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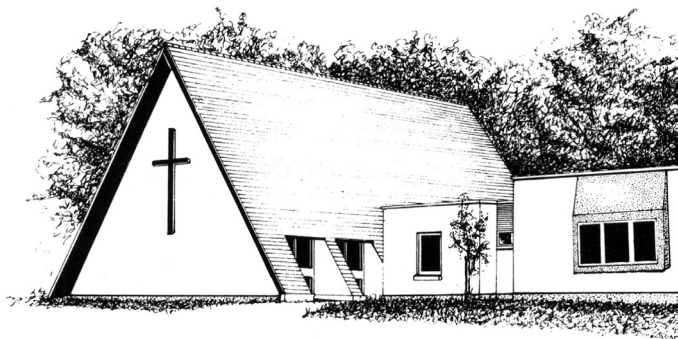
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**Sundays (except 4th)**

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

11.00am Morning Worship  
(including Sunday School)

**1st Sundays:**

6.00pm "Sunday@Six"

**4th Sundays:**

Worship together

9.00am Breakfast and "Messy Church" (during term time)

11.00am Joint Communion Service

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## Moving on and looking back

*Rev Alison Cozens reflects on lessons learned whilst at Rosyth*

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10.30am I shall be licensed as the Priest in Charge of the United Benefice of St George, Newtown and St Paul and St Silas Lozells in the Diocese of Birmingham.

My last Sunday service in Rosyth will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9.30am and I am sorry that I shall miss the Covenant service on the last Sunday in January. As a former student at St Andrews University I have always wanted to preach at the University chapel and, as it happens, over a year ago I was indeed invited to preach at the University chapel on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Hopefully the very next day Peter and I will be moving south and settling in before we both start our new jobs on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

It will be almost three years since I arrived in Fife and in a recent sermon I was pondering what I, and you, might have learned over those years.

The parable of the talents from St Matthew's Gospel chapter 25 remind us of the gifts we have at our disposal in the service of the kingdom of God: time, skills, money.

This parable gives the word talent a new meaning. In Jesus' day a talent was a measure of weight or a large sum of money. And this parable comes in the context of a chapter that talks about God's return, and the warnings about being wise stewards of God's gifts to us.

At our Annual General Meeting (on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November) it seemed appropriate to review and reflect and look back over the last year, to consider how best we have used the various talents God has given us and to dedicate ourselves going forward to make better use of the gifts we have all been given.

Gifts of money, yes, and we will look again closely at our accounts and the generosity with which we have supported local and national charities throughout the year, but also gifts of time, skill and ability.

When I worked in Edinburgh I used to work closely with Professor Judith George who was then the Deputy Director of the Open University in Scotland and Judith would often say, "what have we learned, Alison?"

Of course the Open University is all about life long learning and so I believe is the Christian journey! It is all about life-long learning, nothing is lost, perhaps especially those things we have found difficult or challenging. What have we learned?

What have you and I learned over the past year, where have the pinch points been, what do we wish we could have done better, things undone that we ought to have done and those things done which we ought not to have done, as the words of the old confession have it. And I speak as much for myself as for anyone of you

here. How will we give account to God Almighty for the way we have lived this last year? And how can we turn anew to the task of ministry and mission?

Francis de Sales wrote

*'In all the affairs and duties of life, we should be sure to look more to God than we do at them. When our duties demand our undivided attention, we should still be sure that from time to time we cast a look towards God, rather like sailors who in setting their course for port look more at the stars of heaven than the open sea. In so doing God will work with you and in you and for you and you will not labour in vain but will be filled with God's consolation.'*

In the Millenium year 2000 I had a sabbatical in the USA and I spent some time in San Francisco. Alan Jones was the Dean of the Cathedral there and a proper Yorkshire man who had landed up in the Episcopal Church. I had a couple of conversations with him, during one of which he said to me, "Pay attention, Alison, pay attention to what God is saying to you!"

And that passage from the Epistle reading (1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11) reminded me, "Stay awake, be alive to the signs of the times, who knows when your Lord will return and he will ask, what have you done with the talents I gave you?"

I believe each one of us has something to do in this life which only we can accomplish in God's name and we

might not know what that task is until it is done or until we meet our Maker. I also believe each Christian community is given a particular 'charisma' — rather like the Franciscans are known for their love of Lady Poverty; the Dominicans for their preaching; the Carthusians for their love of silence and the Benedictines for their hospitality.

And so as you go into the vacancy here I wonder what you might consider your particular charisma to be and how then that affects your decisions going forward . . . .

The 16<sup>th</sup> November is the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland and I would suggest to you today that St Margaret had a particular charisma to care for and feed the poor. The poor are not just those who use the foodbank in our day, although with all the confusion around universal credit the foodbanks play an important part, but also poverty of spirit. Those who are looking for something to give meaning to their lives.

You here in Rosyth have a very particular history and you are about to arrive at a very liminal moment in your history.

May God grant you the grace and humility to learn from your past, to stay awake in the present, that you may discern how best to use the many gifts God has given you in His service in the future.

The Lord be with you.

Alison Cozens

## Getting ready for Christmas

### Ecumenical Study Group Advent course

This 4 week course, at the Parish Church, runs for 4 Mondays at **7.30pm**. It started on **27 November** and will finish on **18 December**. The group is using the book *"Heralding the coming King"*, which has daily reflections under the themes 'Prepare the Way'; 'Draw near to Jesus'; 'Seek him first'; 'Who will you live for'.

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of the sessions. If you cannot join in at the Parish Church, but would like a copy of the book (price £4.99) for your own use during Advent, please speak to Alan Taylor.

### Nativity Christmas Concert

This annual event will be held in Rosyth Parish Church on **Tuesday 5 December** at **7.00pm**. Christmas Songs will be sung by the choirs from the 4 Rosyth Primary Schools accompanied by Rosyth Concert Band.

The Christmas Lights will be switched on after the concert, followed by mince pies, juice, tea and coffee in the Hall.

This is a ticket only event with tickets priced £1. As this is always a very popular evening you are asked to get your ticket beforehand, available from the Parish Church

### Advent Service

The Rev Christine Fraser, Rector of St Peter's Church, Kirkcaldy, has invited us to join her congregation in a Service for Advent on **Wednesday 6 December** at **2.30pm**.

*"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it".*  
John 1.

Anyone who would like to go along will be made most welcome.

