

# Boarhills, Dunino and Holy Trinity: St Andrews

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The Holy Spirit drove Him out into the wilderness

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,

As I write to you this quarter I am constrained by my sling, necessary after breaking my collar bone. (I would rather have had David's type, since he used it for slaying giants and we have a gigantic task ahead of us in the next three years).



All the details are in the articles below and I am sure that Mike Carslaw and the elders will keep you up to date as to progress.

"But Mike", you say, "It's Easter! Why no picture of daffodils?"

There has been a profusion of beautiful daffodils in the town and surroundings this warm spring, but I have been led to contemplate Lent, the period in which we are in. which reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. (Hence the picture on the cover). I have scattered some daffodils around this magazine for you to pick, but please also read the articles

Jesus did face the giant in those days....and prevailed because he could use the words of Scripture from Deuteronomy, to speak truth into the situation.

I read the other day that sales of Bibles have increased by over 80% in the UK since COVID, and especially among young people. Scripture Union and K2 are working hard in our community to ensure that at least the children in the schools are exposed to the truth of God's word. Please pray for them, and also for those in other denominations in the town who are reaching out in love to young and old.

So how can we ensure that our part of the Kingdom, Boarhills, Dunino and Holy Trinity can move forward from the rather desert place that we have been in in the last few years and, like the daffodils, "Shine in the light of Jesus"?

Here are a few suggestions, which have been taken up by those congregations in Fife who have come through unions (and closures) and are moving forward.

Start a Bible Study, Prayer group or worship group; just with a couple of friends. Let us consider a day, or even a weekend away as a congregation. Can we fund young folk to attend the many inspiring camps and events?

The ball is in our court....are we prepared to run with it?

Blessings

**Mike (S)**

## MARION'S PASTORAL LETTER

I suspect like many of you, I have been affected by the noise and inconvenience of constant roadworks outside my house. I have also been having work done on my roof and both my neighbours have been having work done on their houses. In a fairly narrow street, this means that there have lots of vans parked outside, and a huge amount of noise which seems to have gone on and on. For someone working from home, and used to a quiet environment, this has been both frustrating and distracting. But then all our lives can be like that from time to time. The same would apply to the life of the church. There are



smooth periods when everything goes to plan, the congregation seem happy and vibrant, and the future witness of the family of God seems secure. But sadly, that is not the case in the Church of Scotland at the moment. Almost everyone I meet who is involved in the church, seems to have a story of closure, hurt, and discontent to tell. And the future all over the country looks, to say the least, uncertain. However, after a long period in limbo when we have coped with a long series of difficulties, we in Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews Holy Trinity have been given an opportunity to secure our future witness in our communities. However, we must be careful not to squander this opportunity but to grasp it with enthusiasm. And this depends on all of us doing our bit for the building of the kingdom in this place.

Let us think for a moment about the Easter story in our Scriptures. God asked his son Jesus to come down to the earth, and carry the burden of the world's sin, which was separating the people from their God. To do this, Jesus was to live his life in service to the world. Eventually, this would mean that he would be put to death on the Cross of Calvary. His sacrifice would wipe out the errors, mistakes and failures of everyone who could accept that he had done this for them. As Jesus walked this earth, he met many distractions and inconveniences, which could have thrown him off course, However, despite all, we are told that even knowing what lay ahead, he still resolutely set out for Jerusalem because he knew it was God's will as well as what was needed for the salvation of the world. For Jesus there was no turning back, no turning away from the Father's will. And the end result was that death was defeated in the glorious resurrection that we celebrate on Easter Day!

We in Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews Holy Trinity, together with our fellow Christians in the area, will probably still have many frustrations, distractions and difficult times to come, but there must be no turning back from our calling. If we follow the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and all seize the opportunities we have been given as we seek to do the Father's will, who knows what a great future can be ours? **So let us put our hands in the hand of God, for that will be for us better than a light and safer than a known way.**

A very Happy Easter to you all  
With love and blessings

*Marion*



## AN UPDATE FROM FIFE PRESBYTERY

Following the decision of the former St Andrews Presbytery in October 2014 not to renew the tenure of the last minister inducted into Holy Trinity, this congregation has been in a state of limbo. We have been well served by Interim Moderators and an Interim Minister. However, in 2017 a system of Guardianship was put into place and our locum minister Marion Paton was appointed.

The Guardianship began in January 2018. One important consequence of a Guardianship is that a charge may continue but without the right to call a minister. It also involves Presbytery appointing an interim moderator to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to enable the ongoing Ministry and Mission of the Congregation. A number of Interim Moderators have been appointed and at present we are blessed to have Rev Alastair Symington as our Interim Moderator. The Kirk Session happily voted to keep Marion as our Locum Minister. All of this brings with it uncertainty for the future of our newly united Congregation of Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy Trinity. That uncertainty was aggravated by the creation of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act.

Fife Presbytery created a Mission Plan and worked out allocations of ministers to the various charges within its boundaries. Because we are in Guardianship we would be allocated 0.25 of a minister. All three Church of Scotland Churches in St Andrews got together over the last two years and addressed some seriously challenging issues. There had been an expectation that these three churches would come together in a union. In the end of the day our Kirk Session voted against this which was the catalyst for some heavy-duty negotiation overseen by two facilitators appointed by Presbytery culminating in a compromise which would involve a change to the Mission Plan. In achieving this we are indebted to Jayne Scrymgeour who took the lead and represented us so well at the cluster meetings and Presbytery and reporting to Session.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February Presbytery was asked to consider allowing an amendment to the Mission plan. The request made of Presbytery was to consider an arrangement whereby there was a Union between St Marks, and Cameron and St Leonard's with a Team Ministry and two full-time ministers of word and sacrament. The minister at Cameron and St Leonard's would retain his unrestricted tenure if he becomes part of the Team Ministry and the other post would be on the Basis of Reviewable Tenure. For our congregation there would be a 0.5 minister of word and sacrament on the basis of a three-year Reviewable Tenure. This request was unanimously approved by Presbytery. It is not ideal and does not remove the uncertainty for our future. It is however, we are led to believe, highly significant as it brings to an end the Guardianship and restores our right to call a minister or rather part of a minister. It should therefore be seen as a stepping stone to a more certain future.

The next steps will no doubt be addressed in conjunction with Presbytery and the other churches but nothing will change overnight. The congregation will be kept informed of all significant developments as they occur.

In our worship during the past few weeks, we have been thinking about our vision for our future. This decision of Presbytery now gives us an opportunity to turn our vision into a reality. However, that depends on every one of us doing our bit. We are all in this together, all equally important, and all have something to offer. Let us go forward in faith and service.

Richard McFarlane, *Presbytery Elder*

Marion Paton, *Locum Minister*

## FINANCE GROUP



We have just finished one financial year and are now into a new one. Last year we were fortunate to have enjoyed certain windfalls which resulted in us having a modest surplus, but looking forward having analysed all items of both income and expenditure, the conservative conclusion is that we will incur a deficit of a minimum of £10,000 pounds.

