Virgin Mary and over six hundred icons are claimed to have been painted by him. The most famous of these was venerated in Constantinople where it was destroyed. Some icons ascribed by legend to have been painted by Luke still exist including the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Vladimir and there is even one in India said to have been taken there by St Thomas. There is no historical evidence, however, to back up the claim that St Luke was an artist or that any of the icons were his work.

The sign of St Luke as an Evangelist is a winged bull and he is the Patron Saint of Physicians and Artists.



**Fr Ross will be celebrating the feast of
St. Luke the Evangelist at the 11am
service on Sunday, 19th October**

DUTY ROTA FOR OCTOBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
5 Oct	Helen Dalgity Malcolm Gosling	Adrienne and John Lyon	Monica Terry Doreen Esnol	Rebecca Cromwell Isobel Thomson Ron Hawkins	Young Church – All Age Service	Polly St. Aubyn
12	Jack Wardell John Kennedy	Andrew & Dorothy Nicol	Arthur & Edith Slack	Rod Key Brendan Grimley Fay Cuthbertson	Malcolm Gosling Gill Wardell	Yvonne Gosling
19	Ron Hawkins Adrienne Lyon	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger	Frances Jack Wendy Stephen	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Muriel McKenzie	Ivor Curran Doreen Esnol	Ron Hawkins
26	Linda Sherwood Eve Gilchrist	Peter & Jean Crabb	Malcolm and Yvonne Gosling	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Ron Hawkins	Sheana Wedge Iain Wedge	Brian Smith
2 Nov	Fay Cuthbertson Ivor Curran	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Rod Key Brendan Grimley	Caroline Mitchell Sarah Hunt	TBA

Readings for October			
5 Oct	All Age	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18	Luke 12: 16-13
12	Exodus 32: 1-14	Philippians 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-4
19	Isaiah 35: 3-6	2 Timothy 4: 5-17	Luke 10: 1-9
26	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	Matthew 22: 34-46
2 Nov	Revelation 7: 9-17	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 23: 1-12

STOP PRESS

Our 50/50 Club suffers small drop in membership!!

Dear Members,

Yes, it's true – the Club has reduced in members for the first time since it was formed in 2009, since when it has contributed over £10,000 to Holy Trinity funds.

What can we do about it? The first thing to consider is a recruitment drive – firstly aimed at members of our congregation who don't know how to join and secondly those members who, for their own reasons, have decided not to join. We could also ask our current members to seek interest among their friends and family.

For those new members in our congregation who may be interested in joining, the cost is £5 per subscription per month which is collected via bankers' order. Members can buy as many subscriptions as they wish and will each be given a unique number which is then entered into the monthly draw (usually the second Sunday in the month). Monies collected each month are split in half with one half being allocated to Holy Trinity and the other half going towards prizes. There are 3 prizes each month, the two top prizes being equal to two fifths of the prize money available for that month and a third prize being equal to the other one fifth. Current prizes have been of the order of £80 for each of the two top prizes and around £40 for the third prize.

It has been a difficult issue for some who regard it as a game of chance or gambling. However, I did put this issue to Father Ross who responded with a robust retort that "it isn't gambling, it's fundraising for a good cause ". So there we have it. Considering it in that context puts a different light on the issue.

So we have a club which makes a valuable contribution to Church funds and which also provides a wee bit of fun once a month and in the process brings a wee smile to three of our members.

Can I ask our existing members to seek interest among friends and family. Individuals interested in joining can seek further information together with application forms from any of the Club officials named below:-

John Kennedy, Chairman; Doreen Esnol, Secretary; Linda Sherwood, Treasurer; and James Geldart, Committee Member.

In the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank existing members for their continued support.

Best regards, John Kennedy. September 2014

On the 3rd of September the MU kicked off its new session by holding an evening meeting. We were delighted to welcome the Church of Scotland minister for Dunfermline Abbey, the Rev Mary-Anne Rennie and her trainee minister Linda, who both spoke about their call to serve God within the ministry. Both women were truly inspirational. They were frank, humorous, but most of all enthusiastic about their work in the church. They both spoke about their journey of faith and how well they were supported by the men in their lives. It was very interesting to hear how their husbands coped with being the vicar's husband. It got me thinking... could my husband whip up a cake and serve tea at a women's guild event or meeting at the manse? Definitely not...perhaps that is why I am a social worker and not a vicar! For Mary-Ann she said that it was her destiny, as from a very early age she would sermonize to an assortment of dolls, teddies and family members. Church services were her joy in life. She even spent some time in a Church of England school when her father got a job in England and states that she enjoyed the church services in the Anglican Church just as much as those she was used to in St Giles CofS in Edinburgh. Mary-Ann also said that the fact that no one ever told her "NO" spurred her on!

On the 20th September, Dorissia, Isobel Thomson and myself joined Linda Brownlie; Diocesan President, at St Mary's Broughty Ferry to celebrate the coming together of the two dioceses of Brechin and St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane. We were overjoyed to have the MU worldwide president Lynne Tembey, give the address at a really lovely service. Lynne spoke movingly of her visits overseas and how she has seen at first hand the inspirational work the MU does here in Britain and overseas. Lynne cut the giant cake celebrating what Bishop Nigel called "the marriage of the two dioceses and the role the MU has within this marriage".

It was great to welcome Sheona Wedge's mum back in our midst, as she was visiting Sheona and came along to see what we were up to. It was good to see her looking so well. The new programme looks set to be really interesting. The MU extends a warm welcome to anyone wishing to come along to the MU meetings. Isobel or Linda are always happy to let any new members know what is going on. I'm looking forward to the next MU meeting after I return from my trip to New Zealand where I am visiting Paul, Emma and Jessica!

Much love, Valerie Leslie

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

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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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2014

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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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