

# HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS LINKED WITH BOARHILLS AND DUNINO

## NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

*The heavens declare the Glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands  
Ps 19:1*

### 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**

## *Editorial*

Dear All,

As we enjoy this glorious summer, let us lift our eyes to Him who provides all this, our Heavenly Father.

This month's cover shows a the sky over the Forth from Anstruther. To some, such as sailors, such a sky would seem very foreboding. To others, such as farmers faced with drought, a blessing.

The important thing is to remember that we are promised that "God will never leave us or forsake us"

In this issue there are contributions from our Minister, our Interim Moderator, Bunny Slack and Mike Carslaw, all pointing us to the fact that things are changing fast. There are also some welcome contributions from members who look back to earlier days, some of which were happy and others threatening. (Thank you for these).

If we lift our eyes and look around at what is happening in the church in Scotland, there are many bright lights shining. There is great creativity being released at all levels. In our denomination the new Faith Nurture group, led by Rev Tommy McNeill (See book review) have their eyes on the stars. At Presbytery level many folk have realised that we have to move on from fixation on church closures and are showing great creativity. Among other denominations there is increasing growth in people of faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, old church buildings are being re-inhabited by vibrant independent congregations. (I tell of one example below). The important thing is that, as the children's hymn says "God's not dead, NO! He is alive, He is alive TODAY". So don't be downhearted, look around and JOIN IN!





Many blessings

Mike

## MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends,

A good many years ago now, I had the opportunity to visit a Lighthouse Museum whilst on holiday. It was fascinating as I learned how a small light could be transformed by the use of lenses and prisms, into a light that could be seen twenty-five miles away! All this took me back to my school days when we learned about reflection and refraction and did amazing things to bend and intensify light. It also took me back to one end of term service when the speaker spoke about a particular lighthouse. His story went like this.



*There was once a lighthouse in a beautiful situation on the cliffs not far from a holiday resort. The keepers of the light were so proud of their lighthouse that they wanted to keep it in perfect condition. So they spent all their time making it look attractive, touching up the paintwork, playing music, designing new uniforms, showing tourists around, and making lots of money. But they were so occupied with all this that they forgot to stock up with fuel for the light. Then one night a great storm arose, and the light could not be lit*

*because there was no fuel. That night a ship foundered on the rocks at the foot of the cliffs. Many lives were lost ... and all because the keepers had forgotten what they were there for!*

You might think that an unlikely story, but on the visit to the museum we were told that since lighthouses have become automated in order to save money, and are not operated by real people who know what they are there for, they have become less effective than in days gone by.

In this present day when so many people are struggling with the cost of living it would be easy for the church to worry about itself and to forget what it is here for, to forget the plight of those who are struggling. There are so many who have finding life difficult for all sorts of reasons, so many who are in desperate need of

practical and spiritual support, so many who would benefit from the comfort of the light and the love of Christ.

As the fellowship of believers who are Boarhills and Dunino linked with Holy Trinity Churches we are no different from anyone else except in one crucial sense. We have the good news of the light of the gospel message to share. And we are in a position to offer practical and spiritual support to those who are in need. There are lots of ways that we can help, by supporting 'Storehouse,' by opening our doors and being good listeners, by being warm and welcoming on a Sunday morning and a Friday afternoon and whenever the church is open, by letting the light of our faith shine in and through everything we do. There is so much need and as the body of Christ in these places we are all called to do what we can to address it.

Later on in the summer we hope that our union between Boarhills and Dunino and Holy Trinity will be confirmed with a special service of union which we hope you will all support. I believe that we shall all be stronger for it, and the light of our faith and our loving care for those who are struggling will shine more brightly. Meantime, enjoy the summer, whatever you may be doing.

With every blessing

*Marion*

## From our Interim moderator

### Dear Friends

These are changing and, in a sense, uncertain times in the story of the church both nationally and locally. We here in Holy Trinity have a fine and enviable history of being the primary worshipping site in the town of St Andrews. Our forefathers listened to the preaching of John Knox, the church has been at the heart of civic life and so many thousands of our forefathers were sustained in their faith by the preaching of the Word and the pastoral ministry of this place. I assume and expect that we shall build on that heritage. But whatever happens the firm grip of God and His continuing providence will surely be the hand that steers us into the future. We talk about such things too rarely in these times when we like to think that we are always in control of the future. And so I remind us of them. We can look forward in confidence and with serenity - now and always.





*Yours sincerely*

Alastair H Symington

## BIG EVENTS

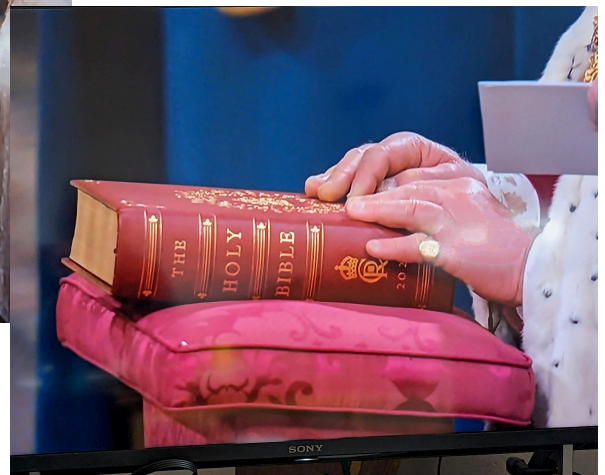
### THE CORONATION

*Sadly we were unable to cover the coronation in our last issue. Even more sadly, St Andrews did not put on any events. The sole mention was our notice in South Street. But most of us will have followed the ceremony on television or online. A great day for the nation. A new King, a new start.*

