



HolyTrinity News

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Holy Trinity News. This newsletter is in response to many members asking for information about Holy Trinity. The success of the Newsletter will depend on you! If you are doing something interesting and want to share please let us know

The intention is to publish on the last Sunday of the month. Articles, reports, letters should be sent to the editor or handed to the Rector no later than 22nd of each month.

The aim is threefold:

- To communicate better amongst the congregation
- To report on past events so that we know what is going on and to publicize future events
- To share resources to help us to grow spiritually

We will know if this is successful by your feedback.

As a starter how about letting us know how you like the first edition.

Editor contact details on back page.

Points to Ponder

The world would be a different place if I weren't here. If just one piece of the jigsaw is missing, the whole puzzle is affected.

I'm so unique and valuable that I've been given a copyright symbol. It's called my fingerprint.

From Soul Secrets by Tinuola Aregbesola

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What's Ahead

Visit by Bishop Martin Sunday 6th July

Commissioning Service for Lay Leaders and a chance to catch up with Bishop Martin

Visit by Bishop of Tanganyika Sunday 13th July

Come and meet the Bishop who is visiting prior to Lambeth.

Congregational Meetings 25th and 28th July

You are invited to one of the two Congregational Meetings. See inside for details

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Having a church newsletter has been a dream since I first came to Dunoon. And like so many dreams, the only way the hope becomes reality is if the people with the relevant skills offer their time and expertise to make it happen. So, thanks first to the vestry for suggesting that the time was right for a magazine, and to Maureen and Di for doing some initial work with concept and layout.

I hope that the newsletter will ease communication, in a community where many of us are not able to gather every week. The Holy Trinity grapevine is alive and well, but sometimes news does not travel with the speed and accuracy that is needed. A Newsletter should ease communication and better include those who are not able to be in church each week, as well as long and faithful members who are no longer able to gather for worship.

Of course this will only be one means of communication. We also have weekly notices, the church web-page, and the rector's blog. But none of that can take the place of what happens when we see each other face-to-face, in worship, in small groups, and one on one. Over the summer, I will be asking to meet with every member of the congregation to see how you are feeling about HT right now, and to share hopes and ideas for our future.

I want everyone connected with the church to feel they have a voice in decision making, and these visits will form a part of that process. There will also be times to speak together in larger groups and as a whole congregation. You can find details elsewhere in the news letter.

As you know this month bishops from all over the Anglican Communion will gather for the Lambeth Conference. This year's meeting has been much anticipated and much debated. The media would have us believe that we are witnessing the end of the Anglican Communion as we know it, and Lambeth will be the final marker of change.



It may be. I think it is more likely, though, to be less conclusive. The bishops will gather, pray, study and discuss. They will agree on some things and disagree on others. Some people will be absent; some people will miss them, and others will be glad they are not there. We are not at an easy point in the life of our communion, but if we believe that Anglicanism offers a pattern of Christianity that is life-giving, then we must trust that God will help us find a way through -- here at Holy Trinity, here in Scotland, and through our links with others around the world

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kingsley'.

Planning for Our Future

Congregational Meeting

What do you think God wants for us here at Holy Trinity? What do you want? In your best dreams, what might Holy Trinity be like in five or ten years time? The vestry have begun to ask these questions, and now it is your turn.

There will be two congregational meetings at the end of July. I would like as many people as possible to come to a meeting to share ideas and concerns for our future, as we try to discern God's call.

Yes, we will talk about the buildings. But we will talk about more than that, too. The question we face, as we look at the significant work that is needed to restore the church is 'how do our buildings relate to our mission'. We need to know what we are aiming for as a congregation before we can make good decisions about buildings and finance. I hope you will take part in one of these meetings.

Meet Di Tennant



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

I first came to Holy Trinity in 1995

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

I lived on the South side of Glasgow and worshipped in Kimberly's former church where she was curate, St Ninian's, Pollokshields. I used to sing in the choir there and I missed it fiercely when I first came to HT. However, it was nice to meet a kent face, Alexander Guinness, who had been a curate at St Ninian's before coming to HT. Are we sensing a pattern?? I came to Dunoon to work in the holidays in 1968 and Rob and I met here. We kept coming back and decided to live here to get away from the big city. I wish we'd done it earlier

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

I like walking my dogs, pottering in my garden, reading, writing stories and swimming. That's pretty much how I fill my time. I'm passionate about human rights, equality and social justice.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

I like the liturgy and the music, of course - that's why I'm a Piskie - and the friendliness of the people. I love Kimberly's sermons, the building and its surroundings - well, pretty much everything really. I look forward to Sundays, but I particularly like the round of the liturgical year with the various high points.

