

# HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS

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## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*Dear all,*

*There's a lot of waiting for change at the moment; release from COVID,, direction changes in the government in Westminster and the parliament in Holyrood, the General Assembly decision on same-sex marriage and many more. Some of us are facing life-changing events, such as illness or moving home.*

*In all of this we have our own views and opinions, our own hopes and fears.*





*I was reminded the other day of the Aonach Eagach ridge in Glencoe, which I never traversed, although my brother did. As you can see it is a very narrow path which falls steeply away on both sides.*

*Isn't this a bit like our lives feel at times. It is not easy to remain on the path, heading for the next peak, but one false step to either the left or the right can lead to disaster!*

*And when the storms come, as they do to all, are we equipped with the moral compass that we need to keep heading in the right direction?*

*In conversation, do we fall off to one side of the truth or another, either compromising with the prevailing world-view or showing a judgemental attitude?*

*Jesus talked of the narrow gate which He urges us to enter. It's like the door at which He stands and knocks, holding Grace and Truth in His hands.*

*As Christmas approaches, let us not bemoan the fact that the majority of the population have no thought of the One who Came as a Baby, Died on a Cross, Rose again in Glory and will come again to take us to Himself.*

*Instead let us proclaim our faith in whatever is most appropriate as we come alongside each other and others. Jesus called us to be disciples and to draw others to Him.*

*As I stand on my own Aonach Keagach ridge this month, I will be asking myself what I can do to follow His commission.*

*Moir and I wish you a very fruitful Christmas Season*

*Mike*

## MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

### **Dear Friends,**

There are occasions when inspiration comes from very unexpected sources. In 1997, when out Christmas shopping, I came upon this slogan being used for advertising in a well-known department store. By the time I arrived home, these verses were already formed in my mind, and having shown them to one or two people, I share them with you now. They lead us through the commercial hype of Christmas, and some of the tragic situations that we often choose to ignore, to the real reason for the festive season, and remind us that Christ came to share every aspect of our lives and to show us how to care in every situation. It's called 'Christmas is giving'



*Christmas is giving – so the slogan says,  
As hassled shoppers weave their way between  
The tempting rows of Christmas goodies,  
While fractious children wail – 'I want, I want, give me, give me!'  
'O do be quiet – you'll have to wait' says mum, wondering what Christmas is really  
all about  
How can she afford it?*

*Christmas is giving – so the slogan says,  
But what to give Aunt Maude –  
She is so difficult to please – expects so much of all around  
And gives so little.  
Yet she is important – a person who needs love and care like all the family  
What shall we  
give?*

*Christmas is giving – so the slogan says,  
Another down the road reads 'Hungry, homeless, please help.'  
The youth who feels unwanted and rejected, has brought it on himself they think.  
Let him get a job and help himself!  
The shoppers have their own to buy for, care for, give to  
Why should they give?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says,  
*The party is in full swing – the fun – the noise!*  
*All out of tune the children sing with great excitement ‘Jingle bells, jingle bells’*  
*And Santa comes -*  
*The paper rips and falls away to reveal a gift– and shining eyes are satisfied for now*  
*How does he do it every year?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says  
*But she is sad,*  
*The one she loves and wants and needs has gone away –*  
*He doesn’t care.*  
*Families are all around, laughing, living, loving – she’s so alone again.*  
*How will she cope?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says  
*And yet a hostile world*  
*Could find no room for two tired young people, or the child to come.*  
*That child was born in poverty the world to save*  
*The Son of God and Son of Man began life in a stable,*  
*Why was it thus?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says,  
*The wise men came from far away*  
*A star their guide to bring their gifts – to show the child his destiny.*  
*How could they know?*  
*And yet they did – for it was true, he was a king, the Son of God, the hope of men.*  
*How could the world ignore him?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says,  
*And he gave all in service and in love*  
*And yet - the world could hardly wait to take his life away, and hang him on a cross*  
*Such cruel death.*  
*Three days went by, of emptiness, despair and loss,*  
*How could God allow it?*

**Christmas is giving** – so the slogan says,  
*We know the story now, how he defeated death and brought new life,*  
*That’s why we give with such abandon.*  
*Yet so many can forget what Christmas is about, the baby bringing lasting joy and happiness*  
*As they seek passing rapture.*  
*Help us to understand.*

**Christmas IS giving** – as the slogan says

*And as we celebrate the birth, give thanks, and sing the songs we know so well–*

*God gives again to one and all, new life, new hope, new light, new love,*

*In Christ he comes to every home*

*This Christmas time.*

*Let's welcome him.*

Yes, let us welcome him, as we gather for our Christmas services, and as we gather in our family groups, and as we join with our friends in celebration. And let us never forget that we are called to care in the name of Christ. And most importantly of all, let us never forget that

## **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

**I wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year**

***With every blessing***

***Marion***

## **China on Christianity** (Quoted by Marion in a recent sermon (Ed))

The eighteen American tourists who were visiting China in 2002 were very tired after a long day of sight-seeing in Beijing. They could really have managed without the planned lecture that evening by a leading academic from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. Imagine then their surprise then as they heard him begin his lecture with these words:

