

# Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy Trinity Church of Scotland

**Newsletter**

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**Mission Statement:**

Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy Trinity Church of Scotland lives to worship God and to encourage faith in and service to, Jesus Christ among the people of today and tomorrow

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear all,  
It's "all change" this edition.  
A Union of our two churches, after  
some years of a happy linkage.

A new name, although it's a bit of a  
mouthful,  
A new logo chosen by a vote of all the  
elders. And...



### **A new session clerk.**

Yes, after ten 'interesting years', with one minister, one interim minister, a number of interim moderators and, of course our current locum, Marion, I have decided that this is the appropriate time to demit this office.

Mike Foote, acting Session clerk of Boarhills and Dunino has done the same. So, instead

of having three 'Mikes', you are now down to one, and we wish Mike Carslaw every success in the years ahead.

However, no escape yet from editing the magazine, unless one of you out there wants to volunteer. I wish you all a very special Christmas this year. The world and the media would have us living in fear and trembling. but I heard last week that "REGRET looks backwards, FEAR looks around, ANXIETY looks within, but HOPE looks up".

Be Encouraged there is Much Criticism around, but Einstein said that  $E=MC^2$

Let us encourage one another as we face another 'interesting' year in the saga of 'Holy Trinity

Blessings, *Mike*



# MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we will be well into the season of Advent, that time of preparation for the annual celebration for the arrival of the Saviour of the World in human form. But have you ever stopped to think about what the season of Christmas really is? The media want us to believe that it is a time for children, for family get togethers, for parties, for excesses of all sorts, and it is true that all these things can be important parts of the celebration.



But first and foremost, Christmas should be a season of great rejoicing because of God's coming into the world of our human experience in fulfilment of his promises made so long ago. It should be a time when hearts and minds find their way to Bethlehem to worship and give thanks – even if they never come to worship at any other time of year. After all, it is a celebration that marks the birthday of the Saviour. In the Gospel of St John we read that Jesus is the light of the world and that 'the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' At this time when there is so much darkness of suffering and war in the world, we need the light of Christ now more than ever.

During World War 2 a little boy and his daddy were driving home on Christmas Eve. They drove past rows of houses with Christmas trees and decorations in the windows, and in many of the windows the little boy noticed a star. He asked his father why some of the people had a star in the window. His father told him that the star meant that that particular family had a son fighting in the war. As they passed the last house, suddenly the little boy caught sight of the evening star in the sky. 'Look Daddy' he said 'God must have a son fighting in the war too. He has a star in his window!'

At Christmas we celebrate the fact that God does have a son who is fighting in the war. Jesus came into the world to go to war with the darkness and fear of sin and death, and to bring light and hope and joy for all people. The lights with which we decorate our trees and our homes are symbols of the light that Jesus 'the light of the world' brings with him. That is certainly worth celebrating.

A very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year to you all.

With Love and Blessings, *Marion*



Mike (S) and Mike (F)  
Both were TA officers, both were in the Royal engineers, both  
were Officer commanding the same Squadron, some years apart,



## FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends

It is a time for new beginnings. The Christian Year began its cycle on the First Sunday in Advent and the calendar begins its new year on January 1st. Besides that we have enjoyed a new beginning in our church with the happy marriage of Boarhills and Dunino with Holy Trinity. Amidst newness and change it is one of the joys of the Christian message that we can enjoy a constant. That constant is the continuing and eternal love which our God demonstrates towards us and in which we can take confidence. I love the recurrent joy of the Christmas message - unchanged since I was a boy so long ago. I love the carols we sing and which we have sung for so many years. And I am strengthened to know that in all the uncertainties which belong to our troubled world we can nonetheless step into 2024 hand in hand with our wonderful God, sure in the saving power of His Son Jesus Christ and blessed by the daily presence of the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful God we have and, because of that more than anything else, I can confidently wish each one of you a very happy new year.

