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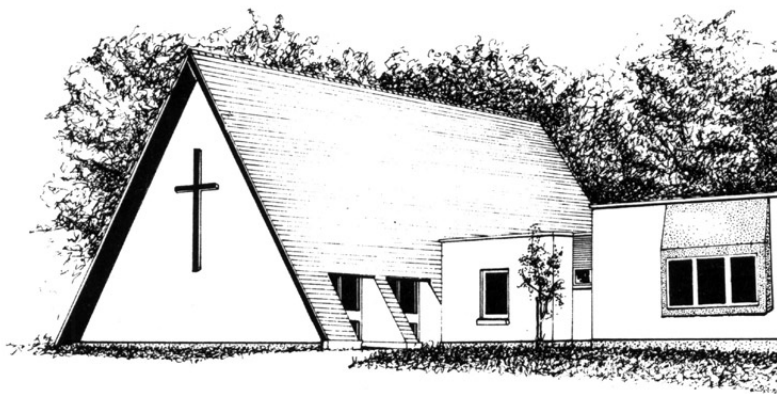
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**our regular pattern of worship**

**Sundays (except 4th)**

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

11.00am Methodist Morning Worship  
(including Sunday School)

**2nd Sundays (during term-time):** for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and “Sunday Funday”

**4th Sundays:** Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm “Sunday@Six”

**where to find us**

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.

# From the Interim Rector

The Very Rev Jim Mein writes

Dear Friends,

We need to look after the things we hold valuable. We know this applies to material objects and to our relationships. We know we can't just pick people or things up when we want them and discard them when we don't. I think the same applies to the Christian Festivals. Before the next issue of Contact, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost will be past. The world no longer organises itself to mark these festivals. Would it matter if they disappear?

I think it would. I believe we need special occasions, special efforts, to mark the things we feel important. We have to give time and thought to our families and friends. We need to care for our health. We have to put effort into our work. We need to look after our possessions or they will crumble and rust. The causes we espouse require commitment if they are to be effective.

The same is true of our Christian faith. Just as evil will triumph if the good remain silent, so life will lose its meaning if no meaning is given to it. We give meaning by preparing, by celebrating, by giving priority to whatever is important to us.

The world needs to believe (or at least I need to believe) that the pain and suffering and oppression we hear and see (and experience) so much of, is not the final word. We must reverse the downward spiral of defeat – the hopelessness, the feeling it's not worth the effort, let me grab what I can for myself – and replace it with an upward striving of hope, commitment and a generosity that will lead to loving and meaningful lives.

The pain is real (Holy Week) but with Easter comes a festival of hope, a belief in the possibility of change, of new life, a victory for truth and beauty. And with Pentecost comes the promise of help and support in this enterprise – God's Spirit.

None of us know what the future holds. It is unlikely we will avoid some pain – but that is not the final word. With a desire to search will come the eyes to see and hearts to feel that love is indeed stronger than hatred – the light will dispel the darkness.

God's blessings be on us all,

Jim Mein

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## Future issues ...

Martin and Myra are taking a sabbatical from Easter Sunday to the end of October so the next Contact in this format will be the December/January issue. In the meantime our plan is for Sandra to publish something simple two or three times to cover the summer and autumn. Please continue to send in material during this time to [editor@rosythmethodist.org.uk](mailto:editor@rosythmethodist.org.uk) or [sandrayoung39@btinternet.com](mailto:sandrayoung39@btinternet.com).

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# Using all our senses

Martin Tarr remembers Holy Week 2013

What would your reaction be if you came into church for a service, and found these items in front of you on the pew? What possible part could they be intended to play in the service?

Well this actually happened last year at Holy Trinity, one evening in Holy Week, in the context of Taizé worship. Those of you familiar with this way of doing things will expect quiet music, with candles and perhaps incense, all elements intended to convey a feeling of peace in preparation for worship. This caters for eyes, ears and nose and, if the service happens to include communion, taste also. But where can our fifth sense, touch, come in play?

After our opening devotions of Taizé chants and prayer, all became clear as we heard the first of four readings, from Luke 22.1–6, on the agreement reached between Judas and the Jewish establishment to betray Christ for 30 pieces of silver, and listened to the meditation that followed. We were then encouraged to hold the coin as we thought and prayed that we would recognise the things that have real worth.

Similarly with Matthew 26.69–75, where the visual aids couldn't (perhaps fortunately!) include the cock that crew. However, as we prayed for our faith to be strong, we were asked to tie a knot in a piece of scarlet wool. And then encouraged to keep the string with us – in pocket, bag or even sock! – to remind us of God's presence.

Our third reading (John 19.2) saw Jesus stripped of dignity and value, and treated with a complete lack of respect. We each ripped off, to take away with us, a small piece of purple cloth, to use to remind ourselves of the suffering Jesus experienced, so that we could remember to treat others fairly and equally.



For our final reading, John 19.12–20, we took up the ultimate Christian symbol, made real by being the empty cross of Easter, the cross of Resurrection.

The meditation reminded us that he takes up our own burdens, carrying us with him and supporting us at each step of life's journey, and we were encouraged to pray for any worries or concerns, and let Jesus carry these for us.

We sang the chant

Nothing can trouble,  
Nothing can frighten,  
Those who seek God,  
Shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble,  
Nothing can frighten,  
God alone, fills us.

... and we prayed

Almighty God, as we contemplate the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

... and each took a cross as a reminder of the Lord's guiding presence in our lives.

Altogether it was a memorable service. Was this because we were challenged to be perhaps more "touchy-feely" than some of us are totally comfortable with?

# Preparing for Easter

Do join us if you can at events this **Holy Week** and prepare to celebrate Easter Day. Those in our church are:

**Wednesday 16 April 2.15pm** Wednesday Fellowship in the Church Lounge  
Holy Week Communion and reflection  
with the Very Rev Jim Mein

**Maundy Thursday 7.30pm** Liturgy of the Last Supper and washing of hands  
led by the Very Rev Jim Mein

There will be a retiring collection for Bishop David's Lent Appeal (see page 16)

**Good Friday** 12noon Meditation led by the Very Rev Jim Mein  
to 1.00pm followed by hot cross buns and tea/coffee  
2.45pm Showing at Rosyth of "The Miracle Maker"  
a film suitable for all ages that tells the story  
of Jesus' life  
This is a Rosyth Churches ecumenical event  
Refreshments will be served afterwards

On **Easter Day** we give thanks to the Risen Lord at:

**9.15am** Festival Eucharist and the blessing of the  
(note the earlier start) Paschal Candle, celebrant and preacher  
the Very Rev Jim Mein  
and at 11.00am Morning Worship led by the  
Rev Geoffrey Baines and Deacon Sarah

For details of services and events elsewhere see the diary on page 17



## Your chance to say it with flowers!

As part of the church's celebration of Easter, we are holding a competition to create an Easter garden. Although there is not a combined service that Sunday (20 April) the competition is open to both congregations, and entries will be on display in the sanctuary.

There are three classes: for under 8 year olds, 8-18 year olds, and adults. Suitable containers could be a biscuit tin lid, a small tray, or a shirt-box lid. It would be helpful if these could be brought to church on the morning of **Saturday 19 April**. So please help to make the church look beautiful at Easter. And get the chance to win a Fairtrade Easter egg!

# Fellowship News

## In our thoughts

We are missing **Erica Lock** in many ways both in the church and community life and our thoughts and prayers are with her as she still struggles with a bad bout of shingles.

We all remember **Mary Dempster** at this difficult time as she comes to terms with the sudden loss of dear Ron and our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and her family.

## Thank you

**Mary**, Jillian, Judith and family thank all who sent cards with such beautiful messages of love about Ron and also for the floral tributes. The collection at Ron's thanksgiving service for Christian Aid amounted to £769.20, which amazed and delighted Mary.

## Belated congratulations



**Mary Rady** celebrated her 90th birthday in December. Many thanks to those who sent birthday and Christmas cards. Also thanks to Sarah and Janet for their visits. She has settled in Henderson House, Dalgety Bay, and is very happy there.

Cath Cusator

**Ed:** Apologies that this was overlooked in our last edition

## Rt Rev Michael Henley CB RIP

We were saddened to learn of the death on 21 March of Bishop Michael, who retired as Bishop of St Andrews in 2004. Bishop Michael or "Mike" as he was affectionately known to St Margaret's congregation when we worshipped at the Naval Base Church, was our Chaplain there on two separate occasions in the 80s. He went on to higher places, serving as Chaplain of the Fleet and Archdeacon of the Royal Navy and finally as Director-General of the Royal Naval Chaplaincy Services. In 1991 he was appointed a Commander of the Bath to mark his years of naval service. When he retired in 1993, he returned to Scotland to work as Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity, Pitlochry, before being consecrated Bishop of St Andrews in March 1995.

Michael retained his affection for St Margaret's, and although he had to make the difficult decision not to take over the church as part of his Diocese when the Naval Base closed, he welcomed us into the SEC when we started to worship here in 1996. Just before he retired, we held a service of thanksgiving in the church for his Episcopal Ministry. In 2009, he was delighted to be invited to preach at our 40th Anniversary Service, when he thanked us "for being the people of St Margaret's, for keeping the faith and in doing so being faithful".

