



# HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS

LINKED WITH BOARHILLS  
AND DUNINO

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

*I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see.  
Yet one stands near to be my guide  
He'll show the road to me  
I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand.  
With God things don't just happen, everything by Him is  
planned  
So as I face tomorrow, with it's problems large and small  
I'll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all*

AB Smith and E Clark

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear All,

It has been a long time since the last newsletter and a lot is now happening. Following the formation of the new Presbytery of Fife, we have a new trajectory, emanating from the General assembly, but enthusiastically being pursued by our new Presbytery Clerk, David Coulter and the Mission director, Neil Campbell (who at one time was a member of this congregation). We also have new Deputy Session Clerk, Mike Carslaw, for which I am very grateful. There is a very clear timeline (see below) for the rearrangements that will be necessary if not only the Presbytery, but the whole of the Church of Scotland are to move forward. The priorities now lie in the direction of **Outreach** and **working with other churches** in the community. We are being asked to give our views as to the future and, although, as our cover picture shows, the road ahead is not clear, we, in Holy Trinity are doing our utmost to ensure the best for us as a congregation. Your session are working hard to put the most positive view forward and we have had a very positive meeting with the Presbytery and the General Trustees. There are definitely 'New Brooms' at work.



Did you notice the patch of blue sky in the cover picture?

On a parallel track, the Holy Trinity action group (HTAG), which comprises folk from the congregation and a number of influential members of the St Andrews community are progressing with the formation of a trust which could become the owner of our wonderful building and relieve the Church of Scotland of the responsibility for its future. As Graham Wynd, the chairman, says below, we will be having a number of meetings of the congregation between now and Christmas so that all are informed and all views are taken. At the congregational level, we are not letting the grass grow under our feet. In addition to the new boilers and improvements in the hall it is likely that the choir will be reforming this month under Walter's direction. We now host two 'homeless' congregations; the Free Church in the hall for two services on a Sunday and Kingdom Vineyard in the church on Sunday evenings. Both of these congregations are in the main young, enthusiastic Christians who fill the venues with worship. The Holiday Club, held in the grounds of Canongate Primary School was a huge success and Little Cherubs has restarted now that COVID is receding, and now meets in the Church hall. One area where we are lacking are those of 21st century audiovisual facilities in the main building and this is also being addressed.

However, nothing will succeed without more involvement of all of us in prayer and discipleship training. This is a joint responsibility and I would encourage all of you to commit to these activities, in small groups with your areas, so that we can truly become, as Cameron Harrison once coined the strap-line:

**"A church at the heart of St Andrews with St Andrews at its heart"**

Blessings to all

**Mike**

*I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.  
Plans to build up and not to break down.  
Plans to give you a hope and a future" Jer 29:11*

Dear Friends,

In a 1992 Reader's Digest article entitled 'The Ultimate Key to Success' Suzanne Chazin wrote,



*'Every day a fatherless boy gazed at the fence separating his family's ramshackle cabin from the Glen Lakes Country Club golf course on the outskirts of Dallas. What chance did a poor Chicano boy with a seventh-grade education have of being welcomed into that world? Yet the boy was determined. First, he gained entrance to the grounds as a gardener. Then he began caddying and playing a few holes at dusk. He honed his putting skills by hitting balls with a soda bottle wrapped in adhesive tape.*

*Today, no fence keeps Lee Trevino, twice US Open Champion, from being welcomed into any country club in the nation. Yes, he had talent. But talent isn't what stopped him from giving up after he was placed fifty-fourth in his first US Open. His secret was his perseverance to develop that talent.*

*Persistent people know they can succeed where more able people fail ... Successful people understand that no one makes it to the top in a single bound. What truly sets them apart is their willingness to keeping putting one foot in front of the other – no matter how rough the terrain.*

The world at present is living through, and trying to emerge from, perhaps one of the most difficult periods in its history. The virus has destroyed people's plans. Indeed, it has destroyed so many lives. Worse still, there are many who have survived the virus or not had it at all, but are finding it difficult to look forward with any sense of positivity. There are even people who cannot bring themselves to leave their own home any more. In addition, it seems that the world is being strangled by the rules and regulations that have been made for our safety, but which are often confusing and contradictory, as well as by the rules and regulations that make people unwilling to volunteer to do things that quite clearly need to be done. This is a problem in every sphere of life including the life of the church.

But as those who are the church we want to move forward in the strength of Christ, for we want to be here to serve future generations in his name. We want to look forward in faith, for we know that all time is in God's hand, and that in his name we who are the church are called to serve all people. So, in faith, let us keep on putting one foot in front of the other, and continue to persevere, so that no matter how rough the terrain, God in Christ will bless our work, and we shall remain part of that great cloud of witnesses who have enabled all the earth to know God's name.

***With every blessing***

***Marion***

Introducing Dr Michael Carslaw our new Deputy Session Clerk

*I have had an association with Holy Trinity since my appointment as Headmaster of St Leonards School in 2008. I first got to know Holy Trinity through the church's connection with the school as the venue for St Leonards carol services and other school celebrations.*

*Over time, I have come to appreciate the strength of the congregation and the importance of the church in town life.*

*Now recently retired and living in St Andrews, I continue to worship at our beautiful church as I have done since moving to this historic town. Holy Trinity is at an exciting stage in its long history and, in these challenging times, I look forward to playing a part in enabling our church, our congregation, our community and all those associated with Holy Trinity to thrive and flourish.*



***Mike Carslaw***

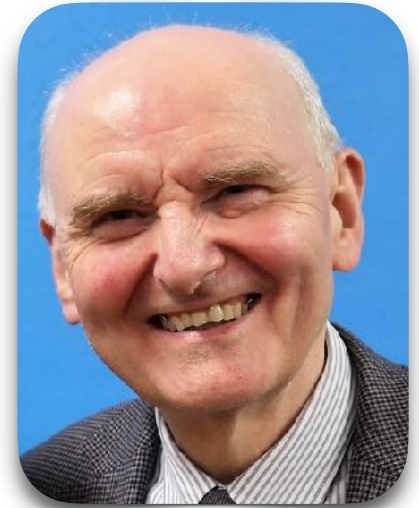
## From our interim Moderator

### TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS

The Pandemic has brought so much suffering and distress to many people, change to our national and ecclesiastical life, things will never be the same as we have seen from the pulpits of several congregations. Will we recover the vitality of our former life together? Time will tell.

Despite these changes, the Pandemic has also taught us two very important things. The first is the fragility of life. How can an invisibly small virus cause so much disturbance to our world and despite the best efforts of our scientific community persist in tormenting us with its changing forms?

As a consequence of this, we return to the songs of the Psalmist and his famous prayer, 'Teach us to number our days.' He has already told us that our years are three score and ten and four score for those who are strong. Our time is limited. Covid 19 has made this very clear.



The second is the importance of working together. The scientific community have led us to appreciate this wisdom although governments haven't been as quick to realise it, sometimes playing the one against the other for pitiful political advantage. This inevitably causes division and a squandering of resources.

Back to the song of the Psalmist who prays, 'Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.' He has just illustrated how vulnerable we are as human beings and compared our vulnerability with the powerfulness of God. To live wisely is to acknowledge the truth of this perspective.

