



Holy Trinity News

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A New Primus

At the General Synod on Saturday 13th June the College of Bishops elected Bishop David Chillingworth, Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane to be the new Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. We send our best wishes and prayers to Bishop David in this important ministry. Read inside his address to the General Synod on his appointment

Also at General Synod the Very Reverend Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral Glasgow was appointed Convener of the Information and Communication Board. He was asked to speak for 3 minutes on the Mission of the Scottish Episcopal Church. You can see what he said inside. It would be interesting to see if members of Holy Trinity have ideas on the mission of our church. So, do you agree with Kelvin's thoughts? What are your views? Please send them to the editor.

It was lovely to welcome the Reverend Peter Rice and his wife Fiona to celebrate with us in June. Learn more about Peter and Fiona on page 3.

During the Vacancy, please speak to any member of the Vestry if you have any questions or concerns.

Pastoral Care

Dinkie McEwen is the contact for all pastoral care situations. (telephone 01369 705257) This may be someone who needs Holy Communion brought to him/her or someone who is ill and/or housebound and needs a visit.



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What's Ahead

July and August are traditionally holiday months. We are fortunate to be welcoming back the Reverend Ruth LaMonte from USA who is planning to be on holiday in Dunoon in August and will celebrate the Eucharist for us on Sunday 9th August.

We are also pleased to welcome the return of Reverend Peter Rice who will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist on the 19th July and the 16th August.

Psausages and Psalms planned for Friday 24th July at 5.15pm – see page 6 for details.

Date for the Diary

Sunday 20th September Bishop Martin will be with us at Holy Trinity to celebrate the Eucharist on his last Sunday in the Diocese. We plan to take Bishop Martin and Elspeth to lunch before he goes onto Rothesay to celebrate at St. Paul's. Please mark the date in your diaries now.

New Primus addresses General Synod

In responding to his election Bishop David said:



“Calling is an extraordinary and wonderful thing. To be literally handed a new ministry like this is a daunting experience. I could produce a thousand reasons why this is difficult, demanding, challenging ... but

that is not the question. The question is vocation and it has just been answered. I want to thank the members of the College of Bishops. We are a College – we have been talking about how we can develop our collegiality and put it at the service of our church. At our Synod Dinner last night, we expressed our thanks to Idris and to Alison. I want in the context of our General Synod to say to you Idris how much we value what you have given to ministry, to the life of this church and to all of us. We pray that you and Alison may have a long and happy retirement.

“I approach this new ministry with deep humility and no small apprehension. This church – my diocese and the wider church – has been extraordinarily generous in the trust which it has placed in me. This church is willing to take risks – and that is a sign of its spiritual vitality. I experience that trust as I share in ministry day by day with clergy and laity. I experience it in the support which I receive in prayer. I ask you to pray for me and for all of us as bishops. Our task as a College of Bishops is to offer leadership in a church which is committed to patterns of sharing. To be that kind of church is a gift we have received and a gift we can share. But such a church will only be built on foundations of clarity, honesty and truth in our relationships. Those of you who have worked closely with me will know that I believe that our church is richly blessed in the quality and commitment of laity and clergy. You will know that I also believe that this is a precious moment of calling for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

“You will have heard some of this in the discussion of the mission of our church yesterday. I believe two things about this time. First that we are being called to take our place in a new way among the family of churches in Scotland and in the wider community. I come from a minority church – the church of my family roots is the minority Church of Ireland community of southern Ireland. There are several generations of its clergy in my family background. I believe that minority churches do not need to be marginal and that small churches can bring special gifts to the whole. In particular, I believe that our strengths in spirituality and service, in dignified liturgy and inclusive openness are gifts and treasures for this moment. Our calling is to offer Jesus – to offer new ways of exploring faith – in a time when people search have questions but do not expect to find the answers in traditional churches.

“But there is a second challenge which faces us at present. We are entering a time of difficult decision-making as we respond to the new financial circumstances which face us as they face the whole of our society. Adding new things is relatively easy. Deciding what really matters when resources don’t stretch to cover everything is much more difficult. It tests decision-making and it tests relationships. That is the period which we are about to enter. Our prayer must be that this period will be for us a time of creative refining and pruning - from which will come more growth.

“On a more personal level, the clergy and people of our diocese know what an integral part of my ministry Alison is - and I want you to know how much I appreciate the contribution which she makes and the support which she gives to me. Scotland has been good to us. Perthshire is a beautiful and extraordinary place and we are very happy here.

