

Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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**Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline with
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		Sung Eucharist	11am
		Young Church	11am
	Thursday	Eucharist	10.15am

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September will see people living in Scotland facing the single, biggest political decision of a generation or even a lifetime. Our Bishop has written several articles recently stating that churches are best to remain agnostic regarding the question. Writing in the Herald

last year, Bishop David said “I believe churches should be agnostic – indeed should be absolutely determined not to have a view – on issues of constitution, flags and governance. In the membership of our churches there will be people on either side of this debate. They are entitled to hold and to express their views without finding themselves any more or less respected as members of our churches.”

I very much subscribe to this view however I don't believe this means we should ignore what is, regardless of your stance regarding the actual question, a prodigious opportunity for the people of Scotland to engage in true democracy. I am heartened that the polls suggest that the turn out for the referendum will be very high and that people are taking part in the debate as there are other occasions when I feel we have become rather apathetic in terms of truly engaging with questions of democracy and community and as a society at times, can be perhaps rather individualistic.

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For me, it also brings into sharp contrast, events in parts of the rest of the world; in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Israel to name a few. Places where there is little or no democracy, where fear, violence and oppression dominate. I feel thankful that I can only imagine what it must be like to live in such areas. I pray that as we each take the walk to our local polling stations on 18th September, we remember how fortunate we are and each of us pray for peace and democracy for all peoples of the world.

Elaine x

From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Holy Trinity – I mean the congregation, not God – God presumably knows what I'm writing before I do – anyway.....

We have started on the process of looking for a Rector again but I want to write now about the immediate future. I think a year, or even perhaps two, between Rectors can be a very positive and creative time. It helps develop lay responsibility and leadership and it provides a time to take stock and discuss what the future may be.

To be honest I think we have done the first (lay leadership) better than the second (taking stock) and that is my fault. A group of us did in my first Lent look at congregational life from different angles but particularly since we started the process of advertising we have perhaps drifted a bit, expecting a result quicker than one seems to be coming.

Advent may be the official start of the Church year but in practical terms 'the Church season' tends to run from September to May. Our Young Church is just starting up again, the Mother's Union, the Wives group, the Prayer group and others begin their meetings. How do we want to grow? What do we want to be?

I'm trying to think how we might use the coming months so that the new Rector can come and find two communities, in their separate but mutually appreciative ways, ready to hit the ground running. There is so much good stuff at Holy Trinity that it can be a group who not only help their own members to deepen their lives, and not only a group who serve the surrounding community in a variety of ways, but also a group who give a great deal to the wider Church and world.

The truth is we will not survive by drifting. I know, as I said above, that many of you have been far from drifting – keeping the congregation going with the increased lay responsibility for

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leadership has been hard work. And also of course many of you have very demanding work and family responsibilities. But perhaps as a community we need to be enthused, to be filled with that spirit which makes our Christian lives fulfilling. Being in the Church must not be an additional burden on busy lives but the well from which energy flows. Maybe we can think about that between now and Christmas.

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 15th September - Jennifer Slack will come and tell us what it was like and what was involved in being a 'Clydesider' (one of the volunteer helpers) at the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Monday 29th September - Jenny Stook is coming to talk about the effects Dementia has on communication between the sufferer and those around them. She will also explain to us all the purpose and importance of 'Care Plans'

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.

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

Baking Stall

Sunday, 14th September

Harvest Festival 2014

Volunteers are required to help decorate the church for our All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 5th October.

Decorating will take place on Saturday 4th October from 10am.

If you can help or would like to make a donation, please contact Gill Wardell on 722948



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 July the income was £44,329

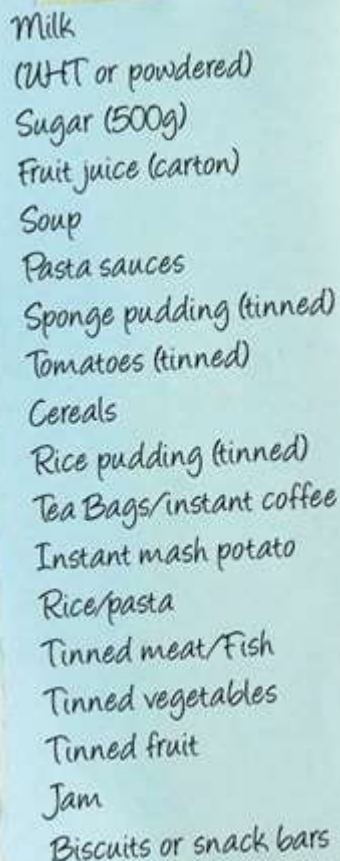
The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £269.

Peter Hutchings

Harvest Retiring Collection – 5th October

Our service of thanksgiving for Harvest will take place on Sunday 5th October. This will be an All Age Service and the Young Church will be playing an active role in the service.