In the conclusion of his ninetieth song, the Psalmist asks that God will reveal his work to his people and 'establish the work of our hands'. Our work is vocational. It begins and ends in God. We are only able to discern this together. Beware the individual who is overly confident about what God says! It's a discernment which belongs to everyone not the one however saintly they appear to be.

The Pandemic has revealed another very important thing. The importance of change to our survival. Isn't this what Covid 19 has been doing in a remarkably efficient and admirable way? It changes its form in order to survive and it changes itself very quickly. The Church needs to learn this lesson too.

The Kirk Session at Holy Trinity has been mindful of this. In Autumn 2020, the Kirk Session wrote to the Presbytery in response to the Goring Report. It voted with sizeable majorities on four matters – ministry, linkage with Boarhills and Dunino, a Presbytery Mission Initiative and an Audit of St. Andrews.

Through discussion with the ministers at 'Hope Park and Martyrs' and 'St. Leonards' and in consultation with the newly appointed Mission Director of the Presbytery of Fife, all three Kirk Sessions were invited to participate in the Audit of St. Andrews and to finance it to a tune of £1,000 each. I am delighted to say that all three agreed to this proposal.

Although the Audit was not part of the Goring Report, it grew out of the Presbytery's discussion of it. In the minute, Presbytery instructed its Strategy and Resourcing Committee *'to seek resources, with local collaboration and involvement, in order to undertake a full mission audit of the town of St. Andrews with a view to identifying the areas of the town (geographical and social) where a new church presence is required ...'*

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Although various groups within Presbytery discussed this motion, nothing has come of it until our three Kirk Sessions decided to work on it together. Brendan Research have been appointed to do the audit. Dr. Fiona Tweedie and Dr. Rita Welsh have already begun and will submit their report in December.

The beauty of this initiative is that it isn't about buildings and readjustment per se but about the people of St. Andrews and an acknowledgement that the ministry to the town belongs not just to one person, one congregation or even one denomination but to all the Christian folk in our midst.

This ministry and mission is a corporate responsibility. How best can we do this together? What will the Audit reveal about the town – its age profile, its social divisions, its addiction to drugs, its view of the church, its provision for young people, its distribution of resources .... Independent consultants, which are themselves members of the Kirk, will share their findings with us.

In addition, the three Kirk Sessions also agreed that widespread discussion of the Audit would be essential for our future. Recognising that we couldn't do this very easily nor dispassionately on our own, the Kirk Sessions all agreed that the Kirk's independent facilitators, 'Place of Hope', should be responsible for enabling our discussion. This comes at no cost to us.

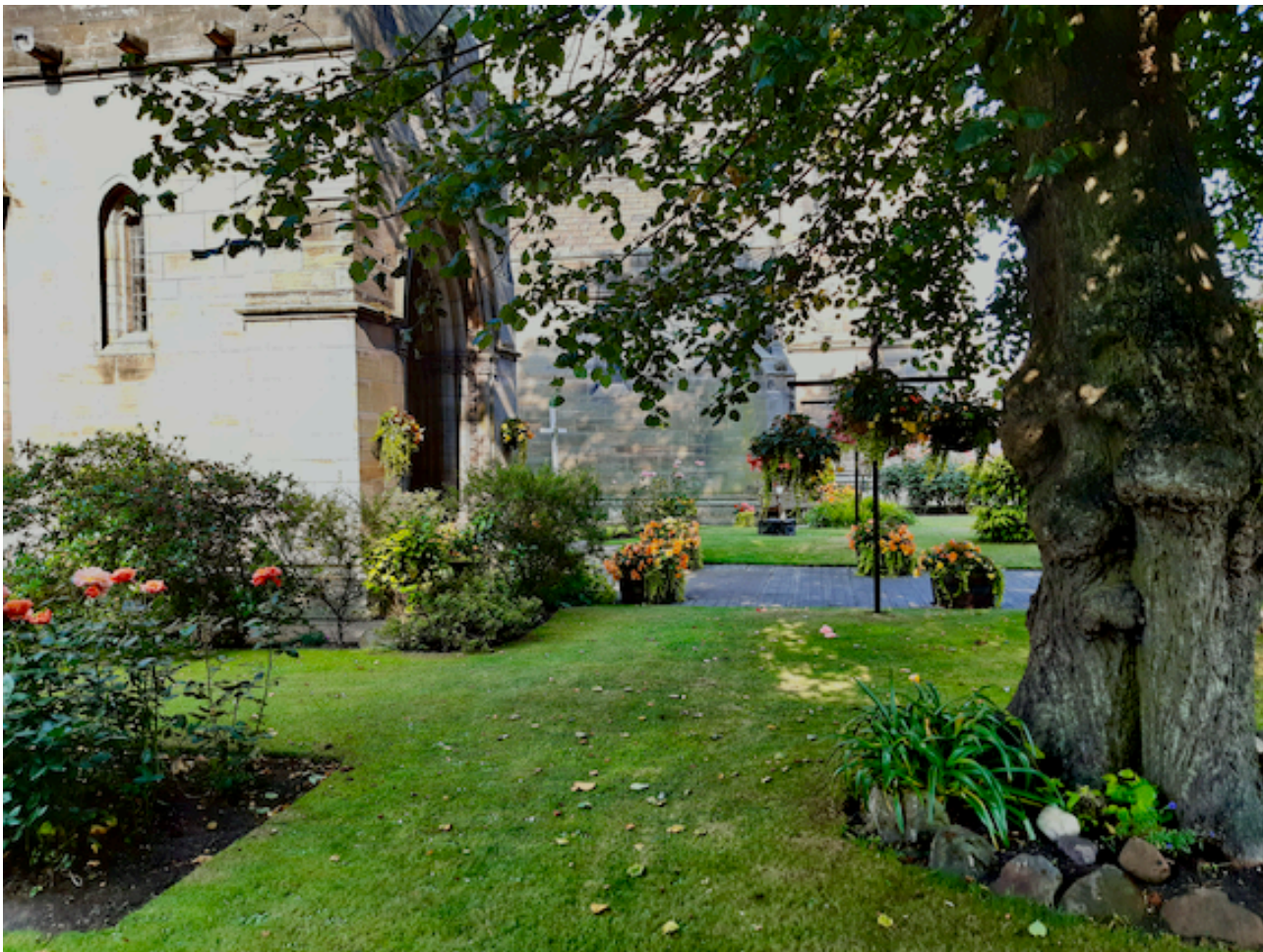
The Audit and its discussion will help us to work together with our fellow Christians in the other two kirks. This, in itself, will be an opportunity to refocus our attention away from current issues involving buildings and readjustment to the real purpose of the church to minister to those whose need is great.

Acknowledging that this is a ministry which belongs not just to Holy Trinity but to others as well is a significant beginning. I am sure many myths about the town and about the other congregations will be surprisingly and happily challenged and greater clarity of thought and purpose will be gained.

Above all, it is my prayer that in acknowledging our corporate responsibility ‘to bring the ordinances of religion to the people of Scotland’ that we will rekindle old friendships and, more significantly, make new friendships across our parish boundaries that we may value our time together, resolve to work collaboratively and discern the wisdom of God which can only be done together

**David D Scott, Interim-Moderator**

## THE CHURCH GARDEN



The church garden this year again looking beautiful, we have been kept busy with all the planting, grass cutting, dead heading, watering and of course weeding. The two trees in the garden have been shedding their leaves so we are continually raking them up.

