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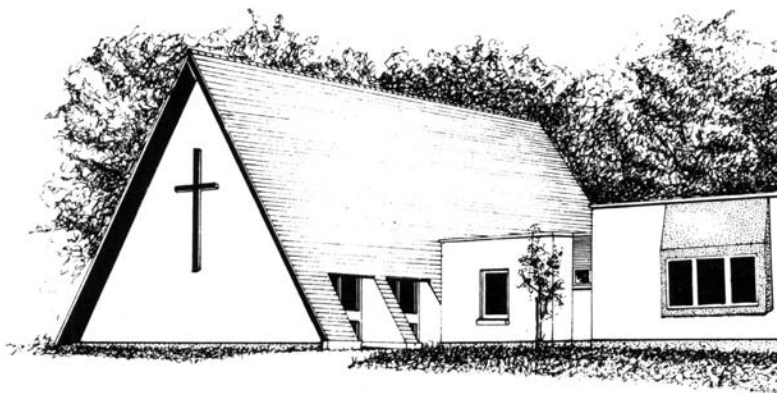
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### **our regular pattern of worship**

#### **Sundays (except 4th)**

9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Morning Worship  
(including Sunday School)

#### **1st Sundays:**

6.00pm "Sunday@Six"

#### **4th Sundays:** Worship together

10.30am "Messy Church" (during term time)

11.00am Joint Communion Service

### **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 Editor's Desk

Martin Tarr talks about building community

This issue is being published on Trinity Sunday, a day when we focus on a concept that is hard to explain, but is central to Christian doctrine – remember that, when we renewed our baptismal vows, we ended with the words “We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

We'll have to wait to hear what Helen has to say about the Trinity (it's beyond an editor's pay grade!), but I do know that we should seek to deepen our understanding of the different aspects of our faith that the Trinity idea embodies, and that this can be done, not just by study, but through worshipping together and seeking to build a witnessing community.

The word “community” comes to us, via Old French, from the Latin for “community” or “public spirit”, itself a derivative of “communis”, meaning “shared in common”.

We're now in the Pentecost season, and reading about the early Church, where believers really did share everything in common. Such total commitment is not how most of us operate nowadays, but that doesn't take away from the benefits of belonging and having a real sense of community.

So in this issue I've used another wee symbol – this time hands joining together – to highlight articles that relate in some way to having a common purpose, whether that purpose is deepening our faith, helping others, or just taking part in an interest group or activity that is life-affirming.

At first I was surprised how many articles came into this category, but became less so when I remembered that humans are social beings, and building communities comes naturally.

But then, building community sometimes goes alongside building walls between our community and others, and this is something that we need to avoid.

So it's right that we are celebrating Trinity Sunday by another joint communion service – the very word “communion” comes from the same Latin root as community, and one definition is “participation in something that is common to all”. In this case the one bread and the one cup. And the same Lord.

As we'll be hearing today before we share the Peace: “Christ who gathers us round his table, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young, he has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other.” Building our community means breaking barriers.

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## A guide to our symbols



working  
together



the wider  
world



building  
community

# Expressions of worship – 1



Helen Jenkins shared two reflections at our Palm Sunday joint service.

This is the first, which followed the reading of Mark 11:1–11 and Mark 14:3–9.

We've heard of two very different events: one in public, involving many people, an appeal to Jesus as saviour – Hosanna means 'save us', the other a quieter occasion in a private house. Both of them are about worship.

Worship can mean so many things to different people – we talk about what we gather here for on a Sunday morning as worship, quite rightly, but it's more than just this hour shared together. A dictionary definition of worship is "the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity" and I imagine we can all think of occasions when we've experienced that in places other than church – in awe at God's creation, or in response to the kindness of another in whom we have seen not just their own concern but God's.

I wonder what you make of these two examples of worship. One is busy, noisy, easy to join in with as part of a crowd. It might be a sign of deep commitment for some, but others may be just going along for the ride, enjoying the atmosphere. Perhaps, like the singing of a casual fan at a football match, it was fun at the time but makes no lasting impression on their lives. Or perhaps, like the obsessive supporter, it is an expression of something that is all consuming, bolstered by being with others who share the same passion and experience.

The other is far more intimate. There is nowhere for anyone to hide – Jesus, the woman with the perfume, or those who witness the event. This is worship that is sacrificial, extravagant, wasteful. The woman's actions make others uncomfortable, but the offering of love and devotion is accepted by Jesus, and held as an example.

Both acts of worship have significance beyond the obvious – Jesus points to the anointing with oil as a preparation for his burial, and when the crowds cry for a saviour many of them may have in mind salvation from the Roman occupation, but instead they are pointing to a far bigger truth about the significance of what is to come.

Imagine yourself in one of those scenes. How do you react? Are you comfortable or not? How might you express your worship? And what might that mean for worship in the rest of your life?

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Helen's second reflection (on Mark 14:32–42 and Mark 14:66–72) was used on our church websites during Holy Week 2018, under the title "The struggle is real". As with all our Thoughts for the Month, it is still available – click on the "Thought for the Month" tab on either website, and scroll down – "The struggle is real" is currently on page 2!

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## For the young ... and the young at heart



**Solas 22–24 June:** see page 17 or visit [www.solasfestival.co.uk](http://www.solasfestival.co.uk)

**GLEN '18 22–28 July:** see page 17 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/yawcy5wr>

# Expressions of worship – 2



Helen Jenkins talks about one of the key things we do together, and the Editor considers one way in which we can become more inclusive.

## Joint communion services



As you are aware, over the past few months Michael and I have been experimenting with a different way of leading the joint communion services, trying to make them more truly 'joint'. We asked you to trust us, and you have done, for which we thank you.

At the joint Vestry and Church Council meeting it was felt that this experiment has been overwhelmingly positive, albeit with the occasional practical challenge (I'll learn which way round to have the chalice and glasses eventually!). We will therefore be continuing with this new pattern, possibly with variations in the liturgy but holding to the idea that this is something that belongs to neither denominational tradition and is therefore truly 'ours', as St Margaret's and RMC together.

Thank you for sharing this reflection in worship of the way we work together in so many other ways.

Helen.

## A open pulpit

The way in which the Methodist Church is organised, and its tradition of using lay preachers, mean that Methodists have always embraced variety in preachers and preaching styles, admittedly sometimes at the expense of continuity of subject matter, and with the risk of duplication, especially over the choice of hymns!

St Margaret's has always had a more formal arrangement, based on the lectionary and music chosen by the organists, and mostly with regular ministry. However, this method is not without its detractors.

Achieving balance between continuity and getting fresh perspectives is something that Michael Paterson is attempting by inviting guest preachers to share the service. So, as well as being led by Tim Tunley and Jim Mein when Michael was away, it has been a pleasure in recent months to welcome as guest preachers Gilmour Lilley (our near neighbour from Rosyth Baptist Church) and Dr Linda Dunbar.

On 10 June we celebrate St Columba, and Michael's preacher that day is his old friend Paul Graham, Spiritual Care Lead for NHS Lanarkshire. Paul is a Roman Catholic, a father and grandfather, and a Benedictine Oblate of Pluscarden Abbey. He will be ordained deacon for the Roman Catholic diocese of Paisley later this summer.

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## To listen out for ... and reflect on

As Helen mentions in her article above, you can expect some changes in the liturgy. This isn't "change for change's sake", but reflects the different emphases of different seasons in the church calendar.

On 27 May, listen out for a different way of expressing the confession that is part of every communion service. Helen says: "That confession is one of the most powerful ways I've ever experienced it – it comes from the Iona Abbey worship book".

# Elizabeth's ordination

This statement, released a few weeks ago, is on behalf of Rev Dr Helen Jenkins, acting Superintendent for Forth Valley Methodist Circuit:

"We are delighted that Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet has been recommended for ordination by the District Probationers Committee and will be received into full connexion and ordained at Methodist Conference this summer.

"The two services will take place on **Sunday 1 July** with the reception into full connexion in Nottingham at **10.45am** and the ordination in Southwell Minster at **5.30pm**. If anyone would like to go to support Elizabeth and experience either or both of these impressive occasions, more information and the link to book tickets is at <http://tinyurl.com/ycrf2plt>.

"If there is sufficient interest it may be possible to organise a group from the Circuit to go together – if you would be interested, please contact Louise in the office and she will gauge interest.

"The Sunday morning service is live streamed, and CEMC will be joining with it for their morning service that day.

"I'm sure we will all want to offer Elizabeth our heartfelt congratulations and prayers in this important step on her journey."

We too rejoice at Elizabeth's news and our thoughts and prayers are with her as she prepares for this challenging next step in her ministry.

**Ed:** You can also watch the service live streamed at Rosyth Methodist Church.

A Testimony Service for Elizabeth will be held on **Wednesday 30 May at 7.00pm** in City of Edinburgh Methodist Church to which all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Ed:** Read what Elizabeth tells us about her path to becoming a deacon on the next page.

## Divided by a common language

"Religious speak" – "holy jargon" – is one of the barriers that outsiders face when they get involved in a church community. And expressions that don't mean what you might expect can also throw those who think they've heard everything before. Here is an example we picked up recently.

In England and Ireland, "Quarter Days" were the four dates each year on which servants were hired, school terms started, and rents were due. The idea was to ensure that debts and unresolved lawsuits were not allowed to linger on. Quarter Days fell on religious festivals roughly three months apart and close to the two solstices and two equinoxes. [Scotland has a similar system of "Term Days"]

But Methodists use the term in a different way, to refer to a "time for refreshment" allowance for their ministers.

Clergy are allowed to take three days off (ideally together) per quarter, in addition to holidays. These are pre-booked to ensure they don't clash with colleagues being away. Ministers are encouraged to use the days for spiritual enrichment, but they can be used for any purpose – in the midst of a busy life, just being at home and working in the garden might be a spiritual pursuit!