His funeral was private and there will be a service of thanksgiving in Perth Cathedral at a later date.

You will find a personal appreciation of his life by our former rector, David Campbell, on page 30

# Ron Dempster

A tribute from Dennis Cook

Ron was a good friend to me and to everyone he associated with.

He was born and brought up in Broughty Ferry and after he left school he joined a company in Dundee working in accounts.

Thereafter, he worked in finance in a number of concerns throughout Scotland, finally in Edinburgh. As a result he was extremely competent with numbers: a talent we all benefited from in the Church and associated organisations.

Ron was a member of the Finance Committee for endless years. He spent a full stint as Church Treasurer at a very difficult time in Church finance. As always, with Ron, he sorted it all out and made his presentation of the figures understandable to everyone. With his ability with figures he carried out endless audits for all sorts of organisations both inside and outside the Church. Once when I had been Treasurer of an organisation and this job had been passed on to someone else, he discovered a small amount of money which I had not accounted for properly, and he decided it should be written off. It was put into the accounts as "Dennis's folly".

With his finance hat on he spent a period as Finance Committee Secretary. Apart from all this work he was on the Church Council for more years than he could remember.



In a different vein, my late wife, Jean, and I were invited to go to London with Ron and Mary to a Welsh concert and to see something of London. They considered that I knew London a bit!

After a very good concert, the following day we went to church and walked through Horse Guards Parade to Trafalgar Square.

At this point we decided tea was required and we went into a Waterstone's and found tea. At the time Mary, Jean and Mary's friend from Tain, were doing the crossword which was on the back page of the Saturday Telegraph. Ron and I were delegated to run around Waterstone's to seek books and find the answers. I am not sure how successful we were, but we were worn out.

Ron was a good Christian gentleman and took his Christianity very, very seriously; he was a good friend to many and always tried to help anyone. He was a good servant to the Church and quite a pillar of society.

Ron will be greatly missed and I consider it a privilege to have had him as a friend.

# Invitations and requests

## Orchardhead House Care Home Services

We are hoping to put together a rota of people who would be willing to lead worship at Orchardhead. Services take place on the second Sunday of each month, with July and August being covered by St Margaret's, and the Methodists covering September to June. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Deacon Sarah.

## RMC Film Club

It has been decided to change the format of the Film Club to make it more attractive for all ages. Instead of always showing family films we will now be showing a variety to suit different age groups and we will on occasion also be having discussions after some of the films.

On Good Friday, as part of our Holy Week services, we will be showing "The Miracle Maker" which tells the story of Jesus' life. This will be shown on **Friday 18 April** at 2.45pm and is suitable for all ages.

Then at our Sunday@Six on **25 May** we will be showing "The stones cry out" which tells the story of the Palestinian Christians. This will be followed by a short discussion over tea and coffee.

## Church family BBQ

**Sunday 22 June** at Silver Sands, Aberdour from 2pm. Adults £3; children £2.

Always a good afternoon with lots of fun, and we might even see the sun this year!

## The Gathering 2014

This year's Gathering will be held at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on **Saturday 31 May** from 10am to 4pm and will focus on Mark of Mission 1: "Worship that Renews and Inspires". An interesting and varied programme of workshop topics has been arranged:

- Communicating the Gospel in Drama
- Using visual arts in worship
- Photography in worship
- Celtic Art
- Planning and leading a Taizé service
- New hymns
- Leading Intercessions
- Messy church
- Doing worship differently

...and more!

ALL are welcome, from both churches, and those of us who have been to previous Gatherings have enjoyed the fellowship, shared stories and learned something new. This year's programme has topics of interest to many of us so please keep the date and try to attend if you can. You won't be disappointed!

Booking forms will be available from the end of April from Sandra Young or on the Diocesan website ([www.standrews.anglican.org](http://www.standrews.anglican.org)).



# Invitations and requests

## Books wanted

We are holding another books sale in aid of church funds (split between both churches) on **Saturday 7 June** from 10am to 12noon. We have started collecting books - all kinds accepted, but please they must be in good condition and without your name inside. We were complimented at the last book sale on the state of the books, and it does help to sell them! There is a box in the Crush Hall where you can put books for sale so please start bringing them now and ask your friends too for their unwanted books.

We also look forward to seeing you on 7 June when you can buy your summer reading!

## Enjoy a Cream Tea ...

... on **Saturday 21 June** between 3pm to 5pm and help the work of Action for Children as well as enjoying the excellent hospitality of John and Jean Hall at 6 The Willows, Cairneyhill.

Tickets are £4 which you can get from Jean, Katie Cameron or Gwyneth Kirby. Jean is grateful for your continued support for AfC and looks forward to seeing you.

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## One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

"I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25

## Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday is a day set aside for churches to remember the brave and dedicated seafarers and to celebrate their work by holding special services, fundraising events or ship blessings. It also helps to raise vital funds to enable the Mission to continue assisting seafarers when they need help most.

Life at sea can be dangerous and lonely. The work of a seafarer is one of the most difficult and challenging jobs in the world today, away from family and friends for months or even years at a time. Seafaring can be a tough, isolated and hazardous career.

The Mission to Seafarers supports seafarers in need in over 260 ports in 71 countries around the world, through its global network of chaplains and volunteers who offer a warm welcome, practical and financial support, advocacy services, access to legal advice and family liaison.

Mission to Seafarers centres offer a 'home away from home', providing a range of facilities including telephone and email services to enable seafarers to contact loved ones, the opportunity to relax away from their ship, and the chance to seek counselling and spiritual support.

With our former naval connections, we at St Margaret's celebrate Sea Sunday every year. We are delighted that the Rev Tim Tunley, Chaplain of Scottish Ports, Mission to Seafarers, will be our celebrant and preacher on **Sunday 29 June**, which we will keep as Sea Sunday.

Adrian Masson has become a "ship's visitor" for ships visiting the Port of Rosyth. If you would like to hear more about Adrian's role, you are welcome to attend the Wednesday Fellowship at 2.15pm on **14 May**.

# Working together

## Christian Aid News

Thank you to all who supported the two recent events. The “Souper Soup” lunch, with a choice of tasty home-made soups and dessert raised £160. On 26 March, the Daffodil Tea which brought together folks who enjoyed having a good chat with their friends, made £203.

The next event on **Thursday 15 May** will be the very popular annual Concert by some of the Primary Schools in Rosyth. This has been a sell out each year. It is a ticketed event – you can’t turn up at the door on the night – so you are advised to get your tickets as soon as they become available. Watch the weekly notices for details.

During Christian Aid Week (11–17 May) the Parish Church will hold their annual lunch with proceeds going to Christian Aid.

### Volunteer needed!

We are still looking for someone to be the representative on the Rosyth Christian Aid Committee as Mary Dempster, who has done the job for many years, wishes to retire. So far, no one from either church has offered to take on this role. Please think about it and volunteer to enable us to continue to have a voice on the local committee.

## Traidcraft

Until November there won’t be a regular stall after the joint services, but you can still get Traidcraft products by contacting Myra direct (details on page 35)

Traidcraft have introduced the UK’s first ever fair trade household cleaning range. When you choose “Clean & Fair”, you’re investing in the future of fair trade palm and coconut oil. A future that will transform communities in Ghana and rural India. More details at <http://tinyurl.com/nhmvdzx>.

## Rosyth Foodbank

The Foodbank is quite busy now, especially on Fridays.

Dunfermline Foodbank has opened a Distribution Centre, manned by volunteers from Fife Rotary Club who use their own van to distribute food to all the Foodbanks in the local area. Food may be donated direct to the Distribution Centre in Dickson Street (Elgin Industrial Estate), or handed in at the Parish Church, Rosyth – the times are shown on the Notice Boards. If you prefer, we have a large box in the Crush Hall to hold your gifts, and we are very grateful to Dave and Mandy Ward who take the contributions to the Parish Church weekly on our behalf.

Rosyth Foodbank is always looking for donations and the current priority list is: tinned fruit, long life semi skimmed milk, cereals (for children), tinned vegetables, shopping bags, steam puddings.

Both congregations have been very generous in the past and we thank you for your contributions. Please keep them coming to support this much needed resource.

Volunteers are urgently required to assist in various jobs at the Foodbank. Anyone who can give a little time to help would be most welcome. Please talk to Mary Dempster or Erica Lock.



“Working together” at our February Sunday@Six: see page 29

## Wednesday Fellowship

We were all shocked and saddened at the untimely passing of Ron Dempster, one of our most respected and faithful members. Since early February we have enjoyed a varied and interesting programme, welcoming a guest speaker on most Wednesdays, apart from our Games Afternoon, always popular and our Daffodil Tea on 2 April, which, at the time of writing, had made over £92 for church funds. All the talks have been excellent and well-presented. We reminisced again on old Dunfermline with a firm favourite, Jack Pryde, and we heard about the work of the International Rescue Corps. Richard Lloyd from Dalgety Bay, had us all moved when he explained some of the work done by "Mary's Meals" and showed us a poignant DVD about their Backpack Project for schools. The joy on the faces of the children in Malawi on receiving their backpack was wonderful to see! Olive Lee's talk about her hometown of Enniskillen in County Fermanagh had us spellbound. Sandra explained some Lent traditions and their origins and Evelyn Kenny told us about her latest visit to her family in Jaffa, Israel, and shared with us a summary of the sermon given by Canon Andrew White, the "Vicar of Bagdad" who was visiting Jaffa at the same time.