“And so, members of Synod, I look forward to playing my part in the adventure in faith which we shall undertake together. May God bless us all as we work together in his service.”

Meet Peter and Fiona Rice



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

My first visit to Holy Trinity was for Kimberly's induction, but I have known Dunoon since visiting the town in a warship in 1971.

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

Fiona and I completed our Ministry to the West Highland (and Island) Mission in May of last year, having for the last few years of that Ministry lived in Glencoe.

Before then we lived in Salisbury where we raised our two daughters (Eleanor(Elle) and Alice (known as Bella) who are now (almost) fully independent and pursuing their own lives in the south. Peter was a career Royal Navy man who retired from that life after 30 years aged 50 in June 1999, before being Ordained in Salisbury. Fiona was the Mothers Union Diocesan Secretary in Salisbury and our first curacy was in a small village Stratford sub Castle (Old Sarum) before we came north in 2002 to take up the West Highland post. On Kimberly's departure I was approached by the Bishop and asked.....so here we are!

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

Although our daughters are pursuing their own lives, we have become very aware of our (physical) distance from them. The West Highland Ministry left no time for any private life, so we are looking forward to seeing them as often as we can. In addition our house on Loch Fyne needs quite a bit of loving, so that is an important focus. Finally Fiona is a keen climber, canoeist, gardener and Genealogist (family history!) and Peter will be acquiring a boat shortly, besides indulging his passion for naval history and theology.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

It is passionate and positive.... which probably makes it explosive at odd times (?).

Consequently I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

There are five:

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind and **Immortal Invisible** speak to me of faith

Be still for the presence of the Lord and **Alleluia sing to Jesus** are about the Spirit

And **When I survey the wondrous Cross** just sends me to my knees.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is proving popular at 5.15pm on a Thursday. We sit in the choir stalls and are finished by 5.45pm. How about coming to join us?

Growing Together



Following on from last month's 'Hope through Change', this month the subject is '**Hope through Vision**'.

Think about and look out images that have inspired you. What is it about these images that bring you hope?

Read **Mark Chapter 9: 2-9**, the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. There the disciples are given a vision of God's glory. The mountain upon which Jesus stands reminds us of the mountain in the Old Testament where God met with Moses. It also recalls the Garden of Eden where God walked with human beings before the world was spoiled. As well as looking back, it looks forward. The vision is that God will transfigure all humanity, renewing, repairing, transfiguring our universe until we are all once more dwelling with God in all his glory. The story of the Transfiguration does not end on the mountain-top – neither for Jesus nor for us. Its real meaning cannot be understood without coming down to the valley. The glory cannot come to fruition without working through the suffering on the cross, without dying, death and resurrection. For us the hope comes by focussing on the glory and working through the pain.

Read also **Revelation 21: 23-22:5**. The Revelation of John invites us into the awesome wonder of God's loving purpose. It is the basis of our hope. It was written around 70 years after Jesus lived on earth. In the persecution, the good news did not seem to be getting through. The followers of Jesus needed to be reminded that it was God's work they were doing. They needed to focus on the vision and see images of hope.

We, too, need to focus on the vision and see images of hope as we work to bring God's kingdom to this place. Think about:

- When do we find it hard to witness to our faith in Jesus? How could we do a better job of it around here?
- What images could we present to people to offer them hope?
- Refreshing streams and fruitful trees: how can we bring new heart to our neighbours' lives and our own? What would we like to see put on a 'tree of life'?

Adapted from 'Hope in a Time of Change' a Lent Study.

Maureen McKellar

Vacancy News

To save travel time, the June meeting of the representatives from St. Paul's, St. Martin's, Holy Trinity and the Diocese took the form of a conference call.

There was discussion on service patterns during the vacancy in all three charges.

Following the signing of the Minute of Agreement at the previous meeting, there was discussion on the Memorandum of Agreement to be signed linking St. Paul's and Holy Trinity, with St. Martin's, and in particular the financial implications of linked charges.

The profiles from St. Paul's and Holy Trinity were discussed briefly and certain additions suggested. The process of seeking a priest was outlined and the Diocesan representatives confirmed that they wanted to have a clearer idea of the costs involved in the repair of the Rectory before advertising for a priest. Holy Trinity advised that the figures would be available within two weeks.

