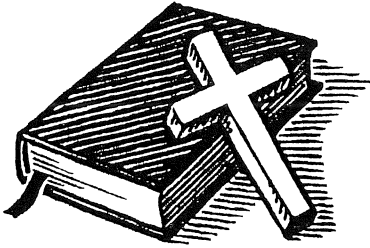


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REV TEMBU RONGONG

Dear Friends,

I write this in the midst of preparing Sunday's sermon which is about change and choice, and I realise that we as a Christian community in Rosyth are in the midst of many changes.

We have a change in editor of this newsletter; Sue has kindly offered to take over the task from Martin. Our thanks should be extended to Martin for the work he has done over the years in gathering the information and putting it together to keep us informed about the life of our church. Also thanks to Sue for acknowledging the importance of this newsletter and offering to ensure its continuance for the foreseeable future.

Then there are the physical changes and improvements being made to our building. Again, more thanks to Martin for the unstinting work he has put in over the course of many months in securing funding by completing reams and reams and reams of paperwork, and then the overseeing of the work as it progresses. Changes have also involved Father David's parting. This has undoubtedly left a gap that will be difficult to fill – spiritually and physically. Meanwhile we pray for those making the choices necessary to secure a replacement – may they be guided by God's Holy Spirit - and for Tembu, Ross and Val (three people to fill one gap!) who are holding the fort.

Change is a fact of life and a necessary part of our growth as human beings and as Christians; change requires us to re-evaluate what is important and challenges us to make choices.

May God go before us, Christ walk beside us, and the Holy Spirit guide us as together we face the changes and choices that each day brings.

Yours in Christ  
*Deborah*

## **Editorial**

I feel sure that you would all like to join me in thanking Martin for all his hard work in editing our magazine since 1999. I hope you will now support me in the role and send in your contributions for future issues. I have no big plans for changes, but if there is something you would like included either as a one off or a regular item, please let me know either by email, phone or letter.



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## **The Bookcase. No 3**

There are a number of children's 'Ladybird' series the titles of which are; 1. The story of Joseph, 2. Moses, Prince and Shepherd, 3. Naaman and the little maid, 4. The child in the Temple – the story of Samuel and Eli the Priest. All these were written by Miss Lucy Diamond and illustrated by Kenneth Inns.

In this 'Ladybird' series we have a copy of 'Animals, Birds and Plants of the Bible' by Hilda Rostron and illustrated by Clive Upton

If you like reading biographies, there is one in the bookcase entitled Samuel Morris by Lindley Baldwin. This is a truly remarkable book about the life of a young African of the Kru Tribe. His name was Kaboo, the son of a tribal Chieftan. A prince in rank but treated as a slave in his own country and aboard a ship to America. This book, small though it is, is worth reading. More in the next issue of Contact.

Jack Fowell

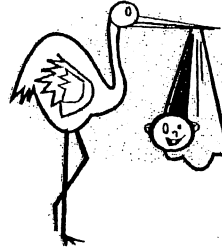
## Family News

As a church we've had the joy of welcoming three infants for Baptism:

Violet Farmer – August

Kyle Horne – September

Brodie McCrindle – September

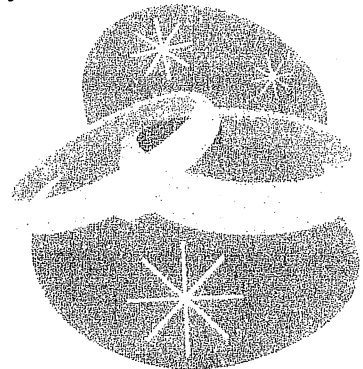


In addition several members of the Methodist Church have seen their youngsters get married:

May: John & Margaret Cowie's daughter Laura married Dougie

August: Sandra Wilson's daughter Claire married Craig

September: Cathy Cusator's son Iain married Lynn



There were also two funerals when we said goodbye to:

Roy Mormon May 07

Grace Cuthbertson June 07



**YES U ARE!**  
**SACRED SPACE IN THE HEART OF DUNFERMLINE**

Christians together in Dunfermline and surrounding areas are getting involved in the 'Yes U Are!' project. The idea has arisen as a result of prayer highlighting the need to provide Christian Sanctuary within the retailing and clubbing hub of Dunfermline. It is hoped that within this Sacred Space there will be:

- ✝ room for prayer and contemplation
- ✝ space for Christian worship and healing
- ✝ place for creativity
- ✝ room for play
- ✝ space for discussion and education
- ✝ place for healthy eating, healing activity and healthy living

We also aim to:

- ✝ take an ethical approach to business development, both sustainable and enhancing the community
- ✝ provide training and supported employment opportunities for people disadvantaged by homelessness or disability to realise their potential

The group is looking for Christians in the area to get alongside in a number of ways:

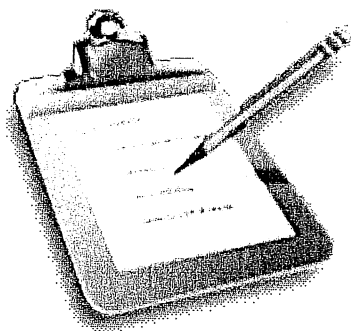
- ✝ by joining in the conversations to discern how God wishes us to progress the project
- ✝ through prayer support
- ✝ by volunteering to join the committee (in particular we need a treasurer)

Yes U Are is about U being unique, welcome and special to God; finding new ways for people to know God's love in Jesus, through the lives of Christians prepared to make a difference.

It would be fantastic if I was not the only person representing the church in Rosyth. Let me know if you feel you would like more details about the work of this project.

Deborah Cornish

## Help Needed



If you are able, we really need you to put your name down to help with a few rotas within our Church. The Flower Arranging, Teas after the Sunday Service and Cleaning rotas are looking a bit sparse. If you are not certain what these tasks involve, please see one of the Stewards.

Also, we are looking for people in the Congregation to adopt a Retiral Collection. This will involve a once a year commitment to publicise one of our monthly collections and take responsibility to ensure that on the collection day, you have gift aid envelopes and a collection plate to hand for those who wish to donate. See a Steward for more information.

## Property Improvements

After 3 years of planning, submitting grant applications, fund raising, seeking approvals etc, at long last we have something to show for it! Over the past 4 months we have had new flooring laid in the hall and toilets, a new rear access constructed with a ramp, a new disabled toilet created and the car park re-surfaced. Still to come is a new kitchen (planned for mid-October) and some additional cupboards. The bulk of the work has been carried out by contractors but a lot of voluntary work has been going on behind the scenes. Thanks to Peter O'Riordan (a dad of one of the Cubs), John Cornish, Alan Lucas and Alan Taylor who all helped to decorate the ladies toilet and disabled toilet as well as doing other odd jobs required. Being a glutton for punishment, John also decorated the room at the new back door and, with some help from Ron Dempster, the Gents toilet. Alan Lucas also altered the wiring for the bells. Our grateful thanks to them all.

The new flooring in the hall was provided free of charge by the Carpet Mill of Cardenden and the main contractor for the new access/disabled toilet (Cedric Watson) very generously reduced his final bill for the work to match our original budget figure. We are very grateful to both these firms for their support.

### Reminder

Just a little reminder for those of you who like to have a Bible to hand during Worship. They are kept in the bookcase on the right as you enter the Church Hall for you to pick one up before taking a seat. Other Hymn books and Service books are being kept there also.



### News from St. Margaret's.

Sandra Young and Alan Taylor have been involved with the Vestry of Holy Trinity, Dunfermline, in the process of appointing a new Rector, following Dr. David Campbell's move as Chaplain to Fettes College. The post has been widely advertised in Clerical circles. Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> October and interviews will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember in your prayers the Vacancy Committee as they make some very important decisions regarding our future. In the meantime we are most fortunate to have the services of Revd Tembu Rongong and Revd Ross Kennedy.

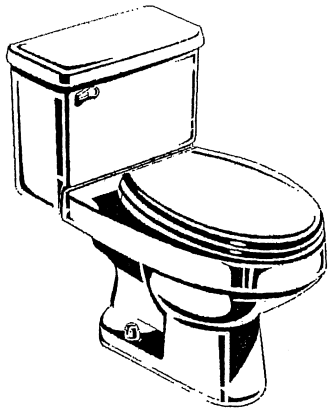
Sandra Young

### Harvest Festival Weekend

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm you are invited to come along to the annual event to support Christian Aid. We are having a Quiz Night and fun family games. Tickets are available at £5 and £2.50 for children – supper included. Tickets are available from Mary Dempster or Gwyneth Kirby. For more information please phone Mary on 721252.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September see us celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving. This year we are collecting 'Dried Goods' – all cereals, dried vegetables, dried fruit, pulses, rice, flour, pasta etc as well as flowers. The flowers will be distributed to our Church Family and the dried goods will be taken to Romania by the charity Clann Sona, who we supported last year. A box will be in the Crush Hall to collect the dried goods in.

