



HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS

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NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity lives to worship
God and to encourage Faith in, and Service to Jesus
Christ, among all people of today and tomorrow"*

Charity number SC 017173

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear all,

Our cover this issue shows an unusual picture of our church, taken at night. What a difference it makes to a cold, dark, winter evening to see the light shining from the clerestory windows- I've certainly never noticed it before. In the first chapter of John, John describes Jesus as the light, shining in the darkness. This should encourage us to be lights in a town which has been so gloomy and empty over the lockdown and subsequent period of restrictions (hopefully these will have been removed by the time you read this) I met a lady outside the church who went out of her way to thank me (you) for the music playing each day from the tower. "It is so encouraging" she said. I don't think we realise how little things can brighten the lives of those around us. Perhaps as the streets get repopulated we could do a little more, as a congregation, to cheer those whom we meet in the street. Someone once said "If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!" It's been difficult with masks on, but soon we will be able to follow that advice. If we, as Christians, can't display the joy of the Lord then the church will never attract others to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.



Blessings to you all

Mike

MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

We have all enjoyed some beautiful weather during the past few days, and it is good to see snowdrops and daffodils and aconites showing their faces despite the chilly winds we are all experiencing. Spring is certainly just around the corner. There is warmth in the sun and new life is showing itself in all sorts of ways. Indeed, it feels as though we are emerging from a very long winter of Covid restrictions, although there is still a long way to go, and of course the situation in Ukraine is unspeakably awful. But even amongst all of this, there is new life.



The season of Easter is all about new life, for our Lord Jesus Christ defeated sin and death and rose to new life for us. During his earthly life, Jesus demonstrated so many facets of God's love for his people in the way that he lived. And in his death on the cross we see just how far that love was prepared to go for each one of us. But sadly, there are still so many people who think the story ends in the dereliction of the cross, when in reality it is the glory of the Resurrection that we celebrate at Easter. It is that miraculous event that shows us that the love of God for all his people is far more powerful than all the forces of evil that the world could ever imagine.

This means that the Resurrection is the central and most important event of the Christian year, and without it there would be no Christian faith. So it is that Easter Day should be for all of us a time of joy and renewal as we greet the Risen Christ. But there is more than that, for

all people of faith are not just promised new life after death, important and comforting though that is, but that all people of faith are to be made new here and now through the power of the Resurrection.

The question for us is then, will people of no faith be able to recognise in us the new life and joy that Easter brings with it? There are of course, many people who find the whole concept of the Resurrection very difficult to believe. Where, they say, is the proof? It was the great preacher John Stott who said this. *'It was the Resurrection that transformed Peter's fear into courage and Thomas's doubt into faith. It was the Resurrection that changed the Sabbath into Sunday, and the Jewish remnant into the Christian Church. It was the Resurrection that changed Saul the Pharisee into Paul the Apostle, and turned his persecuting into preaching, his hatred into love.'* How then will the Resurrection change us?

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find details of all our services for Passiontide and Easter. Do come and join us in worship so that you can experience the new life and joy of Easter for yourselves.

A very Happy Easter to you all
With every blessing

Marion

THE CHURCH GARDEN

The garden is not at its best at this time of year, although the crocuses and daffodils are glorious now after a mild winter. Our intrepid team, led by Rachael, will be getting stuck in again now that spring is on the way.

More volunteers are needed- just a few hours a week

From our Interim moderator

SHAPING UP!

In any reorganisation of our parishes, place is important. How else can we witness to the Gospel effectively if we cannot witness where we are with the people round about us?

The shape of ministry must change. We dare not see it exclusively in terms of the past. Younger ministers are trained differently. They belong to a different age. They have new things to share out of their contemporary treasure chests.

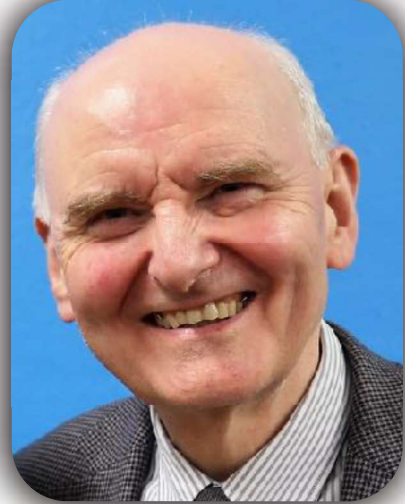
Buildings need to be rationalised but we shouldn't spend forever arguing about them. We have more important things to do with our time, money and energy. We must exercise a ministry of letting go.