Yours sincerely

*Alastair H Symington* (Interim Moderator)



### *Movement on the St Andrews Churches*



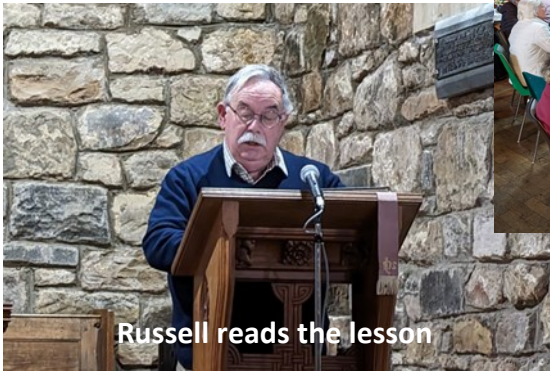
Sadly we have no further information on the presbytery plans for the three St Andrews churches.

So meanwhile the Holy Trinity Trust is proceeding with plans for the installation of toilets and disabled ramps for the building.

# OUR SERVICE OF UNION



This took place Holy Trinity on the afternoon of Sunday 19th November and was conducted by the Presbytery Clerk, Rev David Coulter. The preacher was Rev Conor Fergus, minister of Markinch. Afterwards there was a time of fellowship as we got to know one another.



Russell reads the lesson

And later, a 'Songs of Praise' at Dunino



*In Revelation The apostle John saw that there is an angel protecting each church. This picture symbolises that.*

Please pray for our 'New' congregation.

*OUT with the old!*



*and*



**IN with the new!**



What's our vision for the new congregation? Are we going to do things in the same old way? Or looking in two directions?

Or are we going to get energised to study the bible, pray and reach out to the Town.

The **Outreach group** have a vision but they'll need all of OUR help.



# SPECIAL SERVICES

## ARMISTICE

The Armistice sermon was preached this year by Alastair and was much appreciated. We all have cause to “Remember them”.

Thanks to Ron for yet another imaginative tribute.



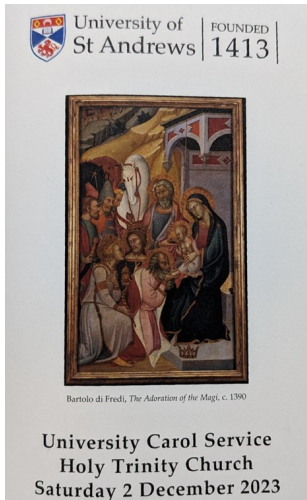
On the 11th, at 11am a short service was led by Marion for a group of veterans with very personal memories.

# HOLY TRINITY TRUST, ST ANDREWS

The Autumn was a bumper time for concerts, including the St Andrews University Symphony Orchestra and the Madrigal group.



The University Christian Union carol concert, also a pack-out was addressed by Stephen Osborne from SOLAS, as was the University Carol service, Led by Rev Donald McEwan, the Chaplain.



It is so good to see the building filled to capacity on these occasions.

Thanks to the Holy Trinity Trust and Callum McLeod on particular.



# HOLY TRINITY GUILD

The Guild Christmas fair and coffee morning this year was a huge success, augmented by the presence of our members. The Guild committee and helpers provided refreshments and a handsome sum was generated. from Boarhills.

The Guild year finished with an afternoon quiz.

*Alison Wynd* (Guild President)

“Come along to the Guild, you will be made most welcome, the Guild has over 30 members, the meetings are so interesting, and always followed by a social time

Come and join us in the Church Hall.



## SYLLABUS – 2024

### JANUARY:

Mon. 8th Journeying to Greenland – Rev Marion Paton.

Mon. 22nd Guide dogs for the Blind – Danny Rooney with his dog.

### FEBRUARY:

Mon. 5th The memory Café – Catherine Matheson

Mon. 19th TBA.

### MARCH:

Mon. 4th The Kate Kennedy Procession.

Mon 18th Home Alone – Guild Project.

### APRIL:

Mon. 22nd Guild AGM 2024.

Sat. 27th 10.00AM Summer Fair in Church

Meetings are at 2:30pm on the dates shown.

