

# Holy Trinity Dunfermline



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## Winter 2014/15 Magazine

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

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Welcome to the winter and final edition for 2014, of our magazine.

Jim in his letter on page 2, talks about looking back and to the future, something that I am sure all of us do in particular at this time of year, and he puts this into context as to what that might mean for us as Christians.

We will be reflecting on our past year at our AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December and you will find a report on pages 8 & 9 looking back at the achievements of our Youth Fellowship group in 2014.

In terms of the present, pages 3 & 4 contain Advent prayers to enable us to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ. You will find details of the Christmas services on page 5.

And on pages 6 & 7 Jim invites us to look forward to Lent 2015 and how we might engage with one another and explore important issues as they relate to our faith in the twenty-first century – meaningful, relevant and significant matters, worthy of contemplation and debate.

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In all, 2015 holds the potential to be an exciting year of change and opportunity for Holy Trinity. I hope you enjoy the festivities that the remainder of 2014 offers and look forward to our next edition in February 2015.

*Elaine x*

**'Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it white.'** Bing Crosby

# From the Very Rev'd Jim Mein

Dear Friends,

November, with its memories of those who have gone before us, is followed so swiftly by Advent (our church new year), Christmas and New Year. In only 2 weeks time the days will begin to grow longer.

There are good reasons to look back – to learn from what was good and from what was bad. We can, with effort and a desire to be honest with ourselves, learn from our past experiences and that can be really, really helpful for us.

There are good reasons to be ‘in the moment’ – concentrating on the present situation, who we are talking to, what effect our present word or action is having, what are the most important things I can do today?

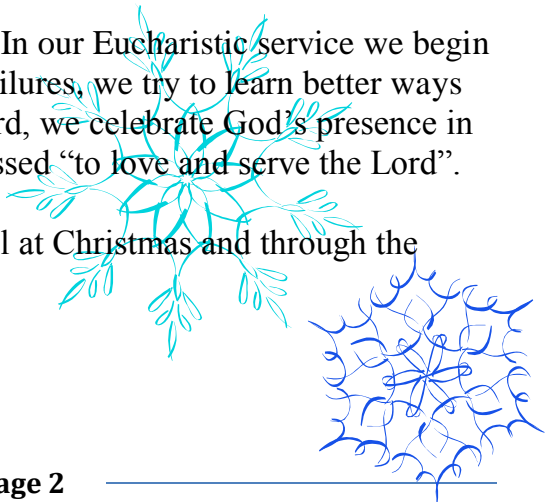
And there are good reasons to look to the future – where is God calling me to go, in what ways can I develop, where are the opportunities to serve most effectively?

All important, all necessary, but if pushed perhaps the future is “the greatest of these”. We look to the past and act in the present to create the future.

It is to the future God calls us. In our Eucharistic service we begin with a confession of our past failures, we try to learn better ways through the ministry of the Word, we celebrate God’s presence in the moment, and we go out blessed “to love and serve the Lord”.

May God’s blessing be on us all at Christmas and through the coming year.

Jim Mein



# Advent 2014

Amidst the busyness of preparing for the coming celebrations, take time this advent to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Each Sunday at HT, we will be reflecting at the advent wreath with these prayers:

## **The Patriarchs: Looking to the future in hope and faith:**

God our creator, your birth in Christ turns our world upside down: may we long for your coming in hope and faith, and embrace without terror the labour pangs of the new age, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In our watching and waiting: Come Lord Jesus

In our hopes and in our fears: Come Lord Jesus

In our hearts and in your world: Come Lord Jesus

## **The Prophets: Having lights for the journey:**

God our inspiration, whose Word is pregnant with the power to change all our thoughts; may we be unsatisfied with all that distorts your truth, and make our hearts attentive to your liberating voice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In the Bible: May we hear your voice

Through the Church: May we hear your voice

In our hearts and in each other: May we hear your voice

## **John the Baptist: Repent and turn to the light:**

God our healer, whose tenderness is a refining fire, touch us and confront us with your mercy that, comforted by you we may reach out to our troubled world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For our weakness and cowardice: Forgive us

For our blindness and stubbornness: Forgive us

For our deliberate sin: Forgive us

# Advent 2014

## Mary: Saying, “Yes, Come”

O hidden God, whose presence is announced not among the powerful but in obscurity, speak now in our hidden depths that, entering your darkness with faith we may choose to live with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From all distractions: May we be freed

From worry and fear: May we be freed

From all self-centredness: May we be freed



## Family Christingle Service – 3pm Christmas Eve

Holy Trinity Young Church warmly invites people of all ages, from all denominations, to join us in the Church Hall at 3pm on Christmas Eve. There you will discover the story of the Christingle and get to make your very own Christingle! The festivities will continue with a short act of worship starting at 3.30pm in the church.