To some in the congregation it may be difficult to believe that for the coming year, despite the fact that although we hope to generate some £190,000 this is insufficient to meet anticipated costs.

Where does the money come from and what is it spent on?

*Income:* The largest amount 39.7% is that generated

by the church buildings from open day donations and charges levied on third party users of the hall and church plus rental of the manse. Congregational offerings including gift aid recovered are next at 34.7%. Income from investments next at 16.8%. Other donations from members are 4.8% and miscellaneous and sundry items 4%.

*Expenditure:* whilst not wanting to go into great detail the biggest numbers are wages and salaries including the organist and children's worker (£66k), insurance (£20k), gas & electric (£26k), payments to 121 and presbytery (£49k)

These are all big numbers and session and elders work tirelessly to ensure that we are good custodians of all that we have. Session has decided that we will not be having a big stewardship campaign but I thought that it would be right and proper that we reflect on the finances of the church and each and everyone's place in the scheme of things.

There are 317 people listed on the congregational roll but only a fraction of those attend worship at either Dunino or at Holy Trinity and contribute financially to the upkeep and the running of the church. If you are on the roll, you cost the church money, as we pay a capitation fee to Fife Presbytery



to meet their costs. At the time of the last stewardship campaign it was suggested, that for those who could afford it, that giving weekly the price of a fish supper was not unreasonable which at that time was £7. Currently the equivalent is between £11 and £15 depending on personal choice.

What I would ask of you is to ask yourself "when did I last review what I give to the church", and if possible, personal financial circumstances allowing, increase what you give and how you give. As treasurer giving monthly by standing order is my method of choice, followed by the Freewill Offering envelopes especially if you are a taxpayer and can gift aid your donations. Remember if you gift aid the government gives us £1 for every £4 donated. Last year gift aid contributed £10,200 to our total income.

A recent development that will also put pressure on the finances of the church, is that we are no longer in guardianship, and will be allowed to call a Minister. Certain allowances we enjoyed will be removed and our Giving to Grow assessment which is paid to 121 will increase.

Blessings on you all. Yours in Christ,

Russell Cockburn, *Treasurer*



*All of us want to express our sadness to Russell at the recent passing of his dear wife Lorraine. (Ed)*



## THE MINISTRY OF FLOWERS



To Members of Holy Trinity

Thank you so much for the lovely yellow roses I received from Dorothy last Sunday. They certainly brightened up a very dull Sunday and were appreciated very much.

*Kathleen Watson*

## OUTREACH NOTES

We are very happy to report that we have relaunched our Sunday School, known as “*Young Fellowship*”.

On the first Sunday of the month, we go out to Pizza Express, for pizza, soft drinks, fun and fellowship and some biblical teaching; we have a story for the young people to take away with a word-search and could ring in and craft work on the theme of the story. On the other Sundays we do the same - without the pizza - in the church. If anyone would like to join the rota to help with this very important work please get in touch with Marion, Steve Watson or Alison Johnson. You will be most welcome.

The Outreach Group is also providing the very enjoyable Family Film Nights on the second Saturday of the month, which are going from strength to strength, and we’re preparing the Easter Sunday Ecumenical Family Service to be held at 3pm at Holy Trinity - and we have lots of other projects that were working on. For more information, please contact Marion, Steve or Alison - especially if you would like to help or have any ideas.



## THE SESSION CLERK

**Presbytery Mission Plan:** What a moment! The Fife Presbytery met on 15 February and approved the proposal that Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews:

**Holy Trinity comes out of guardianship** and can call a 0.5FTE Minister of Word and Sacrament. This is hugely significant - coming out of guardianship in this way is a big vote of confidence.

**Now it is down to us with God's guidance to make the most of it!**

Huge thanks to the team who attended the meeting, in particular Jayne Scrymgeour, our Deputy Session Clerk, and Richard McFarlane, our Presbytery Liaison Elder. This has been a long journey and thanks to all for your efforts and prayers to getting to this point. Special thanks to Marion Paton, our amazing Locum Minister and Alastair Symington, our Interim Moderator. We would have preferred to be able to call a full-time Minister and this was noted. **However, there will be a review after three years, so it is down to us all now to be able to justify our case in 2028.**



**Moving forward:** We need to **increase our membership, in particular our active membership, and to bring more in our community to Jesus.** We need also to increase our giving and the ways we generate income. This is essential to get us into a financially strong position to move forward in the future. Our financial situation has improved enormously in recent years and we made a small surplus last year. This is all very encouraging, but there is still much to do and we are expected to be in deficit this year.

To stop this from happening, our Treasurer, Russell Cockburn, recently asked us all, if we are able, to increase our giving and to boost income generation. *(See below)* Also essential is your help in the various activities of the church.

There are lots of other opportunities to get involved: helping with Outreach and Little Cherubs; helping with events; helping with the pastoral team; the Guild; with worship; with the choir; helping to look after and maintain our beautiful Holy Trinity and Dunino church buildings etc etc - the list goes on.

**If you can help, please do. Contact Mike at [htsessionclerk@gmail.com](mailto:htsessionclerk@gmail.com).**



The composition of the session has now changed with the joining of Boarhills and Dunino and the ordination of three new elders.

Mike (S) managed to catch most of them for a photograph. These folk are charged with moving us forward, but we can't do it without you.

Dr Michael Carslaw, *Session Clerk*

## HOLY TRINITY TRUST

**Events at Holy Trinity:** Callum MacLeod is stepping down as Director of Events for the Holy Trinity Trust at the end of July 2025 and our thanks go to him. He has grown the events programme to include organising the hosting of prestigious visitors such the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Session has agreed to host the next series of SCO concerts for their 2025/26 season and there will be other events taking place in Holy Trinity. We need your support to make these events happen.

Volunteers for various roles are welcome and we are looking for people to help in front of house or stage management, as well as stewarding and publicity - if you think you can help please contact me at [htsessionclerk@gmail.com](mailto:htsessionclerk@gmail.com) or via the Church Office at [holytrinitystandrews@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitystandrews@gmail.com)

The Holy Trinity Trust is also looking for more volunteers to enable the church to be open through the summer months as much as possible. Again, if you can help, do get in touch.

**Key point:** Your church needs you! If you are able to help in any way, get in touch.

The Holy Spirit ensures that the tradition of the Church won't be consumed and left as ashes.

"The Church may change, traditions may change, styles of worship may change but just as our motto which surrounds a burning bush says, faith will continue to be passed from one generation to the next", he added.

D Paterson said: "We would all like to see our own particular church buildings stay open".

"We would all like to see 3,000 people added to our numbers after the sermon as happened on the day of Pentecost but we have to be realistic".

"We have to be realistic about the size of the Church and the number of buildings we have but today, on the Day of Pentecost, we need to believe that with God all things are possible".

"Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, all things are possible".

"That's something we need to hold on to".



"Through us, through the Holy Spirit working in us, faith will continue to be passed from one generation to the next".

