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From the Rector



Welcome to this summer edition of 'Views from the Hill'.

This season is one where we welcome many visitors to Cowal – holidaymakers, seeking relaxation and maybe a little bit of sunshine. Family and friends, come to spend time with us in our beautiful surroundings. Pipe bands and games competitors arrive to do their best at the Cowal Highland Gathering. It is a time of many welcomes and opportunities to make new friends.

Here on our hill to the south of Dunoon, Holy Trinity has also had its fair share of visitors to welcome. We have had holidaymakers finding their way up the drive to join us for worship. We have had friends joining us for the coffee morning and fair in St Mun's hall.

It has also been a very great pleasure to welcome family and friends for celebrations of marriage – Ali and Ian, married in the church on a beautiful July Saturday; and Charles and Grace, celebrating 40

years of marriage as their son and daughter-in-law joined us in singing John's specially-composed anthem.

The visitors, celebrations of marriage, more planned weddings, baptisms and other celebrations – these make our life as the community of Holy Trinity Dunoon richer and more exciting. This church is experiencing a period of growth at the moment, which is both wonderful and challenging. All churches tend to go in cycles of growth and contraction, and it is very unwise to become complacent and assume that because we are growing at present that we will continue to grow. And growth brings the challenges of new people, energetic children and a different feel to our community. But a living, thriving, growing church community is a place that can, and does look after all its members.

The help that this church community, helped by many others, was able to give the Barthos family following Csaba's dreadful accident was generous, freely given and, frankly, inspiring. To do anything possible to help the vulnerable members of a

community is a sign of a healthy, God-focused group of people. On behalf of Csaba, Melinda and all the family, I thank you all.

So, as I move into my second year with you, I am excited at what the future holds for us. I pray that even more people will come and visit us, will see what is happening in this beautiful corner of Argyll, and may just decide to stay and join us.

Bless you all.

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Building the Vision



Bishop Kevin is inviting all the charges in the diocese to get involved in 'Building the Vision.' This is a process being carried out right across the diocese. The model is that a facilitator comes to visit us and all the congregation are invited to come and take part in reflecting on our past, present and future.

The process, in an early form, was done on the day before our diocesan Synod in Oban – and there was quite a buzz in the room as we shared our thoughts on what matters to us as church communities and where we may be going.

The chance to share in this buzz will be coming to Dunoon in the autumn. We hope to have up to three all-congregation sessions.

- We will meet and share a short act of worship.
- We will then spend a little time talking amongst ourselves, settling down, getting

the idea of what the day will achieve.

- We will then reflect on the 'Gifts from the Past' – where we have come from as a church, or on our own personal journeys.
- We will then reflect on the 'Gifts of our Present' – what we value about our church and community today (and some fears and anxieties may creep out here too!) – this will probably be the second session.
- We will then consider what feel we can trust going forwards, from our history, our present, our diocese.
- From that we will look at the 'Gifts of our Future' – where we believe we may be going in the next few years. This may

be a third and final session.

This process will help us as the Scottish Episcopal Church in Dunoon to consider our local future. It will go into informing the wider diocese where collectively our church is going in this part of the world.

This is a process to help us see the good news that lies before us. As Bishop Kevin said in his letter to the vestry: '(This) will help every member to experience some of the optimism and joy of the March Synod Days.' Here in Cowal and Bute there is much to celebrate, and 'Building the Vision' will help us reflect on where we are, the work that we have already done over the past few years as a congregation, and where we believe God wishes us to be going.

The first session is planned for Saturday 1st of October - venue and time to be confirmed - see notice sheet for details nearer the time.

Heritage Open Day - Saturday 17th September 2011

Holy Trinity Dunoon will be open to the public all day with displays on the history of the Episcopal Church, our local churches in Dunoon and the building, windows and graveyard of Holy Trinity. Refreshments will be

served for visitors during the day.

Please sign up to help with refreshments or greeting visitors.

Also, if you have any photographs, memorabilia or

even good anecdotes about Holy Trinity, please contact Andrew who would be delighted to receive any contributions from members old and new.