**Ed:** If you read the articles on pages 14, 15 and 28, you'll get an insight into how others in our fellowship use their free time to get closer to God.



# Becoming an ordinand!

Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet reflects

A decade ago, the idea of being in full-time church ministry could not have been further from my thoughts and I never thought that one day I would be a deacon in the Methodist Church. Born and brought up in North Yorkshire in a Methodist family, I became a Christian whilst a student, at an outreach event in London in 1981 that I didn't even want to go to (!), and have never ceased to be amazed at what God has done in my life since then.

In 2010, I was happy and settled in a Methodist church in Manchester and wasn't looking for a career change. However, I was becoming aware of what I sensed was a call to ordained ministry. I quickly dismissed this as I couldn't imagine anyone would think I was suitable. However, that feeling didn't go away and I started to find out more about ordained ministry in the Methodist Church and upon reading about The Methodist Diaconal Order, I realised that this was a path I should explore.

I consider myself richly blessed in having been appointed to serve God in the Forth Valley Circuit in pastoral care, spiritual nurture and missional outreach. And I am absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to share my testimony on **Wednesday 30 May** at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church and to be ordained on **Sunday 1 July** at Southwell Minster, Nottingham. However, these events are only possible because of God's grace and other people. I have received so much support and encouragement for which I am deeply grateful.

Whilst in some denominations a 'deacon' is a stepping stone to another office, Methodist deacons are deacons for life and at ordination make a lifelong commitment to a diaconal ministry of mission and service, as well as becoming full members of the Methodist Diaconal Order, which is a religious order. In addition, each deacon is presented with a silver pectoral cross of the Order and an ordination Bible. Again, unlike some other denominations, upon ordination Methodist deacons do not automatically relocate to take up a position elsewhere, but usually continue with the work they are already doing in the place they are currently appointed. Being ordained is also a wonderful time of celebration!

The Testimony Service which precedes ordination is an opportunity for members of the particular Methodist District to meet together for worship God and to celebrate what God has done in the life of 'their' probationer. The service is also an opportunity to reflect on God's specific call on everyone's life. God's primary call is to Christian discipleship, and it is my prayer that I might signpost others to God and enable them to follow Jesus. I look forward to all that lies ahead, and pray that God will never stop calling us to serve him in a world where the good news of Jesus Christ is needed more than ever.



Tired of going round in circles? see page 24 for what's happening on **20 June**.

# Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Sandra Young and Martin Tarr recall a memorable week for St Margaret's

## Palm Sunday

You will already have read (pages 4 and 5) Helen's reflections that were shared at a joint communion service that felt both familiar and different – no procession into church singing "All glory, laud and honour"; no complete reading of the Passion – yet a real sense of being together as we started on our journey towards Jerusalem.

In the evening, "Entering Holy Week" was a Taizé service for Palm Sunday, led by Rev Dr Margaret Dineley of St Finnian's, Lochgelly. Those who attended were encouraged to relax and let themselves be drawn nearer and nearer to God as we sang, prayed and were quiet together.

**Ed:** This service replaced the one planned for 4 March that had to be cancelled because of the snow. We're very grateful to Margaret for being prepared to revise her service for the later date.

## Passover Feast

One of the lasting memories of Holy Week was "Celebrating Christ our Passover", a meal arranged and presided over by Rev Michael, and attended by 20 members of the Wednesday Fellowship.

This was a most moving and powerful account of the story of the Passover enacted in words and song. We lit candles to pray for the light of the Spirit of God to bring the special meaning of Passover and Easter to us all. We drank wine (juice) from 'The Four Cups' of Thanksgiving, Hagadah ('telling'), Blessing and Melchisedek ('righteousness'), and washed and dried each other's hands.

We then tasted from the Seder plate, which contained a dish of salt-water, some horseradish, green herbs and haroseth (a mixture of chopped apples, cinnamon and honey), parsley, unleavened bread (Matzos)



and a hard-boiled egg, all symbolic of the Passover, and meticulously prepared by Michael. Some food tasted bitter, other food was sweet.

Once we had enacted the Passover story we joined in holy communion, something we all appreciated, coming from different churches in Rosyth. It was wonderful to share fellowship and remember our Lord in this way. Our grateful thanks go to Michael for providing us with this different experience.

## Maundy Thursday

The copier worked overtime during Holy Week to produce the many special service sheets that Michael had devised. Having a trained liturgist on board is both a challenge and an inspiration!

Our time of quiet communion included both the gradual hymn "An upper room" sung by the choir, and a very sensitively-handled hand-washing ritual.

The service finished with a final Gospel (Mark 14:32-34) and a time when we were encouraged to obey Christ's command to watch and pray, while all around the church darkened.



## Good Friday

This moving service was entitled “Love hurts – Prayer around the Cross”, and looked at the crucifixion through the eyes of some of the participants:

we stood with Judas, and placed a bag of coins at the cross;

we stood with Peter, and placed a rock and some sand – symbols of instability;

we stood with Caiaphas, and placed scales, remembering the temptation to deny justice to maintain our own power;

we stood with Pilate, and placed a bowl and towel at the cross – symbols of the way we refuse to get involved;

we stood with Mary, and placed frankincense and myrrh – symbols of promise, symbols of hope.



Each time we sang “Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom”, we prayed, and we kept silence.

Finally, we stood with Jesus, hearing the Gospel account of his last moments. After the silence that followed, we sang “Behold the wood of the cross”, and were invited to approach the cross and light a candle, a sign of our love and prayer for someone who needed God’s help that day.

## Easter Day

Easter Day started appropriately in the garden, for the kindling of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle, before trooping into church to the strains of “Christ the Lord is risen today”.



Our liturgy incorporated the Hebridean *Gloria* and settings of the *Sanctus* (Paul Inwood) and *Agnus Dei* (David Saint) that we were to continue using throughout the Easter season.

However, the Easter Day service also included the renewal of baptismal vows and a sung setting of the first part of the Eucharistic Prayer replete with alleluias.

Alleluia, indeed. Jesus is risen!



# Fellowship news – 1

## Recent moves

As mentioned in the last edition of Contact (p24) Valley House closed and **Jim and Jean Oliver** have now moved to Lindsay House in Lumphinnans. Jim is looking forward to celebrating his centenary in July. He still has remarkable recall, and spending an hour in his company listening to him reminiscing is both a delight and privilege.

**Jock and Audrey Headden** have moved recently to Alexander House, Main Street, Crossgates where they are very well cared for, and are settling down. July is a significant month for them – Jock will be 92, Audrey 89, and they also celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary.

## Now at home!

Delighted to announce the arrival on 5 April of **Francis Vernon Kidd**, known to his family and friends as Frankie.



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## Answers to Feb/March puzzles

### 1 What is the time?

9pm

### 2 Strange equation

Turn the question upside down.

### 3 STUCK

$$(1+9+6+8+3) \times (1+9+6+8+3) \times (1+9+6+8+3) = 19683$$

### 4 Turn of the Century

3,800

### 5 What a choice!

D) The lions would be dead.

Let Dave know if you need extra clarification!

His coming into the world was ten weeks earlier than expected, but after six weeks of loving care from the staff of the Special Care Baby Unit in the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy, and his adoring parents and big sister, Eleanor, he was allowed to come home last Thursday afternoon.

Drew and Andrea would like to thank everyone at church for their prayerful support, cards, gifts and good wishes for his excellent progress. Frankie now weighs in at 5lbs 4ozs and hopefully he will be coming to meet you all one day soon. I'm not sure he's ready for Messy Church yet, but hopefully will be big enough to fill the manger at Christmas!

Mary Kidd (22 May)

## Fellowship news – 2

### New house, new baby, new life

**Allan, Marie and Sophie Walkinshaw** have recently moved to Markinch. However due to the friendship extended to them by St. Margarets congregation they will continue to worship at Rosyth. They are pleased to announce the birth of a new grand-daughter Emily Rose, a younger sister to Hope and another family member to Sophie.



The final joy was on 22 April when Sophie was received into God's family at a baptismal service at the joint service in Rosyth. The Rev Dr Michael Paterson officiated, organising a very emotional service enjoyed by all. Fabulous music provided by Myra Tarr; and great fellowship by all who attended.



Special thanks to the close friends who provided gifts and John and Helen McCaw for standing as godparents. Appreciation also goes to Martin and Mark for the photographs that will serve as a lasting reminder of what proved an exceptional day.

It is with great affection to all members of both congregations we extend our gratitude and wish all a peaceful mind and a loving heart. As Sophie said at the end of the service "Keep coming back".

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### Another puzzle

Where and when can you enjoy singing four hymns, and listen to a massed choir singing an introit and no fewer than *four* anthems?

When you have given up, look for inspiration on page 35!

# Wednesday Fellowship

The President's Report to the 9th AGM on 16 May 2018



We are now almost at the end of our 9th year of Fellowship. It's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone (age-related!) and soon we begin our summer break, followed by the 10th year of our existence.

When I look back over the last year, there is much to be thankful for. We began the year with 25 members, and a fairly regular average attendance of 20. There are some members who are not able to attend regularly, our Honorary members, and, during the year, we have welcomed new members, Ros Brown, Julie Denning, Sheila Lee, and lately Colin and June Roberts. I know we all find fellowship and friendship within this group as it grows from strength to strength as a part of God's Kingdom in Rosyth – the church and in the community. We remain ecumenically minded with our members who belong to other churches in Rosyth. We see the Wednesday Fellowship as part of our commitment to Outreach in Rosyth, and we are encouraged by the support we get.

