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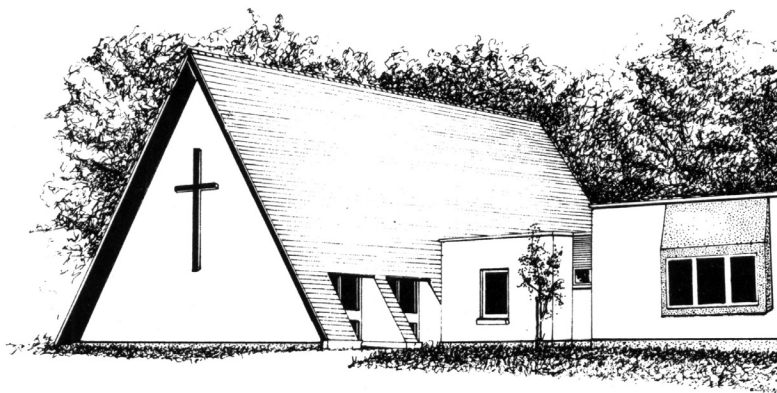
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**our regular pattern of worship**

**Sundays (except 4th)**

9.30am Episcopalian Sung Eucharist  
(occasionally 9.15am – see diary pages for details)

11.00am Methodist Morning Worship  
(including Sunday School)

**2nd Sundays:** for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and “Sunday Funday”

**4th Sundays:** Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm “Sunday@Six”

Our postal address is Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dunfermline, KY11 2JH, and you'll find us at the junction of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. The car park is behind the church, and limited local on-street parking is available, but there is lots more space in the parking area at the junction with Park Road.

## New on our patch ...

As you will see from the note of welcome on page 4, February sees the start of the ministry among us of the Very Rev Jim Mein. We thought we should share his letter to the St Margaret's congregation with members of both halves of our partnership.



As most of you will have heard, Bishop David has asked me to act as your Interim Rector during the remaining time of your vacancy. I'm looking forward to meeting you and also our colleagues in the Methodist congregation.

An inter-regnum is an important time in a congregation's life. I've been involved in many (at the moment I'm still with St John's, Edinburgh) and the first thing to say is that I will rely to a very great extent on the continuing work of Ross, the Vestry, and indeed all of you in the different roles of ministry that every member of the congregation has. In the periods between stipendiary clergy it is particularly important that pastoral care is exercised and contacts are maintained with all the members of the congregation, especially any who are sick or housebound. I can't do that, and neither can Ross on his own – it is a job for every one of us.

However, the second thing is that leadership (responsive, not dictatorial!) is important in a congregation and I want to be clear that I hope to be fully involved in all our planning and decision-making in the months ahead.

I hope to meet many of you at Church and at the Tuesday Lent meetings (see page 6), but my contact details are below and I do hope that all of you will feel free to get in touch with me at any time about anything that concerns you.

Just a brief word about myself: after training in England I came with Bishop Ken Carey to Edinburgh in 1963. Apart from 5 years in Malawi I have remained in the Edinburgh Diocese for all my ministry, ending up at Christ Church, Morningside. As Dean Emeritus my official title is 'Very Revd' but I expect to be known simply as 'Jim'. My theology is liberal with its main emphasis being a recognition that diversity is not only a fact in the Church today but extremely valuable. None of us can know 'the truth' about God but as we each peer through our dark glass we might help one another glimpse another aspect of the mystery that created our universe and, amazingly, loves each one of us.

God bless you all and our time together,

Jim Mein

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# Fellowship News

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Very Rev **Jim Mein**, Dean Emeritus of the Diocese of Edinburgh, whom Bishop David has appointed as Interim Priest for St Margaret's (and Holy Trinity, Dunfermline) from Ash Wednesday, 13 February. Jim will exercise ministry with the authority of a Rector and will take overall responsibility for the life of St Margaret's.

Jim was Dean and Rector of Christ Church, Morningside until his retirement. Prior to going to Christ Church, he was part of the Livingston Ecumenical Team from 1982 to 1990. During his time there he took a few services at Rosyth and is looking forward to working with both our congregations. Jim and his wife Helen live in Linlithgow.

**Thank you** to Fr Ross. He will continue to do our pastoral visiting and conduct services. We are very grateful to Ross for the tremendous work he has done for us. His pastoral visiting is much appreciated and his worship uplifting and helpful.

## Laid aside ...

We are pleased to know that **Betty Terry**, **Jock Headden**, and **Erica Lock** are all recovering from their operations, and have been able to return to the fold of our fellowship.

We are very sorry to hear of **John Hall's** heart attack following Howard's 70th birthday celebration and of **Thelma Couch's** emergency admission to Victoria Hospital two days later. Our love and prayers are with them and their families, that they will each make a good recovery very quickly.