Mary Dempster



However, it is not all good news. The preparatory work for the new floors in the Gents and Ladies toilets revealed some leaks in some of the sanitary fixings. The one in the gents was easily and fairly cheaply rectified but in the Ladies we have had to replace 2 of the WC pans and cisterns. The total additional cost has been about £500.

I hope you will agree that the work which has been carried out has improved the appearance of our premises. In less obvious ways it will give us more flexibility in the way the premises can be used. With a substantial donation in the offering for the car park, we will have achieved the target of £12000 we set ourselves 2 years ago. Further donations will still be gratefully received as next year we will be looking to install a new emergency lighting and fire alarm system which will cost in the region of £2500 to £3000.

Martin Rogers

### **Cleaning**

Much of the cleaning of our premises is carried out by teams of voluntary cleaners who give about an hour or an hour and a half of their time once every 5 weeks to keep the premises looking clean and tidy. We can always do with more volunteers and if you can help please speak to me or Malcolm Trew. We also need is someone to take on the responsibility of preparing and issuing the annual rota of cleaners and trying to make sure that this system works as smoothly as possible - again speak to me or Malcolm if you are interested.

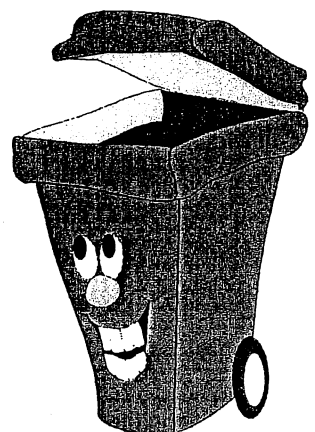


In addition to the voluntary cleaners, we employ a cleaner on a paid basis for about 2 hours a week. To give additional support to the voluntary cleaners, we are looking at increasing the amount of paid cleaning carried out in the Church. The present cleaner does not wish to increase her hours so we are on the look out for another person to do a similar stint each week. Please let me know of anyone who might be interested in this.

Martin Rogers

### **Wheelie Bins**

We recently asked the Council for a blue and brown bin so that we can do our bit to re-cycle some of our waste. We have been told by the Council that we are classed as commercial premises and our bins are being replaced with



commercial equivalents. If you put rubbish in the bins, can you please note the following:

The brown bin is for garden refuse in the same way as the domestic brown bin.  
The dark blue bin is for paper, cardboard etc in the same way as the light blue domestic bin.

The maroon bins are for general rubbish in the same way as the domestic grey bins.

Please try to put rubbish in the correct bins..

Martin Rogers

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **September**

Sat 15th Gideon Friends Rally - The Vine Church, Garvock  
Church, Dunfermline  
Sun 16th **Worship led by Mrs Mary Kidd**  
Sat 22nd 6.30pm Quiz Night  
Sun 23rd **Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish - Harvest**  
Thanksgiving /Holy Communion Service  
Sun 30th **Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish - Parade**  
Service/Scout Reunion 6pm Choral Evensong in Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

#### **October**

Sun 7th **Worship led by Prof Morley Sewell**  
Sun 14th **Worship led by Rev John Knox - Family Service**  
7pm Evening Service led by Rev Deborah Cornish  
Sun 21st **Worship led by Mr Malcolm Wylie**  
Sun 28th **Worship led by Rev Ross Kennedy**  
- Holy Communion  
6pm Evening Service led by Mrs Mary Kidd

#### **November**

Sun 4th **Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish**  
Wed 7th 7.30pm St. Andrews West Fife Area Council Meeting  
Sun 11th **Worship led by Ms Cilla McKenna - Family Service**  
Thurs 15th 7.30pm Agape meal for St. Margaret's Day  
Sun 18th **Worship led by Mr Ian Paterson**  
Sun 25th **Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish -**  
Holy Communion