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

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This is the last edition of the magazine for 2015. As there have been no volunteers yet to take on the role of compiler and editor and we are about to enter the busy

season of Advent and Christmas, I have taken the decision to suspend the magazine for the time being to ensure I can devote sufficient time to my other church duties.

One of these duties is to develop and grow the Young Church. This requires time and energy and I very much feel called to give this task all that I can. I hope you will understand and support me in this. The Vestry are very supportive and have agreed plans to train more leaders and buy new resources and equipment for Young Church. We are planning to hold our first 'Messy Church' service on Saturday 12th December. This is a form of worship for people of all ages and has a particular focus creativity, celebration and hospitality. We are hoping to appeal to people who may not normally think of coming to church but find the less formal Messy Church approach appealing. Please do think about coming along and trying it for yourself.

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I do pray we can find a new magazine editor soon. I know that many of you look forward to reading about our church community and value the contribution the magazine makes in keeping us in touch with each other and with what is happening. It has been something I feel privileged to have been able to do and I only regret I do not have the time to continue as your editor. With much love to you all, *Elaine*

**REMINDER: Annual General Meeting – Sunday
6th December after the 11.00am service**

Rev'd Alison Cozens – sermon 1st November 2015

Today after the intercessions, I will read the names of those whom we love but see no longer. But rather than have the traditional readings for All Saints' Day, I wanted this morning to continue our reflections through the epistle to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Mark.

We hear in these two readings today that what Jesus is doing will take the place of the Temple, through his death, sacrifices and burnt offerings will no longer be required.

Why did God give the Temple we might well ask?

And often the answer is given in terms of religious development. In those former days people needed animal sacrifices but we in our age have grown out of such things. Other scholars say that this is not the New Testament answer.

The Temple was given as a true signpost but the signpost is not the answer.

We can maybe think today about people who have been signposts for us on our journey of faith and our journey of life, those people who have gone before us to show us the way, maybe they are no longer with us but we remember them and we give thanks for their lives.

Perhaps we will be signposts for others in our day. . .

Our own Andrew Wedge was talking about his pilgrimage to Santiago last Sunday evening and he talked about the arrows that point the way to Santiago. Sometimes the arrows do not appear on the path very often and he reflected how he had to learn to trust that he was on the right road even when he could not see or hear the pilgrims ahead of him or behind him.

But the signpost is not the reality. Yes you have to go the journey and only you can walk your journey but the reality is the breaking in of God's kingdom of justice and of mercy.

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When we discussed these verses at the Sunday bible study we spent some time working out what the equivalent of sacrifice was in our own day: the sacrifice of praise and worship, the sacrifice of costly service to our neighbours, the sacrifice of making time to pray each day.

The Shema prayer, Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one God is the prayer used by Jewish people every day.

When I lived in Leicester I could hear the call to prayer five times a day from the local mosque and I was ashamed to reflect that I normally only manage to pray twice a day.

In a few weeks' time it is Scottish Inter Faith week and we are hosting the annual interfaith lecture in Holy Trinity church hall on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm. Bishop David is giving the lecture and I think it will be a most interesting evening I urge you to come and support it.

In these days of religious extremism, it is incumbent upon us to grow in our understanding and compassion to our Jewish and Muslim neighbours For we all have Abraham as our father and we all share a belief in one God.

As we come to the Eucharist today we give thanks to God for the freedom to worship and to serve him in our time. We remember those people of faith in other lands who work for peace across cultures and traditions and we ask that we will lead our lives with confidence and grace in God's goodness and redeeming love. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,

You stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving love; so clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your Name. Amen.

Finance Report

This year we will have the additional cost of Alison being our Rector for the full year.

The annual expenditure has therefore increased to £67,800 and with an anticipated income of £52,300 we can expect a deficit of £15,500.

At the end of October the income was £11,505 (including £8,267 from reclaimed tax) and the expenditure £4,598 giving a surplus of £6,907.

The collection for Air Ambulance was £227.

The Rector's Fund is for the needy of the parish. The current total to hand is £349.