We've heard on the grapevine that **Jimmy Lawson** has recently had a pace-maker fitted. We hope it keeps up with him!

**Gwyneth Manley** is home from hospital following a fall that resulted in a hip operation. She is making steady progress and we hope to see her back at church and Wednesday Fellowship soon.

**Myra Tarr** has had the plaster removed from her wrist, and is driving and playing the piano again.

## May Hopper 1915-2013

The Church family was saddened to hear that May Hopper passed away early in the New Year, shortly after her 98th birthday. She had been a loyal member of Rosyth Methodist Church since her arrival in Scotland 60 years ago, with her husband Sid, and sons Graham and Denis. A 'stay-at-home Mum', May was devoted to her family, and always there for them. She was devastated when her husband passed away in 1968. She didn't cope too well but her faith and her church family friends helped her through that time.

May belonged to several clubs in Rosyth – the S.W.A.N.S, Civil Service, Burnside Social, and the Lunch Club at Church to name but a few. Her home-baking, especially her scones, were second to none! When

'Swans' folded she became a member of our Women's Own which then became the Wednesday Fellowship 4 years ago.

May will be long-remembered for her wicked sense of humour, always seeing the sunny side of things. Whenever Mary Kidd brought her to Fellowship on a Wednesday afternoon she would always be so grateful and looking forward to being out to meet her friends and enjoy the fellowship, but on entering the church she would nearly always say, 'Now, Mary, remember where you are'!

Our thoughts are with Denis, who was his mother's carer for the last ten years or so, and with Graham, Etta and their family who will miss May very much.

# Fellowship News

## Christmas past

23 December 2012 was a very happy day, when both churches joined in fellowship, friendship and sharing.

Special thanks must go to Jean Hall and her helpers (especially the youngest ones Lewis and Anna) whose efforts in providing the delicious **Christmas tea** – thoroughly enjoyed by all present – led to a total of £220 being raised (of which £175 was allocated to Action for Children and £45 to the Church).

There followed a **Carols by Candlelight** service “Christmas through the ages”. This included carols and readings from the Middle Ages to the present day and was a wonderful service, appreciated by all who attended. It was encouraging to have a full church. Our thanks go to all who participated, especially Sue Masson who devised the service and trained the choir.

Alan Taylor sends his thanks to members of both congregations, who combined to give the largest-ever joint **collection for CHAS** at the service. CHAS was delighted to receive £407.04 inclusive of tax recovered, and very nice “thank you” letter and certificate is on the St Margaret’s noticeboard. Well done, everyone!

## A Postscript to Christmas

May I thank Connie Syme and Ruby Lucas who knitted the fabulous **Nativity Scene** which was on display on our Welcome Table throughout the Christmas period.



It was much admired by many, children and adults alike, who appreciated all the work that had gone into creating and producing such a remarkable, colourful scene. Thanks also to John Cowell who constructed the stable. I’m sure the whole project, which took many months of work, will be admired and much appreciated in the Christmases to come.

Thanks are also due to Dennis Cook and David Slater who arranged the **Church Christmas Dinner** at The Hideaway at Halbeath. It was such a bitterly cold night outside, but the warmth of the occasion and the excellent food and service, the fellowship, and hearing more of Dennis’s fund of Irish jokes made up for the sub-zero temperature of the night!

Mary Kidd

## “With age cometh wisdom”!

**Ed:** Mary Kidd’s report (above) continued: Two weeks later we were celebrating again over a delightful lunch – this time to celebrate the **70th birthday** of our Treasurer, Professor Howard Rowland Kirby! I suspect no-one knew Howard’s middle name, or his favourite comedian, author, or why he goes to Sussex every October. (Someone at the next table said “To get away from Gwyneth” – but that’s not true!). But we know now! Thank you, Howard, Gwyneth and family for inviting your church family to share with you all in the celebrating of Howard’s reaching his three-score years and ten!

Mary then signed off with the quotation that heads this paragraph. Perhaps she had in mind that she herself will be reaching her ‘allotted span’ early in February?!

Happy ‘significant birthday’ to both our friends. Where would we be without them?

# Invitations

## A series of meetings in Lent

From 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Holy Trinity, Dunfermline, Church Hall on **Tuesdays 19/26 February and 5/12/19 March**

I agreed with the Bishop that during Lent we would have some general meetings about Church life and that after Easter we would look at the specific tasks of Holy Trinity and St Margaret's in their appointment of a new Rector. In these five meetings I plan to use some material from the training of our students in TISEC which they have found interesting.

The format will be some input from me, but most of the time spent in discussion and the general themes are:

- 19 February: The spirituality wheel – ways of knowing God
- 26 February: Polarities – strong leadership or general participation
- 5 March: Variety in personalities – all are needed

12/19 March are still to be planned – depending on how the first three meetings go – but in general they will be asking what are the signs of a healthy congregation?

