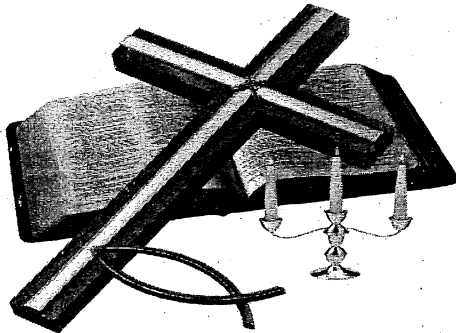


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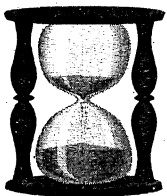
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Dear Friends



Have you ever watched the egg-timer as the sands begin to fall through ever quicker? That's how I feel at the moment. The sands of time are racing through the narrow neck at a speed quicker than light – my time here is running out and I'm almost at the stage of counting the days. If I break that into Sundays then, as I write this, I only have ten left!

So what of those five years'?

Due to the hard work of many, and Martin in particular, the building is no longer the same. The ancillary rooms and worship area have been decorated, new flooring laid, chairs replaced, the kitchen refitted, a toilet with enhanced access has been installed, the car park resurfaced, new notice boards erected and the audio-visual improvements – all have helped to enhance the life and witness opportunities of the congregations.

The two congregations are no longer the same. Some familiar faces have joined the cloud of witnesses, and we miss their presence. Others that have been part of God's story in Rosyth have moved on to pastures new, due to work or family commitments. Then we have been privileged to be part of the journey of faith which has brought new people into membership, either by transfer in or public declaration of faith. There have been twenty eight children for which a service of baptism or blessing has been conducted. Work with our young people and families through Sunday School and Sunday Funday has continued to develop and grow. There are a number of

avenues for adults to grow and develop: training has included the food hygiene, leading, and the pastoral visitors' course. In addition there are a variety of fellowship groups that meet, including the ecumenical to our newest group in Dalgety Bay.

As congregations together we have enjoyed the fellowship of joint worship, fellowship and social events. Learning and working together in recognition that in Christ we are all one.

Alongside the work of the congregations are all the other activities that take place on the premises: the uniformed organisations, dance groups, Toddlers, Brambles, and Parahandies. Each one is an opportunity for the church to bring the reality of the living Christ to those who do not yet know him.

The life of the church would be impossible without all of you who work quietly behind the scenes, including the stewards, church council, pastoral visitors, and cleaning teams; each person playing their part in God's mission and purpose in this place. You are too numerous to mention by name!

Just as the church and congregation are not the same as five years ago, neither am I. Due to the support, encouragement, friendship and hospitality of so many of you I will leave the area a different person to the one that was welcomed in September 2004.

Life is continually changing and has done since Adam was a boy, and it will continue to change. None of us can stop the sands of time, nor should we want to. My prayer is that when we come back (and we will) there will be familiar things and faces, but more importantly there will be changes and new faces. Things that have begun will be completed and there will be others who have taken up the call and challenge to be children of God and followers of Jesus because of the work and commitment of the congregations of St Margaret's and Rosyth Methodist Church. The one constant factor is the eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Finally, a very big thank you to all of you who have made our time here in Rosyth such a pleasure; I have felt it a privilege to be part of God's story here and to have been called to work with you.

Grace & Peace
Deborah

Editorial

My thanks as usual to all those of you who have contributed to this edition of Contact. It is, as always, a pleasure to get an input from Iris Lines as she sends me such wonderful and inspirational pieces for each edition. As she says, she can no longer attend Church, but loves to hear what the rest of the congregation gets up to never the less!

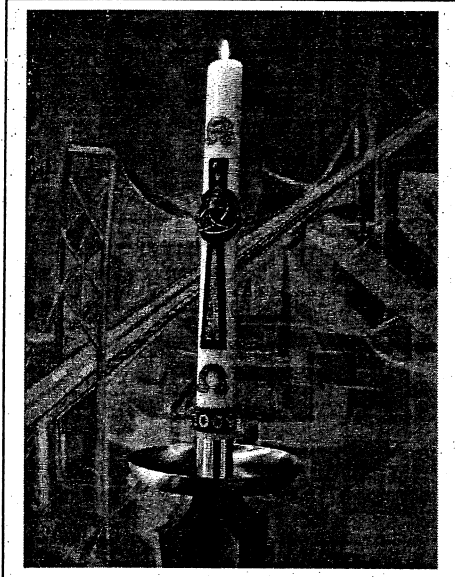
If you would like to contribute to Contact, you do not have to wait until the deadline to send in your pieces, any time will do. The next edition is due to be published at the end of August and contributions should be with me by 23rd August please.

My email address is s.hitchon@btinternet.com, phone - 01383 415196 or by hand to me at the Church or my house.

Susan Hitchon.