*Joan Archer*

(Guild Secretary)



*It says  
"All welcome"*



## THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

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

Thanks to all who have responded with thank-you cards



## PRESBYTERY

Just a reminder;

The moderator is Rev Jim Reid

The Presbytery clerk (until March 24) is Rev David Coulter

The mission director is Lorraine Orr ([LOrr@churchofscotland.org](mailto:LOrr@churchofscotland.org))

# OUR PRAYER TEAM

Please remember to let Jennifer know of those known or dear to you who are in need of prayer.

Answers to prayer are also a great encouragement, so let her know.

Everything is confidential



## HISTORY



Does anyone know what these tickets to the Session house were for

Did they have a toilet in there in those days?



The Session minutes for 2013 -2018 are being bound in a bookbinders in Glasgow - for posterity. The next five years will follow!





Oscar Cooper has been a member of our choir for four years and Senior Choral Scholar for two. He writes:

After almost four years as a student in St Andrews, I have enjoyed very few things more than being a part of Holy Trinity's choir. I take great pride in being a Senior Choral Scholar and I like to hope that passion is reflected in my dedication to the choir. Studying a Joint Honours degree in

Philosophy and Theology means that almost all of my time is taken up by reading or thinking, but I always look forward to Sunday mornings in the choir as a well-deserved break from that. Holy Trinity is a wonderful community to be a part of and I have always felt welcomed into it.

That welcome was first extended by the late Walter Blair who invited me into the choir when I first joined the University. Having been a part of choirs from a very young age in primary school and all through secondary school, I knew that I wanted to be a part of a local choir. I found out about Holy Trinity from a friend who already sang there, and upon meeting Walter with his kindness and eagerness to know more about me, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the choir. I owe a lot to Walter for seeing my potential as a chorister and his unwavering support of the choir in guiding us through some challenging repertoire. I have lots of happy memories from being in Holy Trinity's choir, especially choir lunches where we could all enjoy each other's company and great food. Certain services stand out as highlights too; my first advent service and singing Handel's 'And the Glory of the Lord', which is now something I look forward to every year. I feel very privileged to be surrounded by such talented singers in the choir too, and the high standards set for performing is testament to that. As my time at St Andrews draws to a close, I will continue to make the most of my being a part of Holy Trinity's choir and all that it brings in music, community, and enjoyment.

# THOUGHTS 1

**Love and prayer - an unstoppable combination.**

**It's always nice to be asked to write for the magazine and just before I fell asleep I found myself wondering what to write about. Looking back over my past years as a member of Holy Trinity I remembered some hard and searching times for us and I look back with love and gratitude to the small group of faithful members and the retired minister who kept the church open and alive after the death of Rev Charles Armour. It can't have been easy for them and I am thrilled that the daughter of one of them has come back to live here and is part of our congregation again. But I'm not going to look back over the past because I want to write about love and prayer, the most important things in a congregation and its leaders.**



When the teacher asked Tommy Jones why he had only answered half of the last question on the exam paper he replied "I ran out of paper, Miss". She looked at him and sighed "Why didn't you ask me for another sheet?" Is that how God feels when we don't ask for what we need?

In Luke's gospel (ch 18:1-8) Jesus tells the story of the importunate widow who badgered a lawyer to take up her case until he gave in and agreed. Jesus tells us she was right and not a nuisance. Those who heard the story must have been intrigued for Jesus used it to remind his listeners not to give up asking God for help but did not mean that God, unlike the lawyer, needed to be badgered, God doesn't always answer our needs in the way we expect and often answers them when we have not asked, but, like any loving father, hopes that those in need of help of any kind will come to him just as you or I might ask a friend or a kind boss for help or advice. Don't neglect prayer and remember that it can be really simple, just one to one, you to God, and



not always in beautiful words. And don't forget to look back to see how God HAS answered your prayers and remember to thank him too. When I look back over the last 5 years or so I see how God has blessed us and changed us as a congregation. He has sent us love and is showing us how to love and value each other. We are led by people who love us, even when we are difficult, and who encourage us to love and serve others and find our own skills and talents. Look around you with imagination and see or even guess the love and care and hope which so many members share with others. God is encouraging us to use our varied talents in his work in this place and there is a real bond in our union with Boarhills and Dunino and a real sense of love, peace and joy in our congregation.

