

# VIEWS FROM THE HILL

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## From the Rector

Welcome once again to **another edition of 'View from the Hill', the newsletter for Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church in Dunoon.** As this edition hits the press, the biggest news for Holy Trinity is still the exciting award of a substantial Heritage Lottery and Historic Scotland grant for our building Restoration Project. Later in this edition we hear more about the work that will be carried out, and how we will go about raising OUR part of the funds that will transform the interior and exterior of our beautiful building.

The criteria for such an award is that a building **must be "of outstanding merit" and "considered to be of special architectural or historical importance."** **Holy Trinity was commissioned in the early days of the romantic revival in British church design, was designed by John Henderson, the only native Scottish 'tractarian' architect and was influenced by one of its early trustees, George Boyle, who became the Earl of Glasgow and founder of the College of the Holy Spirit and Cathedral of The Isles in Cumbrae. The heritage of our build-**

ing, as well as its simple **'early English gothic'** lines make us a worthy recipient, it transpires, of state money to repair and restore our church.

It is exciting for us, as living church community, to rejoice in the historical roots of our church building and our denomination. To have roots that are significant in the development and life of Christianity in Victorian Scotland adds to the value of the new roots that we are growing today, in 21st century Scotland. Visitors are interested in this history, in exploring the heritage of Dunoon over the past two hundred years or so. As part of the grant awarding process, we are required to make our heritage accessible to visitors: through being open for many days in the year, through displays and other publicity, through being inviting and well-publicised in what we do.

But in the middle of all this busy activity, it is vital that we pause and reflect on all that we share with the generations of faithful worshippers who have rested, prayed and worked



*Picture of the original Holy Trinity building prior to the 1890's extensions.*

here, on our beautiful hill above the Clyde. Each generation has loved Holy Trinity as a building, as a place of worship and as a living community. Each generation has also changed Holy Trinity, in some way, great or small. We have now been given the opportunity to make a significant change.

The church that we pass on to those who will come after us will be structurally sound, aesthetically more attractive, better lit, maybe even a little drier. But most importantly, it will be a place that still echoes with the sound of our joyful singing, a place that is soaked in prayers of our genera-

tion, a place where others will know that we have encountered our God, the living God.

Bless you all.

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# Holy Trinity Restoration Project by Andrew Swift

It is only just over a month since we heard the wonderful news that Holy Trinity had been successful in applying for a heritage grant for major restoration work. In this time we (Maureen McKellar and the Rector) **have attended a launch meeting in Edinburgh, we have entered into the official 'contract' with the supervising architect (ARPL in Ayr) and we have started to plan the activities ahead.** Information of planning and progress will become a regular feature of this newsletter.

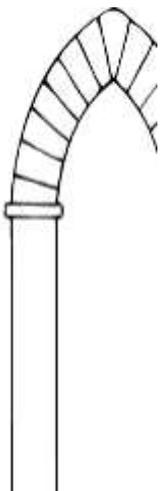
For this first report, we present a summary of what is going to happen and what we have to do about it!

At the end of this project, the vision is for Holy Trinity to be dry inside, for the roof and walls, inside and out, to be in excellent repair, for the windows to be restored to their original beauty, for all the woodwork to be rot and pest-free and for inside lighting to be a modern, efficient, safe system. There is much work to reach this vision – this work starts now.



## What is going to happen?

Starting now and running to the beginning of December 2012:



### Development phase

- Rot survey A disruptive survey (one that involves removing panelling, access to the ceiling, scaffolding etc.) will take place to check for any rot in the nave and chancel.
- Roof survey Steeplejacks will carry out a detailed external survey of the roof to confirm the current extent of any roof, repointing and other high level external repairs.
- Detailed preparation for work **A quantity surveyor will prepare a 'bill of quantities', a detailed list of exactly what is required for all of the restoration and repair work that needs to be carried out. This 'bill of quantities' is used to inform contractors as they tender to carry out this work.**
- Architect's planning & management The architect will produce a detailed plan and schedule for the restoration project. They will also produce the specifications for contractors to tender against and ensure that all relevant regulations, assessment etc. are carried out.

At the end of the development phase we will have a detailed plan of the work to be completed, this plan will have been made into specifications for contractors to tender against, contractors will have been selected and the confirmed costs of the final, delivery phase, will be known.

At this stage, we go back to the Heritage Lottery Fund to confirm that the project can move on to the next phase. If all the work is covered, the prices are within the budget we have been given and we have our own **financial contributions in place, we move on to the full Restoration Project, the 'delivery phase'.**

### Delivery phase

The delivery phase of the project has to be completed within two years of the offer of the grant. In **Holy Trinity's case, the work is focused on preventing water ingress into the building and repairing the damage that this humid environment has caused.** The following work is to be carried out:

- Leadwork Repair – the old, damaged leadwork in the tower, chancel & nave roof will be **repaired or replaced and the 'skews' (the exposed walls above the roof) will re-pointed and wrapped in lead.** All of this work is to reduce direct water ingress into the walls and interior of the building.
- General water elimination – repair of pointing of external walls of church & tower, repair and replacement of gutters and drains, extending rainwater soak-away pipelines from church building, installing perimeter surface drain. These, identified in the church survey five year ago, will all reduce water ingress into the walls of the church and allow the walls to dry out.