I do hope some members from St Margaret's will be able to come to these meetings – do give them a try if you are able.

Jim Mein

## Lent Study – “Living Thessalonians”

Based on material written by Rev Andrew Letby, this study will look at what we as Christians in contemporary society might learn from those who have gone before us. All are welcome to join us at the manse on **Thursdays 28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March** at 7.30pm.

## Sunday@Six with a difference

For our February Sunday@Six Sue Masson has arranged for one of her colleagues, Adrienne Ferguson, a member of St Paul's and St George's (P & Gs) church in the centre of Edinburgh, to take part in our worship by talking about her recent trip to Peru.

Adrienne was one of the youth leaders on P&G's Youth Fellowship trip there last July. The visit included working with the orphans in New Hope Children's Home, where the Youth Group enjoyed serving them: painting walls, creating a mural, cooking supper, singing songs, worshipping together, and praying for one another.

Sue also plans to include music and hymns with a South American flavour, so that choir and congregation can get involved! And refreshments will be served afterwards.

This promises to be an enlightening service – just what we need to chase away the winter blues! So please do join us on **Sunday 24 February** at 6.00pm, and bring your friends too.

## Confirmation

Jim Mein writes:

Ross and I hope that life in the congregation will continue as normally as possible through the inter-regnum and if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in Confirmation classes – or Baptism, or Marriage, or any other service of the Church – please let one of us know.

**Ed:** You will find phone numbers for Ross and Jim on the inside front cover.



# Invitations

## Giving to others: Support our charity appeals

During 2012 we collected for two different charities – Samaritan's Purse and the newly opened Dunfermline Food Bank – and would like to do the same this year. From Sunday 3 February until Sunday 30 June we will be collecting for Samaritan's Purse, then from Sunday 7 July until Sunday 24 November the collection will be for the Dunfermline Food Bank. There will be no collections in January and December. The blue box will be in the Crush Hall on Sunday 3 February and the items required for that month will be facecloths and notebooks. We hope that we will be as successful as last year, so please continue to help fill the box!

## The Memorial Book

The Memorial Book is going to be updated in the near future. If anyone feels they would like to propose an entry, would they please get in touch with either David Slater or Dennis Cook.

## Extend your vision

On **Saturday 9 March** the Outreach Centre, Riggs Road, Perth is the venue for "The 'Methodist Community' in Scotland", a day of thinking about discipleship, with Mark Wakelin, President of Conference. The event runs from 10.30am to 3.00pm, and is free, including sandwich lunch.

At 7.00pm on **Tuesday 12 March** Granton United Church are hosting a Methodist Women in Britain evening. Mrs Kate Curtis, Scotland District MWiB President will be speaking on the 'World Confederation of Women Conference in Johannesburg.'

For further details on either of these events. contact the Circuit Office.

## Christian Aid News: Dates for your diaries

**Tuesday 12 February:** An Afternoon Tea for Valentine's Day will be held in the Parish Church Hall from 2.30 until 4.30pm. Tickets £5.00 (children £2.50). Mary Dempster will hold a Chocolate Tombola Stall and will be delighted if people would donate chocolate goods please. Items should be given to Mary by Sunday 10 February.

Do please support this fund-raiser – you will enjoy it. If anyone is free and would like to help on the day it would be much appreciated by the committee. Please let Mary know.

**Wednesday 27 March** at The Hub Café, in the Parish Church Hall from 12.00 until 2.00pm is Souper Soup Day for Christian Aid. You will be able to sample two different soups (small size bowl) or 1 soup (large bowl) plus delicious desserts, tea/coffee.

**Thursday 9 May:** The children's choirs from the local primary schools will perform. Before the concert finished last year the children asked if they could come again next year, so please support this and watch for the poster going up telling you to buy a ticket.

## With music in mind ...

At 7.30pm on **Saturday 9 March**, you are spoilt for choice!

Dunfermline Choral Union appear at the Vine Church with the Scottish première of Paul Carr's *Requiem for an Angel*, and Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*. Tickets from Mary Kidd, Gwyneth Kirby and Myra Tarr.

"Master and Pupil", the Scottish Chamber Choir concert in Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, features choral works by Benjamin Britten and Arthur Oldham. Tickets from Martin Tarr.

# A Cornucopia from the St Margaret's Treasurer

Alan Taylor writes ...