My sister-in-law who is disabled and almost blind was given a telephone buddy and looked forward to their conversations but, sadly, the buddy only talked about herself and the conversations ended. Love is bigger than that and paired with prayer can do miracles, so keep praying and loving. Be proud and amazed that God accepts and values your help and mine to build his Kingdom in this town,

*Bunny Slack*

Have you thought of starting the new year with a morning devotional?

Starting the day can change your outlook.

Ron has posted an idea on Facebook.

Why not try the "Bible in One Year"? (several of us do) available as an app or on the web at <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/classic/>

*Lord, when I am in darkness, You give me light. When I am in sorrow, You give me joy. When I lean on You, You give me peace. I choose to cast all my cares on You, for You care for me. Having made this decision, please help me to live by Your truth and walk with confidence in Your covering. If there is a flaw in my armour, will You please reveal it to me, so that I might be strong in the Lord and in Your mighty power. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Ron Scurfield from "seeds" an Ellel ministry devotional

# ANOTHER THOUGHT

## Returning to St Andrews

St Andrews was my home for the first eighteen years of my life, living in 'The Red House' which my parents (George & Irene Caithness) bought in 1960.

Myself, my sister Janet, and the twins Colin & Alastair had a wonderful childhood here, revolving around home, school, the beach, sports and Christmas (which was a huge event in our house) to name just a few, and of course Holy Trinity Church.



I then had four fabulous years as a student in Edinburgh. I was the P.R. person for Edinburgh Students Charities campaign, which resulted in a job offer from the Scotsman after my graduation, and started me on my career path in the exciting and ever-changing media world.

After eight years in Edinburgh, I found myself in Fleet Street working for The Observer newspaper and magazine. It was the 80's and London was vibrant and exhilarating. We worked hard and partied harder!

Towards the end of the 80's I went to my brother's (Alastair) wedding in New Zealand, via Singapore and Hong Kong. Suddenly I realised that there was a huge world out there with many opportunities! I packed up and started on a trip around the world (supposedly for a year!), travelling through the USA, New Zealand and Australia and then Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong. My parents met me in Hong Kong and we travelled to China, ending our trip in Beijing, exploring the Forbidden City and into Tiananmen Square which was full of peacefully demonstrating students. The date was June 1, 1989. We flew back to Hong Kong, and my parents travelled back to St Andrews, while I started work at the Hong Kong Standard newspaper. Hong Kong, which was a British Colony was an amazing and magical city, with my night life as demanding as my day job!

A couple of days later on June 4, the world witnessed what is known as 'The Tiananmen Square Massacre' and we were horrified that the peaceful students we had encountered on June 1 were now in this dreadful situation. However, I had itchy feet, and found myself next in Bangkok, launching a new English language Asian business magazine. Thailand was a very challenging place for foreigners at that time, especially trying to do

business. I have memories of being trapped in taxis in monsoon rain, flooded streets and traffic jams which lasted for hours!

After a year the company moved me to Singapore to set up our regional office, and what a contrast! Everything worked, English was spoken, people were courteous, public transport was excellent and the streets sparkled. I loved working in Singapore. This was the time of the Nick Leeson scandal, which brought down Barings Bank, and Nick was often seen in our favourite bar, 'Harry's Bar' on the Singapore river.

I was then offered a job in Dubai and jumped at the chance to work in a completely different part of the world. Dubai was still a small city on the verge of expanding into the glitzy city of today. I worked at The Khaleej Times newspaper and every day my drive to work was re-routed round building sites as the new Dubai emerged.

A timely opportunity to move back to Hong Kong just before the handover in 1997, meant I split my time between Hong Kong and Singapore, which was double the fun! It also meant I was in Hong Kong for a very wet and sad handover to China. Nothing changed overnight, but the Chinese influence became apparent as all the top jobs changed to Chinese personnel, and the British backpackers who had been running the bars, restaurants, hotels and shops, now had to get work permits. The mood and vibe of Hong Kong changed.

