



Holy Trinity News

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More News

During March the Primus, the Most Reverend Doctor Idris Jones, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway announced his retirement as Bishop in July. As we went to press there had been no announcement of a new Primus

Three members of Holy Trinity, three members of St. Paul's Rothesay and a member of St. Martin's Tighnabruaich met Bishop Martin, the Dean and the Diocesan Secretary on Tuesday 31st March 2009 in the Colintraive Hotel to begin discussions about what happens during our Vacancy.



After the meeting, the Rothesay contingent unfortunately had to catch a ferry, but the rest of us shared a meal together.

This month as a change from the usual 'Meet a Member of the Congregation' with some persuasion Kimberly agreed to be interviewed. The questions were given by various members of the Congregation. Hope you enjoy it.

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What's Ahead

In April we commemorate Holy Week and celebrate Easter:

- 5th – Palm Sunday Joint Service at Tighnabruaich at 3pm
- 9th – Maundy Thursday Eucharist 9pm followed by Watch until Midnight
- 10th – Good Friday 12-2pm Stations of the Cross and private prayer. 2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration
- 11th – Easter Eve 9pm Easter Vigil with lighting of the new fire
- 12th – EASTER DAY – Eucharist 5pm

Dates for the diary

- Sunday 3rd May Kimberly's last service at Dunoon
- Thursday 28th May in the evening Kimberly's Institution in Dunblane

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends,

As I write, we stand on the edge of Holy Week. It is not yet time to shout hosanna, not yet time for breaking alabaster jars, or taking bread and wine, or entering into the terrible wonder of the cross; not yet time to learn our way through death to resurrection. Not yet. But almost...

This is the hardest, most exhausting, most wonderful time of the year offering us time to face things we often try to hide from and let the very stories we tell reshape us and bring healing.

Since I have told you that I am leaving, I have watched many of you jump into action. You are trying so hard to do what must be done, to get things right, to offer each other support and encouragement. It is encouraging to see, and I have every confidence in your ability to care for each other well, support the worshipping life of this community, and plan for your future. Yet while I am still here, I still want to offer this exhortation: don't try too hard. Don't think that you need to make it perfect. Remember that God is more gracious than we can imagine, and life comes at precisely the point that we are tempted to lose hope.

So, I will say to you for Holy Week what I said in Advent. Stop. Let the liturgy be your work for the next few weeks, and let the liturgy be the place where you receive from God what you need.

Yours,



Holy Week Services

There are a number of services in various churches in Cowal in Holy Week

Monday 6th April – Service at St. John's at 7pm

Tuesday 7th April – Stations of the Cross at St. Mun's at 7pm

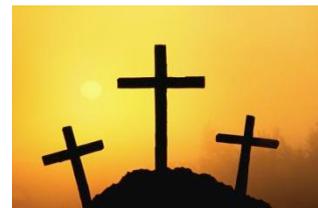
Wednesday 8th April – Service at Kirn Church at 7pm

Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday) – Eucharist at 9pm and Watch till Midnight at Holy Trinity

Friday 10th April (Good Friday) – 12-2pm Stations of the Cross and private prayer 2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy with veneration at Holy Trinity;
Service at Kilmun Church at 7pm

Saturday 11th April (Easter Eve) – 'Cowal for Christ' Churches Procession down Argyll Street to Argyll Gardens and open-air worship 1.30 for 2pm at St. John's.
Easter Vigil and the Lighting of the New Fire at Holy Trinity at 9pm

Sunday 12th April (Easter Day) – Sunrise Service at 6.30am on Castle Hill (all churches welcome) followed by breakfast at Hanover Street Hall
5pm Easter Eucharist at Holy Trinity
7pm Easter Songs of Praise with Jubilate Cowal at the High Kirk



The £50 Pledge Challenge

Family History

Do you want to learn more about your Scottish family history? I plan to lead an introduction to tracing your Scottish family tree. An optional extra would be a session on the internet in your own home. Please let me know if you are interested.

Morag Fowler

Poetry or Singing?

If anyone is interested in learning more about poetry and how to read and appreciate poems with greater depth - or wants to give a couple of lessons to a needy Higher English student! - or would like a couple of individual singing lessons, tell the McIntoshes. Just make sure you choose the right one!

