



Holy Trinity News

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Change ahead

You could have heard a pin drop on Sunday 15th February after the morning service when Kimberly announced that she had been offered and accepted the post of Priest at St. Mary's Dunblane. It hardly seems any time since her institution and yet almost three years have passed.

What a lot has been achieved in that time as those who attended the recent review with Bishop Martin and Ann Tomlinson can testify to. We still have some time remaining with Kimberly before we need to say our farewells as a date has yet to be fixed for her institution in Dunblane. Let us make the most of the time by sharing the discipline in Lent, followed by a joyous Eastertide. Then we will be well prepared to continue the journey in this place as we wait patiently for the Lord to guide us and hopefully to send someone to lead us.

And More Change Ahead

Recently Bishop Martin announced that 2009 marked the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and that he intended to retire following his 65th birthday on 22nd September 2009.

He explained that at the Diocesan Synod, the Dean, the Very Reverend Norman MacCallum would be introducing the Synod briefly to the process of election of a new Diocesan Bishop, the process to begin following Bishop Martin's departure.

I am sure we will see Bishop Martin before he retires but we take this opportunity to extend best wishes to him in his retirement and to Elspeth, his wife.

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What's Ahead

In March we look forward to:

- Book Group Friday 20th March at 7.30 pm at the Rectory
- Tuesdays from 12.15 -1.30 'No Small Talk' lunch at the Crown Court Lounge Bar

Dates for the diary

- Palm Sunday 5th April – joint service at Tighnabruaich 3pm
- Maundy Thursday 9th April – Eucharist 9pm
- Good Friday 10th April – Service 12 – 3pm
- Easter Eve 11th April - Vigil 9pm
- Easter Day Sunday 12th April

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends,

This will be a very short letter from me this month. Please read the longer than usual Growing Together for some thoughts about Lent and Holy Week.

Here, I simply want to thank you for your kindness and understanding in the weeks since I have told you that I will be leaving to be Rector of St Mary's Dunblane. I knew that in time, most of you would understand why I was choosing to leave sooner than any of us expected; but I was totally unprepared for how quickly and how generously you would wish me well.

There will be time enough for 'going away' thoughts after Easter, and for me to speak of what you have taught me and what I hope for your future. My hope now is that this season of Lent can be a time for healing and growth for us all, as we walk together towards resurrection.

Every blessing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly".

Prayer Workshops

During February a number of us took part in the Prayer Workshops. We probably all began with a feeling of uncertainty wondering what we had let ourselves in for. The first session began by looking at and naming our starting points. We were given the choice of various aids to help us and later discussed how these objects spoke to us and what happened.

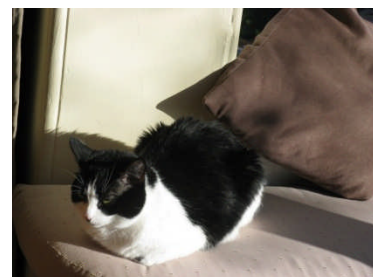


In session two we learned how to use our bodies in prayer, paying attention to them and using them to draw closer to God. We tried standing to feel more grounded. We used an icon or nature to help us centre on God. We were helped by Taize chant.

In session three we explored ways of using words in prayer, allowing the words that arise to lead us deeper into awareness of ourselves and God.

In our final session we learned different methods to help sustain our prayer life. We learned more methods to keep us praying when it was hard, how to pray when we were confused, how to pray when it felt as if nothing is going on.

Altogether it was a really beneficial experience and the Group shared some deep thoughts and feelings. Thank you, Kimberly for leading us.



Molly shows us how to pray!

Meet Ann Narraway



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

I came in 1970 in fear and trembling, not sure of it at all. Within a month I thought 'this place suits me.' The family used to come to Cowal for holidays and coincidentally I ended up living in the same building as the family used to come to in Innellan.

Tell us a little about where you were before and what brought you to Dunoon?

