

VIEWS FROM THE HILL



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From the Rector



Someone asked me, 'What's going on in the church at the moment?' The question stopped me for a moment. We seem to be very busy, lots is going on – but how would you describe it to

somebody? In a good Trinitarian church model, I believe we can look at where we are going in three ways:

One – the practical, sometimes prosaic life of the church. This might seem rather ordinary, but it is very important in our life as a Christian community. It is important that we are about to restore the fabric of Holy Trinity, addressing water problems and the wear and tear that the building has suffered. It's also important that we are thinking about toilet facilities and maybe even what we can do about making the heating better: it may all take some years, but these are important, if prosaic things to be thinking about. These are very, very ordinary and practical things, but these practical matters affect the experience of visitors and members alike.

Two – the spiritual & worshipping life of the church. The practical aspects of church life let us get on with the business of being a Christian community. The pattern of worship continues, with an enlarged lay team of servers, preachers, worship leaders and of course, Canon Hugh and some visiting priests. Our Thursday service continues, often reflecting on the saints and other feasts that we meet

during the week. Along with all of the diocese, we will be holding a special course called 'Compass' in August and into September, to go deeper into the beliefs and practices of the Scottish Episcopal Church. I also hope to be able to put a few different-styled services on some Sunday afternoons, once plans have been developed.

Three – life as part of the wider church – with St Paul's Rothesay, the other churches in Cowal – the whole wider community! The relationship with Rothesay is developing and looking very healthy. The future of the linked charge, financially and as a working arrangement, is good. The events we are holding in Dunoon, from sales to concerts, are raising our profile in the area and helping with our finances. Our ecumenical links continue to grow, with good mutual support between churches and now our participation a new initiative to have an overt Christian presence at the Cowal Gathering in late August. I also am delighted that many of our members come back from trips to other churches around the country (and the world) reporting what they have found. It is also good to welcome back friends from other churches who are regular visitors to Bute: it feels as if we have a Holy Trinity 'diaspora' around Scotland, the United Kingdom and indeed the world.

So, in answer to my friend's question, 'What is going on in the church at the moment?' it takes rather a long time to describe it all. We are a lively, busy, practical, spiritual, local and even global church!

Bless you all, Andrew

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HOLY TRINITY PRIORY



Holy Trinity is now a Priory.

-Lt to Rt Sister M McKellar, Bro I McQuillian, Bro C. Barthos, Chaplain, Rev A. C. Swift, Bro A McLean, Prior, Sister A. Narraway.

Over the years there have been many servers at our altar, but since he has been with us, Mac McLean has been the only member of the Scottish Guild of Servers. Now that we have four adults and two young people regularly serving, it was decided to seek admission to the Guild.

As Head Server and tutor, Mac (Brother Albert McLean) was chosen to be Prior, The Revd. Andrew Swift was admitted as Chaplain, and Sisters Maureen McKellar and Ann Narraway, and Brothers Csaba Barthos and Ivor McQuillian were admitted to the Scottish Guild of Servers on Sunday 1st July, 2012, and Holy Trinity was instituted as a Priory of said Guild.

Treasury Team Report

Once again from the treasury team and on behalf of the vestry, thank you for your continuing hard work and support. As ever, the financial pressures on Holy Trinity are as follows:

- **Raise funds to support the Restoration Project** - grants, fundraising events and one-off donations. The target of £79 000 funding to allow the work to take place is now very close (see separate article) but we must continue for the rest of this year and the next to ensure this money is found.
- **Support our ministry and day to day costs by increasing our regular giving and Gift-Aided donation.** From next year (which begins in October) we will receive a reduced grant from Edinburgh ('stipend support') to support our ministry costs, so we will have to increase our income to cover this additional expense. The increase in the costs of fuel, insurance and other expenses will also have to be met.