The St Columba Group, an **ecumenical study group** which has met for many years at St Columba's Parish Church in South Rosyth, will hold its Lent Study for six weeks during Lent. The first meeting is on **Monday 11 February**, starting at 7.30pm, finishing at about 9.15pm with tea, coffee and biscuits or cake – even in Lent! Our material this year is “Finding Nourishment”, from the same Bible Lands organisation which gives us the Christmas carols booklet. It is a Lent study with a difference. Through sharing different light snacks each week we will consider the significance of food in relation to Jesus life and ministry as we journey through Lent. The last meeting is on 18 March. Why not come along and join us? After Lent, we meet on the first Monday of every month until Advent, when we return to meeting weekly through Advent.

**BibleWorld**, an initiative of the Scottish Bible Society to introduce the Bible to schoolchildren, will be in the playground of Camdean Primary School from **18-22 February**. While daytime is for the kids, adults can visit in the evening from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Both congregations are sponsoring this event, along with the three other churches in Rosyth, to the tune of a total of £1,000. Come along and see.

The annual **Palm Sunday Walk**, with Sydney the donkey, will leave the car-park of Rosyth Methodist Church at 2.00pm on **Sunday 24 March**. Our destination will be the park, where there will be a short service of praise. Why not join us, carry a palm leaf, or hand out palm crosses? Then we will go back to the church for some refreshments.

We plan to continue with our annual **Walk for Jesus** around Rosyth on **Good Friday, 29 March**, leaving St Columba's for Rosyth Methodist Church at 10.30am. Sadly last year, the only folk who turned up were the local ministers. With hymns, bible readings and prayers, this is a meditative experience, marking Good Friday and witnessing to the good folk of Rosyth. It's not strenuous – but it is an uplifting experience. And we would like your support.

The **Paschal Candle** for 2013 is being donated this year by a member of the Methodist congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous. The candle, which is in memory of a dear departed loved one, will be blessed at the 9.15am service in church on **Easter Sunday**, and will burn throughout the Easter Season. This is a lovely way to recognise and commemorate Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. It allows the baptismal candle for newly-baptised infants – and adults – to be lit from this light throughout the year. And it is totally appropriate for both congregations to have and to use a Paschal Candle.

St Margaret's will shortly have a **Processional Cross**, funds for which have been donated by three members of our congregation. It is quite usual for an Episcopal congregation to have a Processional Cross, but we were not able to bring our cross from HMS Cochrane. So this generous gesture fills a gap for St Margaret's. It is usual to carry the cross when the choir enter the sanctuary, though it is quite likely that we will do this only on grand occasions. When not in use, the Processional Cross will be mounted on a bracket in the sanctuary.



# Diary for February 2013

## Sunday 10 February

Sunday before Lent	9.00am	'Sunday Funday' and Breakfast	
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Ross Kennedy
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Geoffrey Baines Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)
	3.00pm	Service at Orchardhead House,	Rosyth
Monday 11 Feb	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent Study Group, St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane	(see page 8)
Tuesday 12 Feb	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Christian Aid Valentine's Afternoon Tea Rosyth Parish Church, Queensferry Road includes Mary Dempster's Chocolate Tombola stall	
	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Prayer in Unity, Yes-U-Are Partnership's Office 31 High Street, Dunfermline [Ring Yes-U-Are buzzer]	
Ash Wednesday	2.15 pm	Wednesday Fellowship: Haiti re-visited with Lou Davidson	
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes	Very Rev Jim Mein

## Sunday 17 February

Lent 1	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Ross Kennedy Preacher: Very Rev Jim Mein
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Mr Laurent Vernet Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)
Monday 18 Feb to Friday 22 Feb	9.15am 11.00am & 1.15pm	Bibleworld (Scottish Bible Society) Roadshow for school children Camdean Primary School Playground	
Monday 18 Feb	7.00pm 7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting in Church Lounge Ecumenical Lent Study Group, St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane	(see page 8)
Tuesday 19 Feb and Wednesday 20 Feb	6.00pm –8.00pm	Bibleworld Roadshow adult visits Camdean Primary School Playground	
Tuesday 19 Feb	7.30pm	Lent Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline	(see page 6)
Wednesday 20 Feb	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship: Guest speaker: Ronnie MacMillan – Philately	
	7.00pm	Local Preachers Meeting in Church Lounge	
Friday 22 Feb	7.00pm	Choir practice	

# Diary for February/March 2013

## Sunday 24 February

Lent 2	11.00am	Joint Communion Service	Rev Andrew Letby Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)
		Traidcraft goods on sale after the service	
	6.00pm	Sunday@Six with a difference (see page 6)	
Monday 25 Feb	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent Study Group, St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane (see page 8)	
Tuesday 26 Feb	7.30pm	Lent Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline (see page 6)	
Wednesday 27 Feb	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship: John Drylie from Dunfermline Food Bank	
Thursday 28 Feb	7.30pm	Lent Study at the manse: "Living Thessalonians" See page 6 – continued on 7, 14, 21 March	
Friday 1 Mar	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer, St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane (see page 14)	
	7.00pm	Methodist open consultation meeting in the Church re proposed resolutions regarding One Circuit (prior to March circuit meeting)	