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

I've become much more pro-active since going on a Cursillo weekend that encouraged me to 'grow where I'm planted'. I'm actually a rather shy person but when Hugh asked me to lead intercessions, I decided to give it a go. That's grown into taking more of a part in leading worship on the Lay Team. I'm also the Vestry secretary - again taken out of my comfort zone by Hugh! But that's what it's all about, isn't it? We shouldn't get too comfortable.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

I love 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven' because we had it at my wedding and at both my parents' funerals, so it's a kind of rite-of-passage hymn for me. May I have two? I also love 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky' because it speaks so strongly of commitment (and I adore the way John plays the accompaniment).

Flower Fund

We are so fortunate at Holy Trinity to have several people who enrich our worship space by offering their time and gifts in flower arranging. Many of the flowers we use are taken from local gardens, and the money that is spent is spent carefully. However, if you value weekly flower arrangements, we need your support. Here's how you can help:

- offer garden flowers that are ripe for picking (speak to Sharon or Ann)
- give flowers in memory of a loved one or significant event (please make arrangements with Sharon a few weeks in advance)
- contribute to the weekly flower fund
- join in the decorating parties for major festivals

offer your encouragement and thanks to those who offer and arrange flowers each week. If you would like to learn more about arranging flowers, please talk with Sharon

Vestry Away Day

Choose Life was the appropriate theme for the Vestry Awayday on 10 June. The Vestry spent an enjoyable day looking at where we are at as a congregation and where we thought God was calling us to be. We explored our strengths and considered area for development, setting up 3 groups to discuss what our next steps might be and report back to the Vestry and later share at the congregational meetings.



Pauline and Richard share an amusing story!



Ann shows Christine her drawing!

The Groups are:

What should we be doing as/for individuals?

Catherine Webber
Christine McIntosh
Pauline Revill
Margaret Dinely

What should we be doing as/for our community?

Chrissie Holliday
Mac McLean
Di Tennant
Graham Revill (coopted for advice on property matters)

What should we be doing in the wider community?

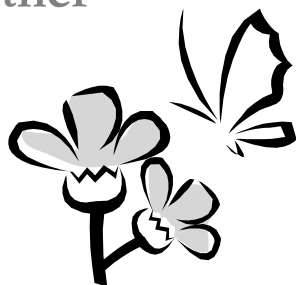
Richard McGilvray
Ann Narraway
Maureen McKellar

Any ideas/comments from congregational members will be welcome by the appropriate group



Catherine and Chrissie stop for a blether!

Growing Together



This column will offer a space for teaching and reflection. If you have particular questions or issues you would like to see addressed, please make suggestions to the rector.

At the recent vestry away day, we spent time reflecting on our calling as a congregation: who and what is it that God wants us to be? One of the words that came up time and again -- as a current reality, as something to develop further -- was 'Prayerful'.

In mid June, we took a step towards allowing each other more space to pray by naming our desire for a time of quiet before the service. This is not easy in HT. We enter straight into the midst of the nave, and the desire to meet and greet people warmly is in tension with the desire to create a quiet space for prayer. But hopefully we can find a balance point. Holy Hush it itself welcoming. If we leave the greeters to make people welcome, say a quick hello to those near us as we come in, and trust that there will be time for conversation afterwards, then we should be able to make a quiet space in church between 10.20- 10.30 am.

So how might you use that time? Here are some suggestions, if 10 minutes of silence is new for you.

Enjoy it. Let the quiet surround you and form a boundary space: letting go of the strains you have carried all week, reaching out to God who is with you.

Struggle with it. Sometimes silence is difficult. That's OK. Try to pay attention to what you are feeling. What is causing difficulty? Offer the restlessness, anger, fear, sorrow -- whatever it is -- to God, and ask that this may be a time of healing.

Prepare for worship. Look back on the week: what are the things you are sorry for and want to bring to confession? What are you thankful for, that can be part of your offering? What fears and desires, wounds and gifts will you hold before God for healing, transformation and fulfillment? Who will you carry with you in prayer?

Meditate on scripture. Bring a bible with you, or pick up one of the lectionaries. Read through the day's gospel, or read one book of the bible slowly and prayerfully.

Ten minutes of quiet will help us all to be better prepared for worship, and more responsive to God. I hope you will take part in it and enjoy it.

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Coffee Rota



We greatly need more people to help with coffee in order for it to continue weekly. The urn and coffee machine are easy to use, or you can adopt a method that suits you. Pauline regularly posts a coffee rota on the notice board, so that you can choose any week that suits you.. Simply add your name to the list, and speak with Pauline, Maureen or Sharon if you need to learn how to use the machines. Please do support our attempt to have weekly coffee. It is so important for us to have time to speak and be together after the service, and to welcome newcomers and visitors.

Comments and Clippings

This is your space to tell us of special birthdays or anniversaries or let us know of something you want us to pray about or celebrate.