*As I watched events unfold it was not the golden coach*



GOD  
SAVE THE  
KING



*which arrested me, nor the incredibly well drilled military marching, no. it was the sight of the king, in a simple linen shirt, making his vows to His, and our, God. And then to see him with his hand on the bible.....*

*One member of the congregation, Mrs Marion Murray, whom we visited that day, had dressed especially for the occasion.*

*70 years ago, in black and white, it was, for me, just as meaningful.*

*The Episcopal church prays for the monarch every Sunday. Perhaps we should remember to pray more often for King Charles as he represents us.*



*And this week we had the wonderful service in St Giles cathedral in Edinburgh where the 'Honours of Scotland' were presented to the King.*

*Most of you, again may have watched it.*

*It reminded me of the hymn " Still we cast our crowns before Him, Lost in wonder, love and Praise. We, as Christians, have the immense privilege having a heavenly King, who is committed to each of us regardless of what we*

*have done.*

*Lift up your heads, Oh ye gates and be lifted up ye everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in*

*"Who is this King of Glory?*

*The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle*

*Lift up your heads, Oh ye gates and lift them up ye everlasting doors*

*And the King of Glory will come in.*



*Who is this King of Glory?*

*The Lord of Hosts , He is the King of Glory Psalm 24:8-10*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### 1. MEMORIES BY MARGARET AND LENNOX DUNLEY



Margaret and Lennox Dunley

My parents were members of the United Free church in my hometown. The church was known locally as the 'Mill Church' because the millworkers were members. I started in Sunday school in Primary One along with many others. The superintendent and his teachers (including his two daughters) made our stay so interesting and enjoyable- we were well prepared to go into the minister's Bible Class. In the 1930s and 1940s he

sometimes took the duties of the minister when a 'coffining' took place in a church member's home. As I got older the superintendent became my inspiration - I realised how good he was as a servant of the church. He also had a spell as Session Clerk and chairman of the congregational board.

I still think of him to this day. Lennox

### A MEMORY OF WARTIME

"The minister of our church, Willamwood in Glasgow, produced a series of concerts for "The war effort" in which we, as children, took part .

The singing of Sir Edward Elgar's "Song of Liberty" inspired and gave hope, strengthening faith in time of war. The singing of these words still resonates with me today. I have to admit though that I did not appreciate the kind gift of a new



gas mask on my 9<sup>th</sup> birthday-  
MARGARET

The old one had worn out!"

## 2. A PRAYER BY EDITH

(INSPIRED BY THE WINDOW TO THE LEFT OF THE  
JOHN KNOX PORCH)

"GOD KEEP US SAFE TONIGHT,  
SECURE FROM ALL OUR FEARS.  
MAY ANGELS GUARD US WHILE WE SLEEP  
TILL MORNING LIGHT APPEARS.  
GOD BLESS THE LITTLE CHILDREN  
AMEN"



## 3. IN PRAISE OF THE NHS (AND NINEWELLS A&E IN PARTICULAR)

Ann Grindley asked that we express her appreciation of the service provided by the Ambulance service and the A&E department at Ninewells when she had to be admitted as an emergency recently.



*"I cannot speak more highly of all the staff who helped me.*

*They were kind and caring as well as being amazingly efficient THANK YOU"*



## THE CHURCH GARDEN



The planters, back in place

The start of the garden season has come around again – and I am grateful as always for the team of very willing helpers – Pat, Lorna, Peter, Dave, Nathan and Michael. (and John)

All the plants and baskets have arrived and are now all in the tubs and baskets. Thanks to Phyllis at Pathhead for

all the hard work getting them ready for us.

Thank you

to Alan Barron for making two journeys to St Monans to collect.

Already we are getting many compliments about the garden from visitors to the town as well local people.



***Rachel Raynor***

## A Fond farewell



*On the 21st of July we say Goodbye to Rev George and Jan Fairlie, who are moving to Inch in Aberdeenshire.*

*We wish to acknowledge all that they have brought to Holy Trinity over the years they have been with us. It seemed appropriate to mark their leaving in this edition  
A full appreciation will be given in*

*the next edition*

## 'GROUP OF 12' UPDATE

The 'Group of 12' is made up of three representatives each from Holy Trinity, St Mark's and St Leonard's as well as the Ministers of St Mark's and St Leonard's and the Interim Moderator of Holy Trinity. The Group is facilitated by Richard Lloyd who is an Elder and worships at Queensferry Parish Church. The Holy Trinity representatives are Mike Carslaw, Ron Cruickshanks and Julie Torrance, with Moira Stewart and Steve Watson as reserves. The Group has met on several occasions since the first meeting on 5 January. The Group's objective is to develop a 'Basis of Union' and a 'Basis of Team Ministry' which align with the objectives of the Presbytery plan and which will enable the union of the three Church of Scotland churches in St Andrews. The Basis of Union, once finalised, will be put to a vote of Session and then the Congregation of each church.