Diocesan Retreat 2011 - Compassion, Companionship, Communion



**Cathedral of the Isles,
31st October to the 3rd
November 2011**

**Book now to be sure of
your place.**

Places will be reserved for members of this Diocese until 1st September. Thereafter places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

You can book by:

- downloading a form from the Diocesan Website
- ringing The College on 01475 530353
- emailing Cathedral_Cumbrae@btconnect.com

What will happen?

Attitudes to food, fasting and feasting will be examined through scripture, literature, film and silence, guided by Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer, Glasgow and Galloway

- talks
- time both to reflect upon in silence and with others,
- space for walking peacefully along the shore or around the island
- personal prayer and corporate worship in the Cathedral of the Isles.

Could I go?

All are welcome. You don't need to be especially 'holy' (who is?). If you're interested in exploring your relationship with God, if the topic attracts you, if you need to recharge your spiritual batteries, do consider coming to Cumbrae for the retreat.

Still not sure?

Speak to Alison on 01700 500489 or email alison@wordsinaction.net

Bishop Kevin is happy to advise on preparing for a retreat. If finance is an issue, do get in touch. Some help may be available from the Diocese.

Bishop Kevin writes:

"The Diocesan Retreat is a superb opportunity for as many of us as possible to pray, worship and spend some time together, literally for the good of the Diocese. I am looking forward to the retreat enormously and Anne Tomlinson is a gifted retreat leader. The retreat is open to all members of the Diocese and if anyone would like advice on how to make the most of the time, they are very welcome to get in touch with me."

Harvest Festival - Sunday 11th September 2011



Holy Trinity Dunoon and St Paul's Rothesay will celebrate 'Harvest' with a joint service at 11am on Sunday 11th of September in St Paul's Rothesay.

St Paul's are holding a flower festival that weekend so it promises to be a wonderful occasion. If you need a lift to Rothesay please contact Andrew at the Rectory on 702444 or Dinkie McEwen on 705257.

Pilgrims on a Journey



We will be starting a monthly course in September for anyone who wishes to explore more about their 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.

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

The sessions are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. It is anticipated that the course will run for as long as necessary, taking a break for advent and Lent to

allow for the whole church study group.

The first six planned sessions:

6th September – God & the modern world

4th October – Jesus of Nazareth

1st November – Scripture

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 email: rev.andrew@familyswift.org.uk)

Mission to Seafarers - Sea Sunday 2011



This year Holy Trinity welcomed Rev Tim Tunley, Chaplain, Mission to Seafarers Scotland and his wife Christine. Rev Canon Hugh Lee celebrated and music was provided by Uta Close from Rothesay. Tim spoke to us about his work as Chaplain in Scotland.

After the service a picnic lunch was enjoyed by us all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lunch and helped set up and clear away. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I am happy to answer any questions about the Missions work in Scotland or about the many ways we can support its work. Knitted hats and fingerless gloves are always very welcome with crew members; if you would like to do some knitting there are some copies of the knitting patterns, so please ask for a copy. There are some information leaflets in the church. If you were away on Sea Sunday and would like to make a donation please ask me for an MtS envelope.

The latest edition of The Sea is being circulated and available for anyone who wishes to read it.

The following article from the MtS online resources describes the plight of many seafarers and the nature of the service given by MtS chaplains.

2011 Sea Sunday – Parish Magazine article from Mission to Seafarers

Did you know that last year over 1,000 people were taken hostage by pirates? In the first quarter of this year the number of ships attacked was



greater than ever before and with the killing of at least two seafarers by pirates, the international community's attention is once again being turned to the pirate-infested waters of the Indian Ocean.

"There's a feeling among seafarers that they are left on their own when transiting these waters," says the Revd Michael Sparrow, the Mission's chaplain in the Kenyan port of Mombasa. "Many crews have told me that they do not see the navy ships that are supposed to be protecting them when they're out at sea which is contributing to the loneliness and trepidation that they already feel."

For The Mission to Seafarers, dealing with victims of piracy is high on the list of the services it offers to mariners, not just those visiting nearby ports in the hotspot region, but in all its 230 presences around the world. From Mombasa to Melbourne, Halifax Nova Scotia to Hull – our chaplains provide a friendly welcome and access to a vital support network for seafarers who are worried about this menace which is threatening the world's shipping industry with greater intensity.