During the year we have enjoyed varied and interesting programmes throughout the autumn and the spring. We've travelled – to Haiti twice, with Lou Davidson, to Uganda, and a bit nearer home – the Orkney Islands, and on the Shetland Bus which wasn't a bus, but a ship! A local history afternoon turned out to be an introduction to the delights of YouTube! So, there have been surprises along the way! Many of the members told me that the programme for this year has been the best ever with such interesting speakers who we hope will come again.

Our meeting during Holy Week was in the form of a Passover Meal in the sanctuary, beautifully prepared, explained and administered by Rev Michael Paterson.

At our recent AGM I expressed my personal thanks, as well as those of the members, to our Vice-President, Sandra Young, an extremely busy lady who takes on the responsibility for organizing our lunches at Christmas and at the end of the Spring Term. She's also had to stand in for me, sometimes at very short notice!

At Christmas, after consultation with you all, we agreed to have our Christmas Party here, which was lovely, but left the organisers and helpers shattered! So we all agreed to go to Dobbies for our end-of-term do!

Thank you to Mary Dempster for undertaking the raffle each week, as well as handling the money on behalf of the Treasurer. We each get a beautiful card on our birthday. Mustn't forget Erica and Lesley who undertake and serve our refreshments.

Lastly, the committee and I say thanks to you, members of the Fellowship, for coming week by week. It's this that keeps the whole thing in progress and makes all it worth while. Even on the occasions when we don't have a speaker, we've proved we're very good at entertaining ourselves. Keep well and happy during the summer months ahead. Enjoy the break, whether, or not, you're going away on holiday, and we'll meet up again on **6 September**.

Mary Kidd

# What's special about 9 June?



Saturday 9 June might be just the day for you to “play the tourist” and take the boat over to the island of Inchcolm in the middle of the Firth of Forth. Why?

Because Inchcolm (now in the care of Historic Scotland) means “Columba’s island”, and 9 June is Saint Columba’s feast day!

Columba was born in 521, the grandson of the Irish King Niall, but left Ireland as an act of self-imposed penance for an action that had caused a number of deaths.

In 563 he settled with the Gaels of Dál Riata, where he was granted the Island of Iona to found a monastery. [Iona was said to be the first place he found from where he couldn’t see his native country!]

For the Gaelic warrior kings, Columba was a useful asset: his monastery educated their sons, and he was a close advisor to the king. Columba’s blessing was treasured as a powerful symbol of the Gaels’ authority, and, in return for this support, they gave the monastery both land and protection.

Columba died on 9 June 597, but Iona’s influence continued to grow, leading to the foundation of new monasteries as far away as Lindisfarne in Northumbria.

Columba would have remained enigmatic and little-known were it not for Adomnán, the ninth Abbot of Iona. His book, the *Vita Colum Cille* (Life of Columba), ensured that the saint’s reputation eclipsed that of other Scottish saints and spread Iona’s fame.

By the mid-9th century Iona had suffered from Viking raids, and greatly declined in importance. That it is once again a centre for pilgrimage and tourism, is largely thanks to the Iona Community, founded in 1938 by George MacLeod. From a dockland parish in Govan, he took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey and the common life by working and living together.

The Iona Community now describes itself as “a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship”.



**ColumbaFest** is one of its activities. and will take place in Glasgow from **8 to 10 June** at various venues. Organised by Wild Goose and the Iona Community, with the theme of ‘Dreams and Visions’, it draws inspiration from the

life of St Columba, the biblical prophets, and contemporary politics to challenge us to engage with the most pressing issues of social justice in our society.

An urban festival of faith, culture, politics and creativity, ColumbaFest consists of a stimulating and diverse range of talks, workshops, concerts, worship, and walks. Contributors include:

**Jane Bentley** on how music will save the world;

**John L Bell** on matters theological, political and imaginative;

**Craig Gardiner** on Bonhoeffer, the Iona Community and the New Monasticism;

**Lorraine McIntosh** on childhood bus journeys to Ireland;

**Ian Bradley** on reassessing Columba & Celtic Christianity;

**Alistair McIntosh** on The Ten Beatitudes and on Sunday evening a ‘**A Wee Sing**’ with John L Bell and The Wild Goose.

Details of events, dates, times and venues at [www.wildgoose.scot/columbafest.com](http://www.wildgoose.scot/columbafest.com), where you can also buy tickets for the weekend, a day, or just an evening.



# The Quiet Garden at Gleneagles



Gordon and I visited the Quiet Garden at Gleneagles on 8 May. It was a lovely afternoon of sunshine and showers – umbrellas and sturdy footwear required! We began with a welcome cup of coffee for the “motley crew” of 20+ gathered together in the conservatory. Giles Dove introduced the afternoon as time and space for each person to use as they wished. He then shared his own theme for reflection and gave us his thoughts on “Hospitality” based on Luke 14:12–14.



“Then Jesus said to his host, ‘When you give a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbours – for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back.’”

Following Giles’ words we all embarked upon our own time for silent contemplation in the Quiet Garden. The garden at Gleneagles is wild and natural with the fresh trees moving towards their summer beauty. A tranquil setting for walking and serious thinking in the safe arms of Mother Nature. There are woods, a burn, a low maze, a pond and wonderful plants. We had time in the garden for solitude or to share with others. There were no rules or structure, just time to be in the open air, the quiet, surrounded by trees and hills.

Around 4pm we all congregated back at the house for tea and home-made cake and a chance to get to know people who were strangers to us before this event. After this Giles invited us to take part in Evening Prayer at the delightful 16th-century chapel within the grounds of the house. A perfect way to end the day before saying our farewells and heading for home. We had received such generous hospitality from our host. Petronella is passionate about her garden and the Quiet Garden Movement. Gordon and I would encourage you to experience time in this green space, if you can make one of the other dates (see page 16).

“The inner silence or stillness we often find by being in a Quiet Garden can also be nurtured to be accessible anytime and anywhere”

(from “Quiet Places”, the newsletter of the Quiet Garden Movement)

Pam Pryde

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## One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

“Whoever acknowledges me before others,  
I will also acknowledge before my Father  
in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32 (NIV)



## Reflection in action



I recently posted the photograph which is shown here on my personal Facebook page. It was of myself finishing a 1 mile race in Ravenscraig Park in Dysart. I posted it because I thought it was a decent photo, it got a few "likes" as these things do, and I thought nothing more about it until it was suggested that I might like to write a couple of paragraphs for Contact about it.

This got me thinking if the Bible had much to say about running. The following piece of scripture from Corinthians I thought was apt;

"Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline, in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but we do it for one that will last for ever. That is why I run straight for the finishing line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches. I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest."

(1 Corinthians 9:25-27)

The references to discipline seem rather relevant to me. The regime of training can promote a discipline that encourages you to go for a run when at times the lure to do so may not be that strong. Hardening your body with blows may suggest a penitent act but the enhanced physical strength to be gained from running does I believe enhance both my physical and mental health.

Training for me sometimes takes place in the Ochils or at Benarty Hill just south of Loch Leven. Sunday afternoons, after the service, I often have a couple of hours around and over Benarty. These runs can be time for reflection, sharing the silence



and speaking and listening to God. Whilst it is great to get away into the country, you do not have to escape that far to experience these reflective runs. I can recollect a run I had recently when suddenly I saw a tree and the sight of it gave me an incredible feeling of the wonder of God's creation.

Coming back to the photo, this was just a local 1 mile race in a Fife Park and trying to run fast for a short period is not a regular type of race for me. At the age of 59 it is clear that the times I can do now will not be as fast as I could have done when I was 29, 39 or 49, although 5 mins and 54 sec still seems pretty reasonable to me. The times then that are achievable will diminish and wither, but it can give you the space and time to consider that which is timeless.

Gordon Pryde

# Invitations and requests – 1



## Ecumenical Study Group

Following the conclusion of our very interesting study of women in the Bible, the group will revert to meeting on the 1st Monday of each month, at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The first such meeting will be on **Monday 4 June**. All are welcome to the group. Further details from Alan Taylor.

## Quiet Garden at Gleneagles

“Be still and know” (Psalm 46:10)

Once again this year the Quiet Garden Trust ([www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org)) offer opportunities to enjoy stillness and reflection for visitors of any faith or none in the beautiful setting of Gleneagles. The first quiet afternoon was held on Tuesday 8 May, when Pam and Gordon Pryde went along (see page 14). The remaining dates this summer are **Tuesday 12 June** and **Wednesday 18 July** from 1.45pm to 5.00pm.

After an introduction and welcome by the Rev Giles Dove, Rev Tracy Dowling or Canon Andrew Meynell, you can wander around the recently-created wild garden, or walk the grass maze, and finish the afternoon with a short service in the beautiful private 16th-Century chapel.

All are welcome to attend – a donation of £3 to the Quiet Garden Trust is suggested. Enquiries to: Petronella Haldane, Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Perthshire PH3 1PJ (01764 682388; [petronella@gleneagles.org](mailto:petronella@gleneagles.org)).

## Annual Barbeque

This year we plan to return to the Silver Sands, Aberdour (weather permitting) for our annual church barbeque. All, especially families and children, are welcome to come along on **Sunday 24 June** at any time after **2.00pm** (food will be served a bit later!). Further details will follow in the weekly notices, but put the date your diary now.

## Well Café volunteers needed

The Well Cafe at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church is looking for volunteers to help staff the cafe over the Fringe Festival period, which will be a venue again. Greenside group is coming with a big programme, so the cafe will be a bit busier than in previous years. The first show of the Fringe Festival 2018 in the building will be on **Friday 3 August**, and the last on **Saturday 25 August**. During this time the opening hours will be extended, as they were last year.

