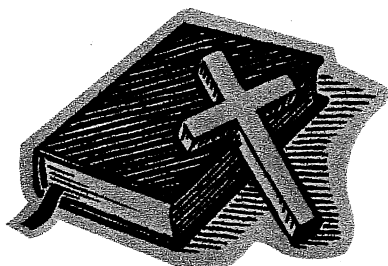


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### **Editorial.**

Thank you to all contributors for this edition of Contact. Remember that any of you can give me a contribution to go in the newsletter and it can be about anything you please (within reason - the editors decision is final!), you could let us have a note of your favourite prayer, hymn, a message, a story about a holiday or visit, memories, interesting folk you have met etc etc.

The next edition will be ready for issue on 31<sup>st</sup> May, so contributions to me by Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May please.

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### **GIFT DAY**

As you may be aware the Methodist Church Gift Day is this coming Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Church is open on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 10 -12 for the receipt of your gifts. Tea and Coffee will be served. Your Gift Day envelope should be with this edition of Contact, but will be available from your distributor or at the Church over the coming weeks. If you are paying tax, you could gift aid it also, but please include your gift aid number which is the number of your offering envelope. If you do not currently gift aid and would like to, please speak to Ron Dempster or Howard Kirby who will gladly tell you a bit more about it.

### **FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Come and join us at a 'Pampered Chef' fundraising evening in aid of the Junior Church Computer Fund. To be held at Rosyth Methodist Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7pm. All are welcome to come along and bring a friend or two, for an evening of fun and friendship with drinks and nibbles and the chance to taste a delicious recipe.

Tickets cost £2.00 and are available from Sue and David Salthouse, or book by email and pay on the night. [Sue@salthouses.co.uk](mailto:Sue@salthouses.co.uk)

Sue Salthouse.



### **LENTEN ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUP**

The St. Columba Group started its Lenten Ecumenical Study on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, in St. Columba's Parish Church in south-Rosyth. The meetings continue for the 6 Monday evenings in Lent, each starting at 7.30pm and finishing just after 9pm. Members of the group come from the Church of Scotland, Methodist Church Roman Catholic Church and St. Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church. All are welcome, so come along and meet friends old and new in an attractive format of worship, prayer and study. Tea, coffee and various treats thrown in.

This Lent, our material comes from an old friend, David Adam, who retired recently as the Anglican vicar of Lindisfarne. His booklet is entitled 'passing the test', and is based on Jesus' time in the wilderness.

We would like to increase our numbers a little, so if you might think of coming along and would like more information, just ask Jack, Lesley or Alan.

Alan Taylor.

### **"Retiring Collections are changing!"**

February was the last time that the retiring collection occurred on the 4th Sunday in the month. From April it will occur on the 1st Sunday. In previous years, there had been no retiring collection in March, as "Gift Days", in celebration of the Church Anniversary, occurred on the first Saturday in that month. However, we shall now mark the Church Anniversary by complementing the Gift Day (7th March this year) with a retiring collection the following day.

## PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIOCESAN POLICY

The Diocesan Review, instigated by Bishop David about 3 years ago, has been completed and the implementation of the new Diocesan Policy is moving ahead.

Significant changes include:

A new Diocesan structure, which provides for an enlarged and more representative Standing Committee, has already been increased by the addition of the Convenors of 5 Policy and Action Groups. It will be further enlarged by 8 members, from both clergy and laity, following election at the Diocesan Synod on 14<sup>th</sup> March. This will result in a stronger and more representative Standing Committee, which will carry forward business on behalf of the Diocese, with meetings throughout the year.

The 5 Policy and Action Groups, which have been formed are:

- *Casting the Net*
- *Ministry*
- *Children, Young People and their Parents*
- *Charges and Groupings* and
- *Administration*

The development of the *Casting the Net* Group is of particular interest. *Casting the Net* is a progression from the Mission 21 and the Continuing Congregational Development initiatives and is the new programme of Mission and Growth. Within the *Casting the Net* programme, congregations throughout the Diocese will be encouraged to take part in a review of their life based on "The Nine Marks of a Healthy Mission-Shaped Church".

The Nine Marks that characterise a healthy mission-shaped church are:

- Transformed lives and communities
- Worship that renews and inspires
- Self-giving service to the community - individual and churches
- Being rooted in prayer
- Confident and sensitive evangelism
- Lifelong Christian nurture
- The welcome of new comers
- Becoming child-friendly
- Celebration of people and places

It is anticipated that *Casting the Net* will be launched throughout the Diocese on Pentecost Sunday (31 May). This may involve giving each congregation a net and other items which are symbolic of the programme. Consideration is also being given to bringing the whole Diocese together in St Ninian's Cathedral for a celebration on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November – the eve of St Andrews Day.

The implementation of this programme is a major task. We at St Margaret's have perhaps unknowingly, pre-empted some of it. Our lunch and joint discussions with the Methodists on 25 January, at which various ideas were explored was a first step in identifying what our future role, both separately and with the Methodists, might be. We will be pursuing some of these ideas and have planned a follow-up lunch and joint discussion on 24 May.

Sandra Young.