There will be a retiring collection that day in aid of our local Foodbank. John Drylie has written to us and his letter is reproduced on the next page. As well as needing regular donations of food and other supplies, like all charities, the Foodbank also requires cash donations to help with running costs. The charity has asked us to think about making a cash donation this year either instead of or in addition to bringing in a small donation of food or toiletries. Please bear in mind the types of things that the Foodbank needs and make sure cans and other food items still have a reasonable shelf-life. You can leave any donations of food-stuffs or toiletries in the basket in the church vestibule, as usual.



- Milk
(UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tea Bags/instant coffee
- Instant mash potato
- Rice/pasta
- Tinned meat/Fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits or snack bars



Please support our

Harvest Appeal

Harvest Retiring Collection – 5th October



Holy Trinity Dunfermline

16th August 2014

Dear Holy Trinity Church,

Harvest Festival 2014

We want to thank all at Holy Trinity Church again for your support last year in collecting food for Dunfermline foodbank. We would be delighted if you would consider donating food to our Harvest appeal again this year.

Last year Harvest Festival collections from various organisations totalled over 2.9 tonnes of much needed food. Throughout the year, Dunfermline foodbank was able to provide food to 1940 adults and 950 children, the demands on the foodbank are as strong as ever and this is where we need your help.

Will you continue to partner with us to help make a difference in our community? You may like to organise a collection in your Church. We could provide transport if you are unable to deliver the food to us. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. I have enclosed the Harvest Collection pack for your use and ask that you would send the response slip to us so we can ensure our contact data is up to date.

Thank you for your time and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Drylie", written over a horizontal line.

John Drylie

Harvest Festival Appeal

07580 231286

dunfermlinefoodbank@gmail.com

Young Church News

Young church resumed after our summer break on Sunday, 24th August. The Young Church leaders met during the school holidays to discuss and plan the year ahead. Since the children are growing older we have agreed with Jim to stay in church as part of the main service for a little longer each week. From Sunday 7th September, therefore, the Young Church will process behind the choir into the church and take part in the service until just before the first reading at which point we will leave to go down to the hall and continue our worship. We will come back into church as usual, for our blessing at Communion and the remainder of the service.

Elaine

Seven young people from Holy Trinity recently enjoyed a week of worship, fun activities, lively debates and great grub at Glen14 - the Scottish Episcopal Church's youth camp held annually at Glenalmond College in Perthshire.

Each house group took responsibility for leading one of the services of worship which included dance, drama, singing and blowing bubbles - definitely something we should try at Holy Trinity!

Great bonds of friendship were formed and renewed during our week away and last week we had our first Glen Reunion at Tembu's church in Edinburgh. Thank you to everyone at Holy Trinity for making it possible for us to go to Glen and be with people our own age who share our faith. Thanks too to all the leaders at Glen (you know who you are!) - you made the week!

HT YF

St. Wenceslaus - 28th September

Saint of the Month
St. Wenceslaus
28th September

Most people when St Wenceslaus is mentioned are likely to think of carol singers and Christmas. Around a fortnight before Christmas, the doorbell would sound and on answering, one would be met by a

group of three or four youngsters singing Good King Wenceslaus. If they completed a full verse it might be worth tuppence and if when challenged, they actually knew the second verse (which was a rarity) they might even be given sixpence. St. Wenceslaus in real life, had nothing to do with Christmas and indeed was not a king, good or otherwise.

St. Wenceslaus was actually a Duke of Bohemia, who was born about 907AD. At that time Bohemia, which roughly equates to the Czech Republic of today, was Christian but only just – at that time the Pagan religion still flourished.

During that time, central Europe in the area of what is now the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria and Southern Germany, was a cockpit of independent dukedoms jockeying for position amongst themselves and at the same time having to repel attacks from the pagan Magyars and Polish Slavs advancing from the east. Wenceslaus defeated a rebellious Duke and defended Prague when it was attacked by King Henry I of the Eastern Franks. He was also able to maintain Bohemia's position by an astute foreign policy of changing alliances and payments of tributes to the King of Carinthia who in turn, paid tribute to the Magyars.

As a ruler of Bohemia, Wenceslaus was outstanding by the standards of that time. When most rulers lined their pockets by exacting onerous taxes on their subjects, Wenceslaus led a comparatively humble life and according to legend would go barefoot accompanied by just one servant to distribute food and alms to the poor. He also had a rotunda

St. Wenceslaus - 28th September

built dedicated to St. Vitus and this today forms part of St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague.

His rule came to a sudden and sad end however, when in 935AD his younger brother Boleslav, wanting to take over as ruler of Bohemia, invited Wenceslaus to a church service to celebrate the feast of SS Cosmas and Damian. Boleslav picked a quarrel with his brother and on his way back to Prague after the service, three of Boleslav's henchmen attacked and assassinated Wenceslaus.