We are grateful to the Very Rev Jim Mein, who will take our Holy Week Communion service. Do come if you can, even if you're not one of our regulars.

We still have some interesting topics to hear about – the Mission to Seafarers, and Waverley Care, Edinburgh. Another firm favourite, Bill Tulloch, will present an afternoon with Mary Kidd entitled "... and the moral of the story is ..." Come along to find out! Mary has set a quiz for St George's Day and we can be sure of friendly rivalry between the teams for the prize of a tube of smarties! Our popular end of session lunch at the Elgin Hotel and finally our AGM on 28 May will round off an interesting year.

This year our numbers have grown, and we have at least 24 people – both men and women – from all the churches in Rosyth each week. We see Wednesday Fellowship as part of our outreach in the community, so are encouraged by the support we get. But there is still room if you would like to come, and everyone is made most welcome, whether you plan to come regularly or only occasionally, when our topic particularly appeals to you.

Sandra Young

### Spring Programme 2014

April	16th	Holy Week Communion	Very Rev Jim Mein
	23rd	A Quiz for St George's Day	
	30th	"...and the moral of the story is..."	Mary Kidd & Bill Tulloch
May	7th	Guest Speaker	Rev Marion Chatterley
	14th	Mission to Seafarers	Adrian Masson
	21st	Lunch at The Elgin Hotel, Charlestown	
	28th	AGM, Tea, and Close of Session	

**Autumn Session begins on September 3rd**

# Scout Group Weekend at Dalguise

Martin Rogers reports ...



Over the weekend 21/23 March our Scout Group held a group camp at the PGL centre at Dalguise. A total of 52 Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders attended for the weekend with 16 Beavers and leaders visiting on the Saturday. We travelled to the centre by coach, arriving in the rain and dark. However we fairly quickly found our way to our accommodation for the weekend which was a large hut named Ben Lawers. The hut was divided into small dormitories sleeping six in bunk beds and with a separate shower and toilet per dormitory. The leaders were in twin-bedded rooms. The kitchen was still open when we arrived so we were able to sit down to a hot meal.

Those staying for the weekend were split into four groups with the cubs and younger scouts in two groups and the older scouts and explorers in another two. It was a packed programme for the weekend. Meals in the dining room were served on a rota basis and we had to be there at 7.20 each morning for breakfast. This wasn't a problem on the first morning but was more of a struggle on the second morning as the lack of sleep took its toll. Activities ran from 9am to 12noon and 2pm to 5pm, with another activity on the Saturday evening. All of the groups tried fencing, rifle shooting and giant swing,

and other activities included team games, canoes, vertical challenge, challenge course, problem solving, catwalk, sequoia scramble, abseiling, quad bikes and climbing. The Beavers had their own programme which included the challenge course, quad bikes, survival and nature trail. The Beavers travelled to and from the centre by minibus and on returning back to Rosyth had a sleepover in the headquarters of the 41st Scouts in Woodside Avenue.

The weather was reasonable, although it was cold at times and we had some snow flurries. PGL offered special rates for the weekend and we were able to subsidise these further by means of grants from the Cashback for Communities Fund and the Christie Trust. The Christie Trust is a fund administered by our church for the benefit of the Scouts and Guide groups sponsored by the church. The camp gave an opportunity for the various sections of our Group to get to know each other a bit better. The children and young people had opportunities to try activities some of which were new to them. The leaders had a more relaxed weekend than normal, not having to look out camping equipment, buy food and organise activities. So, all in all, an enjoyable weekend was had by all.

# The significance of numbers

The all-age talk given by Very Rev Jim Mein  
at our joint Communion Service on 23 March

A load of questions for you:

- How long was Jesus in the wilderness being tempted?
- How long were the Israelites in the wilderness between leaving Egypt and settling in the holy land?
- How many days did the flood last with Noah in his ark?
- How many days did Moses spend on the mountain getting the 10 commandments?
- How old was Issac when he married Rebecca?
- How old was Esau when he married?
- How long was Eli, Samuel's teacher a judge over Israel?
- How long was Saul king for?
- How long was David king for?
- How long was Solomon king for?
- How long did Elijah fast on Mount Horeb?
- How long did the people of Nineveh fast when Jonah went to them?

**Ed:** the congregation *eventually* caught on to the fact that their responses always included the same number!

OK. Now of course I don't think all of these are accurate. If you said to the author of the Book of Samuel: "Actually I think David ruled for 42 years" he would tell you this is quite irrelevant. '40' means it was significant, important – usually pointing to it being a fairly long time, long enough to be significant.

But before leaving this let's do a bit of serious mental arithmetic:

I want to know how many days there are between the 5th of March and the 20th April. March has 31 days so 31 would get

us to the 5th April, and there to the 20th is another 15. Now 31 plus 15 is 46. Oh dear – but remember that: 46.

Let's try another. How many days from the 20th April to the 29th May. Well April has 30 days so 30 gets us to the 20th May, plus 9 is 29. Oh dear.

One more – this one is in hours. How long from 3pm on Friday to 6am on Sunday. Well to 3pm Saturday would be 24, and then to 3am Sunday morning would be another 12 – 36 and then on to 6am another 3 – 39.

**Ed:** the congregation struggled with the mental arithmetic, but some got it right. And some even identified the correct answers to the questions that followed!

OK, first who knows why I chose those dates and times?

5th March to 20th April?

Ash Wednesday to Easter Day

20th April to 29th May?

Easter Day to Ascension Day

3pm Friday to 6am Sunday?

Death to Resurrection

Well, the 2nd and 3rd of those came to 39. The Jews counted differently from us. We would say Tuesday to Wednesday was one day – they would say it was two. The obvious example is at Easter. If Jesus died on Good Friday and rose on Easter day how many days was he in the tomb? two or three? So we would say 39, they would say 40 – they count the day at both ends. That takes care of Easter to Ascension and Jesus in the tomb – in their terms 40.

But what about Ash Wednesday to Easter – we got to 46. Well have a guess at how many Sundays there are in Lent – 7 if you count Easter Day.

# Making time significant

More thoughts shared by the Very Rev Jim Mein at our joint Communion Service  
Our readings on 23 March were Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

[What we said about numbers – page 13] is a bit of fun – though I think it does say something about how we should treat the Bible – its meaning is often poetic, symbolic; it conveys ideas rather than literal facts – all these 40's are important - they point to significant times.

Now I want to talk about *chronos* and *kairos* – wow, that's going to be interesting! Actually they are the two Greek words that are both translated as 'time' in the N.T. - but they mean different things. *Chronos* is just time – minutes and hours. We can measure it, we know where we are with it. We divide it up – most obviously into days, the time it takes the earth to spin round, the two halves of light and darkness. And since ancient times in periods of 7 days – the 7th being a day of rest, though Christians changed this to the 1st as their celebration of resurrection. And of course the year with its cycle of growth and decay. The Churches use all these cycles; daily prayer, weekly worship together and the annual cycle of the Church seasons. The trouble is that they can become repetitive – rather like the click of the second hand or the regular striking of the hours. *Chronos* marches on, unaffected by all around it.

So what of *kairos*? *Kairos* is a special moment. An example that has stayed with me for many years was the publication of a booklet called "The Kairos document". Produced in South Africa, I think in the year before Nelson Mandela was released from prison. It's theme was that NOW is the time, this is THE moment – significant, not to be missed. After many years of struggle, all the arguments, the gains and the losses, the time had come. You could not longer sit on the fence: you had to decide; you were for apartheid or against it. I do think that there are moments like that for whole societies.

I think there was a time when nice, good people could still be slave masters – kind ones. Paul believed this in his letter to Philemon. But a time came when slavery was no longer a moral option. We have been through a similar process more recently with the role of women in society and in the Church. I'll refrain from mentioning an area I mention often in which I believe we are just about at the crunch point today - but say instead that it's possible that in the not too distant future it may be impossible for us to be neutral (as I confess I am at the moment) about the way we treat animals.

In our first reading this morning the Israelites came to a *kairos* moment. After the euphoria of escape from Egypt the realities of that long trek north began to take its toll. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us in the desert" they wailed. And Moses did not know what to do. It was a moment when all could be disaster. But his faith held, water was found, the people went on.

It was certainly a *kairos* moment for the woman at the well in our Gospel. More personal but life changing for her. She would look back on that moment for the rest of her life.

We could say that Scotland is facing a *kairos* moment in the Independence debate. Or that both our congregations are, as new ministry plans have been made by the Methodists, and the Episcopalians are hoping for a new appointment as well.