### Advent Carol Service

The annual Advent Carol Service, led by the Cathedral Choir, will be held in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on **Sunday 10 December** at **6.30pm**. All churches in the Diocese are invited to come along. As we are not having a Sunday@Six celebrating Advent music and readings this year, why not visit the Cathedral for their service?

### Rosyth Foodbank at Christmas

If you would like to donate Christmas selection boxes for Children, or small boxes of biscuits – and many of our congregations have already done so – these would be most acceptable, but can you please do so by mid December latest so that they can be distributed before Christmas.

Sandra Young

*[Ed: for Christmas post see page 14]*

*Mary Dempster wishes both Church families love, joy and peace at Christmas and throughout 2018*

*Sheila Lee thanks everyone for the support she has been given in 2017 and sends her very best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all members of our church*

*Olive Lee wishes everyone at Rosyth Methodist and St Margaret's a merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year*

*Lesley Yellowlees wishes friends in both churches a Happy Christmas and blessed New Year*

*David Slater sends Christmas Greetings to all readers of Contact*

*Dennis Cook wishes all my friends at church a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year*

*Betty Terry wishes seasonal greetings to both congregations*

*Myra and Martin Tarr wish all their friends at church a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

*Pauline Fisher wishes all in both churches a very Happy Christmas*

*Eve and Julie Denning send their Christmas Greetings to both congregations*

*Thelma and David Couch wish everyone on both congregations the Season's Blessings*

*Jock and Audrey Headden wish their friends from both congregations a Happy and Holy Christmas*

*John Cowell wishes all friends in both churches a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*Thank you to all who have decorated our Christmas tree and given generously to charity*

## Services at Christmas—do join us!

**From hurt to hope.** This is now the seventh year we have run the “different kind of Christmas service” initiated by Deacon Sarah. As Sarah said, back in 2011 *“Christmas is of course a time of joy, but for many people it can also be a very difficult time. This may be because of painful memories, fears for the future or family circumstances”*. In recognition of this there will be a special service on **Thursday 14 December at 7.00pm** here in Rosyth Methodist Church.

In this service, we will be given a chance to sing and to pray, and invited to offer up the pain, the loneliness, the sad memories, and the anxiety and fears to the one whose birth we soon celebrate ... Jesus Christ. We pray that you will find hope and peace in this service, and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Tea and coffee will follow. Contact Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet 01875 615208.

**Messy Church Christmas Party** at **12.45pm** on **Sunday 17 December** - all our Messy Church friends are invited, but please let Gwyneth Kirby know if you are going.

**Candlelit carol service** is our **6pm** Sunday@Six event on **17 December** when we recall the Christmas story in words and music, with the chance to sing some of your favourite hymns and carols. The offering at the service will be for CHAS and Action for Children. Tea/Coffee and mince pies afterwards. All invited to join us.

### And then...

#### ...on Christmas Eve

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
Rev Dr Michael Paterson
- 11.00am All-age Nativity  
Rev Dr Helen Jenkins

#### ... on Christmas Day

- 10.00am Family Service  
Rev Dr Helen Jenkins

#### ... on 26 December

- 10.00am Holy Communion (said)  
Rev Dr Michael Paterson

#### ... on 31 December

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
Rev Alison Cozens
- 11.00am Morning Worship  
Rev Christopher Shreeve

### and in the New Year ...

#### ... on 28 January

- 11.00am Joint Covenant Service  
Rev Dr Helen Jenkins

### And elsewhere....

#### ... on Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity \*

- 3.30pm Family Christingle service
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Rev Alison Cozens

#### ... on Christmas Day at Holy Trinity \*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist  
Rev Alison Cozens

#### ... on Christmas Eve at St Finnian's #

- 8.00pm Midnight Mass  
Rev Dr Margaret Dineley



## Music for Christmas...

There are some musical events, most involving members of both churches, taking place before Christmas.

### Friday 8 December at 7.30pm

Christmas Concert with **Kingdom Singers** in Gillespie Church, Chapel Street, Dunfermline. Come along and enjoy an evening of Christmas music. Join in some carol singing with the choir and enjoy some Christmas refreshments. Tickets £8, concessions £6, including refreshments. See Ann Duly if you would like tickets or get them at the door on the night.

### Saturday 9 December at 3.00pm and 7.30pm

**Dunfermline Choral Union's** Christmas Concerts take place at the Vine Venue.

The choir will be joined by a string quartet to perform some Christmas delights from around the World, including *Celebrate and Sing*, 'Hava Nashira' and some beautiful new arrangements of old favourites. We are sure they will help to get the whole family into the *Christmas Spirit*. Tickets are £12, concessions £10. See Gwyneth Kirby, Mary Kidd or Myra Tarr.

### Sunday 10 December at 3pm

'Sounds like Christmas' Family Christmas Concert by **Rosyth Concert Band** and **Sing-It Choir** in Rosyth Parish Church. Come and join a perfect warm up to Christmas. Tickets

£6, concessions £5, children free. See Adrian Masson for more information.

### Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm

Christmas Concert in Dunfermline Abbey by the **Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Scotland**, and supported by The Rotary Club of Dunfermline. Tickets £12.50 from the Carnegie Box Office, or The Gift Shop, Queensferry Road, Rosyth. In support of local and service charities.

### Sunday 17 December at 2.00pm and 4.00pm

**Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society** have chosen 'Variations...on a theme for this season's concerts with 'Variation 2 Winter,' as the title of their Christmas concerts. They will be playing Waltz of the Flowers and Russian Dance Nutcracker, *Tchaikowsky*, The Snow Queen, *Fraser*, Onze Noels apres Charpentier, *Gourlay*, Dance of the Tumblers, *Rimsky-Korsakov*, Carol sing-along, and will be joined by the Langtoun Singers, Narrator Sandra Taylor, and Digital Images Anne McIntyre. The concerts are at Old Kirk, Kirkcaldy. Tickets are £8 adults, £4 children. See Adrian Masson for more details.

*for Music at Epiphany  
see overleaf*

## ... and Music for Epiphany

We are invited to an Epiphany treat at Dunfermline Abbey — *'The Road to Bethlehem'* with Frances McCafferty and Matthew Beetschen on **Saturday 6 January at 4.00pm**. This is a programme of seasonal music and recitations relating to the entire Christmas journey, but with a lot of Epiphany music. The programme will last for about 65 minutes, with mince pies and mulled wine (or non-alcoholic alternatives) after the concert included in the ticket price. Tickets are £10, and will be available during December at the Abbey every



Sunday, at both Royal Marine Band concerts (**13/14 December**), and at Sew Yarn Crafty!, 61 High Street, Dunfermline. More details from Mary Kidd.