I was working for a large international insurance company in Glasgow and was transferred to the Dunoon office as Chief Clerk. I was here two years and had just bought a flat when I was transferred back to Glasgow, working for various departments, finishing as Manager of a large department handling Group Pension Schemes. I decided just to commute back and forth until I retired. Before Dunoon, I attended St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Glasgow where I was christened and confirmed.

Apart from Church, how do you spend your time? What are you passionate about?

I love crafts of all sorts, knitting, sewing, crochet, embroidery, shell-craft and tapestry. Like most crafters I take notions for a craft and at the moment that is tapestry. I enjoy drawing and painting and flower arranging. I also like Tai Chi which I teach. Tai Chi is a martial art and in the form I practise, was put together by Professor

Ch'ing Ma Ch'ing primarily for the purpose of good health. In addition to Tai Chi, and allied to it, I take part in weapons practice, Japanese Sword, Chinese Sword, staff and dagger. We are taught how to respond to various attacks, either with a weapon or unarmed.

I am passionate about family and friends and especially my four Godchildren. I like reading very much, particularly science fiction and fantasy books. I also scribe for dyslexic children for their exams.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

I love the site, the fact that it is an ancient holy site. I love the spiritual atmosphere of the Church and I like the close fellowship experienced in the Sunday Eucharist. I have enjoyed all the new services we have been trying these past few years. I enjoy very much being part of the Lay Team.

What do you do (or have you done) around Holy Trinity? What do you enjoy about it?

During the 35 years I have been at Holy Trinity I have done a number of jobs including Rector's warden, bell ringer and, chorister. I also co-ordinated with Fiona Gray the kneeler project and helped make the altar rail kneelers. Currently I am Lay Representative, Member of the Vestry, member of the Lay Team, member of the House Group, flower arranger (with Sharon), banker of the collections and mistress of the CD's when the Organist is away. I like to think I play an active part in the life of the Church and use my skills in lay ministry.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

I love the music in Holy Trinity. I have two favourite hymns:

'Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence' and
'Now the Green Blade Riseth'

It is the music more than the words that I respond to. I also love all the Christmas carols, probably because they are so evocative of Christmas and they have been with me since childhood.

Growing Together



What are you doing for Lent?

More than any other season in the church's year, Lent asks us to engage. What will you do? What will you give up? How will you mark the season? We are asked to join in because the story of Lent is the story of a journey: we walk with Jesus from baptism to crucifixion; from miracles to self-offering; from life, through death, that we may be given life again.

This journey is expressed liturgically through the main services of Lent; and they too call for our engagement, our participation at each step along the way. There is much in our culture that encourages us to skip from Pancakes to Easter Eggs, without stopping for Ash, Palms, The Last Supper or The Crucifixion. We seek joy without pain, feast without fast. But two things happen if we cut out the struggles of Lent. First, we miss most of the story. We look for God only in 'the good bits' of life, and never learn to see God in Jesus' human suffering as he fights for his identity in the desert, copes with his friends' misunderstandings and betrayals, defies the religious leaders of his day and begs God to spare him from his call. If we leave God out of everything difficult, then those difficulties can become obstacles to our faith. Parts of our lives remain unhealed and unredeemed, because we won't let God in.

Second, if we try to jump to Easter without engaging in the journey to the cross, there will be little to celebrate, little joy to be had. If you watch a congregation leaving after church on Easter Sunday, you can almost always tell who has travelled through Holy Week, and who has skipped from Sunday to Sunday without pausing on the way. The former are usually radiant with joy, full

of the promise of resurrection. The latter often look slightly let down: it was supposed to be a great party, but somehow they missed it; they went through the motions without the joy of resurrection ever seeping in.

If you don't believe me, come and see.

If you have never been to all of the services of Holy Week, you will never have known the full power of the Easter Liturgy. It is a journey we make together, and the experience is more powerful for all of us when it is widely shared. So, what will you do this Lent? Will you walk with Jesus towards the cross? Will you walk with the congregation through Lent and Holy Week? There is much joy to be had, but first we must go through the wilderness together.