Christine and John

Holy Trinity History

I am planning to write the history of Holy Trinity, so if anyone has any stories or photos or old pieces of information, please let me know. Then be prepared to purchase a copy when it is finished!

Maureen McKellar

Patchwork without Tears



The Patchwork workshop will take place on Saturday 25th April from 2.00pm. Please see me if you are interested in coming.

Ann Narraway

Congratulations to:

Scrabble Tournament

Catherine ran the Scrabble Tournament on 25 March and raised around £100. It was a very good way to spend an afternoon. Much to Catherine's dismay she won, but presented to prize to Di the runner up. Thanks to Chrissie for hospitality.



Kilmun Flea Market

Alan Neale hired tables at Kilmun Fleamarket on Saturday 28th March and, ably assisted by Fiona, raised the great total of £56.00.

Coffee Morning

Jennifer Woodward had a coffee morning at her home at Hunter's Quay on Saturday 28th March and managed to raise a terrific £120.

Please pass details to the editor of events forthcoming or successful.

Growing Together



Over the years, the church has made much of the season of Lent. Yet oddly, there has been much less emphasis on the season of Easter. Easter itself is 'big' of course, and we know in some vague way that Easter continues till Pentecost, but there are no special customs or markers to help us experience the fifty days in a coherent way.

Or so I thought. In my first year here, some of the members of the congregation who are in Cursillo asked me if I would say the Stations of the Cross with them on the day the Cursillo weekend started. Sounds easy enough, but the Cursillo weekend was just a week or two after Easter, and I could not imagine returning to the space of Holy Week to focus on the cross. Then I remembered a book that sat unread on my shelf: **Stations of the Light** by Mary Ford-Grabowsky. These 'stations' draw on the stories of the resurrection: the encounters that the disciples have with the risen Christ after that first Easter. So, I said no to Stations of the Cross, but offered that instead.

Ever since, I have thought that the church has it all backwards. Lent is important. Repentance and fasting and discipline are important. Yet none of it comes close to the importance of learning to live our way into the stories of the resurrection, and take up the life God offers there.

This year, therefore, I'm going to encourage you to pay attention to the season of Easter and to share in the disciple's journey from fear and bewilderment at the empty tomb, to cautious acceptance of Christ's presence, to the confidence that comes through the power of the Spirit. There are several ways to 'join in'. First, you could simply make time each week to read and pray with the gospel passage. Spend time with it, and try to find

yourself within it: questioning, changing, trusting, proclaiming. Second, at the Thursday Eucharist, I will 'replace' the liturgy of the Word with the Stations of the Light. By May, when I leave, the Stations could offer a way for the congregation to keep praying together on a Thursday when clergy are a bit thin on the ground. Third, I will make copies of the Stations available in church after Easter. You can take one home and pray when and where you like.

It is not yet time for Alleluias. But soon...

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Comments and Clippings

- Congratulations to Mac and Heather Mclean on their Golden Wedding on 30th March, and Irene and Stewart Storie who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 2nd April. 1959 was obviously a good year for weddings.
- We have been praying recently for Reg Taylor and his wife Morag. We are pleased to report that Reg has come through his operation safely and is now making good progress.
- The next book for the Book Group is Sea-Wyf and Biscuit by James Maurice Scott. Date and venue for meeting still to be fixed.

Decorating the Church

Anyone who can help decorate the church for Easter will be most welcome on Saturday 11th April from 10.00am. Donations of money or flowers would also be much appreciated. Any questions speak to Ann.

From Connecticut to Dunoon

We know you come from USA, but where do you come from and how did you come to be living in Scotland?

I grew up in Connecticut, on the East Coast of the States. I came here to do my degree at St Andrews and soon realised I wanted to stay here.



What led to your calling to be a Priest?

I was working as a lay chaplain in a boarding school along-side a chaplain who was thoroughly lovely, but who cared not at all about sacramental theology. I spent the first year wondering why he was a priest (thus ‘what is a priest?’) and the second year realising that more and more people were turning to me for sacramental ministry. As much as I loved chaplaincy, it did not take me long to realise that I cared more about the church, and wanted to work in ‘parish’ ministry.

Fill us in on your time after university before you arrived in Dunoon?