It has been amazing how many of the passing public –

stop and compliment the garden – it is most encouraging.

I would like to thank our small team of dedicated volunteers who have been kept very busy throughout these past few months and for giving up their time to help.

Thank you –Pat Anthony, Dave Raynor, Lorna Marroney, Mike Dominiak, Pauline Hill, John Taylor, Alan Barron and Nathan O'Neill who helped with all the planting.

Also thanks goes to Mike Stewart for his very kind donation of four half barrel planters at the Knox Porch doorway.

Special mention to Pathhead Nursery for all our beautiful plants.

**Rachel Raynor**



From Neil T Anderson *Victory over the Darkness* ( p.114 )

“The church is not an infirmary; it is a military outpost under orders to storm the gates of hell. Every believer is on active duty, called to take part in fulfilling the Great Commission ( see Matt. 28:19-20)

Thankfully the church has an infirmary that ministers to the weak and wounded, but the infirmary exists only for the purpose of the military outpost. Our real calling is to be change agents in the world, taking a stand, living by faith and fulfilling our purpose for being here.”

**Success comes in CANS.**

**Failure comes in CANNOTS.**

**Moira**

*You Raise Me Up to More Than I Can Be”*

Before the Tokyo Olympics, the BBC Sunday radio service featured the testimonies of some Olympic athletes. Their trust in the love of God was upbeat, positive and unwavering - not just in times of success but also in disappointments. One of the songs played was “You Raise Me Up....” but one line in particular struck me - “ .....**until you come and sit a while with me.**” Like many, I don’t always find prayer easy. Sometimes it is a duty - who/ what do I pray for? Who/ what have I forgotten? We have to fill the silence. The psalmist wrote “ Be still and know that I am God”. We need to be still. Relax. Until He comes and sits a while with us! *Then we experience His love.*

**Jan Fairlie**

*Loving and giving.*

The months of May and June were busy ones for me, sending birthday cards and presents to friends and family members. Like most people I like receiving cards, small gifts and good wishes. Most of us are happy to be remembered and appreciated and I have had some lovely thank-you’s in response to my good wishes.

I have recently sent one of those very useful and colourful e-cards to thank someone who has sent Holy Trinity’s congregation a lovely and unexpected present. He’s a student who has been living not far from our church hall. He came round the other day with a gift - a beautiful wooden cross and planter that he had made while in lock-down. What a lovely idea! Living in a small university town we are well aware of how hard it has been for our students during lock-down, especially for those in their first year living away from home. What a pleasure to know that one young man felt able to use his unexpected free time and his gifts to make something meaningful and beautiful and give it to us. I know he’s not alone in this and salute all those who have used their time fruitfully in all sorts of ways to help others or to create something beautiful or useful. May they be blessed for their hard work, initiative and generosity. It makes us really hopeful for the future which these young people will help to shape.

This gift reminded me that Jesus knew all about giving and receiving gifts. He noticed the poor widow putting all her cash into the offertory box, and accepted graciously – to the amazement, disquiet and even horror of the other guests – the perfume a woman ran in to pour over him. He produced excellent wine for a wedding which had run dry, bread and fish in abundance for a hungry crowd, and healing to those who asked. And he still gives us gifts today when we ask. Look back and realise how he has provided for your needs, so often in unexpected ways and don’t forget to ask and to be grateful and generous in your turn.

We have erected the cross in the small garden behind our hall where all who sit or play there on sunny days can enjoy it -the greatest gift ever – God’s gift of his son, Jesus.



**BUNNY SLACK**

A Meditation From Neil Campbell, our Presbytery Missions Director.

### Jesus Calms the Storm on the Lake

St Mark 4 vv 1 - 2, 35 - 41

*He went back to teaching by the sea. A crowd built up to such a size that he had to get into an offshore boat, using the boat as a pulpit as the people pushed to the water's edge. He taught by using stories, many stories. Late that day he said to them, Let's go across to the other side. They took him in the boat as he was. Other boats came along.*

(The Message)

1. Are the characters in the picture so overwhelmed, so fearful that they're choosing to ignore the incoming storm that is already darkening their picnic?

2. Or are they gearing up, nourishing themselves for the effort and courage needed, having believed Jesus' teaching about a new way of living in his name?

Which scene do you belong to? Which scene does your church belong to?

*A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat, threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow, sleeping! They roused him, saying, Teacher, is it nothing to you that we are going to do?* (The Message )

1. Is Jesus able to sleep through the storm because he knows he's taught them all that they'll need to navigate difficult times?



2. Are the disciples in danger, are they part of the problem because they're too scared to remember Jesus' teaching, and apply it when a change of tack, when courage are calling?

How are you feeling and behaving?

How is your church feeling and behaving in these storm filled times?

*Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, Quiet! Settle down! The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples: Why are you such cowards? Don't you have any faith at all? They were in absolute awe, staggered. Who is this anyway, they asked? Wind and sea at his beck and call?*

(The Message)

1. Are the characters holding their tools as weapons to resist, fight and defend their lives against any possibility of change?

2. Or is the women using her phone to navigate new waters, new landscapes? Are the men exited and full of trepidation all at once, holding the necessary tools to carve and create their new life in Christ?

How are you preparing for life in Christ in new times? Which tools do you need and why?

As you take control of your future with Jesus notice how the stormy horizon becomes filled with light and possibility.

### A Prayer

Creating God, You made everything, you are making everything. Every Thing which breathes is a work in progress. We are a work in progress.

Leading, Healing, Teaching Christ,

A storm whips up and disturbs the comfortable sea.

We are afraid.

You are surprised.

Risky, Wild Spirit, Your energy fired a Genesis beam and lit the universe. You are miracle.

Blaze the same in us, we pray in your name, **Amen.**

**Peace & Blessings be with you,**

**Neil**

# FABRIC AND FINANCE

I thought I would pen a few lines to update all congregation members with up to the minute conditions and on-going works within our church properties, so here goes –:

**CHURCH** – The most significant project has been the very recent installation of two new boilers. I know, other than feeling the heat in the church virtually no one has seen our boilers! We have a ‘boiler room’ away in the dungeons of the church, in a door opposite the lower toilets. The last boilers were well in excess of 30 years old and had for quite a few years become excessively expensive to run. The Scottish Gas engineer at his annual inspection always commented on how we were providing the seagulls with lots of heat! Meaning all the heat was going up the flue! Around one third savings is the estimated amount on our gas bills and the optimistic calculation is the savings will bring us to a break even point in around 7 or 8 years.....I am honoured to have been the property convener who over-saw this installation.



Here is a photo of the new boilers

### ***Moving the pews***

It has been suggested, and awaits session approval, that we:

- 1 Make a further two pairs of pews moveable in the central section of the nave, this time fitting them with jacking castors so that they can be moved without having to lift them onto a trolley.
- 2 Fit the already moveable pews in the central section of the nave with jacking castors so that they can be moved without having to lift them onto a trolley. (It might be thought economical to redo the Ministers' Stalls at the same time for aesthetic reasons?)
- 3 Make the set of pews which sit in front of the Playfair Aisle closest to the pulpit moveable with jacking castors, so that easy access to the Playfair Aisle space is possible for moving staging, musical instruments and other equipment in and out. Slightly more complicated carpentry would be required here as the pews are built into a wooden screen, though it is thought that a fairly straightforward and neat solution would be possible.