The Group has also developed a proposed Vision and Mission which has been noted by Session. The Vision and Mission has been subject to extensive discussion by the Group and will now be submitted to Presbytery for further approval.

The proposed name of the united church has yet to be decided. If anyone has questions or queries about the Group, do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the representatives or reserves.

### **Vision Statement**

*St Andrews : XXXX aspires to be a vibrant, intergenerational, God-focused, prayerful, worshipping community, inclusive and friendly to all. We offer to everyone the opportunity to share in a loving group of people who are Jesus' disciples. We seek to care for those in need in our midst and in the wider world, and care for the environment, by sharing our gifts and talents.'*

### **Mission Statement**

<i>To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom</i>	<i>(TELL)</i>
<i>To teach, baptise and nurture new believers</i>	<i>(TEACH)</i>
<i>To respond to human need by loving service</i>	<i>(TEND)</i>
<i>To work to transform unjust structures of society</i>	<i>(TRANSFORM)</i>
<i>To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation</i>	<i>(TREASURE)</i>



*There is much more detail included under these headings. Feel free to discuss this with your elder, who has the full text.*

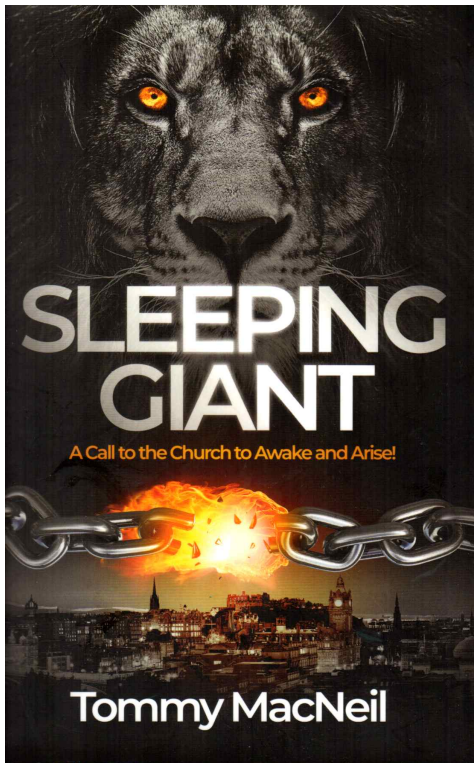
## CHRISTIAN AID

### St Andrews and District collection

*£8,425.64 was raised in Christian Aid Week, through door to door collections in St. Andrews and District,.*

*George Black (Christian Aid convener) thanks to all doorstep evangelists and counters.*

## Book Review by Moira Stewart



### SLEEPING GIANT. A Call to the Church to Awake and Arise!

The author, Tommy MacNeil, minister of Martins Memorial Church of Scotland, Stornoway, has just been appointed Convenor of the Faith Nurture Committee of the Church of Scotland.

Here are a few random points from his book:-  
p 42. It's more of God we need. Isaiah says 'the train of God's robe filled the Temple. God wants each church to be filled with His glory. When Tommy was inducted one of his elders said "It's not more ministers we need, it's more of God!"

This elder had come to faith during the Lewis Revival. (How much more do we need Revival now? So let's start praying for that - and please Lord, let it begin with each one of us.)

Revival reveals God's holiness and invites a passion for worship.

In Revival God will share with us His heart and passion for the world.

Be prepared for the unexpected and unexplainable.

In Revival we don't have time to judge others as we're too aware of our own sin.

We have a fresh awareness of what Jesus has done for us and all He has secured for us.

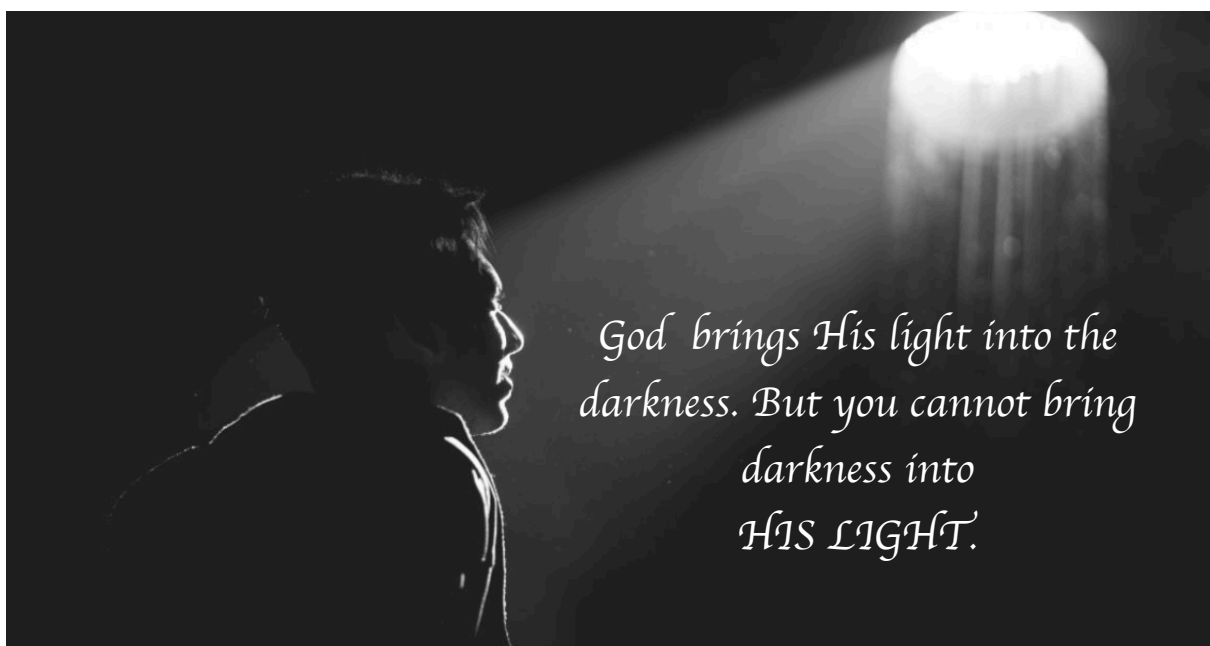
In Revival God calls us into partnership with Him.  
In Revival we fully surrender our lives to God and serve His passion.

