

HOLY TRINITY ST ANDREWS

LINKED WITH BOARHILLS AND DUNINO

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YET THE EARTH SLEEPS IN SHADOWS

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"



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Dear All,

Another year, another newsletter.

You will all have your memories of this year, some happy, such as me reaching the grand old age of 80!, some very sad, such as the death of our dear Queen and several of our long-loved members. Our cover this time tries to show that no matter what we have gone through "there is Hope". That hope is there because of the coming of the Lord Jesus "A light in the darkness", and because of the cold horror of His death, which the disciples did not understand, we can look forward; and be surprised with joy!



There is a lot of reading below about the future of the Church of Scotland here in St Andrews, but, as the picture on the last page indicates, there is some slow progress. I am eternally grateful to those of you who, despite everything, have worked so hard to keep Holy Trinity, not only alive and kicking, but also showing many signs of new birth. There is much still to do, but we, in the Kirk Session, the Guild and the Holy Trinity Trust are confident that if we remain positive and stop looking back back, the magazine at this time next year will show a very different picture.

One of the most encouraging features is the number of younger folk who are now attending regularly and helping in many quiet ways.

However, as Tommy McNeill says in his book "The Sleeping Giant" which is reviewed below, there is much can do for the advancement of the Kingdom of important thing is for us all to be: ***"In the right right time, in the right spirit"***



"The Sleeping that older folk G o d . T h e place, at the

The old carol says "Love came down at Christmas". My prayer for all of us is that love, for each other and those around us, will not dissipate after the New year, The "Toon Kirk" is not just a building, it should be a beacon for our town. a place where "All are welcome" to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you all this Christmas and for 2023

Mike

MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

The story goes that back during World War 2 a little American boy and his daddy were driving home on Christmas Eve. On the way they drove past rows of houses with Christmas trees and decorations in the windows. In many of the windows the little boy noticed a star. He asked his father "Daddy, why do some of the people have a star in the window? His daddy told him that the star meant that the family had a son away fighting in the war. As they passed the last house, suddenly the little boy caught sight of a very bright star in the dark sky. 'Look Daddy' he said, 'God must have a son in the war He's got a star in his window too!'



At this time of year when we celebrate the birth of the Son of God as a little child, it is important that we remember, amidst all the hype of the season, that the real reason for the season is that Jesus came into our world to go to war with sin. The land in which Jesus was born was at the time an occupied land with all that implies for the people of his day. They felt uncomfortable in their own country and God saw that the time was right to send the Saviour of the world.

There must be many in our own country, as well as other parts, who feel uncomfortable in the world in which we are all called to live. Just think of those who live in Ukraine and other war-torn countries, as well as those who live with extreme poverty, and those in our own land who are dreading the coming months and having to deal with the financial crisis we all face. In so many ways in our own day, love has been replaced by law, and so many people find this impersonal situation difficult to deal with.

Last Sunday we began our service with the introit, 'Love came down at Christmas' a beautiful poem by Christine Rossetti which says

Love came down at Christmas,
 love all lovely, Love divine;
 Love was born at Christmas;
 star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
 Love incarnate, Love divine;
 worship we our Jesus,
 but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
 love be yours and love be mine;
 love to God and others,
 love for plea and gift and sign.

The greatest and most effective weapon in the war against sin is love. It was in love that God sent his son to a needy world to do something about it. Our Christmas should always be a celebration of the love of God for all people. So as part of the family of the people of God in this place, let us do all that we can to reflect that love for all people in every way we can this Christmas.

With very best wishes for a happy and joyful Christmas and a good New Year.

With every blessing

Marion



*The armistice service was well attended.
 This year the usual bugler was replaced by a trumpeter
 (The Cavalry use trumpets rather than bugles). Our
 Trumpeter was resplendent in his uniform and agreed to be
 photographed.*

From our Interim moderator

UNITED WE STAND

Since I last wrote about the prospective union with St. Leonard's and St. Mark's, there have been three significant events.

The first was a joint meeting of all three Kirk Sessions on 5 October. This was moderated by the Revd. Nigel Watson and the Revd. Sarah Moore who have been working with us under 'Place for Hope'.

Discussion was focused on two areas – buildings and governance. A straightforward analysis of the three buildings emerged. Attention focused on size, hall accommodation, toilet facilities, parking etc. There were no surprises and some people were generous in their assessment of the buildings of the other churches.

In the discussion on governance, two opportunities were celebrated. ***The one was to change the structure of the united Kirk Session.***

By and large, elders favoured a smaller Kirk Session with elders serving for limited terms and the membership rotating among the united pool of elders. The aging profile of the eldership was acknowledged.