- Roof Repairs – repair of pointing & repair to high level woodwork will be carried out by specialist steeplejacks. This will again reduce water ingress and repair water damage in inaccessible areas of the building.
- Timber & rot works - the moist environment has encouraged various forms of wood rot and pest in the church. Once the exact extent of this is known, this will be treated and/or repaired by a specialist contractor. This work has already been carried out in the tower.
- Wall restoration – the internal walls, especially in the nave, have a wide range of water damage, resulting in peeling paint and discoloration. This will be repaired, either by removing the surface and rebuilding with a modern system, or by paint-stripping, or by repainting where this is appropriate. The work to stop water ingress through the outer walls will make it much easier to repair and restore the internal surfaces. Condensation on the internal walls will remain an issue, so good ventilation in any repair is an essential part of this work.
- Stained & Leaded Glass – the moist environment (and just old age) has deteriorated the windows of the church. With the exception of the east windows (which are in fair condition and would be very hard to restore) and the new windows by the door, all the other windows in the church will be conserved and restored. In some cases this will be merely cleaning and replacement of fixings. In others this will involve the removal of the whole window to a specialist firm who will completely rebuild the structure and refit it. Protection, drainage and ventilation will all be fitted.
- Electrical repairs - again, the humid environment has resulted in failure of much of the chancel lighting system and degradation of the nave lights. The old fuse-wire consumer units will be replaced with modern, safe systems and a new lighting system for chancel and nave will be installed.



## What do we have to do?

As the project progresses, the vestry will be busy talking to the architect, appointing contractors and being involved in the running of the work. This is a very ambitious project, and we are going to make the money awarded do a lot of restoration work.

The largest job we have NOW is raising our financial contribution for the delivery phase.

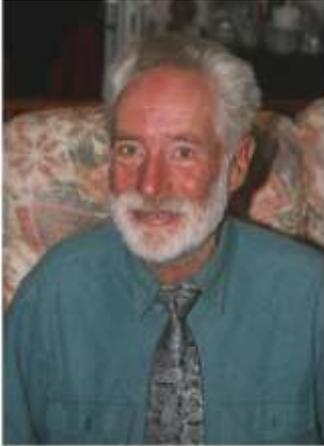
We have been allocated nearly £220,000 from Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland for the delivery phase. We have to find a further £75,000 of our own to match this funding. This will be found in part by claiming back VAT on some of the work carried out, but the rest will be either grants that we manage to get from other charities and organisations or donations and fundraising of our own. We cannot start the delivery phase of the work until this money is either promised or in place. Our focus as a church this year has to be:

- Large fundraising events – please support the Christmas fair, coffee morning, bag pack and **other large planned 'Holy Trinity Events'**
- Holy Trinity Challenge – individual members of the congregation are invited to offer social events or activities to raise funds – **this is continuing the theme of the '£50 Challenges'** – any event, large or small, can help raise this vitally needed money.
- Pledges and donations – we have been very generously supported over the past years by many very generous individual donations by members and others who wish to support Holy Trinity. If you are in a position to give or to pledge a donation to the church, please contact Andrew or Maureen McKellar.

Updates on progress with fundraising and the development phase of the project will be provided in the newsletter and displayed in the church. If you have any good ideas or plans or concerns, please speak to Andrew or Maureen.

There is a lot of work ahead of us, but the vision of a restored, transformed Holy Trinity will make it well, well worthwhile.

## Hugh Lyons RIP



Hugh Lyons, a regular member of Holy Trinity for some years, tragically died in December. Hugh was cycling on holiday in Australia when he had a severe stroke followed by a collision with a motor vehicle. He was ill, unconscious in hospital, for a short while. Hugh will be greatly missed by his family, all at Holy Trinity and his many friends around the town. A service at Holy Trinity is planned for Saturday May the 5th to celebrate his life and inter his ashes in the graveyard.

In January 2010, Hugh was interviewed by Maureen McKellar for the Holy Trinity newsletter. This is a copy of that interview:

Meet Hugh Lyons

When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

My first visit to Holy Trinity was a wedding in the **early '60's. I came a few times in 2003/2004 and then regularly from 2006.**

Tell us a little about where you were before and what brought you to Dunoon?

My Mother took me to both Sunday school and Cubs. My first church and **school was St. Peter's and** then we moved to the Quinton, both Churches of England. Going away with the Scouts, canoeing and climbing meant that visits to church were then reduced.