Of course there are things happening all the time – there is nothing scientifically exact about these moments. In one sense you can say that every moment is a *kairos* moment – you decide to have an egg for breakfast, or to wear your red coat rather than the blue one – and who knows what follows.

The delay for cooking the egg means that you miss your train which crashes; wearing that coat attracts your future partner. But we can't live at that sort of intensity all the time. We need, as the Church does, 'ordinary time'. Time when we just continue the daily round, ordinary *chronos* time. It's not bad, sometimes indeed quite good, and years roll by.

But if ordinary time is all we ever expect we shall miss much of the joy of living and, more important, it is hard for God's spirit to be heard. Lent, these 40 days, is a time when we are invited to look a bit harder for those *kairos* moments. I'm not a great expert on prayer – probably amongst the least expert you'll find in a dog collar – but I suspect that prayer is essentially seeking *kairos* moments. What is happening in the world around me and what is happening inside me? Are there things I should be noticing, things I should be doing? What is significant in the happenings of this moment that I don't even notice because I'm too busy just keeping the many balls of daily life from hitting the floor?

It does seem to me that we are so busy, life is so full, that we are in serious danger of not being open for the *kairos* moments. Our 24/7 lives churn on. Sunday is as full with work or shopping or sports as any other day. The nights are lit almost as brightly by our electricity as the sun manages at noon. Of course we don't need to be bound by special times – any thought you have in Lent could equally come in August. You don't need to set aside 40 days, hours, or minutes – though I read somewhere about what seems a simple discipline - taking just 5 minutes a day, with 10 on Sundays, being absolutely still, or as still as you can be, and thinking about your life and what is happening in it. That can be quite a good thing – of yes, that's six fives plus 10 - -

40 is not magic, but it can be an image, a sort of trigger, a reminder that for special things to happen – or for the special things that do happen to be recognised, there needs to be a time of preparing, being ready, and open. Special times, special moments need celebrating. If Easter is to be a *kairos* moment rather than simply a day on the *chronos* calendar, we probably need to prepare for it – 40 days, 40 hours, 40 minutes it doesn't matter, but make a time significant.

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## A significant time!

We are fortunate and privileged to have Jim as our Interim Rector and we very much appreciate his inspiring ministry on Sundays and the time he spends with us, especially as he has been officially retired from parish work for 10 years!

Jim has been with us since 6 February 2013, which he says is the longest time he has spent in an Interregnum. It looks as if he will be here for a little while longer as the latest round of advertising for a Rector has not yet produced any applications. Naturally we are disappointed with this news, but we continue to hope and pray that the right person will soon be called to lead us forward in our ministry. In the meantime our grateful and continued thanks to Jim.

Sandra Young  
7 April 2014

## Finance corner

### Giving to others

St Margaret's Vestry decided at its meeting on 5 March to give to the following charitable causes this year: Waverley Care, Simon Community, Brambles Playgroup, Alzheimers Scotland and Christian Aid. We won't be making any donations until September, when we know how much our tithed income will produce. So, if you have any other suggestions we should consider, please let Alan or Sandra know.

### Bishop's Lent Appeal 2014

This year, Bishop David has decided to support Scottish causes, having targeted overseas charities for several years, including a splendid response last year in support of Street Children in Calcutta and a school in Kampala.

So this year, we have Sense Scotland ([www.sensescotland.org.uk](http://www.sensescotland.org.uk)), a relatively new charity providing crucial care to some of the most profoundly-disabled children and adults in Scotland and Artlink Central ([www.artlinkcentral.org](http://www.artlinkcentral.org)), providing opportunities for people with mental health problems and learning disabilities to engage with art, music and drama. Artlink also works in Cornton Vale Prison, where it helps young offenders with mental health problems. Both of these causes are areas in which the Diocese has been involved in various ways, so it seems appropriate to offer financial support.

Our collection this year will be at the services on both **Palm Sunday** and **Maundy Thursday**, thereby giving everyone an opportunity to contribute. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

### Anniversary Gift Appeal

Just a word of thanks to all groups and individuals who contributed to the Methodist Church anniversary gift appeal. A total of £3,812 was received.

Dave Ward

### Singing for charity

Val, Dorissia, Myra and Martin from the choir, and Sandra and her brother Ian, were among 400 singers who took part in a 'Come and Sing' afternoon rehearsal of Fauré's *Requiem*, followed by a concert performance in the evening of 1 March at St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh in aid of Waverley Care Edinburgh's 25th anniversary year. It was a great experience to join with other singers, many from choirs all over Scotland, and we look forward to further opportunities in future. We hear John Rutter will be rehearsing and conducting his *Requiem* towards the end of October in Glasgow, but details are not yet available.

We are pleased that Waverley Care will be one of St Margaret's nominated charities for 2014 (see first column). Also, the Rev Marion Chatterley, Chaplain, Waverley Care is coming to talk to the Wednesday Fellowship. So if you want to hear about the work of the charity you are welcome to join us on **7 May** at 2.15pm.



More singing at our February Sunday@Six: see page 29



# Diary for April 2014

## Holy Week

## Sunday 13 April

Palm Sunday	9.00am	Sunday 'Sunday' and Breakfast
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist with distribution of palms Very Rev Jim Mein Retiring collection for Bishop David's Lent Appeal
	11.00am	Morning Worship with distribution of palms Rev Andrew Letby and Deacon Sarah McDowall
	3.00pm	Service at Orchardhead House
Monday 14 Apr	7.30pm	Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline, with their Wives' Group
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent Study Group at St Columba's Church Torridon Lane. Study based on the BBC DVD <i>The Passion</i> .
Tuesday 15 Apr	7.30pm	Lent Bible Study@the manse
	to 9.30pm	subject "Build on the rock; Faith, Doubt and Jesus".
	7.30pm	Taizé worship at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
Wednesday 16 Apr	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship: Holy Week Communion with the Very Rev Jim Mein
	7.30pm	Meditation led by the Very Rev Jim Mein at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
Maundy Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
	7.30pm	Liturgy of the Last Supper and washing of hands at Rosyth. All welcome to attend from both congregations Retiring collection for Bishop David's Lent Appeal
Good Friday	12noon	Meditation at Rosyth
	to 1.00pm	led by the Very Rev Jim Mein
	2.00pm	Meditation led by the Very Rev Jim Mein
	to 3.00pm	at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
	2.45pm	Showing at Rosyth of "The Miracle Maker" (suitable for all ages) which tells the story of Jesus' life. This is a Rosyth Churches ecumenical event
Holy Saturday	2.00pm	The Edinburgh Passion – an Easter Play production West Princes Street Gardens. Free and non-ticketed performance (see page 32 for details)
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil with renewal of baptismal vows at Holy Trinity Dunfermline

# Diary for April/May 2014

## Sunday 20 April

Easter Day	9.15am	Festival Eucharist and blessing of the Paschal Candle Very Rev Jim Mein
	11.00am	Morning Worship Rev Geoffrey Baines Deacon Sarah McDowall
Monday 21 Apr	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent Study Group at St Columba's Church Torridon Lane. Study based on the BBC DVD <i>The Passion</i> .
Tuesday 22 Apr	10.00am	EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns
Wednesday 23 Apr	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship: A quiz for St George's Day
Friday 25 Apr	7.00pm	Choir practice Ministerial Synod at Clydebank Methodist Church
Saturday 26 Apr		Methodist Representative Synod at Pollokshaws
	9.30am	Diocesan Men's Pilgrimage from Elie to Anstruther contact Adrian Neville (01383 417509) or <a href="mailto:adrian@1st-architects.com">adrian@1st-architects.com</a> for further details

## Sunday 27 April

Easter 2	11.00am	Joint Communion Service Rev David Easton, Chair of Scotland District Synod
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**Note:** No Sunday@Six

Monday 28 Apr to  
Saturday 3 May

Rosyth Garden City Association annual exhibition  
in the Parish Church: Theme “Rosyth in the Great War”

Tuesday 29 Apr 7.30pm Joint Council/Vestry meeting in Church Lounge

Wednesday 30 Apr 9.30am Day Conference at New College: Understanding Scottish  
to 4.00pm Identity. (see page 32 for details)

2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Mary Kidd and Bill Tulloch  
 "...and the moral of the story is..."