*'One of the things we were asked to look into was what accounted for the success, in fact, the pre-eminence of the West all over the world. We studied everything we could from a historical, political, economic, and cultural perspective. At first, we thought it was because you had more powerful guns than we had. Then we thought it was because you had a better political system. Next, we focused on your economic system. But in the past twenty years, we have come to realise that the heart of your culture is your religion: Christianity. That is why the West has been so powerful. The Christian moral foundation of social and cultural life is what has made possible the successful transition to democratic politics. We don't have any doubt about this''*



## Communion again

We were able to celebrate communion again last month, albeit in a rather unfamiliar format. The little plastic cups were difficult to use and so we used individual glasses for the wine and juice and paper sauce pots for the bread. These were laid out on tables in front of the chancel, although the minister had her own chalice and bread. The choir and musical director were served by the session clerk.



*Rev George Fairlie  
reading the lessons*

All went very smoothly and in keeping with COVID arrangements. We hope the one day soon we will be able to celebrate as we are used to.





## From our interim Moderator

### PREACHING ABOUT MONEY

Some preachers are disinclined to preach about money. I am not among them. I believe that there is nothing in this world which doesn't come under the judgement of God nor is there anything for which the Gospel doesn't have a word to say in or out of season. Those who do preach about money are in good company.



I read somewhere that Jesus talks about money much more than he talks about faith and prayer. In fact, in one analysis of the Gospels, eleven out of forty parables are about money or they illustrate spiritual truths by using money like the Parable of the Hidden Treasure or the Parable of the Talents.

In his most famous 'Sermon on the Mount', Jesus preaches about money on three occasions. On the first, he imagines someone making an offering to God in the Temple. The value he places on his gift is not as important as the value placed on personal relationships and, in particular, the reconciliation of those whom he has offended.

On the second, he says famously, *'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal ...'* If we believe that our life in Christ is eternal then we will not hang on to perishable things no matter how significant they appear to be.

On the third, Jesus says, *'No one can serve two masters .... You cannot serve God and wealth.'* Money is like a god. People spend their lives longing for it, making more of it, idolising it, worshipping it. The dangers to the spiritual life are evident. We dare not neglect to talk about it. For if we don't, we will eventually be corrupted by it.

This leads us into the most wonderful teaching in the Sermon. *'Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life ...'* Putting your trust in God rather than in



money leads to peace of mind and an enviable equilibrium where we live one day at a time and realign our thinking to focus on the Kingdom of God.

This year, the General Assembly invited congregations to think about money and to participate in a National Giving Day. The idea behind it was to encourage people to give money *'to fund specific work or to launch a new project'*. The Kirk Session has accepted this invitation and letters are being sent to everyone in the congregation.

The focus of our National Giving Day is to establish a Community Outreach Fund. The Kirk Session has established a list of worthwhile projects to enrich the life of kirk and community including the development of the Friday Service, the creation of a Youth Church, the Children's Clothing Bank, an area of rest and reflection in the garden etc.

An outward focus is within the DNA of the Church of Scotland. This is evident from its historic ministry to the whole parish enfolded in the Third Declaratory Article which celebrates the Kirk's *'distinctive call and duty to bring the ordinances of religion to the people in every parish of Scotland through a territorial ministry'*.

This was reimagined twenty years ago in the Kirk's 'Church Without Walls' initiative when we were encouraged to refocus our attention away from the church building and the inward-looking concerns of congregational life to the evident needs of the wider parish and even the world beyond. This should be the starting point of our daily conversations!

More recently, we have been encouraged to think and work collaboratively with the other congregations within our Cluster and with the other denominations within our town. The hospitality which Holy Trinity has extended to the Free Church and to Vineyard is a case in point. The one worships in our Church Hall, the other in the kirk every Sunday evening.

The decision by the Kirk Sessions of all three Church of Scotland congregations in St. Andrews to pay for the Brendan Research Audit of the town and to discuss the findings together under the aegis of 'Place for Hope' is a very exciting way forward. We hope to identify an area within the town where a centre for a more contemporary and inclusive act of worship can take place.

The intentions are good but the latter initiative cost £3,000. Money is essential to sustain the work of the church and to develop its mission. The purpose of the

National Giving Day is not to raise money to pay electricity bills nor buy a new boiler but to forward the work of Christ in imaginative new ways which will bring his Gospel to those who have hardly heard it.

A spirit of generosity lies at the heart of our God for his grace is more than we deserve. When we live in his love, our cup overflows with the goodness and mercy of God. It is this gift and experience which we want to share with others and which inspires us to give to the Kirk as generously as we are able whether it is a widow's mite or the five talents which we have doubled in value through shrewd business acumen!

**David D Scott, Interim-Moderator**

*And while our thoughts are on money, please see the 'Wanted' notice*

*We need someone to take care of it for us*



*Could it be you/ Or a friend who has recently retired and has the right experience?*

**L**OVE WHAT GOD LOVES AND HATE WHAT GOD HATES”  
(Alistair Petrie, Scotland and Canada )

Given that God knows best, that seems a very sensible axiom /modus operandi.

# THE CHURCH GARDEN

Two items of interest at this time.

