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Alison on page 2 describes some of the important journeys in her life and invites us to think about our own life journeys; to recognise that we are not alone in our travels, that God is our constant companion. On page 6 there

is an interesting extract from a mariner's account of a journey from Ireland to Australia. Last month, our Wives' Group heard from Andrew Wedge about his 5 day walking pilgrimage from Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Andrew will also be talking at the next St Margaret's 'Sunday@Six' event on 25th October, so if you would like to hear more of his experience, try to get along to St. Margaret's, Rosyth for 6pm that Sunday. And then on page 8 you can read of another of our members, Tony Clapham, who will undertake a decidedly exotic trek in November.

I've been thinking about my own life journey lately. I've concluded it's time to move on a little; to go off in a slightly different direction. I am keen to devote more of my time to developing our Young Church and supporting Alison in my role as Rector's Warden. Unfortunately, I just can't free up the time elsewhere and so have (with regret) taken the decision to resign from

my role as your magazine compiler and editor. While I am aware that there may not be a long queue of people volunteering to take on the role, I am sure that ultimately it will prove to be a good thing for our magazine, as a new editor will bring new ideas and a new perspective. If you are interested or would like to know more of what is involved, please let me know. I am hoping that someone can take on the role fairly soon but of course it will be 'business as usual' for the time being anyway.

So, until next time....perhaps.

*Elaine*

### ***In this issue....***

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## ***Rev'd Alison Cozens – sermon 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015***

The image of the three year old boy washed up on the beach has shocked us all this week. Whatever we feel about the struggle in Syria and the escalation of events which has led to the mass exodus of its people, deep in our hearts we know that to ignore the plight of the migrants is wrong. Even the Prime Minister David Cameron admitted that as a father he was shocked by this image and by implication it has led him to review his decision about the numbers allowed into the UK.

In a similar way in the Gospel story, Jesus is challenged by the woman to change his view about the healing of the child with a demon. We don't always get it right the first time, the art is to act with humility and redeem the situation.

As I see the photographs in this week's newspapers and as I reflect and pray about migrants flocking into Europe, it troubles me as I think about the desperation which leads people to leave their homes and families and to seek refuge in a strange land. Is there some way we can be more welcoming in Europe?

Most of the journeys that you and I undertake in our lives are well planned and thought through, whether we are travelling by train or boat or aeroplane, not like the journeys these migrants are making. But perhaps the making of a journey at all can be a lesson, a point of learning for us?

My earliest journey was on a boat from Australia to England when I was two years old. I have an old photograph which shows me clutching my koala bear standing on the ship's deck on my second birthday. My mother had been advised to go to a warmer climate to have me and so my parents emigrated to Australia for a couple of years but my sister was born back here in Chatham in Kent where we grew up. In fact next week when Peter and I are on holiday we shall be meeting up with my dad to have a look round Chatham dockyard!

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The next significant journey in my life was the move from Kent to St Andrews University and I vividly remember the long overnight coach that brought me and a couple of my school friends to the university open day in the summer of 1980.

Maybe because my mother was born on an island I never did learn to swim and I get seasick very easily. The third really significant journey in my life was in 1995 I made a special trip on the RMS St Helena to visit the island of my mother's birth. But I famously never got there because I ruptured my Achilles' Tendon playing deck tennis as we crossed the Equator.

The Ship's doctor was very good: "Alison", he said, "either you can have some co-codamol tablets or you can visit the bar and have a double gin." No choice really in that one! I was taken off the ship at Ascension Island and flown back to Brise Norton in an RAF jet. The only time I have travelled in an RAF jet! The three days I had on Ascension were great and as it happens it was a Methodist minister who was the chaplain there at the time and he kindly showed me round the island. So close and yet so far, less than a hundred miles from St Helena.

I imagine that many of you here can recount stories of travelling by ship in times of peace and in times of war. I imagine that many of you can recount stories of journeys that have changed your lives, where you met your spouse or encountered a special friend. In your travels perhaps you have been surprised by the kindness of strangers.

The journey of faith parallels the journey of life, with its times of joy and times of sorrow, times of setting out on a journey full of anticipation and times of homecoming.