In 1956 I was posted 80 miles from Jerusalem in the Syrian Desert. There church was in a tent. I was confirmed in Jerusalem, having visited some holy sites before that. In 1962 I

hitched there. In 2000 I planned to cycle in the area but a coach crash finished that. I was then posted to Cyprus and joined the Mountain Rescue. We had exercises at the weekend so again no time for church.

My wife, small child and I came to the area in 1966 to Benmore Centre. I went to one of the local churches of Scotland but not regularly. I would always go with my Mother which eventually was 10 times a year. I was unemployed in 1987, so had time and I would go into churches and pray. 10 years later my Mother died. I walked to Santiago, had Mass for Pilgrims at Le Puy and in the Cathedral at Santiago. Only two weeks into the walk I decided I would go to church regularly when I returned. I went to Kilmun Church but was surprised communion was only three times per year. Later I was invited to a prayer group, which followed Mass at St. Mun's.

Apart from Church, how do you spend your time? What are you passionate about?

I enjoy walking and cycling and working on my old cottage, it has helped me after my accident when I was a vegetable on crutches for eighteen months, could not compose a sentence and had to learn to walk again.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

I enjoy the service at Holy Trinity, regular communion, John our Organist, Hugh and Kimberly and

friendly congregation.

What do you do (or have you done) around Holy Trinity? What do you enjoy about it?

Once or twice I have joined in tidying up the grounds but out of sight, around the back I repaired a drain, put another alongside it, below the tap and led two pipes into them.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

**My favourite is 'How Great thou Art', most times when I sing this a bird will start to sing, sometimes on cue or when I have not heard one for a while.**

Graham Revill, a friend of **Hugh's, has written the** follow poem following **Hugh's tragic death:**

The Traveller  
**"Let us share His peace"**  
 We turn and smile at each other  
**"Peace be with you, Graham"**  
**"And with you, Hugh"**  
 a touch of his warm hands

Two weeks later Hugh is dead  
 Life support machine turned off by caring doctors  
 Sparing his son that awful decision

That fateful day begins like any other, with prayer  
 Then more miles on his bicycle  
 Adding to the tens of thousands already travelled  
 Always with God by his side

Rest in peace, Hugh  
 You are home now

## Experience Easter 2012 at Dunoon Grammar



**We have now taken 'Experience Easter' and 'Experience Christmas' into Dunoon Grammar School** for S1 pupils to explore the Easter and Christmas stories with interactive stations. The feedback received from the school has been excellent.

We have now been invited to **take 'Experience Easter' stations** back into the school, on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March, the beginning of the final week of term before the Easter Break. Once again, five stations will be built, covering the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day and the resurrection. A script is

available at each station to guide the students, along with an activity to help in relating to the wonderful story.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved in the project, from building stations to staffing a station for the students, please contact the **Rev'd Andrew Swift (01369-702444)**.

It is planned to repeat the Easter and Christmas stations each year as part of the Religious and Moral Education activities in the school.

## LENT COURSE 2012

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** - praying it, living it, meaning it

Lent is a time when Christians reflect on the mystery **and wonder of God's saving plan** for all humanity. The six weeks are a time of prayer, reflecting on where we have strayed from doing the right thing, asking for forgiveness and also self-denial – giving comforts up for Lent.

To help with our reflections in Lent, we are running a five session Lent Course. This course will explore the well known **Lord's Prayer in the context of today's world**. The course is a high grade **'York Course', written by John Young**. Each session starts with a short audio talk on CD featuring leading Christian speakers:

Dr David Hope, the former Archbishop of York, now in busy retirement in the Yorkshire Dales.

Canon Margaret Sentamu, Head of Diversity and Principal Consultant for an

International Senior Executive Search firm based in Leeds (and wife of the Archbishop of York!)

Bishop Kenneth Stevenson, formerly Bishop of Portsmouth (died in 2011)

Revd Dr David Wilkinson, broadcaster, Methodist minister and Principal of **St John's College, University of Durham**, with PhDs in astrophysics and theology

Dr Elaine Storkey, renowned scholar, author and broadcaster with a wide range of interests in church and social action – closing reflections

The course examines how, in the Lord's Prayer, Jesus gives us a pattern for living as his disciples. He also raises vital questions for today's world in which 'Daily bread' is uncertain for 2 billion people a refusal to 'forgive those who trespass against us' escalates violence. At each

session, the issued raised in the audio CD will be discussed, with guidance, within the group.

A course booklet is available, at a cost of £3.25, which will guide our thoughts through the five sessions and can be kept for later reflection and reference.

The sessions are on the following Thursdays in Lent:

23rd February, 15th March, 22nd March, 29th March, & the final session on Wednesday 4th of April.

Each session will start at 1pm in the Rectory.