The other was to value the increased pool of talent with all the attendant gifts and ideas which the union would bring. Issues which needed to be considered carefully were communication across the united parish, pastoral care, the nature of a Pioneer Ministry, the consolidation of finances and other administrative functions.



To this end, three people from each congregation would form a working group along with the two prospective ministers, Graeme Beebee and Allan McCafferty, working under the chairmanship of an independent person not involved in the life of the church in St. Andrews – a Group of Twelve!

It is hoped that this working group will bring forward a '**Basis of Union**'. This will require to be approved by the Presbytery and voted on by each of the three Kirk Sessions and congregations, hopefully this Eastertide. In the meantime, a series of joint services will enable members to meet each other and see the different worship spaces.

(The Holy Trinity representatives are Mike Carslaw, Ron Cruickshanks and Julie Torrance.)

The second significant event which has happened was the approval of the Presbytery Mission Plan at the meeting of the Presbytery of Fife on 19 November. This was the third time that the Presbytery Plan had been approved but on this occasion it came with the approval of General Assembly committees.

There was a surprise for Holy Trinity. Faith Nurture Forum, a constituted forum of the General Assembly, sent some additional comments to accompany this third reading of the Plan. Some were specifically for Holy Trinity and were written by the General Trustees who are the owners of our Church building but not our Hall. I reproduce them in full:

Para 7. Holy Trinity Church

- I. attainment of an updated Professional Report (Quinquennial)*
- II. details how any repairs identified in the above are to be programmed and resourced*
- III. further information should be provided to justify the retention of the building. This should include an assessment of the financial viability and demonstration of community use of the building.*
- IV. updates should be provided on the progress of the Holy Trinity Action Group.*
- V. The GTs are unlikely to accept any application for central funding for this building until its financial viability is clarified. It is noted that the building is desirable to third parties.*

The first two related to the condition of the building. We have a Quinquennial from 2015, a detailed architectural survey from 2021 and a more recent Electrical Installation Condition Report, all of which confirm the view that our building is in very good condition. If another survey is undertaken, we have nothing to fear.

The third relates to the justification of retaining the Holy Trinity building. The Presbytery recently allocated the building with an A category. This was after a Presbytery-wide survey using criteria specifically drawn up by the General Trustees! **These comments cannot diminish the grading which the Presbytery**

has allocated. There is no A minus or B plus, just an A or a B. And Holy Trinity is in category A.

Category A buildings are 'to be retained beyond the five years from the date at which the Mission Plan is approved or annually reviewed.'

The last clause contains the sentence, '*It is noted that the building is desirable to third parties.*' I suspect this relates to the University but it is an absurd comment given that the Kirk Session was instrumental in setting up the Holy Trinity Trust precisely to enable that body to purchase the building!

It may have seemed unfortunate to some that the General Trustees chose to send these comments to the Presbytery precisely at the point when Holy Trinity was engaged in sensitive negotiations with its neighbouring parishes.

Two things have to be recognised to put their comments into context.

In the first place, they were simply comments from the General Trustees and they were simply noted by the Presbytery. They had no effect of changing the status of the newly categorised building nor the content of the Presbytery Plan for the St. Andrews' Cluster. The three kirk buildings are all categorised in exactly the same way.

In the second place, **it has brought into sharper focus how out of date these comments were for the three Kirk Sessions have been working in such a way that they are exceeding what was expected of them in the original Plan.** This

is to be commended by the congregation for it looks to be an exciting prospect for a more settled future.

The third significant event involves Boarhills and Dunino which is presently linked to Holy Trinity. The Presbytery Plan states that Boarhills and Dunino should 'consider becoming a Local Mission Church'. This was discussed in Kirk Session on two occasions. The Kirk Session was strongly of the opinion that they should not become a Local Mission Church.

Having considered what the Presbytery asked them to do, there was no need for any further deliberations. However, following the untimely death of the Session Clerk, Ken Morris, the Kirk Session approached me and asked to consider uniting with their long-term partners, Holy Trinity.

Discussions ensued in both Kirk Sessions. **A ‘Basis of Union’ was drawn up and agreed by both. It has now gone to the Presbytery for approval.** Once this has been gained, voting on this ‘Basis of Union’ will formally take place in both Kirk Sessions and congregations prior to the union of the two.