Friday 2 May            7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 4 May

Easter 3                      9.30am Sung Eucharist                      Rev Ross Kennedy

11.00am Morning Worship Mrs Lou Davis

8pm City Praise 2014 in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh  
(see page 32 for details)

Monday 5 May      7.30pm Ecumenical Study Group St Columba's

Tuesday 6 May      10.00am    EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

# Diary for May 2014

Wednesday 7 May    2.15pm    Wednesday Fellowship: Guest Speaker  
Rev Marion Chatterley – Waverley Care, Edinburgh

Friday 9 May            7.00pm    International Feast at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline  
for 7.30pm    Tickets from Dorissia Forsyth (07854 615176)  
(see the invitation on page 28)

## Sunday 11 May

Easter 4                    9.00am    Breakfast and “Sunday Funday”  
                                  9.30am    Sung Eucharist                                    Very Rev Jim Mein  
                                  11.00am    Morning Worship                                Rev Geoffrey Baines  
                                  3.00pm    Service at Orchardhead House

Sunday 11 May to  
Saturday 17 May                    Christian Aid Week

Tuesday 13 May           7.30pm    Woodmill Singers Summer Concert, Carnegie Hall  
(see page 29 for details)  
                                  7.30pm    Local preachers and worship leaders meeting at CEMC,  
Nicolson Square, Edinburgh

Wednesday 14 May    2.15pm    Wednesday Fellowship:  
Adrian Masson – Mission to Seafarers

Thursday 15 May        7.00pm    Rosyth Schools Children’s Annual Concert for  
Christian Aid in the Parish Church  
(see page 10 for details)

Friday 16 May            7.00pm    Choir practice

Saturday 17 May        9.30am    Diocesan Men’s Pilgrimage from Anstruther to  
Kingsbarns contact Adrian Neville (01383 417509)  
or adrian@1st-architects.com for further details

## Sunday 18 May

Easter 5                    9.30am    Sung Eucharist                                    Very Rev Jim Mein  
                                  11.00am    Morning Worship                                Dr Deidre Homer  
   Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)  
                                  1.00pm    “Heart and Soul” 2014 Church of Scotland celebration of  
to 6pm    the whole church in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh  
(see page 32)

Tuesday 20 May        10.00am    EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd’s house at Limekilns  
                                  6.30pm    St Margaret’s Vestry meeting in Room 3

# Diary for May/June 2014

Wednesday 21 May 12.30pm Wednesday Fellowship Lunch at the Elgin Hotel

Thursday 22 May 7.30pm St Andrews West Area Council Meeting  
Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Friday 23 May 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 24 May tba Open Day at CEMC Nicolson Square, Edinburgh  
(see page 23 for details)

## Sunday 25 May

Easter 6 11.00am Joint Communion Service Very Rev Jim Mein

11.00am Circuit Service for Aldersgate Sunday at CEMC,  
Nicolson Square, Edinburgh (see page 23 for details)

6.00pm Sunday@Six "The stones cry out" a DVD and  
discussion about the Palestinian Christians led by  
Deacon Sarah McDowall and Evelyn Kenny

Wednesday 28 May 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship  
AGM, Tea and Close of Session

**Note:** Meetings resume on Wednesday 3 September

Thursday 29 May 7.30pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day Very Rev Jim Mein

Thursday 29 May to 7.30pm Kingdom Singers Annual Concert  
Saturday 31 May Carnegie Hall Annexe (see page 29 for details)

Saturday 31 May 10.00am CTN Gathering St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth  
to 4.00pm Theme: "Worship that Renews and Inspires"  
(see page 8 for details)

## Sunday 1 June

Easter 7 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein

11.00am Morning Worship

Monday 2 Jun 7.30pm Ecumenical Study Group, St Columba's, Torridon Lane

Tuesday 3Jun 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Friday 6 Jun 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 7 Jun 10.00am Book sale in Church Hall  
to 12noon

7.30pm Scottish Chamber Choir "Into the Light" in Canongate  
Kirk, Edinburgh (see page 29 for details)

# Diary for June/July 2014

## Sunday 8 June

The Day of Pentecost 9.00am Sunday Funday and Breakfast

9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Bob Gould

11.00am Morning Worship

3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

Monday 9 Jun 7.00pm Property Committee in Church Vestry

Friday 13 Jun 7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 15 June

Trinity Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Ross Kennedy

11.00am Morning Worship

Tuesday 17 Jun 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Thursday 19 Jun 7.30pm Dunfermline Choral Union Summer Concert,  
Vine Church, Dunfermline (see page 29 for details)

Friday 20 Jun 7.00pm Choir practice

**Note:** There will be no regular practices during the summer break.

Saturday 21 Jun 9.30am Diocesan Men's Pilgrimage from Kingsbarns to  
St Andrews. Contact Adrian Neville (01383 417509)  
or [adrian@1st-architects.com](mailto:adrian@1st-architects.com) for further details

3.00pm Cream Tea at 6 The Willows, Cairneyhill in aid of Action  
for Children. Tickets £4 from Jean Hall, Katie Cameron or  
Gwyneth Kirby (see page 9 for details)

## Sunday 22 June

Pentecost 2 11.00am Joint Communion Service Methodist-led

2.00pm Family Afternoon at Silver Sands, Aberdour.  
onwards Bring your own drinks, seats, games, etc.  
£3 for adults; £2 for children

Friday 28 Jun 7.00pm St Andrews West Area Council Annual BBQ  
Warroch House, Dalqueish, near Kinross, home of  
Nan Kennedy

## Sunday 29 June

Sea Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Tim Tunley,  
Scottish Chaplain to Mission to Seafarers

11.00am Morning Worship

Tuesday 1 Jul 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

## Our guest preacher

On 27 April, the preacher at our Joint Communion Service will be Rev David Easton, the recently-appointed Chair of Scotland District Synod. By way of introduction, we reprint below his article from the Autumn 2013 edition of “Scottish Methodists Together”.

As I begin my time as Chair of the Methodist Church in Scotland, I am grateful for this opportunity to introduce myself. But first I would like to thank you for the warmth of your welcome as I have returned to Scotland; it has felt very much like a homecoming.



I was born in a tiny hamlet near the surfing resort of Perranporth in Cornwall. As a child I attended our small local Methodist Church with my parents and elder brother. Leaving school I trained to be a teacher, returning to Cornwall to teach for four years in a primary school. Gradually I felt a call to be a minister – something which I resisted at first, until I thought I ought to ‘try the doors’ to see if they would open. After being accepted, I undertook my initial training at Wesley House in Cambridge. My first appointment as a probationer was in the, then, Motherwell and Wishaw Circuit. It was during this period that I fell in love with Scotland and have retained an affection for its people and places ever since.

Unable to stay in Scotland after my first appointment, I returned to Cornwall where I served in North Cornwall at Tintagel and Boscastle and then as superintendent in Falmouth and later the Isles of Scilly. For the past four years I have been in Ceredigion in west Wales. All of these appointments have, of course, brought their opportunities and challenges: for example the work with the BBC 2 series An Island Parish on Scilly and the need to learn Welsh and work within both the English and Welsh-language Methodist Synods across Wales. During my time on the islands I did my theology

PhD, which was on the history of Methodist reunion.

The bright-eyed among you will have noticed that I have spent most of my ministry working in what some would call the Celtic fringe – although I don’t know that anyone would describe Lanarkshire in those terms! But it is true that I have worked in

areas ‘on the edge’. Whether this has been a good or bad thing I will leave you to judge, but it has meant, at least, that I realise that there is life beyond the M25.

We live in challenging times for the Church, although I suspect that people in my position have been saying something similar since its earliest days. You will hear more of this in my preaching, but I believe that we live at the interface between what the theologian Hans Küng calls the ‘already and not yet’. We already have the certainties of our faith: Christ has died and risen; the Spirit is already among us; already we are caught up in the eternal. And yet, and yet, we are still on that pilgrimage to what John Wesley called Christian Holiness and Perfection. This demands of us that we explore with honesty and integrity what it means to be Christian disciples in our communities and nation and in the wider world, as well as cultivating the fruits of the Spirit within our own lives and Christian communities. It also demands of us that we take seriously the need to engage with the societies in which we live. All this raises big questions and challenges and I look forward very much to exploring them with you.

With my prayers and best wishes for all that we will learn and share together,

David

# From the Superintendent's Desk

Rev Andrew Lethby writes ...

Dear friends

## **'Don't get stuck!'**

This seems to be a theme found throughout the Bible. The history of the Hebrew people as recorded in scripture often describes them getting stuck. Stuck in routine and ritual, stuck in particular places or stuck in the belief that God could be contained in one place. Significantly when we read about moments of light and hope in that epic story, they come when the people are forced to change or when they gain the courage to change and move on of their volition.

In recent times we have witnessed several congregations around the Circuit, 'unsticking' in some way or another. Granton United moved twice on the journey to a new home, Livingston have changed the pattern of building use on a Sunday, Kirkcaldy are close to completing the transformation of a traditional, run-down building into a place fit to welcome the local community. None of this has been easy, but in each place the green shoots of new life and hope are becoming evident.

Perhaps the biggest project which has taken several years, has been to transform the life of the Methodist Community in the centre of Edinburgh. This has included the long and sometimes painful process of bringing four worshipping communities together, creating a new identity. This also entailed a heartfelt search for a physical base and then the long, complex, often frustrating experience of refurbishing the Nicolson Square site. The sheer scale of this undertaking has often felt daunting. There have been moments of hurt and despair, as well as many times of joy and celebration. There were times when it

looked like the whole undertaking would fail, yet we now see a Christian community which is flourishing and growing, settling into a mission base fit for the current age. Along with outreach in association with YMCA Edinburgh based in the Leith Acorn Centre, the congregation is now seeking to discern the next steps in the journey. Many, many people have given sacrificially of their time and energy, have dealt with loss and heartache, but through it God has sustained and encouraged. This is a community which was willing to be 'unstuck' and must surely be an example to all. Trying to preserve things as they are will lead to us withering and dying. Perhaps our motto should be: "Let go and let God ..."