*Graham Wynd stood down as chairman of the Trust at the end of 2024.*

*This, plus the impending loss of Callum will put considerable strain on our ability to do all that we wish to do in the year ahead. We are immensely grateful to them both, and to the other trustees. (Ed)*

This is Callum paying the Marimba, at the East Fife Male Voice Choir concert. A man of talents indeed!



## CHOIR AND MUSIC NEWS

### Anna Coopey – Walter Blair Choral Scholar



Anna writes:

I've been singing since the age of eight, when I unwittingly auditioned for Coventry Cathedral Choir by singing "Happy Birthday" to myself on a primary school bench. Working with Kerry Beaumont and Paul Leddington Wright, I was in the choir for the next ten years, taking part in tours to Holland (2014), Truro (2017), and even Germany and Poland on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice, performing Britten's War Requiem alongside James Gilchrist and the Polish National Orchestra. During this time, we also recorded an album (2011), and I completed the Royal School of Church Music's Chorister Awards up to the rank of Full, and Grade 8 Vocal (ABRSM)

with Merit. I was made music librarian in 2016 and then Head Chorister in 2018-2019. While at school, I also performed in musicals (as Olive Ostrovsky in *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and as Cosette in *Les Miserables*), and was part of my school's exclusive ensemble choir, *Henry's 9*.

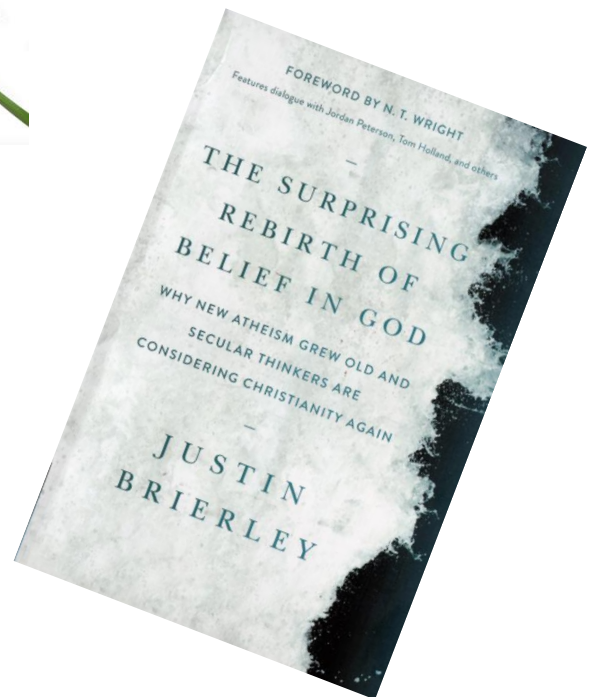
In 2019, I made the transition to university at St Andrews for my undergraduate degree, where I gained a Vocal Scholarship at the University (2019-2023), and met Walter Blair. Alongside scholarships in St Leonard's Chapel Choir and St Andrews Renaissance Singers, and bank work with Salvator's Choir, I sang with Walter as a Holy Trinity choral scholar, and spent a good half-hour every Sunday morning of my first and second year chatting with him about inane things. He was gracious enough never to complain about my ability to consistently turn up far too early. While he was ill, I worked with other previous Holy T scholars to create the Blair Singers, a small ensemble that sang at a few weddings for a short period in 2022. I went to Oxford for my Masters, where I was made Louisa Hemming Choral Scholar with St Hilda's College (2023-2024) with Jonathan Williams, and have since returned to St Andrews this year, being rewarded with the inaugural Walter Blair Choral Scholarship. It is a great tribute to a wonderful man and a wonderful friend, and I am so grateful to have been awarded with it, and to have had the opportunity to enjoy such a wonderful building, such a musical choir, and such a fantastic community.

## Notice on all the pews in St Leonards

Faithful God  
In this worship time  
May we hear what You want  
us to hear  
That we might be who You  
want us to be  
in order to do what you  
want us to do  
All in Jesus name  
Amen



## BOOKS



*At this time of shaking and doom and gloom, here are a couple of books which gave me much food for thought. You can follow Justin Brierley on YouTube*

## FROM OUR PROPERTY CONVENER



Bob reported that at the Glow party, one of the two 'candlesticks' had fallen over and was broken. Thankfully John Taylor was able to fix it, but in conversation we talked about the fact that these were not just candlesticks, but were replicas of the Jewish Menorah, the symbol of the Jewish Nation.

On trying to discover why they are there in Holy Trinity, I found a plaque on one of the pillars, which gives the names of the donors, but no other details.



*Does anyone have any idea who the folk were and why they donated the beautiful Menoras?*

*As a matter of interest, these are 6-branched Menorahs. At Hanukkah (The celebration of the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been desecrated), lamps were lit, using a small amount oil found hidden. There was just enough oil to last for eight days it took to prepare new oil. The Hanukkah Menorah therefore has eight branches. These have become common Christmas decorations in Christian homes.*





## THE GOLF BAG GOSPEL (from another church)

There we were, coming out "To love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ, Amen" and there they were, passing in the street. with their golf gear on. I must admit it made me feel a bit uncomfortable, it was the first time I'd missed a Sunday morning on the tee for a long time, but my wife said it was a special service and it would be good to go to church.

And then she said to me "there's more to a set of golf clubs than meets the eye".

"What do you mean?"

"Well, think about it. How many woods are there?"

"I've got three".

"Right, **Three woods**. These represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The first club you use is the **driver**. The Bible says *"In the beginning, God..."* It says that both in *Genesis 1* and in *John.1*.

He's the one who started everything off, and also sustains it by His power. "He's in charge, so let Him drive!" is a good motto for Christians.

The **two wood** represents the one who's always there, either when we're in trouble (with a capital Tee) or on the fairways of life. He's needed in both circumstances and will never leave us, even when we lose our zeal.

He's the one who said *"He who comes to me I will never drive away"* (Jn.6:37.)

The **three wood** gives us the lift we need and is available in all circumstances. The Holy Spirit, rather like a caddie *"Guides us and leads us into all truth"* (Jn 16:3)

The **irons**, a full set is usually ten in number, and represent the ten commandments, which are our guide for every circumstance of life. Like the tablets, they're always engraved with the sponsors name, so we know they can be relied on.

The numbers relate to the commandments. Notice how very few people ever use a **1 or a 2 iron**, although **these are the ones which talk about our relationship with God** and the fact that we should put nothing before Him (*Exodus 20:2,4*). Most folk feel happiest with the **7, 8 and 9 irons**, convinced they're all right because they've never killed or stolen (well, only things from the office) or committed adultery (well, not actually).

**The number 10** (*You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's...*) is all about greed and is **the wedge** that keeps us apart from the people round about us, and from God.

The **putter**, like prayer, is used on every hole to finish off the play. It reminds us that nothing is accomplished in God's kingdom without prayer. It's best to use it a lot on the practice green before playing. And the nice thing is that even little children can do well with a putter. Jesus told us *"When you pray, pray like this..."* (Mt 6:9) .

Golf can be difficult at times. Just like life we can have sudden squalls of rain and the next minute blazing sun. The **umbrella** reminds us of God's protection in a threatening world. He

went ahead of His children as a pillar of shading cloud by day and a pillar of warming fire by night. (*Exodus 13:22*).