Wenceslaus was so loved by his people that they acclaimed him a saint almost immediately, and because of his reputation, the Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously conferred on Wenceslas the title of king, and Pope Pius II several centuries later formally recognised him as a saint.

So what about the Christmas carol? It was written in America in 1853 based on a Czech folk poem and quickly became popular in America and England.

There is also a Czech legend that when the Czech people are threatened, the statue of St Wenceslaus in Wenceslaus Square in Prague will come alive and the Saint will lead an army of his knights said to be sleeping under Mount Blanik to fight and overcome any assailants (although it didn't seem to protect the Czechs for the Germans in 1938 nor from the Russians ten years later).



St. Wenceslaus is the Patron Saint of the Czech Republic and his feast day of 28th September is a public holiday in the Czech Republic and has been adopted as the Czech National Day.

The Independence Debate

As 18 September approaches members of the College of Bishops have been voicing their views in a range of articles for the Press and on websites. A selection of these articles is available on the Scottish Episcopal Church website:

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/issues-in-society/independence-referendum>

Referendum Prayer

A Prayer from the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain, at which the Scottish Episcopal Church is represented, to be said at the time of the Scottish Independence Referendum. The prayer is inspired by Psalm 104:

Lord, we bless you
for you have fashioned our land and daily refresh it;
you have sent forth your spirit and created us;
you have opened your hand and filled us with good things.
Bless us, your people, as we consider the future of our nation.
May your glory endure here for ever and may we sing to you as long as we live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

DUTY ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
7 Sept	Ron Hawkins Pam Lynn	TBA	TBA	Rod Key Pam Lynn Isobel Thomson	Adrienne Lyon Fances Jack	Linda Brownlie
14	Jack Wardell Adrienne Lyon	Catherine Duncan Eve Gilchrist	Arthur & Edith Slack	Rebecca Fleming Brendan Grimley Ron Hawkins	Eve Gilchrist Linda Sherwood	Malcolm Gosling
21	Linda Sherwood John Kennedy	Peter & Jean Crabb	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Rebecca Cromwell Fay Cuthbertson Rod Key	Brian Smith Rod Key	Elaine Cromwell
28	Ron Hawkins Ivor Curran	Frances Jack Wendy Stephen	Brenda Waterfield Grace Soanes	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Muriel McKenzie	Muriel McKenzie Linda Brownlie	Adrienne Lyon
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

Readings for September			
7 Sept	Exodus 12:1-6	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
14	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
21	Exodus 16:2-15	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
28	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
5 Oct	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46

The nights are fair drawing in.....

Vestry has agreed to a proposal to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in the Church this year from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th December.

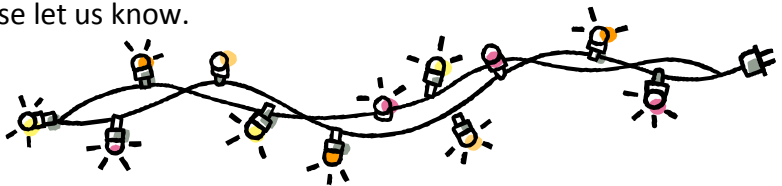
The general format is to provide space in the church against the walls down both sides of the pews and Christmas trees will be placed on boards that span over the pew seat backs. Groups, businesses, charities (reduced or zero payment) and individuals will be invited to pay a small fee and decorate their tree. The festival will open the church to the public. Times TBA.

We initially envisage that we will have space for about 20 trees which will be about 3 or 4 ft tall. We will supply the trees by arranging bulk supply via the forestry commission or a garden centre.

Admission will be free but the visiting public will be invited to contribute by donation. It is hoped that tea/coffee can be on sale in the hall.

A small group has been formed to help coordinate this event: Stephen Campbell, Adrienne Lyon, Linda Sherwood and Jack Wardell. If you have any ideas of possible sponsors or would like to help during the festival please let us know.

Jack



TEA/COFFEE ROTA

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Sunday morning tea/coffee. If you are able to help would you please speak with Doreen Esnol or Helen Dalgity.

Who's Who at HOLY TRINITY

Secretary	Fay Cuthbertson	726243
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Lay Rep	Linda Brownlie	-
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	Malcolm Gosling	851605
	James Geldart	734997
	Jack Wardell	722948
	Adrienne Lyon	
	Linda Sherwood	416558
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Sacristan	Frances Jack	721683
Flowers	Gill Wardell	722948
Cleaner	Brenda Waterfield	734309
Young Church	Marianne Lethiers	07814 068369
Dorcas Group	Sheila Hawkins	725955
Mothers' Union	Isobel Thomson	624322
Wives Group	Pam Grimley	851473
	Yvonne Gosling	851605
Women's Guild	Catherine Duncan	432832
HT 50/50 Club	John Kennedy	511981
	Linda Sherwood	416558
	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	James Geldart	734997
Sunday Coffee	Doreen EsnoI	621054
	Helen Dalgity	726350
Hall Booking	Ken Spink	735732

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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