Some patterns of congregational life are not sustainable. We must let them go too and see what takes their place. We need to open our doors to younger people with fresh ideas and stop holding on too tightly to power and influence!

Our life is transient and we should resist the temptation to live as if everything was permanent and should remain the same forever. This is daft! We should strive to let go what is precious to us whenever it is hindering others.

This is what it means to lose our life and live for others. And in embracing a new perspective, we sense the urgency of playing our part now - for nothing lasts. In this way we bring hope to the world.

But there are two things which we should never let go. The first is a qualified ministry. At the Reformation, John Knox and his ilk refused to compromise on standards of excellence. When they produced their reorganisation package, the number of candidates for the ministry was inadequate.



‘We are not ignorant that the rarities of godly and learned men shall seem to some a just reason why that so strait and sharpe examination should not be taken universally, for so it shall appearethat the most part of the Kirks shall have no minister at all.’ they observed in ‘The First Book of Discipline’.

‘But let these men understand, that the lack of able men shall not excuse us before God, if by our consent unable men be placed over the flock of Christ Jesus.’ The solution – prayer for God’s providence and the birth of a new office of Reader.

The second thing we shouldn’t let go is our identity as a parish church and the missionary endeavour which lies behind it, inspiring us to become disciples of Christ. This is most formally encapsulated in the words of the third of our nine ‘Articles Declaratory of the Constitution of the Church of Scotland in Matters Spiritual’.

‘As a national Church representative of the Christian Faith of the Scottish people it acknowledges its distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry.’

Note. It doesn’t talk about ministers but ministry and so we acknowledge that it is the ministry of Christ which is being celebrated by all those who participate in a ministry within the Kirk. Traditionally, the Parish Minister has been at the forefront of ministering to those who do not belong in wedding and funeral services, assorted pastoral care, school chaplaincy etc.

But the ‘Church Without Walls’ initiative drew our attention to the fact that this is a ministry which belongs to the whole Church for it is supremely the ministry of Christ. We are all called to have this outward-looking, forward-thinking, collaborative, life-enhancing perspective on bringing the love of God to our neighbourhood and sharing the joy of living in Christ. We have the Audit. The ‘Place for Hope’ is leading our discussion. What are we waiting for?

David D. Scott, Interim-Moderator

HTAG

Now that the COVID crisis is easing, HTAG are hoping for a full season of bookings. The St Andrews Chamber Orchestra had their first concert on Sunday 13th March

Meanwhile, Graham Wynd has informed us that the final marker on the Fife Pilgrim Way will be erected



in the garden at an appropriate date. The site has been agreed as the West side of the church garden, facing the square

The design of the marker is as shown here



Other Community events



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place on Saturday 4th June.

Callum informs me that there will be a series of events with a Street party in Church Square.



And the R&A are planning a celebration of light, to be held on the 26th March at 8.15 pm.

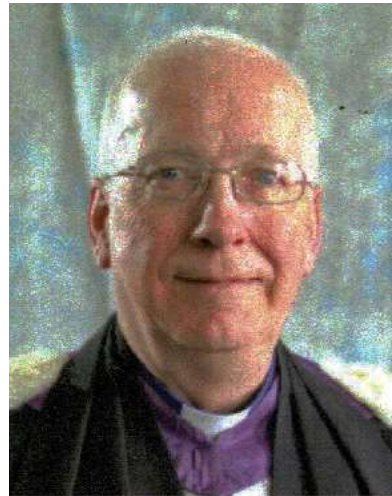
The Kate Kennedy procession resumes this year, but I am told that it will not be along South Street.

Comings and goings

*Sadly, our most valued book-keeper, **Arlene Brown**, has intimated her wish to retire. We pray great blessings on her and thank her for her selfless service to us under great difficulties*

However we now have THREE new faces on the team

Rev Alastair Symington will be joining us in May and will be able to conduct services when Marion is unavailable. He comes to us with a CVC which includes a time as minister at Bearsden New Kilpatrick and Troon and is currently deputy Presbytery Clerk in Ayr Presbytery. We welcome him.