"I find that my main ministry regarding piracy is to the crews who have to sail through the danger zones," says Michael. "Seafarers do want to talk about their fears and I make myself available to them, both when visiting them on board their ships or when they come to the seafarers' centre."

In the piracy hotspots from the Arabian Gulf to South East Asia and to the West Coast of Africa, our chaplains are trained in post-

traumatic stress disorder and counselling skills, and are often one of the first people a released crew will see after they have completed the formalities required by the authorities.

Just recently, 24 Kenyan seafarers visited Michael at the seafarers' centre to get help and advice after a four-month detention by pirates after the ship they were working on was hijacked off the coast of Somalia.

"Once the vessel had docked and the formalities were over," said Michael, "I immediately went to visit the crew to offer the services of The Mission to Seafarers. The crew were naturally pleased to be released and reunited with their loved ones, but from my conversations with them, it became clear that they had been forced to spend their captivity sailing across the Indian Ocean acting as a mother vessel which was used by the pirates to attack more ships further out to sea.

"One of the seafarers told me that he was assaulted with a weapon because he could not make the pirates understand that they were low on fuel. Another told me that the seafarers had to fish for food to supplement their diet because they only had limited stores onboard."

For those who have survived months in captivity, the sight of a Mission to Seafarers' chaplain on the dockside is a welcome sight. We provide them with what they desperately need – a friend they can rely on and a safe environment for them to recover, talk about their experience and make vital contact with home.

But of course, it's not just seafarers who are the only victims of piracy. Very often their families are kept in the dark because companies fear passing sensitive information across. In Tuticorin,

South India, for example, our chaplain is a regular visitor to families of captured seafarers, reassuring them of his prayers and providing whatever assistance as may be needed – from providing grants to keep children in school, to lobbying government and shipping company officials for information and to secure a swift release.

We are only able to do this work, however, because of the vital support that we receive from people and churches. As the Church of England's official mission agency to mariners, The Mission to Seafarers reaches out with a message of love, hope and support in a harsh and often inhospitable environment. From providing piracy support, to regularly visiting ships in port, our chaplains and ship visitors are always waiting on the quayside to provide a welcome and support to seafarers whose time ashore is often heavily restricted and limited.

In over 100 ports, the Mission operates seafarers' centres which operate around the clock offering access to telephone, email and pastoral support. In a further 130 we have mobile ministries – chaplains who daily visit the ships, taking onboard laptops and mobile phones so that a seafarer can call home and let his loved ones know that he is safe and well.

This year we are continuing to be where the ships and the seafarers are. Plans are afoot to open in key Asian hubs as the demand for seafarers' centres increases. This though, can only happen because of the support we get from people like you.

So thank you for supporting The Mission to Seafarers – your support is vital and we really do appreciate it.

For more information about our work or to make a donation, visit: www.missiontoseafarers.org, call 020 7248 5202 or donate online at <http://www.justgiving.com/SeaSunday2011>

Thank you for your continuing support.

Pauline Reville, July 2011

The Scottish Episcopal Churches? by Andrew Swift

As a relatively newly returned member of the Episcopalian church, I often find myself reflecting on what the nature of this church actually is. The Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) has a long and sometimes confusing history. But what is this church? The church that we encounter today has many threads and elements to its history – one could almost say there are several different churches that are all present in our modern-day Scottish Episcopal Church. With apologies to the many serious histories that have been written (some of which are listed at the end of this article), I offer my whistle-stop tour through the ten Scottish Episcopal Churches that we can find today:

Church 1: The original Christian church in the north of the British Isles. We share, with the Church of Scotland, a history that goes back to the Roman Empire, the Celtic saints and the earliest days of the Christian faith in this place. Our denomination shares a straight line back to these early Christians. A renewal of interest in primitive and Celtic worship is very popular in our modern churches.

Church 2: The reformed church in Scotland. In 1560 the church in Scotland was reformed, along with much of northern Europe. To try and summarise, the new church in Scotland had a mixture of Presbyterian and Episcopalian structures: bishops and not-bishops. The years that followed were painful for all the people of Scotland as the balance between Episcopalian and Presbyterians shifted. In the mid 1600s the conflicts between Covenanters and royalist Episcopalian were mixed with the tensions of the English civil war between monar-

chy and commonwealth. For nearly 130 years Episcopalian were part of (or trying to be part of) the mainstream Church of Scotland. We still tend to think as a national church, rather than as a small denomination – maybe due to this heritage.