Are you, or someone you know, interested and able to give a hand or help during Festival time at The Well Café? If so, please contact the cafe manager, Sergio, on 0131 662 8635 or email [thewelledinburgh@gmail.com](mailto:thewelledinburgh@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## KNIT 2018

If you are into your knitting, you might be interested in this challenge to help raise funds – a sponsored knitting event launched by Edinburgh Direct Aid for groups or individuals, that will run until 30 June. This is to raise funds to send supplies to Lebanon, for Syrian refugees struggling more than ever to make ends meet as the war drags on – already longer than the Second World War, and no end in sight. Edinburgh Aid receive many generous donations of clothes, shoes etc – but they cannot send them without financial contributions too.

Please help by:

- advertising it in any way you can
- taking part as an individual knitter, or as a knitting group;
- if you have never knitted at all, getting sponsored to learn;
- sponsoring a knitting friend .

Details at [www.edinburghdirectaid.org](http://www.edinburghdirectaid.org).

## Invitations and requests – 2



### An invitation from Helen

Ever been to a music festival? Are you a fan of being in the outdoors, listening to bands, camping, getting muddy?

Or does that sound like absolutely not your thing – no-one's going to catch you sleeping in a tent, and you like to spend your time on something a little more intellectual than pop music?

Whichever of those camps you fall into, or if you're somewhere in between, **Solas** might be for you. It's a festival, yes, but it's not just about the music (although there's a wide variety of that) – there are plenty of other arts represented, as well as seminars, speakers and things you've never even thought of. You'll find explorations of politics, faith and culture, with strong themes of equality and justice running throughout.

It's in a field (so it might be a bit muddy if it rains), but it also has some events indoors, and although camping is an option it's only an hour down the road, just outside Perth\*, so it's easy to go for the day, and there are plenty of accommodation options nearby if you'd like a proper bed. It's a small, family-friendly festival (tickets are free for 0-11s) and the Methodist Church in Scotland are long-term partners of the event, so it's pretty likely that you'll run into someone you know, especially in the Methodist tent, where there's bound to be something creative going on. I and family will be there for the weekend of **22-24 June**, so you can look out for us to start with – the kids will probably be found in the middle of a large pile of straw!

So, whether you think of yourself as a festival goer or not, why not give Solas a go? More information and tickets can be found on their website at [www.solasfestival.co.uk](http://www.solasfestival.co.uk).

\* The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore, Perth PH1 1PY

### Glenalmond Youth Week

"Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Every year youth from the Province gather at Glenalmond College for a summer camp, which this year takes place from **22 to 28 July**. The camp is open to anyone in secondary education and is well supported by our young friends from the Fife Cluster Youth Fellowship (YF), which runs in partnership with local churches, most of whom are from Holy Trinity Dunfermline and St Peter's Kirkcaldy.

It is a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and sharing – not to mention the great activities and workshops. It must be good because, having attended once, the young folk keep going back for more!

Last year the YF put together a thoughtful and moving account of their reflections of GLEN 17 (the 20th anniversary year) which they presented as the worship for the Annual West Fife Area Council Service in September 2017. This was not the traditional service which we are comfortable with, but contemporary worship and hymns seen through the eyes of young people. Some of us from St Margaret's attended and were greatly impressed by the sincerity of these teenagers, and what worship means to them. So much so that we have invited them to lead our Sunday@Six on **2 September** based on their reflections on GLEN 18.



If you like events that offer variety and choice, but Solas doesn't appeal and your age disqualifies you from GLEN 18, why not go to Glasgow for the ColumbaFest on the **weekend of 8-10 June?**

More details on page 13.



# Christian Aid

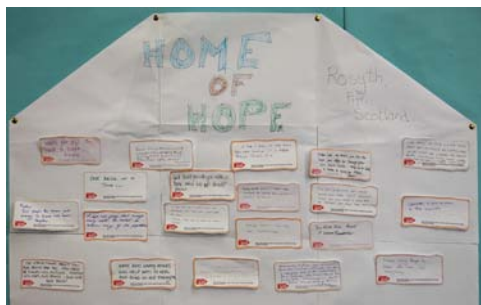
Jan Benvie writes ...



Many thanks to those who came along to our Christian Aid **Sunday@Six service**. Christian Aid's focus this year is building sustainable homes in Haiti for people who are internally displaced. As well as a Christian Aid film from Haiti we were delighted to hear from Lou Davidson about her work with Haiti Help (a West Fife based charity).

**Ed:** The charity got its name from one of Lou's colleagues saying "we'll hae tae help" – "Haiti Help"!

Many thanks also to all who helped put the service together – audio-visual, poster, order of service – and those who baked, set out, cleared up and otherwise helped with the refreshments afterwards.



As part of the service those attending wrote prayers and words of hope on 'bricks' and helped to build a 'House of Hope'. I have sent the bricks to Christian Aid and they will present them to the UK government ahead of the UN General Assembly in September.

There is also a **Christian Aid petition** to the UK Prime Minister calling on her to speak out for internally displaced people at the UN. The petition will be available for signing in the Crush Hall after services over the next few months.

The annual **Christian Aid Concert**, with contributions from the choirs of the Park Road, Kings Road and Camdean Primary

Schools in Rosyth was not as well attended as in previous years, but it was a very enjoyable evening. There is a lot of talent in Rosyth!

I don't yet have a figure for the **collection** at Sunday@Six, or for the other events in Rosyth during Christian Aid Week, but I will put a notice up in the Crush Hall when I know and will also let people know through the next Contact.

**Ed:** If you haven't already exercised your brains on the Christian Aid quiz, it's still available from Jan for £1!

## Stop Climate Chaos

We are invited to join Stop Climate Chaos Scotland by attending a free interactive workshop, in partnership with Christian Aid, on **Sunday 3 June from 2.00pm to 4.30pm** at Grassmarket Community Project, 88 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, EH1 2QA.



The workshop will give more information on Scotland's new Climate Change Act and how we can get involved in the campaign for climate justice. It will be followed by a screening of the film *Not Without Us* that follows frontline activists in the fight against climate change.

Entry to the workshop is free; tickets for the film are £4 each. Register for the workshop through [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

More information on the SCCS website: <https://tinyurl.com/y86d2e6z>.

# Diary for May/June 2018

## Sunday 27 May

**Trinity Sunday**      10.30am   Messy Church  
                                  11.00am   Joint Communion Service      Rev Dr Helen Jenkins  
                                  followed by   AGM of the Methodist congregation  
                                                       Traidcraft goods on sale after the service

Tuesday 29 May      10.00am   EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Wednesday 30 May   7.00pm   Testimony Service for Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet  
                                                       City of Edinburgh Methodist Church.  
                                                       All welcome (see pages 6 and 7)

Friday 1 June           9.30am   Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
                                  onwards   tea, coffee and home baking

7.00pm   Choir practice

Saturday 2 June       1.00pm   Rehearsal for RSCM Triennial Festival  
                                                       in St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee  
                                  4.00pm   Festival Service. All welcome to attend (see page 35)

## Sunday 3 June

Pentecost 2            9.30am   Sung Eucharist                      Rev Dr Michael Paterson  
                                  11.00am   Morning Worship                      Dr Anne Pennington  
                                  2.00pm   "Act for our Future" Stop Climate Chaos Scotland  
                                  to 4.30pm   workshop at Grassmarket Community Project,  
                                                       88 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh  
                                                       (see opposite page for details)

**Note:** No Sunday@Six

6.00pm   Scottish Chamber Choir concert in Crail Church  
                                  (see page 35)

Monday 4 June        7.30pm   Monthly Ecumenical Study Group, Rosyth Parish Church

Tuesday 5 June       7.30pm   Coffee, Cake and Crafts – a monthly evening craft club  
                                                       run by Jean Hall and friends

Friday 8 June           9.30am   Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
                                  onwards   tea, coffee and home baking

7.00pm   Choir practice

Friday 8 June to       day   ColumbaFest organised by Wild Goose/Iona Community  
 Sunday 10 June       events   Various venues in Glasgow (see page 13 for details)

## Diary for June 2018

Saturday 9 June

1.30pm Rehearsal Come and Sing *Musicality* (see page 35)

4.00pm Concert at Mayfield Parish Church, Edinburgh

7.30pm Scottish Chamber Choir concert in Rosslyn Chapel (see page 35)

## Sunday 10 June

St Columba	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev Dr Michael Paterson (celebrant) Mr Paul Graham, Spiritual Care Lead for NHS Lanarkshire (preacher) (see page 5)
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11.00am Morning Worship Rev Dr Helen Jenkins

Monday 11 June      6.30pm Rosyth Property Committee meeting

Tuesday 12 June 10.00am EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns

1.45pm Quiet Garden at Gleneagles. An opportunity for stillness  
to 5.00pm and reflection. Free admission but donation of £3  
suggested (see pages 14 and 16 for details)

Friday 15 June      9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 16 June     7.30pm     Dunfermline Choral Union Summer Concert,  
Vine Church, Dunfermline (See page 35 for details)

## Sunday 17 June

Pentecost 4                      9.30am   Sung Eucharist                      Rev Dr Michael Paterson

11.00am Morning Worship Rev Paul Singh

Wednesday 20 June 6.30pm Labyrinth Walking Evening, St James Dollar  
(see page 24 for details)

Friday 22 June      9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

7.30pm Dunfermline Gilbert and Sullivan Society *HMS Pinafore*  
singalong in St Margaret's RC Memorial Church  
(see page 35)

Friday 22 June to day Solas 2018 (see page 17)  
Sunday 24 June events

## Sunday 24 June

Pentecost 5                      10.30am   Messy Church

11.00am Joint Communion Service      Rev Dr Michael Paterson

2.00pm onwards Church BBQ on Silver Sands



# Diary for June/July 2018

Tuesday 26 June 10.00am EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns

Friday 29 June 9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking  
7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 1 July

Pentecost 6 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Dr Michael Paterson  
11.00am Conference Sunday screening of morning worship  
live from Nottingham. Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet will  
be received into full Connection at the Methodist  
Conference. (see pages 6 and 7 for details)  
6.00pm Sunday@Six with Crosswater Band  
(see page 36 for details)

Monday 2 July 7.30pm Monthly Ecumenical Study Group, Rosyth Parish Church

Friday 6 July 9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

## Sunday 8 July

Pentecost 7 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Dr Michael Paterson  
11.00am Café Church Mr Edward Idle

Tuesday 10 July 10.00am EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns

Friday 13 July 9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

## Sunday 15 July

Pentecost 8 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Dr Michael Paterson  
11.00am Morning Worship Padre Stewart Young  
7.00pm Ordination of Rev Carol Latimer to the priesthood,  
St Serf's, Burntisland.  
Confirmation of time and further details later.