Professionals never venture out without one, yet many of us go out into our daily lives without first seeking his protection. And we wonder why we get hurt!

*Psalm 121:7 tells us "He will preserve you from all ill and protect you both in your going out and your coming in" (A full 18-hole round.)*

The **score card** is handed in at the end of the round. At that stage the score is adjusted for your handicap. Those who have struggled with major handicaps in this life; illness (mental or physical) family burdens, poverty, etc., will be brought up alongside those who have led less troubled lives.

*"And God will wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4).*

There are no practice rounds, or "friendlies". Life is always tough.

Jesus said *"In this world you will have troubles..." (Jn 16 :33)*

There's only one chance, and at the end, the cards are always scrutinized.

*"It is appointed to man once to die, and after that the judgement" (Hebrews 9: 27)*

And so, we finish up at the "**Nineteenth Hole**". It should be a party, enjoying yourself with all the other players. But will you be there. at what John described as *"the wedding supper of the lamb"*? (*Rev 19 (!) :9*)

### **Where are YOU at present in the game of life?**

Are you playing a round alone, or do you have friends (caddies) who know the rules and can help you along?

Have you joined HIS club, the church, a superb membership deal which allows free access to every branch in every country of the world. Or are you going it alone, scraping up for green fees and Sunday membership just to keep your reputation up?

### **God's Kingdom has very special membership conditions:-**

1. There is no waiting list

*"To all who received Him, He gave the right to be called the children of God"(Jn. 1:12)*

2. One subscription lasts forever.

*"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His son. he who has the son has LIFE. He who does not have the son of God had not life. (1 Jn 5:12)*

*Men and women, black and white are treated exactly the same:*

*"In Christ there is no Jew nor Greek, male and female, all are one in Him" (Gal 3:28)*

**Just a set of golf clubs...But maybe there is a lesson here for all of us.**

## TWO NEW PROFS

At the last honorary graduation, two of our members were promoted to Professor.

Our heartiest congratulations to Andrew Torrance and Alan Aitken on being so recognized.



## PHOTOGRAPH OF OLD TOM MORRIS



We have a large copy of this photograph in the Session House.

It has been suggested that we should provide postcards of this to sell to visitors

Has anyone any objections?



From "In time with God":

"Determine to be a sheep following a shepherd and not a member of a religious institution"



# THE GUILD



We're nearing the end of our Guild Session for this year and we've had a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and education. We have enjoyed learning about the beginnings of the Byre Theatre from Jimmy Bone and have been travelling into the Arctic Circle with Marion. Mike Carson gave us some very interesting insights about the position of Session Clerk within the church and we had great fun at our version of a Burns Supper. We had a joint meeting in St Marks where we learned more about one of our Guild Charities, The Bear Necessities Project, and in April we're looking forward to a fish lunch at the Tail End restaurant. Youth Worker, Fiona Ramsay, a member of our congregation is going to talk about her work in the Largo churches at our AGM in March.

And, we never forget whose we are and whom we serve - our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please contact Alison Johnson or Joan Archer for more information. You are welcome to attend any meetings of interest to you and we're always very happy to welcome new members.

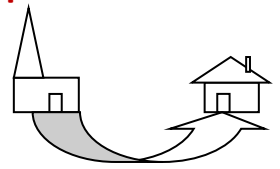
*Alison Johnson*



## Programme for the year

Date	Event	Speaker	Venue
Thursday 6th Mar	Bare necessities project	Joint with St Mark's	StMarks
Monday 24th Mar	Youth work and AGM	Fiona Ramsay	Hall
Saturday 10th May	Spring Fair 10am		Church

# **BOARHILLS, DUNINO AND HOLY TRINITY CARE GROUP + BEFRIENDERS: KEEPING IN TOUCH**



## **SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICES**

**Friday 4 April - Easter Service**

**Friday 2 May - Service of Thanksgiving + Remembering**

**Friday 6 - June Pentecost Service**

**These all take place in the Hunter Aisle at 3PM**

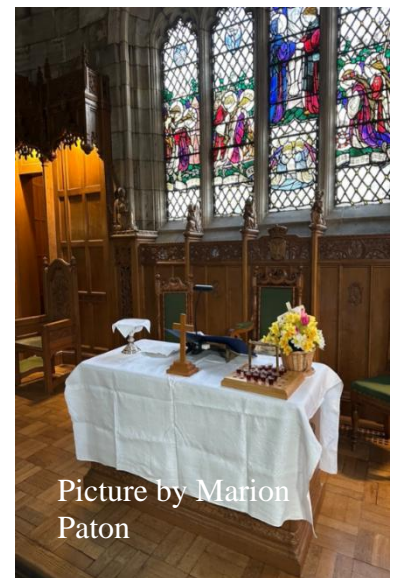
**YOU ARE ALL WELCOME**

**These Short Services at Holy Trinity, which take place on the FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**On the first Friday of the month we take communion together.**



In February the Daffodil Service allowed us to deliver flowers to those unable to attend. We are very grateful to Irene Donaldson who provided a beautiful basket of daffodils in the shape of a cup and saucer for the communion table. *See photo taken by Joan Archer*



Picture by Marion Paton

**We look forward to seeing you at 3 pm in the H & M Aisle. Bring a friend, family member or carer. After the service there's an opportunity to have a tea or coffee and a blether.**

We are grateful to Richard McFarlane for assisting the Minister at our March Communion Service

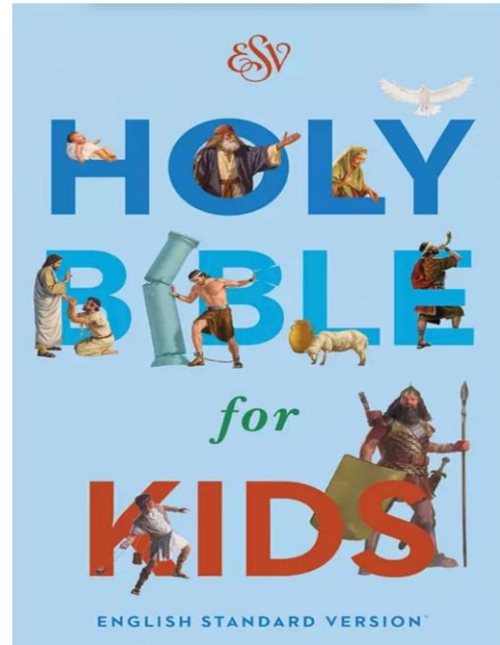
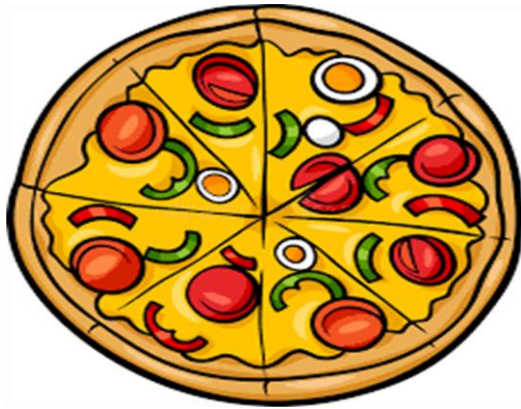
### **SEE YOU ALL SOON**

**We aim to keep people in touch with the church. If you, or you know of anyone, who would like us to contact them, please get in touch in confidence with Janie Brash.**



## BDHT MONTHLY KIDS' CLUB

On Sunday 1 December, we all headed out for a Christmas Pizza Party. We have usually met over at Pizza Express these last 18 months, who have always been so helpful – but at the very last minute we had a call to say they'd been flooded – Zizzi's stepped in and looked after us very well!!