It's an ALL PLAY! We all get to join in whether by praying or being positive instead of negative or the old adage 'If you see someone without a smile, give him/her one of yours'. And don't say you are too old! Chapter 6 is entitled "Gods Retirement Plan". Every member is part of the church family and, if we are still breathing, God can use us to advance His Kingdom.

Caleb was 85 when he entered the Promised Land. Calebs are needed in the Church today! Men and women whose focus is not on the challenges, on what can't be done, but on God, as a people of faith. Walk in God's promises with confidence. He will help us defeat the giants that stand in our way. Caleb has a different spirit, he follows Me wholeheartedly.... and his descendants will inherit the land. Caleb, in faith, cried out 'Give me this mountain. With the Lord's help I will drive the enemy out. He did - and the land had rest from war.'

Prayers by those who are housebound can go all round the world. God can use you right where you are. You might want to read about Caleb in the Bible and be inspired.

**There are 3 types of churches. Mission, maintenance or survival. Which do we think God wants us to be?**



## THE BIG ISSUE

### CHURCH CLOSURES - THERE'S NOTHING NEW!

THE DOMINICAN FRIARY OF ST MARY'S  
DECLARED REDUNDANT 1559



SUMMERHILL CHURCH OF  
SCOTLAND  
DECLARED REDUNDANT IN  
2020

So

### Here's the story.

Summerhill Church of Scotland,  
build with all the things needed;  
wonderful sanctuary with sound

etc, meeting rooms, toilets and disabled ramps, was taken into union with two other churches in Aberdeen. Soon after that it was declared redundant and was closed. It was in the point of being sold to a builder who wished to demolish it and build houses.

A young Philippino minister in Glasgow had a dream in which he was told to go to Aberdeen and plant a church. He arrived in the city with only £30 in his pocket. He and his wife were homeless for 9 days. They established a small church in a rented house. Later they looked around and found the (empty) church. That very day someone from the C of S arrived, at the point of handing over the building to the developer. He told the man that God wanted him to have the church, and, amazingly, the sale was put on hold.



a 1960s

systems



I do not know how they obtained the money to rent the building, but they said that they fasted and prayed for weeks. Now they are the tenants and are again praying for the money to buy the church.



They now have a thriving congregation of, mainly, young Philippinos, but, and here's the interesting thing:

Some of the C of S congregation, as old as many of us, decided "This is our church, we're staying" And they have, and are fully part of the congregation of what is now renamed "TheLiving God Church, Aberdeen"

The Church of England has just agreed to develop a mixed economy, whereby churches which are declared non-viable can either be mothballed for a while, sold to a community Trust or rented/bought by other denominations.

**Be encouraged- we are not alone and we have a BIG GOD**



*I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it*

FIFE PRESBYTERY

**Please keep checking the Presbytery website to see what's going on around about us; [fife@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

### **Prayer**

The Presbytery prayer group continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 9 am on Zoom. It is led by Irene Ure from St Margaret's Glenrothes but we are restarting on Aug. 22


The link is: <https://zoom.us/j/3175228773?pwd=SjJpWmlqWGVQSGlleUFleTd6TXEyZz09>

### **The Holy Trinity Facebook page**

Many of us follow events and friends on Facebook; it's instant and a good way to keep up to date. (The magazine is always a bit retrospective).

Ron and others keep the Facebook page running. Be encouraged to dip into it- you may be surprised at what is going on.



And don't forget to check out the Holy Trinity  YouTube<sup>GB</sup> channel, where the weekly Sunday services and Bible readings are uploaded regularly.

Thanks to John Taylor for providing this for those who are at home and can't get physically to church on a Sunday morning.



## SANCTUARY FIRST



Sanctuary first Windows in St Cuthbert's church, Edinburgh

WINDOVS on the Resurrection' is an art installation that started its life as a set of twelve discarded windows waiting to be taken to the local landfill!