Wednesday 18 July 1.45pm Quiet Garden at Gleneagles. An opportunity for stillness  
to 5.00pm and reflection. Free admission but donation of £3  
suggested (see pages 14 and 16 for details)

Friday 20 July 9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

Saturday 21 July 7.00pm Concert by Crosswater Band with singer Benita.  
St Finnian's Church, Lochgelly. Tickets £5 to include  
refreshments. (see page 35 for details)

# Diary for July/August 2018

Saturday 21 July      7.30pm Farewell service for Rev Dr Mark Jason  
Falkirk Grahamston United Parish Church. All welcome.  
The service will be preceded by a bring-and-share  
supper at 6.30pm. (see opposite page)

## Sunday 22 July

Pentecost 9      11.00am Communion Service      Rev Dr Helen Jenkins  
Traidcraft goods on sale after the service

**Note:** No Messy Church during School Holidays

Tuesday 24 July      10.00am EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns

Friday 27 July      9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

2.00pm Wedding of Karen and John in the church  
Rev Dr Michael Paterson

Saturday 28 July      tba Diocesan Pilgrimage along the Fife Pilgrim Way  
(see page 24 for details)

## Sunday 29 July

Pentecost 10      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Rev Dr Michael Paterson  
11.00am Morning Worship      Rev Hilda Warwick

Wednesday 1 Aug      7.00pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting  
at Livingston

Friday 3 Aug      9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 5 August

Pentecost 11      9.30am Sung Eucharist      tbc  
11.00am Church Anniversary Service      Rev Christopher Shreeve  
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet (Worship Leader)

**Note:** No Sunday@Six

Monday 6 Aug      7.30pm Monthly Ecumenical Study Group, Rosyth Parish Church

Tuesday 7 Aug      10.00am EDWJ meets at Mary Kidd's home in Limekilns

7.00pm St Margaret's Vestry meets in Room 5

Friday 10 Aug      9.30am Triangle Coffee Shop in the Crush Hall  
onwards tea, coffee and home baking

7.00pm Choir practice

# A change of Circuit Superintendent

## Farewell, Mark

Mark Jason writes:

"I have had an incredible journey during my ministry in the Scotland District, first as circuit minister in Central Scotland Circuit, then as superintendent of that circuit, and now as superintendent of the Forth Valley Circuit. I count it as a privilege to have held this responsibility. I could not have done it if I were not supported by an excellent staff team and a competent and sincere group of circuit stewards.

"On a more personal note, it has been a privilege to have been able to visit each congregation. Sarah and I have been blessed by the welcome, goodwill, love, and kindness of each of the 11 congregations in the circuit. It has been a joy to be part of your fellowship and to share in your worship. We take with us good memories of our time in the Forth Valley Circuit.

"Sarah and I will continue to uphold you in our prayers and we ask you to keep us in yours as we move to the Burnley and Pendle Circuit of the Lancashire District in the summer."

There will be a farewell service for Rev Dr Mark Jason at Falkirk Grahamston United Parish Church on **Saturday 21 July at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to the service and to the bring-and-share supper that precedes it at 6.30pm.

**Ed:** As well as conducting a joint service at Rosyth, Mark and Sarah joined us on one of their rare free evenings together as part of a Sunday@Six congregation, and we were delighted to talk to them afterwards. We do indeed pray for them as they move to Lancashire and wish them every good wish in the next chapter of their varied and fruitful ministry.

## Welcome, Eddie

We have already heard that the Rev Eddie Sykes has accepted the circuit's invitation to be Superintendent Minister from September. He will have pastoral charge of Rosyth, Kirkcaldy and Granton. and he and his wife Susan will live in the manse at Crossgates. Eddie comes to us from the North Lancashire Methodist Circuit, where he has pastoral oversight of Caton Methodist Church.

There will be a welcome service for Eddie and Rev Mary Patterson (who will also join the Forth Valley Circuit ministry team from September 2018 with pastoral charge of Armadale, Wallacestone, Stirling and support of Grahamston) at Livingston United Parish Church on **Wednesday 22 August at 7.30pm**, to which are welcome.

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## Doing our bit for the planet

This year we've all been enjoying our 2018 Paschal candle, but did you realise that this year our candle is what in other contexts would be called "pre-loved"?

Paschal candles get little use, so don't burn down to the decoration, and our candle has been carefully restored by Alan Taylor, who even managed an invisible repair to change the year.

As sustainability champions would put it: *recycling* is good, but *reusing* is better. Thank you, Alan, for your painstaking work.





## Around the Diocese



### What's on

Our annual Gathering at the Cathedral may have been postponed, but plenty of other events have been planned to enable us to meet and pray together in various parts of the diocese in the months ahead.

The first of a series of **Labyrinth Prayer Walking Evenings** was held at St Serf's, Comrie on 18 April, where an indoor labyrinth donated to the diocese was used for the first time – as well as the grass labyrinth in the Glebe Meadow. The Dunblane Area Council will host another Labyrinth Walking evening at **St James', Dollar**, on **20 June** from **6.30pm**. This is an opportunity to learn about labyrinths and to walk the garden labyrinth or the indoor canvas labyrinth, which is 4.3m in diameter. The evening will finish with supper (bring some finger food to share) and Compline. All ages are welcome. For more information contact [andrewfrearsontron@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewfrearsontron@hotmail.com) or [enabler@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:enabler@standrews.anglican.org).

A **Pilgrimage to St Andrews** will be held on **28 July** along the Fife Pilgrim Way. A choice of three routes with different starting points means that walkers of all ages and abilities and also those using wheelchairs or pushing buggies can participate. The day will finish with worship in the ruins of the Cathedral and refreshments at All Saints' Church. More information and an application form will be available soon.

Finally, you are invited to contribute to a **Photographic Exhibition** entitled "Our People and Places in Pictures" that will travel around the diocese in the autumn. No expertise or special equipment is needed – just an eye for an image that captures an aspect of our diocese. Twelve of the exhibits will be chosen to feature in a 2019 diocesan calendar. An information leaflet will appear in the Crush Hall soon and on the diocesan website, [www.standrews.anglican.org](http://www.standrews.anglican.org).

### Election of a new Bishop

On 25 April it was announced that three candidates had been short-listed for office of the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, which became vacant in July 2017 following the retirement of the Most Rev David Chillingworth.



The candidates were selected by a Preparatory Committee (chaired by the Bishop of Edinburgh) consisting of clergy and lay church members who represent our Diocese and the wider Church. The next stage in the selection process was a meeting of each of the candidates with members of an Electoral Synod (representatives of clergy and lay members from the Diocese only – Val Leslie is our lay representative). This meeting took place on Saturday 26 May, with the election of the new Bishop taking place on **Saturday 2 June**.

The candidates are:

- The **Rev Canon Dr Charlotte Methuen**, Professor of Church History at the University of Glasgow and Honorary Assistant Priest, St Margaret's Church, Newlands
- The **Rev Christopher Newlands**, Vicar of Lancaster
- The **Rev Canon Ian Paton**, Rector, Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh

We sincerely hope that the Electoral Synod will be able to elect a new bishop who will lead the Diocese in its future ministry and mission, and we hold each of the candidates and the representatives in our prayers.



## Area Council

Val Leslie reports on the 25 May meeting

The speakers at the meeting were Nan Kennedy and Annie Hughes. Nan and Annie decided that their talk about The Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) should take the form of a conversation rather than a PowerPoint presentation. This more relaxed approach made for a really interesting talk and I certainly learned a lot about the education of students training for the ministry.

Annie (a second-year student) spoke movingly about how God had called her to study at SEI. I was very proud to hear her say that a congregation present at the meeting (looking directly at myself, Alan and Sandra) had been very welcoming and a real joy to spend time with, and this had given her such a boost to continue the arduous task of moving forward in her studies.

Nan and Annie spoke about SEI with a considerable respect. It is no easy task to become a student of SEI, and the interview process sounds quite daunting, but the SEC wants to demonstrate that it has a first-class education and training programme for the next generation of priests.

Nan Kennedy, a member of the SEI board and a diocesan ambassador for SEI, spoke about how SEI was conceived after it was decided that TISEC (its predecessor) was not fit for purpose and a fresh start was required. Nan and Annie spoke warmly of the appointments that drove SEI forward with their boundless energy and academic rigour. Anne Tomlinson and Rev Dr Michael Hull were singled out as outstanding directors of the new SEI.

Nan and Annie told us of the process of linking with the University of Durham. A high level of academic theological knowledge was expected, but Nan was proud that those directing the SEI had achieved the excellence the university looked for.

All good stuff! But what is even more significant is that the number of students wishing to study theology at SEI is growing, and they are getting younger. Nan even gave us the startling news that SEI might have to turn potential students away because SEI may not be able to fund them! God is truly at work and, as Annie stated at the beginning of her conversation, God is a God of surprises! How true and how amazing. If there was ever the need for evidence that God was working with us, then this is it! Nan said that, when SEI offered to fund curacy, they never expected such a positive response!

So the SEC is in a good place as far as the new generation of priests is concerned. Nan even mooted that fund-raising to help pay for a curate might be the way to go!