After my first degree in St Andrews, I moved back to Northampton, MA to do my teacher training. It was lovely quirky town with good ginger ice-cream and a community that embraced diversity better than anywhere else I’ve ever seen. I taught for a while in a boarding school in rural Virginia (picture 150 girls living in the middle of tobacco fields with Wal-Mart offering the best night out within 30 miles), then returned to St Andrews to do my theology degree. After that, it was to England to the job I’ve mentioned, and then on to Edinburgh to train for ordination. I did my curacy in Glasgow, and then came here.

What have you liked about Dunoon?

I have enjoyed watching people grow, and the ease with which the congregations laugh. Molly has enjoyed the mice.

When you look back on your time with us what will be your fond memories?

The Barbeque at Ardintinny; the ‘aha’ moments in lay-training; Advent Carol services; praying for Andrew before he went to Afghanistan; decorating the church for big festivals; real flames for Pentecost (and servers who can laugh); moments when the liturgy holds us captive; hearing John’s arrangement of the Watt’s Cradle song; coffee flowing freely; unexpected kindnesses; birds, rabbits, and deer.



What single piece of advice would you give to your God-child?

Stick with the people with whom you laugh most freely.

Music is important to you. What sort of music do you like? What is your favourite hymn and why?

I tend to like song-like things: folk music, lullabies, choral music; Finzi’s Eclogues and Howell’s Collegium Regale. As for hymns, it’s all about context. I love the first time of singing *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* each season; *Of the Glorious Body Telling* on Maundy Thursday; *Come Holy Ghost our Souls Inspire* at Pentecost; modern texts to good tunes that let us sing about who we are... and sometimes, I even like good words to bad tunes that remind me of certain times and places. So for example, I love *I Will Offer up my Life* and sing it many a Sunday before you all come in, but I wouldn’t dream of asking for it in the liturgy... (now there’s a confession).



The Organist Writes

Holy Week and Easter have inspired some of our finest hymns and music. Do please come and join us so that, together, we can better sing about the great events reflected in the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

The Eucharist setting for Easter is The Kilbride Mass.

And now a word about hidden angst!
As some of you may have noticed, you need two hands and two feet working simultaneously - and whenever possible in seamless accord - in order to play the organ with any hope of success. All this movement has to be grounded by.....yes, you've guessed, the organist's behind, safely ensconced on the organ bench. Now your organist with, as usual, little time to spare, leapt on to his perch recently and nearly landed underneath the pulpit. This was due I must assume to polishing by some hard-working soul. My aunt Mary never tired of saying that cleanliness was next to godliness. Well maybe aye, maybe no, but since attaining a near - frictionless state is not on my current wishlist, please could my bench be only dusted?

Peace be with you.

John

From the Counting House

It is good to see the Appeal Fund steadily growing thanks to the efforts of our very thoughtful, generous and talented congregation. More details on activities on page 3. This means we are making good progress with the finance needed to carry out the urgent repairs to the loose cross on the roof of the church building.

Do remember any tax payers to gift aid any donations. That gives us an additional amount from the Inland Revenue.

Chrissie

The Vestry Report

The Vestry met on 11 March for the first meeting since Kimberly announced her resignation. Kimberly told us her institution to Dunblane would be on Thursday 28th May in the evening. She said her last Sunday in Holy Trinity would be the first Sunday in May. The Vestry were given copies of Canon 36 which is the newly drafted canon on linked and joint charges. This canon is designed to give a formal arrangement to churches close to one another or who share a priest. We had initial discussions on the differences between linked and joint churches and agreed to consider the matter before the meeting with Bishop Martin, the Dean and the Diocesan Secretary.

Di Tennent resigned from being Secretary and the Vestry appointed Maureen McKellar. The Vestry also confirmed that Pauline Revill, Rector's Warden, was on the Vestry in her own right and had the endorsement of the Vestry going forward. Christine McIntosh and Di Tennent agreed to take over Holy Trinity's web site.

There was some initial discussion on what patterns of worship might be like during the vacancy and we were all asked to consider a pattern of two services of morning prayer/Liturgy of the Word and two services of Eucharist/Holy Communion. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There was discussion on the outstanding property matters and it was agreed to obtain a further survey on the rot in the vestry. The Rector pointed out that her heating costs in the Rectory over the winter had amounted to 40% of stipend.