(Alastair's book, 'A spiritual Journey', written during lockdown, is highlighted below.

It's a good read!

Russell Cockburn, a member of the congregation of Boarhills and Dunino, has accepted the post of Treasurer for Holy Trinity, for which we thank him sincerely.

Victoria Whyte is joining us as book keeper in place of Arlene.

Please get to know these folk and introduce yourself

Property matters

At long last we have agreement to draught-proof the doors of the church. Recent funerals have taxed the ushers hugely in the gales. Thank you Bob for facilitating this. It should save some money as well.

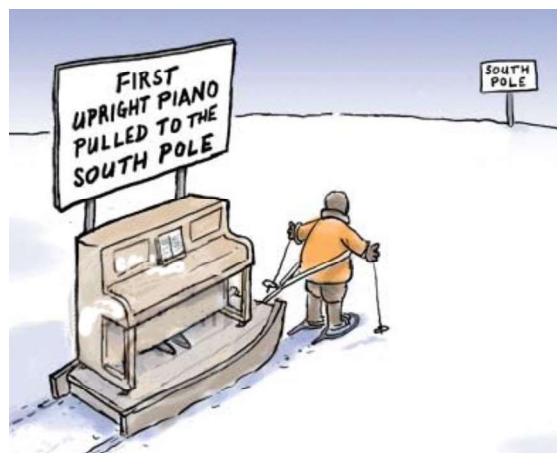
At the February Kirk Session meeting. the question of what to do with The wonderful bequest left to Holy Trinity by Ethel Joy was finally settled.

A new Yamaha grand piano will be bought as a memorial to her. This will enhance the attractiveness of HT as a venue for concerts.

The piano is being made to order in Japan and Walter and Callum cannot wait!



This picture pulls the two items together. Our old piano should be used to the cold by now!



Sadly, there's no sign yet of us getting permission for a permanent disabled access ramp!



Thoughts

Revival

I was talking to a friend from another church recently and she said how wrong she thought it was when in the early days of lockdown congregations were told they must close their church doors and refuse to let anyone in. I tried to explain that this was a government order and had to be obeyed by everyone. I'm not sure that I convinced her but did my best.

Now the regulations have been eased and those who wish can worship together in church or elsewhere. In Holy Trinity it has been a great joy to welcome our organist and choir back and to sing God's praise either in our beautiful building or by live-stream on our screens or quietly with our service sheets. Whatever the rules and regulations our God is ubiquitous – everywhere – and we can praise, worship and call on him wherever we are. Some people have come back to church with joy, while others, for all kinds of reasons, have held back not wanting to expose themselves or others to possible infection. Others, like my friend, have found it hard to forgive our church leaders for obeying the rules and closing the churches just when we needed them most, and have decided not to go back now the rules have been eased,

This is all happening at a time when our own Church of Scotland and other denominations are planning to close "uneconomic" church buildings, leaving communities without a church building within easy reach. This may be understandable but when I read of such closure plans I find myself asking – "What if there is a revival? " As I read my newspaper and listen to the news, I wonder whether God is preparing us to come closer to him and cry for help in this changing world. What will our world be like in the next few years? How will our church leaders face up to it, and how will we react?

WHAT IF

instead of trying to balance the books and prop up an ailing church, our church leaders were to preach Revival, a Coming Back to God, a wave of trust and prayer from each of us for our own church and parish and for the world, and to make a commitment to pause all closures for a period, trusting God to use the time to bring us back to him and work for the coming of his kingdom not just here where we are but all over his world.

WOULD it, COULD it work and change our street our parish our town our country and our world?

If we trust in God and believe his promises, it could.

BUNNY SLACK



Photo by Marion

For peace of mind in these times, why not take the advice of the Moderator, Lord Wallace and read 'Lectio 365'.

A challenge for each day and a gentle encouragement at night



From Fife Presbytery Mission Director

Hi all,

I have very fond memories of my time as an undergraduate divinity student at St Andrews, now a little over 13 years ago. During that time, I was welcomed and worshipped with yourselves at Holy Trinity. It was very different to the church I had grown up in and I remember the sense of awe I felt there. A mixture of powerful choral music, formal Presbyterian liturgy focused on both Word and Sacrament, mission and outreach that sought to serve the parish community of St Andrews.