So, what else at the church, I am not going to mention the dreaded Covid-19 limitations.....

An annual clearing of weeds from our roofs will be completed soon now that the seagull-breeding season is behind us. We had a couple of small repairs to the tower clock last year and I am amazed at how perfect the clock works and keeps time.

All the usual legal inspections continue, electrical, gas, fire extinguishers, etc etc. I am very pleased to work alongside John Taylor who is the real Jack of ALL trades!!

***Bob Archer Property convener***

# The Church Halls.

The main focus this year was all things electrical as the 5 year fixed wiring check was due. The electrician spent a day and half checking every fuse box, light switch, circuit and socket he could find. Some of the inside lighting was also upgraded plus two new outside security lights. The Accessible Toilet was also fitted with an emergency assist alarm system, which shows that the church is thinking of the safety and needs of all hall users.

Yet again the painting clothes have been out, this time it was some of the indoor ceilings and also the gable end wall in the large hall. I must confess it sometimes feels like I'm painting the forth road bridge as by the time I've finished one bit it's time to start again somewhere else! Of course it's all worth it as we want the hall to look clean and fresh, and with the new lighting, as safe and welcoming as possible.



Outside and the rose garden has had a of hours spent on it and perhaps its looking better than its ever done (even do say so myself!) and it is the first year that the hall has joined the church in entering the Community Council garden competition. Perhaps if you pass by you can stop and take a look for yourself.

To the rear is a new enclosed garden, safe for wee ones or anyone to sit or play when groups are on. It was only days finished when we were gifted something rather wonderful, a finishing touch you might say, see Bunny's notes above



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*Steve Watson, Hall Convener.*

## The manse

Although the manse is in the hands of a letting agency I keep a very close tab on all, I visited the property recently and was once again delighted with the condition our second tenants' are keeping it in. There is some work to be undertaken, some new fence posts and a paint of the fence and also the front elevation requires maintenance to the wood effect 'beams' and we are to have all the exterior wood painted following that.

*Bob Archer, Property Convener.*



Thanks to Steve and his group we have been able to keep up with the ever-changing regulations.

Thanks to all for your patience1

We seem to be moving slowly towards some easing of the regulations although as I write masks are still the order of the day.

And remember!.....

Lockdown never really worked around Easter



## The Guild

Although we had a full programme of events planned for the 2020-21 session of Holy Trinity Guild, these had to be abandoned under lockdown, but in the months since my last newsletter report we have knocked on doors with cards and good wishes and our members have continued to keep in touch with each other informally making sure that those who are living alone or unwell are cared for.

As we look towards the new Autumn and Spring sessions Marion is arranging a date for the usual Guild Dedication at an 11.15 service in September. We hope to be able to hold at least some meetings and outings in the Autumn and Spring. We plan to support the 6 Guild Projects for 2021-24 , 3 in Scotland and 3 overseas, and hopefully to arrange the usual coffee mornings to raise money for these and for our church. Our members are positive and resourceful so even if meeting restrictions have to be reimposed we will do our best to keep in touch with our members and care for all who are in need.

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, to celebrate the easing of the lockdown rules., 25 members and friends of Holy Trinity Guild met at Caulder's Garden Centre restaurant in Cupar for lunch. It was the first time for a good many months that we had all been together and there was plenty of chatter and smiles and laughter as we tucked into the excellent food Caulder's provides. We had invited David Scott our interim moderator and his wife Mary Catherine and Marion Paton our locum minister to join us. Alison Johnson our Convener welcomed everyone and invited David to say Grace which he did. I think everyone enjoyed it so much that we might do it again before too long. The Guild will be dedicated with prayer at an 11.15 service in church in September and we are hoping to organise a programme of meetings beginning in October.

If you'd like to join the Guild or would like details of our plans please contact Bunny Slack hon. sec,

**tel 01334 850669 or email [elizabeth.slack24@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.slack24@gmail.com)**

Greetings to all,

Boarhills and Dunino Church has been quietly going about its business, having re-opened at Easter, welcoming around 2 dozen worshippers each Sunday.

We are served so well by our locum minister, Marion who preaches so well, drawing on her own personal experiences of life, anecdotes from “thinkers” all around the world, and of course interpretation of the scriptures for our greater understanding.

Laura Martin, our organist, is unfailingly adept at leading our singing, now thankfully “out loud” albeit hampered by our masks but they are still so very necessary.



We have resumed having members reading scripture to us which adds to the personal input and meaning of our services.

For Christian Aid Week, we managed to raise £190, for which we are most indebted to our generous members. Those who follow the recorded readings from Holy Trinity and Dunino will have been greatly impressed by the fine readings I was privileged to assist in recording with Sheila Blair. Her quiet delivery was so meaningful and skilful - many thanks to her.

We are continuing to review the Covid guidelines and will soon increase our allowable attendance to 41 from 28.

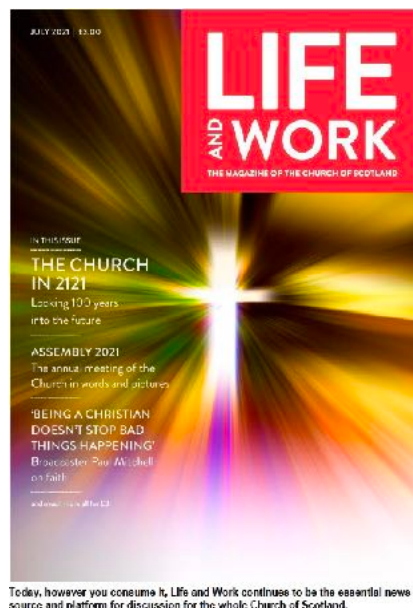
This will be most welcome and should encourage more of our members to join with us in worship.

The congregation gain so much from our worship together, reinforcing the special feel of our fellowship in the historic and beautiful surroundings of Dunino Kirk.

I'm attaching a photo from a couple of months ago which captures the beauty and peace of our surroundings. It's always so welcome the families of swallows who annually nest in the church porch - they leave their mark (!), but are so appropriate to our rural surroundings.

*Kind regards*

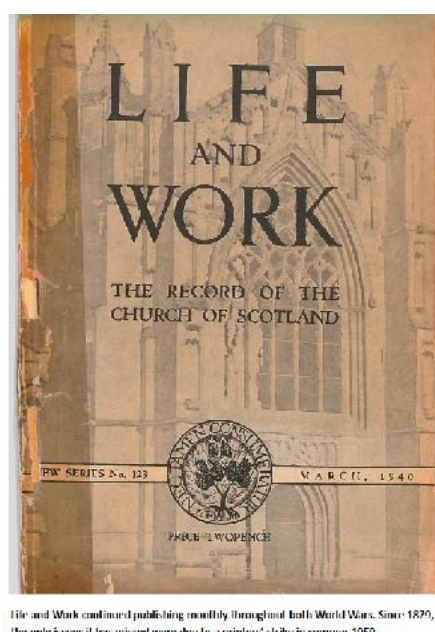
*Ken Morris (Session Clerk)*



**Life and Work**, the monthly magazine of the Church of Scotland, is editorially independent and gives up-to-date information about what is happening in the church nationally and worldwide. It is a bright, attractive and easy to read publication.