Points to Ponder

O Lord God, Creator of all
Open my eyes to beauty
Open my mind to wonder
Open my ears to others
open my heart to you

David Adam
Landscapes of Light

The Wider Church

In a Communiqué issued in advance of the G20 meeting in London, religious leaders in Britain call on the G20 leaders to consider the moral issues at the root of the current financial crisis, and to pay special attention to the needs of poor, marginalised and vulnerable people:

Religious Leaders Communiqué – G20

We write as religious leaders who share a belief in God and the dignity of human life. We wish to acknowledge with realism and humility the severity of the current economic crisis and the sheer complexity of the global and local challenge faced by political leaders. We pray for the leaders of the G20 as they prepare to meet in London this week. They, and we, have a crucial role to play in recovering that lost sense of balance between the requirements of market mechanisms that help deliver increased prosperity, and the moral requirement to safeguard human dignity, regardless of economic or social category.

Many people are suffering as a result of the economic crisis. The World Bank estimates that 53 million more people could fall into absolute poverty as a result of the crisis. The likelihood is that more will face significant hardship before it comes to an end, and those who are already poor suffer the most. Along with the leaders of the G20 we all have a duty to look at the faces of the poor around the world and to act with justice, to think with compassion, and to look with hope to a sustainable vision of the future.

We wish therefore to draw attention to some of the promises made by the international community in recent times - with our wholehearted support - that risk being postponed by the pressing concern to rectify market failures. We need to be properly conscious that all communities include, and must pay special attention to the needs of, poor, marginalised and vulnerable people. To forget their needs would be to compound regrettable past failures with needless future injustices.

Some aspects of this crisis will require technical economic solutions. However those solutions alone will not be enough to address all the

questions that we face. At the roots of this crisis lie important moral issues.

We are concerned for people and the work they do. We believe there is a need to consider the aspirations of both rich and poor; to examine our own expectations and how realistic they are; and to root future global patterns of work in our understanding of human dignity. We recognize that people who have lost jobs, savings, or homes, or who now live with the worry of what the future might bring are in need of immediate help. Their hope is for sustainable employment and not continuing job insecurity.

The international community has made important commitments to the developing world. The Millennium Development Goals are of fundamental importance and cannot now be forgotten. Even in these difficult times we strongly urge the leaders of the G20 to hold fast to the commitments they have made to the world's poorest people. We still need to find ways to enable poorer countries to trade their way to prosperity. We hold that promises made to the poor are especially sacred.

When we spend now, we have to pay later. This also applies when we use up the resources of the natural environment. Morally binding commitments to cut carbon emissions and so to slow the devastating effects of man-made climate change have been made in recent years. They should not be forgotten or postponed. We call on the whole of the international community to hold firm to commitments already made. Most recognise that even more radical commitments will need to be agreed in the near future.

The leaders of the G20 countries are concerned to recover stability in the global economy. We support those efforts. And we pray that as they deliberate they will be mindful of the need to protect the vulnerable from unintended injustice and to respect the commitments they made in easier times.

Note from editor: All the religions represented in Great Britain signed this including the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primus. The remainder of the 31 signatories can be found on the Scottish Episcopal Church website <http://www.scotland.anglican.org>

Notable dates – April

Sun 5	Palm Sunday Joint Service at Tighnabruaich at 3pm
Thu 9	Maundy Thursday Eucharist 9m followed by Watch till midnight
Fri 10	Good Friday Stations of the Cross and private prayer 12-2pm, Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration 2-3pm
Sat 11	Easter Eve – Church decoration from 10am Easter Vigil and lighting of new fire 9pm
Sun 12	Easter Day Eucharist at 5pm
Sun 19	Easter 2
Sun 26	Easter 3
Thu 30	Vestry Meeting at 7.30pm

April Readings

Palm Sunday	The Passion Mark 11, 1-11 or John 12, 12-16
Easter Day	Acts 10, 34-43 1 Corinthians 15, 1-11 John 20, 1-18 or Mark 16, 1-8
Easter 2	Acts 4, 32-35 1 John 1, 1-22 John 20, 19-31
Easter 3	Acts 3, 12-19 1 John 3, 1-7 Luke 24, 36-48

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