

HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS

LINKED WITH BOARHILLS
AND DUNINO

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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"

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear all,

In "Jesus Christ Superstar" there's a song - "What's the buzz, tell me what's happening"

Well, at last things ARE happening and I hope that in this edition you will have some of your questions answered. If not, come along to the Stated Annual Meeting on the 27th July at 7pm in the H&M aisle and hear what is proposed for our building.



In parallel we are in discussions within the cluster of St Andrews churches, helped by 'Place for Hope' (see below). There are going to have to be some difficult decisions made. My prayer is that these will continue to be focussed on the primary goal of the Church, as commanded by Jesus, which is to "Go into all the world and make disciples"

A church in South Africa that Moira and I once attended had as its strapline 'NOGONOLO'. No, it's not a Zulu word; it meant NO GO? NO LO! In other words, if we follow what our Lord intended, we would see

miracles and lives changed.

The small group I was in at the recent Place for Hope meetings was asked to talk about 'Prophecy'. It's a gift referred to in 1 Corinthians 12 which our denomination seems to have lost in these last years.



Why not pray and ask for a word of exhortation for us. Perhaps YOU are the one who is given a key to unlock our present situation

Blessings to you all

Mike

MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

What a lot of celebrations there have been recently! Of course, there has been the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with all that entailed. It was good to be able to celebrate this unique event through the medium of television, but it was especially good to be able to celebrate it in person. I am so grateful to everyone who helped make this a memorable occasion locally. It was good to see so many at the ecumenical service in Holy Trinity, and also at the Short Afternoon Service on the Friday of the weekend,



And the refreshments at both of these events were truly sumptuous. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Then there was the splendid party at Boarhills with another amazing feast. Callum rang our church bells and everyone who experienced any of these events seemed to enjoy themselves.

Then of course, we have celebrated the Feast of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, both very important celebrations in the Christian Calendar. We have tried to make these days special for all who came to share with us. But we do need to remember that every Sunday is a celebration, for we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at every act of worship. And what a large number of weddings we have celebrated, each one unique, and all of them happy events for those involved!

And now it is holiday time, and I know many people will be taking a break away from home and routine. And we are so grateful to be able to do that this year, after such a long period of restriction. But as we take our much anticipated holidays, it is important that we should remember that God does not take a holiday. He goes on loving us through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, day in, day out, year in year out. Wherever we are and whatever we may be doing, he goes on loving us. This means that we should never take a holiday from worshipping him and giving thanks for his great and sustaining love for all of us. It doesn't matter where we are in the world, we can always worship and give thanks.

And being away from home is an opportunity to experience different styles of worship, different denominations and possibly different languages. It is an opportunity to remind ourselves that we are part of a very much larger Christian family. I personally enjoy these different worship experiences and often come home with new ideas for us. The familiar is lovely and makes us feel secure. But the unfamiliar can, and often does offer us challenges and encouragement.

If you are worshipping with a different fellowship of God's people while you are on holiday, please take the greetings of Boarhills and Dunino linked with Holy Trinity to the congregation with whom you share. It would also be interesting to know where you have worshipped while you have been away, just to see how far our small part of the worldwide Christian family has travelled. And do enjoy the summer and the rest and relaxation it provides.

With every blessing

Marion

From our Interim moderator

SAINT FOR OUR TIMES?

In May, Pope Francis canonised ten people during a papal mass in St. Peter's Square. The congregation exceeded 45,000 people. In his homily, the Pope said, 'Holiness does not consist of a few heroic gestures, but of small acts of daily love.'

He was reframing sainthood from great acts of heroism to more modest acts of kindness.

The former focuses our attention on the saint rather than on Christ and on what the saint has achieved rather than what Christ achieves through us without us even knowing it.

One of the people canonised was Charles de Foucauld, a French priest and hermit. When I was a student, I read a biography of him. Three things struck me about him. Firstly, he was murdered ministering to others. Secondly, he failed to achieve his ambition to create a small community of like-minded followers of Jesus.

It was only after his death that the 'Little Brothers and Sisters of Jesus' was formed. It was almost despite his efforts to fulfil this ambition that the work of God was accomplished. This is in harmony with the third thing which struck me – his honesty in the difficulties he had in his spiritual life. I found his notes encouraging and strangely uplifting:

'I find everything difficult ... communion, prayer ... everything, even telling Jesus that I love him ... I have to cling on to the life of faith. If only I felt that Jesus loved me. But he never says so.'

Before the Blessed Sacrament ... everything seems empty, hollow, meaningless, except for the fact that I am at the feet of our Lord, contemplating him ... and when I am at his feet, I am dry, arid, without a word or a thought, and often, alas, I end up by going to sleep.

At least four evenings in a row I have gone to sleep while writing down these meditations.'



A saint for our times? I think so – and for three reasons. Like de Foucauld, our work may not be in the desert but it takes place in a barren landscape where many people are indifferent to the Gospel which the Kirk preaches, the way it preaches it and the life which emerges from it.

Secondly, we are under pressure to make things happen, to get results. We are being constrained by money and quotas and perhaps worst of all, expectations of growth which are not only unrealistic but blasphemous. Growth doesn't belong to us but to God. We play our part. 'I planted. Apollos watered but God gave the growth.' says a wise St. Paul.