None of this would have happened without the hard work of both Kirk Sessions. The progress made in St. Andrews and the changes being effected within our well-established linkage are remarkable. At this time of light shining in the darkness, I call upon both congregations to give thanks for their Kirk Sessions and pray for two fruitful unions sometime in 2023

David D. Scott, Interim-Moderator

In order for the three congregations to get to know one another better, there will be a number of Joint services in 2023, held in each of the three St Andrews churches. (See below) In addition there are initiatives in which all congregations are invited to help - “Doing things together

Doing things together (1)



The Memory Cafe runs on the first and third Wednesday of each month in St Mark's Church Hall.

Do you have time to come and sit with the folk, or bring along a friend who you think

would enjoy the company?

If so please contact Ketron Morrison

Doing Things together (2)



We already have volunteers to help greet and serve at this initiative by St Marks, but could do with some more.

The Soup will be provided by the HUB

The main contacts are

Muriel Gray at St Marks

or Kon Cruickshanks

THE CHURCH GARDEN

Dear friends, The garden is finished for another year, what great summer it has been.



We have received a constant stream of compliments from passers-by and from the many visitors to the church, with people continually stopping and photographing the garden.

The season was rounded off with Holy Trinity winning the

Community Council Stuart Meiklejohn Trophy.

A very big `thank you` to the team – Dave, Pat, Lorna, Peter, Mike, Nathan and Alan.

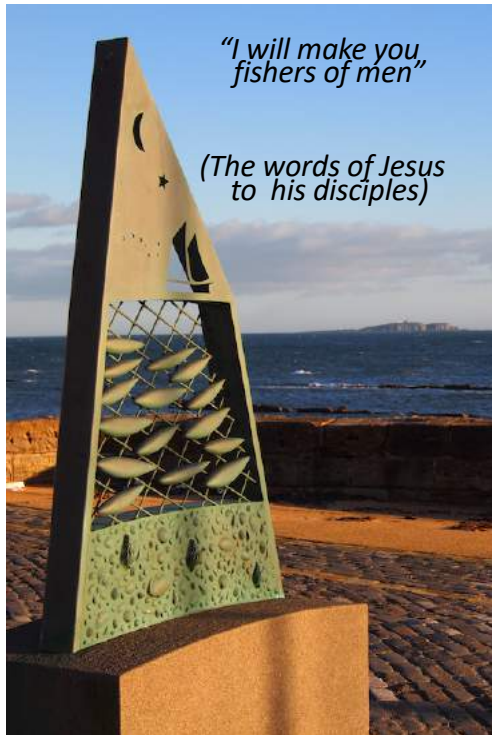
Pathhead Nursery as usual supplied the beautiful

Begonias.

The team will be back at the garden again in March/April 2023.

Rachel Raynor.

Many people have commented on the garden this summer and have asked how to make a contribution. There is now a collection box on the church gate for those who wish to do so. (Ed)



Fife Presbytery

Please keep checking the Presbytery website:

fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

Prayer

The Presbytery prayer group continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 9 am on Zoom.

It is led by Irene Ure from St Margaret's Glenrothes

The link is: [https://zoom.us/j/3175228773?](https://zoom.us/j/3175228773?pwd=SjJpWmlqWGVQSGlleUFleTd6TXEyZz09)

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Opportunities to learn to serve

1. Fife Presbytery Pioneer Intro Course with Alan McWilliam (Forge Scotland) (link below)

Registration is now open for our online Pioneer Intro course starting

Jan 12th 2023 from 7-9pm via Zoom.

This course will allow people interested in Church Planting and pioneer mission to grasp the core concepts and possibilities.

There are 6 Thursday sessions (12 Jan - 2nd March (exc 26th Jan & 9th Feb) 7.00-9.00pm).

All sessions are required.

Topics covered: What is pioneer mission? What is required to be involved? What is possible in my area? What are the first steps required?

Register via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pioneer-intro-online-tickets-458685579917>

Our plan is to have a pioneer ministry in the united congregation. It would be good if a few folk could join this initiative. Alan McWilliam has done a wonderful job in Glasgow. (Ed)

Opportunities to serve (2)



Presbytery of Fife

Weaving Worship 2

Saturdays 21st & 28th January
and 4th & 11th February 2023

9.30 - 12.30

Wellesley Centre, Wellesley Road, Methil KY8 3BT

Come to one or come to all.

Open to anyone involved in leading worship:
(worship team members, readers, ministers, elders, etc)

Cost: £5 per person per session

Register at: Fife@churchofscotland.org.uk
by 16th January 2023
(spaces limited)

Sat 21st January: Beyond the Hymn-Prayer Sandwich ...with Jo Love

Jo is a deacon and worship leader at Gorbals Parish Church, she works with Wild Goose and contributes to Spill The Beans. She has been leading creative worship for many years and brings a depth of experience to the subject. She is dedicated to creating excellence in worship as well as help us think outside the box.