Come young and old, come him and her,  
Come weak and strong, come one and all,  
for He is born for everyone!



# Christmas Services 2014

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 11.00am**

Sung Eucharist with Nativity presentation by  
Youth Fellowship and Young Church

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 3pm**

Make your own Christingle with short service  
of worship for all ages at 3.30pm

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 11.30pm**  
Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 8.00am**  
Holy Communion

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am**  
Christmas Day Family Service  
With Holy Communion



# **Lent 2015**

With Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, I'm thinking of what we might do during Lent next year (the Wednesdays will be: Feb 25<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>).

In 2013 we looked at aspects of Church life: Spirituality wheel, Polarities, Different size congregations behaving differently, and what makes for a 'healthy' congregation.

In 2014 we read and studied the whole of St: Mark's Gospel.

In 2015 I thought we might try and look at various 'divisive but important' issues using broadly the pattern of the Province in their 'Cascade' discussions.

The theory behind these conversations is that we are not seeking "the right answer" but rather opening up a subject to gather the variety of views.

A "working agreement" for the evenings may include the following:

- We will respect others, permitting one voice at a time and not interrupting even if we disagree.
- We will listen to one another and seek understanding rather than agreement.
- We will be open, honest and gracious with one another.
- We will take responsibility for what we each say.
- We will not attempt to dominate the conversation but give time to others.
- We will maintain confidentiality about any personal details, opinions or stories expressed and share our wider learning without attribution of names to individuals.



# Lent 2015

Each session might be introduced by our listening to a conversation between two invited people preferably with differing views.

Possible topics: (there could be many others)

- Continuing the cascade discussion in the Church about same-sex marriage.
- Sharing thoughts about 'end of life' issues.
- Homelessness in our cities – causes and possible answers
- A 'world issue' – Israel/Palestine? Or Global warming? Or immigration?
- What might be helpful for Inter-faith relationships? How far can we compromise?

The overall aim is to help us as congregations recognise that there are many strongly held but sometimes differing views amongst us, and to see if this can be a creative situation rather than divisive.

Discussions would be in a Christian context with some worship and we could, if we wished, open this up to other congregations besides Holy Trinity and St. Margaret's – either through the Diocese or in our communities.

I'll be discussing this with the Vestries before starting to invite visiting "introducers" and any comments from any you will be very welcome.

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# Youth Fellowship Annual Report 2014

What a difference a year makes! This time last year I had fallen unceremoniously down the stairs and the YF limped on for a wee while before coming to a halt.

Then came the summer and 7 young people attended Glenalmond.

They returned, as we all have done from the provincial youth camps, full of enthusiasm and consumed by fellowship. As a result of this enthusiasm Holy Trinity YF has risen like a phoenix and goes from strength to strength. The group is more worshipful than ever before.

A core group of 7 young people have enjoyed a trip to Tembu's church where delegates past and present met to enjoy memories. They have also enjoyed planning sessions, food, hitting sticks, food, walks with banners to find food, a film night, more food and most recently taken part in a Sunday service [followed by food]. The group were very keen to share with the rest of the congregation their experience of planning worships at Glenalmond and to thank everyone for helping them to get there. Hopefully they achieved this.

It has been heartening to welcome two new YF members, one of whom has no-one of her age in her church and the other who before Glenalmond had not attended any church.

We plan to make and sell Christmas table decorations this December and hope to arrange a fund raising evening next term. You can be sure there will be food involved.

The success of this group is very much attributable to the skills and enthusiasm of the young leaders. Andrew and Sarah, new leaders at Glenalmond this summer and Jenny Irvine [who has been around a bit longer] have done a tremendous job and I cannot thank them enough. They tell me I am the responsible adult. The truth is they do not need one.

***Jenny Stooke***

# Youth Fellowship Annual Report 2014

For those of you who weren't at the service led by YF in November, here is what Chris, one of the Glen delegates and a member of YF said as an introduction to the presentation:

"I didn't go to church before Glen. Glenalmond is a spiritual adventure of fun, friends and faith in a Hogwarts style environment in the hills of Perthshire.

The Youth of Scotland and Sweden come together from across our Episcopal Church. Through ceilidhs, discos, quizzes and a variety of amazing, talented young people, we build and cement friendships that will last a lifetime.