Thirdly, we are not inclined to value the ordinary, the small, the thoughtful and the virtues of loyalty, perseverance, hiddenness. God's work is often to be found in the hiddenness of a cloud in wilderness or on mountain top. The problem for us is that we like to plot and piece his work as evidence of our value. But the divine mathematics defies this analysis.

God is infinite so there is no way in which we can construct a mechanism or a set of words or a book of assessment indicators to discern or contain or unravel the will and the actions of God with infinite exactitude. Only faith in the desert and the darkness bears exceptional fruit which we may never taste for the harvest is in God's time alone!

David D. Scott, Interim-Moderator

Words from the 24/7 Prayer initiative

Pete Greig writes "If I desire to hear God; the first thing that I need to realise is that it begins and ends with hearing Jesus" 'Jesus is what God sounds like,' 'He's literally the "living Word of God". Hearing his voice is not so much a skill [I] must master, therefore, as a master [I] must meet. All the other ways that God communicates - through the Bible, prophecy, dreams, visions and so on - come through Jesus and point back to him too.'*

Are you a Joy giver.....or a joy killer?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY, peace.....Gal 5

THE CHURCH GARDEN



Rachel and Dave caught in the act!

It's now the start of the busy season in the life of the church garden.

The small team have been busy planting the begonias, cutting the grass and watering (especially necessary in the dry weather this year).

I have a lovely small team of

helpers again this year; Pat Anthony, Dave Raynor, Mike Dominiak and Lorna and Peter Morrone. I must also give a big 'Thank you' to Alan Barron for collecting all the plants and baskets from Pathhead. An amazing number of passers-by stop to admire the garden and comment on its beauty.

Rachel Raynor

But we DO need more volunteers to help.

Just a few hours a week from another four or five would make such a difference and enable us to keep the church being a place which reflects the glory of God.(Ed

The wider Kirk

The General Assembly 2022

Apart from the vote on gay marriage, which had the press licking their lips, the Assembly proceedings were not widely publicised. There is not space here to cover all that went on; There is an excellent supplement to Life and Work which summarises the proceedings. It is available on the CofS website.



My impressions, as a commissioner was that, the church has finally grasped the seriousness of its exclusion from the public domain, but is seriously addressing these issues. The new Moderator Rev Ian Greenshields, is from Dunfermline, in our Presbytery. He talked about the 99 sheep and the One. Only nowadays it is the 99 that are lost! He challenged us to go and preach the gospel and bring them in. The New

Principal Clerk, Rev Fiona Smith, will also be living in Fife and is a real 'woman of God'

I was encouraged by the wonderful speeches by a Rabbi on behalf of the Jewish population of Scotland, of The ex-Archbishop of York, John Sentamu and the promulgation of the 'St Margaret's declaration', laying to rest centuries of bitterness between the C of S and the Catholic Church (Bishop Sharp and Rangers please note).

As an aside, there is to be a new confession of faith to be put beside the Westminster Confession. Our dear John Duncan was also warmly thanked for his years in the ministry.

On church growth, we were told that

"The Free church in the North of Scotland has a goal to plant 30 new churches between the Black Isle and Thurso in the next 10 years."



Rt Rev Dr Ian Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop and Metropolitan of St Andrews and Edinburgh

From Fife Presbytery ,

Hi all,

Pioneer Mission Fund

This has been established. It aims to support local church growth and had a particular **emphasis on church planting and establishing 100 new worshipping communities.**



The fund will be open to applications between April and September 2022 with

assessments being made between June and December or until the monies are exhausted.

The fund will have an initial £100,000 made available from central resources

Grants of up to £10,000 can be applied for by:

- Individual Church of Scotland churches and Presbyteries
- Groups of churches or Presbyteries
- Individuals through and with the support of their church or Presbytery

There will be no limits given on the reserves a church or Presbytery may hold in terms of applicability to apply.

Projects should support:-

- local church growth.
- church planting.
- the establishment of new worshipping communities.

projects should meet each of the following four criteria.

Missional – work with non-churchgoers.

Contextual – fitting the context of where you are situated.

Formational – aiming to form disciples.

Seeing itself as part of the worldwide Christian community, shaped by the gospel

Draft Presbytery mission plan

The plan was agreed at the June Presbytery meeting.

This means that it now proceed to the Faith and committee to be ratified.

Movement toward the implementation of the plan should commence on 1 Jan 2023 and full implementation (Which will require much discussion), has to be completed by the end of 2025

The salient points relating to the St Andrews cluster (Holy Trinity, St Marks and St Leonards) are shown below



Structure and Adjustments	
Holy Trinity; St Leonard's; St Marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop and form a Team Ministry.
Boarhills & Dunino; Cameron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To each consider becoming a Local Mission Church.

Recommended Buildings Categorisation:

Church	Category	Comments (if applicable)
Boarhills & Dunino		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dunino Church 	A	
Cameron		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church 	A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School 	A	
Holy Trinity		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church 	A	Historic – HES A. <i>To continue to explore and progress future options and redevelopment by the Holy Trinity Action Group, with support from General Trustees and Presbytery.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halls 	A	
St Marks		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church 	A	
St Leonards		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church & Halls 	A	

Next Steps/Review

Cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to build and grow local relationships by collaboratively working together with shared ministry, mission and resources. • To reflect on community research, discern and agree focus for Pioneer Ministry. • To develop and form a Team Ministry. • To consider local presence across St Andrews area and future building requirements for ministry and mission. • To submit a progress report to Presbytery for 2023 PMP Review.
Boarhills & Dunino; Cameron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To each consider becoming a Local Mission Church.