Please come along if you can to some or all of the sessions. It is not necessary to attend every session to participate in the course. Contact the rector Revd Andrew Swift (702444) for more details.

## How much is enough: reflections from Vietnam

*Charles Howie, who has spent time with us in Holy Trinity, is now working at An Giang University in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam as 'Adviser, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources'. He writes:*

Every day is packed with ideas, challenges and new experiences. I could easily write a thousand words describing my work, but I want to share a question with you that goes round in my head every day: how much is enough?

Last evening I sat and talked with my friend Think in the family shop in Long Xuyen City, where I live and work. Think and his wife Nhi were looking after the family sports shop while his parents were away in Ho Chi Minh City visiting a daughter who is in hospital. I have known Think for more than ten years. He has supported me through all the trials of field-work and taught me how to be comfortable in Vietnam. He found me a dentist when I broke a tooth on fish bones and looked after me when I was unwell. Think is friend, mentor, motorcycle driver and has been my translator at dozens of interviews with farmers. In that time I have

become a frequent visitor to the shop, sitting with a glass of water and a bowl of fruit at the back talking in English with his father Kim and Hao, his mother. On Saturdays Kim sometimes cooks a Vietnam style chicken curry, truly delicious, and once at têt, the Vietnamese new year season, they invited all five foreign workers at the university to eat with them, a highlight of that year.

Think has three brothers and two sisters. Those I have met are articulate, industrious, very caring and interesting people. They all have degrees and earn their livings as doctors or in business, all successful with secure livelihoods. I said to Think that his parents must feel very proud when they look at the success of **their family**. 'Oh no', says Think, 'they want more for us'. 'But is there enough to go round,' I asked? 'I don't know,' said Think. At that point I felt Think was speaking for all of us.



of the population was growing faster than the increase in the output of agriculture. In An Essay on the Principle of Population he wrote, "That the superior power of population is repressed, and the actual population kept equal to the means of subsistence, by misery and vice". Malthus, basing his comments on the rapid growth of the population of North America in the eighteenth century, predicted that the population was growing at a faster rate than the supply of food and therefore poverty, starvation and disease were inevitable.

In some ways this fitted in with a Victorian view of the inevitability of starvation, a view which must have seemed well-founded after the Irish Potato Famine between 1745 and 1852, during which about one million people died. Unfortunately Malthus failed to recognise that population growth in North America was the result of immigration and not reproduction. However, Charles Darwin, one of the most profound thinkers of the Nineteenth Century, took up this seemingly inevitability of insufficiency of food and other resources. In his On The Origin of Species (1859), Darwin noted that plants and

*Photo below: Friday evening crush in the Co-op supermarket.*

*This form of shopping was unknown in Long Xuyen city until 5 or 6 years ago. As people change their way of living and both parents go out to work between 7.30 and 5pm, shopping in local markets has been supplemented, or perhaps even been replaced, by shopping in the evenings after markets are closed.*



Recently the world's population reached and passed a figure of seven billion. There are more than 7,000,000,000 people living on the planet today, and the number continues to grow. So, we should all be asking that question: is there enough to go round? In the early nineteenth century, the Reverend Thomas Malthus predicted that we faced starvation because, he said, the size



*Photo Left: Traditional fruit sellers in my local market. The lady in the centre always helps me to buy a good papaya and was a little disappointed when I came and just asked for a picture! In this picture there are persimmons, oranges, dragon fruit, Chinese apples, star apples, custard apples, water melons and mangoes.*

*Photo above: Just as in European stores, customers entering the co-op must first navigate through perfumes and jewellery. Why is this?*

animals produced more offspring than were needed to replace their parents and so, as the supply of resources was limited, there was a competition between siblings and the fitter ones would survive and the weaker would not.

His theory of evolution by natural selection is still open to debate today, but we are less accepting of the inevitability that some people will starve while others will survive. We owe our rejection of the notion that famine and death are inevitable to

people with humanitarian beliefs, whether that comes from a faith or no faith.

Where are we now with poverty and starvation? Depending on which source of information you use, about 850-900 million people still live in extreme poverty and around two billion experience shortages of food to a greater or lesser extent. While starvation is no longer accepted as inevitable, and food production has gone up in parallel with, even slightly faster than, the rise in the population, never-the-less there is a residual core of people who continue to experience extreme poverty and food insecurity. I see wealth around me every day here in Long Xuyen, and Vietnamese people are as

just as aspirational as those to be seen in Buchanan Street in a Boxing Day sale. **As I watch I ask myself, 'is there enough to go round?' 'Does the earth have sufficient resources to fulfil all our aspirations?' Regardless of whether you have a religious faith or not, the question we all need to ask ourselves is, 'do we have enough?'**

Charles Howie

*Photo Below: Shops selling western-style wedding outfits are all the rage at the moment.*



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March

Service at

Kirn Parish Church

At 2pm

**This year's service will be on the theme**

**'Let Justice Prevail'**

& has been prepared by the women from the churches of Malaysia

All Welcome

## eXp12 - Summer Camp By Paul Beautyman

*Rev. Paul Beautyman  
is the Church of  
Scotland, Argyll  
Presbytery Youth  
Advisor*



Summer camp is a great **adventure. It's a time to** experience God through rock-climbing or canoeing, crafts or music, **sport or games. It's a** time to make new friendships with vibrant Christians or to worship and pray in **exciting ways. It's** a time to explore what life is, who God is – and who you are!