## A friend in need is a friend indeed

*Sheila Lee reflects*

As most members of our congregations know, my last few months have been dominated by the medical treatment of cancer in the neck; two years after I was sure 'the dragon had been slain' by an amazing surgery.

Yet again, you have swung into action in a myriad of ways, supporting me spiritually, emotionally and practically. Your kindness has sustained me through every challenge. I can never thank you enough but I hope it encourages you in your Christian walk to know that you have been, for me, God's hands and feet and voice.

Often during these weeks, the words that have come to mind are those of

Jesus to his disciples as he prepared to leave them: *'By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.'* (John 13: 34)

Jesus was talking about observable signs of Christian care for each other bearing witness to our relationship to Him.

Those of you who helped by forming a rota to ensure I could get to Dundee five days a week for six weeks have all been very modest about your contribution. However, in the absence of availability of NHS transport, it truly made the difference of being able to have treatment or not have treatment. The burden lifted from my family and me was enormous.

The enormity was not lost on colleagues, friends, older family members or the many medical personnel I told: so many were visibly moved. It has truly been a witness: a visible sign of love in action.

In addition to teaching about the effect of the observable, Jesus also spoke about God's pleasure in the unsung, behind-the-scenes acts of kindness. (Matthew 6: 1-4).

In this way too, you have rallied round, upholding me in prayer and encouraging me by phone and text and sending cards with inspiring messages. I have been generously given reading material, helpful information and lovely flowers. I was also provided with foods I could manage as the side effects restricted my diet. Post-surgery, those who are mobile have visited and gradually got me back out in the world and enabled me to tackle essential practical tasks.

There have been so many kindnesses, invisible to others, that I can never adequately thank everyone. But I am encouraged by Jesus' teaching that our Father sees what is done and will reward the doers.

While I have been so privileged, I have become acutely aware of the difficulties faced by others who are older or more frail than me who do not have such a wonderful network of support.

There has been a change in policy to have head and neck cancer patients from South- West Fife treated in Dundee instead of the Western

General – which is closer with varied transport links. This has been acted upon before support systems and transport arrangements have been developed, causing great challenges to vulnerable patients.

Even if a patient is allocated a rare place on patient transport, they can be away from home for many hours on every one of those thirty days, just as side-effects and pain level are getting progressively worse. I do not know how they can suffer it.

As a response to your care of me in this situation I have been trying to pass on that care to others by writing to and talking to key personnel about the impact of the change.

You have done so much but I would ask you to join me in praying that either patients will be able to be treated in the location most manageable for them or that travel arrangements to Ninewells will be developed to minimise the effects of exhaustion on weakened patients.

Blessings and heartfelt thanks.

Sheila Lee

## Where has the noticeboard gone?

*Martin Tarr explores and explains the role that Facebook can now provide*

Where has the noticeboard gone?

Don't worry ... the sign at the corner of the church site is still there! The noticeboard that has gone is the one that we used to have on our websites, although it's still there in the archive sections. Its place in the site navigation has been taken by a tab marked 'Our LEP on Facebook', which contains links to the most recent posts on the Facebook page run by our partnership. This was set up by Rev Helen, and already has a number of contributors.

As with any Facebook page, it needs people to 'like' it and 'follow' it, and add constructive comments if you feel led. So, if you're a Facebook user, you know what to do! Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still access much of the information, by clicking a link on the 'Our LEP on Facebook' page, by hitting the 'Follow us on Facebook' button that you'll find in the right-hand column of each web page, or by going direct to this link: <https://www.facebook.com/RosythMethodist/>.

These days many people moving into a new area discover a spiritual home on-line, which makes our on-line presence really important, but why have a Facebook page? Isn't our website enough? The key difference is that websites are intended for 'official' information, and are generally both fairly formal and

compiled by a relatively few people, whereas Facebook is much less formal, allowing ordinary, non-expert users to interact with the site and to build a community.

It is that community that can draw others in, but the consensus of opinion is that churches need both social media *and* websites because their audiences are *different*:

- Church websites, for the large part, are for people new to the church
- Social media is for those who are already engaged with the church

Seeing updates about upcoming events, news, and photographs (even video) helps keep folk engaged, and allows them to share these experiences with family members or friends. So our attempt over the coming months is to make our LEP Facebook page more than just a bulletin board. Recommendations from churches that use social media effectively are:

*"When your posts are engaging, people will naturally share. Share events and content from your community."*

Another suggests that *"80% of posts should add value to your online community rather than just be requests or self-promotion"*.

*"If you're going to have a social-media presence it's important for you to regularly update it. ... when people come to one of your social media*

*platforms and you haven't updated it in months, it shapes their impression of your church."*

Keeping our Facebook page up-to-date, relevant and interesting is where you come in! You can log on and express a thought, ask a question, promote something that you're involved with, or share an experience. If you have a problem doing this, talk to Mary Kidd, Gwyneth Kirby, Helen Jenkins or myself.

Bex Lewis comments that *"Faith is a full-time activity and social media is part of our everyday lives, so it is not surprising that the two can overlap"*. She goes on to suggest that church members can use social media to share insights or stories, and can also bring their Christian viewpoint to discussions on local, national and international politics. If you're not already engaged in social media, then perhaps now is the time to consider doing so. After all, if you do emails or can surf the net you already have the necessary technology. Then, if you do nothing else, do please 'like' and 'follow' our Facebook page!

Martin Tarr



## Thought for the month

On our website in November, the 'Thought for the month' was taken from the homily that Rev Michael Paterson shared with the St Margaret's congregation at the All Saints/All Souls service on 5 November, and is reproduced below.

A woman was spotted standing silently for hours outside an embassy in London with a candle in her hand. For months on end, she came at the same time every week and simply stood there, candle lit, saying nothing and smiling at passers-by.

One wet night when she had been there for hours and was soaked through, the security guard felt sorry for her and came out to talk to her. "You are wasting your time," he said, "you will never change the world, you know." "I know I won't change the world," she said, "but I can do everything I can to make sure the world doesn't change me."

Holding a candle for God's values in a world that has a different set of values is what turns sinners into saints. And that folks is our Christian calling.