Some of the historical covers were highlighted this month: This one celebrates the reunion of the the divide churches in 1929



It was printed throughout the war years, and like the one below, reflected the concerns of the nation



The magazine's went digital with its own website in the spring of 2013, as part of a development project approved by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

If you would like to receive a copy of this magazine contact Ron Cruickshanks 07763210434 or [roncruikshanks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roncruikshanks@hotmail.co.uk)

Is there anything new?

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## ARMISTICE

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# Communications



Lesson readers John Rankin and Graham Wynd



The 11.15am service is now being live-streamed at 11.15 on a Sunday morning. John Taylor has set it up and is doing a great work in recording, not only the services, but the daily readings

The recording is then uploaded by Ron onto You-tube and the facebook page, which can be accessed via the Holy Trinity Website. [holyt.co.uk](http://holyt.co.uk)

The whole service is also being sent out by email. If you would like an email or paper copy of the Sunday 11.15am service, please email [holytrinitystandrews@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitystandrews@gmail.com) or leave a message on the church phone (01334 478317).

For those who have no e-communications, hard copies of the services are being distributed by elders. If you would like a copy please contact your elder. We are most grateful to those who give their time to record readings, record the services and, most especially to Marion and others who give their all to ensure that we all have access to worship and preaching each Sunday.

We all know the caricature of the parishioner who says "Nice sermon Minister" and walks away having forgotten the content before they leave the church gate. It is encouraging to our preachers if they receives some positive feedback. Why not give it a try- it could lead to some interesting interaction !



I was listening to Marion reading the daily Bible reading on U-Tube recently. It was Isaiah's call to God's service in Isaiah chapter 6 and as she reached his response to God's question 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' she raised her eyes from the page and said in a clear strong voice:

"Here am I send me!"

When, in the brief prayer that followed, she said: "Lord when we hear you calling us help us to be as willing as he was to answer his call to service", I found myself thinking about how God calls us to share in his work in the world.

Not many of us will have had the terrifying, literally earth-shaking call Isaiah experienced, but if like Marion you offer yourself for full-time ministry in the Church you will have been asked to justify your vocation and to show in all sorts of ways that you truly believe God has called you into his full-time service.

For the rest of us, the call will have come in many different ways and we will probably never have been asked to justify it, but, as members of his church, I am sure that God does call us to his service and wants us to respond.

Not everyone is called to preach or to write or do great works, but I believe that God has work for each of us to do. Some of us know exactly what it is and take it on to the best of our ability, others see a need and do their best to fill it. Many of us would be surprised to be told that the things we "just do" – making a bit more soup and taking it to a sick or elderly neighbour, offering to look after a friend's children or handicapped relative so he or she can have a break, serving tea at a church fete or saying "I could do that" when a post needs to be filled – are part of God's call to us and are just as valuable in his eyes.

Why not spend a few minutes thinking about your life and asking yourself just how you are fulfilling God's purpose for you in it. Ask yourself who would miss out if you weren't there? Perhaps you are already doing God's work without realising it. Then sit quietly and ask him for his guidance – has he more work for you, or is he asking you to act differently, or is he saying "Well done" ? And if you're still uncertain find someone who lives close to God and whom you trust and ask for help. God often uses other people to give us his messages.

**BUNNY SLACK**

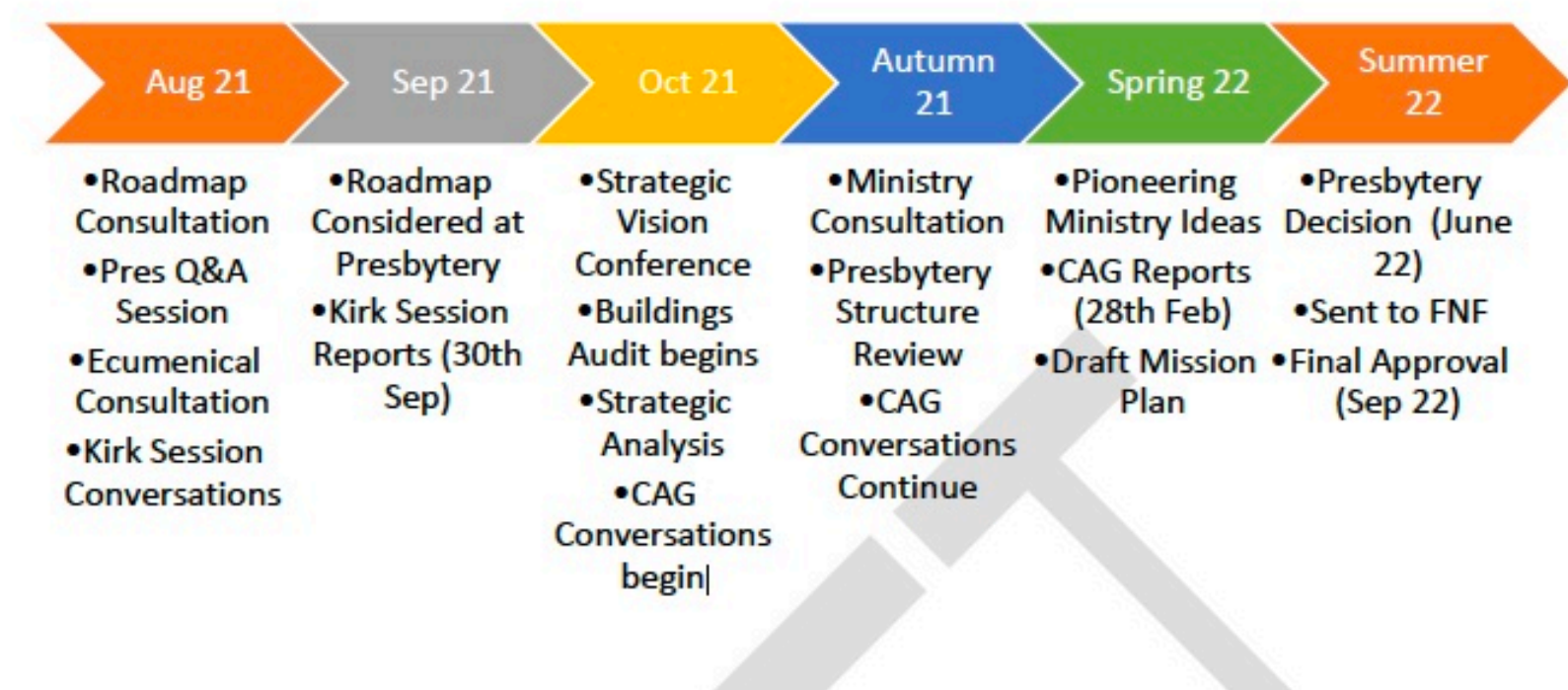
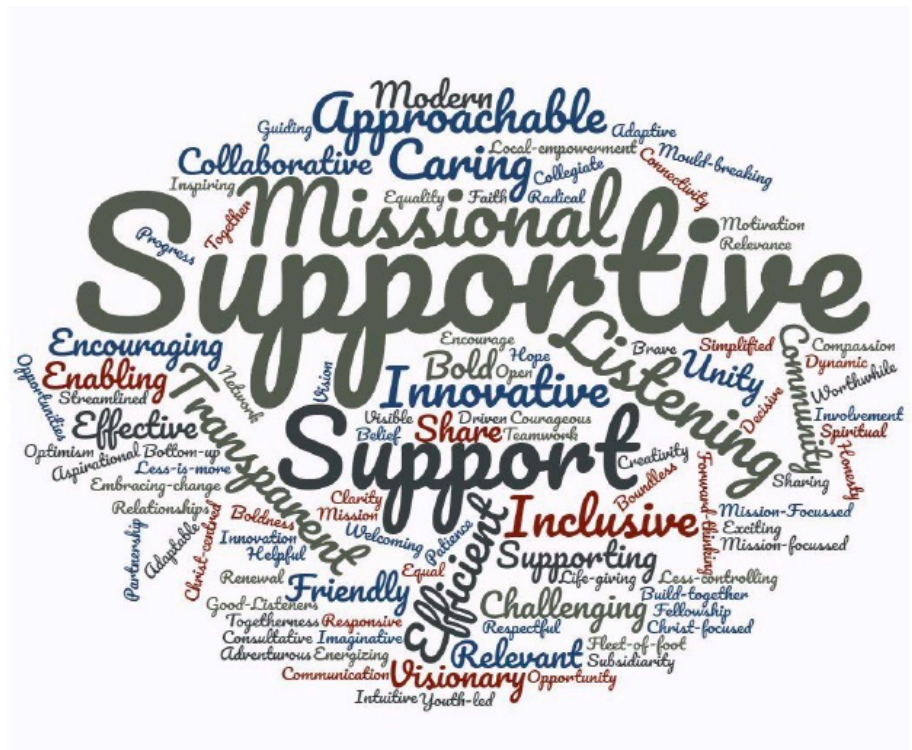
EVERYONE HAS A STORY.....