Peter Hutchings

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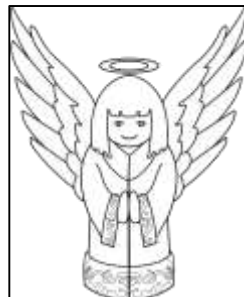
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Thank you for your support. *Sheona Wedge*

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!



Events and Fundraisers December 2015

5 th	Ken's Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.30am
7 th	Wives' Group Christmas Party	7.30pm – 9.00pm
9 th	Commercial School Carol Concert	7.00pm – 8.00pm
12 th	Messy Church	9.30am – 11.30am
13 th	Youth Fellowship Panto	7.00pm
14 th	Mothers' Union Floral Art Fundraiser	7.00pm

Tell your friends, spread the news
 There's more to church than hard, wooden pews
 We're a vibrant community, ready for you
 To listen, to help and praise God too.

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.

SATURDAY 14th November - SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH in the church hall from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. As always there will be a selection of delicious homemade soups and sandwiches made to order by our ladies. Tickets are available from Pam, Linda, Doreen or Yvonne or just pay at the door if you find you can come along on the day.

Monday 23rd November - ADVENT REFLECTIONS - Rev. Alison leads us in reflection and discussion as Advent approaches.

Monday 7th December - CHRISTMAS PARTY - it's that time again! Come and enjoy some delicious party food, sing some carols, hear some very funny tales, pit your wits against the Xmas Quiz and generally have a very enjoyable festive evening. All welcome!

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



My Journey towards Ordination - Rev. Dr. Margaret Dineley

God calls each one of us to work for Him and, in our attempt to discern what He is asking us to be and to do, we find ourselves undertaking amazing and unexpected journeys with all sorts of strange twists and turns. Often we are not aware that God is behind our various life decisions, whether large or small, and even if we are, we find ourselves constantly asking why we took a particular path or why we are faced with unexpected outcomes, sometimes good and energizing, but sometimes seemingly quite disastrous.

That quite neatly sums up my journey and I am sure that many of you can identify with my thoughts. We are all on paths leading up towards God, up towards what He truly made us to be, and the paths are all different because each one of us has been endowed with unique gifts and skills. Nonetheless, we get distracted along all sorts of side paths, which turn out to be dead ends - and we never know when we will find the summit, our fulfilment of God's purpose for us, or where it will be.

During my time at Holy Trinity, worshipping with you, becoming involved in a number of activities and aspects of worship, including singing in the choir, reading lessons and leading intercessions, I found that God was calling me to follow a path I had turned away from some years earlier, that of training for ministry as a Lay Reader. The training was fulfilling and affirming, but I was not at all sure exactly how God wished to use me or where he wished me to serve, in particular due to the fact that Holy Trinity had been thrown into a sudden and disturbing vacancy.

My path soon became clear and in fact took a surprising and unexpected turn. I found myself being licensed as a Lay Reader in August 2013 at St. Finnian's, Lochgelly, with some liturgical input into the ABI group, Aberdour, Burntisland and Inverkeithing. However, the fact that I was called by God, through our Bishop and Primus, to act in a missional, diaconal, role at St. Finnian's, rather than undertaking the role of a traditional Lay Reader, helped me to realise that I had not actually reached the summit, the point where I would be fulfilling God's purpose for me. In approaching my then priest in charge, Rev. Thomas Brauer, to ask whether there was a

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chance that I may be considered for ordination to the diaconate, I discovered that both he and the Bishop had been waiting for me to respond to that call! But again, this still wasn't to be the summit.

+David then asked me to consider the priesthood and there followed the usual discernment process, early on fuelled by a vital week's retreat at the Franciscan Friary in Alnmouth, to ask God whether it was truly He who was calling me, not just the church.

The next stage of my journey was reached in April of this year, when I was ordained to the transitional diaconate in St. Luke's, Glenrothes, alongside the ordination to the priesthood of their Deacon, Rev. Gerry Dillon. On that occasion I was delighted to spot a few of you in the congregation.