Peace & Blessings be with you,

Neil Campbell, Mission Director, Fife Presbytery.

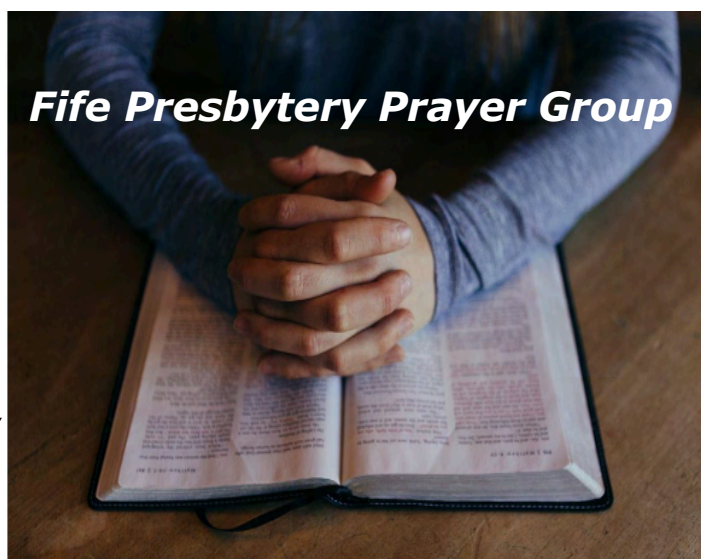
Check the Fife Presbytery website

There are so many good ideas that we could use (Ed)

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 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

Thoughts (1)

I don't know how many Holy Trinity and Dunino members watch **Coronation Street**, possibly not as many as those who like me have roots in the North of England. The scriptwriters keep me guessing from episode to episode and the plot-lines often deal with important social issues such as how easy it is for ordinary people to get trapped into drug dealing, to undergo coercive bullying by a partner, or to suffer from an eating disorder, and I find I learn a good deal about other people's lives and problems from **Coronation Street**.

Although a vicar is one of the characters in the series, the Church is not a very positive force in the episodes. The vicar's views on worship, forgiveness and wrong-doing have little place in the scripts. Except for wedding and funerals the local church is rarely visited and plays little positive part in the life of The Street. Terrible disasters hit the characters – husbands turn out to be serial killers, sons are killed by angry school friends, a toddler is ill and dies and his mother is devastated, but the vicar and his parishioners, who rarely appear in the scripts, seem quite uninvolved, and the local bishop's visits are a disaster for the vicar. He himself has trouble with personal relationships and finds it really hard to help his deceased friend's teenage daughter who now lives with him to accept the constraints of her diabetic condition, her eating disorder, and her inability to limit the scope of her preparation for her A level exams. I don't feel I'd be very happy as a member of the **Coronation Street Church**.

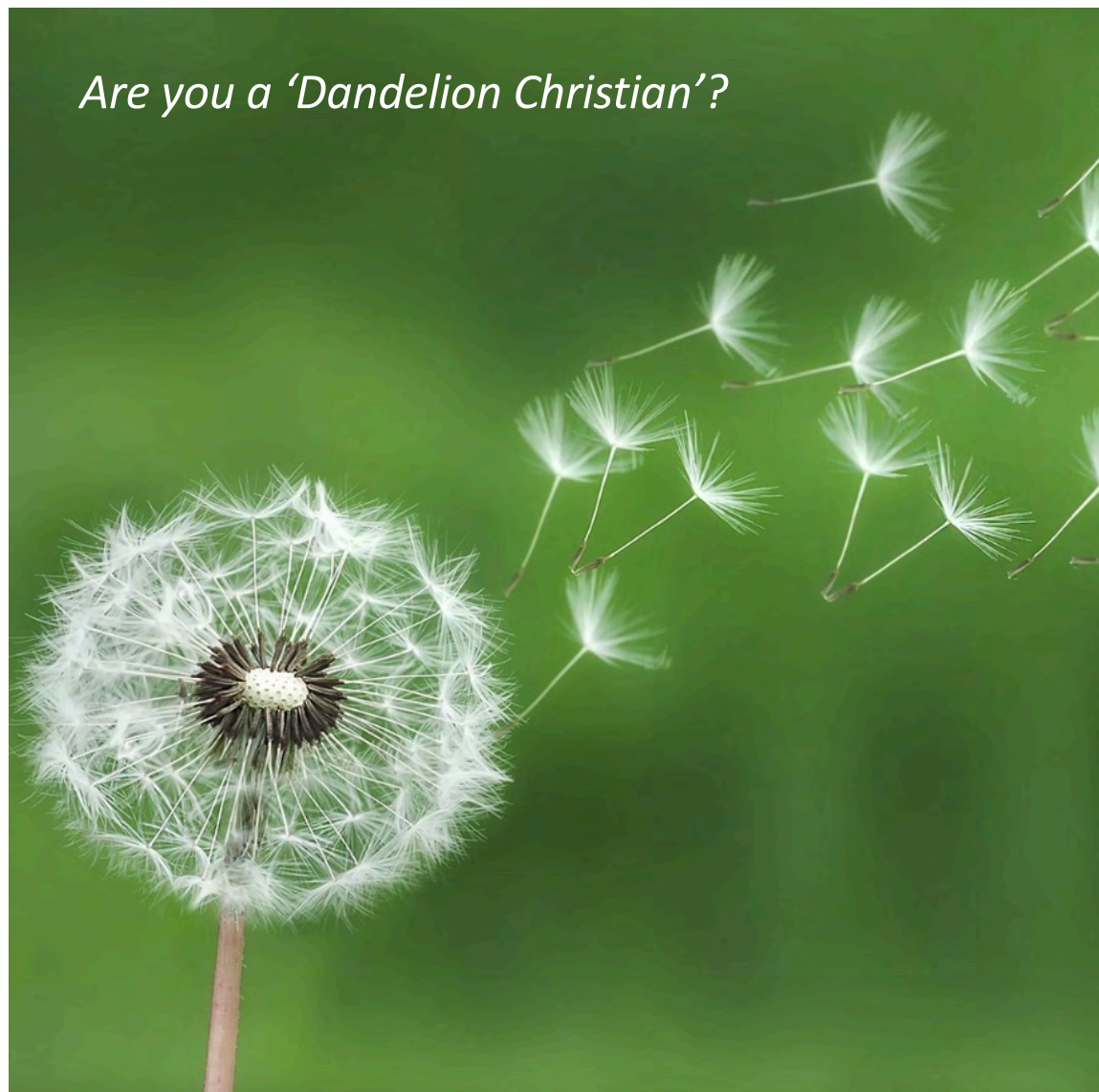
I hope you are feeling grateful, but not smug, that "our" church isn't like that, but sadly it is how many people see the churches in their midst. And yet were churches to close and congregations disband, don't you think that there would be a huge hole in the social care in our communities, one that community councils, always strapped for cash and not always fully aware of hidden needs, would struggle to fill?