Sat 28th January: Creative Digital Worship ...with Neil Young

Neil is the youth pastor in a large parish grouping in the east end of Glasgow and chaplain at the local secondary school where he has been developing creative worship that engages young people for many years. Neil also runs Bolt FM a pop-up radio station which trains local people to communicate effectively. As worship leader at St. Paul's parish church he incorporates video with local people and imaginative messages that go well beyond putting up the hymn words.

Saturday 4th February: Sharing the Message ...with Jeff Martin

Jeff comes from an American tradition of preaching but is also minister at Cupar Old and Monimail churches so is sensitive to the Scottish context. He is creative and innovative in how he presents the message always looking for ways to engage people through what he presents.

Saturday 11th February: Creative Worship through Arts and Crafts ...with Carol Marples

Carol is a successful artist working from Leith School of Art, she is also director of Soulmarks Trust which explores the boundaries between art and spirituality. She has exhibited artworks and run workshops at Greenbelt and Solas festivals, at COP26 and many other events over the years, Carol has worked with many congregations to integrate arts and crafts in worship.

Fife's new Pilgrim Pastor

Rev Duncan Weaver was commissioned as the first pilgrim pastor in Ceres Church on 30 November. Those taking part in this unique service were Lorraine Fraser, Moderator of the Fife Presbytery, the Bishop of St Andrews, Ian Paton and Ian Bradley.



We should see more of Duncan when the Pilgrim Way gateway panel is installed in the churchyard soon.

STOP PRESS!!

It is with great sadness that we hear that Neil Campbell has put in his notice as Mission director for Fife Presbytery.

Neil has carried out a huge amount of work at this most difficult time, but his heart has always been to encourage us to live our faith and share Jesus' love with those around us. Sadly, his post had also involved a mass of administration.

Neil, thank you so much, we will miss you and your kind words to us in St Andrews.

The Guild

On the 14th November the guild held a **Craft day**, led by Rosemary Macrae. The participants enjoyed, not only the company and the food, but also the joy of making choristers, each complete with a carol sheet. Saturday 10th December was a cold dark day in St Andrews but there was a buzz of activity in Holy Trinity's H&M Aisle between 10 am and 12 noon for Holy Trinity **Guild's Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning**.



Tea or coffee, a scone and home-made cake were served and there was much chatter round the cafe tables before people went round the stalls and - hopefully - found bargains and indulged themselves at the home baking stall.

The proceeds, which totalled £1200 will go to the Guild Projects for this year (one in the UK and one overseas), to the Church and to Guild Funds. The Guild thanks everyone who helped to make this a happy and fruitful morning.

Because of the cold weather and icy pavements **Holy Trinity Guild's meeting on Monday afternoon, December 12th** was a bit smaller than usual, but the welcome for the group of nearly 20 members was, as ever, warm and relaxed. Alison Wynd welcomed Callum MacLeod who presented a short programme of carols and Christmas music for us. Everyone joined in the carols and we all began to feel that December 25th was not far away. Alison led us in a short Christmas epilogue, Joan Archer read the Bible passages relevant to the Nativity and, after the prayers, we said the Grace together. The buffet with was much enjoyed and sent us all out into the dark and cold filled with real anticipation of Christmas and thanksgiving for God's gift to us in Jesus and in the love and care of friends and family.

The Guild's next meeting will be on Monday 16th January at 2.30 pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

THOUGHTS 1

The colours of the Tabernacle.

Have you ever thought of the significance of colours in our faith?

We don't make much of it in the Church of Scotland, other than changing the colours of the pulpit fall for Easter, Trinity, Advent and Christmas.

In the Old Testament, each item and colour in the tabernacle of the Israelites, which they carried through the Wilderness, was full of meaning:

The walls were of **brown wood**, representing humanity

They were overlaid with **gold** representing God's righteousness

The curtains were **blue, scarlet and purple**:

Blue- the heavens and God

Red- human blood

Purple -The mixture of the two- Jesus , God and man

The covering of goat's hair- sin

The red dyed rams' skin- the blood of Jesus

The badger's skin- the humility of Jesus

The cloud- God's presence. In Time With God (R K Bamber)

THOUGHTS (2)

Do we want to know God's best plans for us or do we prefer to do it "my way"?

THOUGHTS (3) *from Martin Luther King Jr*

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know one another; they don't know one another because they have not communicated with each other"

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that

Thoughts (4)

What would you think about a restaurant right in the centre of a small town which open for a few hours once a week with its dark and door firmly closed for the rest of Most of us would wonder why the owners taking advantage of their property to customers and allow them to enjoy the food and drink and company provided.



or a pub was only windows the time? weren't attract more excellent

Does this remind you of anything? What about some of the churches you know, or used to know, so often locked up for most of the week?