It's been such FUN welcoming the kids into church and exploring The Bible together, and we hope to keep in touch with them and their families.

We are very pleased to report that Steve Watson and his team are now taking over running the Kids' Club and we wish them well.

All good wishes,

Janie



# 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. Please feel free to join for half an hour any Tuesday- and meet some new friends from the whole of Fife.

The Zoom site is

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

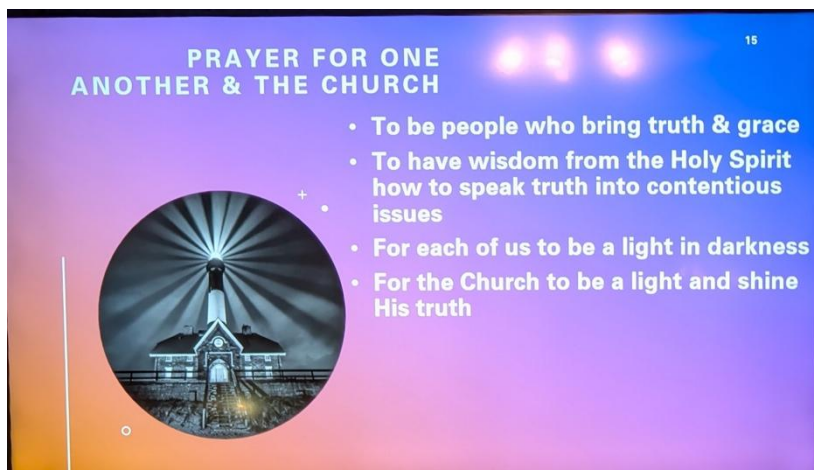
## **Our own Prayer team:**

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**

*Jennifer Wyllie*



No apologies for including this in every edition.

There is an opportunity for you to join with a few others in the H&M aisle to pray on alternate Mondays at 10:30am. – THESE GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY PAUSED.

Please contact Bunny who co-ordinates this.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Welcomers** at church services.

**Helpers** at Little Cherubs on Thursday mornings during termtime.

Only qualifications required are a smiling face and willing hands.

Please contact Moira



## A TEACHING FROM SPURGEON

“They tell me he is a refiner, that he cleanses from spots; he has washed me in his precious blood, and to that extent I know him. They tell me that he clothes the naked; he has covered me with a garment of righteousness, and to that extent I know him. They tell me that he is a breaker, and that he breaks chains, he has set my soul at liberty, and therefore I know him. They tell me that he is a king and that he reigns over sin; he has subdued my enemies beneath his feet, and I know him in that way. They tell me he is a shepherd: I know him for I am his sheep. They say he is a door: I have entered in through him, and I know him as a door. They say he is food: my spirit feeds on him as on the bread of heaven, and, therefore, I know him as such.



Charles Spurgeon

Via Lectio 365 on 21.2.25

## Can you help with children – or Pray for Scripture union?

You're not allowed to talk about Christianity in schools

Schools don't teach Christianity anymore

Churches can't do anything in schools

Sound familiar? Perhaps you have even said it yourself? But did you know that none of these statements is true?

We are privileged in Scotland that schools are expected to support children and young people in the development of their own beliefs and values.

For the past 25 years Kingdom 2000, a local interdenominational Christian Trust, in association with Scripture Union Scotland, has worked with teachers in primary schools to present Christian teaching in a responsible and attractive way. Carefully designed programmes such as Bible Alive, Christmas Journey and Easter Code use drama, games and fun to present Bible stories to whole classes. These have been well received by staff and pupils, and we are regularly invited into schools throughout the area.

2025 sees the Trust, known as K2, entering a new, exciting phase of the work, employing a part time worker and supporting the primary schools which feed into Madras College. We want to encourage local churches to join with us in reaching most of our local children who have no way of hearing about Christianity.

### Have you been inspired to get involved in this exciting work? You can help by:

- Prayer Support through our WhatsApp prayer group.
- Financial support through regular or one-off donations.
- Volunteering in a variety of ways eg helping with schools' programmes (training is given), preparing materials and costumes, fund raising, grant applications



For more information contact [kingdom2000nef@gmail.com](mailto:kingdom2000nef@gmail.com)  
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## VISITOR

*This Lent we had a visit from Rev Dr Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian theological Seminary in the USA. Who visited both Dunino and Holy Trinity*





## CHILDRENS, CORNER

Hello again, girls and boys, I'm sure you know that in March or April, we always find ourselves at a very important time in the Christian calendar: Easter! In this puzzle (which is rather old-fashioned – have you ever seen one like it?) you're trying to find a six-letter answer – which is an animal, somehow connected with an early part of the Easter story.

There are six clues down below: for example, you might be told that one letter of the answer IS in one word, but ISN'T in another word. For example, if a letter is in 'Luke' but isn't in 'Paul', it can't be 'L' or 'U', and must be either 'K' or 'E'. All clear? Right, here we go:-

The first is in Daniel, and also in Den,  
The next is in Commandments, but isn't in Ten.  
The third's not in David – you'll find it in Sling,  
The fourth is in Kindness, also in King.  
The fifth's not in Adam, but turns up in Eve,  
The last is in Trinity, would you believe!

You can check your answer, by having a look at the beginning of chapter 21 of Matthew's Gospel.