Glenalmond is a place where you can be yourself. You can open up and discuss our faith and feelings away from the usual pressures that we experience at high school.

We would like to show you a video of our experience this year with our friends. We hope you gain an appreciation of what we do and how much it means to us. Just before we do, I would like to read some quotes from delegates on what Glen means to them:"

"life changing"

"a spiritual place to be"

"a place I could  
be myself."

"fantastic - worthwhile"



# Wives' Group

All are welcome to come along to any or all of our events.

**Monday 8th December** – It's Christmas Party night! – please joins us in our celebration of the festive season with lovely food, funny stories, a seasonal quiz and some Christmas Carols. 7.30pm in the church hall. Lots of fun to be had by all!

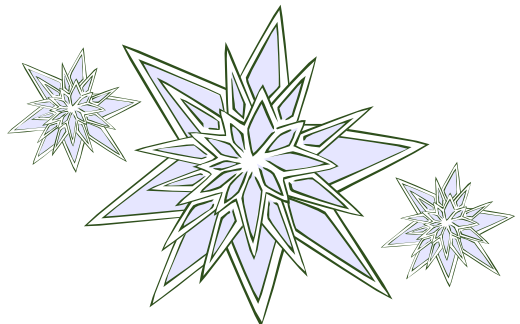
After a short Christmas break we have our FESTIVE LUNCH held at the Pitbauchlie House Hotel on **Monday 12th January** 2015. We all begin to assemble at 12 noon, ready to sit down for a delicious 2 course lunch at 12.30pm.

If you would like to join us, the cost of a 2 course lunch is in the region of £17.00, please speak to either Pam Grimley, Linda Sherwood, Doreen Esnol or Yvonne Gosling as we need to know numbers.

Please come along and experience the warmth and friendliness of our small group. We have lots of things planned for the rest of our year's programme which we are sure you would enjoy. No commitment necessary, just come along to any of our get-togethers that you fancy.

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

Yvonne Gosling  
Secretary





Rotary Club of  
Dunfermline

Graham Steedman  
President

Holy Trinity Church  
East Port  
Dunfermline

1 December 2014

Dear Friends,

### **Rotary Shoeboxes**

Once again, many thanks for the excellent contribution towards our Club's participation in Rotary's Shoebox Scheme.

You will be interested to know that the toys and the clothing for young people will be taken by Rotary volunteers to countries such as Romania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Albania, Croatia, Kosova and Moldova and delivered to kindergardens, to children's homes, to disabled children, to hospitals and to deprived communities where Christmas presents will be more or less non-existent. Similarly, the household goods will be delivered to communities where there is considerable poverty and social deprivation.

Your continuing support for this very worthwhile scheme is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Graham Steedman  
President

# Christmas Tree Festival 2014

Our first ever Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the church between Thursday 11th and Sunday 14th December. The intent is to have 20 Christmas Trees within the church each decorated by individuals, groups or local businesses within the town. Such festivals have become popular in churches throughout the country though we believe that this will be the first one held in Dunfermline.

The opening hours of the Festival are;

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 –
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	3 –
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 –
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	3 –

Throughout the Festival there will be seasonal music via the sound system and, at designated times on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, there will be carol signing. There will be a SPOT THE ANGEL game for children with 15 Christmas Angels hidden in the displays. A small prize will be awarded each day.

Entry to the Festival is free but donations will be gratefully received. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available for a small charge in the church hall.



## A Saint for Christmas – St. Lucy – 13<sup>th</sup> December

St. Lucy, or St. Lucia, is one of the early martyrs who was put to death in the persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian. She was born in Syracuse in Sicily in the year 283 AD and she was martyred as a young girl in 304 AD.

She was born into a noble Christian Roman family and at the age of five her father died leaving her mother, Eutychia, and Lucy with no protective guardian but well provided for with wealth set aside for the girl. Later her mother became ill and fearing that she was going to die, betrothed Lucy to a rich son of a heathen Roman family, not knowing that Lucy had made a vow of chastity and wanted to give away her dowry to the poor. When her mother learned of this, she advised the girl that it would be wise to hang on to the money and rather will it to the poor should she die. Lucy responded to her mother saying that such action would not be giving the money away since there would be no sacrifice on her part.