Annie gave us an overview of what being a student at the SEI is like. It is not for the faint-hearted, and the amount of academic work, essays, residential weekends, seminars and placements sounds exhausting, and jolly hard work. But Annie said that she was so happy and full of joy that God is working within her.

Annie was very pleased to see the three of us from Rosyth, and we invited her to come and be with us again. I think she may try to get to Sunday@Six when the jazz band join us for worship. I hope she makes it, as I am sure all of you will be pleased to see her.

The next Area Council meeting will be on **16 September** at St Finniains, Lochgelly. Starting with an afternoon tea was discussed, and the Council were unanimous that this would be a great opportunity to socialise before the service.

St Margaret's will be hosting the meeting on **20 November**. We hope that the new bishop will have been installed by then, so watch this space!

# Keeping the show on the road



## Vacancy at St Margaret's

Our Vestry and Holy Trinity's met with interim Bishop Kevin on 18 April. The process of finding a new Rector has now started and Bishop Kevin will lead us through the various stages. Our updated congregational profile, asked for by 18 May, is with Bishop Kevin and we await a follow-up meeting with him. We expect by early autumn to have made good progress.

In the meantime we are so fortunate that Rev Michael Paterson continues to minister to us most Sundays. As is mentioned on page 5, Michael invites a guest preacher from another denomination to join us once a month, which encourages an open pulpit. As well, we had a welcome visit from Jim Mein recently, and Tim Tunley has also been with us twice, so we are well served each Sunday.

## Lent Appeal

This year's Diocesan Lent Appeal was for the Scottish Episcopal Institute, the SEC's training agency for those studying for authorised ministry as Deacons, Priests and Lay Readers. Thanks to all those who have donated generously. A cheque for £168.75 (inclusive of Gift Aid) has been forwarded to the Diocesan Office.

## What's happening in Lochgelly

On **Tuesday 17 July** there is a Retreat Day at The Bield, Blackruthven, Perth. Please pray for the small group taking part in this retreat. There will be no morning service at St Finnian's that day.

And you're invited to a second opportunity in July to hear Crosswater Band in concert, this time with singer Benita, on **Saturday 21 July** at 7.00pm. Details on page 35.

## Messy Church

We are now into our third month of holding Messy Church at the new time of 10.30. A success? Probably too soon to tell. I know it suits some of our families, but excludes others. Most of the helpers find it better for them – but we don't run Messy Church for the helpers! So please let us know what you think. Does it work for you at 10.30, or do you prefer to start at 9.00?

Apart from the change of time, little else has changed. We don't start with breakfast (it's a bit late for that) but share a snack before listening to the story which sets the theme for our messy (not always messy!) crafts. Towards the end of the session those who want to are able to share in Communion – something we couldn't do before the change in time.

Do you know any children who would enjoy this? Please tell people about Messy Church and invite them along – even if they've never set foot in a Church before. Why not bring them along yourselves? Most members of our congregations have never experienced Messy Church!

Over the last few months we have been thinking about some of the parables that Jesus told – the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. In June we will be concentrating on the lost sheep and the lost coin, and finishing with the sower in September, after our break for the summer. We'd love to see you there.

Gwyneth Kirby



# An encouragement to faith

Adrian Masson's reflection at Lay Communion on 8 April 2018  
Our readings were: Acts 4.32–35; 1 John 1.1–2.2; John 20.19–31

I wonder if I asked you to name your favourite blockbuster movies what they would be? I am sure most of you would have little difficulty in naming a few. But what if I asked you to name your favourite blockbuster readings from the Bible? You know, those that are well known, are memorable and have impact on you. Perhaps a more challenging question, but I am sure your replies would include the Christmas and Easter stories or John 3:16 about which we enjoyed a really helpful sermon a few weeks back. Maybe they would include the story of creation in Genesis or the vision of the new Jerusalem in Revelation – incidentally we will be revisiting this vision with the Crosswater Band at our Sunday at Six on 1 July so do come!

So why do I ask? Because when I was first asked to lead today's service and saw the appointed readings I thought – wow! – three blockbuster readings in one day – any one of which would delight a trained theologian and keep you absorbed for hours ... but instead you've got me!

So where do we begin? I was tempted to major on that almost utopian picture of the early church in Acts, but that throws up all manner of challenges in how you translate that vision of care and community into practical living in the 21st century. So for me the better place is with Thomas – doubting Thomas. I always feel Thomas gets an unfair press. He had heard the stories of Jesus' resurrection from the other disciples and the other gospels record that some of the other disciples had doubted too. I am sure that it wasn't that Thomas didn't want to believe, he just wanted evidence to help him believe. In my early career as an engineer at sea, if someone reported that something wasn't working, I wanted to see it malfunction because that helped in the

understanding and diagnosis of what was wrong. Later in my career in the Health Service the organisation in which I worked provided clinical guidelines on treatment interventions and had to make judgements on which drugs could be prescribed within the NHS in Scotland. These decisions were based on evidence ... of clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. So here I am, thoroughly grounded in the need for data and evidence, standing shoulder to shoulder with Thomas.

But we are not without evidence. In his letter (1 John 1), John writes "we proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you may also have fellowship with us" and in his Gospel he writes "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

I often wonder what tone of voice Jesus used when he said to Thomas: "put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Was it rebuke as Peter experienced when he contradicted Jesus' prediction of his forthcoming death, or more the sort of gentle encouragement that Martha received when she complained about her sister's priorities when Jesus visited their home? We simply don't know, but I like to believe it was encouragement, because he goes on to say to the disciples: "you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John's writings help to provide us with the evidence but Jesus goes further and encourages and commends us for having the faith that turns evidence into belief.



## Being part of the welcome

Jan Benvie explains her regular train journeys



Most months I spend a week at Alnmouth Friary in Northumberland as a worker guest, supporting the brothers in their ministry of hospitality.

The Friary is a house of the Society of St Francis, an Anglican religious community that consists of three orders: the First Order of Brothers (SSF) and Sisters (CSF) who work in their local communities as well as living together in a community house; the Second Order of Poor Clares (OSC), an enclosed order, whose members live and work in their community house; the Third Order (TSSF), of which I am a member, consisting of men and women who commit themselves to live according to a Rule of Life, while living with their own families and in their own homes.

Ed: You may hear these members of the Third Order referred to a “Tertiaries” – it’s not a sort of malignant growth!

The Friary provides guest and retreat accommodation. A welcoming place to stay for time to pray, study, relax and be with God., it is used by individuals and groups who come for the day, a weekend or a week.



There are beautiful gardens to stroll in, a well-stocked library and quiet sitting room, both with stunning sea views,

and a main chapel and smaller Blessed Sacrament Chapel for those who wish a quiet, contemplative space.

Guest are welcome to join in the prayer life of the Friary, taking part in some or all of the services – morning, mid-day, evening and night prayer as well as a daily Mass. Although I am often kept busy as a worker guest, I find the routine of prayer and the sense of a community working together very peaceful and restful.

The brothers take turns to cook (alongside their other duties). One of my roles as a worker guest is what I call being the ‘scullery maid’, setting up and clearing away in the refectory and washing the dishes, as well as helping with any vegetable peeling or other preparatory work in the kitchen.

Breakfast is in silence (silence begins after Night Prayer), but other meals are very social times shared with guests and brothers in the refectory. The brothers are all very different in nature, some very outgoing and others quiet, but they share not only their faith but also a strong sense of social justice – as one might expect from Franciscans!

As well as my kitchen duties, I also undertake small office jobs, polish the ‘silver’ or sew tears in habits, and also help with some of the general cleaning that is part of running a house of hospitality.

I very much enjoy living and working alongside the brothers: it has developed within me a stronger sense of being part of the community that makes up the Society of Saint Francis.

Please do speak with me if you’d like to find out more about the Society of Saint Francis, or go to the websites for the orders:

<http://www.franciscans.org.uk/>

<http://tssf.org.uk/>

<http://www.oscfreeland.co.uk/>



## A visit to India

Leeanne Clark tells about her exciting trip



As we reported in our last issue, a small group, including young people from across the Diocese, visited the Diocese of Calcutta in April. The aim was to create links and friendships, and to see the work of the church in another culture.

St Margaret's Vestry helped sponsor Leeanne Clark, from St Finnian's, Lochgelly, and this is what she wrote about a memorable trip.



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### Tuesday 3 April

Here we are in Glasgow Airport. A dream come true. This will be a trip to remember. Our first flight will take us to Dubai where we will wait for our second part of the journey to Kolkata, India.

However, our flight from Glasgow was held up due to unforeseen circumstances, which led us to miss our flight from Dubai and we had to wait twelve hours for the next one. Dubai Airport put us in a hotel overnight. It was early hours in the morning when we arrived in Dubai, which meant a couple of hours of sleep.

The hotel was lovely, but the late arrival in Kolkata meant our plans had to be altered, and the highlight of my visit had to be cancelled. Although we had planned to spend time with the children at the Arumina Hospice, we arrived quite late at night and only went to Oxford Mission from the airport. It was great to see the boys at the Oxford Mission and to see them dance.

We were served food from the workers who worked there. It was great. Once we had finished we went to the hotel and booked in quite late that night.

### Thursday 5 April

We visited St Florence College of Nursing and had a guided tour of the campus, which was beautiful inside and outside. We then were guided to a tent with fans and the students put on some entertainment for us. I just wonder how they can dance in this kind of heat – 35°C! We were there for lunch which was absolutely lovely, but hot and spicy. I loved tasting all different types of foods which I haven't tasted before.



Leeanne with the group visiting the Bishop, Rev Ashoke Biswas

In the afternoon our group were invited to attend St Paul's Cathedral and their programme of Fellowship. We were then told that the young people had to take part in singing. We were waiting and waiting. No one told us when to join in to sing. One other person was told that he was going to be acting God. The other young person and I were still waiting to sing. We were there for two hours enjoying the drama. We were sitting there watching them perform in the very hot church.