Inspired at the time by the Church Without Walls initiative that encouraged a mission-focus for the Church of Scotland. And of course, what I remember most fondly is the friendship, kindness and fellowship shared with yourselves.

Since leaving St Andrews and Holy Trinity, I have been working for the Church of Scotland in the East End of Dundee as a Ministries Development Staff (MDS) worker, developing work with young people and the wider community in an area with some of the highest levels of poverty and deprivation in Scotland. I established an anti-poverty church/community initiative RockSolid that supported young to the young at heart, through a mixture of community-based youth work, health & wellbeing and personal development activities. From its inception as a Friday night youth group it grew significantly over a period of years into a charity providing support 7 days a week for all ages, led by myself and a passionate team of staff, volunteers and students. Alongside this work I was also heavily involved in school chaplaincy to local Primary and High Schools, coordinated children's and youth ministries and worked closely with ecumenical colleagues to develop partnerships and support other local projects.

Before I knew it 10 years had passed by! And I find myself returning to Fife, now as the Mission Director for our new Fife Presbytery. I am encouraged and excited by the prospect that through the uniting of the three former Presbyteries, as we develop our Christian witness across Fife for the future, that there is to be a strong focus on mission. I have no doubt that it will not be without both its fair share of challenges and difficult decisions. Nevertheless, it is my hope that instead of simply managing ever decline, we can as a Presbytery and congregations be bold. Bold in our faith in Christ Jesus. Bold in aspirations for worship and witness. Bold in service for caring and compassion. Bold to remember we are to be a Church Without Walls.

I look forward to, hopefully before too long, being able to visit and sharing again in fellowship with you. And in my new role, in supporting and encouraging you to be bold in achieving your own mission-focus and vision for the congregations at Boarhills & Dunino and Holy Trinity.

“So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold. Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God’s presence.” - 2 Corinthians 3:11-12

Peace & Blessings be with you,

Neil Campbell, Mission Director, Fife Presbytery.



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Presbytery website
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ideas that we could use*

Prayer

A small group of people across Fife Presbytery have recently started gathering regularly, meeting informally via zoom. we pray together for half an hour.

The group next meets on Tuesdays at 9 am and we invite anyone in Presbytery to join, as they pray for ministry and mission across Fife. All are welcome.

For more information and to request the zoom link, please contact Irene via IUre@churchofscotland.org.uk



Fife Presbytery Prayer Group



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The Guild



The Guild members enjoyed an evening of carols and readings on Monday December 20th led by Walter Blair, Holy Trinity organist and our Convener, Alison Johnson. Tea, coffee and mince pies were enjoyed and there was time to talk and catch up on news.

Christmas cards were delivered to members but the two January meetings had to be cancelled as well as the joint Guilds' meeting on January 24.

With the easing of lockdown regulations, 32 members were able to meet again on February 7 to hear a talk on schools and education by Michael Carslaw a member of Holy Trinity , recently retired as Principal of St Leonard's School. Sadly some meetings have had to be cancelled due to COVID, but we hope to meet again on March 21st to discuss the Vine Trust project & April 4th 'Home for good'. Both at 2.30 pm in the Church hall as planned. A coffee morning will be held in the church on Saturday 16th April 10-11.30. A decision on an outing has yet to be made.

Contact Guild secretary, Bunny Slack at 01334 850669 for a copy of the programme and further information

BOARHILLS AND DUNINO

Dunino Kirk is carrying quietly on with our weekly Sunday services, most ably led by Marion, who continues to find new angles on the interpretation of Scriptures to point up how we can relate their meaning to our everyday lives and witness.

A recent service concluded with a brilliant interpretation by Laura Martin, our organist, of the Beatles number - "Here comes the sun", which caught the mood so perfectly with the bright sun streaming through the church windows.

We are so fortunate with our imaginative and talented team to lead our worship.

Outside, the early signs of Spring are evident with a fine show of miniature daffodils which have multiplied since being planted last year. Beneath the car park wall there is also a fine show of snowflake flowers.



They are quite different from snowdrops and indeed have a very different botanical name - ***leucojum vernum*** - as distinct from the *galanthus*, (snowdrop). Now you know!

The congregation is looking forward to this year with some anticipation for beginning to get back to our "normal" lives, and to finding out what the future holds for

Dunino congregation and indeed for the whole of the St Andrews area.