So that you can plan ahead:

Palm Sunday, 5 April:

We join with the congregations of St Paul's and St Martin's for a 3pm Eucharist, with the Liturgy of the Palms and The Narrative of the Lord's Passion.

Maundy Thursday, 9 April:

9pm Eucharist: Commemoration of the Last Supper, with Stripping of the Altars.

Good Friday, 10 April:

12 pm – 3 pm: Stations of the Cross; silent prayer; The Good Friday Liturgy with the veneration of the cross.

Holy Saturday, 11 April:

The congregation will gather in the morning to prepare the church for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Eve, 11 April:

9 pm Easter Vigil: the Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the first Eucharist of Easter.

Sunday, 12 April:

Eucharist for Easter Day.

The £50 Pledge Challenge

Patchwork without Tears



For my contribution to this, I intend to run one or more workshops in the making of patchwork, variously called Folded Star or Somerset or Mitred patchwork. Unlike traditional patchworks, this does not require precision measurement of patches nor the use of backing papers. Sewing is also of the simplest and many striking effects can be obtained in a short time. Anyone interested should see me so that I can get numbers and arrange a suitable time for the workshop (probably at the weekend).

Ann Narraway

Tie Dye T Shirts

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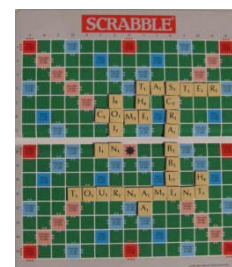
Graham Revill

Rent a House

Do you feel like a break? How about renting a house in Comrie? See Church notice board for details.

Hugh and Christiane

Scrabble Tournament



I plan to organise a Scrabble Tournament. Would anyone interested in coming please let me know so that I have provisional numbers for planning the venue.

Also, I would be grateful for the loan of any games of Scrabble.

Catherine Webber

Quizzes

Test your general knowledge against our weekly quizzes. Prizes for the best.

Chrissie and Donna

Take Better Photographs



Are you interested in learning to improve your photograph taking? Come along to a 2 hour session, bringing with you 6 photos (any size) and by the end of the session you will see things differently. Please let me know if you are interested so that I know numbers.

Neil McKellar

Let's see more next month – details to the Editor

The Organist Writes

As we enter Lent, we'll be turning to John Rutter's lovely penitential setting of the Eucharist. It's worth remembering that some of our best hymns and music were inspired by this season.

John

Vestry Report

The Vestry met on 10th February with a full agenda. There were the usual standing items such as Rector's Report, Treasurer's Report, Property matters and reports from the Focus Groups. The Rector asked for feedback on the evening services held at Epiphany and Candlemas and the consensus was these were lovely and should continue. During the property discussions the £50 pledge scheme was discussed as a means to help fund the urgent problem concerning the loose cross on the roof – the idea being that people from outside the congregation would be encouraged to donate. One recommendation put forward by a Focus Group and agreed by the Vestry was that Holy Trinity should join the Churches Action Group against Homelessness in Cowal. There was discussion on how better to encourage quiet in Church before the morning services

The next meeting is due to be held on 11th March.

Quiet in Church

At the recent Vestry Meeting we all agreed that we should try and have peace before the service to enable a time of quiet prayer and preparation. If someone needs something urgently connected with the service, or wants someone prayed for in the intercessions, or feels ill and wants help, please tell the welcomer or a server. Otherwise lets enjoy talking to each other at the end of the service.

From the Counting House

This month has been truly remarkable in the responses received in our drive to ensure that we have a safe place to worship. There have been so many of you making pledges and so many amazing and varied ways you intend to do this, we have such a skilled and imaginative community! Hopefully everyone will have fun with their intended fundraising and we can get the urgent repairs done before too long.