Bye for now,  
*Granger Brash*

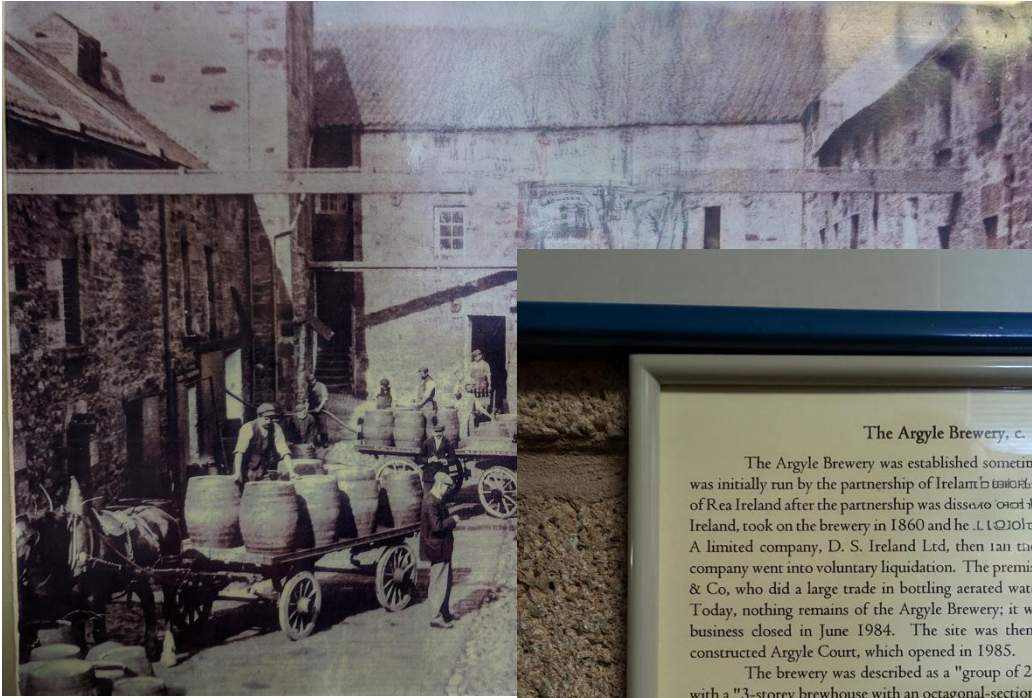
Granger has asked that he be released from his column in the magazine. He has contributed 30 over the years.  
We thank him so much.

**Is there a voluteer out there to pick up the baton?**



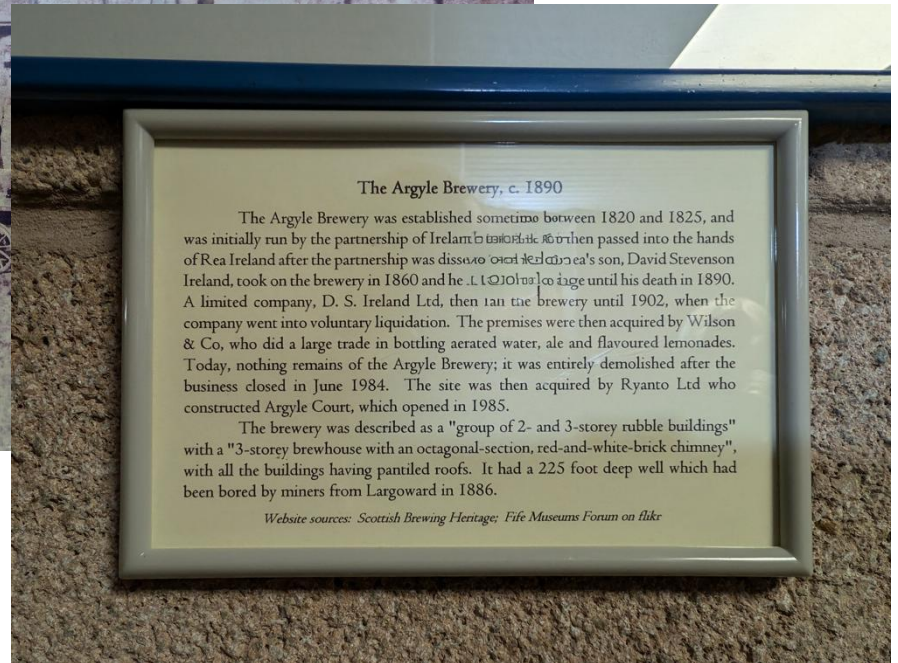
## HISTORY

*First, for our members who live in Argyll Court.*



*I presume that this was the tea arriving!*

*Did you know that you live on the site of a brewery*



*Secondly, For those of you who have not needed to go to Ninewells in the last few months, the hospital has just celebrated its 50th birthday.*



Queen Elizabeth  
the Queen Mother  
opening Ninewells  
in 1974



*Your Editor was in the first department to move to Ninewells*



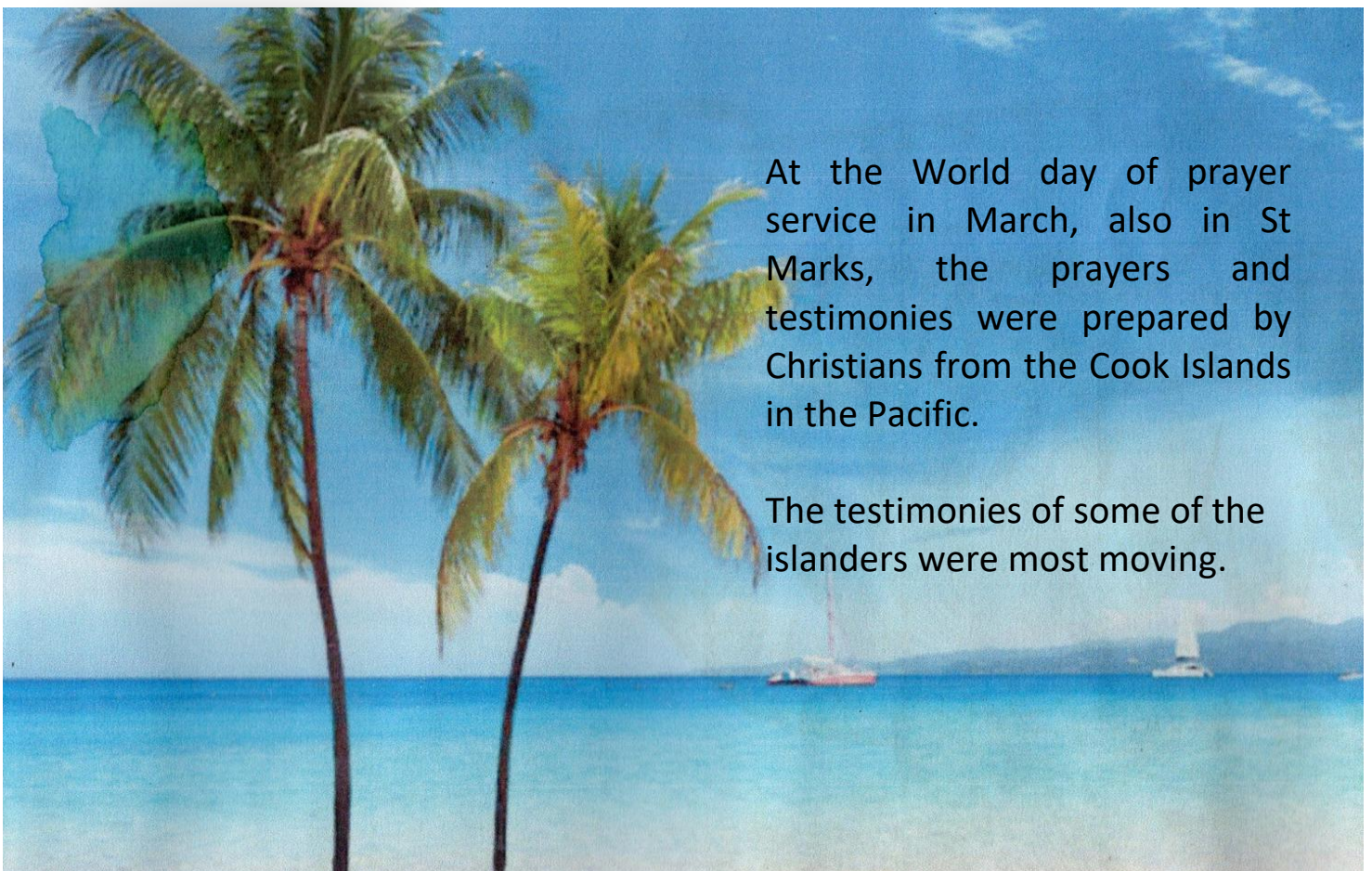
## SPECIAL SERVICES

The Joint service was held in St Marks church in January.