The medieval church was not like that. It was open from early morning till dusk and as well as holding services, it was a fine big place where anyone could drop in to rest, to pray, ask for help and feel safe. That's what I think the first Holy Trinity Church building must have been like and when in the early 1900s the later building was replaced by the present one that's what the architects hoped to reproduce.

We have an amazing building and a sacred space here in Holy Trinity. As you sit in your pew at 11.15 or listen to a concert, share in a session meeting or a coffee morning or a soup lunch, look round you prayerfully and ask God how we can use His house to win souls for him.

When I first thought of becoming a member of Holy Trinity, I expected it would take time to be accepted and prepared to be patient - not a bit of it. I was made to feel at home immediately and invited to join the Guild and take part in whatever was happening. That's quite a time ago now, but one of the things people say about our congregation is how welcomed they feel not just by the elders at the door but by everyone in the pews and in the coffee time afterwards. A welcoming greeting, a smile, and an invitation to coffee or to a meeting and perhaps to a meal or a cup of tea show that this is a place where everyone is welcome, old, young, mid-life, comfortably off, just about managing or on benefits. This really IS God's house and he trusts us to welcome everyone to it as He would.

In these difficult times when so many people are finding life difficult, not only financially, though that is important, but also because they are lonely or stressed or need practical help, God is asking us to throw open our doors (then push them shut to keep the heat in, of course) and welcome all who come seeking. Some come ready to offer what they can, others in need, all giving, all receiving according to their need and their plenty.

I give grateful thanks to all who all through the days and weeks use their time and their gifts to breathe the breath of God's love into this beautiful building, built with prayer love and hope as a gift to Him.

B U N N Y

SLACK

Dates for Joint services in 2023

Sunday 1st January
Sunday 26th February
Sunday 26th March
Sunday 23rd April
Sunday 28th May

St Leonards
St Marks
Holy Trinity
St Leonards
St Marks

ALL AT 11 AM !



NB No services at the cathedral

THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS CONTINUES



I would like to say thank you very much to Holy Trinity church for the gorgeous bunch of red roses which I received last Sunday. It was an extremely kind thought and my mother would have loved them too.

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers recently delivered by Rachel. It was a lovely surprise and brightened my day.
With kind regards
Miss Kathleen Leitch

Just a short note to thank you for the lovely flowers.
Very much appreciated,

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 and young people

Report by Julie

The GLOW party was held on the 30th October. The vision for this is to give children a chance to dress up, play party games and have lots of treats, without all of the frightening aspects which, sadly, accompany halloween these days. (no ghosts, no skeletons, no witches). The team of 40 were drawn from many of the churches in the town.



The team praying before the party



A messy business

The THEME WAS



The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it John 1:5

There were over 250 folk

there and the adults enjoyed it as much as the children, most of whom were not from families associated with HT.

Sadly we are not allowed to show children's faces, but all were smiling all the way home.

GIRLS BRIGADE

We need your help!

1st St Andrews Girls' Brigade are looking for volunteers to become leaders

The Girls' Brigade is a fun-filled Christian youth organisation working with girls and young women of all school-ages. Each week the girls and leaders meet for games, crafts, and a range of other activities.



The 1st St Andrews company, is based in Holy Trinity Church Hall, St Andrews,

New leaders would be required to: Undergo a full PVG check, take a training course provided by the Girls'

Brigade and agree to attend the company weekly meetings during school term time

If you have a passion for working with young people and are interested in finding out more, please contact **Fiona**

Email: taysidecommissionergb@gmail.com

Phone: 07562014390

SCRIPTURE UNION



St Andrews now has a new K2 worker (Scripture Union's full time liaison with schools and churches) Jill Walker has already made her mark and there are now SU groups in several schools

Jill asks

"Please pray for the curriculum events in the schools, for God to be at work by His Holy Spirit. creating a hunger for God in young hearts and minds in our community.

Pray also for good connections between ~Churches and schools and for Christians who work in the schools"

It can be a lonely task being a Christian teacher.

Quote from one young pupil at a secondary school in Fife " Mum, there's hardly any christian children in the school; it's really hard"

Why not go along to "Praying together" in the St David's Centre on Monday 16th January from 19.00-20.30 pm?

Choir and music news

Organist and choir leader

There have been a number of applicants for the post and discussions are in progress to find an appropriate person to lead our worship.