Financial progress to date

We are now approaching the end of the financial year (which ends in September). The vestry started the year with a balanced budget for day to day expenses, and the treasury team have been working hard to maintain and monitor this position. As of the last analysis, at the midsummer point, both income and outgoings are slightly above budget, so we still have every reason to hope that we will end the year with the anticipated balanced budget.

As we start to work on the budget for 2012-13, we will have to increase the levels of money required to support ministry, as the 'grants for ministry' assistance from Edinburgh decreases. The relationship between St Paul's, Rothesay and Holy Trinity means that we share the cost of ministry, but it will be necessary to work hard next year to ensure we maintain a balanced budget. More news on this will follow later in the year.

The Treasury Team: Rector; Maureen McKellar (Treasurer and Paying Officer); Mary Swift (Gift Aid & Books); Ann Narraway (Banking and Cash)

Appeal from the Rector: Holy Trinity's Finances in 2012

Firstly, may I thank everyone for their generosity and hard work in supporting the work of Holy Trinity over the past few years. The financial giving and personal efforts that go into making our church a vibrant, welcoming, worshipping community are quite extraordinary and remarkable.

This time last year I appealed, on behalf of the vestry, for everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. The costs of ministry were increasing, we were producing a deficit budget and we had been given a hard target to reduce our need for financial support from the General Synod Office in Edinburgh. The response to this appeal was wonderful. Our overall monthly giving levels have increased by nearly 30%. Some of this is giving by newer members, and some is from generous increases from those who already support the church.

This year, for the first time in some years, we hope to be able to break even, after we receive our support from Edinburgh.

This year again we need to try to increase our income. The bills and costs of ministry are ever-increasing, and we still have to start to reduce the support we get from Edinburgh. I would be grateful if you could, once again, prayerfully consider whether you might be able to increase the gift you make to the church. A 5% increase this year and in future years, would make a significant difference to the future of Holy Trinity.

There are many things we can do to help with the church's financial health. If you have recently increased your giving, may I thank you. If you are a tax-payer, you can contact the treasury team about envelopes and registering for Gift Aid: a painless increase of 25% for everything you give. If you give by cash or envelopes, maybe you would consider setting up a Standing Order, to keep your payments regular and in your control.

I am very conscious that times remain hard, and personal finance can feel stretched, but I, and the vestry, would be most grateful if you would consider this appeal.

Restoration Project Update

Over the summer, work has continued on the Restoration Project in two principal areas:

Fundraising – carried out by the church team

Project development – carried out by the architect and by specialist contractors.

Fundraising

The work to raise our share of the funds for the project continues. Funds from the ‘challenges’ are helping, as are individual donations towards the project. We are about to enter a round of summer/autumn grant applications to try and raise the last few thousand pounds we require for our match funding. We are now within the last £10,000 needed of the total £79,000 funding. More news on the grant applications will follow in the next edition of magazine, but for the moment it is safe to say that we are confident that we will be able, given more hard work and generosity, to proceed with the next phase on schedule in 2013.

Project Development

By the autumn, the architects, ARPL of Ayr, will have produced a detailed specification for the work that is required for the restoration. This will be detailed enough to allow contractors to estimate the costs and bid to do the work. The development work to produce these detailed specifications has been taking place. This work is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (75%) and ourselves (25%).

The following specialist work has taken place:

- detailed analysis of the inner walls of the church, to identify a suitable material for repairs to wall surfaces and suitable painting schemes to be applied once repairs have been completed;
- survey of the nave and chancel woodwork, along with further tower

survey work, to identify areas of rot or worm and scope the work required to repair these areas. The roof, floors and panelling in all areas has been bored and examined for signs of damage or infestation;

- shortly to take place: external survey of the tower and high areas of the church building by a steeplejack firm, to determine the current state of the building and repointing/repairs required in these inaccessible areas.

The architects will take the reports from these and from their own quantity surveyors to produce the ‘bill of materials’ needed for the work. All of this work has to be reviewed and approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland officers to allow the release of the second, delivery phase of project funding next year.

A Celtic Blessing

N....., be free, be strong, be proud of who you have been.