## Fellowship News

### Seasonal lunch

The Christmas/New Year lunch will be on **Thursday 18 January 2018** at **12.30pm for 1pm** at the Hideaway, Kingseat Road, Halbeath.

Dennis Cook and David Slater

### Re-starting in the New Year

The **Coffee, Cakes and Crafts group** (the '3Cs') normally meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, but after our **5 December** meeting we meet next on **6 February 2018**. Meetings are open to all, no matter what C's you want: Coffee, Cake, Chat, Craft, Company... We make flower cards in December. CU on the first Tuesday in February if not before! Contact Jean Hall for further information.

**Messy Church** has its Christmas Party on **17 December** from **12.45**, and next meets on **28 January** at **9am**.

**Triangles Coffee Shop** is closed on Friday 22 December but **re-opens** on **Friday 29 December**.

After the seasonal break, **Wednesday Fellowship** will resume on Wednesday **8 February 2018**.

### Charity matters

Many thanks to all who support Action for Children using 'League of Light' collection boxes. If you too would like a box, please see Jean Hall.

Donations for teas/coffees after the 11 am service are for AFC in December and Scottish Churches Housing Action in January.

## Christmas cards

As usual there will be a post box in the Church crush hall over the weeks up to Christmas. This is a means of exchanging cards with friends in the Church. A full address is not required but please ensure that **surnames** are included on the envelopes. The cards are sorted and laid out in racks on the worktop in the lounge to be collected after the service. ***There is no delivery service so please do not put cards in the box for people who do not come to Church regularly.***



Our Scouts and Explorer Scouts are taking part in the Scout Christmas Post and cards can be sent to most parts of Fife for 35p (see poster for further details). There

is a separate post box in the Church crush hall for these cards. The deadline for receipt of cards is **Tuesday 12 December** so please "post" your cards in good time. Cards and money should be placed in a plastic bag or envelope with a note of your name and contact details in the event of any queries. **Please include postcodes on the cards.** The cards will be delivered by local scouts in the period from 16 to 21 December.

Martin Rogers

# Diary for December 2017 to early February 2018

## Sunday 3 December

Advent Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Alison Cozens
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Mr Iain Hampson

Note: No Sunday@Six

7.00pm Advent Carol Service for the Benarty & Lochgelly Churches Together, with members of Lochgelly Brass Band, St Finnian's, Lochgelly.

Monday 4 Dec	7.30pm	Ecumenical Advent Study Group at Rosyth Parish Church Week 2 of 'Heralding the Coming King' (see page 6 for details)
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Tuesday 5 Dec	10.00am	EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns
	7.00pm	Christmas Nativity Event, Rosyth Parish Church ticket only event, tickets £1 (see page 6 for details)
	7.30pm	Coffee, Cake and Crafts - a monthly evening craft club run by Jean Hall and friends

Wednesday 6 Dec	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship The Feast of St Nicholas with Martin and Myra Tarr
	2.30pm	Advent Service in St Peter's Church, Kirkcaldy (see page 6)

Friday 8 Dec	9.30am	Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall
	onwards	tea, coffee and home baking
	7.00pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Christmas Concert by the Kingdom Singers at Gillespie Church, Chapel Street, Dunfermline (see page 9)

Saturday 9 Dec	3.00pm	Dunfermline Choral Union Christmas Concert
	and 7.30pm	at the Vine Church, Dunfermline (see page 9)

## Sunday 10 December

Advent 2	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Dr Michael Paterson
	11.00am	Café Church	Rev Dr Helen Jenkins

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- 3.00pm Family Christmas Concert with Rosyth Concert Band and Sing-It Choir, in Rosyth Parish Church (see page 9)
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service in St Ninian's Cathedral Perth (see page 6)
- Monday 11 Dec 7.30pm Ecumenical Advent Study Group at Rosyth Parish Church  
Week 3 of 'Heralding the Coming King' (see page 6)
- Wednesday 13 Dec 2.15 pm Wednesday Fellowship:  
Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Church Lounge  
**Note:** Wednesday Fellowship resumes on 8 February 2018
- 7.30pm Christmas Concert by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Scotland, Dunfermline Abbey (see page 9)
- Thursday 14 Dec 7.00pm 'From Hurt to Hope' a service for people who find Christmas a difficult time (see page 8 for details)
- 7.30pm Christmas Concert by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Scotland, Dunfermline Abbey (see page 9)
- Friday 15 Dec 9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking  
**Note: Triangles will be closed on Friday 22 December**
- 7.00pm Choir practice

### Sunday 17 December

- Advent 3 11.00am Joint Communion Service Rev Alison Cozens
- 12.45pm Messy Church Christmas Party (see page 8)
- 2.00pm Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society 'Variations 2 Winter',  
and 4.00pm Christmas Concert with the Langtoun Singers, in Old Kirk, Kirkcaldy (see page 9)
- 6.00pm Sunday@Six Service of Carols by Candlelight  
Offering in aid of CHAS and Action for Children (see page 8)



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Monday 18 Dec	7.30pm	Ecumenical Advent Study Group at Rosyth Parish Church Week 4 of 'Heralding the Coming King' (see page 6)
Tuesday 19 Dec	10.00am	EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns <b>Note:</b> Next meeting 23 January 2018
Friday 22 Dec		<b>Note: No Triangle Coffee Shop</b> 7.00pm Choir practice
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	9.30am	Sung Eucharist Rev Dr Michael Paterson
	11.00am	All-age Nativity service Rev Dr Helen Jenkins
	3.30pm	Family Christingle service at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline Rev Alison Cozens
	8.00pm	Midnight Mass at St Finnian's Lochgelly
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline Rev Alison Cozens
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00am	Said Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book) at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
	10.00am	Family Service Rev Dr Helen Jenkins
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline Rev Alison Cozens
Tuesday 26 Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion (said) Rev Dr Michael Paterson
Friday 29 Dec	9.30am	Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall onwards tea, coffee and home baking
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>		
Christmas 1	9.30am	Sung Eucharist Rev Alison Cozens
	11.00am	Morning Worship Rev Christopher Shreeve
Friday 5 Jan	9.30am	Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall onwards tea, coffee and home baking
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Saturday 6 Jan	4.00pm	"The Road to Bethlehem" with Frances McCafferty and Matthew Beetschen in Dunfermline Abbey (see page 10 for details)

# Diary for December 2017 to early February 2018

## Sunday 7 January

The Epiphany            9.30am Sung Eucharist            Rev Dr Michael Patersom  
                                 11.00am Morning Worship            Mrs Jane Peers  
                                 **Note:** No Sunday@Six