Ron designed a another wonderful variation on the Armistice display.

And we had an offer from the son of our last-but-two church officer, Harry Eagle, to refurbish the bench in the front Garden.



This he did, in Arbroath (Ron take note) and it is now back in place and looking much more welcoming for a seat.

Thank you so much Harry (Jnr)



***“LIFE WITH THE VIRUS  
A cheery old chap called McNab  
Went for his third Covid jab,  
Then they gave him one too  
To combat the 'flu  
And now his immunity's fab !”  
Rev. Revy Rhymer”***



## Thoughts

### TEACHING THE YOUNG

Among the books I enjoyed as a ten year old were the three 'What Katy did' stories written by Susan Coolidge an American author, published in the late 1800s.

In the second book 'What Katy did at School' Katy and her sister Clover are sent to boarding school. Both wonder how they will get on there but they soon find their feet and make friends with the irrepressible and rebel Rose Red. The book is full of the naughty but actually quite innocent scrapes the three get into.

The one that I remember best is about the Sunday sermon. Every Sunday the girls go to church and although they enjoy looking at any young men in the congregation, they find the prayers and particularly the long sermon very boring. It is a release when the service is over and they can walk back to school and enjoy Sunday lunch. This is the 1880s so there is little fun to be had on a Sunday and after lunch the girls settle down to the task of the day: writing a resumé of the sermon. Rebel Rose Red, more worldly-wise than her friends, is certain that no one ever reads these and one Sunday in the middle of her report writes: "There is a red cow walking down the road." She is right, of course. There are no repercussions!

I tend to think that Jesus might well have smiled at this, he did have a sense of humour and was a brilliant teacher himself. This episode in the book has stayed in my mind because it is a glaring example of how the adults in that church failed the children. The church service and sermon made no concessions to them. They were expected to sit quietly and look as though they were listening.

I'd like to think that life's very different for our children today where there are all kinds of visual and aural stimuli and lots of hands-on activity both at home and in school. And we have realised that in church we must do our best to help young people to take part in at least some of the service, particularly the worship, and to provide teaching and activities relevant to their ages and understanding. Jesus did this in a very different age with his parables and use of everyday objects to illustrate his meaning. We need to do this too. Our children need to learn to share in worship with us and to learn how the God who loves us wants us to live.

Not everyone has the skills and the ability to undertake this task, but we need to be ready to offer our help and our support to every attempt to encourage families to bring their children to church, to welcome them and to provide for them. This is pure gospel, what the Bible tells us we must do, and what those of us who know what it is to be the children of a loving all wise God ache to share..

God doesn't ask us to do what he needs us to do without help, but he needs us to respond and to accept responsibility. Let's all of us try praying for his help with the task he has given us, not just once, but over and over again, like that importunate widow whom Christ described as 'deaving' the judge to take up her case. Let's take a leaf from the gospels and try 'deaving' God and wait to be surprised.

**BUNNY SLACK**

## **PASSWORDS**

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Do you struggle with passwords on the computer? I certainly do and find it very frustrating! However, passwords are certainly not a new fad as I can think of two instances in the Bible with the concept of passwords. Maybe you can think of others.

In Judges 12:6, the pronunciation of a single word, shibboleth was a matter of life and death. Likewise, Romans 10:9-10. If you declare/confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

But is just saying "Jesus is Lord" enough? Does that mean I can do what I like?  
No!

Jesus wants to be Lord of every area of my life. HELP please Lord, I can't do it by myself.

**Maira Stewart**

## From Fife Presbytery

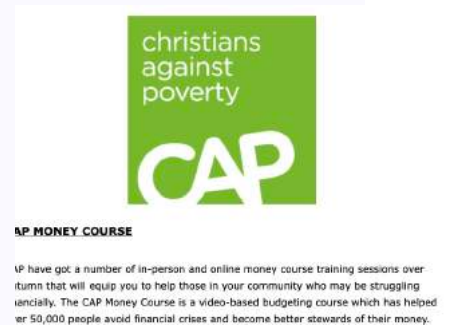
Hi all,

There are a large number of exciting initiatives in the latest Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin. too much to put in here,. They cover prayer, Zoom groups, discipling, Helping the poor, workplace pastors and many more.

Here are a couple of examples.



Please take time to check out the website at [churchofscotland.org.uk](http://churchofscotland.org.uk) for details.



In particular ;please consider registering for Alan McWilliams presentation on New ways of being church  
**Churches CAN grow**

### Talking Mission: New Ways of being Church With Rev Alan McWilliam



Date: 30th November 2021

Time: 7.30-8.30pm



We're concluding our first series of Talking Mission events with Rev Alan McWilliam, Cairn Movement, Forge Scotland and Church of Scotland Minister, on the subject *New Ways of being Church*.

As we develop a Mission Plan for Fife we have the opportunity to explore *New Ways of being Church*, through Pioneering Mission Initiatives, Fresh Expressions and Church Planting.

Alan will share his experience of planting churches and supporting pioneers across Scotland to inspire us, as we consider possibilities for Fife Presbytery.