Lucy then persuaded her mother to accompany her on a pilgrimage to the shrine of St Agatha, another Sicilian virgin martyr who had died about fifty years before, in Catania and was widely venerated in the early church. As a result of praying to St Agatha, Eutychia was cured. While there, Lucy had a dream in which she was visited by St Agatha who told her that she too would be martyred and would have a similar shrine in Syracuse. Eutychia seeing the hand of Christ in this, then agreed to Lucy

distributing her dowry to the poor. This, of course was not popular with her intended bridegroom who saw the future wealth that he expected on the marriage being frittered away on the poor of Syracuse. In his anger he reported Lucy to Paschasius, the Governor of Syracuse, to be a Christian who did not worship the Roman Emperor. Paschasius ordered Lucy to worship the Emperor's image and when she would not do so, ordered that she should be taken to a brothel. When the Governor's men tried to take her there the oxen pulling the cart she was in refused to move. He then ordered she should be burnt to

## A Saint for Christmas – St. Lucy – 13<sup>th</sup> December

death but the wood in the fire would not burn, so finally he had her killed with a sword, but not before he had her tortured.

So why do I say she is a saint for Christmas (apart from her feast day being in December)? For that we have to look to the Middle Ages when missionaries were bringing Christianity to Scandinavia. St Lucy had become venerated widely throughout the whole church and her feast day of 13<sup>th</sup> December was a very popular festival. In the old Julian Calendar the 13<sup>th</sup> December was roughly the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. The pagan Norsemen held a celebration on this day when they lit fires and burned lamps to remind them that spring and the light would come again, the festivities being overseen by a Queen of Light. When Scandinavia was being converted to Christianity the Christian Missionaries, realising they would find it difficult to ban the pagan festival, decided to Christianise it and make it a Christian celebration of light in honour of St Lucy on her feast day. This is still celebrated in Scandinavia, particularly in Sweden, where it is regarded as the start of the Christmas Season. On this day, the girls dress in white and one is selected to be St Lucy. She is given a red sash to signify martyrdom and is crowned as the Queen of Light with a crown with candles on it. The girls then sing for the assembled company and offer them spicy cakes that they have baked. It is also very appropriate that St Lucy is the Queen of Light as the name Lucy is derived from the Latin word for light *lux – lucis*.

St Lucy is the patron saint of opticians and her intercession is sought for people with blindness and eye diseases. She is also the patron Saint of the island state of St Lucia in the West Indies. Most of us will also have heard the very popular Neapolitan song, Santa Lucia, beloved of Italian tenors.

Health and Safety Advice: if you are tempted to celebrate St Lucy's Day in Swedish fashion it is suggested that you use LED lights for the crown instead of real wax candles!





## DUTY ROTA FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
7 Dec	Linda Sherwood Ivor Curran	Wendy Stephen Doreen Esnol	Sheila Hawkins Fay Spink	Rod Key Linda Brownlie Muriel McKenzie	Pamela Grimley Linda Sherwood	Caroline Mitchell
14	Jack Wardell Elaine Cromwell	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Brenda & John Waterfield	Rebecca Cromwell Isobel Thomson Ron Hawkins	Eve Gilchrist James Geldart	Linda Brownlie
21	Ron Hawkins Adrienne Lyon	Andrew & Dorothy Nichol	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rebecca Fleming Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Frances Jack Helen Dalgity	Malcolm Gosling
28	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Linda Brownlie Ron Hawkins	Eve Gilchrist Lesley Fleming	Elaine Cromwell
4 Jan 2015	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Muriel McKenzie	Caroline Mitchell Yvonne Gosling	Rebecca Cromwell
11 Jan	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Gill Wardell Ron Hawkins	Polly St. Aubyn
18 Jan	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Ron Hawkins	Iain Wedge Sheona Wedge	Yvonne Gosling

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DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
25 Jan	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rod Key Isobel Thomson Muriel McKenzie	Elaine Cromwell Rebecca Cromwell	Ron Hawkins
1 Feb	TBA	TBA	TBA	Rebecca Cromwell Brendan Grimley Rod Key	Pamela Grimley Ivor Curran	Adrienne Lyon

Readings for December & January			
7 Dec	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Mark 1: 1-8
14 Dec	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
21 Dec	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16	Romans 16: 25-27	Luke 1: 26-38
28 Dec	Isaiah 61: 10-62:3	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 22-40
4 Jan 2015	Jeremiah 31: 7-14	Ephesians 1: 3-14	John 1: (1-9) 10-18
11 Jan	Genesis 1: 1-5	Acts 19: 1-7	Mark 1: 4-11
18 Jan	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20	John 1: 43-51
25 Jan	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31	Mark 1: 14-20
1 Feb	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13	Mark 1: 21-28

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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](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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