Church 3: The non-juring church – a church that refused to swear loyalty to William of Orange. In 1688 the Scottish bishops refused to swear loyalty to William of Orange as king of Great Britain, once the Stewart kings, in James II/VII, were finally deposed. In 1689, the Church of Scotland was officially made a purely Presbyterian church – with no bishops! The years that followed allowed the Scottish bishops, free of the control of state, to explore worship and theology. The love-affair with the Eastern Orthodox church that can still be seen in our worship today grew in this time. The consecration, by Scottish bishops, of the first bishop for the newly independent United States of America took place, against the wishes of the Church of England. Removed from the state church, however, Episcopalian were also removed from churches and livings and faced legal penalties. We are still free of (almost) any state control, a fact that allows us freedom in how we relate to the world, and our own rules on running ourselves – a reality largely shared with the Church of Scotland even as the ‘established’ church.

Church 4: The Jacobite church – being a non-juring church did not mean one had to fight against the new king – but most of the Episcopalian chose to support the Jacobite, Stewart, cause in the ‘rebellions’ of 1715 and 1745. As the 1745 rebellion died on the fields at Culloden the Episcopalian

Church in Scotland was wrapped into the savage suppression of highland and Jacobite culture. The church was savagely suppressed, and it became even harder for Episcopalian worship in any numbers with legal penalties made even harsher. The identity of the Episcopalian as the ‘Jacobite church’ is often confused with the general ‘catholic’ church, but there is a deeply rooted and still strong memory in many of our modern churches of the Appin Chalice (use for communion the evening before Culloden) and our roots in the conflicts over the Stewart dynasty.

Church 5: The Church of England in Scotland. During the non-juring and suppressed years, from a minor relaxation in 1712, some congregations chose to adopt English worship, to pray for the king and to have clergy who had been ordained south of the border. These ‘qualified’ congregations were supervised by English bishops, were allowed to worship freely using the English Book of Common Prayer, and eventually (in the 1800s) became part of the modern day Episcopal Church. The memory of the ‘qualified’ congregations and arguments about the use of English versus Scottish worship forms continued for many years, and are still present, to an extent, in the modern SEC. Although not ‘qualified’ as such, the modern church still has traces of this issue: the last Episcopal Church under the supervision of an English bishop was St Silas in Glasgow, a private chapel, which only fully joined the SEC under the bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in the 1980s.

Church 6: A tolerated church. In 1788, with the death of the final heir to the Stewart throne, the

Scottish Episcopalians had no obstacle to swearing loyalty to the house of Hanover, and in 1792 the final legal penalties were removed. The bishops accepted the authority of the king, and eventually, in 1804, even accepted the Church of England's '39 Articles of Religion' for the Scottish clergy. The suppression ended, and it was possible for the Episcopalians of Scotland, as a separate denomination, to build churches, ordain clergy and, finally, to grow freely. The Episcopal Church became a distinctively Scottish part of the developing 'Anglican Communion', churches related to, but independent of the Church of England. The fact that I (Andrew) trained and ordained in England, can come and be your rector, dates back to this period of the church, and much of our identity is rooted in global Anglicanism, from a Scottish perspective.

Church 7: A romantic church. The Victorian period saw a 'romantic revival' in architecture, literature and even churches. In the mid 1800s the 'Oxford Movement' in the Church of England was concerned with the power of the state over church, and recapturing the independence of the church. This was no concern for the independent denomination of Episcopalians in Scotland, but the movement in England led to a romantic revival in style and architecture in many English churches, and this revival was eagerly adopted, with a distinct Scottishness, in the Episcopal Church. Frequent celebration of the eucharist (more than the 'standard' three times per year), the adoption of robes for clergy, candles, crosses and ornament in churches: all these things began to be seen in Scottish churches, an extreme contrast to the Church

of Scotland. The sacramental theology that lay behind many of these innovations was embraced in Scotland. Holy Trinity in Dunoon, built in the late 1840s and early 1850s, is part of this time of revival and reform in Episcopalian churches and worship.

