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

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Hello, September!

And hello again readers! I hope, like me, you have managed to have a break this summer and have enjoyed some rest and relaxation. Or perhaps like our Rector Alison and her husband Peter, you will be taking leave soon, now that the busiest part of the holiday

season is over. Whatever you may have been up to during July and August, welcome back!

On page 6 you can read of what some of our young people were up to one week in August when they attended the Scottish Episcopal Church's annual youth camp at Glenalmond College in beautiful, rural Perthshire. And on pages 7 & 8 you will find reports of two other recent events – the Summer Praise held at St. Margaret's, Rosyth on 23rd August and the 'Garvock Gallop' (from which I have only very recently recovered!).

While summer may now be over, I nonetheless always look forward to the vibrant red, golden and bronze days of autumn. At this time of year, we give thanks for another harvest safely gathered in, yet remember there is still much work to be done; the Kingdom of Heaven is still very much being built – perhaps more of that next month. Arrangements for our service of Harvest Thanksgiving can be found on page 3. There's an update from Vestry on pages 4 & 5 and our Treasurer, Peter Hutchings has asked me to highlight that a Lighting Fund has been opened with the aim of raising £2,300 to pay for the cost of repairing and enhancing the chancel, pulpit and lectern lighting. The fund currently stands at £200. Please mark any donations to the fund as 'Lighting Fund'.

New programmes for Young Church, Youth Fellowship and Wives' Group are also now underway – you can find details on pages 8 & 9 and also on the website. Until next month....

Elaine

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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” John F Kennedy

Alison has asked us all to reflect upon a recent blog post from Bishop David as we look towards the future and how we support and nurture the young within our congregations.

<http://churchgrowthmodelling.blogspot.co.uk/2015/07/anglican-church-decline-in-west-data.html>

<http://churchgrowthmodelling.blogspot.co.uk/2015/08/anglican-church-decline-in-west.html>

The statistics make sobering reading. I think I understand why they reach the conclusion they do. I don't believe that the church will be extinct in 2043. But it will almost certainly look very different.

Most of our clergy and people recognise the challenge we face. There are important things to say about both the nature of the church and the nature of Scottish society. But at its simplest there are too many congregations which either have an age profile uncomfortably tipped towards the older end or which are just too few. There comes a point beyond which it is simply very difficult to grow back because the existing congregation doesn't have enough contact across the spectrum of age in its own community.

As I say, most of our clergy and people understand the reality of that challenge. That's why a commitment to mission and growth – call it Casting the Net or whatever you like – is becoming normative in most of our congregations. We have a far better understanding these days of what it takes to make disciples and to build congregations.

Of which more another day.

www.bishopdavid.net 30 August 2015

Harvest - Sunday 20th September

Our Harvest Service this year is on Sunday 20th September at 11am. Our worship that day will be an All Age Sung Eucharist and Marion Keston will be presiding. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Foodbank and you can bring donations of tinned and dried food, toiletries, biscuits and non-perishable items which will be added to our regular collections for the Dunfermline Foodbank.



In the church hall after the service, the Choir will be hosting a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch for the whole congregation. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Tickets can be obtained from a member of the choir.



ALSO on Sunday 20th September, Holy Trinity will again be taking part in the 'Doors Open

Day', a nationwide initiative organised by the Scottish Civic Trust, which gives members of the public free access to a vast range of interesting buildings, many of which are not usually open to the general public. If you can spare an hour that afternoon to greet visitors and share something of the history of our church building, please contact Brendan Grimley or Pam Lynn.

Update from Vestry

Over the summer Vestry has, instead of the usual break, met monthly primarily to deal with business arising and to facilitate Alison's early months in her new charge. We also have said a warm thank you to Fay Cuthbertson who stood down recently after many years of faithful service as Secretary to the Vestry.

Topics have been wide ranging and we list some more significant non routine items below.

- The Organ: The church organ has been giving some problems for some time with piecemeal maintenance fixes ongoing. Vestry decided that a full review of the condition of the organ was required. This is underway and 3 specialist companies have been invited to inspect the organ and submit a condition report with their repair recommendations. Vestry will review these and decide how to proceed. This is likely to result in a longer term project which may be preceded by funding considerations including assessment of available grant funding.
- Bishop David's visit to Rosyth on 18th October. HT will be supporting this special service at St Margaret's which is being held as a celebration of their centenary. Holy Trinity members are encouraged to attend this service.
- Vestry has supported and encouraged the Youth Fellowship in their activities through the summer. Several YF members attended the Diocesan Gathering in Perth in June and also they were prominent participants in the Glen15 youth week at Glenalmond.
- Vestry is exploring ways towards growth with particular emphasis on the development of a strategy for Young Church and encouraging and welcoming young families to our church.