At the end of May CEMC will celebrate with a weekend of special events coinciding with our Methodist equivalent to a 'Patronal Festival' – Aldersgate Sunday! There will be an 'open day' on Saturday 24 May giving an opportunity to see the new facilities and enjoy a series of exhibitions, presentations and musical interludes. On Sunday 25 May, a morning service for the whole Circuit will give us opportunity to offer our hymns and prayers of thanksgiving. To allow as many people as possible, including all our ministers and preachers, the opportunity to share in this event there are fewer 'planned' services across the Circuit. Local societies can of course make their own arrangements for those unable to travel to Edinburgh. However I really do hope as many people as possible will join in the service (and stay for lunch afterwards). Full details will follow soon.

Yours

Andrew

# Open Rooms at Kirkcaldy Methodist

Iris McTighe writes on behalf of the KMC leadership team

Here at Kirkcaldy Methodist Church we are pleased to say that this phase of the refurbishment is completed, giving us a large open space that can be used as a worship area or for other functions or meetings. We also now have disabled access through a bright courtyard with raised flowerbeds that will also provide a valuable resource for families and children. We aim to be a church in the community and for the community and the completion of our exciting plans to redevelop the building is a major step towards our goal.



This work has already begun, as on Sunday 2 March we were pleased to welcome a previous minister, the Rev Deborah Cornish who led our 126th anniversary service with our current minister Deacon Sarah McDowall. Deborah was involved with the original planning for the changes to the church and it was lovely to welcome her and her husband John to see the progress that has been made. Our own congregation, welcomed visitors and our friends from Pathhead Parish Church, Church Street, Kirkcaldy including their minister Rev Andrew Donald. Before the service we had a “bring and share” tea and the newly refurbished kitchen came into its own.

The fellowship continued into the service, during which the Rev Andrew Letby, Superintendent Minister of the Edinburgh and Forth Methodist Circuit, rededicated the church after the refurbishment. He also expressed his support for the work that was being done at Kirkcaldy. Gifts of a framed picture of a cross highlighting stamps, which commemorated John Wesley the founder of the Methodist Church in the 1700s, were presented to Pathhead Parish Church and Rev Deborah Cornish. Rev Andrew Donald, who accepted the gift on behalf of Pathhead Parish Church, spoke very generously of the time the two congregations had shared services over the last four months while the refurbishment took place and expressed his wish that the connection between the two churches should continue. It was very fitting that our official opening should reflect our aim to be a church in the community and for the community.

Deborah reminded us in her sermon that our building is a resource for all and open to all and that we must not allow walls to become a barrier to those who are around us. This followed on from our first service back in our refurbished premises when we were reminded that Jesus’ commission to his disciples was to preach the good news but also to heal and care for all people. It is our wish to fulfil that commission that has helped to inspire us through the refurbishment project and will remain our focus in the future.



## Open Rooms

Now we have a large open space which can be used in many different ways from Sunday Worship to being able to host, as our first outside event, a recent SURF (Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network) Conference which was attended by Scottish Government staff, Fife Council staff, NHS Fife and local community representatives from Gallatown and other parts of Kirkcaldy and Govan.



The facilities that many of the 45 delegates at the meeting praised will benefit community groups as well as anyone wishing to hold one or a series of meetings or a conference at Open Rooms at Kirkcaldy Methodist Church. If anyone is interesting in finding out more phone on 07432 231463 or email [openrooms.kmc@gmail.com](mailto:openrooms.kmc@gmail.com).

## Welcome back to Rosyth

It was a joy to welcome back our friends Rev Deborah and John Cornish to the Anniversary service on 2 March. Deborah's encouraging sermon was thought-provoking and the service itself was inspiring and uplifting.



Afterwards, we had a chance to share fellowship and friendship with Deborah and John at a tasty lunch of soup and puddings in the Church Hall.

Deborah has been away from here for five years now at Ledbury Methodist Church (how time flies!). She is now enjoying a well-earned sabbatical after which she will continue in her present appointment for another term. John meantime, is thriving on his daily round of delivering mail and thoroughly enjoying his work.

# The Diocesan Synod

Valerie Leslie reports on the 8 March meeting ...

I'd like to thank Erica and Dorissia for attending in my absence – warmer climes beckoned as I flew to Florida on holiday on the day of the Synod! From all accounts they both enjoyed the experience as much as I did last year: Synod is always a great way of finding out what the year has been like for the Scottish Episcopal Church in our diocese, and an excellent opportunity to hear experiences and points of view from around the diocese.

Before business, Bishop David celebrated Holy Communion. The organist, Richard Evans played a fine rendering of “Highland Cathedral” and intercessions were said by Brendan Grimley from Holy Trinity.

After the service the Bishop addressed the Synod, beginning with apologies. He stressed that he would like to see more lay reps at the synod – must remember not to book my hols in March next year!

The Bishop then talked about Casting the Net and the Gospel of Mark which is the CTN theme this year. Those who have been attending Jim Mein's Lent talks will appreciate how exciting this theme is.

Last year's Lent Appeal made £5,000, which is a great achievement, but let's try to better it this year. [Ed. see page 16]

The Bishop reported progress in the ABI (Aberdour-Burntisland-Inverkeithing) group linking with St Pauls and St Georges Church in Edinburgh. However, he did state that the SEC is facing many challenges, particularly in the area of church vacancies, something we in St Margaret's and Holy Trinity have been only too aware of for the past year. The Bishop talked about changing times and the relationships we have within congregations. He also pointed towards the need for Vestry training which he felt was essential if the church was to run smoothly.

Synod was advised that various members of the diocese would be going back to Calcutta in October. [There is a vacancy on the trip for a young person aged 16–21. They would have to pay their air fare and for injections, but all other expenses will be paid.]

After the elections, and what I hear was a very nice lunch, the second half of the day got underway in the Cathedral. Led by the Bishop of Brechin, +Nigel Paton, the theme of the “Holy Conversation” was the SEC's position on same-sex marriage.

The thought-provoking theme generated lively debate. As last year, members split into groups with leaders reporting back at the final discussion. I was pleased to hear that all the groups talked about people they knew to be gay in a supportive, caring and loving way, and am sad to have missed the debate. This issue remains one that the church needs to pray and deliberate over so that the right decision will be made in a caring, loving, Christ-like way, for are we not all God's children, regardless of creed, colour or sexual orientation?

Bishop David ended the Synod by saying how grateful he was for all the good wishes, prayers, love and support he continues to receive from around the diocese, and asked us to keep praying for his health.

I'm sure the many challenges described to Synod, particularly that of church vacancies, will be met with a renewed vigour to find exciting and new ways to worship (I'm thinking particularly of our Sunday@Six) and heart-felt prayers that we will soon have a new priest to share these experiences.

Once again thank you to Erica and Dorissia for attending the Synod and sharing your experience of it with me. Let's go out with joy and share God's love with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Area Council meeting

Erica, Sandra and I attended the meeting on 27 February held in the vestry of St Serf's, Burntisland (small, but cosy!), where we enjoyed a much-needed cuppa before business was discussed.

As usual reports from around the churches were read out. As something of a novice at these meetings I must confess that I had not prepared a report for St Margaret's on this occasion, but will endeavour to do better for the next meeting in May. I did however verbally report the success of St Margaret's choir at the Fife Music Festival and the continued progress of our Sunday@Six.

The meeting discussed the forthcoming Synod. Especially interesting were people's thoughts on the topic for the "holy discussion" which was to be the SEC's views on same-sex marriage. Sadly, I was not going to be able to attend the Synod, so was glad to have the opportunity to hear what others thought of the topic.

There was also discussion about what the SEC needs to do to foster positive change. We were advised that there is a possibility that the name Area Council could be changed to sound less formal. It will be interesting to hear suggestions on what the name change will be. We also discussed the cottage which belongs to the diocese, and how to utilise this asset. At the end of the meeting, we said Compline before going our separate ways.

The next Area Council meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on **22 May** at 7.30pm. As promised, I will have a report prepared for the meeting, as I am sure St Margaret's will have plenty to say for itself by then. Onwards and upwards, brothers and sisters, with God's help!

Valerie Leslie

## Meditation for Holy Week

This is the first of four meditations used in the service that Martin wrote about on Page 4. You'll find the others on Page 33.

### Luke 22.1-6

Tradition tells us that Judas was paid thirty silver coins to betray the Lord. You can't put a price on a life, but this seems an insulting amount of money to put the Son of God to death. Of course, it wasn't long before Judas regretted his actions. After his moment of madness and greed, Judas realised he'd made a huge mistake and took his own life in regret.



Thirty silver coins ... what value would that have for us? How often does our material need or greed dominate us and stop us from thinking clearly about things that are really important? We're not going to face the same sort of dilemma as Judas, but even so, perhaps we sometimes get our values mixed up. The journey to the cross invites us to think again.