Church 8: A modern church. Throughout the 19th and 20th century the Scottish Episcopal Church moved with reforms in the wider, global church. Changes to the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches were welcomed in many Scottish churches. Even more frequent Holy Communion became the norm – more than once per week! Chasubles and stoles, worn with albs, were commonplace. Incense was burned, processions took place. Social work also became a defining feature of the Episcopal Church, with children's homes, schools and other humanitarian charities founded and supported. The SEC has also become global, having grown links with other worldwide churches, such as the Lutheran churches in Scandinavia and various other churches and denominations.

Church 9: A socially progressive church. In the late 20th century, the Scottish Episcopal Church became one of the leading churches in the area of cultural and social reform. The SEC and its bishops have taken political stances on issues such as nuclear weapons, global poverty and the misuse of Buckfast tonic wine. In the wider Anglican Communion, the SEC tends to sit with the churches in North America and Europe, with the ordination of women clergy in the 1990s, permission for the re-marriage of divorcees and, slightly more contentiously today, the ordination of homosexual clergy. The SEC, as with any church, has a range of

views on all subjects, but the 'average' if there is such a thing, is a liberal, progressive church concerned with inclusion of all. There is still much debate raging in the church in Scotland and wider on some of these issues.

Church 10: What the SEC will become? A church, in Scotland, in the 21st century, unencumbered by being the 'official' church, can control its own fate. But which way will the church choose to go? How much freedom do individual congregations need to grow in their own contexts? How uniform do we need to be in how we worship, how we regard issues or how we explore faith and belief in our times? These are questions that face us now – as we look back at the heritage of the nine historical churches and try to decide what the tenth Scottish Episcopal Church will be.

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Inchcruin,
Clachan,
Strachur

July 2011



Dear Andrew,

We wondered if it would be possible to pass on our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped to make our wedding day on the 16th of July so special.

So many of our guests have remarked on how relaxed and joyful the whole occasion was - the service was perfect.

We would very much like to thank the ladies who arranged all the beautiful flowers- to Sharon, Chrissie and Dinkie - thank you so much, the flowers were stunning and made the church look even more lovely and smelt sensational! We are also grateful to everybody who donated flowers from their gardens - that really was kind! All our guests remarked on the beautiful arrangements.

We would also like to thank Linda, who played the organ so beautifully, and to Pauline, who cleaned the church so thoroughly that it positively gleamed - it looked gorgeous. And, of course, our gratitude to the bellringers, who made the day extra special.

We had such a happy day and will always remember how lovely the community spirit of the church members made it all so perfect.



With love from,
Iain and Ali Macindoe



Thanks to Sharon Barnard & Alan Neale for the photo's



Those who were at Church on 24th July would have heard the post-communion motet "God is our Hope and Strength", a paraphrase of Psalm 46. This piece was specially written by John McIntosh to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Grace and Charles Page. It was sung by Andrew, their son, and Morag, his wife, with John and Christine McIntosh.

Many thanks, John, for this wonderful, delightful gift.

Grace Page

From the Counting House by Andrew Swift

Team News: Melinda Barths has taken a break from working in the team while she juggles Csaba's convalescence, baby Anna's care and returning to work. Many thanks to Melinda for all her help over the past few months, and we hope that she will be able to help us again in the future, once things calm down a little.

General funds: Once again, on behalf of the vestry, my thanks for all those who have so generously increased their giving to support our ministry here in Dunoon. To ensure that we do not go overdrawn this year, we have 'drawn-down' some of our invested money. We hope that not all of the money drawn down will be required and that some can be returned to our investments. We will continue to have to think about our giving in future years, of course, as we have to reduce the provin-

cial support that we currently receive. The current plan is to gradually reduce the 'stipend support' we receive, starting in October 2013. Our costs – bills, travel costs, maintenance – are also increasing, so the pressure is still there!

The usual reminder is offered: if you pay tax, please let us claim Gift Aid on your donations. This costs you nothing, does not commit you to any future level of giving and makes your donations 25% bigger! We will also be exploring other sources of income from use of the church, especially once the internal décor of the church has been improved this year. We will be reviewing the Gift Aid records – it is important that we have a signed declaration from the person who actually pays the tax.