Know that you will be mourned and missed,
that no-one can replace you,
that you have loved and are beloved.

Now, go forth upon your journey in the name of God,
who created you.

May you be precious in his sight.

May he grant you life and light in his kingdom,
where the light of his countenance
shines forever and all tears are wiped away
and there is no more pain.

And with the setting of the sun,
the angels bear you over the great sea to paradise,
there you shall climb,
and reach the top of the everlasting hills,
where the winds are cool and the sight is glorious.

N.....into the freedom of wind and sunshine, we let you go.
into the dance of the stars and planets, we let you go.
into the wind's breath, and the hands of the star-maker,
we let you go.

Go swiftly,
go dancing,
go running,
home.

Events Team News

Since the last edition of Views from the Hill, members of Holy Trinity and guests enjoyed the Bring and Share Lunch on Trinity Sunday, 3rd June. In addition to celebrating our Patronal Festival and the baptism of some of our own church family, Holy Trinity took part in the Big Lunch, a nationwide celebration to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The lunch was a great success, and the newly improved space at the back of the church proved to be a really good area to spend time together chatting and socialising.

The Events Team members and other volunteers helped out at the Christian Aid bag pack at the Co-op. This proved to be a very successful alternative to the traditional door to door collection. Shoppers responded generously to this charitable cause – donating over £520. A big vote of thanks is due to Dinkie McEwan who masterminded and organised this effort. It was very successful and we are hoping to do this again next year.

The Holy Trinity Coffee morning on 23 June, was held at St Mun's church hall once again and was very successful. There was a happy and lively atmosphere, with a real buzz as people enjoyed their coffee, tea and home baking and then went round the stalls. We raised the magnificent total of £668 for H T's Ministry Costs.

Holy Trinity Challenges

A new round of challenges was kicked off by the Swift Family Narrowboat 'Dalriada' challenge. The Swifts hosted a day cruise and lunch on Dalriada. Starting and finishing at the Falkirk wheel and cruising along the Union Canal. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all and £220 was raised for the Restoration Project. Thank you Andrew, Mary, Elly, Peter and Frankie. Other challenges are on the way or in the planning stage so please keep an eye open for details in the weekly pew sheets and on the notice board.

Heritage Day

On the 11th August we are holding a Heritage Open Day. Information boards and displays will be placed around the church. A warm welcome awaits visitors and congregation alike with tea, coffee and home baking being served throughout the day.

8 + I & Friends 'Autumn Gold' Concert

This is at 7.30pm on Sunday 2nd September at the Burgh Hall. In fact this is the next of the Holy Trinity Challenges with John McIntosh directing. Tickets will cost £7.50 and ticket money will go to Holy Trinity. There will be a bar run by the Burgh Hall. If you would like tickets or have any questions please see Christine McIntosh, Mary Swift or Pauline.

Open Doors 1st & 2nd September Holy Trinity is taking part in this community event. There will be displays in church and Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served to visitors.

Holy Trinity Ceilidh

will be held in Innellan Village Hall this year, on Friday 5th October. Live Music will be provided by the Cowal Fiddle Workshop. The evening will start with dancing from 7.30pm & a supper will be served during the interval. The ticket price will be £8.00 and will include supper, tea and coffee. Also during the interval, there will be a raffle, lucky squares or bottle tags to offer dancers and non dancers some more entertainment.

The Russian Concert

This year the Russian concert is to be held in the Burgh Hall. Provisionally this has been booked for one evening during the last week of October / first week of November, but the final date still has to be confirmed. More details from Christine & John McIntosh.

Christmas Coffee Morning Our Christmas Crafts and Coffee Morning is planned for Saturday 1st December from 1000 to 1200. The Events Team is looking for fresh ideas. There are many craft events and coffee mornings in the area towards Christmas time and we would welcome suggestions for home made crafts, which are affordable to make (and to buy) and are original. So do get your thinking caps out and in use. No pressure, then! Please let the team know your ideas, or if you have any questions please speak with Mary, Ann or Pauline.

