



Holy Trinity News

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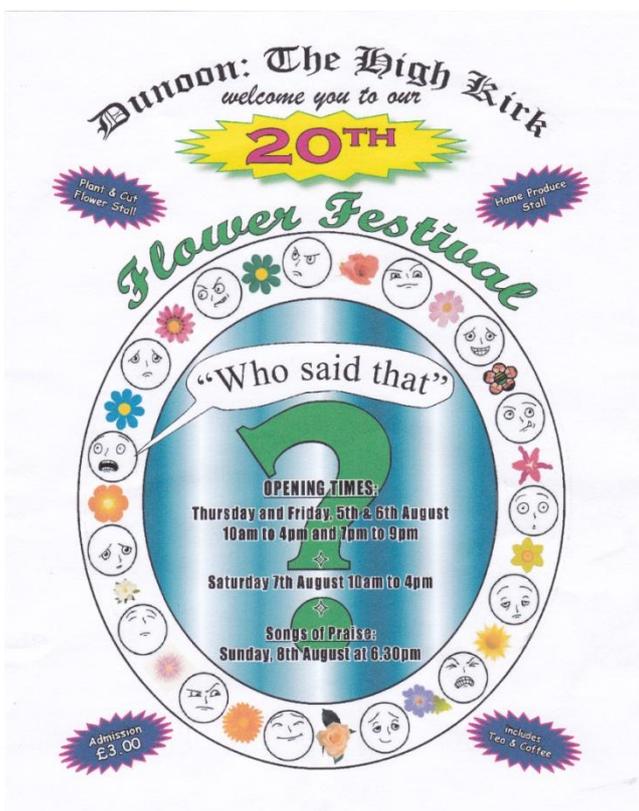
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Cowal Games Again

We are delighted to welcome some friends back with us this month. Rev Ruth LaMonte and her husband Ed are here with us for a number of services in August. We are also pleased to welcome any holidaymakers who have joined us or any visitors here in for Cowal Games later in the month.

On page 5 you will see an article about someone who was a stalwart of Holy Trinity for a number of years over 30 years ago. Maurice Smith was persuaded to share his memories with us so that these are recorded for posterity. If you know anything you think should be written down, please pass it to the editor or the Rector. We may do more articles in the future.

High Kirk Flower Festival



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What's Ahead

Sunday 1st August – it is lovely to welcome Rev Canon Hugh Lee back to lead our worship.

Sunday 8th August - we are delighted to welcome Rev Ruth LaMonte back to lead our worship when we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Also on Sunday 8th August is a Songs of Praise at the High Kirk at 6.30pm to celebrate the end of their Flower Festival.

As well as the service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 15th August, St John's Cathedral Oban are celebrating their 100th Anniversary with a service.

Wednesday 25th August Kirn Gala – come and see our coconut shy in action.

Each Thursday at 5.15pm there will be a celebration of the Eucharist

Date for the Diary

Saturday 4th September 2-6pm Open Day at the Rectory – see page 5

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends

The holiday season is fully upon us as we reach August. It has been a real pleasure to welcome more visitors to Holy Trinity, some who have been with us many times and some for the first time. If you are a visitor and have picked up this newsletter, may I welcome you once again!

The wonderful Christian tradition of hospitality is one that can seem remote from our modern, insular perspective. In our western society we tend to lock our front doors and, particularly in a city, watch strangers with caution, worried about our safety.

There is, however, that Christian tradition of welcoming others first, and worrying about ourselves second. Abraham, upon being visited by three strangers, drops everything to arrange a welcome for them. He and Sarah receive the guests by the oaks of Mamre, offering refreshment and preparing food and drink. The famous Rublev icon of Abraham shows the three guests, the angels of God, but also seen as the Trinity itself. The strangers return Abraham and Sarah's unhesitating hospitality with news of the blessings that they will receive.



Visitors to Sunday services at our church on the hill are delighted with the welcome they receive. The service is open and lively, the singing confident, the worship space is inspiring. Over coffee and biscuits friendly conversation buzzes and connections are made. The welcome that visitors receive at OUR Holy Trinity is just as warm and unhesitating as the welcome that Abraham gave to THE Holy Trinity!

As we enjoy the dry days that summer gives to us (in between the soft Argyll rain days), we can reflect on how we can, as a church, extend an even greater welcome to those around us. We need to find ways to open our doors away from our services, to allow passing walkers or others to enjoy the quietness of our sacred space at other times. We should find ways to mount events and activities that draw in others, from our neighbouring churches and communities, to share our wonderful tree-filled setting. Most importantly, we must continue to take our welcome out from our building, out into the community around us. We welcome our brothers and sisters in all the many ways that we relate to others around us, from social action to helping neighbours to chatting over bag-packing in the Co-op!