Fabric finances: A Heritage Lottery Fund grant is

being applied for at the end of this month (August) to try and fund this autumn for the whole of the extensive internal and external repair work still required for the church. The whole project may end up costing near to £250,000. The current financial pressures that every organisation is feeling has made, we understand, grant application even harder than before, so there is a good chance that we will not receive funding. In this case, we will keep on fund-raising, applying for smaller grants and gathering funds for the repairs in any way we can.

Treasury Team:

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



Property Update - August 2011 by Andrew Swift



It has been a very, very busy couple of months for fabric work in Holy Trinity. Very many thanks are due to the team of cleaners who came in during the chancel work to keep the church usable – and, of course, much gratitude is owed to donors, fundraisers and grant application team for raising the funds to allow this work to be done.

Tower Repairs - The tower is now (and one hardly dares to say it) dry! The drains need to be kept well clear to keep it that way, but the holes and pouring rains have been abolished. It will take a very, very long time for the walls to completely dry out, if they ever do, but we have been able to have the internal structures in the tower put back into place. The lining for the stairs to the ringing chamber have been replaced, the ceiling and floor in the vestry replaced, lights put back, a new door built for the outside wall (so we can exit the tower, for the first time in years). There is still some snagging to be done with the contractor, and then we plan to turn the vestry into a room for the children and young people to use during Sunday worship.

Chancel Repairs – as can be seen, the repair work to the water-damaged walls in the chancel has been completed. Having had a few weeks of scaffolding and extra-damp interiors, the paint has now been stripped from the chancel arch and the five window ingoes on the east and north side of the chancel have been relined with waterproof material and modern plaster.

This has transformed the appearance of the front of the church: and it was just in time for our first wedding in 2011.

Nave Aisle Floor – the tower contractor has replaced the wooden flooring down the centre of the aisle of the church. The beams that held the old wooden floor had disintegrated with time and the damp environment. New beams were fitted, and new moisture-resistant boarding for the floor itself.

Windows — the clear glass windows on the north (organ console) side of the nave are due to be replaced in August. These windows are held together with zinc strips (kames) which have deteriorated and could fail at any time.

Rectory – Some minor work on the bathroom and cloakroom of the rectory has been carried out, to box in pipes and to replace water damage wood around the bath. The work to upgrade the safety standard of the rectory electrical fusing is still being planned. This work is all budgeted within the linked charge, jointly funded between Holy Trinity and St Paul's Rothesay.

Bring & Share Lunch- 16th October



Following the success of the Trinity Sunday 'bring & share' lunch we felt we should have another! So you are all cordially invited to 'Bring and

Share' your lunch in the Rectory after the morning service on Sunday 16th of October.

Every one welcome!

Events Team Update!



Thank you to every-one for all their help with our really successful coffee morning in June. We raised over £500 for the general fund and had a very enjoyable morning in the process!

Our next planned event is helping out with the preparations and catering for the Heritage Open Day on Saturday 17th of September. We would like to serve teas to any visitors so we will be looking for offers of cakes & assistance nearer the time.

In October we are hosting another bring and share lunch in the Rectory after the service on Sunday 16th watch out for more details & please do come & join us for that.

Our 'Christmas Coffee & Crafts Morning' is planned for Saturday 26th of November from 10am to 12 noon. This promises to be an ideal 'Christmas shopping' opportunity so put the date in your diaries now & if you have any ideas for stalls etc. speak to an 'events team member'.

Vestry Report July 2011 by Maureen McKellar



The Vestry last met on 27th June. In his report the Rector explained more about Bishop Kevin's initiative 'Building a Vision' which is to be carried out with every congregation in the Diocese. The Rector also reported back from his first visit to Provincial Synod.

As happens at each meeting, the Treasurer talked us through the financial position against budget. The Vestry approved the sponsorship of Elly and Peter Swift to attend the Provincial Youth Camp at Glendale.

There was discussion on

the Rector's annual submission to the Diocese and Province on the financial viability of the Linked Charge and the plans to come off stipend support in the next three years.