Think about what is really valuable to you. What is precious? What's really important? Hold a coin as you think – and pray that you will recognise the things that have real worth.

## Mother's Union in Focus

Dorissia and friends of Holy Trinity Dunfermline Mother's Union Branch are hosting their annual fundraising event in **Friday 9 May** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Their International Feast is now in its 9th year and is growing in popularity every year.

Food and fellowship is one of the things Christians like doing occasionally so come and feast for a good cause. We have dishes from around the world, this year with a Commonwealth theme.

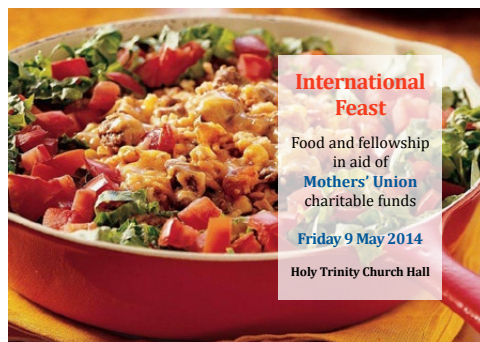
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Rwanda is the land of a thousand hills, with a lush green landscape in the midst of Central Africa. Despite its beauty, the ugliness of the genocide 20 years ago, which ruptured families and communities, lingers large in people's consciousness. Please pray for the ongoing healing of the trauma from the past, and reconciliation for those who are still struggling to forgive.

The 1994 genocide has left many challenges for Mothers' Union members as they seek to support parents. They face a large number of orphan-headed families, children whose mothers are in prison, and children living with elderly grandmothers. We also have many single mothers, street children and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Consequently, some of those children who have not received adequate parental care and affection are becoming parents to their own children.

Thus, Mothers' Union is taking the initiative to help them to fulfil their main duty of parenting. The Worldwide Parenting Programme began in 2010 and, since 2012, has been extended in the whole Province of Anglican Church of Rwanda. Every diocese now has at least one trainer who will provide follow up training and support to the existing facilitators. Many of the trained facilitators are actively involved with parenting groups.

By coming and giving, you will be supporting the charitable work of the Mother's Union worldwide. Tickets are available from Dorissia, but these are only to give numbers: donations will be collected on the night. Those who have been before will tell you just how good and fun it is! Dorissia and her friends look forward to seeing you there.



The Parenting Program continues to impact Rwandan families.

Beyond this, Mothers' Union is involved in local Gender Based Violence initiatives. They have been instrumental in getting Church leaders together to discuss this subject. In their experience, the engagement of men and clergy is integral to in dealing with the cultural issues surrounding Gender Based Violence.

Mothers' Union members in Rwanda have been working with the whole Church to mobilise local congregations as part of the Church and Community Mobilisation Process, which is being rolled out throughout the Church. They have been so inspired by the process that they have now decided to train their parenting facilitators to enable the transformation of their communities.

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An extract from "Families Worldwide" the MU resource booklet for prayer and action.

# Sunday@Six

Sue Masson writes ...

Our February Sunday@Six was billed as an “extravaganza of classical music” and it certainly lived up to expectations.

The service was built around eight German Lieder (songs) beautifully sung by Marc, the hymns were accompanied by Adrian’s wind quintet, who also played a diverse range of pieces including “God so loved the world” by Stainer and Elvis Presley’s “Love me Tender”.

Not to be outdone the choir had three items including the wonderful Tallis anthem “If ye love me.” A feast of music enjoyed by our regulars and quite a few visitors new to the church.

In March we were joined by Evelyn, who gave us a fascinating insight into the work that her family are doing in the Holy Land.



During her last stay there she met Rev Canon Andrew White, the “vicar of Baghdad” and was able to share with us some of his sermon that he preached at the Lutheran church in Jaffa.

I am very grateful to all who have been involved in the last two Sundays – everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the services.

There will be no Sunday@Six in April, but in May we will be watching and discussing a DVD about the life of Palestinian Christians today. We’ll all be on the

beach on the fourth Sunday in June, and taking a break in July, but look out for a Summer Praise in August and hopefully a big Fairtrade event later in the year.

**Ed:** Thanks to Pierre, who took the photographs of Sunday@Six you’ll find scattered throughout this issue

## With music in mind ...

The **Woodmill Singers** are once again bringing their own special brand of music to the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 13 May**. Tickets £9 from Myra Tarr and Julie Denning.

The **Kingdom Singers** present their Springtime Serenade Concerts at the Carnegie Hall Annexe from **Thursday 29 to Saturday 31 May** at 7.30pm. Talk to Ann Duly if you would like to attend.

*Into the Light!* is the title of the **Scottish Chamber Choir’s** concert on **Saturday 7 June** at 7.30pm in Canongate Kirk,

Edinburgh. A feast of American choral music celebrating the Light of Life, featuring a masterful setting of text from the Book of Isaiah by Randall Thomson, *The Peaceable Kingdom*, and Morten Lauridsen’s inspired work, *Lux aeterna*. Tickets £10 (students £5; accompanied under 18s free) available on the door.

**Dunfermline Choral Union’s** Summer Concert on **Thursday 19 June** at 7:30pm at the Vine Church is one of light and popular classics. Tickets from Mary Kidd and Gwyneth Kirby are £9 (£8 concession).

# Michael Harry George Henley

January 1938 – March 2014

Last month we were saddened to hear of the passing of Bishop Michael Henley CB.

Some of the St Margarets congregation will have known +Michael from the time when he served as a Naval Chaplain, and most will remember his support for St Margarets and his sermon at our 40th anniversary service in 2009, which is still available at the Archive page on our website.

David Campbell, our former Rector, wrote in his blog (<http://tinyurl.com/p65mzg>):

"I was very sorry indeed to hear from friends last night that Bishop Michael Henley has died.

"Bishop Mike was probably the best 'Boss' I had when I was working in Scotland and there is little doubt that I learned a great deal from seeing him at work. He did not meddle in minutiae, but left "the men" to get on with it – much I guess as he had done previously in a long and glittering career in the Senior Service, which culminated in him being appointed Archdeacon to the Royal Navy and Chaplain of the Fleet from 1989–1993.

"He had, in retrospect, the unenviable task of succeeding Bishop Michael Hare Duke, who had stood like a gargantuan over the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane from 1969–1994. One of Hare Duke's last acts was to ordain me as a Deacon and one of Henley's first was to ordain me Priest in St John the Baptist's Church in Perth in June 1995. The men had been friends and colleagues previously from Henley's time as Chaplain at St Andrews University in the late sixties



and early seventies, but sometimes it seemed to me that Hare Duke's shadow loomed a little too large over the new episcopate.

"I served as Henley's Diocesan Youth Chaplain as well as Rector of Newport

and Tayport and then Dunfermline and Rosyth for ten memorable years and in all that time enjoyed his paternal and pastoral guidance. His sentences, in public or in private, were often prefixed with "My dear..."

"Not as heavy on theology or social justice or visions or action plans as his predecessor, Mike brought to the Diocese both gifts and an approach most of the priests had not been used to, not to mention two excellent colleagues who had served in the Navy with him, but there were some, inevitably, who did not appreciate nor fully understand his new style.

"But I was not one of them and I was delighted some years later when he returned one Remembrance Sunday as a proud grandfather to Fettes College when I was Chaplain there and then on a number of occasions subsequently.

"The passing of his rock, stay and support, Rachel, in December 2012 was obviously a grievous blow to him and many thought that his naval life of chain-smoking might have taken him before her, but such are the vagaries of life, and today *Deo gratias* our hope for them is of a joyful reunion in heaven.

"I shall remember him as a kindly man whose life intertwined with mine for a precious time and left me immeasurably enriched by so doing."



# World Day of Prayer

## Streams in the Desert

Last month the World Day of Prayer for our local area was held in the Parish Church of North Queensferry on a chilly but very sunny afternoon.

The service had been written by Christian women in Egypt and was entitled 'Streams in the Desert'. The materials were originally written in 2011 and printed in 2013. However, the situation in Egypt is constantly changing, and we were encouraged to keep praying for the current state of affairs facing Egypt today. It's a place where history flows across every location, like the River Nile which flows through this beautiful country. Egypt and the Middle East are in crisis and our prayers for peace were never more fervent and reflected the deep source of our faith. We were also reminded what a precious commodity is water and that we should use it with responsibility and sustainability.

Through the story of the Samaritan woman at the well we reflected on the times when we too went to the well looking for something, and met and discovered Jesus

who offered us much more and promised streams of living water – if we would only trust and believe. His promises never fail.

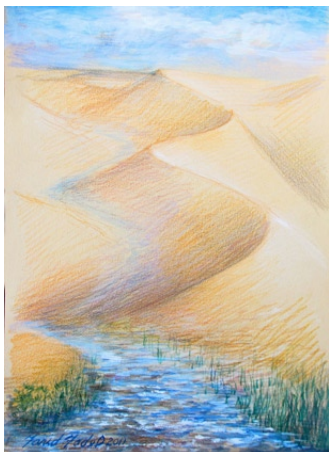
Following the service, refreshments were served in the church hall: excellent cakes made according to Egyptian recipes, with refreshing tea and coffee. It's always a lovely opportunity to meet up with our friends who represented other churches in our locality.