The good news is that **Argyll's very** own Christian summer camp for teenagers runs at Benmore Activity Centre, from July 23 – 27, 2012. The first camp ran in August 2011 and attracted 32 young people and 10 leaders. It was a great success and all the young people want to go back. It is open to young people currently in Primary 7 up to S6 at the Grammar.

Our plan this year is to help the local churches **'own' this camp. It is** organised by a group of local Christians from a range of churches – Holy Trinity Episcopal

Church, Dunoon Baptist, aoradh, Church of Scotland, **St. Mun's Catholic** Church – in partnership with SU Scotland. Bookings are already being made on the SU website.

You can become a camp **'angel' and support camp** by helping sponsor a young person or camp leader. **'Angels' will also** pray for all aspects of camp, publicise it around the church and community or encourage young people to go on camp. We also have a day during camp when you can book up and visit, see some activities, meet the young people and share a meal with us.

For more information **contact your church's** camp champion, Mary Swift (702444)

### Frequently Asked Questions.

**We don't have any children** that age in our congregation so why should we support camp?

You do have young people in your community though! This is an opportunity to start working with young people. You can sponsor a young person from your commu-

nity to go on camp or you can support a leader.

Who are the leaders?

All except two are giving up holiday time to help lead the camp. Some are from Dunoon, some from near Edinburgh and some from America. Leaders attend a training weekend before camp so their costs are around £300 each. The planning group are volunteers from local churches and we work in partnership with SU Scotland who do the bookings through their website and all our PVG / Safeguarding / Child Protection.

How long is camp and what happens at it?

Camp runs for a week, young people arrive on Monday, take part in activities, sport, music, crafts and go to two lively meetings a day that include worship, games, talks. All food is included and overnight accommodation. They leave on Friday afternoon.

How much does it cost?

Due to a large subsidy from the Augusta Lamont Bequest it costs £125 for each young person. This is great value as similar



camps run by SU cost around £250.

What difference does a camp make?

**After last year's camp** a number of young people have been going to **'sanctuary', a group that meets in Dunoon to support young Christians.** There they have met young Christians from

churches and have been encouraged and supported to explore being a Christian. Others just had a great time and want to go back, and they too are a bit more open to what God is all about.

How can we support camp as well as financially?

Right now you can pray for the preparation of the programme, gathering enough leaders, getting parents and carers to book their children into camp. Look out for a prayer let-



ter in church to help with this in the coming months.

**Why don't you run a camp for primary aged children too?**

I am looking at a similar event for children. If you want more information about that please contact me directly on 07596 164 112.



## The 'Holy Trinity Challenge' by Andrew Swift

The Holy Trinity Events team have been working incredibly hard over the past few years to create events and activities to both raise funds and also produce social occasions for us and our friends throughout the town. These large activities are going to continue as we work to raise funds towards the Restoration Project.

All of us also have a part to **play in Holy Trinity's fund-raising and socialising!** As well as supporting the major events, we are all being **given a challenge...**

**The 'Holy Trinity Challenge'** – developed from the £50 Challenge – is being launched. Everyone is invited to put on an event or

activity of some sort. Some of these may raise £50, some may raise much less, some much more – but every Challenge Event, as well as raising urgently needed funding, will also help us to work together and play together.

Some early examples: Dinkie McEwen has organised the Maggie Reilly concert in the High Kirk Hall on the 25th of February – this is effectively the first of our **'Challenge' events.** The Rector & family has decided to offer a narrowboat outing on the Falkirk Wheel and the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals – this Challenge Event will include lunch and refreshments for up to ten people. Other social events

are also in the pipeline: watch this space!

If you would like to know more about the Holy Trinity Challenge, please speak to Andrew or any member of the Events Team. A Wall Planner for the year will be placed in the church with both major events and HT Challenge activities marked on it, to make sure we know when they are happening and to make sure we spread events evenly through the year.

I am looking forward very much to the busy programme ahead of us – thanks to all, in anticipation, for what will be an enjoyable and profitable year!