The team welcomes all suggestions, and if you would like to lend a hand or become a member of the team please speak to any team member, who are Mary Swift, Sharon Barnard, Ann Narraway, Val Taylor, Susan Watling, Jennifer Woodward and Pauline Revill.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement. We could not do all that we do without you.

Worship in our Linked Charge

The life of the linked charges of Cowal and Bute proceeds with a gentle link between the two congregations. We try and meet twice a year to share our worship, and on occasion members of the vestries meet to discuss the future of the charges, the finances, the way forward. The one thing that is fully shared between Holy Trinity Dunoon and St Paul's Rothesay is me: your priest!

Things are going well as a linked charge, and those who remember the problems of appointing a priest back in 2010 may remember that we are required, by the province, to become financially viable within a few years. We are now well on the way to that goal, given much hard work and continued generosity in both charges.

A key area in the life of our charges is the way that we worship: the shared priest affects the types and times of our services. After two years, we are now making a slight change to the pattern of the services in the linked charge. I believe it very important that each church has its Sunday service at the same time every week of the year: 10.30am in Dunoon and 11am in Rothesay. This is important for members and new visitors alike. The one time this currently does not happen in the linked charges is in Rothesay on the fourth Sunday each month: a service takes place at 3pm. To solve this problem in St Paul's I will now go to Bute on this fourth Sunday morning. In Dunoon we will continue to always worship at 10.30am.

In Holy Trinity, on this Sunday, there will either be a lay-lead service of reserved sacrament, or Canon Hugh will celebrate a eucharist, if he is available. This means the rota will show a lay-lead or Canon Hugh service twice per month, on the second and fourth Sundays. To balance the pattern a little, I will now stay in Dunoon on the four 'fifth Sundays' each year: at present I would go to Bute for those mornings.

This change puts a potentially greater load on Canon Hugh and the lay team, and I am most grateful for their willingness to help. The improvement to the

service pattern on Bute is also possible because the lay worship team there are willing to take on more services of morning prayer. This change will come into effect in August, and we will take a little time to settle into this slightly changed pattern, but I am confident that the result of a balanced, even and consistent pattern across our linked charges will be a worthwhile outcome.

Book Group

Attendance at the Book Group has been a bit patchy over the summer, but the discussion has been pretty lively! We have been meeting in Seasons Cafe over lunch, but with the venue's increasing popularity, we felt we were taking up too much room at a critical time of day for them, so we're back to meeting in people's houses.

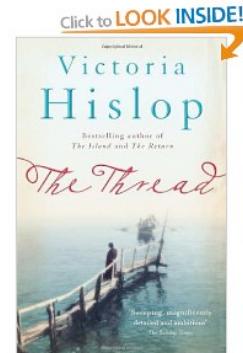
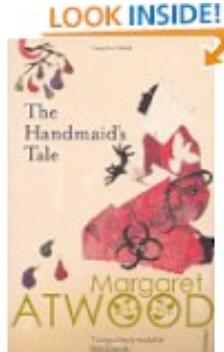
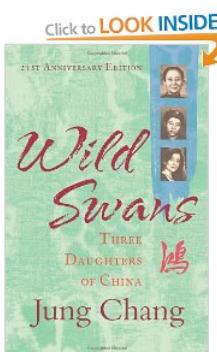
The next meeting will be on September 13th at Maureen's place, Eden Cottage, Hill Street at 11.30 am. We will discuss three books:

The Thread, by Victoria Hyslop,

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Wild Swans by Jung Chang

Don't feel you have to have read all of them! We aim to have read two out of the three, or even one. And if you haven't read any but would like to come along to listen to the discussion, please do come. The group is open to all comers.



Vestry Report

There have been two Vestry meetings since the last Newsletter was published.

Monday 28th May

Annual status report to the Province

The Rector will be reporting on an improving situation at both charges. Both the communicants' rolls and average attendance have increased significantly in the past two years.