IF YOU HAVE A STORY YOU'D LIKE TO TELL, PLEASE  
CONTACT MIKE OR RON OR JOAN ARCHER AND  
WE'LL SHARE IT FOR YOU IN THE NEXT  
MAGAZINE. ANY PHOTOS WOULD BE MOST  
WELCOME

***Neil Campbell has sent this Roadmap for the events which are to take place in the next 15 months, at the end of which the Presbytery plan will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification. The presbytery wish to stress that they will be as supportive as possible to those congregations which come up with positive suggestions as to their Missional objectives. It's NOT just about buildings!***



## ***The roadmap***



# CHANGES

Our recent interim moderator, John Duncan, retires at the end of this month as Minister of Leuchars parish church.

John will be moving to Broughty Ferry and we wish him well in his retirement as a member of Dundee presbytery (*Although we know that no ministers ever retire!*)

This has meant that David Scott will, in addition to being our interim moderator, also be interim moderator AND locum minister at Leuchars Parish church.

## We will need to look after David!



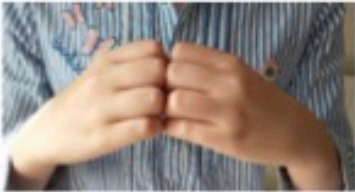
The Church of Scotland has called for a national giving day during September and October. We will let you know the details as soon as we have more information.



**National Giving Day blessing with actions**

*(Very Rev Dr Susan Brown)*

*(Curl fingers tight and bring thumb pads together, pointing to chest.)*



For the life you have given us  
and all the good things it contains,  
we praise You, Creator God.

*(Keeping thumb pads together, uncurl fingers and wiggle them.)*



For all those You have made,  
sisters and brothers of every kind,  
we praise You Creator God.

*(Keeping thumb pads together, bring fingers of left and right hands together at the nails to make a heart shape)*



For the way You hold us all in Your love,  
Gifting us even Your own Son,  
we praise You Creator God.

*(Spring fingers and thumbs free – so hands end up open, facing upwards)*



Send us out to share that love with open hearts and hands.

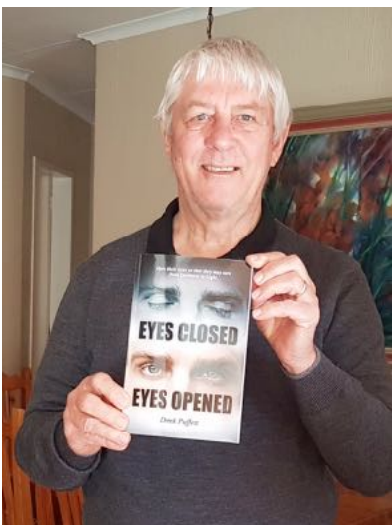
*(Raise hands higher)*



And praise be to You Loving, Creator God –  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit  
now, this moment,  
and forever more. AMEN

**A very personal Book review**

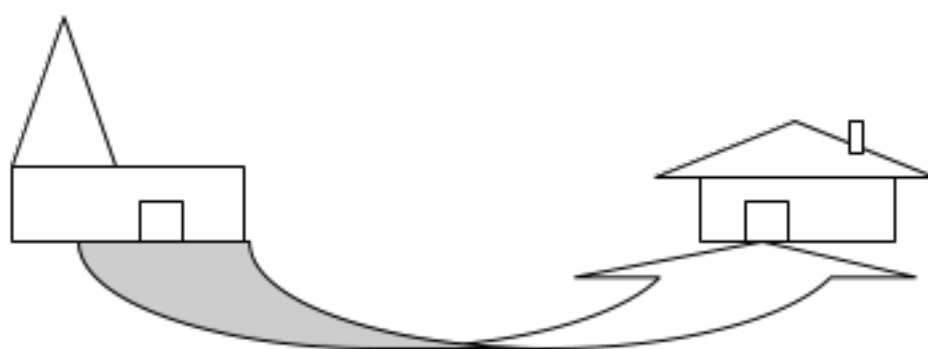
***I don't know very many Christian authors, but I do know Derek Puffett, who was a huge influence in the lives of myself and Moira when in South Africa.***



***Derek has written a book 'Eyes Closed- Eyes Opened' which contains some wonderful testimonies and also encouragement to those of us who want to go deeper into our faith. I can highly recommend it.....***

***Available on Amazon***

HOLY TRINITY CARE GROUP  
BEFRIENDERS  
KEEPING IN TOUCH



Dear All,

I hope you have been enjoying our Summer of, greater freedom indoors and outdoors, and meeting up with family and friends.

**MONTHLY SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICE – FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER – HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

We have been so relieved that our Sunday 11.15 morning service has been able to resume.

In recent times and circumstances the Monthly Short Afternoon Services had to be put on hold. We are happy to announce that **these will start again on Friday 1 October at the usual time of 3pm**, and look forward to welcoming you.

**Everyone, young and old, is welcome.**

**FREE WALKS in the “BOTANICS”**

**Free Walks** for older people at the “Botanics” are being offered by Parish Nurse, Cath Carter and her team, every Monday at 11am. Anyone is welcome – walks can be adapted to your ability. Even if you need walking aids or are in a wheelchair, you are most welcome to join and have fun.