We are continuing to make generous donations of goods for the Storehouse Foodbank. Their need is big and growing with all of the challenges being faced by less well-off folk in the town.

Kind regards

Ken Morris (Session Clerk)

*HOLY TRINITY CARE GROUP+
BEFRIENDERS*

KEEPING IN TOUCH



**A BELATED HAPPY NEW
YEAR, EVERYONE!**

The weather continues to be very unpredictable, however, I have recently enjoyed two wonderful hours working in the garden in between storms. I'm certain we are very fortunate to live in St Andrews with the sun making an appearance most days.



It's so good, now, to make plans and to not always be concerned that they might have to be cancelled. Families and friends can get together and holidays arranged...

People have the confidence to venture out and it is great to see people, safely masked, returning to Holy Trinity – a very warm welcome to you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY in the coming months:

HOLY TRINITY SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICES 2022

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

HUNTER & MEMORIAL AISLE 3 - 3.20pm

1 APRIL SHORT COMMUNION SERVICE

6 MAY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & REMEMBERING

3 JUNE

JOIN US? IF you would like to join our happy band of helpers at this service, do give me a call , Janie: 01334 476 191

IF you would like to consider being a Befriender at Holy Trinity, please contact me at the same number. This will be discussed in strict confidence.

IF you have any ideas and thoughts on how we might continue to keep people in touch with Holy Trinity, again ring me at the above number, or speak to me or any member of HT Care Group.

Current Befrienders are: Joan Archer, Elizabeth Laing, John Rankin, Marjorie Bruce, Moira Stewart, Granger Brash, and Janie Brash.

We work closely with Minister and elders and with the Church Office, the Ministry of Flowers, the Prayer Circle and the Guild.

If you know of anyone who would like to hear from us, please contact me, in confidence, through the Church Office T: 478 317

With all good wishes,

Janie, Convenor, HT Care Group + Befrienders

DR MAGGIE ELLIS

Our congratulations and good wishes go to Dr Maggie Ellis, of St Andrews University, who so kindly gave of her time to talk to both Holy Trinity and Boarhills & Dunino Congregations and to HT Care Group some years ago about her valuable research into dementia.

She has been awarded an MBE for her dedication to improving the lives of those with dementia.

THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS CONTINUES

Flowers are donated each week and distributed after the Sunday service to folk who are sick or housebound.

If you would like to become part of the group please contact Rachel Raynor



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello again, girls and boys, I'm sure you know that on 6 February the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking a seventy-year reign (yes, *SEVENTY* years!) In the summer there will be many special events to mark this wonderful achievement. The Queen once said that her husband Prince Philip (who died last year) was "simply my rock", because he had given her such boundless support.



Jesus once asked his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" and one of them replied: "You are the Son of the Living God". Jesus was so pleased to hear this, that he said to that disciple: "You are a rock, and on this rock I will build my church!"

Now, here's a puzzle for you: who was that disciple? His name (in two five-letter words) is hidden in the line of letters below. All you have to do is cross out the letters of the town in which Jesus was born, and you'll be left with the answer. Good luck! (And if you'd like to read the whole inspiring story, you can go to Matthew's Gospel, and look at verses 13 to 17 of chapter 16.)

S B I E M T O H N L P E E H T E E M R

Bye for now!

Granger Brash

News on other churches

The Presbytery plan for the witness of the Church of Scotland in St Andrews is progressing slowly. A group called PLACE FOR HOPE, facilitated by Nigel Watson from outside the church has been helping the ministers and session clerks of the (Now) five churches to address the need for a new look, along with the constraints on the numbers of ministers who will be available over the approaching year.

Some Presbyteries are moving ahead and planting new churches, such as Ardnamurchan, where all the local churches had closed.



L R Bridgat Cameron, Session Clerk at Ardnamurchan Church, and Morag Doherty, a member of the congregation. The women are members of the project working party.

The next few years will be difficult as we struggle to match needs of our parish. However, It will not be as traumatic as the great disruption as happened in 1843 and as portrayed in the Great Tapestry of Scotland.

By the way, if You haven't seen it, it is now in its permanent home in Galashiels

Meanwhile, here in St Andrews an important event took place on Tuesday 8th March, when Rev Alan McCafferty was inducted as the minister of the new charge of St Mark's, a union of Hope Park Martyrs and Strathkinness churches.