 The Church of Scotland

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-mission-with-alan-mcwilliam-tickets-204404478297>

**Peace & Blessings be with you,**

**Neil**



## COVID Matters

We continue to hope and pray for further release from restrictions. Meanwhile, remember to sanitise, sign in and wear a mask unless sitting down to eat.

**Steve Watson Convener COVID team**

## Holy Trinity Action Group (HTAG)

**Graham Wynd reports:**

**The Holy Trinity St Andrews Trust was incorporated as a private company limited by guarantee a few weeks ago.** Next steps are to apply for charitable status and to open a bank account.

**Building Condition Survey.** The main report has now been received. It is extremely comprehensive and runs to 64 pages! Fortunately, **the report identifies no serious problems with the fabric of the building.**

**Architects' Feasibility Study** This work is still ongoing. Two meetings have taken place with Scott Purdie the architect from Nicoll Russell. **At the second, there was encouraging progress with outline drawings showing how the Church could be reconfigured to allow for the various activities envisaged in the Outline Business Plan.**

### Meetings with the Congregation

Because of the delays with the Building Condition Survey and Architects' Feasibility Study, the planned meetings with the Congregation had to be postponed. New dates will be set as soon as possible.

*We are all waiting to see some drawings.  
All will get a chance to state their views on  
any changes.(Ed)*



## Events Programme

The events programme has been building steadily. A notable feature is the growing relationship with Topping & Co., which has resulted in six new bookings for author's talks, three of them already having taken place.

**Since the restart of events in August, over 20 events have been scheduled, bringing in an estimated revenue of over £6,000 for the last three months of the year.**

The events have generally been lauded by audience and performers alike. One of the author's talks attracted an audience of over 500.

The Fabric and Finance meeting on 25 October agreed to ask Session to approve HTAG's request for expenditure on a number of items that will allow us to hold a wider variety of events in the Church.

*(We are most grateful to Graham, Callum and the rest of HTAG for their pro-active work)*

## Music matters

The promotion of the use of the church by HTAG (mentioned above) has meant that an increasing number of Orchestras, Wind and Brass bands, Choirs and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra concert series have all used the building

However, when the question coming from a prospective hirer is "Do you have a good quality piano for use " the answer has to be in the negative. Our small upright piano has given sterling service but in no way could it be described as a quality instrument. It is therefore very welcome that discussions are taking place re the purchase of a new grand piano.

These pianos are not cheap, but the Yamaha C6X, although expensive, is the most suitable for Holy Trinity as the sound would fill the space admirably. The Session are considering whether such a purchase would be a good use of the Ethel Joy Bequest



**Walter Blair**

## Friends of Holy Trinity

We in Holy Trinity, are very fortunate to have an excellent choir, and since our choir have returned to enhance our worship Sunday by Sunday after such a long gap, many people have commented on how much they appreciate all that the choir offers to God and to us in worship. I know that all the members of the choir are grateful to Walter and to Marjorie for their leadership and enthusiasm as they prepare Introits and Anthems for our weekly services.



‘The Friends of Holy Trinity’ were set up some years ago to support the work of our musicians and to help develop our choral tradition. We offer several choral scholarships, and some of our students have gone on to become professional musicians, or to lead the music in their own churches, in no small part because of the teaching and encouragement they have received in Holy Trinity.



If you would like to become a ‘Friend’ and support this work, please contact the secretary Katherine Hogg on [katherine.ogilvie@btinternet.com](mailto:katherine.ogilvie@btinternet.com) who can provide the details of how to do this



## The result of prayers for COP26 (a report from YWAM)

### GOD IS GOOD!

**COP26 is finished.** The YWAM (Youth with a mission) observer in the Blue Zone was able to report throughout Saturday afternoon on the mood and dynamics of a dramatic few hours, comparing it to watching a tense tennis match! Hours of praise in many locations did affect the atmosphere in the city. Praise God and, **if you did**, thank you for joining in.

Glasgow itself had a fantastic atmosphere. **As UN climate Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa said: 'The people here are so nice, they have truly warmed our hearts'.** The Police also regularly praised the city and her people. Only one arrest in both marches, despite around 100,000 protesters involved, was a miracle in itself. There was no major violence nor terrorist attacks.

A South Korean representative said: "Glasgow people are very friendly, always helpful" indeed everyone we spoke to commented on the friendliness of Glaswegians. Much of our prayer was for the things unseen – both behind the scenes in negotiations and in the spiritual realm. We trust that good relationships were formed during this time. Voices which are often marginalised were given more prominence – some very passionate and compelling speeches were made in the main sessions by poorer countries who reported experiencing extreme weather far more than in their past.

**We tended not to pray about specific policies in the negotiations, more about the process.** The outcome, the Glasgow Climate Pact, ended with some notable pioneering agreements between the nations of God's earth. It will be remembered for several things for generations to come. Our outreach teams met people from 104 nations of the world, and some invited Jesus to be part of their lives; many more are further along in that journey. Our young people grew in their understanding and ability in evangelism and intercession, with **several saying it was the first time they had fun in intercession and want to grow further.** It was a privilege to have an official observer in the Blue Zone and we praise the Lord for positioning us all at our posts in this time. It was a wonderful experience for YWAM, the World Prayer Centre and Pray for Scotland to partner together in this prayer shield.