When my latest media contract finished in 2000, I thought.... what next? A Scottish doctor friend asked if I would temporarily manage his practice, as his manager had left suddenly. Little did I realise that this was going to be a huge leap from media into healthcare for me, and lead to many exciting opportunities.

A few months later I was offered a P.A. position with a British Orthopaedic surgeon (Dr Jason Brockwell) working in Hong Kong. I had to search for a central property where Jason could set up his own Sports Medicine Clinic. Once the property was found and the renovations started, the huge undertaking of buying equipment, interviewing staff and everything entailed in setting up a business was full on! This was to be a totally integrated Sports Medicine Clinic with surgeons, doctors, physios, MRI & X-ray department, a gym for bio-mechanics plus many other services such as podiatry and dietetics. In just over a year we opened the clinic and it won

its first award for 'Innovation and Service') the first of many awards) and is now recognised as one of the top Sports Medicine Clinics in Hong Kong. After the Hong Kong clinic was settled and established I moved back to Dubai, by now a very glitzy city, and worked with a Swedish Sports Medicine Doctor (Dr Anna Zickerman) who was aiming to set up her own Sports Medicine Clinic. There was a lot more red tape and admin in Dubai, and we had a few false starts, but we finally opened to huge acclaim and much success again, once the clinic was established, I decided it was time for my next adventure.

I had a villa in Phuket, and decided to move there and start my own business. I bought a 10 apartment rental business, naming it 'Pineapple Apartments', and started the very difficult job of hiring Thai staff. Thais are not known for their willingness to work nor their reliability! On my first Christmas, I found myself cleaning rooms and toilets! Fortunately, a buyer appeared out of the blue and offered me nearly double the price I had paid originally. My cleaning days were over!

People often say you are 'Living the Dream!' when you are living in the sunshine, but at some point in your life you need to stop and take stock of what you've done, where you've been and what you want from life next.

On holiday in Edinburgh in December 2019, I made the decision to move back to UK/Europe (I was undecided which) and gave myself a 2 year exit strategy. However, covid intervened and it took me slightly longer!

Arriving in Edinburgh in March this year, I encountered an extreme temperature drop from 32 degrees to -2 degrees in a 24 hour period. That was hard! However, my sister took me in hand the next day and we went shopping for warm clothes and an electric blanket!

Six weeks later I moved to St Andrews and quickly settled into my cosy bungalow. It feels like I've come home, and in reality I have. I am extremely happy to be back amidst old friends, new friends and of course family.

Life, for me, has come full circle and St Andrews is again my home.

*Trish Caithness*

Have you a story that could make something to add to the interest of the magazine? (ED)



# HOSPITALITY TEAM

What a Team!  
A big thank you to  
**Isobel, Ann and Maggie**  
and the others who  
graciously encourage fellowship  
after the service



## But what about the Men?



It has been remarked to your editor that, except for those of us who are committed to the church (And those who are even more committed to the GOLF!), it is sometimes hard for men, especially those who are on their own, to find a place to have some close fellowship with other men.

Did you (Men) know that there is such a place in St Andrews. It's called the "MENS SHED"

I have found that, here, without any commitment, other than coming along, the opportunity is there to share joys and sorrows. If you're interested (or your husband is interested, please come and talk to me.

*Mike (S)*



## BOARHILLS AND DUNINO

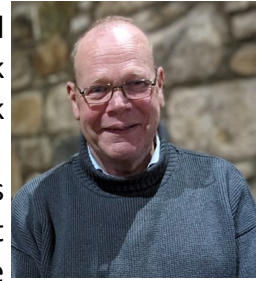
As we finish our second Union service, so well attended by the joint congregation, it is time not just to look forward but also back and to acknowledge the work done so tirelessly in the background often unseen.