**Scottish Star MAGGIE REILLY comes to Dunoon**

Her show includes the hit song "Moonlight Shadow"  
and other hits from her albums

**High Kirk Hall, Hanover Street**

**7.30pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

£10 suggested donation for entrance

Entrance pass available from "Remax" Argyll Street or call 01369 705257

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## Vestry Report by Maureen McKellar

At the meeting on 22nd November 2011 the rector reported that Holy Trinity had been awarded a Dunderdale Grant from the Scottish Episcopal Church towards the pipework for the clean water supply. The arrangements for the Annual Meeting were discussed including members due to retire and who should be appointed Independent Examiner of the accounts. The remainder of the meeting was spent with the Vestry looking in detail at the annual accounts and approving them.

At the short post-annual meeting vestry meeting on 4th December 2011, the Vestry appointed Susan Watling as Treasurer and Maureen McKellar as Secretary. The Secretary was asked to fix the Vestry meetings for the year.

At the meeting on 23rd

January the Rector reported on the fabric damage that had occurred during the storms and the repairs necessary. There was discussion on the forthcoming Building the Vision Meeting where the Congregation must decide what should be displayed at Synod. There was much discussion on the implications of receiving the Heritage Lottery Fund/Historic Scotland Grant for the building repairs. The Treasurer presented her report of the monthly figures and the Rector spoke about the budget for the forthcoming year. The Vestry agreed to the invitation **from St. Paul's Rothesay** for a joint Palm Sunday service at Rothesay and also to a joint Sea Sunday service at Holy Trinity in July (details TBC). There was discussion on the Lent, Holy week and Easter services. The Rector reported that the Diocesan Synod would be

held on Wednesday 7th March.

As part of the consultation prior to a Canon 35 application, there was discussion on the re-ordering of the chancel area of church. It was unanimously agreed to leave the area as it is now. He also reported that clean running water had been installed. When the pipework was renewed it was pointed out that the Rector's pipework was still all lead. The Vestry agreed to this being replaced. The Vestry also agreed to look into the feasibility of installing a temporary toilet while all the church work was taking place. The toilet could then be converted to a permanent one in due course. The Events Team put forward their recommended plan of events for the next three months.

The next meeting is fixed for Thursday 15th March



## Holy Trinity Bag Pack

In aid of the Restoration Project

Dunoon Co-Op

Friday & Saturday 30th & 31st

March 10am to 6pm

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please sign up in Church

All offers of help greatly appreciated!

Thank You H. T. Events Team

## Pilgrims on a Journey



We will be continuing our monthly course for explorers of the Christian faith, what it means to be part of a church and how to go about working out what direction God wants us to journey. This course, lead by Andrew, would suit anyone who has recently come to church or anyone who would like a

refresher course on the **'basics' of Christian life** and faith.

This course might lead, if it felt appropriate, to confirmation as a sign of formal membership of the church.

All are very welcome to attend – and it does not matter if you have been at any before.

Each session starts at 6.30pm with a light bring and share meal, followed by a presentation and discussion on a particular theme for the evening.

Each session is scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. The course

will take a break for Lent to allow for the whole church study group.

The next four planned sessions:

7th February – Sin & Forgiveness

1st May – The Death of Jesus

5th June – The Resurrection

3rd July – The Holy Spirit

If you would like to take part, please let Andrew know (702444 or [rev.andrew@familyswift.org.uk](mailto:rev.andrew@familyswift.org.uk))

## From the Counting House



The vestry met in January and reviewed the budget for Holy Trinity for the current year. Based on increased giving level from 2010-11 (thanks once again to all) and also significant income from fundraising activities, the budget as presented was balanced, to within a few hundred pounds. This is a very significant moment, as it has not been possible for a while to start the year balancing the church budget without relying on **using the church's reserves** to break even at the end of the year.

**The church's year starts in** October, so we are able to see how well we doing to meet this budget. At this point in the year, one-third of the way through it, we are on track to meet

this budget. Income and expenditure are both very slightly above budget, so things are looking promising.

The financial pressure on Holy Trinity this year is two-fold:

1) Raise funds to support the Restoration Project – fundraising events and one-off donations. The target of £75,000 funding to allow the work to take place will require much hard work and sacrifice.

2) Increase our regular giving and Gift-Aided donation. We will talk to the congregation about giving levels, Gift Aid and planned giving in the spring. Even with the Restoration Project we still have a target to reduce and eventually

eliminate the need for a grant from Edinburgh (**'stipend support'**) to support our ministry costs.

Starting the year with a balanced budget is a major achievement for the treasury team, the vestry and, of course, the congregation. The year ahead will still be hard work, but we are beginning from a strong foundation. Please keep the financial team in your prayers.

Thank you once again for all your hard work and support.

The treasury team:

Rector; Susan Watling (Treasurer); Mary Swift (Gift Aid & Books); Maureen McKellar (Paying Officer); Ann Narraway (Banking & cash)

## Property Report February 2012



Property matters have been quieter over Christmas and the start of the year, in part as we have concentrated on the Restoration Project. Work has continued, however.