Holy Trinity and Dunino aren't perfect by any means, but their members and their minister do have a vision, imperfect, perhaps, but a vision all the same of what God expects and hopes for from us. It's what those who joined the church, more recently or many years ago, signed up for. Like the Queen we promised to do faithfully the tasks God entrusts to us. As we celebrate our Queen's long life of service, might this be a good

time to stop and ask God to sharpen our vision and show us what he is planning for us to do for others in our church, in our town, in our work, faithfully, every day. It isn't and won't be easy, but Pentecost will soon be here when we remember* that the God who sent Jesus to show us how to be his people also sent the Holy Spirit to help us to use the gifts he has given us. Try to spend a little time in the next few days and weeks asking God to show you what more you can do in his service and give you the courage to attempt it.

Bunny

Thoughts (2)



An artistic neighbour really likes the rich golden colour of dandelions; personally, like Wordsworth, I prefer daffodils. However, love 'em or hate 'em, one has to admire their resilience and their ability to reproduce themselves - everywhere!

When trying to dig them out of tricky corners frequently the deep tap root snaps off and new shoots bounce back multiplied ready to bring forth new flowers which will in due course develop into dandelion clocks which we love to blow for little children scattering seeds far and wide.

How many seeds from a dandelion clock? How many times have we spread the Good News of Jesus? Dandelions are deeply rooted unlike so many pine trees blown over in the recent winter gales. Are we deeply rooted in Gods Word able to stand firm on truth in a world of fake news? When stomped on for our faith or Biblical beliefs do we bounce back or do we shrink back, scared to open our mouths?



We have Good News to share - no, that is a serious understatement. We have BRILLIANT news to share. 'Heal me, Oh Jahweh, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved for YOU are my praise. Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. What a promise! Let's be dandelion Christians and share His liberating truths - today - and everyday!

Moirra

Thoughts (3)

A Question

Have I any unforgiveness in my heart?

At a recent weekend away, all were asked to write down the names of folk that they hadn't forgiven for some past or ongoing hurt.

Then there was the opportunity to burn the papers.

The release was tangible.

Jesus said

"If you do not forgive others then your Father will not forgive you. (Matthew 6)



HTAG



*Seen on a bus stop
in Edinburgh*

Building plans

At last we have some preliminary drawings of possible changes to the church

building; in the first instance these will cover the provision of toilets and disabled access.

Other possible and exciting changes were described, but, rather than fill the magazine, these will be presented to the congregation, again at the

Stated Annual meeting.

Concerts *There has been a splendid series of concerts, recitals and book launches over the Spring time. Both performers and audiences have been hugely appreciated, despite our lack of 'facilities'.*

Hopefully this is about to be addressed as we move toward developing the plans for the building. (See below)

Here is one letter received by Callum McLeod from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Dear Callum,

A quick note to thank you, and the Holy Trinity team, for looking after the SCO Chorus so brilliantly last weekend. We very much appreciated all your help and support with the day.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in St Andrews and it was really lovely to return to Holy Trinity. It's a very special place to perform, especially when the West window is illuminated by the setting sun. I do hope we will be able to arrange another concert before too long!

All the best, Judith

A huge thanks to all the members of HTAG, who have been working tirelessly to promote the use of the building by outside bodies and have achieved great success this year. Our thanks are due especially to Callum McLeod, Graham Wynd and John Taylor who have 'gone the extra mile'
But they also need volunteers to help steward the large numbers of people who attend these functions - Again- can YOU help? (Ed

The Guild

July 2022

Holy Trinity Guild worked hard to keep in touch with members during lockdown and as things eased we were able to hold several meetings to which we were happy to welcome some new members and which were much enjoyed. Sadly we have lost a number of members and shall miss them at meetings in the new session.