Restoration Project

Two meetings with the Architect have been held and we are now in the Planning Phase. Approval must be granted by the Heritage Lottery Funding and then the project will go out to tender which should be awarded in December. Work is expected to commence early in 2013.

The Restoration Launch party

This has been a great success and proved to a very good way of communicating with the congregation.

Forthcoming events

Four weddings
Compass Course
Cowal Games outreach event

Property maintenance

Church - in the kitchen area a new tap has been installed to make it possible to fill buckets, vases, water jugs and so on, and a new work top has been installed.

Groundwork – new plastic water main to the Rectory has been installed; the access path to the Narthex door and the church end of the Rectory path have been renovated and improved.

Storm damage – repairs have been completed.
Rectory – all lead pipework has been removed and replaced; a double socket has been installed on the landing; a dehumidifier has been hard wired in the upstairs bathroom; the fuse box has been replaced.

The Vestry agreed to start the process of applying for a Building Warrant to install a toilet in the church.

28th June

Linked charges

The Treasurers, Secretaries and Wardens of the Linked Charges met at Colintraive Hotel to review the joint finances and the worship patterns. It has been proposed and agreed that this should take place annually.

Stipend

Holy Trinity must now work towards a reduction in stipend support.

Restoration project

Disruptive surveys took place on 29th June. The reports will go to the Architect to aid in the Planning Phase which will run until September.

Worship matters

The Institution of the new Provost at Oban Cathedral will take place on 31st August; a party will attend from Holy Trinity and St Paul's.

The Rector will be involved in the ecumenical event at the Cowal Games.

Property matters

Quotes will be sought for external and internal works for the installation of a toilet within the church.

The Vestry agreed that an annual budget allocation should be made available for flowers with all donations and expenditure being formally recorded.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Tuesday 4th September.

New Recipe Book Appeal

Events team has started to compile a new Holy Trinity Recipe Book. Sharon has been collating recipes as they have been submitted but, as yet, we do not have nearly enough recipes to make a book. We are very keen to be able to offer copies for sale in good time for Christmas.

The Team would like to invite everyone to a social evening, at which there will be a bring and share, supper with a difference. We suggest that we all bring along at least one favourite recipe. The recipe can be:

- An old tried and tested one, perhaps handed down from a mother or grandmother
- A personal favourite

- A novelty recipe, quirky perhaps or of historic interest
- It can be healthy or unhealthy!
- Traditional, modern, fusion or other
- Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, picnic or party food
- Anything that you can write down in a recipe

A venue and date have yet to be arranged. Please watch out for news about this event in the weekly pew leaflet and on the notice board in church.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening and the successful production of our new recipe book.

See you there,
Pauline Revill



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The death of Captain Robert Falcon Scott: 'it appeared to be the end but it proved to be the beginning'

Last week, filling in time waiting for a bus from Greenock to the ferry across to Dunoon, I walked along the Esplanade. Near the end Western end my attention was caught by a plaque on the other side, so I crossed the street and I read that here in 1883 at number 57, Lieutenant Bowers, R I N, had been born.



One hundred years ago, on March 29th 1912, Captain Scott made the last entry in his diary. It included the words, 'Had we lived I should have had a tale to tell of the hardihood, endurance and courage of my companions that would have stirred the hearts of every Englishman. These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale...'. Scott, Wilson, Bowers, Oates and Evans left their colleagues on January 3rd 1912 and set out on foot for the South Pole, one goal of the British Antarctic Expedition. Approaching it two weeks later they saw a Norwegian flag flying there. Amundsen, a Norwegian explorer and his colleagues,

travelling with dog teams, had reached the South Pole a month earlier. Disappointed as they must have been, they took this now famous photograph, turned round and set off northwards only to die two months later, beset by severe, unseasonably early blizzards and shortages of fuel and food, just 11 miles short of a depot which might have saved them. Scott, Wilson and Bowers died in that final camp, Evans one month earlier and Oates, who walked out from the tent some days earlier saying, 'I am just going outside and may be gone sometime'. They died in a tent just 11 miles from a depot with food and fuel that might have enabled them to carry on back to their base camp and companions beside the Ross Sea. In November 1912 the tent was found with the bodies of the men, their diaries and scientific material, including samples of rocks collected from the Victoria Mountains. The diaries and samples came back, the tent and men's bodies were left where they were, but Oates and Evans' bodies were never found.