Friday 12 Jan            9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
                                 onwards tea, coffee and home baking

## Sunday 14 January

Epiphany 2            9.30am Sung Eucharist            Rev Alison Cozens  
                                 11.00am Morning Worship            Dr Anne Pennington

Thursday 18 Jan    12.30pm Seasonal lunch at the Hideaway, Kingseat Road,  
                                 Halbeath

Friday 19 Jan            9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
                                 onwards tea, coffee and home baking  
                                 7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 21 January

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Epiphany 3            9.30am Sung Eucharist    Rev Alison Cozens (last Sunday)  
                                 11.00am Morning Worship            Rev Alan McGougan\*

Tuesday 23 Jan    10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at  
                                 Limekilns  
                                 7.00pm St Margaret's Vestry meeting in the small lounge

Friday 26 Jan            9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
                                 onwards tea, coffee and home baking  
                                 7.00pm Choir practice

\* Rev Alan McGougan joins us in a pulpit exchange, as used to be customary in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. He is a minister of the United Reformed Church, and was inducted to the Fife and Tayside Pastorate in November 2016 at Dunfermline URC. The Pastorate consists of five churches: Coaltown, Dundee, Dunfermline, Dunning and Newburgh.

# Diary for December 2017 to early February 2018

## Sunday 28 January

Homeless Sunday	9.00am	Messy Church and Breakfast	
	11.00am	Joint Covenant Service	Rev Dr Helen Jenkins
Friday 2 Feb	9.30am	Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall	
	onwards	tea, coffee and home baking	
	7.00pm	Choir practice	

## Sunday 4 February

Candlemas	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Dr Michael Paterson
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Hilary Warwick

**Note:** No Sunday@Six

Monday 5 Feb	7.30pm	Ecumenical Study Group, Rosyth Parish Church	
Tuesday 6 Feb	7.30pm	Coffee, Cake and Crafts - a monthly evening craft club run by Jean Hall and friends	
Wednesday 7 Feb	2.15pm	Wednesday Fellowship: Opening meeting	
Friday 9 Feb	9.30am	Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall	
	onwards	tea, coffee and home baking	
	7.00pm	Choir practice	
Saturday 10 Feb	1.45pm	RSCM 'Come and Sing' at Dunfermline Abbey (see page 26)	

## Editorial team changes

It is our custom for the editorial team to switch every two years between the Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church. So we are grateful to Martin Tarr and Sandra Young for taking over responsibility for the editing, printing and distribution of CONTACT as from January. But hang on a minute! Sandra has been a member of the current editorial team

throughout the last two years of Methodist reign! Her role as diary editor has been invaluable, and we would like to take this opportunity for thanking her both for that and for her help in other ways. Thanks too to Martin as he has always offered a helping hand, especially with images and computer problems.

Howard Kirby & Dave Ward

## St Margaret's AGM

The AGM held on Sunday 19 November was attended by 17 members of the congregation. This was an informed meeting and the annual reports previously passed to the congregation were all very well received. Our finances remain in a healthy state and the budget for 2017/18, although previously approved by Vestry at an extra meeting on 12 November, was also approved at the AGM by the congregation. Gordon Pryde's first year as Treasurer was acknowledged by the congregation.

Rev Alison informed the meeting that the Dean and the Interim Bishop, Kevin, had agreed to our compromise to implement the proposal detailed in her report to the AGM. This proposal, that at the Episcopal led shared communion both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine would be used, had been suggested by the small working group, and accepted by the Vestry and Church Council. The revised arrangements will start at the December service on the 17th and will be reviewed once the new Bishop is in post.

Our lay representative, Valerie Leslie, and our alternate, Erica Lock, were re-elected to serve for another year. Peter Hutchings, our independent examiner has 'retired' after 19 years of examining our accounts. We are very grateful to Peter for his work and

help over the years and are currently looking for a successor.

Members of the Vestry for the next year are: Jan Benvie, Sue Forman, Valerie Leslie (ex officio), Erica Lock, Gordon Pryde, Myra Tarr, Alan Taylor Lesley Yellowlees and Sandra Young.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available shortly and will be distributed to all members of St Margaret's and there will also be a copy on the notice board.

Sandra Young

## Church history update

Part 2 of our church history ('101 years of Methodism in Rosyth') will be published shortly. It is packed full of information and photos. Copies available price £5 from Martin Rogers. Copies of Part 1 are still available at £4. Either could make an ideal Christmas present!

Martin Rogers

# The Scout Group

*Martin Rogers provides an overview of their Annual Report*

The numbers in the Scout Group remain at a good level. Apart from the dip in numbers caused by Beavers moving to Cubs or Cubs moving to Scouts, the Beaver Colony and Cub Pack have been operating at full capacity during the year. The Explorer Scout numbers are satisfactory and it is only the Scout Troop which could do with additional members. On paper we have an adequate number of leaders in each section but this doesn't take into account the effects of illness, shift work, family and work commitments. We had a welcome influx of new members at last year's AGM but have still been struggling for numbers at the Executive Committee meetings and at the recent barbecue.

All of our sections have held camps this year. Apart from local camps, the Scouts had a summer expedition to the International Scout Centre at Kandersteg in the Swiss Alps and the Explorer Scouts took part in an International Scout Camp in Denmark.

Other activities have included taking part in District competitions, hikes, and visits.



The Explorer Scouts also helped at Maggie's Centre in Kirkcaldy, did bag

sorting for the Edinburgh Marathon and took part in a sailing weekend.

A unique event which took place in September was the Community Day out on the new Queensferry Crossing and we were fortunate to be offered 25 tickets for this event. Most of our younger members had walked on the new bridge with their schools so our party was largely made up of Scouts, Explorer scouts and parents. It was a memorable occasion for those who took part.



At the end of the year our Scout Group will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are in the process of designing a suitable

badge to wear on our uniforms over the coming year and we plan to arrange one or two special events.

Martin Rogers  
(Asst Group Scout Leader)

## One minute, please What did Jesus say?

"Whoever wants to be my disciple, must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me"

Mark 8: 34

# The Wedding Feast

*The sermon given by Rev Keith Pearce on Sunday 15 October 2017*

The readings were Isaiah 25: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

I don't know about you but I've always found the parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22: 1-14) a difficult one to get into. But I'd like us to reflect on it today to see if we can get to grips with what it might be saying **to us**.