Over the last 40 years Dunino has seen many changes the current Union being just one of several but throughout the time we have been guided for a large period by Geoffrey Sprot, our session Clerk, who oversaw for many years the extremely smooth running of the session. For the last 23 years he was aided and abetted by Dr Joe Fairburn who filled the role as treasurer a vital role normally avoided by all. Not only did Joe fill this role but he developed a very deep understanding of the mechanics of the system enduring that whilst we always paid our way he ensured that every penny due to us or back to us was received and went back into our funds.

We have been very fortunate in receiving into the congregation many highly skilled Church of Scotland members from other charges two of which gave great service but who are no longer with us. Dr Chris Fraser from Martyrs who single handed obtained for a donation our wonderful organ and then installed it, following up by then running the church board. The second was Ken Morris who was talked into becoming an Elder and found himself as Session Clerk when illness forced me to step down. Ken was the blueprint for a Session Clerk from organising the pandemic seating to short notice stand ins to take the service. His is still so sadly missed

I have mentioned a few as examples but it is a never-ending story and the list should really include all the elders and church board members from inception but there is not enough room. My final comment is someone who is still very much with us and a driving force and that is our locum minister Marion who from her arrival has energised both churches in an almost invisible way until you look back and realise the journey she has taken us on.

As the retiring Session Clerk it has been a great privilege to work alongside Marion and I hope to listen to her services for a long time to come.



*Michael B Foote TD*

## HISTORY IN DUNINO

Over the years, when visiting Dunino Churchyard and Den, many people have left small tokens embedded in tree trunks or the rocks in the den but the biggest accumulation has always been on the ancient sundial in the Churchyard itself.

These tokens range from small coloured pebbles, coloured glass, shopping trolley tokens, and shells but the biggest majority are small coins.



Recently the number of items on the sundial was getting so large and many had been there so long that they were getting very rusty. Some of them were also beginning to fall off the stone so it was decided to remove them and give the coins that were recognisable to a charity.

A week or so ago, member Grace Morris took home the heavy bundle of dirty coins and soaked them overnight before discarding the unrecognisable, rusty coins and other bits and pieces and leaving the coins to dry off.

The total, in mostly 1p and 2p coins came to £21.24, which went to Save the Children, almost 2 dollars in US currency, a number of different foreign coins and 1.5 euros.

Whilst showing a visitor the sundial last week, it was noted that a few small tokens had already been placed on the sundial, as is shown in the photograph taken for this item.

## OVERSEAS OUTREACH

If you have any old technology that you no longer need (Mobile phones, laptops, printers, cameras) and would like to support this work, please let me know and I will collect these items and take them to Dundee where they will be refurbished and taken out to schools in countries in Africa.

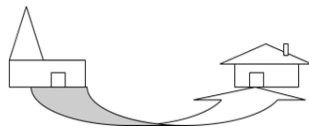
# HOLY TRINITY CARE GROUP + BEFRIENDERS

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICES 2024

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH 3PM

HUNTER & MEMORIAL AISLE



**We look forward to welcoming you to these services, at some of which communion is celebrated. Please come with a member of your family, a carer or a neighbour.**

**A warm welcome to Boarhills and Dunino—please do come along!**

5 JANUARY	NEW YEAR SERVICE
2 FEBRUARY	CANDLEMAS SERVICE
1 MARCH	DAFFODIL SERVICE
5 APRIL	EASTER SERVICE
3 MAY	SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING + REMEMBERING
7 JUNE	COMMUNION SERVICE



Many thanks to Marion, and to Rev Symington in June, for taking these services. They are very much appreciated especially by those of you who can't come to the Sunday service.

Thanks are also due, as always, to our loyal helpers, without whom these services, and fellowship afterwards could not take place. They also help to keep you in touch with our church family.

In October we had our harvest service. (picture above). Flowers and produce were delivered to those who used to come to our short services, but can no longer join us.



Here's a picture of a weel kent face – our very own Dr Mike Stewart, playing and singing at one of the early SASs in 2017. Mike, as Session Clerk, has served us over 10 years with several changes of Ministers and Interim-Moderators. He, with the unfailing support of Moira, has ably steered us through some choppy waters, with his strong faith and commitment. Thank you, Mike.