Please ring Cath 07792941783 or email [cath@pilgrimcare-standrews.org](mailto:cath@pilgrimcare-standrews.org)

Many of you will know Cath from seeing her at the Short Afternoon Services.

On the topic of gardens, I am reminded of the final verses of that well-loved poem:

“The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.

For He broke it for us in a garden  
Under the olive-trees  
Where the angel of strength was the warden  
And the soul of the world found ease.”

Our aim is to keep you in touch, whatever your age, with our church family, whether you are in care home. We work closely with, and support, our ministers and elders.

**Holy Trinity Care Group** was set up to ensure this. We continue to retain close links with representatives in Safeguarding, Data Protection, our Guild, the Prayer Circle and Ministry of Flowers.

Our small, dedicated team of **Befrienders** regularly assist in maintaining contact, in confidence. If you would like to get in touch, please contact Janie, Convenor, Holy Trinity Care Group + B office.

OUR SHORT SERVICES  
AT HOLY TRINITY

**Short Monthly Afternoon Services**

This takes place on the first Friday of every month at 3pm.  
These are often attended by those, unable for whatever reason, to join us at our Sunday morning services. We have been delighted to welcome people of all ages – at a service recently, three generations of one family!

**Short Service of Communion**

You are invited to join us at the Lord’s Table.  
Our minister can arrange to give home communion if you are unable to travel.

**Short Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering**

This service is held annually, usually on the Friday after Easter Sunday.  
We join together in giving thanks and remembering loved ones who have gone before us.

*With warmest good wishes from Janie ,*  
*T:01334 476 191*



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

CHILDREN’S CORNER

**Hello again, girls and boys,** I wonder if, like me, you sometimes worry about things? Perhaps a friend has noticed you being anxious and has said, as a joke: “Don’t worry, it might never happen!” Quite often, whatever was causing concern – maybe school exam results – turned out all right in the end.



In Matthew’s Gospel, chapter 6, Jesus says that little birds don’t worry about the future, so we shouldn’t worry either, because God will look after them and us. A poet called Elizabeth Cheney, who was born in 1859, wrote a wonderful little poem. It seems such a simple rhyme, but it gives us an important message that we shouldn’t worry too much. It’s called “Overheard in an Orchard” and I hope you like it

|   |                                 |                                   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| : | Said the Robin to the Sparrow:  | Said the Sparrow to the Robin:    |
|   | “I should really like to know ” | Friend, I think that it must be   |
|   | why these anxious human beings  | that they have no Heavenly Father |
|   | rush around and worry so.”      | such as cares for you and me!”    |

Bye for now!

Granger Brash

# LITTLE CHERUBS

DUE TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS, LITTLE CHERUBS RAN DURING JUNE IN THE GARDEN OF ST LEONARDS CHURCH. JULIE, BETH MCLEAN AND OTHER HELPERS PROVIDED MUSIC AND FUN FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN.

CHERUBS NOW HAS ITS NEW HOME IN THE CHURCH HALL ON THURSDAYS, WITH 2 SESSIONS OF 25 ADULTS AND 'HOWEVER MANY' CHILDREN.



THANKS AGAIN TO THE TEAM.

## HOLIDAY CLUB

If you were passing by Canongate school between the 10th -14th of August, you might have wondered what on earth was going on in the playground... adults were being pied in the face with shaving foam pies, kids were jumping around like jungle animals, and there was a great deal of noise as kids yelled out the letters

J-E-S-U-S, YES!

Well, it wasn't the circus in town, just a group of children's workers, from several different churches in St Andrews, coming together to share the good news about Jesus, with a large group of children.



As 'Jungle Julie', my role was to get the kids moving- singing songs, playing games, and having fun! We had obstacle courses to navigate, we played games of 'pull the tail from the monkey', we searched for treasure, we developed team chants and we made beautiful crafts. Our theme song was, 'Who's the King of the Jungle?', which was a real hit, with children yelling out J-E-S-U-S, YES! He's the king of me!" At the top of their voices.

Over the course of the 4 mornings, children learned that the Bible is full of lots of little stories that make up one big story. The children heard how Jesus performed lots of amazing miracles, he calmed a storm and filled boats full of fish, but as he grew popular the people in charge became cross. They came up with a plan to kill him, and they nailed him to a cross.

Jesus died. But that wasn't the end of the story!  
Jesus came back to life!

The children learned that Jesus invites them to be his followers and that they are loved always, even when they mess up and get things wrong, The children listened intently and their questions during discussion times were so insightful.



We averaged 76 children per day, with a total of 93 children attending. Parents and carers were appreciative of the efforts made, and we had lots of positive feedback.

Please pray that the seeds that have been sown would not be stolen away, but that they would grow and flourish and produce fruit. Pray that the children would remember that they are loved, that they are special, and that they can be a friend and follower of Jesus.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO JULIE AN THE TEAM FOR THIS  
OUTREACH TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY (ED)

## THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS CONTINUES



This is only one of the letters of thanks we received over the summer

*Thank you so much for the beautiful roses I received from Holy Trinity. They were very much appreciated.*