The service was led by Janet Foggie, locum at St Marks. and the sermon was preached by Rev Graeme

Beebe from St Leonards. It was good to worship together with our friends in St Leonards and St Marks



At the World day of prayer service in March, also in St Marks, the prayers and testimonies were prepared by Christians from the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

The testimonies of some of the islanders were most moving.



## An opportunity to step out of the boat!

We're not well taught in the Church of Scotland about how to pray for one another.

There is an opportunity to learn and participate this month in Dundee. Rev Stephen Blakey son of Betty Blakey, late of this congregation, is leading a workshop in Downfield Mains church under the auspices of Flame International, who train folk for short term missions.



### FLAME INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCTION TO MINISTRY DUNDEE TASTER SESSIONS

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Downfield Mains Church**  
**1 Haldane Street, Dundee DD3 0HP**

The evenings will include Worship, Biblical Teaching and Prayer Ministry.

#### **TEACHING:**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Arrivals and Registration

*'Foundations of our Faith'*

*'The Importance of what we Believe'*

*'Fear – what does God say about it?'*

*'Forgiveness'*

**7 - 9.30 pm**

6.30 pm Worship

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Arrivals and Registration

*'Accident & Trauma'*

*'Healing the Human Spirit'*

**7 – 8.30 pm**

6.30 pm Worship

#### **PRAYER MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS:**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**3.30 - 6 pm**

We want to see people:

- Receive healing for emotional and spiritual pain
- Be released from fears, anxieties, lies and trauma
- Experience more of Jesus' love and wholeness
- Be equipped to minister to others
- Grow as disciples of Jesus

Friday afternoon will provide the opportunity for personal Prayer Ministry Appointments

Attendance is open to all those wishing to develop their walk with the Lord. There is no charge, but for admin purposes you are asked to book in by email to:

Rev Stephen A Blakey  
StephenABlakey@icloud.com

*"Flame International is one of the most extraordinary Kingdom ministries I know. They fearlessly carry the torch of Christ's love and power into some of the world's darkest places bringing transformation, healing and deliverance. I urge you to get involved."*

Rev Simon Ponsonby

[www.flameinternational.org](http://www.flameinternational.org)

## Upcoming Services: HOLY WEEK

Wednesday (16/04)	7:00pm	Dunino	Evening service
Maundy Thursday (17/04)	7:00pm	Holy Trinity	Communion Conducted by Alastair Symington
Good Friday (18/04)	7:00pm	Holy Trinity	
Easter Day (20/04)	11:15am	Holy Trinity	Morning service followed by Communion
	3:00pm	Holy Trinity	Children's Easter Egg Hunt/Service



I am quite sure all of you are aware of this monthly publication. Our church arranges delivery of this magazine to anyone who wishes to subscribe through our church. Perhaps less known is that Ron Cruickshanks has been at the helm of this initiative for, well, let's just say...a long time. So, for your information please now be advised **I have**

**taken over this role from Ron.**

In the January edition there were very interesting items including a piece re “the role and place of women in the Easter story”, an update on the Church of Scotland’s work in Israel/Palestine and a very enlightening reports by young people, one at “Holy Trinity, Edinburgh”.

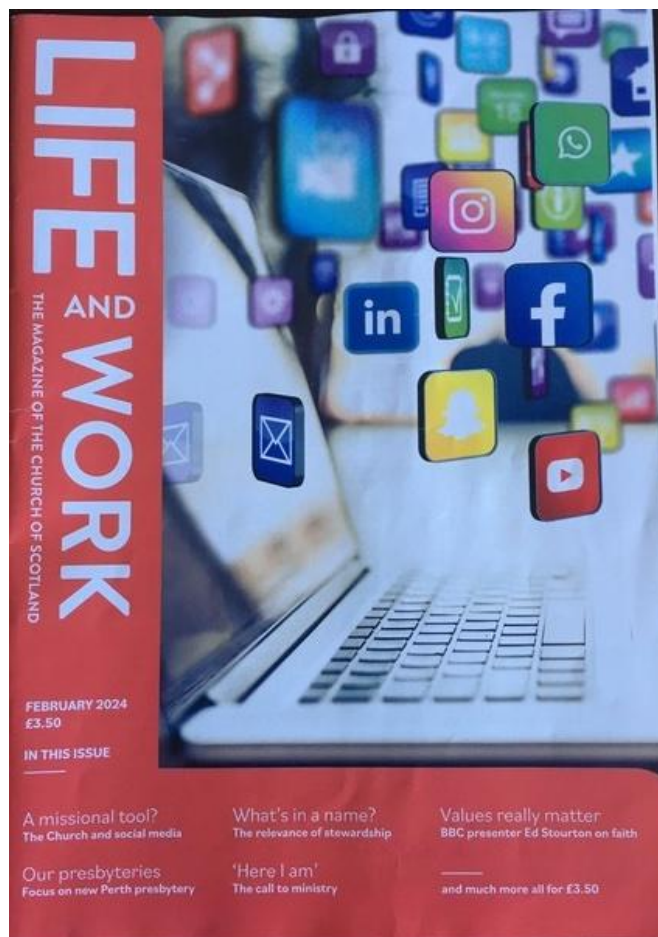
In the February edition, reads on ‘The Church on social media as Facebook reaches 20 years’ is enlightening, and did you know the connection between Lent and Valentine’s day, a must read!

So, in simple words, Life and Work is everything you want to read about re Church Life.

Have you considered subscribing to this deeply interesting monthly read? If you wish to do so, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A spoiler...we always place a spare copy at the rear of Holy Trinity.....

*Bob Archer*





## EVENTS RUN BY THE TRUST

In February we were hugely entertained by the East Fife Male Voice Choir, who provided an eclectic programme of songs, accompanied by Callum on the piano.

A programme consisting of 'Men only' is not common these days, but the deep swelling voices of the choristers, most of whom were 'not young', made full use of our wonderful acoustic. We look forward to having them back.