## Friday 6 April

This was the first day of the trip we had some leg exercise by walking around the streets of the slum area in Kolkata. We visited two schools and two women's projects which were run by Cathedral Relief Service. Conditions are very difficult for people in large families with one space of one room. When walking I saw all types of people living on the streets having to use dirty water for washing, bathing and drinking. The water is only used by those who live on the streets. With the traffic behind us going zooming past and beeping their horns without any warning.

In the first school we visited I noticed lights and fans which were of no use. When I arrived in India I didn't realise how safety doesn't matter when driving. I didn't see seatbelts in use.

The children in the schools were so excited to see visitors from Scotland. The children danced and sang to us. The first class sang "10 ripe mangos" to the tune of "10 green bottles".

The women in the projects are skilled in tailoring and embroidery and their work was being sold in the Cathedral Relief Service shop. Everything was so lovely.



The Cathedral Relief Service shop where Leeanne bought things to bring back

## Saturday 7 April

We visited the main reason for my trip to India. Yes, after being lost for about 60 minutes or more, we eventually arrived at Arumina Hospice. The manager from the hospice showed us each room of the hospice even the new girls dormitory. It was beautifully done with bunkbeds for girls.



The new girls' dormitory at the Arumina Hospice

The children then put on dances and songs for us to watch. To this day I cannot believe that I have seen the hospice and the children in person.



The picture that the children at the Arumina Hospice made and gave Leeanne





## Sunday 8 April

We had an early start by going to the 8:30am service in St Paul's Cathedral. Two members of the group took part in the service. The service took about two hours. It was lovely to see other parts of the country doing the Sunday service. After the service we had a lovely Easter breakfast with fellowship. We then went sightseeing, to places such as the Victoria Memorial. This day especially I was getting photographs taken by all different families and strangers.

After we had our photos taken by many people in Kolkata. We visited Bantra St Thomas Home Welfare Society in Howrah. This place treats people both with TB and other illnesses. We went around the wards and met some people who didn't have TB. I had a tear in my eye at one point where we met this young girl who looked around her teenage years. She couldn't speak or hear and had much more wrong with her. She was waving like mad to me when we went away.

## Monday 9 April

We visited the Union Chapel School. The school term hadn't started, but the children were there to be measured for uniforms. We were greeted with marigold garlands which were given to us by the children with learning needs. They are taught and supported by the school, which works with the very poor and disadvantaged, giving them the chance of an education. One of the children we met had just had a kidney transplant, was blind and was suffering from heart problems.

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I would like to thank all the people who helped and supported me through this trip and for taking the time to read this. I am very grateful.

Leeanne Clark



Leeanne with the children at the Arumina Hospice

# Arunima Hospice Update

Ross Stirling-Young reports



Since providing you all with my last update about the Arunima Hospice, the new roof project has steadily taken shape, and I'm pleased to announce that the much-needed replacement is now under construction. This is particularly important since monsoon season is fast approaching and, with the vast amount of re-development of both the girls and boys dormitories, it would be a real shame to have left the newly-decorated rooms with leaky roofs.

How does this make me feel? I'm absolutely delighted, to be honest. Each of the children now has a comfortable bed to sleep in, a space to call their own, and soon no more worries about having to abandon their comfort due to flooding. I'm 100% positive that providing this newly-developed space will add to their overall well-being, making the hospice feel truly like home.

The cost of this new roof is approximately £4,400. This leaves a surplus of around £800 which will then be used towards the ever demanding monthly running costs of medical bills, transport and food.

I've been amazed at the people who could make the new roof happen, including all of you at Rosyth too. Here is a little update of recent fundraising activity:

- My colleague Jim Dunstan and his friend Robin successfully completed the 'Highland Fling'. A 52-mile trail with 7,000ft elevation! They have raised over £850 towards the new roof.
- The 33rd Lochgelly Scouts Group undertook a bake sale and sponsored walk, adding another £550 to the new roof fund.

- The congregation from St John the Baptist in Perth sent me a cheque for £65. In the past, one member of the congregation donated £1,000!
- £200 donated by our retired Bishop, the Most Rev David Chillingworth and his lovely wife Alison.
- Fife College Events Management students raised £695 at their recent charity event "Handbags and Gladrags".
- A school friend who now lives in Ballinluig, Perthshire, recently celebrated her baby daughter's christening. Instead of gifts, Vanya and Ali asked family and friends for donation towards the children at the Arunima Hospice. They kindly donated £240.50 towards the new roof.

It's amazing how many people have come together not only to raise money but to take the time to learn about the difficulties these children face each and every day and to pray for them.

I recently attended a Sunday@Six service in Rosyth "Thoughts on the Easter Journey" along with LeeAnne Clark and Edith Mathewson. As always, we were warmly welcomed by all. The service and choir were both spiritual and uplifting, giving us some ideas for our own services at St Finnian's perhaps for the future.

Back to the point, whilst attending LeeAnne and I gave Sandra two tablecloths for use in St Margaret's. These handmade tablecloths were purchased during my trip to Kolkata in 2017 and are a small token of thanks for all the support you have shown us.





The story of the women's empowerment group Nari Dana who make and sell these products is one of strength, hope and belief in a better future. Personally, I would love to follow in the footsteps of the Diocese of Derby and set up a partnership to purchase the handmade products and sell them around our own diocese. How wonderful would that be?!

The grand plan still remains: my next project will now be to raise £10,000 for a bus for use by the children at the Arunima Hospice. As I mentioned in my last update, there are vast issues of stigma and discrimination surrounding those afflicted by HIV/Aids causing issues relating to the children's safety. A bus would bring the assurance of freedom, allowing much needed hospital visits, outings and school transport.

Raising £10,000 won't be easy, but with God anything is achievable! If you would like to help in any way possible, I'd be so happy to hear from you. Likewise, if you know of any groups that would like to hear a presentation and learn more about the Arunima Hospice, we'd be happy to organise this.

## A gift made by Nari Dana

Sandra writes: We are delighted that Ross and Leeanne gifted us two colourful table clothes in appreciation of our support for Ross's projects.

Nari Dana is a women's empowerment social business supported by Cathedral Relief Service, Kolkata. They believe that women are the largest untapped source of talent in the world today. Their aim is to empower women to escape a life caught up in poverty, forced labour or trafficking.

All Nari Dana products are handmade by women. By using skills they have learnt, women can move towards sustainable, self-sufficient and secure living.



The wings to achieve freedom  
[www.naridana.com](http://www.naridana.com)



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Children at the Arunima Hospice saying a prayer for those in the UK



## Ulster Aircraft Collection's latest arrival

Alan Taylor follows his passion for all things to do with flying

I expect most of you will have passed the gates of the former RAF Leuchars at some time or other and seen the two “Gate Guardians” – a Tornado ADV (Air Defence Variant) and a Phantom F-4K interceptor (basically the same as an ADV). When the Air Force pulled out of Leuchars and the Army took over, these two aircraft became redundant and were offered on the open market. Neither was in a flying state, indeed the Phantom had no engines! But what happened to them?

I was invited to an unveiling ceremony at the Ulster Aviation Society's airfield at Long Kesh – the site also of the notorious Maze Prison – just outside Hillsborough, on Saturday 28 April, where the former RAF Leuchars Phantom had been meticulously restored. As it was originally a Fleet Air Arm Phantom before being transferred to the RAF, it was returned to its original naval colour scheme.

How did it get to Long Kesh? That is an amazing story! The RAF kindly towed the Phantom to a hangar, where a team of engineers from the Society – mostly ex-RAF or civilians from the former 22 MU at RAF Aldergrove – worked out what was required to get the aircraft by land and sea to Northern Ireland. It took four visits to Leuchars to achieve this: first, the “little bits” like tailplane, wing tips, underwing fuel tanks, undercarriage, cannon, etc. were taken off; then the wing was separated from the fuselage, which was placed on a low-loader for its journey across the sea (sponsored by P&O Ferries); finally the wing – the most difficult part because of its size and shape – was mounted on a special frame on a low-loader to complete its journey.



With everything now in the hangar at Long Kesh, the painstaking task of re-assembling the Phantom took place. Many parts were corroded, usually where they could not be seen! But such is human ingenuity that the aircraft was finally back in one piece. That was when the skill of a former RAF Painter and Surface Finisher took over, to clean the aircraft down before applying original FAA paints to the Phantom, including all the various squadron markings, decals, safety notices etc. The man is a perfectionist – and it showed – but judge for yourselves from the photograph.

How long did all this take – three years from acquisition to unveiling. If you would like to see an 18min video of the move, rebuilding and re-painting, check out <http://tinyurl.com/ychr9juh>. Better still, visit Long Kesh.

And the Society's next acquisitions – a Hawk advanced trainer and a Tornado ground attack aircraft!

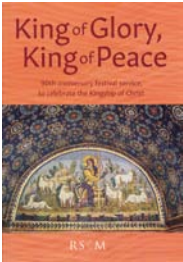


# Making Music



## RSCM Festival

## Summer concert



Four of our choir members will be taking part in the **Royal School of Church Music Scotland** Triennial Festival, directed by Matthew Beetschen, Master of the Music at Dunfermline Abbey,

You're invited to join Dunfermline Choral Union at **7:30pm** on **Saturday 16 June** at the Vine Centre on Garvock Hill for a selection of light and popular classics including a medley of Queen's best-loved hits, music from *Phantom of the Opera* and some swing favourites such as *You made me feel so young*. Tickets from Gwyneth Kirby.

which is being held at St Andrew's RC Cathedral, Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4EA on the afternoon of **Saturday 2 June**.

All are welcome to the concluding part of the afternoon, which is a 90th anniversary festival service to celebrate the Kingship of Christ, which starts at **4.00pm**, and contains a wide variety of music for choirs and congregation.