Instead they were rescued by the creative team at 'Sanctuary First' and turned into a dynamic, colourful, stained glass window light and music show, depicting scenes from the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

The haunting sound track was written by Dr Allan Hewitt, a member of the Sanctuary First Community. The windows were painted by members of the local charity and were on view in St Cuthbert's church in Edinburgh during the 2022 General Assembly

These, at one time discarded, windows make a truly wonderful transformational statement. Each window invites the viewer to look beyond the present time-framed moment to allow the light of the resurrection to pierce their soul.

It is a missional opportunity to talk of resurrection at a time when many are feeling all is lost. It might just be the final act of mission taking place in a building scheduled for closure or in a place where the congregation are hoping and praying for a resurrection of faith in their community.

The Sanctuary First team is willing to be available to set up the installation and remove. If this interests you get in touch with us by emailing

[contact@sanctuaryfirst.org.uk](mailto:contact@sanctuaryfirst.org.uk)

(It would be good to have this in HT (Ed))

Boarhills and Dunino





I first entered Dunino kirk about 16 years ago - newly engaged and about to leave London. I was immediately struck by the calm beauty of its stone interior, devoid of unnecessary adornment but a living testament to all those who have worshipped there for generations. I still feel a strong bond and a sense of peace whenever I enter, now with the added connection of Bruce, my late husband, having had his funeral at Dunino and being buried in the churchyard.

The fabric of our churches and their link with the past is something to cherish and, while worship is more than a question of mere attendance at a particular physical place, the sense of continuity with those who have gone before and the link to those who will follow is an important part of the ultimate pilgrimage of church life.

Holy Trinity has powerful historic links (not to mention the many personal connections for members of its current congregation) and is an important part of the story of St Andrews' past and of its life at present.

The Union of the two churches is something to celebrate and surely something which will enable our strengthened linkage to exist long into the future. Places do matter and the closure of any church is about more than bricks and mortar and saving money - I do hope that by entering this Union the long period of uncertainty that has been hanging over both churches since I first came to Fife will be resolved and that Dunino and Holy Trinity will go forward together into a calmer and mutually supportive future as much loved places of worship

*Oenone Baillie*

## Choir and music news



*Marion conducts the choir at their concert on 5th May*

For many years, Holy Trinity Church has had an enviable reputation for the quality of music in its services, a reputation which is still being maintained today. During the past year we have twelve choral scholars, as well as members of the congregation in the choir. The choir has been part of a musical and a spiritual journey for all who worship in the church, and we look forward to continuing that journey after the summer.

### **Katherine Hogg, a long standing member of the choir writes**

*It's hard to believe that Tom Duncan, Marion Paton and I have performed at many concerts over a 30-year period. Together with the late Walter Blair, I owe my entire musical and spiritual journey to these special people.*



*I first met Marion Paton when she came to our church in Balmerino as a student assistant in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study for the Ministry. Marion's first degree was in music, and we quickly became friends and found we were on the same wavelength musically. She introduced me to Tom Duncan, organist and choirmaster of Holy Trinity and before the year was out, we had performed our first concert in Wormit Church, Marion and I singing solos and duets and Tom playing organ solos and accompanying us.*

*It was not long before I had my arm twisted in typical Tom fashion, and found myself singing in Holy Trinity choir. Marion and I loved singing with the choir, and did so whenever we could. I was committed to Balmerino Choir at the time, and Marion had to attend to her studies and placements on a Sunday but I cut my choral teeth with Tom. He was exacting about what he wanted and could be fierce, but the results were of the highest quality, even when we were (usually) under rehearsed! Tom had a talent for getting the best out of his*

*singers, and had a large pool of friends, who, whenever he asked, would go to almost any lengths to help by augmenting the choir to perform larger works.*

*My particularly fond memories of Tom's era are of singing the Mozart Requiem with Holy Trinity choir, and the wonderful Watchnight services I attended over the years, particularly singing Sweelinck's gorgeous piece for double choir "Hodie Christus natus est est" (Today Christ is born) just after midnight.*

*After Tom's retiral, there followed a difficult period for the choir, and many singers left. Just in the nick of time, we secured the services of Walter Blair as organist and choirmaster.*

*In my opinion, Walter saved Holy Trinity choir. He was the consummate musician, a retired Professor from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, who, whether he was working with a skilled professional, or an uncertain amateur, had the talent of making them feel valued, skilfully guiding all of them on their musical path. Walter was able to rebuild Holy Trinity choir and widened our repertoire greatly. In his gentle but firm way, he demanded and got the very best out of his singers. He was also a brilliant and sensitive organist, and I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to sing with Walter for the years he served as our Organist and Choirmaster. I have special memories of singing in a wonderful performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' directed by him.*

*Tom was also responsible for setting up The Friends of Holy Trinity, a body of people who care about upholding the musical tradition of Holy Trinity. This group remains very active to this day, and new members are always welcome. The money raised is used to pay for the current choral scholars, students and school pupils who audition to join the choir, and who sing Sunday by Sunday during term time. At present they number 12 and are a very enthusiastic and talented group.*