Internal furniture – at the January vestry meeting, it was agreed to apply to the diocese, under Canon 35, to make the following changes:

- 1) Leave the current arrangement of the chancel clear of furniture – and find a suitable location and/ or disposal route for the old stalls. Seating for servers, the floor covering and layout/access to the chancel will be improved as an ongoing project.
- 2) Remove and dispose of the surplus pews at the back of the church, to create more open space for socialising and other activities in church.

Water supply – the church water supply had not been usable for many years, due to discoloration and an unpleasant odour and taste. A grant was received from the Scottish

Episcopal Church Dunderdale Buildings Fund for 50% of the cost of installing a new, modern water supply pipe from Kilbride Road up to the church. This work was carried out in December and the church once again has clean running water.

Windows – the clear glass windows on the north side of the nave have now been replaced. The four windows between the door and the pulpit are all now brand new. A Scottish charity, the Dalrymple-Donaldson Trust, provided a grant to pay for approximately 50% of this work.

Storm Damage – the storms on the 2nd and 3rd of January caused some damage to the church. Some roofing lead was torn right off or damaged, and an outer window on the west end of the church was destroyed, possibly by flying lead or other debris. Emergency repairs were carried out to some of the missing lead, and the window was boarded to protect the inner stained glass. Final repairs to this damage will be carried out once the insurers confirm that the quotations are acceptable. All the work (barring our £50 excess) will be paid for by the insurance company.

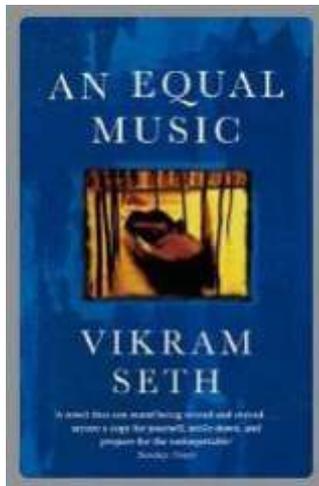
Grounds – a second yellow salt bin, for the car park, has been purchased, along with a grit spreader and over a tonne of ice-clearing salt. We are now well pre-

pared for snowy or icy weather this winter and for future years.

Tower Repairs – Having hoped that the tower was **improved after last year's** work, the old water problems are still present. Poor leadwork, cracked pointing and water ingress through skews and masonry appear to all contribute to the water ingress. Some stop-gap work has been done to protect the floors and ceilings in the tower, to put a little heat into the space to dry it and to try and keep the water running down the walls and into the ground. The Restoration Project should greatly improve this situation, and in the meantime the water problem will be managed as best as possible. The water leaks should also reduce in the summer months, as (contrary to popular belief) it does actually get much drier and warmer in Argyll in the summertime!

Other repairs – Three of the pew heaters were not working, and have been replaced. The outside security light was malfunctioning and has been replaced. Further investigation is now underway into more portable heating for the church, improvements to the paths in the graveyard and also into the practicalities of installing a toilet in the narthex of the church.

## Between the Lines- **Book Group's Choice**



A chance sighting on a bus; a letter which should never have been read; a pianist with a secret that touches the heart of her music . . . AN EQUAL MUSIC is a book about love, about the love of a woman lost and found and lost again; it is a book about music and how the love of music can run like a passionate fugue through a life. It is the story of Michael, of Julia, and of the love that **binds them.....**

The Sunday Times review **said** *'A novel that can stand being reread and reread, but the first time round is an emotional cliffhanger ... secure a copy for yourself, settle down, and prepare for the unforgettable'*

The Daily Telegraph even went as far to say *'The finest novel about music ever written in English'*

Why not get a copy & see whether you agree. Then come & join us for a bowl of soup & what I am sure will be an entertaining discussion on Thursday 1st of March at 11.30am in **Season's Café** - everyone welcome.

An Equal Music is by Vikram Seth, published by Phoenix House.

ISBN 978-0-7538-0773-6

If you would like to know more about book group speak to Di Tennent on 840779.

## Easyfundraising



Many thanks to all the Christmas & January sales shoppers! The HT Easyfundraising total now stands at an amazing £510.65!!! We have managed to raise a fantastic £103.04 in the last quarter of 2011 alone.

Do YOU shop online? If so you can help boost the total even further - at no cost to yourself.

So how does it work? You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htcdunoon>

for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailers website, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. You can shop with most major retailers through the site e.g.. Amazon, M & S , Boots, Argos so before you spend anything online its always worth checking if you can put it through easyfundraising.

Why not give it a go there are some fantastic offers out there.

If you need any more information please speak to Susan Watling (701037) .

## A Letter From Yorkshire by Reg Taylor



Early in December as we began our preparations for Christmas we had our first snowfall here in Cold Kirby. We should have been warned; almost everyone around these parts stress upon us that the village is not called **'COLD Kirby' for nothing!! There wasn't a mountain** of snow – just a dusting making the surroundings especially beautiful as we were able to view the scene from within with a lovely blazing fire in the hearth.