Another church displaying the light shining out into the darkness. We wish them well.

And let us not forget the churches in Ukraine, providing as much help and prayer to these who are in terrible distress. The Church of Scotland has a relief fund - contact Ron Cruickshanks for details

Communications



There is still a need to identify more volunteers to work the set-up as even John can't work 52 weeks of the year.

We have a manual in preparation.

Are you interested in being part of a team to develop this further?

LITTLE CHERUBS



A REMINDER THAT CHERUBS NOW HAVE THEIR NEW HOME IN THE CHURCH HALL ON THURSDAYS, WITH 2 SESSIONS OF 25 ADULTS AN 'HOWEVER MANY' CHILDREN.

THANKS AGAIN TO THE TEAM.

AGAIN WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP FOR 3 HOURS ON A THURSDAY MORNING

Vineyard Church



The Vineyard service in OUR church

Pastors Jim and Rachael Cronin say that we are all welcome to join them on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm in the church to experience a different style of worship.

LOCAL OUTREACH

'STOREHOUSE' ST ANDREWS' FOODBANK

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There are containers in the church to which you can add items at any time. For cash donations contact Ron Cruikshanks. The current needs are shown here.

NO MORE PASTA, SOUP or BEANS PLEASE!

OVERSEAS OUTREACH

An Opportunity to give

Laetitia is a farmer in Rwanda, where life has been tough. She struggled to earn an income and provide for her children, as did many in her community. But then Laetitia heard about a **self-help group** – set up by Tearfund’s local church partner.



These groups bring together people from across the community to read the Bible, support each other and save money for the future.

Being part of the group gave Laetitia the skills and the confidence to start her own small business raising chickens. 'We were able to sell eggs and get money to meet basic household needs and buy food for our children,' shares Laetitia.

Self-help groups like Laetitia’s mean that when times are difficult, people have the support they need; we managed to share what we had to feed our families during this terrible period,’ shares Laetitia. ‘We used that money to prepare for the lockdown.

‘The utmost importance of this group to me is love. We sit and discuss and learn about love and the word of God.’

Please give a gift this Lent to help people around the world get the support they need to overcome poverty and flourish.

Yours in Christ, **Graeme McMeekin**
Head of Tearfund Scotland

CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

Sadly we have again lost several well loved members during the COVID crisis. Our prayers go out to those who are left behind.

BUT welcome to our new members

BAPTISMS

16 th January	Matilda Elizabeth Sprot	Dunino
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WEDDINGS

11 th December	James Balfour to Anna McKenzie	Holy Trinity
11 th December	Christopher Anderson to Rebecca Main	Old Course Hotel