When the Guild Committee met recently to plan the 2022-23 session it felt like old times and we fixed dates for our fortnightly Monday afternoons and made plans for the programme. We hope to provide refreshments for the Scottish Country Dancers when they visit St Andrews at the end of July and early August and would welcome help in providing home baking for this and for serving tea, coffee.

As we were unable to have an outing earlier this year, we are planning a get-together at the end of September, possibly to explore the history of our beautiful church building, to which we can invite others. We will be sending out dates and programme details once these are fixed and hope to welcome some new members to the Guild. If you'd like to know more please contact Mrs Joan Archer, Guild Secretary, Tel 01334 475716 email: bobandjoanarcher@gmail.com or a member of the Guild Committee.

Members in their first year do not pay our small subscription. We have a joint meeting with the St Leonard's and St Mark's (formerly Hope Park/Martyrs) Church Guilds in November and hope to work more closely together with them during the coming year.

The choir



Photo by Mike Carslow

The choir met for the last time on Trinity Sunday. Several of the students have completed their studies and we thank them, and Walter, Marjorie and Callum, for their enhancement of our services. An advertisement is now available.

Please ask around

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022-2023



Holy Trinity is offering a number of choral scholarships for 2022-2023. Applications from Alto and Bass voices would be particularly welcome.

The choir contributes to Sunday Services mid-September to mid-December and late-January to May in line with the University semesters.

The commitment as a choral scholar requires attendance on Sundays (rehearsal at 9.45 am for the Service at 11.15 am). There is an occasional extra rehearsal and scholars are paid £20.00 for each Sunday attendance.

The choir sings an interesting repertoire ranging from 16th Century to the present day.

Students who are interested in a scholarship should have choral singing experience and some sight reading ability.

Further information from the Director of Music, Walter Blair:
walterblair@hotmail.co.uk | 01334 880621 | 07468 572368

Not Breakfast, but still eating together

Prompted by the return of Ethan and Emma (and the boys) from the States for Ethan's graduation, a get-together of all the 'refugees' from 'Breakfast@Trinity' was held at Priormuir (Cameron and Pearl's home, on Saturday 18th June.



It was an all-age 'do' and, as usual the food was sumptuous and included a special cake, in the hope of a graduation neck, provided by Wilma.



Cutting the graduation cake



Wilma and Rumbai



It was of interest that there were folk who are currently attending Cornerstone, Vineyard, St Andrews, St Andrews, the Baptist church and those who now feel they have no church 'home'. Could we catch the vision, within the new arrangements, to provide a 'safe space' in a contemporary

context for all these dear ones again?

BOARHILLS AND DUNINO

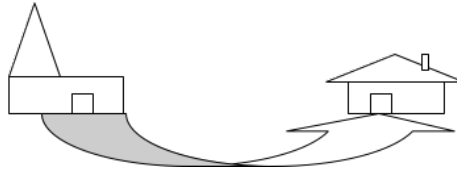
Boarhills Village celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by holding a street party for villagers, family and friends. This provided the ideal opportunity for a long awaited coming together. The afternoon was blessed with sunshine and the village hall and tables were decorated with bunting and flowers. Everybody enjoyed a sumptuous buffet of sandwiches, savoury treats and home-baked cakes all prepared by villagers and friends.

A toast to the Queen, and brief history of the the Queen's long reign, was given by Virginia Fowler. A parade of Jubilee puddings by their bakers concluded the afternoon.



Kind regards
Ken Morris (Session Clerk)

HOLY TRINITY CARE
GROUP+ BEFRIENDERS



KEEPING IN TOUCH

HOLY TRINITY SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICES 2022

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

HUNTER & MEMORIAL AISLE 3 - 3.20pm

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 better 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,

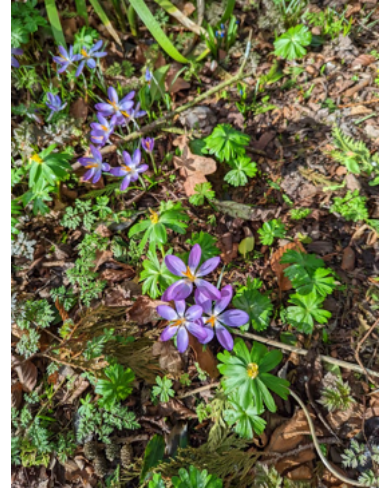
Janie, Convenor, HT Care Group + Befrienders



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



We have received many cards and letters of thanks from those who have received the flowers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Granger has been 'hors de combat' during this period

We wish him a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, here's a test for you. Where in the church would you find this symbol of a dove, representing the Holy Spirit?

Please tell Steve or Jan at Sunday school.



Comings and (sadly) goings

From the Vineyard Pastor

Dear Holy Trinity,

I wanted to let you know that we have just been informed that the Victory Memorial Hall will be open again from 1st July, and is available for use on Sunday mornings from then on. After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to move our services back to a morning slot (and back to VMH) from Sunday 3rd July onwards. We have been so grateful to be able to worship in Holy Trinity, and so blessed by the hospitality of your congregation and Kirk Session during this season, so much so that the decision to move back for us was not at all straightforward! However, our families in particular have struggled so much with a mid-afternoon (or evening) service, and so the decision to move back to meeting in the mornings made most sense for our congregation.