Since April I have undergone a strange curacy, in that the Central Fife Charge, incorporating Lochgelly, Glenrothes and Leven, being in vacancy, has meant that I have been acting as Curate in Charge at St. Finnian's, undertaking full responsibility for the running of the church. However, I am delighted to say that the congregation are extremely supportive and have an incredible variety of gifts. God has certainly been supporting me as I travel onwards to the next stage of my journey, which, although in one sense it feels like reaching the summit, I know that His kingdom, His purpose for us, extends beyond our time on this earth.

On Sunday November 15th at 4pm in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, I will be ordained to the priesthood, in the company of Nerys Brown from Dunblane, who is to be ordained to the transitional diaconate in the same service. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be with me in the cathedral that day. And, in the meantime, I would ask you to pray for me please as I prepare for this momentous and somewhat awe-inspiring step.



How wonderful to hear from you Margaret. We will indeed remember you in our prayers as you prepare for your ordination and continued ministry in Lochgelly. *Ed.*



Christmas Worship 2015

Saturday, 12th December, 9.30am

MESSY CHURCH



Sunday, 20th December, 11am

SUNG EUCHARIST

and

YOUNG CHURCH NATIVITY



THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER

Christmas Eve, 3pm

FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

(make your own Christingle from 3pm,
worship starts around 3.30pm)



Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

MIDNIGHT MASS



FRIDAY, 25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Day, 8am

SCOTTISH PRAYER BOOK



Christmas Day, 10am

SUNG EUCHARIST



Saint of the Month – St. Margaret, 16th November

With a certain degree of temerity I have chosen to write something about our own dear Saint who did so much to instil a civilised Christian way of living in Scotland and particularly made Dunfermline a centre of Christianity. Everybody in Dunfermline must know something of the life and legends of this remarkably pious and charitable lady so it is a challenge write an article that contains something new for the reader to ponder.

Saint Margaret had, to say the least, a disturbed early life. She was the granddaughter of Edmund Ironside, King of England and Wessex. After the Danish conquest of England, Canute exiled her father Edward to the continent where he eventually settled in Hungary with her mother Agatha, and where Margaret and her brother Edgar Aetheling were born. In 1057 Edward and his family were recalled to England to be crowned as a successor to Edward the Confessor, who had died without issue. On arrival Edward mysteriously died of a feverish illness, or possibly poison, and the young Edgar for a brief period was acknowledged as King of England. In 1066, however, William of Normandy invaded England and seized the throne. Edgar, Margaret

and their mother Agatha fled northwards to Northumbria and from there Margaret took ship to Europe to seek asylum from the Normans advancing from the South and carrying all before them.

At this stage fate took a hand. The ship Margaret was travelling in was blown off course and driven ashore at St Margaret's Hope near North Queensferry. Margaret made her way from where she had landed to the court of King Malcolm III of Scotland (Malcolm Canmore) in Dunfermline. There Margaret so impressed the King that instead of seizing her and holding her for ransom decided to marry her, possibly with the thought of cementing an alliance with the Saxon English. There is a stone, now known as Queen Margaret's stone, in the vicinity of the new fire station where she is supposed to have sat and rested on her way from the shore to Dunfermline.

Malcolm was at this time, free to marry, his wife having died leaving him with two sons Donald and Duncan. He was uneducated and illiterate and was filled with admiration for Margaret who was well educated and able to read and write, to the extent that he had her books bound in leather and

decorated with jewels (one is held to this very day at the Bodlean Library in Oxford). Malcolm duly married Margaret about the year 1070. It seems to have been a marriage of love, for Margaret bore him eight children and he seems to have acquiesced in her wishes to promote her brand of Roman Christianity in his court. Malcolm and their eldest son Edward were killed in a battle against the Northumbrians at Alnwick in 1093. Margaret died in Edinburgh Castle three days later after receiving news of their deaths.

Coming to Scotland, which at this time was a fairly wild country, must have been a rude shock for this English Saxon Princess who had been used to relatively civilised living in Hungary and England. She determined to do all she could to improve the life of the Scottish Court. From her early life in Hungary she had been a pious follower of the Roman form of Christianity and she persuaded Lanfranc (later an Archbishop of Canterbury) to send Benedictine monks to found an abbey at Dunfermline. She also persuaded the clergy in Scotland to follow the Roman practice of beginning lent on Ash Wednesday instead of the following Monday and also observing Sunday as the day of rest which was not the case in the early Celtic church.