To help raise awareness of what a given charity does, various people have agreed to act as "Champions", as shown in the new list below of Retiring Collections due. Other helpers welcome!

Month	Retirement Collection Schedule	Prospective Champions
<b>2009</b>		
March:	Church Anniversary Gifts	Senior Steward
April/ Easter:	Fund for World Mission - Network account	(Network)
May:	Christian Aid	Mary Dempster
June:	MHA	Sue Salthouse
July:	Scottish Bible Society	Gill Munro
August:	Benevolence Fund	<i>To be determined</i>
September:	Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF)	Janet Murray
October:	Fund for World Mission - JMA	Evelyn Kennv
November:	The Leaders of Worship & Preachers Trust (LWPT)	Sheila Lee
December/	Action for Children (AfC)	Ruby Lucas
<b>2010</b>		
January:	Scottish Churches Housing Action (SCHA)	Valerie Sparling
February:	Fund for Home Mission	Audrie Pollard
Mar-Dec	<i>As for 2009</i>	

It is hoped that increased awareness will encourage support of the various charities. Hitherto the amounts donated have often been rather small, though sometimes boosted by having collection boxes deposited on that day! The amounts donated this Financial Year so far have been as follows:

MRDF £10; World Mission £4.40; AfC £129.57; Benevolence Fund £8; Home Mission £4.20.

Of course, this is not the only way in which funds are raised for charities; the tea-bar takings are often donated to charities, and sometimes targeted on the same charity as that week's retiring collection; for example, the February tea-bar takings of £12 were also for Home Mission.

Please remember that all donations to charity can benefit from Gift Aid, which means that for every £1 you give, 28 pence in tax can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue. As a member of the Church's "envelope scheme", all you need do is to write your "Envelope number" on the envelope you use for the retiring collection. Tax reclaimed by the Church that relates to a donation to another charity, will be passed on to that charity.

Howard Kirby.

candle from Holy Trinity Church this year, but we will have our own in 2009.

But what is a Paschal Candle? It is a large white candle, appropriately decorated in wax relief, used liturgically in the Western Rite of Christianity. A new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit each year at Easter and is used throughout the Paschal season and then at other times in the year such as consecrations, baptisms and funerals.

The flame of the Paschal Candle symbolises Christ's light and his presence in the midst of his people. The candle is sometimes referred to as the 'Easter Candle' or the 'Christ Candle'.

If all goes well this year we will get our own candle for subsequent years, one that will blend in with the existing furnishings in the sanctuary. It could be that a candle will be obtained in memory of a loved one, or we may buy one. But we will see how we get on this year first.

Alan Taylor.

### An introduction to Holy Week

**Holy Week**, the week preceding Easter, is observed as a period of devotion to the Passion of Christ, and is the most solemn and intense period of worship in the Christian faith. In spite of the spiritual gravity of Holy Week, it begins with joy; for on this Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, the Church celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The gospels record that on this day the people waved branches and shouted "Hosanna". Traditionally, after the Celebrant blesses the palms, they are distributed to the people and kept until the next Ash Wednesday, when they should be burned. Also with the reading of the passion in the liturgies of Holy Week, the Church begins her commemorative pilgrimage with her Lord on His way to Calvary.

**Maundy Thursday**, the Thursday before Easter, is so called from the *mandatum novum* ('new commandment') given on this day (St. John 13.v 34). The special commemoration of the Lord's Institution of the Eucharist on this day is attested by the 4th century. Another traditional liturgical rite is the Blessing of the Holy Oils.

**Good Friday**, the Friday before Easter, is kept as an anniversary of the Crucifixion. It is a day of fast, abstinence, and penance. The service consists of lessons and prayers and the Veneration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday**, the day before Easter Sunday, commemorates the resting of Christ's body in the tomb. **Paschal Vigil Service** is the celebration of Easter observed during the night of Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the end of the service and remains lit throughout Eastertide. It is extinguished after the Gospel on the feast of the Ascension.

#### Services for Holy Week and Easter – 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday | 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Palms  |
|                                   | 11am Methodist Service led by Mr Brian Curtis  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                   | 2.15pm Women's Own Communion Service led by Rev Tim Bennison   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday  | 7.30pm Litany of the Last Supper at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline<br>(This is a joint service for all 3 congregations and all are welcome) |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday      | 2.30pm Reflections on the Cross led by Rev Deborah Cornish   |

### ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Thank you everyone who took part in the Quiz this year. As you know the topic was 'items found in the house', which was generally enjoyed. The winner was Mrs. A. Smith who lives in Invergordon, in Ross-Shire and she wrote me such a nice letter saying how much she had enjoyed taking part. She was delighted to win and the family had laughed that she had a higher score than her daughter. Mrs Smith is 98 years of age! The sum raised was £302 which was very good indeed.

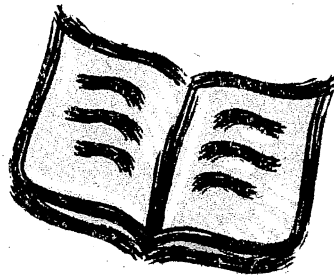
Mary Dempster.