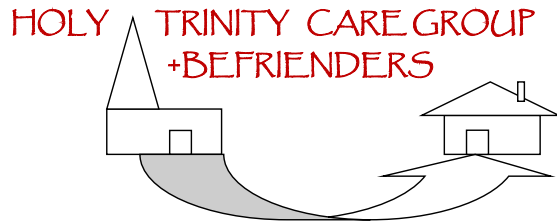
*After the sad loss of Walter, Marion and I were determined that his and Tom's legacy must not be allowed to fade. Together with Marjorie Bruce, an accomplished professional organist who shares our passion for the music of Holy Trinity, we have devised a means of keeping the music and choir alive and well, working together to recruit and rehearse the choir. It has been a steep learning curve for all of us, but the results I think have surpassed what we imagined could be achieved. Our largely youthful choir have responded with great enthusiasm and considerable talent. We have fun making music together, and the three of us look forward to continuing our journey with the choir next semester.*

***A final thought. What other outreach project is so successful in getting twelve youngsters into church Sunday by Sunday? And where might this commitment lead them on their spiritual and musical journey?***

*Katherine Hogg*



## Pastoral care (1)



We continue to try to keep in touch those of you who are in Hospital, Care Homes and at home. Please contact us in confidence if you know of anyone who might appreciate hearing from us. We work closely with our Minister and our elders.

The monthly Short Afternoon Services continue to be well attended and we all appreciate the friendly chat afterwards over a tea or coffee. These take place on the First Friday of the month.

Below are the dates for the coming months to put in your diary:

### SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICES

### FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

### 3PM HUNTER & MEMORIAL AISLE

- 7 JULY**      **Short Summer Service**
- 4 AUGUST**    **Short Summer Service**
- 1 SEPTEMBER** **Short Service of Communion**
- 6 OCTOBER**   **Short Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
- 3 NOVEMBER** **Short Afternoon Service**
- 1 DECEMBER** **Short Carol Service**

### ALL ARE WELCOME

Continued thanks to Marion for taking these Services, and to our happy band of helpers.

We look forward to welcoming our Interim Moderator, Rev Alastair Symington in August.

All good wishes,

Janie,

Convenor, HT Care Group + Befrienders

## PASTORAL CARE (2)

### Jist wan pot

*Written on an elder's visit to a house in Royston, where a dear old lady sorted out  
Christmas gifts given by us- "the rich yins"*

*"C' min" she said*

*Shufflin her baffies on the snake that kept the wind oot*

*"Sit ye doon"*

*The chair falls beneath me, old springs, beneath a pile of cushions  
had died a decade ago*

*"It's affy guid o ye tae call .... There's nae mony dae, ye ken...*

*Ye'll hae a cuppie tea?"*

*I nod at her aged jumper, darned and shapeless as she moves  
towards the kitchen*

*It's hard for her to bend; to search the coronation biscuit tin,  
part worn through so the Royal coach gleams lead-like  
Beside faces pocked with grey*

*A wee while passes, quiet save the gentle sounds of tin and china  
My eyes scan the room; clean, but , oh so faded  
Like her life.*

*A few old pictures; Dunoon pier, and somewhere with bluebells  
The mantle boasts a plastic clock and some green-edged china  
With blue and yellow flowers*

*Here she comes! Bearing the tray as an offering plate  
A wee chrome teapot and two unmatched cups  
"How dae ye like it?"*

*She pours, unsteadily and I decline the milk, so carefully provided*

*in the wee yellow jug with the beaded cover  
and sugar from the brownish, lump-filled pot.*

*We chat. She's lonely. The close is 'mingin' and she only goes out  
when she must.*

*"Ma elder comes, four times a year. But he disnae stay; He's a busy man"  
The tele now's her eyes and ears; a sixteen inch tube, with bakelite knobs*

*I sense a dampness on my knees  
Look down and see my tea-bespattered trousers  
A furtive glance reveals a glowing droplet clinging to the cup  
A hairline crack has failed. The saucer's full*

*She notices and hurries off to the bathroom for a cloth  
She dabs a bit, then says  
"I s'pose ye'll hae to go? A'hm sorry"*

*I follow, double minded, to the door. She squeezes my hand  
I glance into the kitchen  
There's jist wan wee pot on the stove.....*

*Why didn't I give her a hug?*

**Mike Stewart**



## 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*



### 3 PASTORAL CARE for men?

It seems that men are often missed out in the Church's efforts to provide pastoral care. There are many single men, unmarried, divorced and bereaved, who find their solace in 'doing things' such as golf, photography, clubs and yes, crafts.

Men are less forthcoming than women about sharing their burdens and their loneliness. "I'm FINE" is the usual response to "How are you doing?"

Could we be providing more for men in St Andrews?



The MENS SHED, led by Henry Paul, is seeking to do just this. The SHED provides a safe, friendly and welcoming venue where men can talk together over a latte, a cup of coffee or while walking together.

This organisation has exploded in the UK recently, having

started in Australia, where there were many isolated men.

But there is more to it than meets the eye.

If you would welcome a listening ear (and some practical instruction)

Why not come along on a Tuesday or Thursday to the Botanic Gardens (Lower entrance), or join some of the the men for a walk at Craigton on Wednesdays at 10.30. You might be surprised at the uplift you receive.