First we'll think about the idea of the **wedding feast**, then about **invitation** and all that that implies, and finally about **being changed**. So here goes...

**Weddings!** I wonder what your first thoughts are when you hear that word? Excitement and delight for a couple? Or long drawn-out boring gatherings? I wonder: do you, like me, reflect on how weddings have changed over the years? "In our day" (!) it was Church at eleven, reception lunch, a few speeches and chat, then by mid to late afternoon, wave off the happy couple as they set off on their honeymoon. Now it's an all day, all night affair with guests staying in hotels because we're all so scattered these days etc. And the expense! The expense!! But maybe that was always the way (and we were the odd ones). In many cultures and throughout history, weddings have been lavish affairs, often lasting days and often a means of establishing a family's status in the community. Certainly that's the picture that Jesus draws on. Invitations are sent out weeks in advance – have you noticed,

by the way, how 'save the date' cards have crept in? – the formal invitation comes nearer the time. In Jesus' story it's "when everything is ready" – the bullocks and prize calves have been slaughtered, nothing but the best will do. But we can see it **is** a story – a story which draws on a rich tradition. Just as last week's story of the vineyard draws on Isaiah 5, so this week's picks up Isaiah 25, the restoration of God's people and God's banquet for people of **all nations**. There's also that wonderful picture of God's banquet in Psalm 23 (as the old chorus goes... "*and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, **and I shall feast at the table spread for me, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all the days, all the days of my life***").

So this is the picture – the King's banquet (read **God's** banquet?) – the wedding feast of his Son. You can see how this is shaping up just like the vineyard story which immediately preceded it, where the tenants kill the messengers and then even the son – and the owner punishes the tenants by handing over his vineyard to others. ('*The chief priests and Pharisees heard Jesus' parables and knew that he was talking about them*', Matthew .21: 45)

So this parable of the wedding feast is similar but perhaps with a more positive message too. The invited

guests (now who are they? – well, a land owning farmer and a businessman among others – so not just the religious elite then, but those who assume they have status in the community, have an important job to do and are themselves important) – the invited guests **reject** the call, they snub the king – they reject... God(?)

This is the point where the story begins to bite! It challenges people in our own society whose values have shifted towards the business of getting and spending, and very much away from God. It also challenges each one of us to consider whether our whole attention – the aim and direction of our lives – is truly focussed on God.

The early church got it, as we can see in St John's vision in Revelation 19: 5-10 (where he says *'happy are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb'*).

Let's move on to think about **Invitation**, because Jesus' story continues and the details should not be missed. The King's invitation is switched to include the people on the streets, good and bad alike. Indeed **everyone** is invited to the feast. So likewise the clear vision of Isaiah and St John of Patmos in his Revelation – that before the throne of God would gather *'people of every nation, tribe, race and language'*. As Wesley declared, **"For all** my Lord was crucified; for all, **for all** my Saviour died."

If we are to be faithful to God, that truth needs constantly to inform our

attitudes to other nations, other religions than our own, people of colour, people who are poor and struggling, migrants (whether economic migrants or refugees) and yes **all** the people we know and meet in the streets. **All** God's children. God's invitation is **for all**.

Of course, it's possible to know that, to recognise the truth of that and not actually to believe it **for ourselves**. (I'll pause a moment for that to sink in!). We sometimes find it easier to number ourselves with the farmer and the shopkeeper who snubbed the king, who rejected the King's invitation.

An invitation has to be **accepted** to be worth anything!

It's easy to be too caught up in our own affairs – our own past mistakes, our present shortcomings, wrong attitudes and behaviours that we can't seem to change, or just our own busyness – it's easy to be so caught up in our own affairs that we don't truly focus on God – his open invitation, **his** welcome, **his** majesty and **grace**. You may know that Christ died for **all**, but do **you** know – do you know **now** – Christ died for **you**? (And for me too!). We will come to the Lord's table in a little while. Let's make that the opportunity to respond to the invitation – God's welcome – to the foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for **all** people. Let's just say 'yes' to God.

Back to the story... Did you notice that it reads *"Then he called his **servants** and said to them 'My*

*wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find.”?*

So, if the King is God, and Jesus his Son, who might be the servants? And what is their task but to **invite** people? I wonder, have we properly understood the importance of inviting people? I mean both individually and as Church, are we really measuring up to our task? I'm not particularly talking about inviting people to church (though there is certainly a place for that) because there is a whole load of social and cultural baggage about Church that people might be resistant to. I'm thinking of offering people the opportunities to find out more about Jesus, to explore the scriptures. Do we make enough of inviting people to our small group fellowships? Do we invite people to open up to God by sowing seeds of faith through our conversations with all sorts of people – particularly people who appear to be non-believers? Is it time for us to start to practise this art of invitation – to be more deliberate and more confident in doing what the king asked his servants to do? Because every now and then (and perhaps more often than we think) someone will respond – not only to **our** invitation, but to **God's**.

Finally, a few thoughts about **being changed**.

How long did you take this morning to decide what to wear to come to Church? And how many times have you heard the discussion about whether people should dress **smartly** to come to Church? Some will argue that of course you put on your **best** clothes to come to Church – in order to show honour and respect to God. Others will say 'but God knows all about us – he knows exactly who we are and what we've done – so we come **as we are** and no pretence, no cover up.' And both have a valid point. But still I find myself pondering, 'should I get changed?' – for instance, to go out for a meal with friends, or to go to a meeting at church. Thankfully the wearing of suits and ties has dropped out of fashion – well, for many things but not for all. What do you wear for a wedding?

In Jesus' story it seems that all the people from the streets had hurriedly nipped home to get changed – to put on something suitable for the occasion. Wedding clothes.

It's amazing how an unexpected invitation can change people – the look on a person's face, their attitude towards you. I was thinking the other day about the transformation that can take place when the team rebel is invited to be the team captain.

So in Jesus' story they all turn up at the King's feast **having changed**. All bar one man, that is – he's **unchanged** – couldn't be bothered I guess – but he's quickly made to realise that **that doesn't work!** Our response to God's invitation can never be **casual** –



nor **artificial** – nor **half-hearted**. God's call will always involve a **change of heart**, a **change of attitude**, and in consequence (and over time) a **change of behaviour**. We get changed when we first respond (some call it 'salvation') but we go on through life being changed – transformed into Christ's likeness. -At least, we do if we are **open to God**. Yes, even in those latter years of our lives, even through physical and mental struggle – as we are open to God, God draws us closer to himself. Why would we **not** be open to change, when everything in the world changes around us? We are on what Isaiah calls 'the road of holiness' – we're not there yet, but we're on the road. We are being **changed**.