Chrissie

Comments and Clippings

- We extend our good wishes to Sharon Barnard who has had an extended stay in hospital and wish her a speedy recovery
- The next book for the Book Group is **Easter** by Michael Arditti. This will be discussed on Friday 20th March at the Rectory.
- If you have access to a computer, don't forget to visit the Scottish Episcopal Church Lent Blog which has daily meditations throughout Lent at <http://beautyfromchaos.wordpress.com>

Points to Ponder

Who by worrying, can add a single hour to his life?

Luke 12 v25

The Wider Church

The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Rev Dr Idris Jones, comments on the recent Anglican Primates Meeting, which took place from 1 to 5 February in Alexandria, Egypt:

The Anglican primates have issued a Letter to the Communion following their recent very constructive and positive meeting in Alexandria. The meeting was attended by all the Primates, other than the Moderators of the United Churches in North and South India and Pakistan where the election of a new primate is shortly to take place.

The Primates supported the recommendations made to the Archbishop of Canterbury by the Windsor Continuation Group to take action to bring the Communion to a clearer understanding of how it might, as a whole, focus more on mission in the world as we live in it today. We heard presentations from around the world which demonstrated the vitality of this World Church and the work being done in Provinces to bring the Gospel of Christ to people in practical terms as well as spiritual nurture.

On behalf of the Communion the Primates responded to first hand reports of life in Zimbabwe, Gaza and Sudan and renewed the call for peace initiatives to be taken seriously and where agreed to be respected and put into action immediately. It is the innocent poor who are the first to suffer the consequences that come from destabilisation of legitimate government.

We await with interest the proposed draft of an Anglican Covenant which invites participation in deeper bonds of affection within the Communion and which will be presented to the Anglican Consultative Council in May 2009. The Communion is moving towards a new appreciation of how our bonds create opportunity for deep sharing and support and which sometimes also call us to order our life with 'generous restraint' in order to sustain Communion.

New initiatives have begun in Faith and Order consultation; in an exploration of the place of the Bible in the life of the Church; in offering mediation in those situations where it is needed and in the creation of an Anglican Alliance to use the network of dioceses and congregations around the world to respond directly - church to church - to bring relief to those in need.

To be a part of this meeting was a privilege aided by the wonderful setting in Alexandria and the hospitality of the Diocese of Egypt. The timetable permitted no sight-seeing but the experience has whetted the appetite to return for more in depth exploration of the area.

Please see the Primates Meetings section of the Anglican Communion website for further information about the meeting.

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org>

Homelessness in Cowal

Homelessness is not often thought of as a local problem. However, last year 233 households in Cowal applied for assistance after having lost their homes. The local churches have set up an action group and Holy Trinity is represented by Ann Narraway. The Action Group is looking for starter kits. Items needed are:

Kitchen Items – pots, kettles, mugs, glasses, plates, cutlery, cooking utensils, toasters

Utilities – dustpans, brushes, light bulbs, tea towels, wash cloths, cleaning supplies, toilet rolls, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, facecloths

Bedding & Linen – blankets, sheets, towels, pillows, pillow cases, quilts, duvet covers.

Other – alarm clocks, curtains, small radio

Items such as pillows, quilts, personal toiletries should be new, all other items can be good quality second hand.

We will have a collection point in Holy Trinity if you have any spare items.

Notable dates – March

Sun 1	Lent 1
Sun 8	Lent 2 – Lay Team
Wed 11	Vestry Meeting
Sun 15	Lent 3
Fri 20	Book Group 7.30pm at Rectory
Sun 22	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
Sun 29	Lent 5 – Lay Team

March Readings

Lent 1	Genesis 9, 8-17 1 Peter 3, 18-22 Mark 1, 9-15
Lent 2	Genesis 17, 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4, 13-25 Mark 8, 31-38 or Mark 9, 2-9
Lent 3	Exodus 20, 1-17 1 Corinthians 1, 18-25 John 2, 13-22
Lent 4	Numbers 21, 4-9 Ephesians 2, 1-10 John 3, 14-21
Lent 5	Jeremiah 31, 31-34 Hebrews 5, 5-10 John 12, 20-33

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