*Here in St Andrews there were many people praying. The prayer vigil in St Andrews St Andrews was particularly moving, with folk praying all night on the 23rd/24th October*

*The church was adorned with stations designed to focus our prayers on the need to care for our world. It was a very moving experience.* Mike



## The Guild

There was a real buzz of excitement when over 25 Guild members and friends came together on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the first Guild meeting of the new session . Changing the meeting time to the afternoon appeared to be successful.

Alison Johnson, our Convener, opened the meeting with hymns, reading and prayer, and welcomed everybody. She thanked Isobel Neilson who had played for the hymns for some years now and welcomed Rachel Davila who had agreed to take her place.

Everyone enjoyed Marion Paton's talk about her walk some months ago from Inverness to Fort William which is The Great Glen Way and follows the route of the Caledonian Canal. The meeting ended as always with refreshments and talk.

At the time of writing the Guild has met three times now in the large hall to enable social distancing to hear excellent talks by Callum MacLeod on his links with the town and Holy Trinity and Stewart Kerr about the .N.E. Fife Community Hub. We await with interest a report by Graham Wynd on November 22<sup>nd</sup> on the work of HTAG .A visit to the Hub for coffee and a tour of the premises is planned soon, a trip to the pantomime at the Byre in December and the final meeting of the year for carols and mince pies. There will be no Christmas fair this year but Christmas decorations made by Sandra Givan and other members are to be sold in church to raise money for Guild funds. Our full programme of meetings for Spring 2021 begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 pm with a talk by Samantha Walker of the Preservation Trust. Two of the talks will be about the projects at home and overseas that the Guild is supporting for the next three years.

We warmly welcome visitors and friends to our meetings. For a copy of the programme or any information contact Bunny Slack Hon Sec.

## Isobel Neilson



Isobel, along with her husband, Keith, served for many years as an elder in the congregation has now retired. Isobel held lots of things together over the years with her quiet witness. A small tea party was held to thank

her for her 50 years! as an elder and in all the other roles she fulfilled so quietly and gently.

## BOARHILLS AND DUNINO



On Fri, 12 Nov 2021, 20:58 Ken Morris, wrote:

You may not have heard, but I've been seriously laid up with an ongoing chest infection which has ruined my "external" life. I've missed out on the life and witness at Dunino for a number of weeks, however the place still carries on with its usual spirit.\ We had our usual very traditional and meaningful Harvest Thanksgiving, and celebrated Holy Communion on the 7th of

November.

At time of writing preparations are being made for our annual Service of Remembrance which is emotional for some, poignant for others but always a fitting observance of the huge debt owed by us all to those who gave their all in the recent and earlier past.

Our service on the 21st of November is being taken by Rev Ian Bradley, who is most welcome to lead us in memories of St Columba.

In no time at all, we will enter the season of Advent, before celebrating a hallowed Christmas together.

Time flies!

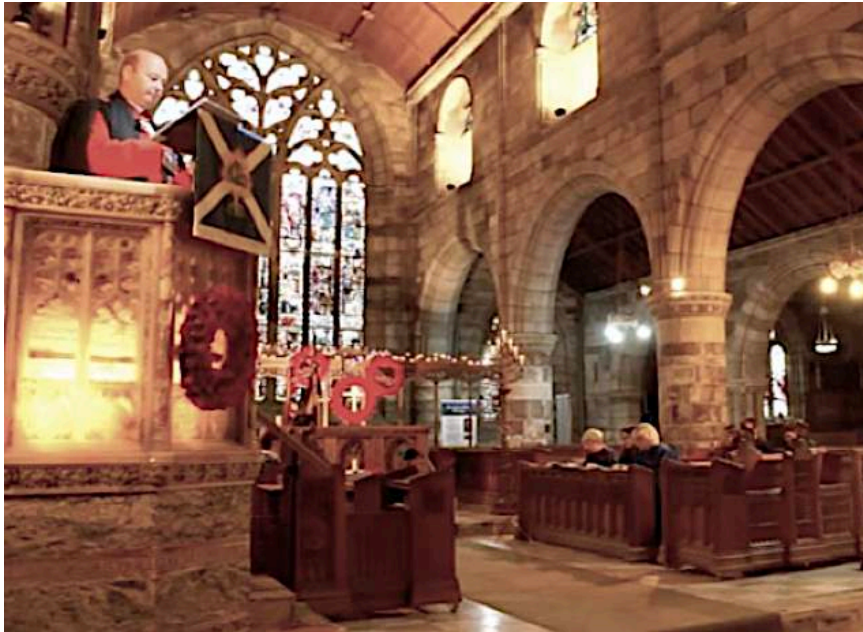
***Kind regards***

***Ken Morris (Session Clerk)***



# ARMISTICE

Remembrance Sunday was a great success with Rev David Coulter holding everything together and Mike Carslaw deputising for Session Clerk.



There was a great congregation with some 130 in attendance – good representation from the armed forces and uniformed youth. The ladies dealing with `track and trace` played a blinder with very little delay.

Mike Carslaw assisted with the Flags being received at the front of the church and the return of the flags at the end of the service; he also laid the wreath on behalf of the congregation.