Contact Henry on [henrythenav@hotmail.com](mailto:henrythenav@hotmail.com)

## AN UPDATE FROM THE HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS TRUST

### The Fife Pilgrim Way

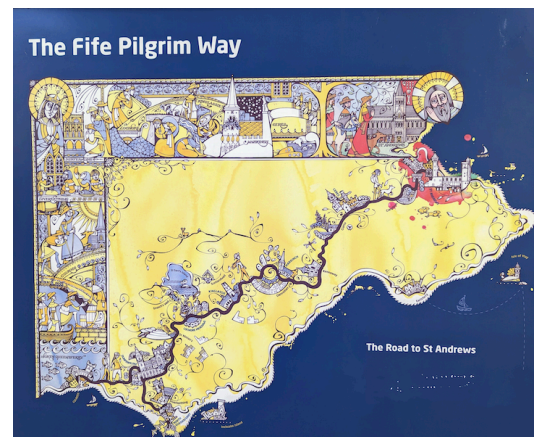
**An important milestone has been reached on the Fife Pilgrim Way with the dedication of its final gateway panel at the ultimate pilgrim destination of St Andrews.**

Since opening in 2019, the 64-mile route has become popular with walkers wanting to enjoy scenery and historic sites, as well as with modern-day pilgrims following in the footsteps of their medieval forebears. Starting in Culross or North Queensferry, the fully way-marked route winds from the coast, through the heart of Fife to finish in St Andrews.

The final gateway panel was unveiled and dedicated in the garden of Holy Trinity Church. It shows the Fife Pilgrim Way map with beautiful illustrations depicting the life of medieval pilgrims and the places they travelled through on the road to St Andrews.

Ian Bradley, author of *The Fife Pilgrim Way: In the Footsteps of Monks, Miners and Martyrs*, said: “This is the final gateway panel on the Fife Pilgrim Way in two senses – the one closest to the pilgrim way’s final destination at St Andrews Cathedral and also the last to be put in position, four years after the Fife Pilgrim Way was officially launched.

There could hardly be a more appropriate place for the final panel, where it is clearly visible to all pilgrims coming along the final stretch of the route on South Street. I am delighted to be involved with the dedication of this gateway panel which has already attracted much interest among visitors and townsfolk. I hope it will inspire more people to become pilgrims.”



Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT) manages and maintains the Fife Pilgrim Way. It was developed in partnership with many organisations. Jeremy Harris FCCT’s CEO said: “Finding such an auspicious location for the final trailhead panel on the Fife Pilgrim Way is a fantastic finale to the establishment of this important route.”





Rev Marion Paton (Holy Trinity Church), the Rev Prof Ian Bradley, Nick Cooke (Secretary, Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum), Jeremy Harris (Fife Coast and Countryside Trust CEO) and Douglas Spiers (Fife Council archaeologist).

G r a h a m Wynd, said: “We are especially glad to have been chosen as the site of the final Fife Pilgrim Way gateway panel. We are sure that t h i s distinctive sign, in such a prominent position, will draw many more visitors into our building, whether they are starting

or finishing their walk on the Fife Pilgrim Way or are simply passers-by. We look forward to welcoming them all.

“The installation of the gateway panel fits well with our plans to create a small chapel within the church as a quiet area, designed to cater for the needs of pilgrims and others.

It will be some years before we have a permanent structure in place, but, in the meantime, we have established a temporary area in the church for just this purpose.”



Marion and friends on the Pilgrim Way



## Concerts and events

*I don't think many of us realise how hard the Trust have worked to bring in musical and other events, which both raise money and raise awareness of the beauty of our building as a venue.*

*In particular our thanks go to Callum McLeod, Graham Wynd, Calum Stewart and John Taylor, but others have also helped.*

*In addition there have been monthly Holy Trinity Trust 'First Sunday' concerts, with a retiring collection, which have been well attended.*

Some recent events have been:

19th March Music society symphony orchestra

6th April Symphony orchestra concert

5th May Choral scholars' concert

10th May Heinz Chapel Choir

14th May Hetty Buchanan String quartet

28th May Duke University Chapel Choir concert

27th May Pomona College Choir

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1st June Madison Youth choir