Next year the World Day of Prayer will be held on **6 March**, and Rosyth Methodists are the host church. The service is entitled 'Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"' This is based on the Gospel of John 13:1–17. After washing the feet of his disciples, a gesture described in the Gospel, Jesus asked this question. Our sisters on the WP Committee in the Bahamas, who wrote the worship service resources, immersed themselves deeply in the reading of the text to find answers in Jesus's gesture of love.

I will be submitting more details of our service much nearer the time when materials become available, and asking for help in its organisation.

I did wonder if the church would allow the minister and me to go to the Bahamas for a 'reccie'? ... no replies forthcoming, yet!

Mary Kidd



An illustration for the 2014 WDP by Farid Fadel

**Ed:** Mary wrote more about the importance of water in our lives in the December 2013 issue of 'Contact', which can be accessed or downloaded from our website Archive page.

## On offer across the bridge ...

### Edinburgh Passion 2014

The Princes Street Easter Play is a community theatre production in Princes Street Gardens West, Edinburgh. This year sees a new production - "The Edinburgh Passion" to be performed at 2.00pm on **Saturday 19 April**. This is the Easter story set in a modern context. A referendum will take place soon, and Jesus upsets the desire to maintain the political status quo with his radical teaching and lifestyle. His corrupt enemies believe they must get rid of him as quickly as possible – by any means they can. Stand by for a few surprises! This is a free and non-ticketed performance, but there is no seating.

### City Praise

City Praise 2014 is returning to the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on **Sunday 4 May** at 8.00pm, and is an opportunity to sing praises and share fellowship with Christians from many different churches and denominations.

The Exile Band, Choir and Orchestra will present an evening of Christian worship, with music both contemporary and traditional, blended into a great celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tickets are available free from Origin Scotland at <http://tinyurl.com/qyrcalr>. Tickets are unreserved, so you may only book tickets for confirmed attendees.

### Heart and Soul 2014

With the theme "HandS Across The World", this is a celebration for the whole Church, run by the Church of Scotland, which takes place in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh on **Sunday 18 May**.

More information at <http://www.heartandsoul2014.org.uk/>.

### "Understanding Scottish Identity" day conference

**30 April** from 9.30am–4.00pm  
in the Assembly Hall, New College

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at the University of Edinburgh, this conference will explore aspects of Scottish identity, their historical development and recent expression.

Subjects to be tackled by academic experts include history, law, literature, language, religion and sport. A concluding panel discussion, chaired by Sheena McDonald will explore current constructions of Scottish identity.

The cost of the day is £25 (students - £15) including tea, coffee and a sandwich lunch. Please register online *by 24 April* via the University of Edinburgh's Epay site at <http://bit.ly/1iwRZLA>

Participants:

Co-chairs – David Fergusson (Professor of Divinity and Principal of New College), Jo Shaw (Salvesen Chair of European Institutions and Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities)

Speakers – Tom Devine (Senior Research Professor in History), John Cairns (Professor of Civil Law), Penny Fielding (Professor of Nineteenth Century Literature), Will Storrar (Director, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton), Grant Jarvie (Professor of Sport)

Panellists – Sheena McDonald (broadcaster), Mona Siddiqui (Professor of Islamic and Inter-Religious Studies), Christine Bell (Professor of Constitutional Law), James Robertson (novelist), Magnus Linklater (journalist)



# Three more meditations for Holy Week

## Matthew 26.69-75

Peter thought he was such a faithful follower of Jesus. Just hours previously, he'd expressed his undying love for the Lord and promised that he'd always stick with him. And yet now, when Jesus needed him – really needed him, he denied all knowledge. Some friend he was...



It can be difficult to keep faith – especially when things are tough. But the piercing crow of the rooster shocked Peter into realising his mistake. Instead of being there for his friend, he'd let him down. His tears of regret show that he was overtaken with fear, scared about what was happening to the Lord. But they made him see, too, that loyalty and courage are important gifts. Peter realised that he was nothing without his faith in Jesus.

Think about your own faith in God. Perhaps there are things that cause you to have doubts or questions at times? Pray for your faith to be strong. As you pray, tie a knot in a piece of string. Then keep the string with you – put it in your pocket, or bag (or sock!) – to remind you of God's presence.

## John 19:2

As Jesus is stripped of his clothes and forced to wear a purple robe, he is stripped of his dignity and value too.



The soldiers' actions show a complete lack of respect for Jesus – he's treated with total contempt.

Treated like a criminal, Jesus stands before us as one who represents the victimised and the outcast. So many people today are subjected to similar behaviour – treated as less than human because of their race, background, beliefs or social status. Stripped of their dignity, they share in the unjust treatment of Jesus, hurt through the words and actions of an intolerant attitude.

Think about those who are treated without respect and dignity. Perhaps there are people in our own community who are stripped of their worth and value through the judgements and actions of others? Rip a small piece of purple cloth and take it with you. Use it to remind you of the suffering Jesus experienced, so that you can remember to treat others fairly and equally.

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## John 19: 12-20

The cross is a strange symbol in many ways. We hang crosses in our homes, schools and churches; we wear the cross around our neck. And yet this is an instrument of torture – a sign of real horror and inhumanity. Some people would think it an odd choice for a symbol of faith.



It's important, though, to remember that Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to suffer for us. In taking up his cross, Jesus

accepts all the worries and troubles and problems of the world and carries them for us. He takes up our own burdens, too, carrying us with him and supporting us at each step of life's journey. The cross is a strange symbol. But it's the empty cross of Easter, the cross of Resurrection, that makes this symbol real.

Pray for any worries or concerns you have – let Jesus carry these thoughts for you. Take a cross with you as a reminder of the Lord's guiding presence in your life.

# Rosyth Methodist Church – Appointments

The following Rosyth Methodist Church appointments were confirmed at the meeting on 30 March:

Minister	Deacon Sarah McDowall
Church Stewards	Mr David Salthouse, Mrs Mandy Ward, Mrs Evelyn Kenny, Mrs Sue Salthouse, Mr Howard Kirby.(from 1 May 2014)
Church Council Secretary	Mrs Sandra Wilson
Finance Committee Chair	Mrs Sue Salthouse
Finance Committee Secretary	vacant
Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Gwyneth Kirby
Property Committee Chair	Mr Martin Rogers
Property Committee Secretary	Mr Alan Taylor (St Margaret's)
Treasurer	Mr David Ward
Gift Aid Secretary	vacant
Envelope Secretary	Mr Jack Fowell
Junior Mission for All (JMA)	Mrs Evelyn Kenny
Action for Children	Mrs Jean Hall
World Church and Mission	Mrs Evelyn Kenny
Safeguarding Officer	Mr Martin Rogers
Junior Church	Mrs Gwyneth Kirby
Notices	Miss Sandra Young (St Margaret's)
Magnet Magazine	Mrs Janet Murray
Christian Aid Rep	Mrs Mary Dempster
Wednesday Fellowship	Mrs Mary Kidd
Leadership Team	Rev Geoffrey Baines, Deacon Sarah McDowall, Mr David Salthouse, Mrs Sue Salthouse, Mrs Mandy Ward, Mrs Evelyn Kenny, Mr Howard Kirby, Mrs Gwyneth Kirby
Church Council	Rev Geoffrey Baines, Deacon Sarah McDowall, Mrs Sandra Wilson (Secretary), Mr David Bradwell (Circuit rep), Mrs Evelyn Kenny, Mrs Mandy Ward, Mr David Salthouse, Mrs Sue Salthouse, Mr Howard Kirby, Mrs Gwyneth Kirby, Mr David Ward, Mrs Janet Murray, Mrs Mary Kidd, Mr Jack Fowell, Miss Sandra Young (St Margaret's rep)
Finance Committee	Mrs Sue Salthouse (Chair), Mr David Ward (Treasurer), Mrs Mary Kidd, Mr Howard Kirby, Mr Jack Fowell, Mr Martin Rogers
Property Committee	Mr Martin Rogers (Chair), Mr Alan Taylor (Secretary), Mrs Mandy Ward, Mrs Myra Tarr

# Contact points and meeting times

This list supplements the list of formal contacts given on the inside cover, and is for the activities and organisations run by the Methodist Church Council and St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated but independent organisations.

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To find out what this group were playing, read our  
Sunday@Six report on Page 29



Come and welcome David Easton  
to Rosyth on 27 April (see page 22)

## **Rosyth on the web**

Since our last edition, the church websites have been reformatted. Do please take a look at them! They are now based on the WordPress content management system, which makes it possible for people to create and edit material and upload it using a standard web browser. If taking care of one or both of our websites is something that you feel might be able to help with, please contact Sandra Young or David Salthouse.

You can view or download this issue, with photos in colour, at <http://tinyurl.com/nkc3ent>. The archive pages of the church websites also link to previous issues of Contact.

## **To our contributors**

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue, both in writing material and during the production phase.