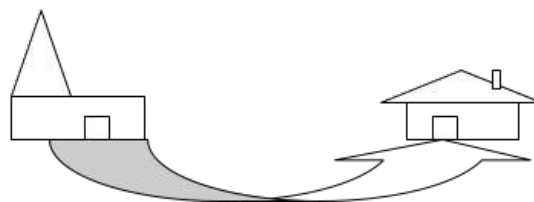
The anthem was beautifully sung and afterwards Rachel Raynor laid the Holy Trinity wreath at the Cenotaph

***Ron Cruickshanks***





**HOLY TRINITY CARE GROUP+  
BEFRIENDERS  
KEEPING IN TOUCH**



As we head into Winter, it is reassuring to know that many of us have now had their Covid-Booster and Flu jab.

Still being cautious and Covid-safe, two Short Afternoon Services, have taken place in October and November – a Harvest Thanksgiving and a Short Communion Service.

These were well attended and the fellowship afterwards much appreciated. Thank you, Marion, and thank you to all who help to make these happen.



## **HTSAS**

**H**oly **T**rinity **S**hort **A**fternoon **S**ervices

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
3PM  
Hunter & Memorial Aisle**

## **THANK YOU**

As you read above, Isobel Neilson, has recently stepped down as an elder but also as a befriender. Her guidance, love and support over the years have been invaluable. Isobel ensured that contact was maintained with those in Care Homes, in particular, during the difficult days of lockdown, by way of cards. She regularly kept in touch with residents and, where possible, their families. We wish her and Keith a restful retirement.

Joan Archer, who is well known to us all, has kindly agreed to take on this role. Joan had been an elder and befriender for many years.

## WELCOME

We warmly welcome a new befriender to our group – you may well have heard her play the organ in church!

Marjorie Bruce is joining us with a view to helping us keep families, where a child has been baptised, in touch with our church family at Holy Trinity. Marjorie has long links with St Andrews and has recently become a grandmother.



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

HTSAS A Short Advent Service Friday 3 December

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

**With all good wishes,**

**Janie, Convenor, HT Care Group + Befrienders**

## THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS CONTINUES



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

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

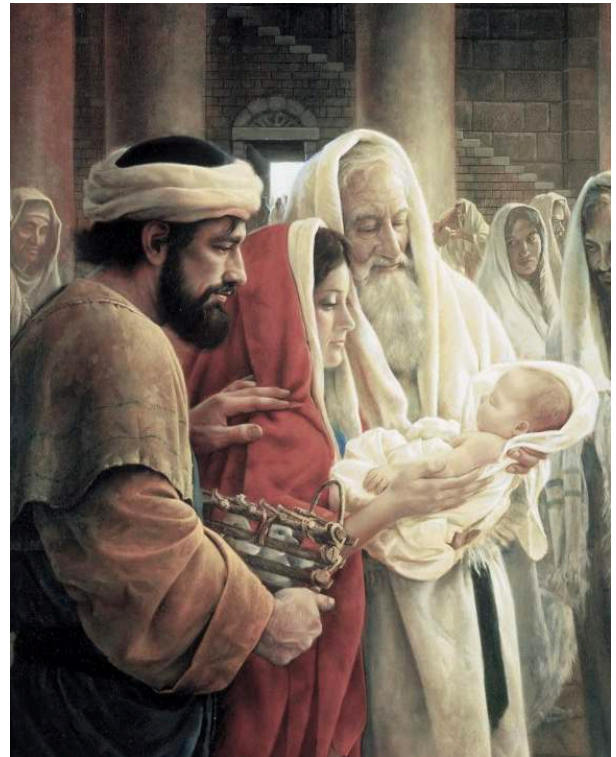
## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Hello again, girls and boys, This time, I have a puzzle for you. You've to find the name of an elderly man whose wonderful story is in Chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel. He was a good person, with strong faith, and God had told him that during his lifetime he would see the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus into the temple in Jerusalem, this man took the young child in his arms, blessed God, and said: "Now my life can end in peace, because I have seen your salvation!"

A beautiful piece of music was even written about this amazing story! (web-search "Nunc dimittis")

For each of the six letters in the name, a clue tells you that, for example, a letter of the name IS in one word but ISN'T in another word. So if a letter is in 'Paul' but not in 'Luke', it can't be 'U' or 'L', and must be either 'P' or 'A'. Got it? Right, here we go:-



*My first is in Simon, but not in John,  
My second's in Faith, but not in Forlorn.  
My third is in Miriam – actually, twice!  
My fourth is in Esther, also in nice.  
My fifth is in Noah, but not in Ark,  
And my last is in Dawn, but not in Dark!*

Bye for now!  
**Granger Brash**



## Communications



We are moving ahead slowly with a great deal of work from John Taylor. The live-streaming is improving and we now have better microphones and two cameras. Our need now is to train more folk to work the set-up as even John can't work 52 weeks of the year.

We have a manual in preparation.