### THE BOOKCASE NO.9

In this edition I bring you three little book written by the Reverend Rob Frost who was a Methodist Minister until he died last year.

1. 'Gospel End' is the story of a young Minister Geoff Notes who is assigned his first Church at the Yorkshire village of Gospel End and the problems Geoff and his publisher wife Sarah, meet in the Methodist Church and the village pub opposite the Church.
2. 'Broken Cross' is a sequel to Gospel End in which Geoff and Sarah are moved to London where they wanted to go in the first place. But they also find problems to deal with although different from Gospel End.
3. 'Breaking Bread' is different again. Here Rev Frost discusses different forms of Worship and we are left with the thought that perhaps the 'one size doesn't fit all'.

Jack Fowell



### A PASCHAL CANDLE

Most Anglican congregations have their own Paschal Candle - St. Margaret's is the only Church in the St. Andrews West area not to have one, which means that we have to borrow a candle on those occasions we need one. Our Vestry decided that we might have a Paschal Candle this year to see how we get along. The Methodist Church Council was duly approached and it signified that there would be no objections to having a Paschal Candle present at worship, either Episcopal or Methodist. We will borrow an appropriate

13<sup>th</sup> Easter Day      9.30am Sung Eucharist for Easter Day  
11am Methodist All Age Service led by Rev Deborah Cornish

*and at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline*

Monday - Saturday	8am Morning Prayer
	5pm Evening Prayer
Monday	12.30pm Eucharist
Tuesday and Wednesday	7.30pm Eucharist
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Litany of the Last Supper
	(This is a joint service for all 3 congregations and all are welcome)
Good Friday	2pm Reflections on the Cross
Easter Saturday	8pm Easter Vigil and Blessing of the new fire

### **VACANCIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS FOR CASTING THE NET PROGRAMME**

We have been asked to publish this advert.

The diocese wishes to appoint three Development Officers who will assist the diocese to carry forward the Casting the Net programme of mission and growth.

The Casting the Net Officer [0.5] will assist us to devise and implement a programme of Congregational Review and development.

The Ministry and Training Officer [0.5] will assist us to devise and implement a programme of education and training for clergy and laity.

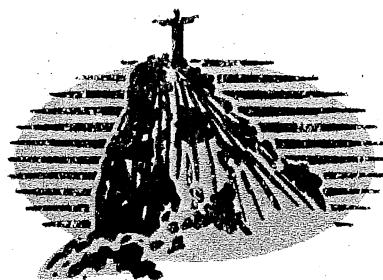
The Children, Parents and Young People Officer [0.35] will assist us to develop a programme which will prioritise children and young people.

The Diocese will consider applications for each post individually – or applications which link together two posts. Applicants may be either clergy or lay.

The posts will involve travel around the diocese and evening work. The administrative centre of the Diocese is in Perth.

For Job Description, etc., please contact The Diocesan Secretary at

office@standrews.anglican.org 01738 443173. Applications will close on **13 March**.



## PRAYER

Today Lord, open my eyes  
That I might see your image in everyone I meet;  
Today Lord, open my ears  
That I might hear your word in the words that others speak;  
Today Lord, open my mouth;  
That I might speak your gracious work of love to those whose paths I cross;  
Today Lord, open my heart, my mind, and my whole being,  
That I might be filled with your Spirit and so serve you,  
More truly your disciple, in this, your world.  
For Jesus' sake, Amen.

(this prayer was written by James Booth, Liverpool District Chair and published in the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2008-9)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **March**

1	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Lent 1 (St David)
	11am	Worship led by Mrs. Mary Kidd	
8	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Lent 2
	11am	Worship led by Mrs Sheila Lee. All age Worship, Parade and Anniversary.	
15	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Lent 3
	11am	Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish.	
22	11am	Joint Communion Service	Mothering Sunday Fr Ross
Kennedy			
	6pm	Taize Service	Revd Tim Bennison
29	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Lent 5
	11am	Worship led by Rev Peter Clark.	



## April

5	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Palm Sunday - Distribution of Palms
	11am	Worship led by Mr Brian Curtis.	
9	7.30pm	Maundy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday at Holy Trinity Dunfermline
10	2.30pm	Good Friday	Good Friday 'Reflections' led by Rev Deborah Cornish
12	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Easter Day
	11am	Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish and Rev Tim Bennison.	All age worship.
19	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Easter 2
	11am	Worship led by Rev Eric Potts.	
26	11am	Joint Communion Service	Rev Deborah Cornish
	6pm	Evensong	Easter 3 Led by Marc Tempelhoff

## May

3	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Easter 4
	11am	Worship led by Rev John Knox.	
10	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Easter 5
	11am	Worship led by Mrs Janice Clark.	All age worship.
17	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Easter 6
	11am	Worship led by Mrs Linda Bandelier.	
21	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	Ascension Day
24	11am	Joint Communion Service/Lunch and Discussion on Way Ahead	led by Rev Tim Bennison
	6pm	Evensong	Easter 7
31	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost
		Launch of the Diocesan "Casting the Net" initiative	
	11am	Worship led by Rev Deborah Cornish.	