In the meantime, something seen in a wayside pulpit: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

The Wider Church

The Blogging Community

There has been a lot of talk about blogging recently. For those not quite as computer literate as our young children, nephews and nieces or grandchildren, a blog is a bit like a newspaper editorial column published on the internet, usually under a pseudonym. You can post (i.e. write) anything on a blog and people comment so that something like a virtual conversation takes place. A number of Christians, including the Rector and some of the congregation have very interesting subjects on their blogs. This column will search out a little gem from a blog to share on paper!

This excerpt comes from 'Talk with the Preacher', a blog written by Amy Butler, at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington DC.

<http://talkwiththepreacher.wordpress.com/>

I can hardly bear to write about this, preferring, I suppose, to live in the delusion that if it doesn't appear on the blog then it's not real. (Please—we all have our ways of coping.)

Alas, as the clock ticks toward June it's becoming more and more real: the call of God is causing problems.

Again.

I admit that I have spent a large portion of my life following this elusive thing everybody has labeled "God's call on your life." It has led me personally over oceans and into the strangest places you might imagine, exasperating people who love me and birthing muttered comments like, "There she goes again!" among other things.

And now, even though I would be the first to warn against ignoring its tug on your life, it seems I am being invited to stand aside and witness the movement that God's call on a life again. ...

(to continue reading, go to the blog)

From the Counting House

Recently we have had a little bit of the fabled HT good fortune. The Flower pots went well we dug up £1028. We also received £3310 from the Tax back on Gift Aid, this shows how important this is to our funding.

We have also been given a super donation of £1000 towards the cost of repairing the leaded windows in the vestry.

But life is also full of less happy news and we had to find £1468 to pay for the tree surgery in the Churchyard.

Richard
Treasurer

Art and Prayer

What fun we had with Carol Marples on the Art and Prayer workshop. The theme was 'All at Sea'. We had a chance to produce artwork and had some quality quiet time listening to God.



Here are our boats all at sea!



Fellowship with Carol over lunch

All Hearts Open

War is a terrible thing. On whatever scale, for whatever reason: those who enter combat face horrors that most of us cannot imagine. The current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are especially complex: many people in our society are opposed to these wars, or ambivalent about how long the troops should stay. For the young men and women who serve in the military the situation is no different: many find themselves fighting in situations they don't agree with because of a prior commitment they made to serve their country in the military.

In February, we prayed for a young man who is attached to this congregation, and who was going to Afghanistan with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Andrew Barnard is now in Afghanistan, and is each day facing fear and loss on a scale that only those who have fought will fully understand. Several of us in the congregation would like to support Andrew and his fellow soldiers by sending care packages to the Argylls as often as we can. These young people live in difficult conditions with very limited resources. A package from home not only gives them practical supplies they need but shows them that they are loved and remembered.

Please understand: I do not, personally, think that we should ever have started these wars. I do not like what is done in our name. I do not want to glorify war. But when I looked into Andrew's eyes, and saw all his hopes and his fears laid bare, I realized that there are a thousand boys like him, out there because at the age of 16 or 17, the military seemed like a good way to see the world and gain skills. What they see and what they do will change them, and they need all the help they can to believe in a Loving God.

If you would like to help support the troops, please join us in preparing care packages, which will be posted free of charge, directly to the Padre of the Argylls, so that he can distribute them to those who are most in need of encouragement and support.



Care Packages for Argyll's in Afghanistan

Suggested Items

- Sweets (not chocolate)
- Antibacterial hand spray (personal size)
- Baby wipes (or such like)
- After sun lotion
- Travel size games (cards, draughts, chess etc)
- Cup a soup
- Instant hot chocolate/ horlicks sachets
- Shampoo (sachets or unbreakable containers)
- Body wash (sachets or unbreakable containers)
- Nice loo roll 1
- Disposable razors
- Other items of personal hygiene, goodies (food and treats etc) pencil, pen, paper etc
- No alcohol, breakables, girly magazines.

There will be a box in church for any of the above articles and these will be made into packs.

If you want to bring a box directly to the post office, packages must weigh less than 2 Kg, and should be addressed as follows:

c/o 564219
Padre McLeod
HQ Company
5 Scots
BFPO 792

Mark parcels 'WELFARE'

July 2008 Notable dates

Fri 4	Church BBQ Ardentinnny
Sun 6 - Trinity 7	Visit by Bishop Martin
Thurs 10	Vestry Meeting
Sun 13 - Trinity 8	10.30 am Eucharist preacher: Bishop of Tanganyika
Sun 20 - Trinity 9	KB away. Lay Team.
Fri 25	Congregational Meeting 7pm
Sun 27 - Trinity 10	10.30 am Eucharist
Mon 28	Congregational Meeting 7pm

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July Readings

Trinity 7	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30
Trinity 8	Genesis 25. 19-34 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
Trinity 9	Genesis 28.10-19a Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
Trinity 10	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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