Meanwhile we are grateful to Marjorie, Callum, Catherine and Marion who, between them, are providing for our needs.

Thanks to the efforts of Marion, Marjorie and Catherine we now have a wonderful choir:
Please make every effort to get to know them at coffee time after the service



Sopranos: Anna Coopey Amy Dunn Olivia Howdle (Alex Daventry. Katherine Hogg)
Altos: Alice Robinson Eva Smeddle Nicky Forgues Puccio Isla Woodhull-Bell (Caroline Waters, Liz Lucas)
Tenors: Oscar Cooper, Owain Morgan Ella Ho
Basses: James Forshaw Caleb Stewart Thomas Rowlands (John Rankin)

An encouragement from “Across the pond”

“I was very glad to hear that things are looking up for Holy Trinity! I loved attending church there and am happy that the future is more certain than it was when I was last in St Andrews.”

From a former student from Pittsburg who was revisiting after five years and was first attracted to Holy Trinity by our music. (He is a trumpeter.)

Our New Piano dedicated and inaugurated

The Piano, bought from the Ethel Joy Bequest, was dedicated by Marion on Sunday 4th November.

On Sunday 11th December an **inaugural Recital** was held in the church.



Photo by Rev Marion Paton

Fali Pavri, Professor of piano at the Scottish Conservatoire in Glasgow, has an international reputation and has been described as *“a pianist who understands the soul, the secret and the balance of a good chamber music performance”*

Fali thrilled us all with his sheer breadth of styles, starting with the prelude ‘*Ich Ruf Zu Dir Herr Jesus Christ*’ by Bach and continuing with works by Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin and ‘*Calcutta Nagar*’ by the Indian composer, John Mayer.

After an impromptu duet with one of his former students, Jonathan Pinto, a student at St Andrews, he finished with *Widmung (dedication)* by Schumann, which he played for his old friend Walter Blair, who, happily was able to attend.

HTAG (Holy Trinity Action Group)

I'm glad to report that the planning application for the Fife Pilgrim Way Gateway Panel has now been lodged. You can see the details on the Council's website:

[22/03719/LBC | Listed building consent for installation of information display board | Holy Trinity Church Logies Lane St Andrews Fife KY16 9NL](#)

As yet, no objections!

Let's hope this will be quickly determined and we can proclaim Holy Trinity as a pilgrimage destination.

All good wishes Graham

HTAG need volunteers to help steward the large numbers of people who attend these functions - We are now getting good support from the younger members of the congregation, but again Can YOU help? (Ed)

There was a Christmas tree festival in the church from 11-18th December.

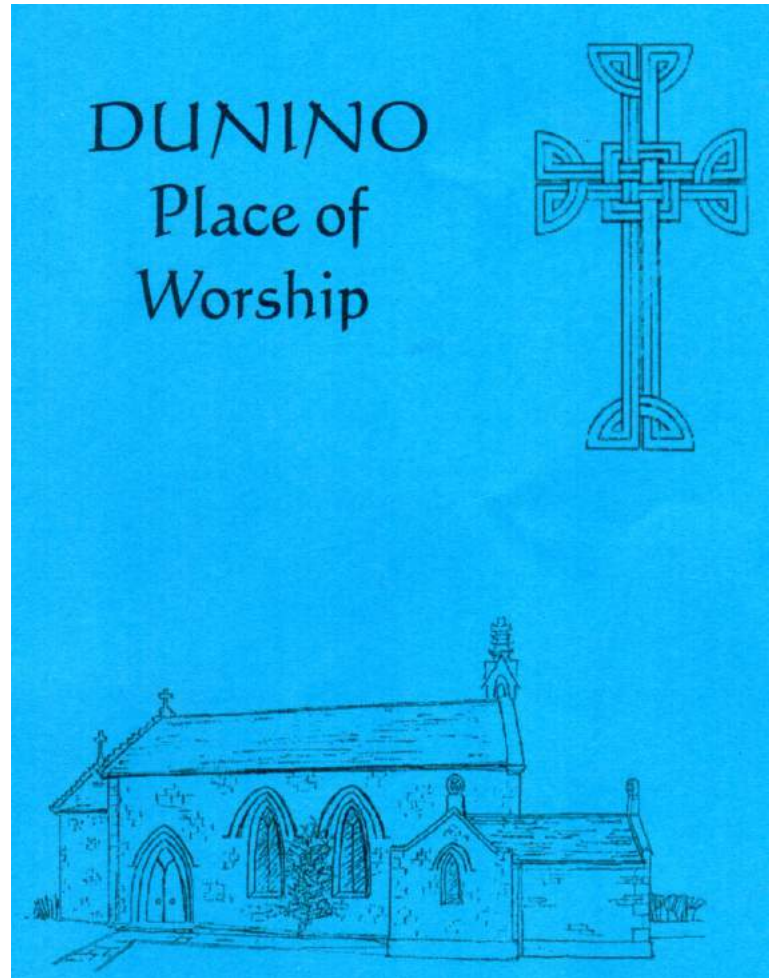
16 Christmas trees were placed in the Nave and organisations were asked to decorate a tree. All proceeds were given to Maggie's Cancer Care charity.