There was a good full church



## CHANGES TO THE PARISH REGISTER

### WEDDINGS

21 <sup>st</sup> December	Alistair Smith to Ellie McCallum	Holy Trinity
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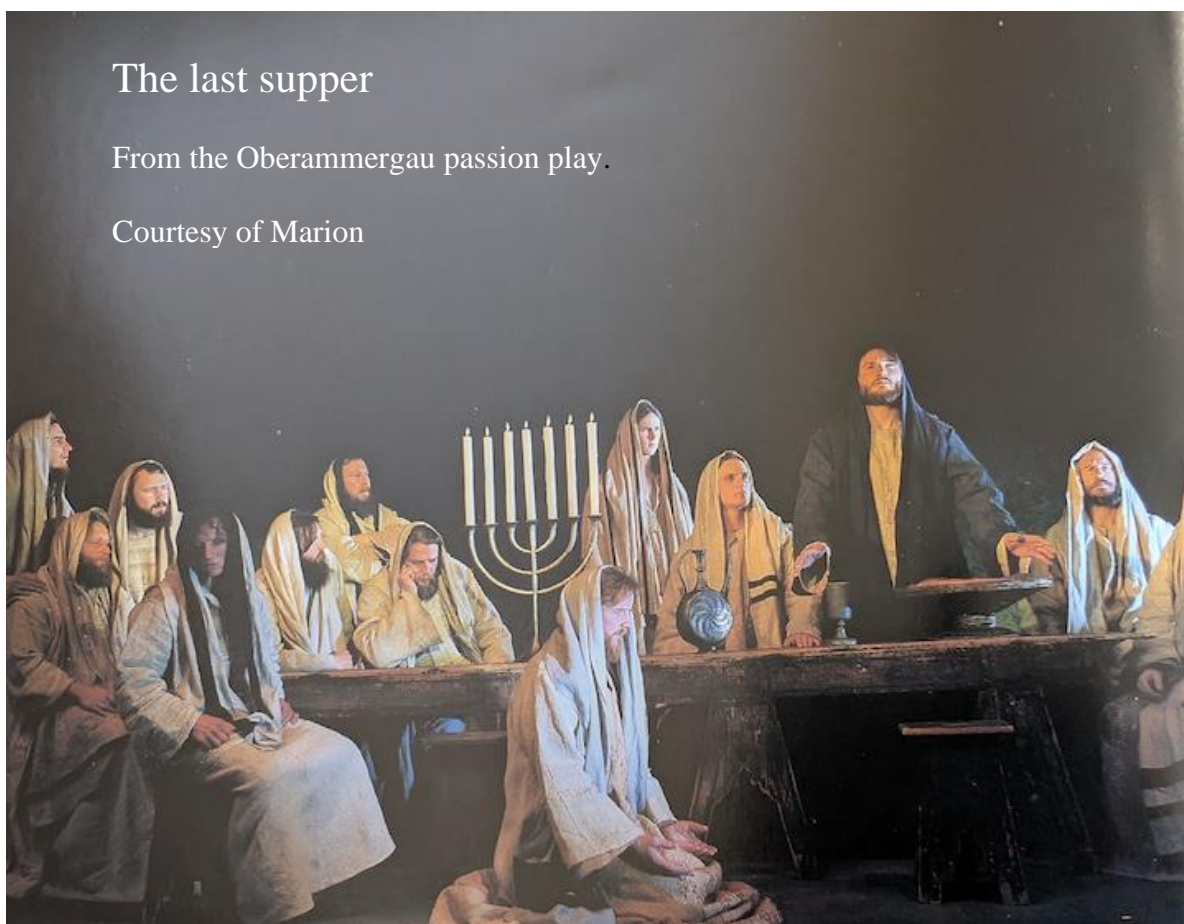
### FUNERALS

9 <sup>th</sup> December	Fiona Haxton Topping	Holy Trinity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Jessie Howe	Holy Trinity
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Ann Grindlay	Dunino
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Seana Barclay	Holy Trinity
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Robert Ramsay	Holy Trinity
21 <sup>st</sup> February	William Pate	Holy Trinity
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Anthony (Tony) Drake	Brewsterwells
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mina Fraser	Dunino
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Lorraine Cockburn	Dunino

#### The last supper

From the Oberammergau passion play.

Courtesy of Marion



## THOUGHTS

### Ten fingers typing ....

I expect those of you who were in Church on Sunday 9th February will remember young Eve and her mother sharing the Bible readings, side by side, as Eve read out in a loud voice the words from Isaiah 6 21-8 - 'Here am I, Send Me!' It was for me, and I am sure for Eve and her mother and for many in the pews a moment to remember.

I often think and talk about God's co-incidences and wonder if this was one of them. Our church is facing an uncertain future and though I am sure that God has a plan for us and will carry it out, it may not be easy because he has given us free will and wants each one of us to share in his work, so we need to look outside ourselves and step up to the tasks that he needs us to do. Just as he said to Isaiah 'Who will go for us?' each one of us needs to listen for that voice and to reply, just as Eve did in church the other day: 'Here am I, send me'.

Getting older, not able to walk far, getting more forgetful, less able to do what I once could, like some of us, or busy with work and family and problems as many others are, we wonder just how we can share in God's work as he is asking us to do. But don't despair, just offer yourself and keep your eyes and ears open and don't be afraid to step forward just as Isaiah did and, I imagine as Eve and her Mum did when they agreed to read the lesson in church. Somehow you will find yourself part of what might be called God's team and, if you worship here, an important part of Boarhills, Dunino and Holy Trinity's workforce.

Over the last few years there are so many things I can no longer do well or easily any more and I expect I am not alone in this. But I have found a new task, writing a column for the St Andrews Citizen and Signpost, and even writing for this newsletter. It's strange. I nearly always KNOW what to write and can only hope that what my fingers type out are what God wants others to read, not my words, and not perfect, because I'm certainly far from perfect, but can only hope that God will use them to encourage and help all who read them.



*Bunny Slack*





## ***LIFE AS IT IS...(232) From our missionary partner in Bolivia***



This year Bolivia celebrates the bicentenary of its foundation on Independence Day, the 6<sup>th</sup> August, two hundred years since the Republic came into existence. The MAS government is celebrating this anniversary despite having re-founded Bolivia as the

Plurinational State of Bolivia in 2010 and inaugurated a separate bank holiday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, to mark that. Our new prison ID cards have the bicentenary logo on them.

Instead of having an extra national bank holiday to celebrate the bicentenary, the government has opted for giving each of the nine regions its own bank holiday

In Oruro the bank holiday is the 10<sup>th</sup> February which commemorates the Oruro Revolution on that date in 1781 but on 6<sup>th</sup> October Oruro also honours the 1810 Revolution, when Oruro joined the revolution already taking place in Cochabamba. I live on Ayacucho Street (named for the Battle of Ayacucho in the Independence wars) between 6 de octubre street and Soria Galvarro (a famous law specialist, diplomat and writer from Oruro) street.

1810, was the first significant defeat of the Spanish colonial army by republican forces.

*Jules*

21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

## A BIT MORE HISTORY (for guardians this summer)

If you want to be able to answer the questions that visitors have. Why not google “History of Holy Trinity Church St Andrews”

There’s lots of information there, including a piece on this fellow; Archbishop Wardlaw, who was responsible for setting up the church.

*(Who wrote the excellent piece on the web?)*



**Copy for the July Magazine by 14 June please.**

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