British Antarctic Expedition at the South Pole, 17th January, 1912. Left to right: Dr Wilson, Lieutenant Bowers, Petty Officer Evans. Captain Scott, Captain Oates

The quotation in the title of this article were the opening words of the sermon given by Dr Chartres, Bishop of London at the Scott Centenary Commemorative Service held in St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday the 29th. I had the

privilege of being at the service and I would like to explain why I was there. Between 1963 and 1966 I spent three years working for the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), one year at the seemingly dormant volcano of Deception Island in the South Shetlands (two years after I left it erupted ash and a new island was formed) and the second at tiny Signy Island, in the South Orkneys. Lacking any special qualification, other than a teaching certificate in biology, or skills in mountaineering, dog-handling or diving, but with an enthusiasm to do 'something different', BAS trained me and a cheerful bunch of 20 young men to be meteorological assistants. In no way do I claim to have made any heroic journeys or fantastic discoveries, rather I was just a humble, 'bit part player' on the tropical fringe of the frozen continent. It wasn't actually very warm, in Signy winter temperature dropped to minus 20°C and 5°C was a hot summer's day, on Deception Island the average wind speed in July 1964 was around 29mph. The sea was always cold—I can vouch for that from several immersions I made, not all of which were voluntary! It wasn't a life style for 'seeing the world', rather it was a real test in shared living: tolerance, humour and always feeling you were giving more than you were receiving was the everyday feeling. In my lowly position as 'a met man' I would get up before 6 in the morning to go out to the 'met screen' and read the 'wet' and 'dry' bulb thermometers, read the rain gauge or measure the new fall of snow, observe the clouds, their type and height, and note how far I could see. This routine went on every three hours until 3 am and in between times I had to note changes to the weather and when they happened. Back in the met office there was the anemometer

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dial to read and then I converted all this data was into codes, strings of numbers, for transmission in Morse code by the radio operator. If the weather wasn't too bad you were expected to fill a balloon with hydrogen from a cylinder, which needed to be recharged with crystals and water, and follow the 'blob', as we nicknamed balloons, with a theodolite as it rose at 500 or 1000 feet per minute, depending on how much gas it contained. Using a complicated slide ruler it was possible to work out the direction of the wind and its speed at different heights. At night we used an alidade to measure the height of the cloud base, a device I was reminded of the other day in the Benmore Gardens at Dunoon where a similar device can be used to measure the heights of trees.

The days were very full. Everything we needed we had to do for ourselves. I watched birds, counted and ringed them and marked their nests, collected grasses and mosses and helped colleagues with their programmes in ichthyology and soil science. I made a flight in a helicopter, landing on an HMS Protector at sea, and rode dog sledges. I discovered a new location for *Colobanthus crassifolious*, a tiny flowering plant related to the pink, measured and mapped it. Often my daily activities involved sailing in small dinghies, which I had to maintain and protect from the sea and floating ice, but the most exciting part was a few days at sea helping with early trials in seismology. Sailing in the RRS Shackleton, we hung hydrophones at sea from buoys made of oil drums with tiny radios mounted on top, sailed off and made up explosive charges with dynamite, detonators and primers then dropped them overboard, sailed off and detonated them. All this

sounds much more glamorous than it seemed at the time, but they can all be traced back to the work of the British Antarctic Expedition.