Thanks to Callum Mcleod for the vision and to all the organisations who contributed and those who put up the Holy Trinity trees.



Boarhills and Dunino

There's no report from our sister congregation this quarter. We still exchange readers on a regular basis and it is likely that we the congregations will be united, rather than linked, in the near future. Meanwhile, for those who are interested there is a very special booklet on this historic church which is available from Bobby Simpson, the property convener (880238)



Readers

If you would like to have a chance to read at the morning services at Holy Trinity and Dunino, please contact Marion.

We also have the opportunity in HT to record the daily readings which are are posted on You Tube.

Would you like to record some verses and become more comfortable with reading scripture? If so, contact John Taylor and arrange a time; it is a real privilege that all of us should be able to do.

Book Review

Sleeping Giant, by Rev Tommy MacNeil from Martins Memorial

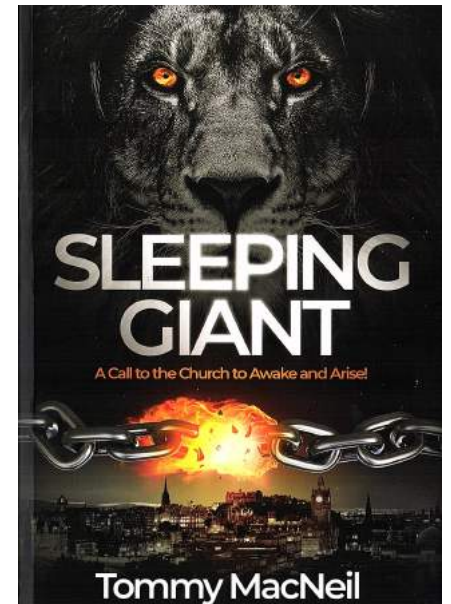
Church in Stornaway is an honest, thought provoking rallying call to the THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

The chapter headings give a flavour, including “The church’s one priority” and “The crucial element missing in the church”

The one on “God’s retirement plan” should especially speak to us oldies. It starts with a quote from the book of Joshua in which Caleb says

“So here I am today , eighty five years old and still as strong as the day Moses sent me out, now Give me the hill country that the Lord promised me that day”

If you don’t read another book this year- read this one!!



Film Review

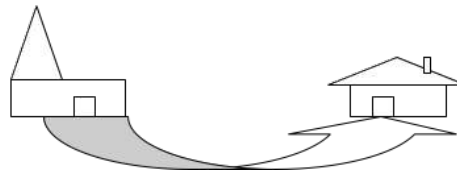
If you haven’t seen it yet, try to get an opportunity to watch “Morning Star”

It is the harrowing story of John Wycliffe, who produced the first translation of the bible in English. Men like him died for their faith. It is available on the web.



HOLY TRINITY CARE
BEFRIENDERS

GROUP+



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our monthly Short Afternoon Services have been taking place now for over 4 years. We are most grateful to Marion for taking these - they have been very much appreciated by all who attend, especially by those who can't manage our morning

service at Holy Trinity. Thanks are also to Cameron Harrison and our Interim Moderator, Rev David Scott who have stepped in. Walter Blair, most faithfully and skilfully provided the music on the organ, with the support of Marjorie Bruce, Callum McLeod and others. Our very grateful thanks go to Walter who has now stepped down – it was a privilege to have such an accomplished musician play for us.



Sharing a meal at the communion service

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Hospitality plays an important part in these services – we have a very reliable and friendly band of helpers - members of HT Care Group + Befrienders and many others, without whom the chat afterwards with refreshments would not happen. Of particular mention this year was The Platinum Jubilee Service and Tea Party thank you to all who took part! It was a fitting tribute to our now late Queen.

This month's Carol Service, with Christmas Tea party afterwards, (see picture) brought some 35 around the table

The dates for the services planned for the next few months are:

6 JANUARY New Year Service
 3 FEBRUARY Short Afternoon Service
 3 MARCH Daffodil Service
 7 APRIL Good Friday Service
 5 MAY Thanksgiving + Remembering
 2 JUNE Short Service of Communion

Ever since Holy Trinity Care Group + Befrienders was formed in 2014, its main aim has been, and continues to be, keeping people in touch with our Holy Trinity Family.