The art is to see God's hand at work in our lives, sometimes only with hindsight, to recognise that God travels with us in the help and companionship of both friend and stranger.

Turning to our scripture readings for today, we know that Martin Luther the great reformer famously called the epistle of

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James an 'epistle of straw'. Whereas St Paul insisted on justification by faith alone, the epistle of James seems to imply that works are needed as well. In Galatians 5:6 Paul speaks about 'faith working through love' so perhaps both writers are acknowledging that the outworking of faith are good works.

So what good works does our faith produce in us today? Only you can answer that question. In the Gospel reading, Jesus' remarks to the woman are very pointed, "you cannot give the children's bread to the dogs" but she is equally persuasive, "even the dogs eat the crumbs from the table".

In this encounter we see Jesus acknowledge the Gentile woman and extend his message of good news beyond the Jewish people.

Both these readings today speak to me of a journey of faith from one rather narrow perspective or interpretation to a more generous reading and outlook.

We know that Jesus had to walk the lonely road to Jerusalem and at first, he was welcomed by the crowds crying Hosanna, because they thought he was going to bring them political freedom from the oppression of the Romans but then the mood changed and the crowd cries Crucify him! They cannot believe that God would send his only Son for the redemption of the world.

We, who follow Jesus in our own day, are sometimes called to walk a lonely path alongside the sick or dying, alongside the poor or desperate, and we, with God's grace, can bring God's healing compassion and sustenance for the journey.

As then we reflect today on the scripture readings, may we be prompted to good works as an outpouring of our faith and may we look to the needs of the stranger in our midst and seek to serve in Jesus' name and for his sake.

Let us pray:

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God of the journey  
and protector of all who trust in you;  
You led your people in safety through the desert  
and brought them to a land of plenty.  
Be with us your people here today  
and fill us with a Spirit of love and trust in you.  
Be present also to those who are travelling today  
on holiday or by necessity fleeing conflict.  
Preserve each of us from all harm  
and bring us all safely to our journey's end.  
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139*



### **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**

This year the Wives Group we are putting together shoe boxes on behalf of ROTARY International. The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares. There will be a list of desired items in the pew sheet on Sunday 11th October. If you would be able to donate any of these items, it would be very much appreciated. We will be assembling the boxes at the beginning of November. You can also make a cash donation and the Wives Group will purchase the items. Please see Pam Grimley, Linda Sherwood or Yvonne Gosling.

In view of the recent 'Sea Sunday' service incorporating the appeal for Missions to Seamen and the handing over of knitted items, I thought the following extract from 'Around the World in a Four-Masted Barque', by Eric Newby would be of interest to the congregation. *Peter Crabb*

The Barque, a Finnish sailing vessel named Moshulu, had unloaded grain in Belfast and set sail again on 18th October 1938 for Australia, on what turned out to be the Last Grain Race.

On Saturday 24th December in the Southern ocean, during freezing rain, squalls and hailstones as big as peas, the crew spring cleaned the vessel and dressed in their best clothes available. The Captain summoned all hands and made a little speech before they all went down for pre Christmas dinner with Akvavit (a flavoured spirit), after which they were given 50 cigarettes and they sang hymns.

"At nine o'clock we all queued up outside the captain's stateroom to receive our Christmas presents from the Missions to Seamen. I entered the 'Great Hall' and the Captain held out a hat to me, full of pieces of paper. The one I took was number 7 (Number 7 for England's hope) and the Steward handed me a parcel with 7 on it. I dashed back to the fo'c'sle to open it and inside the wrappings was a fine blue knitted scarf, a pair of grey mittens and a pair of stout brown socks. Inside the scarf was a Christmas card (in Finnish) from Aina Karlsson, Finland and I thought of her knitting woollies with loving care for unknown sailors in sailing ships. The crew compared presents and the finest haul was deemed to be a woollen helmet that pulled over head and ears with a long scarf attached. By then it was 9.45 and I went in search of my bunk"

REMEMBER - there will be an ecumenical service with Bishop David at St. Margaret's Rosyth on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. Anyone who wishes to attend and is having transport problems please contact Pam Lynn in church or on 01383 881974 or via email on [pamlynn46@hotmail.com](mailto:pamlynn46@hotmail.com) as the vestry is looking into the possibility of arranging transport.