I would like to thank you again, very much indeed, for providing a temporary home for Kingdom Vineyard's worship in this season. It has felt like a

lovely act of fellowship and a lovely witness to our congregation that another church in the town would be kind enough to take us in!

With every blessing,

Jim Cronin
Senior Pastor



Retiral of Pat Anthony as an elder

Pat indicated to the Session in June that she wished to demit as an elder, a decision which Session agreed to with both regret, but also huge appreciation for all that Pat has, and still does for our congregation. Not least as she is our 'eye in the sky', keeping a close watch on the church from her eyrie across the street. Pat remains with us meantime and we wish her well now that she has been relieved of some of her responsibilities.



Communications



Our new member, Calum Stewart has volunteered to train to operate the live-streaming and recording system.

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..

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

LITTLE CHERUBS



A REMINDER
THAT CHERUBS
MEET IN THE
CHURCH HALL
ON THURSDAYS,
WITH 2 SESSIONS
OF 25 ADULTS
AND 'HOWEVER
MANY'
CHILDREN.

THANKS AGAIN TO THE TEAM.

AGAIN WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP FOR
3 HOURS ON A THURSDAY MORNING FROM THE START OF
THE AUTUMN TERM

LOCAL Outreach

STOREHOUSE FOODBANK, AN ACTIVITY OF KINGDOM
VINEYARD is supported by all the St Andrews Churches. Our
link is Ron Cruickshanks. Please continue to donate weekly,
there is great concealed need in St Andrews

Storehouse is based at St Davids Centre Albany Park
KY16 8BP

storehouse@kingdomvineyard.com 01334 845985

*The Kingdom Vineyard
(East Fife) is a Registered
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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.

WEDDINGS

20 th April	James Marshall to Georgia Gatherum	Holy Trinity
30 th April	Daksh Kapoor to Elizabeth Frey (Blessing)	Holy Trinity
7 th May	Harry Clark to Annie Jeffries	Holy Trinity
4 th June	Harry Longton to Morven McDonald	Holy Trinity
9 th June	Dale Conroy to Ebele Ngwangwu	Holy Trinity
10 th June	Connor McBride to Vanessa Mendhan	Holy Trinity
11 th June	Steven Beagrie to Laura Simpson	Holy Trinity

NEW MEMBERS

by Certificate of Transfer		
	Lorraine Carter	Dunino
	Fiona Ramsay	Dunino
by Profession of Faith		
	Alan Scrymgeour	Dunino
	Jane Scrymgeour	Dunino
Calum Stewart		Holy Trinity

FUNERALS

29 th March	Iris Kerr Neil	Holy Trinity
1 st April	John Purvis	Dunino
7 th April	Allan Cruickshanks	Holy Trinity
20 th April	David Durie	Dunino
21 st April	Merite Jeffrey (Memorial Service)	Dunino
25 th April	Renton Laidlaw (Memorial Service)	Holy Trinity
26 th April	May McGregor	Holy Trinity
12 th May	Maureen Hodge	Holy Trinity
15 th June	Joan Donlon	All Saints

Some reading suggestions

"At the beginning of Lent, a friend gave me an unexpected present and it turned out to be a joyous gift. It was a book by Richard Harries ' Seeing God in Art'.

He has chosen 30 works of art and for him they represent the essence of Christianity. They range from a fifth century mosaic of Moses and the burning bush to a 2003 painting of Pentecost.

Beside each he has written a reflection and ended with a prayer.



Among the most meaningful for me, is one Chagall painted in 1995 of the Exodus. He was from Belarus, next to Ukraine and he shows a group of grey human beings fleeing and they are watched over by the outstretched arms of Christ.

I used the book in different ways.

Each image shows an artist's insight into the Christian story.

I found the reflections especially helpful.

Richard Harries is a former Bishop of Oxford and his writing shows his wisdom, learning, humanity and a lifetime's devotion to Christ.

The prayer at the end of each section can be used as a devotion.

It was indeed a gift to be treasured. "

'Seeing God in Art' is published in paperback by S.P.C.K.

All best wishes

Alison



'Jock's Journey' is an autobiography by Rev Dr Jock Stein, who will be known to many of you, having served in churches in ~Dundee, as a warden at Carberry towers and as a contributor to the 'Torrance Seminars'

Apart from detailing the amazing history and opinions of this wonderful minister, it contains some superb poetry. (Jock contributes to STANZA, the St Andrews poetry festival).