IF you would like to join our happy band of helpers at this service, do give me a call , Janie

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

IF you have any ideas and thoughts on how we keep people in touch with Holy Trinity, ring me or any member of HT Care Group.

Please don't hesitate to ring me in you, or somebody you know, would visit, a phone call, a card Looking forward to you...



might better speak to me or

confidence, if appreciate a hearing from

Wishing you all love and peace at Christmas,

Janie,

Convenor, HT Care Group+ Befrienders.

LOCAL Outreach

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(No apologies for repeating this; it is important)

Why not visit the St David's centre on a Wednesday if you haven't been)

Birrell fund

The fund has been dormant for a number of years. This year it was decided to disburse some of the funds to needy folk in the parish (Not necessarily members). Elders were asked to identify needy folk and 15 cheques for £100 were gifted to them. This included contributions to the care homes.

Thank You Ron, for your initiative

***“There are three results of nearness to Jesus -
Happiness, Holiness and Humility”***

C H Spurgeon

Forsaking All I Take Him = FAITH

Feeling Afraid I Trust Him = FAITH

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello again, girls and boys,

I think you've all been too clever for me to catch you out with my previous Bible quizzes, so this time I'm also going to test your arithmetic! See how you get on with these questions and, if you're stuck, you can look up the Bible chapters that tell each story:-

1 How many of each creature did Noah take into the ark? (Genesis ch 6)

2 What was the number of commandments given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai? (Exodus ch. 20)

3 Next, in the New Testament, a little boy's loaves and fish allowed a miracle in which Jesus was able to feed a huge crowd. How many loaves did the boy have? (Matthew ch 14)

4 Lastly – and you might need to be careful with this one – how many people were in the room, at the Last Supper? (Mark ch 14).

Now for the tricky bit! You have to multiply all your four answers together, and then multiply that total by the number of Gospels in the New Testament. If you then subtract 200, you'll know how many people were fed by Jesus with that little boy's loaves and fish!

(Oh, don't tell me you've beaten me again.....)

Bye for now

Granger Brash

From the Kirk Session

The Session has appointed a small group to bring forward ideas on how we can better outreach to the community.

The members are Mike Carslaw, Ron Cruickshanks, Alison Johnson and Julie Torrance. The group has met twice and we are hoping to hear of their ideas soon.

CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

9 th September	Christopher Zimmermann	Holy Trinity
17 th September	Iain Watson to Robyn Melville	Holy Trinity

FUNERALS

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



4 th October	Kenneth (Ken) Morris	Dunino
12 th October	Eileen Rodger	Holy Trinity
17 th October	Elizabeth (Betty) Blakey	Holy Trinity
28 th October	Gillian Neilson	Western Cemetery
1 st November	Tyler Jack (aged 6)	Holy Trinity
22 nd December	Margaret Roger	Dunino

Betty Blakey, an appreciation



Betty Blakey was a very special lady. We met her on the very first Sunday we came to Holy Trinity after she had turned to Susie and Jim at the end of the service saying 'I really felt the Spirit moving today.' Betty faithfully attended the Home Group faithfully engaging with God's Word and one member defined Betty beautifully. 'She is always so positive.'

*Her passing is a great loss to many, especially her family but we rejoice that she is in a far better place worshipping her Saviour. **Moir Stewart***

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Would you like to visit the land that Jesus knew and loved so well? A visit to Israel can be a life-changing and faith-enhancing experience. If you would like to go please let me know. These visits take a long time to organise and I would not envisage being able to go before autumn 2023. The usual pattern of the Pilgrimage is to spend four days in Jerusalem where we stay in St Andrews Church of Scotland Guest House, and three days in a hotel in Tiberius. From there we visit as many of the holy sites as possible. And of course, if there is somewhere you would particularly like to go this can usually be arranged.

Our guide, Moshe Hesed, has become a great friend and is looking forward to welcoming another party from St Andrews to the country that he knows and loves.

If you would be interested, please let me know by the end of January 2023.

Marion

And now for something completely different —————→



But Seriously, as we conclude, a prayer

*May the way ahead be one of increased riches of His Grace,
Hearing His Voice more clearly,
Knowing His Heart more deeply,
Resting in His Love more fully,
Trusting His Care more completely,
Walking His Path more peacefully,
Knowing His Presence more intimately,
Blessed by His Goodness more abundantly.*

Qavar (Hebrew) – to hope, to wait - expectantly.