**Are you interested in being part of a team to develop this further? Contact Mike Stewart**



Audiovisual Operating instructions



## LITTLE CHERUBS

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



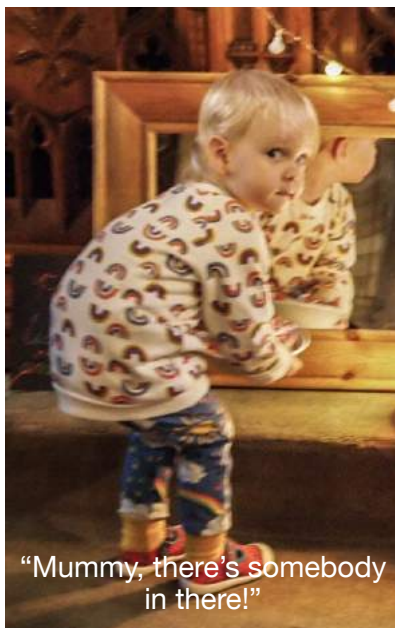
The "Dingly Dangly Scarecrow with a floppy Floppy Hat" One of the songs the children were singing this week.

Do You know where this was taken?



## GLOW PARTY

Each year a team from 6 or more churches host a "GLOW PARTY" in Holy Trinity on 31st October. It gives the children, and some parents,



"Mummy, there's somebody in there!"

the opportunity to dress up, join in the fun without the darker (and often scary) aspects of what Halloween has become. This year's party was a huge success, with over 90 children and 72 adults attending at staggered times to comply with COVID rules. A bit of a scrum, but greatly enjoyed by all involved.

Julie is most grateful for

to those who stepped up to the mark to help—a great privilege rather than a chore

All parents agreed to their children being photographed



The team, from six churches, praying together before the party

## OUTREACH

### 'STOREHOUSE' ST ANDREWS' FOODBANK

STOREHOUSE IS AN ACTIVITY OF KINGDOM VINEYARD CHURCH

Address: St Davids Centre Albany Park KY16 8BP

storehouse@kingdomvineyard.com 01334 845985

The Kingdom Vineyard (East Fife) is a Registered Charity No. SC037042

***SINCE JANUARY 2021 HOLY TRINITY CONGREGATION HAVE DONATED 357 FAMILY SIZED BAGS/BOXES OF FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO STOREHOUSE AT THE ST DAVIDS CENTRE – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.***

*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.*

Every Tuesday and 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 people only receive the food that they like and have chosen themselves.

Our team is almost all made up of volunteers who are trained to help folk get everything they need and make them feel welcomed and at ease.

We rely on the donations of generous individuals and groups to serve the community.

**Wherever possible we ask that people make arrangements to deliver to the St Davids Centre between 10am-4pm on Wednesdays. There is a car-park at the back and we use the back door to the building Please ring the bell, and someone will come out to meet you.**



We partner with 12 churches in the North East Fife area who donate food on a regular basis. You will find a donations box at their Sunday services, usually near the leaflets and notice board,  
Including Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews



The University of St. Andrews student society 'St Can-drews' have set up donation points in many of the halls of residence. A few local businesses also collect donations for us:

Nationwide, 151 Market Street, St Andrews, Braemore Lettings, 73 South Street, St Andrews.

Morrisons, and Sainsbury's

## OVERSEAS MISSION

### **Holy Trinity supports the work of Julie Noble – Latin Link – In Oruro Prison, Bolivia**

Julie writes:

One of the discipleship team lost her fifteen-year-old daughter last week. This is her second bereavement in less than a year. Please pray for her and her family.

In order to reach the La Merced women's prison, which also holds some remand men, by 8.30am my colleague and I meet at 7.40am to wait for the number 117 minibus with the all-important turquoise background to the number. Sometimes it stops a lot along the route to wait for passengers and we



arrive close to 8.30am but other days, like today, the driver is not as interested in filling up and we are there just after 8am. We find a spot in the shelter of the blue metal kiosks, which have become established on the rough space opposite the prison, for our half hour devotional time and post a selfie in front of the prison to the Onésimo Whats App group, a modern equivalent of clocking in.

Trees have been planted in a line along the perimeter wall of the prison and around the rough ground. They are enclosed in wooden frames and blue sacking to give them a chance of surviving and are, so far, less than a metre tall.

Finishing the prayer time, we leave our mobile phones in the care of one of the kiosk owners and approach the metal prison door. Today we are let in punctually at 9am, register in the pop-up police base and get one of the police to radio for two of the discipleship participants to come to the long shed; we are each only allowed to work with one woman at a time. Three male prisoners have been brought from the San Pedro prison to visit their wives and children. One is struggling to balance a 40-centimetre square cream cake on his handcuffed hands and I help him rest it on a bench for inspection.

A policewoman stabs it repeatedly with a thin metal rod, but avoids spoiling the 'Feliz Cumpleaños Amor' in blue writing. The prisoner also has a small set of pine shelves. The men have brought a lot of bags for other women who are not getting a visit from their partners today and all have to be checked.