Update from Vestry

- We are also aiming to improve our communication to the wider community through publicity to attract more visitors and prospective members.
- Property management continues to require attention; recent topics include;
 - Lectern Steps recently constructed by Ken - thank you.
 - Chancel, pulpit and lectern Lighting - a scheme for a long term solution to renew and improve this lighting is in progress. This will require scaffolding in the church but the aim is to complete within a week so that Sunday worship should not be affected.
 - Building Repairs and maintenance
 - Renovation of the church garden area and external hall door.
 - A tidy up and refreshing of the church noticeboards is in progress.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th October 2015 when we will be reviewing the Budget proposal for 2015-16.

Jack Wardell

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

At the end of July the income was £51,127 and the expenditure £45,537 giving a surplus of £5,591.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £344.

Peter Hutchings, Treasurer

Glen '15

On Sunday 2nd August 5 young people from Holy Trinity travelled to Glenalmond college in Perthshire to spend a week with more than 50 other young people from all over Scotland and one delegate all the way from Sweden. We got up to lots of different activities including a Murder Mystery (written by our very own Jenny Stooke), a disco, ceilidh, talent show and an amble. We also had the opportunity to do craft, cooking, film making, sing and play music, discuss important issues and take part in various sports and games. Each day we produced our own daily newspaper. The highlight of the week for many was the giant water slide and bouncy castle.

Glenalmond is very different from church as we get to plan and organise our own worship and each House Group takes a turn to do this. Previously Glenalmond was spread over 2 weeks but this year we all came together in the same week and we were able to make lots of new friends as well as connecting with old ones. We are so thankful to the church for subsidising the cost of this amazing experience and to the many leaders who give of their time including Andrew Wedge, Heather Combe (Hedge) from our church. Although "what goes on at Glen stays at Glen" members of the congregation are invited to try to find out a little more by asking any of us who attended.

Iain Wedge and Rebecca Cromwell

WELL DONE ANDREW! Congratulations to Andrew Wedge on completing his 5 day, 150km walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela – more next month.

Summer Praise!

Imagine my surprise when I walked into St. Margaret's, Rosyth to find the straight rows of chairs gone, replaced by a lively café scene! The Fife Ukulele Orchestra in bright red tops sitting at tables on the left and members of the church congregations around tables on the right. On each table there were savouries, cakes and big jugs of juice. Extra chairs had to be pulled out and space made as more people arrived to enjoy the evening.

There were songs we all joined in with and some sung just by the choir. They entertained us and made us laugh but you could hear a pin drop when they gave us a rendition of 'Steal Away'. There were readings, poems and prayers, as the programme said, 'Giving thanks for all that makes our two churches in Rosyth'. It was an excellent evening which I thoroughly enjoyed.

All that was missing was you!

Linda Sherwood



REMEMBER - ecumenical service with Bishop David at St. Margaret's Rosyth on Sunday 18th October at 11.00am. I hope to see you all there!

Youth Fellowship - September to December activities programme is available on the website and on the notice board in the church hall.

Andrew Wedge

<http://holytrinitychurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/YF-Poster-2015-Q3-4.pdf>

Horsing Around - Garvock Gallop 2015

A fun afternoon was had by all at the 3rd Garvock Gallop which was attended by 45 church members, friends and family. Thankfully the weather held out and the races provided opportunity for some participants to hide their competitive instincts. Others could not conceal their enthusiasm and the winners' enclosure was very busy - the grand final was won at a canter by Peter Cozens. After the races, we all enjoyed tea and mild Pims served on the lawn. Many thanks to all who attended and especially to all who assisted with the teas and organising the races. The £140 surplus will go to church funds.



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 7th September: Our 2015 / 2016 programme begins with a celebration of another year of activities beginning for our group. To be held in church at 7.30pm, this will include readings and prayers by members of the Wives Group and a blessing from Rev. Alison. All are welcome to join us.

Monday 21st September: Andrew Wedge comes to tell us about his Pilgrimage - "The Camino de Santiago"

Monday 5th October: James Geldart - Will give us a presentation on the work of the Scottish Air Ambulance.

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

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 sheets on Sunday 6th September and again 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 donation and the Wives Group will purchase the items. Please see Pam Grimley, Linda Sherwood or Yvonne Gosling.

Saint of the Month – St. Michael – 29th September

Up to now we have looked at Celtic Saints, English Saints, Saints from the New Testament, medieval Saints and some Saints of recent years, but this month I have decided to look at a Saint who never lived in this world because he is not a human being who has been sanctified, but the Prince of Angels who has been venerated with the honorific title of Saint from the very early church.