## Sunday 3 March

Lent 3	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Very Rev Jim Mein
Church Anniversary – 97 years of Methodism in Rosyth			
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Rev T Alan Anderson (Superintendent of Glasgow Circuit)	
Monday 4 Mar	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent Study Group, St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane (see page 8)	
Tuesday 5 Mar	6.30pm	Circuit Meeting CEMC Nicolson Square, Edinburgh light tea served from 5.30pm	
	7.30pm	St Andrews West Area Council meeting St Margaret's, Leven	
	7.30pm	Lent Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline (see page 6)	
Wednesday 6 Mar	2.15 pm	Wednesday Fellowship: Thelma and David Couch – Paget's Disease	
Thursday 7 Mar	7.30pm	Lent Study at the manse (see page 6)	
Friday 8 Mar	7.00pm	Choir practice	

# Diary for March 2013

Saturday 9 Mar      9.30am Diocesan Synod, St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth  
                          10.30am The 'Methodist Community' in Scotland  
                          to 3.00pm Day of thinking about discipleship (see page 7)

## Sunday 10 March

Lent 4                      9.00am Sunday 'Funday' and Breakfast  
 (Mothering Sunday)  
                          9.30am Sung Eucharist                      Rev Ross Kennedy  
                          11.00am Morning Worship                      Rev Geoffrey Baines  
                                               Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)  
                          3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

Monday 11 Mar      7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Study Group,  
                          St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane (see page 8)

Tuesday 12 Mar      7.00pm Methodist Women in Britain evening  
                          at Granton United Church (see page 7)  
                          7.30pm Bishop David's Lent Roadshow  
                          at St Peter's Episcopal Church, Inverkeithing:  
                          'Faith, vocation and transformed lives'.  
                          7.15pm Prayer in Unity, Yes-U-Are Partnership's Office  
                          for 7.30pm 31 High Street, Dunfermline [Ring Yes-U-Are buzzer]  
                          7.30pm Lent Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline (see page 6)

Wednesday 13 Mar 2.15 pm Wednesday Fellowship: The Wee Tea Company

Thursday 14 Mar      7.30pm Lent Study at the manse (see page 6)

## Sunday 17 March

Lent 5                      9.30am Sung Eucharist                      Very Rev Jim Mein  
                          11.00am Morning Worship for Acorn Sunday  
                                               Rev Andrew Letby  
                                               Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)  
                                               (A special collection will be taken for the Acorn Centre)  
                          6.30pm Short service of prayer, reflection and Taizé chants  
                          Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Monday 18 Mar      7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Study Group,  
                          St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane (see page 8)

Tuesday 19 Mar      7.30pm Lent Meeting at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline (see page 6)

Wednesday 20 Mar 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:  
                          Daffodil Tea fundraising afternoon

# Diary for March 2013

Thursday 21 Mar 7.30pm Lent Study at the manse (see page 6)

Friday 22 Mar 7.00pm Choir practice

## Holy Week

### Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday 11.00am Joint Communion Service and Blessing of Palms  
Rev Dr Marion Keston

Traidcraft goods on sale after the service

2.00pm Rosyth Churches Together Palm Sunday procession  
(see page 8)

6.00pm Sunday@Six Service

**Note:** We anticipate that throughout Holy Week there will be services at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline, but details were not available as we went to press. Please look at our websites and the weekly Joint Notices nearer the time.

Wednesday 27 Mar 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:  
Holy Week Communion led by the Rev Malcolm Trew  
An opportunity to meet the Fellowship and partake of  
mid-week communion. All welcome.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper Very Rev Jim Mein

Good Friday 10.30am Good Friday walk/service (details to be confirmed)  
(see page 6)

### Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday 9.15am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Family Service Rev Geoffrey Baines  
David Salthouse (Worship Leader)

Wednesday 3 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:  
Prestonpans Tapestry – 'Stitches for Charlie'

Friday 5 Apr 7.00pm Choir practice

### Sunday 10 April

Easter 2 9.30am Sung Eucharist

**Note:** No Sunday 'Funday' during the school holidays

11.00am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Letby  
Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)

3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House, Rosyth

# Musings of a Supernumerary and a Senior Steward

On 25 November, celebrating Christ the King, our Joint Service of Holy Communion was led by the Most Reverend David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal church, and the Reverend Lily Twist, Chair of the Methodist Synod in Scotland. Neither is a stranger to Rosyth, and we welcomed them warmly. But this was the first time that the two leaders of our respective congregations have jointly taken a service here. We acknowledged and celebrated the many ways in which our members work together both formally and informally, and the many friendships that have been formed over the years. It was a celebration worthy of the Paschal Candle being lit! A wonderful atmosphere was experienced as these leaders shared in our worship and Holy Communion. It was unusual in that a loaf of bread was distributed to both Episcopalians and Methodists, with no distinction.