Use of Rectory

If anyone wants to use the Rectory during the Vacancy for an event (donation to fabric fund), please contact the Vestry Secretary.

Bible Translation

I think we were all very impressed when Bishop Mdimi visited us and told us of the vast numbers of candidates coming forward for Confirmation in his country. Why do we compare so badly? I would suggest that because we have had access to the Bible for several hundred years, our membership has grown gradually over these years. But can you imagine what it would be like not to have a Bible of your own and to know of Jesus only through the spoken word? We are privileged to have a choice of Bibles and Study Aids but in many countries the Good News has only recently been made available in written form, in their Mother tongue.

Would it surprise you to know that nearly 7000 languages have been identified in the world? Thanks to Bible Translation organisations, of which Wycliffe Bible Translators play a major role, around 2500 have either a complete Bible, a New Testament or at least one book of the Bible. There are currently nearly 2000 active projects but work still needs to be started in over 2000 languages. By the year 2025 it is hoped to see a Bible translation programme begun in all the remaining countries.

A more recent development in Bible translation has been through the media. Vernacular Media Specialists train at JAARS (Jungle Aviation Air Rapid Service) in North Carolina, USA. These specialists are then involved in producing audio cassettes, dubbing scripture stories on to video film, etc. Obviously this benefits all those people who don't yet have the written word, or those who are unable to read or write.

While I was on holiday recently with my family in South Carolina, my son-in-law Greg was in Spain with a group of translators dubbing the "Jesus" film into one of the remote African languages. (The African language expert was in Spain, hence the location for the project.

You can learn more about the Wycliffe Bible Translators on the Internet. I have also put a couple of booklets at the back of the church which will shed more light on the work of JAARS.

Catherine Webber

Flu Pandemic

As the outbreak of Swine Flu is still termed a Pandemic, the advice from the Diocese is that we do not shake hands or have any form of physical contact at the Peace. They also recommend that Holy Communion is received either by intinction (carefully dipping the wafer into the chalice) or by receiving the Sacrament as bread only. Bacterial handwash, wipes, tissues and paper towels are in regular use. We will maintain these precautions until advised otherwise.

Vestry Report

The Vestry met twice in June..

The Meeting on the 8th June was primarily to formulate the policy on Swine Flu, given it had been declared a pandemic, and to agree to adopt the instructions from the Diocese on the subject.

Also discussed was the use of the Rectory for social events and by other clubs. It was agreed that the Vestry would require to authorise all requests and that the Secretary would maintain a diary to avoid conflict of dates

At the meeting on 29th June the arrangements for setting up Tighnabruaich as a dependent congregation were discussed. The schedule of services and available priest cover were reviewed. There was an update from the Pastoral Co-ordinator on visiting the housebound.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and also the financial arrangements during the vacancy and following the formal link with St. Paul's. Holy Trinity will need a revised constitution following the linking and work has begun on that.

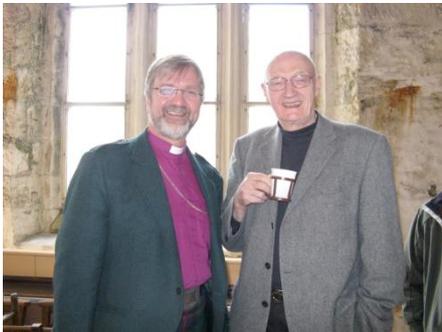
There was a full update on the fabric situation. A drainage survey had been carried out on the Rectory, an inspection of the roof and estimates requested to replace the windows. A second report on the rot in the church had been commissioned and an estimate sought for the disruptive work necessary before the rot could be attended to. Final figures were still to be received .

The next meeting is Tuesday 11th August.

Diocesan Festival

It was a very joyous occasion on Sunday 7th June when congregations from all around the Diocese met to celebrate St. Columba's Day and Bishop Martin's 40th anniversary since ordination.

The Eucharist in the Cathedral was sung to the Kilbride setting and sounded wonderful. Bishop Richard Holloway, former Primus preached an excellent sermon. Altogether it was a fine occasion and we send our congratulations again to Bishop Martin.



The £50 Pledge Challenge

Trinidad Talk

If you watched the recent programme where Sir Trevor McDonald visited Trinidad, you will be keen to listen to our very own Mac tell of his Trinidad. Watch the pew sheet for the date.