I hope to see you all there! *Alison*



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

At the end of August the income was £54,747 and the expenditure £50,401 giving a surplus of £4,346.

This financial year we have had the pleasure of Alison as our Rector for only six months therefore next year our expenditure will increase by at least £10,000. I will give you detailed figures at the Annual General Meeting, however you may anticipate that I will be asking for an increase in income.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £315

***Peter Hutchings***

## Easy Fundraising

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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline to say thank you for shopping with them. It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htcd>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Holy Trinity Church Dunfermline will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support. *Sheona Wedge*

## Another member of our congregation dons their walking boots.....



In November, Tony Clapham is undertaking a very exotic sponsored walk to the amazing archaeological site of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. His trek, which will last just over a week, will be both exotic and decidedly warm! Not only will this be a great personal journey, Tony is hoping to raise funds for two worth-while charities, close to his heart.

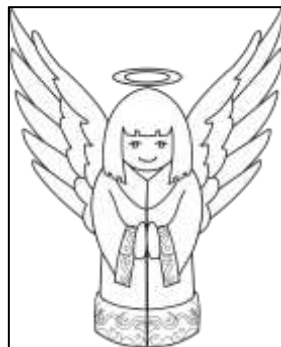
Street Pastors, as many of you will know, work in city centres across the UK to keep people safe at the weekends. Tony is part of the Edinburgh Street Pastors initiative, and intends that 50% of the monies donated will go to Edinburgh Street Pastors to support the work they do.

MercyShips work with the poorest of the poor in the communities that exist around many port cities in Africa, Central America and elsewhere. The charity brings hope and healing through community development support and life-changing surgeries to those who would have no other way of receiving much-needed medical treatment. Tony has been involved in different ways with MercyShips and the work they do since 1993. He intends the remainder of the monies received will go to support the work they do.

If you would like to support these causes and encourage Tony on his trek, a sponsorship sheet will be available in church. Tony asks us to consider giving what we can to make a difference to many people's lives.

Young Church invites everyone to a soup lunch and fun 'Angel Drive' on Sunday, 22 November. The event will take place after the 11am service (once coffee is finished). We will be serving a variety of soups with bread followed by a few games of 'Angel Drive', a variation of the traditional Beetle Drive - a quick and exciting game for all ages! Tickets are £2.50 for people over 12. There will be a tombola too and if you have any donations for prizes, please hand these to a Young Church leader.

Hope to see you there!



## 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 5th October** - Scottish Air Ambulance - James Geldart will give a presentation and tell us about this wonderful organisation. Who knows, any one of us might need their services one day - and be very glad to see them.

**Monday 19th October** - Teddies for Tragedies - these are something any one of us could make. Norma Brown from South Queensferry Church will tell us about the difference these small gifts make to a child who has nothing. Also about the other things she helps distribute to parts of the world in need.

**Monday 2nd November** - Shoe boxes - we meet to put together all of the items donated by the congregation and friends for the boxes. The recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.

We have a really interesting programme of events for this year, details are in the church hall on the Notice Board outside the kitchen. All of these events are held in the Church Hall, start at 7.30 pm. and we are normally heading home by 9.00 pm.

Yvonne Gosling  
Secretary

### September 50/50 Club winners

		No.	
1st	Harry Sumnal	39	£100
2nd	Michelle Fearnley	55	77
3rd	Gill & Jack Wardell	52	38
	Donation to Holy Trinity		£215