## Renaissance Splendour

**The Scottish Chamber Choir**, directed by Iain McLarty, are presenting two concerts of glorious *a cappella* music at Crail on 3 June and at Rosslyn Chapel on 9 June.

The Rosslyn concert is almost sold out already (check <http://tinyurl.com/y97bl83s>), but you'll be able to buy tickets (£12) at the door and enjoy Dufay's *Missa L'homme armé* at Crail Church, Marketgait, Crail, KY10 3TL at **6.00pm** on **Sunday 3 June 2018**,

## Come and Sing Musicality

Ben Parry is conducting *Musicality* – a miscellany of musical showstoppers – on **Saturday 9 June** at Mayfield Salisbury Church. Full details were in our last issue.

1.30pm Rehearsal with band

4:00pm Concert

To register as a singer or to buy an audience ticket, download a registration form at [www.waverleycare.org/musicality](http://www.waverleycare.org/musicality).

## Pinafore singalong

Not something that happens in our coffee bar on a Friday morning as the helpers clear up, but a chance to sing that well-loved Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *HMS Pinafore*!

Dunfermline G&S Society will be at St Margaret's Memorial RC Church at **7.30pm** on **Friday 22 June**. A £10 ticket buys you an evening of fun. You can sing – bring your own score, or we'll lend you a copy – or just listen.

## A second opportunity to hear Crosswater Band

There is a second opportunity in July to hear Crosswater Band in concert, this time with singer Benita.

Do go to St Finnian's on **Saturday 21 July** at **7.00pm** for a wonderful evening's entertainment by this small but talented jazz group, accompanied by the excellent voice of the bubbly Benita.

Definitely an event to put straight into your diary! Tickets £5 to include refreshments, preferably to be reserved in advance by contacting Margaret by phone on 01592 358933 or 07931 483906 or by email at [margaret.dineley@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.dineley@gmail.com). Failing that, tickets may be obtained on the door.



# Making a joyful noise

Sunday@Six doesn't just happen!



Music plays an important part in worship for many of our congregations. We like to sing hymns, to have music as part of our liturgy, and to listen to others "making a joyful noise".

Sunday@Six on 15 April was our **Easter Praise** service, which took the form of "Thoughts on the Easter journey", using hymns, songs, poems and readings, all accompanied by the Praise Band and friends.



The sequence was devised by Sue Masson, who also led the service and conducted the musicians.



Not the largest crowd we've seen, but encouraging that people from other local and Area Council Churches attended. Everyone sang with gusto, and enjoyed the refreshments afterwards.

Our next Sunday@Six is on **1 July**, when we will be welcoming the **Crosswater Band**. Note that this service will take place in our Main Hall, rather than the church.

Adrian Masson has given the title of "Seasons of Life" to a programme of poems, readings and music that is packed full of variety. Of course, there'll be some favourites for you all to sing!

**Ed:** If you enjoy this, then turn back to page 35 for details of another opportunity to hear the band.

Sunday@Six is then taking "time to recharge" until **2 September** when, as you will have read on page 16, we will be led by Andrew Wedge and Fife Cluster Youth Fellowship (YF), giving us an insight into their experiences at GLEN 18.

On **7 October**, our service will be a Choral Evensong for Harvest. But this time our own choir will be with the congregation, their places at the front having been taken by the "Dr's choir" of ten ladies and five men from Forth Valley Royal Hospital, led by Philip Hacking, one of the chaplains.

Philip says that the choir was established quite by accident last Christmas and has really "taken off", and they are keen to experience singing in a variety of settings. We're glad that Rosyth can give them a chance to sing at a service of worship, which Philip says "will be good for them"!

Our Autumn programme then continues with a service for Remembrance on **4 November** to be devised by Martin Tarr, reflecting the centenary of the end of World War I.

And then it will be time for Advent and Christmas music. It doesn't just happen ... but you can help make it happen!





## What's coming up in June?



Martin Tarr gives an insight into a regular webmaster task

The “Thought for the Month” section on our websites has a three-fold purpose:

- to keep the website fresh – the post image is repeated on the home page;
- to enhance the visibility of our sites by having links to other sites;
- to encourage browsers to think!

It's always a struggle to find material, and May/June offers a particular challenge, with Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday all falling within seventeen days, and all difficult and potentially controversial topics.

If you search either website for “Trinity Sunday”, you'll come up with “A circle of love ...”, Margaret Dineley's reflection on Rublev's icon of the Trinity, a sermon given during Jubilee weekend in 2012.



[You can download Margaret's sermon at <https://tinyurl.com/y7hljyjf>]

Then there was “Time to grow the Church!”, back in 2010, with this powerful image of the Trinity by Cerezo Barredo:



Inspiration sometimes comes from what I've heard on the radio or from our pulpit, from what I've read or find on-line as a result of well-honed web research skills, or from one of the bloggers or emailers whose output I skim through.

This year, for Ascension and Pentecost I've based our posts on material written by Rev Dr Paul Beasley-Murray, a friend from college days. Do go to one of our websites and look for:

### 40 days on ...



and

### What happened at Pentecost



Both these posts offer insights into the topics, with links to the original material.

So, what *is* coming up in June? or July, for that matter? The blunt fact is that I won't know until I come to write it, and what I 'post' on the websites will be very much influenced by the ideas the Lord sends me by whatever route these may take. And that route may be *you* sharing your thoughts and images with me ...

# Puzzle page

with puzzles from Dave Ward

## New puzzles

### 1 Sanity test

During a visit to an asylum, the Minister for Health asks the Director how they evaluate their patients to see whether they need to be admitted.

The Director answers that they set their patients a little test, then asks the Minister if he would like to take the test. "Yes", the Minister replies. "OK, we fill a bath full of water, then offer a teaspoon, teacup or bucket to empty the bath". "Ah", says the Minister, "a sane person would use the bucket".

**What does the Director reply?**

### 2 Will and Testament

A Billionaire has locked his Last Will and Testament inside a metal box. There are three boxes, one of gold, one of silver and one of lead, each with its own inscription. It is known that at least one inscription is true and one false. They read as follows:

Gold box: the will is not in the silver box

Silver box: the will is not in this box

Lead box: the will is in this box

**Which box should his family open to get their inheritance?** If they get it wrong it all goes to charity!

### 3 Weather forecast

Smart Alec is listening to the weather forecast after watching the late night film. The weatherman says "It is raining now and will continue to do so for the next two days. However in 72 hours it will be bright and sunny!" "Wrong!" shouts Smart Alec to the television. **Is Alec correct?**

### 4 Different room

Joe walks into a room, stands there for a couple of minutes thinking, then turns round, goes out of the same door, but enters another completely different room. **How?**

### 5 Who owns the fish?

In a certain street there are five houses all painted a different colour. In each house lives a person of a different nationality. Each drinks a different beverage, smokes a different brand of cigar and keeps a different pet. We know the following 15 facts.

- 1 The Brit lives in the Red house
- 2 The Swede keeps Dogs as pets
- 3 The Dane drinks Tea
- 4 The Green house is on the immediate left of the White house
- 5 The Green house owner drinks Coffee
- 6 The owner who smokes Pall Mall rears Birds
- 7 The owner of the Yellow house smokes Dunhill
- 8 The owner living in the centre house drinks Milk
- 9 The Norwegian lives in the first house
- 10 The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one that keeps Cats
- 11 The owner that keeps horses lives next to the one who smokes Dunhill
- 12 The owner who smokes Bluemasters drinks Beer
- 13 The German smokes Prince
- 14 The Norwegian lives next to the Blue house
- 15 The owner who smokes Blends lives next to the one who drinks Water

The question is: **Who owns the fish?**

Last issue's answers are on page 10



# 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.

## Church activities

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Wednesday Fellowship (Wed 1415-1600)  
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Coffee, Cake & Crafts (1st Tue 1930-2100)  
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## Organisations meeting in our premises

Parahandies Disabled Club (Mon 0930-1400)  
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## Scout Group

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## From our Facebook page



In our April/May issue we asked readers whether they even knew we *had* a Facebook page, and encouraged Facebook users to contribute posts and comments.



So thank you to Roy Jarvis, who suggested that we share the link to a conversation in which Archbishop Welby was speaking to the Secretary of the Methodist Conference. The context was the “Thy Kingdom Come Initiative”, which ran from Ascension Day until Pentecost. There was more about that Initiative on p29 of our last issue, so we linked Roy’s post direct to the downloadable version of Contact (<http://tinyurl.com/y8b4hjcs>).

Facebook is all about making fruitful links, and is an effective tool for building community – people with common interests sharing information and insight, and linking with others who have compatible goals. Not surprisingly, it’s recommended as a way for church people to encourage each other by building church communities.

Not everybody does Facebook, but most younger people are involved with social media, and we hope that more will share their thoughts on the LEP Facebook page, which is linked on both websites: [www.stmargaretsrosyth.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsrosyth.org.uk); [www.rosythmethodist.org.uk](http://www.rosythmethodist.org.uk). The websites also have a shared diary page that is mirrored in both, and which is a good source of updates on what is planned – and for last-minute changes.

### Contact on-line

You’ll find this edition, and many previous issues of Contact, on the archive pages of both the church websites, where you’ll get the benefits of colour without the extra printing cost!

### To our contributors

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue – we are pleased that we’ve received items from people who haven’t previously submitted an article. Our next Contact will be published on 29 July, and its theme will be “**Time to recharge**”. Please let us have your contributions by the end of play on **Sunday 22 July**, preferably by email to [editor@rosythmethodist.org.uk](mailto:editor@rosythmethodist.org.uk).

And do remember that, if you think of something that fits the theme, and feel motivated to write something about it earlier, the editor@ mailbox is always monitored,