THE NEW PASCHAL CANDLE

When you read this, St Margaret's will have its own Paschal Candle stand, which you will have seen in use during the latter part of the Easter Season holding the 2009 Paschal Candle, which represents the Light of Christ in our midst. The new stand replaces the one borrowed for the early part of the season from Holy Trinity Church, Dunfermline.



At the Joint Church Council/Vestry meeting on 21st April, the representatives of our two congregations agreed that it was acceptable to have and to use a Paschal Candle, blessed on Easter Day and lit from the New Fire, and to retain it in the Sanctuary to be lit during those other occasions in the year when it is appropriate for both our congregations to do so, such as Baptisms and Funerals. The Minutes of that meeting state:

"Members were asked for their thoughts in relation to the candle and it was agreed that it should become a permanent feature of both congregation's services."

The candle stand you see was described, with photos, at the meeting, with the comment that the chosen stand not only reflected and complemented the design features of the existing sanctuary furniture, such as the subtle curves of the oak wood, but also that it was a fitting addition to the sanctuary. You will notice that it is about 6" taller than the borrowed stand, representing the importance of the Light of Christ in our lives and worship. I hope you agree that it fits in nicely with what we already have, and that it is a symbol of unity between our two congregations.

Deborah has made use of the Paschal Candle at 2 Baptisms, when the flame was used to light the candle given to the newly-baptized child, again representing for that child and its parents and godparents the Light of Christ.

Strangely enough, we haven't yet agreed how the new candle stand will be paid for. A decision was taken to buy it now – following approval of the meeting - so that it may be used throughout the rest of the year, and to allow the borrowed stand to be returned to Holy Trinity. It may be that someone will want to pay for it outright, so that it may be a memorial to a loved one – and I must admit, that is what I prefer, personally. But we may also decide that the many folk who have indicated that they would like to help to buy the stand is a more appropriate thing to do. Suffice to say, we are very pleased to have our own Paschal Candle and its stand, and all that it represents and means to each one of us.

Alan Taylor
Lay Representative, St. Margarets.

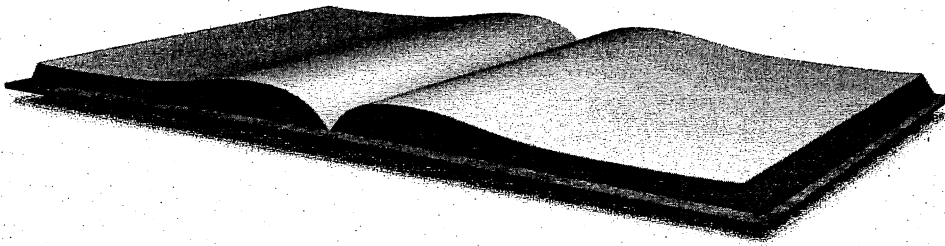
MESSAGES

Even though I cannot come to church now, the contact lives up to its name, for the old and infirm, thank you.

Wonderful God

We are told by those who know,
That every single flake of snow
Is each one differently designed?
The wonder of it fills the mind.
And has it ever dawned on you,
That each of us is different too.
The wonder of each different face,
Millions in the human race.
Every one has their own features
All made different, all God's creatures.
Wonderful things in every place,
Stars, and planets, in outer space.
Our minds cannot contain the thought,
The wonders that our God has wrought.
The brain! the senses! in awe bend low,
And worship Him who made it so.

Iris Lines.



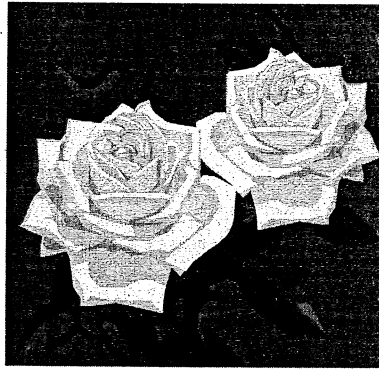
The Bookcase Number 10

'When he is come' is a book written by the Rev: A.W. Tozer an American minister.

"A.W. Tozer was ahead of his time comprehended the church's need for a renewal of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He recognised the priority of the Holy Spirit's work in every generation. When the church becomes void of the immediate ministry of the Holy Spirit, formality and institutionalism take over. With keen insight, Tozer also pointed out the danger lines of this teaching and laid a groundwork for discerning the counterfeit, he saw the gifts of the Holy Spirit as still valid and offered some wholesome counsel as to their proper use."

So writes the introduction to his book which is thought provoking and worth reading.

Jack Fowell.