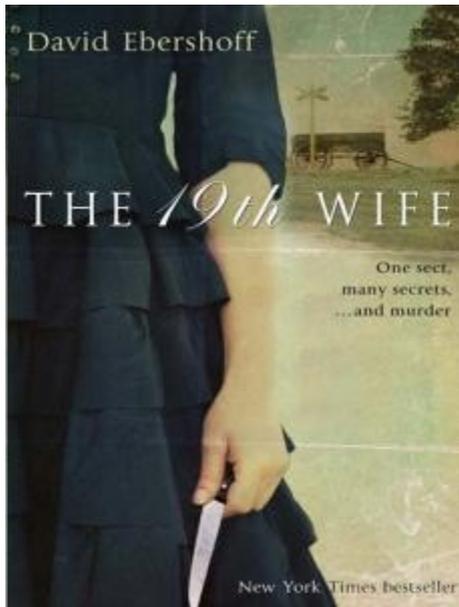
There was discussion under the heading of worship on the experimental re-ordering of the chancel space, removing the choir stalls and Rector's stall. We agreed to leave it for a period of up to 9 months to see how the space could best be used and to seek views from the congregation. The Rector reported that he had sought permission from Bishop Kevin for additional chalice bearers. The Vestry were given an update on

the work of the children and agreed in principle that the vestry would be used mainly for the children's activities.

There was the usual update on the fabric situation and discussion on progress for another application for Heritage Lottery grant aid. The Rector and the Secretary agreed to carry out a space audit before everything is removed from the back of the church. It was agreed to have a Heritage Weekend at Holy Trinity on 17th and 18th September. The Events Group reported on planned future events.

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on 16th August.

Between the Lines- Book Group's Choice by Mary Swift



Book group are reading two books this summer. The main book is:

THE 19TH WIFE:
by **DAVID EBERSHOFF**

Published by: Black Swan

ISBN No.:978-0-552-77498-7

Introduction

It is 1875, and Ann Eliza Young has recently separated from her powerful husband, Brigham Young, prophet and leader of the Mormon Church. Expelled and an outcast, Ann Eliza embarks on a crusade to end polygamy in the United States. A rich account of her family's polygamous history is revealed, including how both she and her mother became plural wives. Yet soon after Ann Eliza's story begins, a second exquisite narrative unfolds? A tale of murder involving a polygamist family in present-day Utah. Jordan Scott, a young

man who was thrown out of his fundamentalist sect years earlier, must re-enter the world that cast him aside in order to discover the truth behind his father's death. And as Ann Eliza's narrative intertwines with that of Jordan's search, readers are pulled deeper into the mysteries of love, family, and faith.

Our second choice is:

ONE DAY
by **DAVID NICHOLLS**

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It's 1988 and Dexter Mayhew and Emma Morley have only just met. But after only one day together, they cannot stop thinking about one another. Over twenty years, snapshots of that relationship are revealed on the same day, July 15th, of each year. Dex and Em face squabbles and fights, hopes and missed opportunities, laughter and tears. And as the true meaning of this one crucial day is revealed, they must come to grips with the nature of love and life itself.

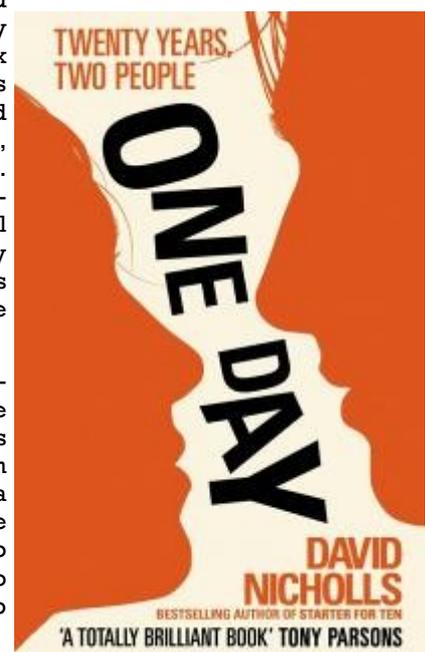
I picked this book because as we were cruising the canal this summer we meet an Australian family in a hire boat who were desperately trying to get to Edinburgh so they could climb

Arthur's Seat – because they had read about it in this novel & been inspired to actually want to go there! This made me think it would be interesting to read this book but also have a wider discussion on books that have inspired us to do things or visit places we might otherwise never have gone to!