Once the holidays are over, the Cowal Games are past and the schools return, it will feel like business as usual. Let's keep making a wonderful welcome part of that usual business!

Fabric Report

Having had some extremely generous donations of money/grants, the Rector and the Secretary met the Architect in July and discussed the possibility of progressing with the repairs to the tower while the weather is still reasonable. We are still awaiting the results of the Heritage Lottery application. Once we have heard from them, probably in September, we will be able to finalise exactly what other work we are able to do. In the meantime, work will begin in the tower at the beginning of September.

Maureen McKellar

Meet Christine McIntosh



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

I arrived in Dunoon in March 1974, complete with 5 week-old baby, when John started work in the Grammar School. It was impossible to go to church for these first few weeks, as I didn't drive, we lived in Ardenslate, and life was impossibly strange! However, after the Easter services, I made friends with Mary Paul, who sang in the church choir, and she encouraged me to escape the crying baby on Thursday evenings to come to choir practice. So John stayed at home with the baby on Sundays, and I sang in the choir. Within a couple of years I was on the Vestry and the rest is ... but let's not descend into cliché at this early stage!

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

I lived in Glasgow, a mile from where I grew up. I was even teaching in Hillhead High School, where I had been a pupil. But I was involved in the St Maura Singers, the quartet based in the Cathedral of The Isles on Cumbrae, and there I had met Dean Douglas, who taught me, among other things, to cook!

When he died, we sang at his requiem, and in the middle of the Kontakion for the Departed it dawned on my hitherto heathen realisation that all this was for real. Confirmation classes with Bishop Richard Wimbush took place as distance learning with occasional meetings on Cumbrae, and in the summer of 1973 +Richard handed me over to Iain

Mackenzie, the Rector of Holy Trinity, to complete my education. Iain was one of the cleverest people I have ever known - our discussions were a revelation. When he phoned us to tell us that there was a job for a Principle Teacher of Music in Dunoon, and he'd love it if we were members of his congregation, we decided to move here. So you see, the church has a lot to answer for.

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

What time would that be? Seriously, I'm passionate about poetry, singing and hill-walking. If I don't get out for a walk every day I'm like a caged beast - when I was working I resented the necessity to be indoors, and I tend to be unwilling to commit myself to too many daytime meetings that get in the way. As I work in the wider church - at diocesan and national levels - this is sometimes difficult!

I read all the time, and do a lot of writing, most of it online - another of my passions being online communication. I enjoy enabling adults who have perhaps been educated in the sciences to write reflectively, so I suppose there's still a lot of the English teacher in me. I am passionate about language to the point of pedantry.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

The numinous quality of the church is very important to me - the sense of generations of prayer held in the silence broken only by birdsong. Our position on this hill - inconvenient though it may be in the snow - is also important symbolically and historically. The liturgy was a huge factor in drawing me into the Episcopal Church - I was baptised in the Church of Scotland - and the 1982 liturgy contains wonderful imagery which is very powerful. And I've been fortunate in that for all of my time in this church, the only church I've ever been a member of, the music has been of a quality to enhance the experience of worship. Without such music I'd rather have silence.

... Meet Christine McIntosh continued.



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

Currently I'm a lay preacher, I do intercessions and I'm on the Vestry. For many years I sang in the choir, and I still see a primary role for me as that of a musician – which is really why I decided not to pursue the course to become a server, as that would have prevented me from singing effectively. I enjoy preaching, because the preparation of a sermon keeps me focused on what we're actually here for. Besides, I love communicating with people.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

Nowadays I have grown to love such hymns as "There is a Redeemer" and "Oh Lord, hear my prayer", but the one that can still make my hair stand on end (there had to be a reason for the hairstyle!) is "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" sung to Picardy. This hymn was new to me in the early days on Cumbrae and is therefore inextricably bound up with my conversion – by the time we reach the final Alleluias I feel we should be flying!

Growing Together



August is a holiday month for many of us, here in Scotland. The schools are closed, the swimming pools are filled with noisy splashing children. Families of all shapes and sizes gather for time together. The buses down on the front are bustling with visitors. The Waverley becomes a familiar visitor. Our experience of church can also change: familiar faces are absent on particular

weeks, and less familiar or even brand new faces appear in the pews. It is quite tempting to treat this disturbed month of August as a rest period!

We have, however, some very significant feasts and festivals in this holiday period. The Transfiguration of Our Lord draws us into an exploration of the image of God and our roots in history. The saints' days of Mary and Bartholomew invite us to reflect on the individual roles of major and minor characters in the gospel accounts. Even the potentially uninspiring festival of the Beheading of John the Baptist, right at the end of the month, exposes us to the uncomfortable relationship between faith and tyranny, power and weakness.