We welcome Dr Mike Carslaw, and look forward to his guidance and leadership, as he is handed the baton. Welcome, Mike.

Please ring me in confidence, if you, or somebody you know, would appreciate a visit, a phone call, a card. Wishing you all love and peace this Christmas,

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

# HOLY TRINITY KID'S CLUB

## SUN FUN

Here at Holy Trinity in June we started a Club for Kids aged approx. 6 to 12 years. Three leaders and a small group of children get together at 11.15 to hear the Minister's address to them. After the children's hymn, we all head off across the pavement to Pizza Express with a full rucksack of books and



materials to enjoy a juice and a discussion circle on what we'd heard in church. This is followed by a quiz or two, some puzzles and drawing, and finished with a reading from our Kids' Bible and a prayer. We finish with a game. (See Below) After the service at church, the kids return to their Parents/Guardians.

"Build doors not walls". Here's Joan, playing Jenga with the kids at the September Kids' Club – we'd been discussing the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Walls of Jericho.

"Spreading the Good News". This month we had a Pizza Party after the first Advent candle was lit in church, with talking, drawing & craft

about the many ways we can communicate the story of The Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

We aim to explore more of the amazing stories in The Bible... *Janie*





**HT KIDS' CLUB**  
**on the First Sunday of every**  
**month during the Morning**  
**Service.**

**This will start up again on**  
**SUNDAY 7 JANUARY**  
**TELL YOUR FRIENDS**  
**Janie**

*Janie Brash, Kids' Club Leader*

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*interested parents, grandparents, guardians*  
*please ring me.*

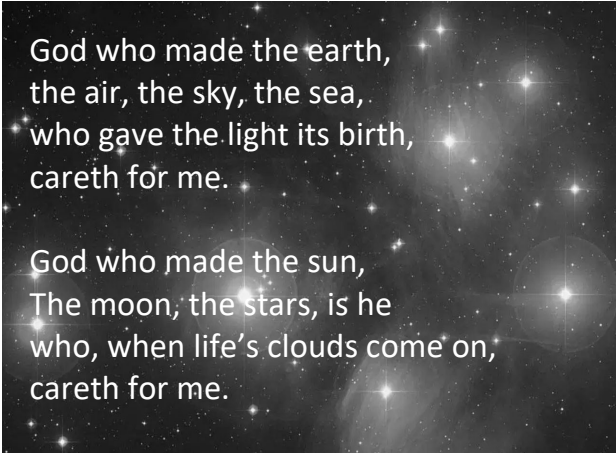
*Co-Leaders are Joan Archer and Granger Brash.*

**A Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I declare your peace over me right now. I call every spirit not in alignment with you to be silenced! I centre my thoughts and my being on your peace and ask you Holy Spirit to give me wisdom, peace, and courage. I declare every fear and lie of the enemy in my thoughts and my life broken off as I centre myself on you and your word. In Jesus Name, Amen.

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*  
*John 14:27 (NIV)*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello again, girls and boys,  
Have you ever looked up at  
the night sky, and  
wondered how many stars  
there are? Astronomers say  
the naked eye can only see  
stars in the 'Milky Way'  
galaxy, which includes our  
sun, a medium-sized star.



God who made the earth,  
the air, the sky, the sea,  
who gave the light its birth,  
careth for me.

God who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is he  
who, when life's clouds come on,  
careth for me.

Astronomers reckon that  
our galaxy contains at least (wait for it!) 100 billion stars. Think that  
sounds a lot? Images from the Hubble Space Telescope suggest that  
there could be two trillion galaxies in the observable universe. So, how  
many stars? The answer is that there are far more stars than the total  
number of grains of sand on all the beaches and in all the deserts on  
Earth!

And yet, despite the mind-blowing size of the universe, we know from  
the Bible that God, who made everything that exists, cares for every  
single person, and that includes you – yes, wonderful, special YOU!  
I once told you that a favourite hymn when I was your age was 'God is  
always near me'.