FUNERALS

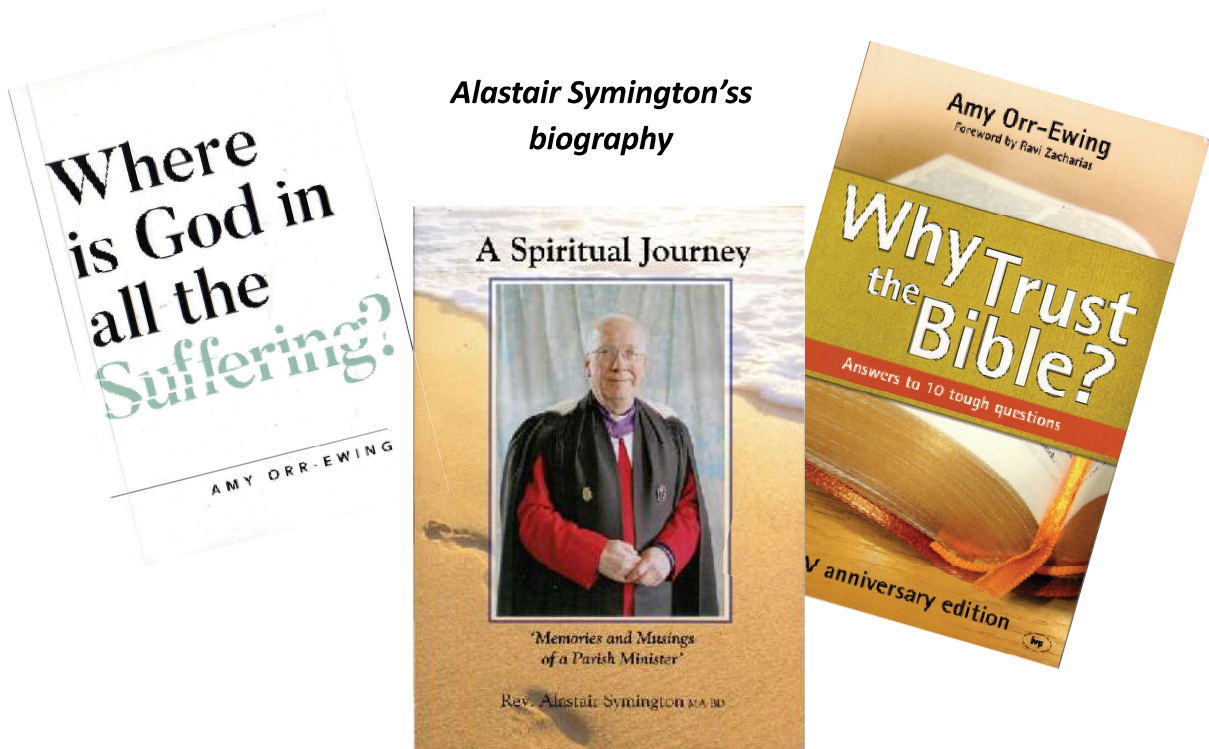
8 th December	James Struth Allan	Kirkcaldy Crematorium
9 th December	Mairi Stewart	Holy Trinity
16 th December	Anne Lessels	Holy Trinity
12 th January	William (Bill) Grant	Holy Trinity
14 th January	Edna Holden	Holy Trinity
18 th January	Catherine Crichton	Holy Trinity
26 th January	Wilma Rutherford	Holy Trinity
3 rd February	Jean Moore	Holy Trinity
7 th February	Christine Mackie	Holy Trinity
17 th February	Janet (Joy) Steele	Holy Trinity
23 rd February	Grace Bottomer	Holy Trinity
15 th March	Mabel Wilson	Dunino
23 rd March	Alice Balfour	Holy Trinity

NEW MEMBERS

By Resolution of the Kirk Session

Rev Alistair Symington	Holy Trinity
Mrs Jennifer Wylie	Holy Trinity
Mr Neil Jamieson	Holy Trinity
Mrs Karen Jamieson	Holy Trinity

Some reading suggestions



These are all available- talk to Mike or Moira



Join us in praying for the people of
the Ukraine

The Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

In today's verse we see that God is three in one, a trinity. The trinity has always been there, working for the good of the Body of Christ, in harmony.

We have God the Father, the I AM. He is the One who breathed life into the nostrils of Adam, and the One who spoke everything into existence. He is the One who opened Sara's womb and made from her a nation. He is the One who heard the outcry of the Israelites in the hands of their tormentors and who appeared as fire in the burning bush, without consuming it.

He parted the Red Sea and made a way for the children of Israel to walk through it. He helped David slay a giant. He won battles for the children of Israel. He made the walls of Jericho fall down at the blast of the rams' horns. He blessed Ruth with a Boaz. He shut the lions' mouths for Daniel. He is the One who favoured queen Esther before the king and stopped the evil plan for the destruction of the Jewish people.

We have God the Son. He is the One who was born in a manger, who is the light of the world, the Prince of peace. By Him all things are possible. He walked on the water. He spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well and transformed her life. He said, "Untie Lazarus". He was mocked, and His arms were pierced by nails on the cross. He is the One who had no sin and yet became sin for me, the One with a crown of thorns on His head.

Death could not hold Him. He has the power to say, "Your sins are forgiven." At the mention of His name, every knee shall bow. He still does miracles. He is the one who sets the captives free. He is Immanuel, God with us. He is preparing a place for us, so where He is, we can also be, forever with Him.

We have God the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the One who comforts, the One who is our counsellor and our helper, and the One who convicts us of sin. He is the One who empowers, the One who help us to cry, "Abba Father", and the One who guides into all truth. He helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us when we do not know what we ought to pray for.

Praise be to the Godhead!

Bernard

Bernard Kariuki is from Kenya, and married to Yulia from Russia. Bernard has the desire to share the Word of God with young people, for he desires to see young people walking in holy fear of the Lord

Moir Stewart

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