You will not be disappointed if you buy this book. It is one of only two which I have read through in one sitting (Although I left most of the poems for 'dessert')

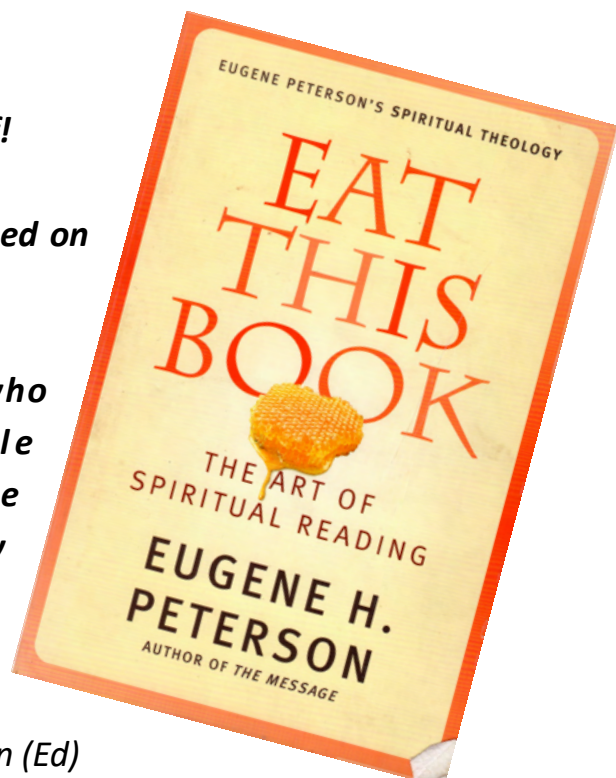
Photos and illustrations by his wife Rev Margaret Stein make this an attractive book to read.

The title speaks for itself!

The Bible tells us to "Feed on the Word"

Eugene Peterson, who produced the bible translation "The Message" has now produced a book that tells us how to read it and be nourished.

(There is no Vegan edition (Ed))



From the Session

Session meetings

Session met on the 27th April, the 6th June and the 22nd June. The Session minutes for the first two are on the notice board in the church.

The major items to be covered were:

*the Annual accounts, which were presented by our new treasurer, Mr Russell Cockburn. These were agreed by session and will be presented to the congregation at the **Stated Annual meeting, to be held on 27th July at 7 pm in the H&M aisle.***

[It should be noted that the M&M contributions are to be changed for a system called Giving to Grow. This was discussed on a webinar, which took place on Tuesday 10 May. It aims to give back to congregations a greater part of their income

The recording, regulations and worked examples are now available on the Church of Scotland website within the [congregational contributions: Giving to Grow section.](#)]

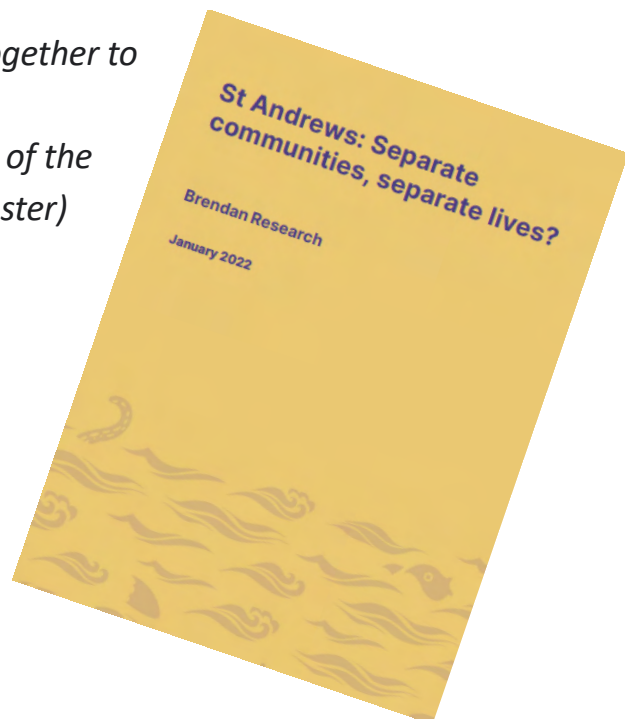
The second item was a report from HTAG, given by Graham Wynd.
(See above)

Place for Hope

This is a series of facilitated meeting between the three churches in St Andrews. There have been two Zoom meetings involving the ministers and session clerks and an in-person meeting in St Mark's on 24th June of c 25 people from the 3 churches.

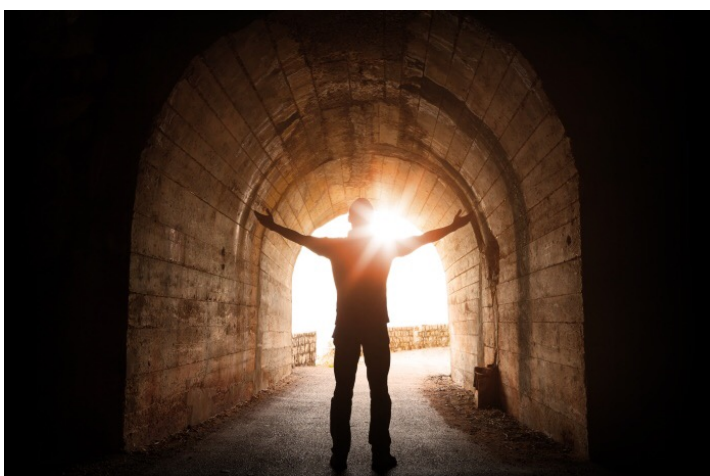
These meetings are designed to discuss two parallel courses of action:

1. *How can the churches work together to provide for the needs of our community? (Based on survey of the town commissioned by the cluster)*



2. *What will be the shape of the church of Scotland presence in St Andrews in the future?*

This is where the congregations have to decide on Unions and the use of the four separate buildings which we have.



Are we waiting in the darkness?

Or looking for the light?