## Saint of the Month – St. Jude 28<sup>th</sup> October

Readers in the congregation may be aware of the Hardy novel "*Jude the Obscure*" but of course this has nothing to do with St Jude though the adjective "obscure" could well be applied to him as the Apostle about which we know least. There is no mention of St Jude by the name Jude in the New Testament except as the writer of the Epistle of St Jude. In lists of the Apostles in Luke 6.16 and Acts 1.13 as well as Judas Iscariot a second Judas (a relation of St James and a kinsman of Our Lord) is listed and it is now generally accepted that the second Judas is the St Jude that we now include in the names of the 12 Apostles. We do not even know what relation he was of St James; the earliest Greek manuscripts only refer to him as Judas of James and some translators have put this down as being the brother of James while others talk of the son of James. There are further complications in that some early manuscripts describe St Thadeus as Jude-Thadeus. The general opinion of biblical scholars is that Judas of James, and St Jude are the same

person and that it is likely that St Thadeus could also be another name for St Jude. It has been suggested that this confusion over names is due to the evangelists being loath to saddle one of their number with the name of Judas the hated traitor. To avoid further confusion I will just refer to him as St Jude in the rest of this article.

For further information about him we have to rely on legend from the early church and apocryphal writings including an Acts of Saints Simon and Jude, a collection of legends about the two saints.

According to such legends he was the son of Clopas and a second cousin of the Virgin Mary. One legend says he was the bridegroom at the wedding at Cana

Another legend is that King Abgar of Edessa, in South East Turkey, having heard of Christ's curing the sick, wrote to Jesus seeking a cure for an illness. Our Lord being impressed with his faith sent his envoy back with his likeness painted or impressed on a cloth. After the

Passion and Ascension, St Thomas sent Jude to King Abgar who was cured and as a result, he with his subjects were converted to Christianity. Jude is therefore still venerated in that part of the world. Tradition has it that St Jude built a Church in Edessa, Abgar's capital; The first Christian Church Building ever.

It is said that he preached Christianity widely in Judea, the Lebanon, Syria, Mesopotamia, Armenia and Libya and he was martyred along with St Simon, the Zealot, in Beirut about 65a.d. His bones were eventually taken to Rome and

interred in St Peter's. There is even an alternative version of this which suggests the two saints were martyred in the north of Iraq and the remains were taken and laid to rest in an Armenian monastery.

In the early church there developed a devotion to St Jude as the patron of lost causes, maybe because in his epistle he says that even as sinful souls are being committed to hell,

salvation for them is still possible - a good epistle to look at if you want a touch of the brimstone and fire theology. St Bernard and St Bridget of Sweden are both recorded as having visions telling them to accept St Jude as the patron of achieving the impossible.

St Jude shares his feast day with St Simon who was martyred with him.



As already mentioned, he is the Patron Saint of Lost Causes. He is also one of the Patron Saints of Armenia and the Philippines. He may be asked to intercede in prayers for hospitals. For some unknown reason he has been adopted by

the Chicago Police Department as its patron – does that mean they are worried about the lack of success in solving crime?

One final snippet from legend: he is supposed to have been a vegetarian.



## DUTY ROTA FOR OCTOBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
4 Oct	Tony Clapham Helen Dalgity	Frances Jack Adrienne Lyon	Helen Dalgity Doreen Esnol	Andrew Wedge Eve Gilchrist Brendan Grimley	Ivor Curran Brian Smith	Rebecca Cromwell
11	Pam Lynn Adrienne Lyon	Barbara Key Sheila Hawkins	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rod Key Andrew Wedge Andy Nicholl	YF Member YF Member	Pam Grimley
18			Service at St. Margaret's Rosyth			
25	Eve Gilchrist Rodney Key	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Eve Gilchrist Monica Terry	Rebecca Cromwell Eve Gilchrist Rod Key	Andy Nicholl Doreen Esnol	TBC
1 Nov	James & Hazel Geldart	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Wendy Stephen Janice Mohr	Rod Key Muriel McKenzie Isobel Thomson	Tony Clapham Pamela Grimley	TBC

### Readings for October

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4 Oct	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10: 2-16
11	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10: 17-31
18	Job 38: 1-7 (34- 41)	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10: 35-45
25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10: 46-52
1 Nov	Ruth 1:1-18	Hebrews 9:11-14	John 11: 32-44

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 8.00am Eucharist will continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month until further notice.



## Next Copy Deadline

# 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015

(magazines in church 8<sup>th</sup> November – slightly later than usual due to holiday and other commitments of the editor!)

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

### *giftaid it*

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