6th July Glasgow orchestral society



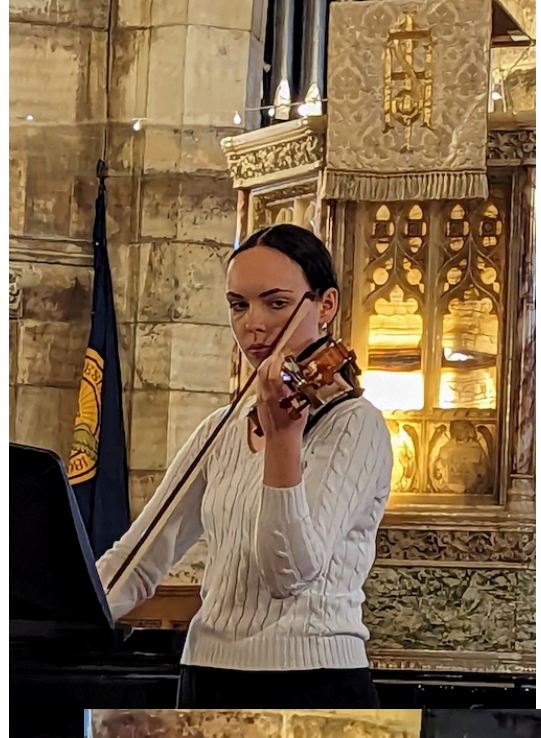


## Some photographs from recent events

### Voices



### and Instruments



### Bring in the crowds



*Photo by Pat anthony from her flat*



***Something for everyone.  
Thanks to the HT TRUST***

## A thought



Just recently I was reading about the delays to the upgrading of the dangerous A9 road between Perth and Inverness and the reported response from the government minister “There are still decisions to be made.. there is a great deal of work ongoing” sounded very familiar. It reminded me of the responses that could well be made by Presbytery for the situation with the three Church of Scotland congregations in St Andrews. There are discussions going on in the congregations and in Presbytery as we know, but, as so often, as time passes, rumours and fears and worries about the future spread. It makes it hard for a congregation to get on with its day to day work and even more difficult to try to plan ahead and in these situations anger and frustration breed and cause upset. Yet I would beg you not to give way to them. That is not God’s way for us. Rather, I’d suggest we look back over the last few years and see how God has changed and guided our congregation, giving us what we needed to take heart, and prospering our work for Him. It’s not so long ago we feared that our church building would be sold and the congregation dispersed, but now it is grade A listed and our congregation is active and growing. So, as we get on with the work God has given us to do - and I mean Us All, not just the ministers and elders - let’s look forward in hope, trust and patience knowing that God has a plan for us and for all Christian congregations and groups in the town and has promised to help us carry it out.



***Bunny***



## Children's Corner

Hello again, girls and boys, I wonder if you're good at remembering some of the wise things which Jesus taught us – let's find out! In each of the questions below, I'll give you four options for the answer, and you have to choose the correct one. And instead of telling you which is the right answer, I'll give you the place in the Gospels where you can look it up, if you're stuck. OK, here we go:-



**A** In Matthew chapter 4, verse 18, we read that the first two disciples chosen by Jesus were brothers, Simon and Andrew. Were they (1) farmers? (2) priests? (3) fishermen? (4) bakers?

**B** In Mark chapter 12, verse 31, we learn that Jesus described what he called 'one of the greatest commandments'. Is it that we should love (1) our animals? (2) church? (3) school? (4) neighbour?

**C** In Matthew chapter 7, verse 24, it's recorded that Jesus said everyone who hears him, and does what Jesus wants us to do, is like a wise person who would only build a house upon (1) an island? (2) a bridge? (3) the rock? (4) sand?

**D** In Luke chapter 18, verse 17, did Jesus say we can only enter God's kingdom if we accept his teaching the way it would be accepted by (1) a wise person? (2) a poor person? (3) a teacher? (4) a child?

I wonder how you got on? I expect you did very well!

Bye for now

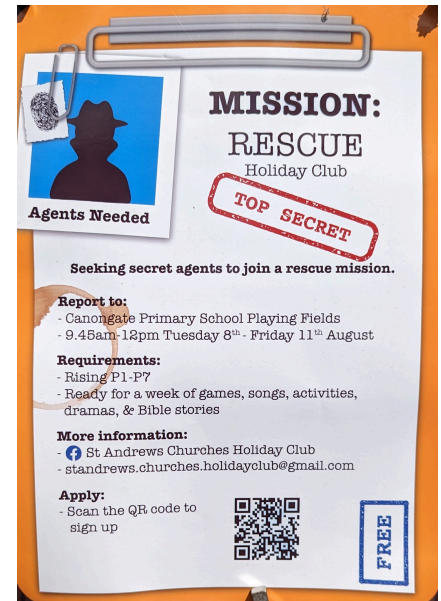
**Granger Brash**

## HOLIDAY CLUB

8- 11th August at Canongate School.  
Julie asks us to  
**PLEASE PRAY**



*Having  
Fun*



*Learning about Jesus*

More information:



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October 7, 2023 is your chance to gather friends, family and church together for an evening of poverty-busting, community-building fun.

The funds raised will go towards supporting **Tearfund's** life-changing work around the world.

For information contact [teamtearfund@tearfund.org](mailto:teamtearfund@tearfund.org)

**Would anyone like to run with this? (Ed)**

## CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

### FUNERALS

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Andrew Ellis	Brewsterwells crematorium
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth (Betty) Lumsden	Holy Trinity
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Martha Rolland (Burial of Ashes)	Western Cemetery
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Gillian Connacher	Holy Trinity
30 <sup>th</sup> June	David McGregor	Holy Trinity

### WEDDINGS

- 6<sup>th</sup> May Felix Hale to Emilia Carslaw  
Holy Trinity
- 1<sup>st</sup> June Andrew Johnson to Elizabeth Lane  
Holy Trinity



- 16<sup>th</sup> June Raymond O'Connell to Leila  
Katani  
Holy Trinity



Emilia escorted by her father,  
Mike Carslaw, our deputy  
session clerk

### NEW MEMBER BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION

Mrs T Caithness

Holy Trinity



waiting patiently



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