Sorry to stress the point - but If we are to go anywhere, with church unions, choice of buildings, development of mission and many other things, we need you to both input and help.

Even if you haven't attended for YEARS:

PLEASE come along to the Stated Annual Meeting on 27th

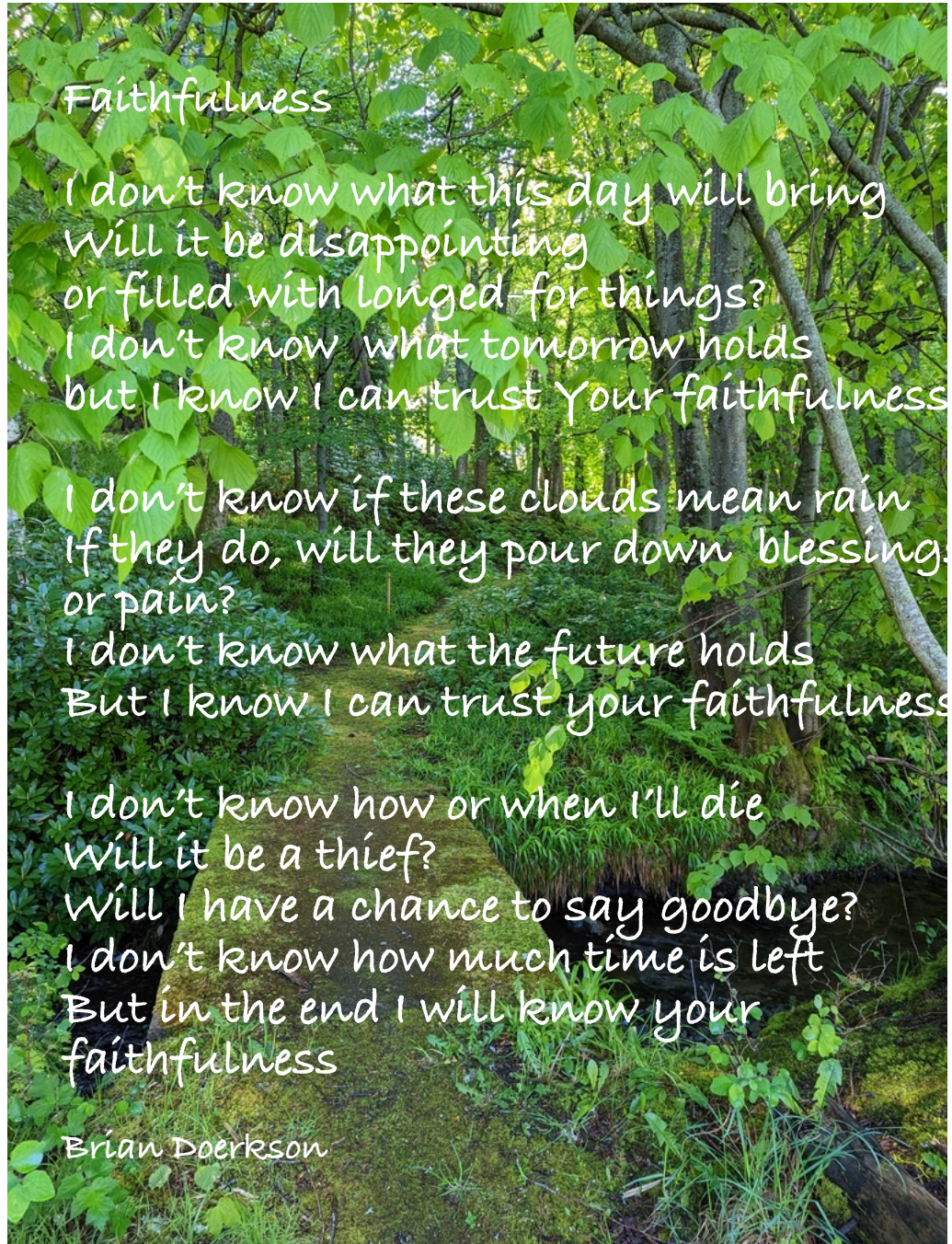
July at 7 pm

and make your views heard and hear what those who have been working on your behalf have to say.

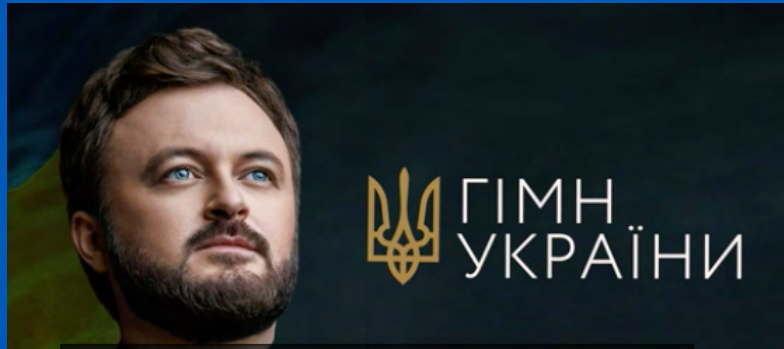
This picture was the brainchild of the Deputy editor, who wishes to remain anonymous (Ed)

At a time when there is a lot of sadness and uncertainty around, the words of this song, by Brian Doerkson may bring some solace

(It is available on Spotify)



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Keep on praying for the people of
the Ukraine