As Charles Wesley describes it in his famous hymn, *Love Divine*: '**Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns** (our self importance that is!) – till we cast our crowns *before Thee, lost in*

## On hearing a carillon

Have you been stopped in your tracks by the sounds of bells ringing a tune? My father was once, on a visit to Bradford in the late 1950s. He wrote about it in the Halifax Staff Magazine, *Round the Table*. Here is an extract:

*The morning was a dull one, inclined to rain... All about me was the hurry and bustle of a great town bent on its daily business, and...it seemed [somewhat] impersonal...*

*But then something happened - and for a few minutes I walked as one entranced.*

*From the high tower of the Town Hall the hour had just struck, and now to my delight, a carillon was peeling gently forth. The tune it played was new to me, but it captured my attention and I followed it closely in my mind. It was only when I heard a housewife humming, then a shop assistant quietly singing the same melody, and then took surprised stock of the looks on the faces of the people I passed, that I realised that a change, subtle but very real, had come over the centre of the town. Harmony was in the air - and harmony was in the hearts and minds of those listening to it.*

The memory of this stayed with me, and I shared it with the person I was sat next to at a recent reunion, Ian Cassells, whom I knew played the carillon. To my surprise and delight he then sent an invitation to attend a recital he was to give in Perth, where he is Carillonneur at St John's Kirk. Beforehand, he gave Gwyneth and me a conducted tour of the bell tower, with 34 bells cast in 1935 and the large bass Flemish bourdon cast in 1506, and of course the loft with the manual keyboard and associated equipment. (See page 29 for some photographs!) It was wonderful to watch and hear Ian play. The recital programme is displayed outside, and CCTV allows onlookers to see who is playing.

Howard Kirby

# RSCM Singing Days

## Reflection on the 2017 Day

Members of St Margaret's attended the annual RSCM singing day, held in Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday 4 November. Three of our choir, Myra, Julie and Martin (less than usual due to holidays and other prior commitments) and Sandra flew the flag for Rosyth and helped to swell the numbers, in total some 24 people from as far north as Inverness.

We were fortunate to have as our director this year Kevin Duggan, Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral. Kevin worked us hard and we learned some new choral pieces including 'Greater love' by John Ireland as well as practicing some hymns, the words of which were not necessarily familiar, but the tunes were.

After a much needed break for tea, we put our efforts to good use during a short contemplative evening service led by the minister of Dunblane Cathedral, the Rev Gordon Renwick – always the highlight of the afternoon.

This was an inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon in a beautiful medieval building, and so worthwhile for our choir to have the opportunity to sing new choral music. Kevin's relaxed approach helped to get the best out of the singers. The sound we produced for such a short time together was very pleasing to the ear.

## Looking forward to 2018

On **Saturday 10 February** there is to be another 'Come and Sing', this time in Dunfermline Abbey **from 1.45pm to 4.45pm**. This will be the first opportunity to purchase and use our Triennial Festival (see below) book. Matthew Beetschen, Director of Music at the Abbey, and a favourite of ours, who is directing the Festival will give us a taste of the music that might be included in the Festival. A short plenary meeting will take place during the tea break.

**Saturday 2 June 2018** is RSCM Scotland Triennial Festival at St Andrew's RC Cathedral, Nethergate, Dundee **from 1.00pm to 5.30pm**. This will be directed by Matthew, who is the former Chair of RSCM Scotland. RSCM have said that it would be lovely to see many choirs or individuals join them in Dundee. Details of rehearsals will be made available nearer the time.

Both events involve buying copies of the Festival music book, which will be available in February. See <http://www.rscm.com/area/scotland/>.

I can thoroughly recommend these events, whether you are in the choir or not, but just enjoy the chance to sing with other people so please note the dates now and why not go along to Dunfermline Abbey on 10 February and find out for yourself.

Sandra Young

## “Let them all sing”

*Martin Tarr reports on our Sunday@Six on 5 November 2017*

Our November Sunday@Six service was a small contribution to the celebrations marking the year of the Quincentenary of the Reformation. 26 gallant souls tackled no fewer than three hymns written by Martin Luther, another was used as a prayer response, and the choir sang a fifth in a modern arrangement. At the end we sang “Now thank we all our God”, a Lutheran composition a century after Luther’s time and with a touching background story. Never were Wesley’s *Directions for Singing* – “Sing lustily and with a good courage” – needed more!

One thread that ran throughout the service was what is probably Luther’s most famous hymn, “Ein feste burg ist unser Gott”, translated in *Singing the Faith* as “A safe stronghold our God is still”. The service included a responsive reading of Psalm 46, which had inspired the hymn-writer, and the recorded illustrations played included three reconstructions of sixteenth-century versions of the tune. Then there were four modern interpretations, selected from submissions to a challenge to get 500 choirs sponsored to sing “Ein feste burg” in order to promote development projects.

The three sections of the presentation covered “The Luther story”, “Luther and music” and “Luther’s legacy”. The first of these fleshed out the story covered in the last CONTACT, but the

other sections provided a lot of new material. Luther’s practical musical ability came as a surprise, as did the rapid uptake in hymnbook publication due to Luther’s conviction that the people should be able to participate in church services – close to one hundred hymnals were produced between his nailing of the 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg’s Castle Church in 1517 and his death in 1546. His adversaries complained that “the whole people are singing themselves into his doctrines.” And every member of the congregation sang the hymns and metrical psalms, which meant that for the first time women’s voices were being heard in church!

Luther’s legacy lay not only in his hymns. He translated the Bible into the German vernacular, enabling lay people to read the Bible in their own language, and his translation helped develop a standard version of the German language and influenced Tyndale’s English translation. He also recognised that “music is the language of the human spirit” and because of that got everyone in Saxony singing: four hours of music each week was introduced into the school curriculum and choirs sprang up in every town. Would the Bach St Matthew Passion have been possible without the Lutheran chorale?

Martin Tarr

*[Ed: a recording of the service may be available on the website in due course]*

## On our Joint Communion services

*Mary Kidd reflects on the changes that we were unexpectedly told to make*

I have been asked to say a few words about the administration of Holy Communion in our church, a partnership of 2 congregations. We've been together now for very nearly 22 years, and we still don't seem to please everyone any of the time. In recent years we seemed to have got it right in our joint services of shared worship and holy communion. But we had to recognise and accept that some Methodists refrain from an Episcopal-led Communion, and some Episcopalians refrain from a Methodist-led service of Communion. I don't understand why this is like it is, and it saddens me.