Holy Trinity Recipe Book

Are you remembering to look out your favourite recipes? Sharron has begun to compile the Holy Trinity Recipe Book – it will not be complete without one of your recipes.

Poetry Books

Christine's limited edition poetry books are now at the back of the church at £5 each.

The Organist Writes

PSAUSAGES & PSALMS

It's summer – or should that be psummer? And we're going to do some more psinging (sorry – this is getting to be a habit. I shall desist.) The point of this dreadful wordplay is to invite you all to participate in a singing workshop followed by a shared meal – either one of the famous Holy T barbeques, complete with midges, or a similar repast eaten in the Rectory.

We will be learning some different ways of singing the psalms, so that we can develop the practice of using psalms in our Sunday worship. We shall work for just over an hour, and then eat. It is really only possible to enjoy participating in the psalms if you know how to sing them, so make sure you aren't left out – put this workshop in your diary now: **Friday, 24th July, at 5.15pm.** See you there!

John

The Wider Church

The Very Reverend Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral Glasgow was asked to speak for 3 minutes at General Synod on the Mission of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Here is what he said.

“We need two strands of missionary activity – firstly building local congregations where people who would never expect to discover God can find that they are already welcome and are already loved and secondly, the surprising places where people don't expect the church to go. That means, for example, being the church in the streets, in the wedding show, onto the broadcast studio, in the newspapers and the church that dares to make find anew its commitment to chaplaincy in higher education.

“The news we have to share is that Jesus Christ, the incarnate son of God has come into this world and told us we are loved.

“We share that news in many ways as people who sometimes differ.

“There will be no peace in the church unless we learn to accept that we may disagree. There will be no peace in the church until we recognise that God is at work in those who see things differently. Indeed, there will be no peace in the church until we recognise that our mission is compromised by our infighting. We must find ways to accept and celebrate the good things that God is doing in and amongst people who are different from us.

“I want to finish with three things that I think must characterise our mission. They are spirituality, the bible and love. Each of these is our heritage and each of these is given us as a free gift to share and pass on.

“People are queuing up to pay good money to all kinds of teachers of meditation to discover the kind of practical spirituality that has already been given to us by God to share for free. Mission *is* teaching people to pray. Mission *is* creating worship that changes our hearts and souls.

“The bible because again it is our heritage. Ours to read and ours to share. As someone who comes from an evangelical background, I'm often surprised by the lack of knowledge of the bible in our church. The Bible is our heritage and it is ours to share. And it is one of the most exciting parts of our calling to teach people to read the scriptures anew – reading them with passion and with the old fashioned orthodoxy of common sense. Mission *is* setting people free by giving them the tools and the skills to read the bible.

“And love, because again, it is our heritage and it is what we have to share. It is our heritage because God loves us. Mission *is* simply finding ever more creative ways to share what it means to know the giddy joy of being utterly loved by God.”

Kelvin Holdsworth

Argyll Diocesan Mission

Christ calls us to live like Him, in Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service amongst others

From the Counting House

The Flower Pots gave us much needed extra funds. Remember to take a flowerpot to fill for next year.

The Sunday morning collections are showing a decrease. Hopefully that is because a number of you now give by standing order. If not, please remember your envelopes every week.

The £50 pledge challenge is helping us do urgent repairs for the roof. Just because you have managed one £50 event, there is nothing to stop you trying something else. Remember, the Rectory can be used for any event. Just check with the Vestry Secretary to avoid conflict.

Notable dates – July

Thurs 2	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 5	Pentecost 5 Eucharist celebrated by Rev Hugh lee
Thurs 9	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 12	Pentecost 6 – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 16	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 19	Pentecost 7 - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 23	Evening Prayer 5.15
Fri 24	Psalmes and Psalms 5.15pm
Sun 26	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene – Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Kit Jarman
Thurs 30	Evening Prayer 5.15

July Readings

Pentecost 5	2 Samuel, 5 1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12, 2-10 Mark 6, 1-13
Pentecost 6	2 Samuel 6, 1-5,12b-19 Ephesians 1, 3-14 Mark 6, 14-29
Pentecost 7	2 Samuel 7, 1-14a Ephesians 2, 11-22 Mark 6, 30-34, 53-56
Mary Magdalene	Judith 9, 1 & 11-14 or Song of Solomon 3, 1-4 2 Corinthians 5, 14-17 John 20, 1-2, 11-18

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