We are meeting to discuss these books & the rest of our holiday reading on **WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER, from 7 to 9pm in Season's Cafe** (below Dunoon Baptist Church) - please come and join us, new faces are always welcome. The 'discussion' is always varied & interesting & not in the least highbrow!

Why not give it a try!

For more information contact myself (702444) or Di Tennent (840779).



Donate your foreign and British stamps to RNIB

Every day another 100 people will start to lose their sight. Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is the leading sight loss charity offering information, support and advice to anyone with a sight problem. They also campaign to eliminate avoidable sight loss and support research into sight loss and eye health issues.

RNIB can raise money from British and overseas new

and used stamps. They also collect first day covers, presentation packs and albums.

To help please cut out the used stamps leaving approximately 1cm of envelope around each stamp. Then bring them to the collection box at the back of church!

For more information speak to Mary Swift (702444).



Roving Reporters needed - can you help?

Wanted a number of 'roving reporters' to help make the magazine a more diverse & interesting read!

No experience necessary - all the coffee & biscuits you can eat at the editorial meetings!

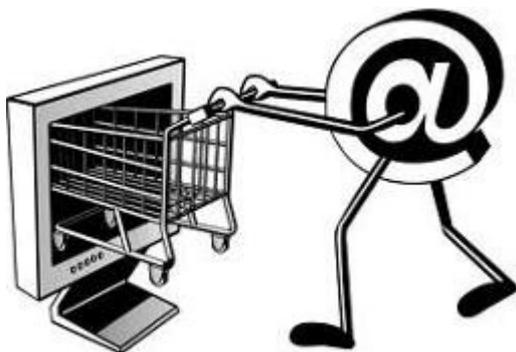
For more information

speak to Mary or Andrew Swift (702444) or join us at the planning meeting for the October / November issue - 10am at the Rectory on Monday 5th of September .

We look forward to seeing you there, the kettle will be on!



Easyfundraising by Susan Watling



Easyfundrasing total stands at £375.23 at the middle of August.

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 retailer, then a percentage of what-

ever 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.

So please do check before you buy , it's surprising what you can buy while raising funds for HT!

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

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Vestry Treasurer	Susan Watling (701037)
Organist	John McIntosh (703304)

Notable Dates

Tue. 16th Aug.	7.30pm Holy Trinity Vestry Meeting at the Rectory
Sun. 4th Sept.	8pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting at St John's
Tue. 6th Sept.	6.30pm 'Pilgrims on a Journey' Study Group in the Rectory
Mon. 5th Sept.	10am Magazine Planning meeting for October / November Issue in the Rectory
10th & 11th Sept.	St Paul's, Rothesay Flower Festival
Sun. 11th Sept.	11am Harvest Festival - Joint Service with St Paul's in Rothesay
Sat. 17th Sept.	Holy Trinity Heritage Open Day
Sat. 1st Oct.	Building the Vision Day - details of time & venue to follow
Sun. 2nd Oct.	8pm Cowal for Christ Prayer Meeting at Dunoon Baptist Church
Tue. 4th Oct.	6.30pm 'Pilgrims on a Journey' Study Group in the Rectory
Wed. 5th Oct.	7-9pm Book Group in Season's Cafe
Sun. 16th Oct.	Bring & Share lunch in the Rectory after the morning service
31st Oct- 3rd Nov	Diocesan Retreat at the Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae
Tue. 1st Nov.	6.30pm 'Pilgrims on a Journey' Study Group in the Rectory
Sat. 26th Nov.	10 am -12noon Christmas Coffee & Crafts Morning

This Magazine is distributed free of charge - however there is a box in church for you to make a contribution towards the production costs, if you can.

Thank you.

Please send any articles or views to the Editor, Mary Swift by email to: mary@familyswift.org.uk or post to: The Rectory, 55 Kilbride Road, Dunoon PA23 7LN

Please note the deadline for submission of articles for the October / November magazine is Wednesday 21st of September .

The Rector had forgotten that silence from the Sunday School was not always a good sign!