There are many references to angels in the bible but only two are given names, Michael and Gabriel who are both Archangels. Belief in angels is not an article of faith but there are many references to them in the bible. In short they are spiritual beings who interact between God and man. Virtually all the major faiths have similar beings and it would be possible to write copious articles on them and never come to a conclusion. Indeed, one of the most learned theologians of the middle ages St Thomas Aquinas never did discover how many angels could dance on a pin head.

There were nine Archangels who included Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel and Lucifer. Before the creation of our world, Lucifer rebelled against God and Michael was charged by God to expel Lucifer and his followers from Heaven.

Which he did very effectively and Lucifer (now called Satan) fell from Heaven to Hell where he ruled over those other spirits who followed him.

The very name Michael comes from the war cry and slogan attributed to the Archangel namely “Who is like to God” in Hebrew Mikha’el.

In the fourth and fifth centuries there grew up a cult of veneration to Michael, who because of his role in expelling Satan from Heaven, was seen to be a protector of the Christian faith to be called on in times of threat to the Church. He was given the honorific title of Saint and his intercession was sought in times of war or persecution of the faith. Many churches were dedicated to St Michael and in many cases this dedication was expanded not only St Michael but all Angels. He was also supposed to be responsible for leading the souls of the faithful from the deathbed to heaven.

In the bible Michael is referred to in the Book of Daniel (10.13 and 12.1) where in a vision Daniel sees him as coming to the aid of the Jews in a war between Kings from the North and South, Persia and Greece), in the epistle of St. Jude (Jude 9) where he

is mentioned as using restrained language even against Satan who he does not curse but calls on God to rebuke him, and in Revelations (12.7) describing the expulsion of Satan from Heaven.

The feast of St Michael, or Michaelmas, on 29th September was treated as a very important Holy Day and because it occurred at the end of the autumn it was in law set as a quarter day when rents had to be paid. A very convenient time in the northern hemisphere as tenants of land would have money from the harvest. In folk lore it was supposed to be the day when the Devil spat upon blackberries and made them unfit to eat. Gardeners will of course know that a well known daisy that blooms in September and is regarded as the harbinger of Autumn is named the Michaelmas Daisy. In the law courts and older universities the autumn session is called the Michaelmas Session.

Because of his battle to defeat Satan, Michael is treated as being the Protector of Christianity and he is the patron of soldiers. As well as churches being named after him so also are castles and other places that had a protective role over their areas

for example Mont St Michel in France and St Michael's Mount in Cornwall, Castle Angelo in Rome and Fort St Angelo in Malta.

His name allied to that of St George has been given to a British Order of Chivalry, The Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, awarded to those who have given exceptional service to the Crown in the field of Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs.

Members of the congregation will also be aware that the right hand lancet of the first stained glass window on the left hand side of the aisle as you enter the church depicts



a very fine representation of St Michael donated in memory of Edith Constance Jenkins and her son Flying Officer Peter Johnstone Jenkins who lost his life in the Second World War.

It is sad though that the average person nowadays if asked who St Michael was is more likely to associate him with a well known high street store that uses his name as its trade mark. He is not the patron saint of underwear though his name appears on many such items!

DUTY ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
6 Sept	James & Hazel Geldart	Barbara Key Sheila Hawkins	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rebecca Cromwell Andy Nicholl Isobel Thomson	Sarah Hunt Rodney Key	Polly St. Aubyn
13	Sheona Wedge Adrienne Lyon	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	George & Agnes Philp	Andrew Wedge Brendan Grimley Pam Lynn	Malcolm Gosling James Geldart	Brian Smith
20	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	Elaine Cromwell Lesley Fleming	Young Church	Rod Key Linda Brownlie Isobel Thomson	Frances Jack Karen MacDonald	Linda Brownlie
27	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Wendy Stephen Janice Mohr	Wendy Stephen Janice Mohr	Rebecca Cromwell Muriel McKenzie Rod Key	Caroline Mitchell Muriel McKenzie	Malcolm Gosling
4 Oct	Tony Clapham Helen Dalgity	Helen Dalgity Doreen Esnol	Helen Dalgity Doreen Esnol	Andrew Wedge Eve Gilchrist Brendan Grimley	Ivor Curran Brian Smith	Elaine Cromwell

Readings for September

6 Sept	Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23	James 2:1-10,14-17	Mark 7: 24-37
13	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 3:1-12	Mark 8: 27-38
20	Proverbs 31:10-31	James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37
27	Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22	James 5:13-20	Mark 9: 38-50
4 Oct	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10: 2-16

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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.



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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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