As we enjoy the rest and recreation of the holiday period (exhausting as it may be to have children or grandchildren quite so omnipresent), we can all take the opportunity to reflect on these special days, the special people that they commemorate and what this might mean to us in our faith journey at Holy Trinity. We are preparing for the autumn, for the end of our church year, for the busy time ahead. As we prepare, we can reflect on the words that Zechariah spoke over the baby John, the child destined to prepare a way for Christ, and to die for his faith and integrity:

And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest,"
will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways,
Present the offer of salvation to his people,
the forgiveness of their sins.
Through the heartfelt mercies of our God,
God's sunrise will break in upon us,
Shining on those in the darkness,
those sitting in the shadow of death,
Then showing us the way, one foot at a time,
down the path of peace.

God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andu'.

Vi Twist

I wonder if anyone who enjoys sitting on the seat at the east side of the church, as I often do, looking out on the Firth of Clyde, ever thinks about the person in the dedication. The seat was given by the Vestry in memory of Violet Twist. Vi was one of the first people I met when I came to Dunoon and she became a great friend of mine and Godmother to our daughter, Joan.



Vi Twist, Joan and Emily Smith

Vi was born in Dunoon and lived there all her life, being buried in the cemetery in February 1973 along with her Mother and her brothers Charles and David. She never married, but worked at the pier collecting money and at one stage had a boarding house in Clyde Street where not only adults boarded, but also school children living in the isles who were 'mothered' by Vi.



Joan Smith, Emily Smith, Rev Dr Quelch, Vi Twist and Mr Cameron (Bishop Douglas's father)

She dedicated her whole life to Holy Trinity and was a pillar of the church. She was known around town as 'Holy Trinity Violet'. She was People's Warden for a good deal of time and began the Ladies' Work Party. At one stage the Work Party numbered 40 and was the backbone of the Church. Their Sale of Work kept the finances of Holy Trinity on a sound footing at that time.

Vi could be set in her ways. When I was doing the rotas and suggested that due to the shortage of men we should include ladies, I was told by Vi 'that is not ladies' work'!! However she was able to change her mind. I was the first lay person to administer the chalice and she told me she thought that was the priest's job. However, before I began this task, I was invited to meet the Work Party and asked to accept a gift from them, of a cassock and surplice to wear when administering the chalice. This was organised and presented by Vi!

My wife Emily and I had a wonderful friendship with Vi and she was a loving Godmother to our daughter Joan.

Sadly in her later years she suffered from heart disease. She lived for the last two or three with Mrs Cameron (mother of Bishop Douglas and Bishop Bruce). One very cold winter night her dog went out and wouldn't come back in. She went out to look for it, dressed only in her dressing gown. When she returned to the house she collapsed and died at the age of 71.

Maurice Smith

Invitation

You are all warmly invited to the **Rectory 'Open House'** on **Saturday 4th of September**. Drop in any time from 2-6pm, for tea, cake and an opportunity to see the fruits of all your hard work in the house over the past year!



We very much look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Mary, Andrew, Elly, Pete & Frankie

Fundraising Team News

What has been happening recently?

In July Holy Trinity had the opportunity to take part in two car boot/table sales. Robin and Susan Watling have given a remarkable amount of time and effort to these events and since the Rectory was emptied in May have been storing a great many items in Susan's car port. After the sale on 31st July any remaining items will be given to a worthy cause. Our sincere thanks go to Susan and Robin for all their hard work.

The opportunity to do bag packing came at very short notice and the team are delighted to report that £831 was collected over the two days. Thank you to all those who helped over the two days. Special thanks are due to Jennifer for organising and co-ordinating this fund raising event at such short notice and staffing a rota when so many of us were on holiday.

What else is happening?

Smartie Tube 20p challenge – how many 20p pieces can you fit into a Smartie tube? This is an activity for all. Eat the contents of a tube of Smarties and then fill the tube with 20p's. There are still some tubes available for anyone who missed out when they were issued. Please ask Pauline if you would like one.

Flower Pots In previous years the flower pots were a great success. The original steel flower pots have become very rare, the idea behind them is definitely worth cultivating! Please excuse the pun. Take any container about the size of a jam jar and put £1 a week in it. If that money is needed at any time then use it. Whatever is left in our containers at Pentecost is brought to church and given to the Treasury team. If anyone needs a jar please see Pauline.

Coming soon

On Wednesday 25th August **Kirn Gala Coconut Shy** – Susan, Robin and Pauline will be running a coconut shy and flying the Holy Trinity banner at Kirn Gala. Volunteer stall holders and supporters will be needed. Please speak to Susan or Pauline.

Christmas cards and greetings cards - Holy Trinity will soon have its own Christmas and Greetings cards for sale. We hope to be able to sell these from early to mid August.