We hope you will have read the comments made by our Connexional Liaison Office, Bill Reid, (in the current issue of *Scottish Methodists Together*) who sees acts of ecumenical hospitality as a way forward for mission and change.



Such LEP partnerships as ours are important in the life of both churches – both locally and nationally - and provide a valuable testimony to those around us of Christian unity and of a united witness to the Gospel and God's love. Here at Rosyth it seems we have a good example of how we cope with change, and still find ways to hold on to some of the traditions we love.

Since the closure of the Rosyth Naval Base 17 years ago, much has been achieved in what we share, despite our differences. On this day we shared not only in worship, but also a delicious lunch, which, combined with the fellowship made for a truly memorable occasion which we hope to repeat in the summer before Lily retires.

Malcolm Trew and Mary Kidd

## RMC Film Club

It is now six months since the very successful showing of our opening film 'Chariots of Fire'. So we felt it would be good to consider how we've progressed.

Our aim is to open the Church premises for a casual, informal get-together and include a Christian/moral message in our film choices. We hope to offer something to families who may have difficulty going to a cinema.

Along with free tea and buns we're able to show a variety of topics – 'Pay it forward', 'Noah', 'Nativity', and our latest offering 'Invictus', which looks at prejudice in South Africa, apartheid and all the evils therein which have been overcome through the power of sport.

We plan to mix the topics – 'The Iron Lady' has been mentioned as has 'The Help'. In March we hope to be showing 'The Miracle Maker' which is a 'U' cert. It would be good to have some titles that would appeal to different age groups. Any further suggestions will be appreciated.

Please give your ideas and suggestions to Deacon Sarah McDowall or Evelyn Kenny.

## Wednesday Fellowship

The committee was delighted with the good attendance during the autumn session and all seemed to enjoy the various speakers. We ended the session on a high when on 5 December we held a celebration especially for Ethel Douglas as on the 30 December she would reach her 100th birthday. The children from Brambles Playgroup came and started the afternoon off by singing Christmas songs accompanied by various instruments. Ethel enjoyed seeing the children and having them help her blow out the candle on her cake, and also meeting up with an old friend, Thelma Couch whom she hadn't seen for quite some time.

The following week saw us at the Elgin Hotel where we enjoyed a nice Christmas Lunch and sadly said goodbye to Allison Brown who has had to stop coming to the Fellowship due to having too many other commitments. Allison played the piano and also served the tea and coffee as well as providing prizes for the raffle. We shall miss her but she has promised to look in occasionally.

Our syllabus for this session is varied and looks very interesting. Why not join us? We look forward to meeting old friends again and hopefully some new ones on the 6 February.

Mary Dempster

## World Day of Prayer

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

The World Day of Prayer this year is on **Friday 1 March**. At this time, Christian people throughout the world will be joining in a service with the title "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" which has been written by the Christian women of France.

Each year, the first service of the day is held on the island of Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean, close to the international date-line and services continue for a period of 36 hours until that same date concludes in Alaska just to the other side of the date-line.

In Scotland, many Churches and other Christian groups will be hosting the service, and are open to anyone who would like to attend. The one for our area which includes Rosyth, Inverkeithing and North Queensferry, is being held at 2.00pm at St Columba's Church, Torridon Lane.

There are also services in Dunfermline, at Viewfield Baptist Church at 2.15pm, and at St Andrew Erskine Church at 7.15pm.

For those who might be interested, there is to be a service for children at St Margaret's RC Church in East Port, Dunfermline. This starts at 2.00pm with a crafts session and follows with an act of worship at 3.00pm.

To reflect the theme of the service this year, people taking part are encouraged to wear bright and warm colours to represent the warmth of the relationships in our churches and communities. This year's service will be an opportunity to think carefully about how we treat the strangers we meet and the nature of the welcome we give to them. Everyone is invited to attend a service to celebrate the positives and encouragements of life.

If you want further details about the World Day of Prayer please visit our Scottish website. ([www.wdpscotland.org.uk](http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk))

Hope to see you there!

Mary Kidd



## Congratulations, Ethel Douglas – 100 not out!

We thought it would be interesting to write a few lines about Ethel Douglas (née Windle), a regular member of the Wednesday Fellowship, who reached 100 years of age recently.

Ethel first lived in North Queensferry, and when she was three there was great excitement in her house when they all looked out of a window and saw an airship. It wasn't until she was about ten that she remembered about it and got the story from her mother. By this time she lived in Holyrood Place (where the Dunfermline Police Station is).