The snow did not stay with us for long but we did have a very cold spell following on for about a week with overnight temperatures falling to -5C and not getting much above freezing during the day, dry and sunny. This has been followed by much milder weather reaching a quite balmy 13C on Christmas day!! We have had some rain, mostly overnight, and several days of strong winds.



Needless to say, that as the days have grown shorter progress on the cottage and in the garden has slowed. We will soon be able to start decorating as all the new plaster work we had done initially has now dried out so that we shall be very **'busy beavers' come the New Year**. Christmas for Morag and me was very quiet. We had all the family with us on Christmas Eve day who then went on their way; Selena to Surrey and Ingrid to Hull. One of our new neighbours then invited us for **'drinks and nibbles' where**

we met other residents of the village – a very happy and enjoyable evening and a nice opportunity to get to know more of the local people.

We are looking forward to the New Year and to getting on with the rest of the tasks still remaining. The major project is having the back porch extended and adding a **'garden room'**. This is going ahead quite well; we are having one of the local companies to do the work and just await planning for this to begin sometime in March. We are having all the windows replaced in February! Amidst all this major work we are busy bringing together all the arrangements for **Ingrid's wedding at the end of April**.

We hope all at Holy Trinity have enjoyed a wonderfully happy and joyous Christmas and we send our sincere good wishes to all for 2012.

Reg & Morag



*Photo's of Reg & Morag's new home 'Sheraton Cottage' taken on the 6th December 2011.*

## Services

### Holy Trinity, Dunoon

Sundays : 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Nb. On 2nd & 5th Sundays in the month at this service communion may be from the Reserved Sacrament

Thursdays: 5.15pm Holy Communion

## Church Contact Points

Rector	Rev Andrew Swift (702444)
<b>People's Warden</b>	Dinkie McEwen (705257)
<b>Rector's Warden</b>	Pauline Revill (704731)
Lay Representative	Ann Narraway (830400)
Vestry Secretary	Maureen McKellar (703058)
Vestry Treasurer	Susan Watling (701037)
Organist	John McIntosh (703304)

## Notable Dates for your Diary

Sun. 5th Feb.	4pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting - New Life Church, Queen Street
Tues. 7th Feb.	<b>6.30pm 'Pilgrims on a Journey' Session at The Rectory</b> - on Sin & Forgiveness
Tues. 21st Feb.	Shrove Tuesday
Wed. 22nd Feb.	Ash Wednesday, 5.30pm - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thurs. 23rd Feb.	1pm - <b>1st session of Lent Course 'The Lord's Prayer' in the Rectory</b>
Sat. 25th Feb.	7.30pm - Maggie Reilly Concert, High Kirk Hall, Hanover Street
Thurs. 1st Mar.	11.30am - <b>1pm Book Group in Season's Cafe - 'An Equal Music' By Vikram Seth</b>
Fri 2nd Mar.	<b>2pm Kirn Parish Church, Service for the 'World Day of Prayer'</b>
Sun. 4th Mar.	4pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting - Holy Trinity Church
Tues. 6th - Thurs. 8th Mar.	- Diocesan Synod & Meetings in Oban
Thurs. 15th Mar	1pm - <b>2nd session of Lent Course 'The Lord's Prayer' in the Rectory</b>
Sun. 18th Mar.	Mothering Sunday
Thurs. 22nd Mar.	1pm - <b>3rd session of Lent Course 'The Lord's Prayer' in the Rectory</b>
<b>Mon &amp; Tues 26th &amp; 27th Mar..</b>	<b>'Experience Easter' with S1 in Dunoon Grammar School</b>
Thurs. 29th Mar.	1pm - <b>4th session of Lent Course 'The Lord's Prayer' in the Rectory</b>
Fri & Sat 30th & 31st Mar	- Holy Trinity Bag Pack, Dunoon Co-Op 10am to 6pm
Sun. 1st April	<b>Palm Sunday, 11am Joint Service at St Paul's Rothesay</b>
Sun. 1st April	4pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting - Venue TBC.
Sun. 1st to Sat. 7th April	Holy Week - Service details for Holy Week will be available separately.
Wed. 4th April	1pm - <b>5th session of Lent Course 'The Lord's Prayer' in the Rectory</b>
Sun. 8th April	Easter Sunday
Tues. 1st May	<b>6.30pm 'Pilgrims on a Journey' Session at The Rectory</b> - on The Death of Jesus
Sat. 5th May	A Service to Celebrate the life of Hugh Lyons RIP - at Holy Trinity, time TBC.
Sun. 6th May	4pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting - Venue TBC.
Sun. 13th May	Start of Christian Aid Week.