In his sermon, Dr Chartres listed some of the organisations represented in the cathedral and pointed out their links to Scott. Scott had not been concerned to 'race to the pole', rather he had taken a scientific party to explore the Antarctic and bring back scientific specimens. This was important because Scott has not always enjoyed a good press. His behaviour towards 'other ranks' has been seen as a symbol of class arrogance, and his failure to make it back seen as an example of ambition over pragmatism. Indeed, in BAS we were more likely to turn to the feats of Ernest Shackleton in escaping from the Weddell Sea in 1915 than Robert Scott for inspiration. However, Dr Chartres soundly redressed that imbalance by making important links between Scott's work and modern scientific and political issues. The rocks found in the tent contained fossil algae, the remains of plants that lived in warmer climes, a sign that the land mass had not always been located where it now is, but in the tropics. This has been interpreted as evidence for continental drift, which helps us to understand volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. The party also collected coal-bearing rocks, a signal of the continent's mineral potential wealth. His observations on ice cover and the position of glacier snouts have led to our understanding of climate change, and his interest in wild life and nature had a bearing on the Antarctic Treaty, signed in 1963, which has seen the suspension of all territorial claims and the conservation of its wildlife. This work was continued by his son

Peter Scott, who was a founder and first chairman of the World Wildlife (WWF). From these remarks I could see where my small contributions fitted in, even though I had no idea about climate change and very little about continental drift back then. All those tedious weather observations now add to baseline material for tracking climate change, although the increase in the area of the 'pink' may owe more to volcanic activity than climate change. For me one of the highlights of the morning came from a conversation with an older lady standing beside me in the queue to enter the church. Seizing the opportunity to spark up a conversation, I asked her what her link with Scott was, to which she replied that her father was Frank Debenham, the expedition's geologist. Debenham went on to be Professor of Geology at Cambridge and founded the Scott Polar Research Institute, one of the World's leading centres for polar research. Exciting. She confessed she might find the day 'rather emotional'; I too found the service a very moving experience.

How often do we think of ourselves as alone, insignificant, isolated or adrift, particularly if we wake in the wee hours of the night? Scott must have thought in those final days and hours before he died that they were utterly alone, and there would have been no getting way from that fact. But as Dr Chartres neared the end of his sermon he said: 'Scott and his friends still call to us to live our lives courageously, conscious of our part in a drama whose author is God'.

Charles Howie

Services

Holy Trinity, Dunoon

Sundays: 10.30a.m. Sung Eucharist

NB. On 2nd and 5th Sundays in the month, this service may be from the Reserved Sacrament

Thursdays: 5.30p.m. Holy Communion

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Vestry Treasurer	Maureen McKellar	703068
Organist	John McIntosh	703304

Diary Dates

Saturday 11th August 2012	10am-4pm - Heritage Open Day in church
Monday 20th August 2012	7.15pm - Compass Course session 2 in the Rectory
Friday 24th & Saturday 25th August 2012	Cowal Gathering with churches' outreach event, The 'Haven'
Friday 31st August 2012	6pm - Institution and installation of the Revd Nichola McNelly as Provost of Oban Cathedral, followed by a reception in Corran Halls
Saturday 1st September 2012	Scottish Guild of Servers Annual Festival at St Peter's, Lutton Place, Edinburgh (contact Mac McLean for details)
Sunday 2nd September 2012	4pm - Cowal For Christ Prayer Meeting 7.30pm - "Autumn Gold" - a concert of popular classics with 8+1 and friends, in the Burgh Hall
Monday 3rd September 2012	7pm - Compass Course session 3 in rectory
Monday 4th September 2012	7.30pm - Holy Trinity Vestry meeting in the Rectory
Saturday 8th September 2012	6.30pm - Induction of Dr Alan Wright as Pastor of Dunoon Baptist Church
Thursday 13th September 2012	Holy Trinity Book Group meets at Eden Cottage, Hill St.
Monday 5th October 2012	7.30pm - Holy Trinity Ceilidh in Innellan Village Hall
Monday 22nd October 2012	7.30pm - Holy Trinity Vestry meeting in the Rectory