Ethel had six sisters. When her older sister Lily started school Ethel said that she wanted to go too, so at four and a half she got her wish and she started at Commercial School then went on to Queen Anne School – she left at 14 and stayed at home until 17 when she worked in a newspaper & tobacconist shop in Dunfermline.

Sundays were traditionally attending the Baptist church three times and a walk in the afternoon. Ethel and her sisters were always dressed in “Sunday Best” clothes, with their long hair in ringlets. After the walk they would visit their grandmother.

Ethel's father was very musical, so there was always music and singing in the house. She started to learn to play the violin when quite young and later the piano. Her love of singing started too when very young and has continued all her life. Later in life she joined the Dunfermline Choral Union, a Ladies Choir in Rosyth and during the Second World War she was one of four



ladies who entertained in Rosyth and nearby villages. By this time the family lived at Castlandhill, Rosyth. Ethel's father died when she was twelve and she remembers her mother dressing in black for nearly three years.

Her Christmas memory was making a “mistletoe bough” – which was made of two “girds”, one placed inside

the other to make an orb shape, covered with crepe paper. String would be tied from the orb, and Christmas ornaments and small hand-sewn bags filled with sweets hung from the string. Finally the decoration was hung from the ceiling. There were no Christmas trees and she thinks that this was an English tradition.

Ethel married when she was 21 and had a daughter Betty in 1936. During the war, ladies had to work, but Ethel stayed at home with her daughter and also looked after her own mother and her mother-in-law.

When asked what did she think was the best invention of the 20th century she replied “the washing machine and the microwave”.

Ethel really enjoyed her birthday celebrations and to date has had four cakes. She is still very active and didn't need a stair-lift until she was 99! She is an example to us all by the way she joins in everything, goes out to lunch every week with her friend, as well as shopping with Betty.

Congratulations Ethel, you are a star!

Mary Dempster

# My placement at St David's, Pilton, Edinburgh

Margaret Dineley writes ...

As part of my training with TISEC (Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church) I have to undertake a placement each year in a different church or chaplaincy setting, the aim being to widen a student's experience of ministry. Last year I learned about Anglo-Catholic worship by spending the period from Epiphany to Easter at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh. This year I am in Pilton, a designated Urban Priority Area, at the small Scottish Episcopal Church of St David of Scotland. It is a lively little church, with a strong lay ministry team.

The church is located in East Pilton, an area which has undergone notable regeneration in recent years, the housing stock being improved and also increased by the building of new rental accommodation on the basis of Housing Associations. Nonetheless, as in West Pilton and Muirhouse, there is high unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse is rife and fractured families and isolation of the elderly are all too common. These latter areas, West Pilton especially, are seriously run down, gangs of youths roam the streets, shops are boarded up and youngsters leave the local secondary school with virtually no qualifications. Poverty is everywhere, staring you in the face, and there is a sense of hopelessness.

There are glimmers of hope for the future. Numbers of immigrants from Eastern Europe and Africa have moved in: despite the fact that they are also very poor, they bring with them an ethos of work. They have not grown up in Pilton, feeling there is nothing to aim for: they take poorly paid jobs, work hard and gradually spread their sense of optimism. Also, social services are based in the poorer areas and there are a number of projects to assist certain targeted groups, especially the elderly.

Where does St David's fit into this picture? The congregation is principally elderly, though there is a core of hard-working individuals who seek to help in outreach as well as in the worship of the church. There is a strong sense of caring and concern for each other – a true sense of community. Two church members are involved in the Pilton Elderly Project, drive the minibus to pick elderly up for clubs and for the church and another who helps in the running of two clubs for the elderly held within the church building on a Tuesday. A number of disabled and frail are therefore enabled to attend church. The Rector, although part-time, does a considerable amount of pastoral visiting and plans are now being made by members of the vestry to fulfil the suggestion of +John to draw up a Mission Action Plan for when their Rector leaves, this coming Easter. As I have experience as a Casting the Net facilitator in our Diocese, they have eagerly accepted my assistance over this.

The Rector and congregation have warmly welcomed me and I am being drawn into involvement in a big way. As well as reading lessons and leading intercessions, I will be preaching, leading services, serving and administering the chalice and also engaging in pastoral visiting. They are certainly doing their best to make me feel part of their community.

I know I will gain a good deal from being at St David's and hope I can give something back in return. David, the Rector, lent me a book entitled *Ministry on the Margins*, an appropriate title for ministering in Pilton. So many of the population of the area feel intensely marginalised – poverty, unemployment, isolation, hopelessness, aimlessness, a sense of darkness – high levels of all of these are present.