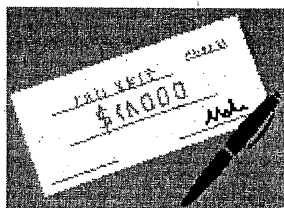


My Daydream Journey

It all began in 1989, with a calendar of garden flowers, then came some checks and stripes. After this I was joined by some interesting stitches by the National Trust. I made my way across two areas of the Yorkshire Dales and then back to my former stomping ground with a stopover in Great Yarmouth in East Anglia. A lady in a crinoline gown showed me round a lavender garden and then directed me across to Shakespeare country. I didn't meet anyone from Macbeth or Hamlet but I did come across Andy Capp, who recommended a visit to Porlock in Somerset. The weather turned nasty so I thought I'd take a trip to Jersey where the sun shone brightly. Soon I felt I ought to be getting back home so stopped in London to get the train north – by this time it was almost Christmas – I was met by the children from Park Road Nursery completing my journey in 2000.

Was this a slide show, or a video or a travel programme on T.V.? NO, it was a pile of tea-towels which had been used for the Synod visit. I was doing the ironing!!!

Evelyn Kenny.



Gift Day

Our grateful thanks to all those who through the Gift Day appeal made donations of £3,159 from individuals and £1,005 from groups. This will, in due course have the added effect of tax refund through Gift Aided donations.

Howard Kirby.



Dalgety Bay House group

The group meets fortnightly on Sunday evenings with tea/coffee at 7.00pm and finishing at 9.00pm.

The next group meeting is 31st May, then 14th June and so on. We have a shared leadership and our group is open to all who wish to come. We plan to cover Christian themes, study courses, discussions, fellowship and support. Join Cochrane, Kidd, Kirby, Trew and others for some Cracking Conversation!!!!!!!!!!

David Cochrane.



Christian Aid

Thank you to all the helpers and all who attended the Hunger Lunch which raised £144 for Christian Aid. Also thanks to the folk who went house to house collecting – thankfully we had nice weather which always helps. We had great difficulty getting collectors so I was so pleased that we had six willing walkers – well done!

Mary Dempster.

4th Sundays at 6

At the joint discussion on Sunday 24th May Adrian Masson reported back on the meeting held to discuss the future of Sunday evening worship at church. A group of about four, including Malcolm Trew and Sue Masson, will meet to plan a calendar of services, incorporating liturgy from the Methodist Worship book and Episcopalian services. There will be a service 9 or 10 times a year led by different clergy and members of the congregations and the services will include Taize worship and traditional evensong, but will aim to involve new

forms of worship and a variety of styles of music. It is hoped that people from outside the congregations could be involved from time to time. If you would like to be involved in the planning group, or if you have ideas for services or outside speakers etc. please contact either Malcolm or Sue

Look out for the programme and try to join in evening worship once a month. You won't regret it!

Myra Tarr.



Family News

Dedication of Oliver Calan Burbury on 22nd February 2009

Baptism of Ella Alice Forbes on 12th April 2009

On the 10th May 2009 Victoria and Geoff Leonard's wedding was blessed, following which their children, Cameron Alistair (4years) and twins Eden Jean & Drew Ben (6 weeks), were baptised.

Departures:

Isabella Jane Balmer Honeyman (103) d: 02/01/09

Mildred Dinsdale (91) d 28/01/09

Helen Burgess Carruthers (93) d: 11/05/09

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 13th June: District Day at Perth with the Revd Barbara Glasson, who was instrumental in the setting up of the Fresh Expressions initiative 'Somewhere Else' – also known as the Bread Church.

Sunday 2nd July: An opportunity to say Farewell to the three ministers (Deborah, Peter and Suzannah), who will be leaving the Circuit.

Saturday 25th July: Jean & Deborah are putting on a Cornish Cream Tea at the Dalgety Bay Manse, proceeds for Action for Children (previously NCH) and Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Zimbabwe.

June

7th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Trinity Sunday
	11.00	Worship led by Mr Brian Curtis	
	18.30	Choral Evensong	Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
14th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 2
	11.00	Worship led By Rev D Cornish – all age worship	
21st	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 3
	11.00	Worship led by Rev Geoffrey Baines	
28th	11.00	Joint Communion Service Led by Rev D Cornish	Pentecost 4
	18.00	Music and readings for Midsummer	All welcome

July

5th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 5
	11.00	Worship led by Ms Nicola Hilmy-Jones	
12th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 6 Sea Sunday
	11.00	Worship led by Rev Suzanna Bates - all age worship	
19th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 7
	11.00	Rev Henderson	
26th	11.00	Joint Holy Communion Led by Rev Tim Bennison and Rev Deborah Cornish	Pentecost 8

August

2nd	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 9
	11.00	Worship led by Mrs Mary Kidd	
9 th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 10
	11.00	Worship led by Mr Will Carroll – all age worship	
16th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 11
	11.00	Worship led by Mr Lyn Smallridge	
23 rd	11.00	Joint Communion Service	Pentecost 12
		Led by Rev Fr Ross Kennedy	
	18.00	Evening Service	
30 th	09.30	Sung Eucharist	Pentecost 13
	11.00	Worship led by Rev Andrew Letby	