What are we doing? We remember our Lord. We recall his sacrifice. We seek his grace and ask him, through this sacrament, to bring us to faith (if we do not have it) or to improve our faith (if we do). And we expect to meet our very present Saviour. It keeps our Saviour in the same room with us, sharing the very moment we live, filling our lives with faith, hope and love. At Holy Communion, the sharing of bread and wine, the connecting and reconnecting with a story of a man whose love led him to die on a cross, is an important way of finding faith— as countless people can testify across the ages and in all the continents of the earth. And, oh, what blessings are ours!

But then we became rather frustrated when we were informed that we weren't getting it 'quite right' (not doing it properly). Both congregations, understandably, became 'unsettled' by this unexpected difficulty. The then Bishop, David Chillingworth, felt that **Episcopal-led** services should follow Episcopal rules. Canon law and other rules prescribe how Communion is administered.

We want to share communion in the Joint Services; to celebrate together is a great privilege. But then it comes down to the choices: of bread or wafers; the nature of the wine (alcohol or non-alcohol); a common cup or individual glasses.

So, to look at the options, a Joint Communion Response Group was formed, consisting of our two ministers, and 2 Methodists and 2 members from St Margaret's who held offices in their congregations.

Bishop David was 'not happy' with their initial proposals in June 2017, and asked what other Anglican/ Methodist congregations do. Now that he has retired, it became clear that June 2018 would probably be the earliest we could approach the new bishop. In the meantime, it had become a matter of urgency to achieve a form of Episcopal-led Joint Communion that could be quickly approved by the Dean or interim Bishop Kevin.

The Response Group came up with a new proposal which has been approved by the Church Council and St. Margaret's Vestry. The Summary of the proposal is as follows:

*'For **SEC-led Joint Communion Services**, the elements will consist of wafers, alcoholic wine in a chalice and non-alcoholic wine in little glasses. The chalice will be on one side of the communion table, the little glasses on the other, and the congregation will be invited to come to the rail at the appropriate side for what they wish to receive. Two servers will distribute the wine. The arrangements will be made clear in the service sheet, and announced by the priest.*

*Please note that our **Methodist-led Joint Communion** services will continue in the current format at the moment and be reviewed after experience with the new format has been gained. All such services will need to use non-alcoholic wine only'.*

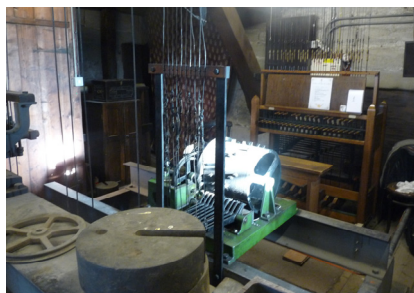
Recently, our Rector, Alison Cozens, has received an email from the Dean, Kenny Rathband, to say that both he and the interim bishop have agreed to our proposal, as a compromise; to be reviewed once a new Bishop of the diocese is in post. From 17 December the Episcopal-led Joint Service will be Communion and in this format.

Now, hopefully, more people will be accepting of this proposal and want to accept the offer of our Lord Jesus to come forward to his table and to receive from him.

Mary Kidd

## On seeing a carillon

These photographs complement the article 'On hearing a carillon' on p 25. The first shows 3 bells; one with an electrically operated striker. The second is a general view of the loft. The third shows Ian at the keyboard: the sound depends whether the keys are thumped or gently depressed!



## Puzzle page

*With puzzles from Dave Ward*

### New puzzles

#### 1) **Frankenstein's blood.** Dr

Frankenstein is measuring out some new blood for his monster. He has a large flask filled with blood that holds 8 litres, plus an empty 3 litre flask and an empty 5 litre flask. How can he measure out exactly 4 litres of blood?

#### 2) **Does this add up?** Replace the letters with numerals (1-9) to make this equation work:

SEVEN + SEVEN + SIX = TWENTY

#### 3) **Picky Problem.** 13 match-sticks are arranged so: IIII + II = III. Can you move one match to make the equation work?

#### 4) **Round the World.** The circumference of the Earth is 40,000 km. Imagine that you have a very long rope which is tied around the middle of the Earth at the Equator, touching the surface. Then the rope is raised 1 metre around its length (it is now 1 metre from the surface all the way round the world). How much longer must it be?

#### 5) **Coconut dilemma.** Four men get lost on a Desert Island, and decide to gather coconuts. They put them in a large pile and go off to sleep. At midnight one of the men wakes up and sorts all the coconuts into 4 equal piles, he finds that he has 1 left over which he gives to a monkey, he hides a quarter of the remaining coconuts, and puts the rest back together into a

pile. At 1 o'clock a second man wakes up, and sorts the coconuts into 4 equal piles, he also has 1 left over which he gives to the monkey, hides a quarter of the remaining coconuts, puts the rest together and goes back to bed. At 2 o'clock the third man does the same. At 3 o'clock the fourth man does the same. At 8 o'clock the 4 men get up sort the coconuts into 4 equal piles, they have 1 left over which they give to the monkey. The monkey has 5 coconuts, but what is the minimum each man had? (A tricky question!)

### Answers to Aug/Sep puzzles

**A1) What day is it?** The answer is Tuesday

**A2) Who's who?** The sister on the left cannot be Anne, as that would make Anne a liar. The sister in the middle cannot be Anne either for the same reason. So the sister on the right must be Anne. Anne tells the truth, so the sister in the middle is Beatrix, which makes the one on the left Caroline.

**A4) Marbles.** He should put 1 white marble in one bowl and the rest of the marbles in the other. That way he has nearly a 75% chance of getting a white marble.

**A5) Off to market.** Only 2 feet were walking *to* market as the others were coming *from* the Market.

**A6) Horse Race.** They rode each other's horse.

## 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, St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated but independent organisations.

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of Christmas service

# From Hurt to Hope

7.00pm

Thursday 14 December

Through prayer and song, you are invited to offer up your  
pain, your loneliness, your sad memories, your anxiety and  
fear to the Saviour whose birth we eagerly await

Tea and coffee to follow

Contact Deacon Elizabeth Harflett 01875 615208

Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."

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## Our next issue

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