## Area Council News

So all types of ministry, especially caring and preaching, need to be geared towards the hope that faith in our Lord can bring. I have been struck by the positive aura of the little church community and yesterday by a visit to a lady with multiple disabilities, who has risen above these to adopt a positive attitude to life. It is a tiny community in a sea of problems, but it radiates hope – and, after all, every little thing that can be done in the name of the Lord, every small act of compassion forms a ripple which can spread outwards into a wider ocean of love.

In Pilton I am strongly reminded of the movement which started in South America, known as Liberation Theology, a movement within the Catholic Church which sees in the Gospel a call to liberate people from political and material oppression. Let us remember that Jesus' ministry on earth was principally to the poor, the marginalised and the oppressed. John's gospel, which I am studying at present, is full of wonderful statements of Jesus' intent, which should be reflected in the ministry of each one of us as he calls us to be his disciples – he is the good shepherd, the Way, the Truth and the Life – and finally, to quote in full – “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

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### One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no-one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

John 12:46

On **Tuesday 15 January** the Area Council met at St Paul's, Kinross and heard a stimulating and thought-provoking presentation by the Rev Thomas Brauer on 'God's Mission, Our Mission, My Mission.' He emphasised that each one of us is the 'body of the church,' having been created as such by our baptism, and that for the church to flourish we need to see ourselves as the key, not the buildings in which we currently worship. Turning the model of church upside down to put all of us as members at the top, leading the way in mission, in spreading the good news, he affirmed his belief that for the church to flourish those called to ordained ministry should regard themselves as servants, being led.

There was a good turnout, including several members of St Paul's, and I was delighted to be able to welcome our new Alternate Lay Rep, Val Leslie.

The next meeting is at St Margaret's, Leven at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 5 March** at which it is hoped to have a speaker on Messy Church – to be confirmed later.

Margaret Dineley,  
Lay Representative and Convenor



Design on the theme “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” by Anne-Lise Hammann Jeannot

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# Casting the Net

an update from Sandra Young, CTN Liaison Officer

This year the Casting the Net (CTN) team have decided to change their approach to disseminating CTN news – instead of a newsletter, they will be producing an article for churches to adapt for inclusion in their magazines.

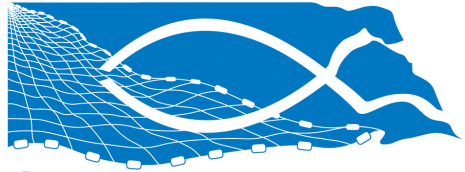
Caroline King (CTN Coordinator) writes:

“Casting the Net continues to evolve and grow in response to the experiences of people and congregations across our diocese. The diocese is currently undergoing some structural changes to better enable delivery of Casting the Net initiatives; more importantly, these changes reflect the central place of prayer, vocation and discipleship in the life of the diocese.

“In 2013 the Diocese is focusing on Mark of Mission 2: *Transformed lives and communities through receiving the Good News of Jesus Christ*. Transformation is about seeing ourselves and our contexts in a new light in response to God’s call to us. In Mark of Mission 2 we create opportunities for people in our congregations and our communities to know about God’s transforming love for them. We do this by supporting them in all aspects of their everyday lives and through sharing the unique value, significance and experience of the Eucharist.

“In 2013, CTN will be building up a team of lay learning facilitators to deliver adult education courses and lay ministry training across the diocese; CTN also continues to offer and develop Mission Action Planning (MAP), which congregations and their rectors have found to be a transformative experience”.

Although we are not officially signed up for the CTN initiative through MAP, both the Vestry and Council decided in 2010 to go forward jointly with our special Rosythy way



## CASTING THE NET

Growing Faith Communities in the Diocese of St. Andrews

of Casting the Net. Unfortunately, our vision of a greater focus with the local community has not yet materialised, mainly due to lack of resources on all sides, but we don’t give up hope for the future! However, we see Sunday@Six, the Wednesday Fellowship, our musical activities and social events coming under the CTN umbrella as part of our outreach, as we welcome others to our midst. We continue to keep in touch with the Diocesan initiatives by attending workshops, roadshows and other gatherings. I am also a member of the CTN Communications Group. The remit of this small group includes being a sounding board for specific communications initiatives as we look to improve ways of sharing the experiences of Casting the Net at churches throughout the Diocese.

### CTN Events

**Bishop’s Lent Roadshow:** The Bishop will lead a conversation on faith, vocation and transformed lives on **Tuesday 12 March**, 7.30pm to 9.00 pm at St Peter’s, Inverkeithing. All are welcome to attend.

**The Gathering:** After two smaller regional events in Autumn 2012 – and a good representation from St Margaret’s attended the one at St Andrews – this year the Gathering returns to St Ninian’s Cathedral, Perth and will focus on Mark of Mission 2. Watch for more details later, but make a note of the date, **Saturday 1 June**, 10.00am to 4.00pm, now.

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