In her own personal life she practiced extreme piety distributing food and alms to the poor as a routine every morning before eating her own breakfast. She attended daily mass and spent hours in prayer and contemplation, though how on earth she did so with eight children to deal with is hard to fathom! There is as most of you will know, a cave in the Glen Car Park known as St Margaret's Cave where she sought solitude for her private devotions.

To enable pilgrims to journey to St Andrews she established ferries at Queensferry and North Berwick and in the West of Scotland instigated the restoration of the Abbey at Iona.

At a time when rulers and their kin generally ground down the commoners, Margaret's behaviour was a model of how a Christian ruler should behave and she earned the love and devotion of her husband's subjects so that when she died she was widely regarded by them as a saint. In 1250AD she was formally canonised by Pope Innocent IV.

On her death, her remains were buried in the church she founded in Dunfermline and after her canonisation her bones were disinterred and reburied with those of her husband in a shrine in the new Abbey Church. In 1560 Mary, Queen of Scots, had the head removed and lodged in Edinburgh Castle as a holy

relic. After the Reformation the shrine was destroyed by the Covenanters and the relics were lost. Her head was taken to France and kept at the Scots' College in Douai but was lost during the French Revolution.

She was a truly remarkable woman who in the dark ages brought light, learning and faith to Scotland and to our town in particular. She is still well remembered in Dunfermline with her name being given to the main RC Church, one C of S Church in the town as well of course to our sister church in Rosyth, and she is also remembered in the names of St Margaret's St., St Margaret's Drive and Queen Margaret Hospital. Elsewhere in Scotland the Chapel in Edinburgh Castle founded by her son King David is named after her.



SCOUTPOST 2015

Early days, yes, but arrangements are well in hand by the Scouts of Dunfermline and West Fife to again provide a Christmas Card delivery service for most of West Fife. The cost remains the same at 30p per card and collections will be at the Church from Thursday 25 November (the earliest we are allowed to start) until Sunday 6 December. Delivery will commence Saturday 12 December through the following week. Fliers will be available in church and the hall later in the month listing the towns and village covered by the service. Last year the grand total raised for all Scout Groups involved was around £10,000 and this is of huge benefit to the Scouts of today. Many thanks for any contribution you can make.

Phil Smithard

DUTY ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	WELCOME	BREAD & WINE	COLLECTION	SERVERS	READERS	INTER.
8 Nov	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	John & Brenda Waterfield	Barbara & Rod Key	Andre Wedge Andy Nicholl Brendan Grimley	Brian Smith Rod Key	Elaine Cromwell
15	Ian & Caroline Mitchell	Tony Clapham Frances Jack	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Rebecca Cromwell Andrew Wedge Pam Lynn	Adrienne Lyon Eve Gilchrist	Andy Nicholl
22 Christ the King	Jack Wardell Ivor Curran	Adrienne Lyon Pam Lynn	Helen Dalgity Doreen Esnol	Rebecca Fleming Linda Brownlie Rod Key	Dorissia Forsyth Gill Wardell	Adrienne Lyon
29 Advent 1	Stephen & Hilary Ballinger	Andy & Dorothy Nicholl	George & Agnes Philp	Andrew Wedge Eve Gilchrist Isobel Thomson	Stephen Ballinger Helen Dalgity	Isobel Thomson
6 Dec Advent 2	Malcolm & Yvonne Gosling	Eve Gilchrist Monica Terry	Peter & Jean Crabb	Rod Key Andy Nicholl Muriel McKenzie	Lesley Fleming Karen McDonald	Malcolm Gosling

Readings for November			
8 Nov	Job 19: 21-27	1 Corinthians 15: 51-58	Mark 12: 38-44
15	1 Samuel 1: 4-20	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25	Mark 13: 1-8
22	2 Samuel 23: 1-7	Revelation 1: 4b-8	John 18: 33-37
29	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Luke 21: 25-36
6 Dec	Malachi 3: 1-4	Philippians 1: 3-11	Luke 3: 1-6

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