Up above are two verses from another beautiful hymn:

Bye for now

*Granger Brash*

# CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

## BAPTISMS

22nd Oct Wilbur Roer Mackenzie Heighes

Holy Trinity

## NEW MEMBERS BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK

Mrs Frances Brocklebank

## FUNERALS

15th Sept James (Buff) Halley Dundee

25th Sept Mary Neilson Leuchars

Our prayers go out to those who are left behind.

And not forgetting those who are ill.

This hopeful list comes from "I know not where"

And for those who feel that their lives have been shattered, the Japanese do it deliberately and glue the pieces together WITH GOLD!



### **CANCER IS SO LIMITED**

It cannot cripple LOVE

It cannot shatter HOPE

It cannot eat away PEACE

It cannot destroy CONFIDENCE

It cannot kill FRIENDSHIP

It cannot shut out MEMORIES

It cannot silence COURAGE

It cannot quench our SPIRIT

It cannot lessen the POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

It cannot rob us of ETERNAL LIFE

**All of these things are ours IN CHRIST**



## A well-known meditation – worth spending time with

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

He leadeth me beside still waters,

He restoreth my soul,

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,

For His Name's sake,

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil,

For Thou art with me

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies,

Thou anointest my head with oil

My cup runneth over,

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

For ever.

***That's Relationship!***

***That's supply!***

***That's Rest!***

***That's Refreshment***

***That's healing!***

***That's guidance!***

***That's purpose!***

***That's testing!***

***That's Protection!***

***That's Faithfulness***

***That's discipline!.***

***That's Hope!***

***That's Consecration!***

***That's abundance!***

***That's Blessing!***

***That's security***

***That's ETERNITY!***

Photo by Mike Stewart

## OUT AND ABOUT IN FIFE

This was a hidden gem that Moira and I came across during a visit to the village of Monimail.



The Palace of Monimail, also known as Monimail Tower, or Cardinal Beaton's Tower, or even Monimail Castle was a Renaissance Palace in Fife which was a residence of the Archbishops of St Andrews from the 13th century.

In the early 17th century Monimail became the chief seat of the Melville family.

The small tower is all that remains of the former Palace.

Nowadays the tower and gardens are looked after by the Monimail Tower Project. Admission is free.

There is a donations box for those wishing to make a contribution. On the first floor of the tower is a small but very interesting museum. The Blue Room on the second floor is worth a visit on your climb up the stairs. Be sure also to check out their library, and the Collessie Warrior.

Continuing up the stairs to the very top allows access out on to the open roof, with stunning views across Fife.

After visiting the tower the unusual grounds are definitely worth a look around.





## The GLOW PARTY



Once again this 'antidote to Halloween' was greeted with huge enthusiasm by children and parents alike. Some dad's stayed this year and there were some meaningful conversations about our faith.

Despite the restrictions on taking photos of children, some mums were happy for their children to be photographed for the magazine.

One outflow from the Glow party was the parents who wanted more relationship with the church.



Some Little Cherub mums took part in the Craft Evening



The wreaths are now adorning doors in the town



## **Services for Christmas and New Year**

### **December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

**9:45am**, Lessons and Carols at Dunino

**11:15am**, Lessons and carols at Holy Trinity

**3:00pm** Ecumenical Children's service at Holy Trinity

*This will be run by the Holiday Club Team with both Jared and Julie taking part. The intention is to invite all the churches in St Andrews to join us.*

**7:00pm**, Watchnight service at Dunino

**11:30pm**, Watchnight service at Holy Trinity

*We have been invited to share the Watchnight Service in St Andrews with St Leonards but I really think it important that our doors are open at such a significant time.*

### **Christmas Day**

**10:30am**, Communion at Holy Trinity

### **December 31st**

**9:45am**, One service at Dunino

No service at Holy Trinity)

### **January 7th**

**11:15am**, United January service in HT involving all the churches in the Cluster

(This has been a tradition for many years and it is our turn)

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