*Kind Regards Kathleen Watson*

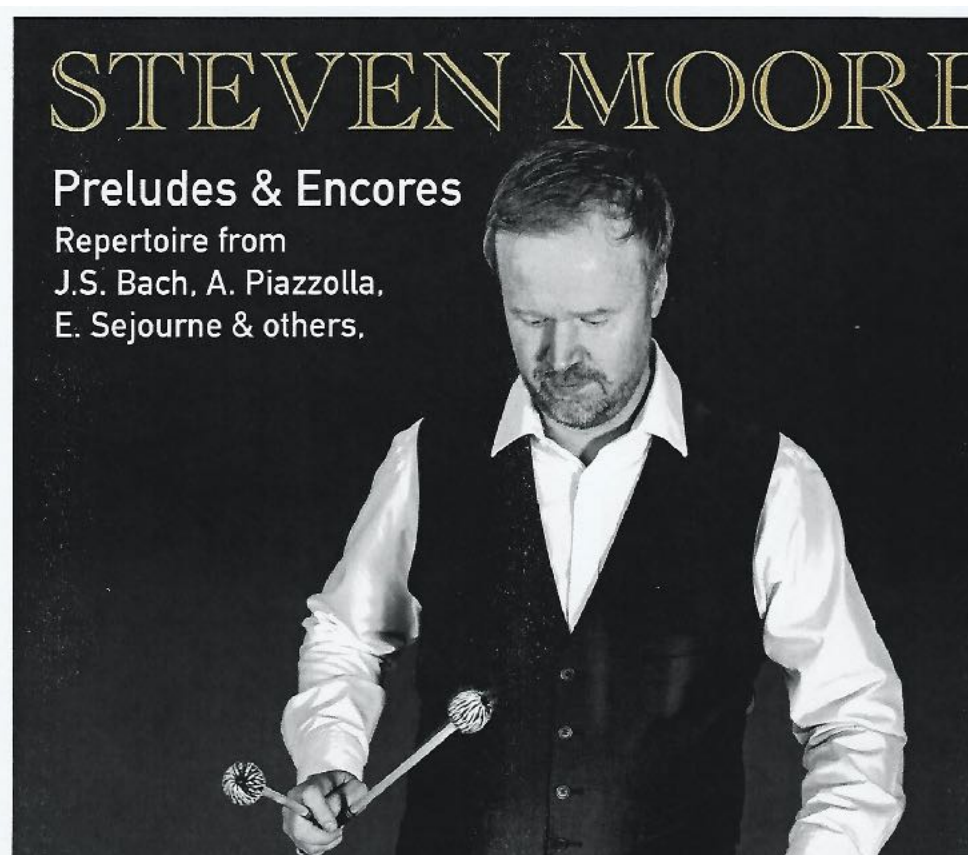
## HOLY TRINITY ACTION GROUP

HTAG IS PLANNING TO HOLD A MEETING WITH THE HOLY TRINITY CONGREGATION. THE PURPOSE IS TO PRESENT HTAG'S VISION AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING, UNDERSTAND HOW THIS AFFECTS THE CONGREGATION'S ASPIRATIONS, EXPLORE THE FUNDING SITUATION; ADDRESS QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE CONGREGATION AND ENLIST THE CONGREGATION'S SUPPORT.

BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE SHOULD ATTEND, WE HAVE THREE PROVISIONAL DATES UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- FIRST MEETING (PRIME SESSION): SATURDAY, 9 OCTOBER AT 3 PM
- FIRST MEETING (REPEAT), IF REQUIRED: WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER AT 3 PM
- SECOND MEETING: SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER AT 3 PM.
- THESE MEETINGS WILL BE IN PERSON AND WE WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL WHO HAVE THE FUTURE OF HOLY TRINITY AT HEART, TO ATTEND

OUR FIRST CONCERT FOR 2021 WAS HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021 SOME 70 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE CONCERT BY PROFESSIONAL PERCUSSIONIST STEVEN MOORE WHO IS UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF UK IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. STEVEN'S PROGRAMME OF SOLO MUSIC COMPOSED FOR MARIMBA INCLUDED WORK BY BACH AND PIAZZOLLA.



# OVERSEAS MISSION

## *Angel Tree Project 2021 Oruro, Bolivia*

*in 2007 Holy Trinity linked up with Latin Link and since then has supported the work of Latin Link in Oruro in Bolivia through Julie Noble who is part of their South American mission. Latin Link is an international community with a calling to love and serve God and our neighbour. Most members of Latin Link work in Latin American countries; some work with Latin Americans in other parts of the world. Others go from Latin America to work in Europe and elsewhere.*

**In that time through various Holy Trinity fund raising activities (still on-going) more than £10,000**

**has been sent for her work with `Angel Tree Project` which looks after the interests in children who are held in prisons** (because of the activities of their parent(s)) and also her work with CCU, a Christian teaching vehicle for young students at Oruro university.

### **Recent activities**

#### **Big heroes**

Julie Noble describes a time and place for prisoners' children to experience

something very different to their 'normal' lives:

*Julie updates monthly from Oruro but since Covid has had to work from UK.*



## Vineyard Church

Along with hosting the free church in the Hall on Sundays, **we are delighted to welcome the Kingdom Vineyard congregation to worship in the church on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm.**

Kingdom Vineyard run the Storehouse food bank

Storehouse is a foodbank serving the most vulnerable people in our community of NE Fife. It was set up in 2006 by Kingdom Vineyard church, serving people of any faith or no faith, and ever since we have been giving out bags of food and toiletries to individuals or families who are in crisis and are unable to provide for themselves. They may have lost their job, been through a family break up, be the victims of domestic violence, or had their benefits delayed or suspended. In desperate times we are able to meet their immediate need for food and extend God's kindness to them.

**Stop Press-  
Storehouse and the Vineyard office  
have moved to the  
St David's Centre in St Mary's  
Street**





Every Thursday we run drop-in sessions for those who are struggling to come and receive food. We aim to run these sessions in the most welcoming way we can. We try our best to work in such a way that means you only receive the food that you like and have chosen yourself. Our team is almost all made up of volunteers who are trained to help you get everything you need and make you feel welcomed and at ease. Storehouse also partners with other agencies, sending pre-packed bags of food to them to distribute.

*We are always deeply saddened that the need for foodbanks is continuously on the rise, however we feel really blessed to be able to carry out the work we do with the generous support of others.*

Thanks to all the generous donations of money and goods Holy Trinity supplied some 523 bags(of the 3462 total for Storehouse) to Ron Cuickshanks 07763210434

# MEET THE KINGDOM VINEYARD TEAM



Jim & Rachel Cronin  
SENIOR PASTORS



Jesse Duley  
WORSHIP PASTOR



Caitlin Macdonald  
PASTORAL ASSISTANT



Maddy Haywood  
VOLUNTARY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

# CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

**Sadly we have lost several well loved members using the COVID crisis.  
Our prayers go out to those who are left behind.  
BUT welcome to the littlies!**

## BAPTISMS

|                        |                               |              |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Alex George Velasco Browning  | Holy Trinity |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> June  | Thomas Adam Ritchie           | Holy Trinity |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> June  | Millie Jane Morris            | Holy Trinity |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> July  | Amelia Sarah Natsuyo Halliday | Holy Trinity |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> August | Lacey-Mae Watson              | Holy Trinity |

## WEDDINGS

|                           |                                     |              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July      | Lionel Rodgers to Shaunagh Naismith | Holy Trinity |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August   | Craig Strachan to Kirsten McWilliam | Holy Trinity |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> August   | David Barclay to Anna Taylor        | Holy Trinity |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Calum Mc Farlane to Claire Bailey   | Dunino       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September | James Mc Erlean to Jennifer Leung   | Holy Trinity |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Scott Rodgers to Katherine Clark    | Holy Trinity |

## FUNERALS

|                         |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May    | Isabella Duncan         | Holy Trinity          |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May    | Christina Meyer         | Holy Trinity          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July    | John Cunningham         | Western Cemetery      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July   | David Galloway          | Kirkcaldy Crematorium |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July   | Aileen Smith            | Holy Trinity          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July   | Thomas Speed            | Holy Trinity          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July   | Margaret Knight         | Dunino                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  | Janice Stewart          | Holy Trinity          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> August | Elizabeth Taylor        | Holy Trinity          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August | Helen Drummond          | Holy Trinity          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Ian Galloway (Memorial) | Holy Trinity          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Elizabeth Taylor        | Holy Trinity          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | Helen Drummond          | Holy Trinity          |

## Holy Trinity Congregations have donated in excess of 10,000 Milk Bottle Tops:

Wow! These are sent to a specialist recycler to be converted into other items (and saving the planet a little bit as well)

We had 3 **Large bag of tops uplifted by Lorna Hutcheon of `Greenshoots`** many thanks to everyone who drops bottle tops into the wee cardboard box at the back of the church, please keep collecting.

Latest report: "We have now made £13,000. First to benefit was the Borders Hospital but now it's Palliative Care for Marie Curie, Macmillan Nurses, Marie Curie Home Care & the Lavender Touch." For further information – speak to Ron Cruickshanks. 07763210434