One of the prisoners, an Angel Tree Dad, is dressed in skinny black jeans and a tight white t-shirt to show off his gym body. In the población, the area enclosing the grandly named pavilion, where the prisoners live, and a strip of concrete alongside it, a small child has already spotted her Dad and is jumping up and down at the chicken wire shouting 'Papi, Papi, Papi.' The three prisoners set off



with their gifts across the path, a causeway raised above the land that floods in rainy season and made of bits of rock and grey earth edged with swampy green plants. One of the remand men, dressed in wellies, tracksuit bottoms and a black hoodie, is washing a sporty red Honda. Apparently, his car washing and maintenance skills are in high demand for the police to keep their vehicles smart.

My colleague and I wait for the women. One of the ladies turns out to be round the back of the long shed perched on a rock having a virtual hearing by mobile phone while two lawyers listen in. We ask the policeman to radio for another couple of women. Eventually the lady having the hearing finishes and comes to tell us she is sick following her third COVID-19 vaccination yesterday and going back to bed. Another lady appears. Like all those who leave the población, she is wearing a fluorescent tabard. She is sick too but stays for twenty minutes.

We request other participants. Women cross the causeway to collect their packages, watched by black and white-headed gulls on the low land and pigeons on evenly spaced perches in the rolls of razor wire on the top of the perimeter wall. The women flirt a bit with the police and receive their bags. A prosecutor, lawyers, family members and a judge arrive for another hearing but this one is to be held in the long shed and we have to vacate. We are still waiting for participants and keep bothering the policeman to radio for other women on our lists. After an hour and a half, and various brief interviews and prayers for women who are feeling grim after the vaccination yesterday, we decide to abandon the attempt to work with them today. We sign out at the pop-up police base and are let out of the main prison door. We collect our phones from the kiosk and board the number 117 minibus due to leave.

**Perhaps you'd like to contact Julie by e-mail, or send a donation.  
Please contact Ron Cruickshanks for details (Ed)**

## The Persecuted Church

It's not just overseas where Christians are feeling vulnerable. During COP this poster, outside the Tron Church in Glasgow, was first vandalised and then stolen.



Both our Alpha banners and our "Try Praying | " banner were stolen. We need to pray, even love, in these seemingly trivial events.

## 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

They now meet at 1 pm, a time more suitable for children's ministry

Jim Cronin says that we are all welcome to join them and experience a different type of worship.

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

## CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

**Sadly we have lost several well loved members during the COVID crisis.**

**Our prayers go out to those who are left behind.**

**BUT welcome to our new members**

### WEDDINGS

27<sup>th</sup> October Andrew Brown to Vivienne Liddell      Falside Mill

### FUNERALS

12 <sup>th</sup> October	Isabella Costorphine	Holy Trinity
19 <sup>th</sup> October	William Crighton	Western Cemetery
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	John Goodwin	Dunino
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Douglas Mowat	Holy Trinity
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Ann Rodger	Western Cemetery

### NEW MEMBERS by Certificate

Mr Lennox and Mrs Margaret Dunley,

Finally, we are having to be much more careful about what we put in the magazine, Facebook or the website in terms of pictures of faces and personal contact details. It would help very much if all of us could indicate their feelings by filling in the form below on the back two pages and returning it to the Church office.

***Thanks Mike Stewart Session Clerk***

# Christmas Services

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**11-15am.**

**Advent Carol Service with  
the choir in Holy Trinity,  
followed by light  
refreshments**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Congregational Festival of Lessons and Carols in Dunino at  
10-45am**

**Congregational**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols in Holy Trinity at 11-15am**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve**

**Family Carol Service 3-00pm in Holy Trinity**

**Watchnight Service in Dunino at 7-00pm**

**Watchnight Service in Hope Park and Martyrs at 11-30pm**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**December**

**Christmas Day**

**Holy Communion in**

**Holy Trinity at 10-00am**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Morning Service in St Leonards at 11-00am**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**Cluster service in Holy Trinity at  
11-00am**



**Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, St Andrews, linked with  
Boarhills and Dunino**  
South Street, St Andrews KY16 9NL  
Telephone 01334 478317

## **Social Media Consent Form – Adults**

Holy Trinity Parish Church ('the Congregation') strives to follow the Church of Scotland's good practice guidelines for use of photography, video etc, including its collection and safe storage – particularly as regards Facebook and the Congregation's website.

**In respect of each adult, the Congregation will seek consent before using a photograph, video, audio recording or other information for a church activity.**

### **Agreement and Consent**

Name of adult:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

**I hereby authorise the Congregation to publish the following media/information about me:     *(please tick each box that applies)***

Photographs

Artwork

Videos & Recordings

Written Material

for the following purposes:     *(please tick each box that applies)*

Inclusion in the Congregation's publications in print or electronic format

Within the church premises e.g. notice boards

Use on the Congregation's website, Facebook page and Twitter page

Inclusion in the Congregation's publicity material, presentations or banners.

**I do/do not (*please delete as applicable*) authorise persons in the Congregation to communicate with me, using telephone or social media applications.**

**I acknowledge the following:**

- I can withdraw consent at any time by contacting the Congregation's Data Protection Officer at the address shown above;
- Media or information published prior to withdrawal of my consent may not be able to be withdrawn;
- Media or information will not be used in new material after withdrawal of my consent.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**Once completed, please return this form to the Congregation's Data Protection Officer or Safeguarding Coordinator.**

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