On the drawing board

Dinner parties – themed dinner parties such as Italian, Greek, Mexican. We are hoping to start a season of dinner parties in September.

Quiz nights - we are hoping to hold a quiz night one evening in October.

Games nights (the team have received numerous requests for Scrabble again) – would someone consider hosting another scrabble event please?

£50 Projects - please do continue to organise and offer £50 projects as it is essential we continue to hold smaller and more intimate events in order to raise and maintain awareness of the constant need to improve our income.

Your ideas really help – if anyone has any ideas for a project they would like to offer or would like help to organise please do speak to one of the team.

Thank you.

Pauline Revill

Chimney Pots

The chimney pots taken down from the Rectory are going to be sold. If any member of the Congregation would like one, please speak to the Rector or a Vestry member. They are worth £50-£100 so a minimum donation of £50 would be appreciated.



Easyfundraising

Do remember our **Easyfundraising** site. We are up at £190 now, in less than a year – just through buying things we would have bought anyway.

Please tell your friends about it. Someone recently added £45 by purchasing house insurance that way! And another person took a trial offer at lovefilms.com and had £5 added!

If you haven't tried the site yet, please do have a go. You pay the same or less than you would in the high street from all your favourite shops AND Holy Trinity benefits. Susan Watling will help you (at your own computer) if you ask her.

The web site is www.easyfundraising.org

p.s. Learn now in time for Christmas!!

Left over Flea Market Goods

This is where the left over goods from the Rectory and the flea market went. We printed the details in case anyone else wished to donate goods to a good cause. Otherwise keep them for our next flea market some time later in the year.

OPEN DOOR
A NON-PROFIT MAKING CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SOURCING AND DELIVERING RE-CYCLED FURNITURE TO PEOPLE IN NEED IN THE DUNOON AREA.

Operating for the last two years, we are now hoping to expand our services and are seeking additional donations of furniture and other household items that are acceptable in quality and condition and which can be given to people who are in homeless start-up situations, or upgrading existing houses. Our ministry currently supplies:

- Beds and bedding
- Sofas, and armchairs
- Curtains
- Clean rugs and carpets
- Bedroom and living room furniture
- White goods

If you could help in any of the above or would like more information about what we do, please contact Robert & Kathryn Hamilton. Tel. 01369 702074
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From the Counting House



This month some of the Treasury Team can be seen counting the cash raised by the Bag Packing at the Co-op. As you all probably know, we raised the grand total of £831 for the Building Appeal Fund.

Also this month the Inland Revenue kindly sent us the sum of £3,300 – this is the amount we claimed back in Gift Aid. If you pay tax, please consider gift aiding any donation so that we can claim back the tax. It helps us a lot.

Talking of tax, we have been busy this month claiming back VAT from the Inland Revenue for our church repairs, given because the building is listed. This should bring in £1,600 for work to date and more to come from the next batch of repairs. We do hope the Chancellor does not stop this scheme next April. It makes quite a difference to our building repair costs.

With all the talk of fund raising for the building repairs, it is easy to lose sight of the general giving which pays our day to day expenses of stipend, pension contributions, utility costs, administration, etc. Please continue to keep your giving under review and use free will envelopes or standing orders if possible and gift aid if applicable.

Thanks for all your efforts

The Treasury Team.

Notable dates – Aug/Sept

Sun 1 Aug	Pentecost 10 Sung Eucharist led by Rev Canon Hugh Lee Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 5 Aug	Eucharist at 5.15pm led by Rev Ruth LaMonte
Sun 8 Aug	Feast of Transfiguration Sung Eucharist at 10.30am led by Rev Ruth LaMonte Songs of Praise at High Kirk at 6.30pm
Thurs 12 Aug	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sunday 15 Aug	Feast of Mary the Virgin Sung Eucharist at 10.30am Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 19 Aug	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sun 22 Aug	Pentecost 13 Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Thurs 26 Aug	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sunday 29 Aug	Beheading of John the Baptist - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Thurs 2 Sept	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sat 4 Sept	Rectory Open House 2-6pm
Sun 5 Sept	Pentecost 15 Sung Eucharist

Readings

Pentecost 10	Ecclesiastes 1. 2; 12-14; 2. 18-23 Colossians 3, 1-11 Luke 12, 13-21
Feast of Transfiguration	Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1. 16-19 Luke 9. 28b-36
Feast of Mary the Virgin	Isaiah 61.10-11 or Rev. 11.19-12.6 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55
Pentecost 13	Isaiah 58. 9-14 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17
Beheading of John the Baptist	2 Chronicles 24. 17-21 Hebrews 11.32-40 Mark 6.17-29
Pentecost 15	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

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