



Holy Trinity News

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Summertime

It is hard to believe it is just a month since Andrew's wonderful Service of Introduction. More details and photographs will be found on page 5.

On Sea Sunday we think particularly about Missions to Seafarers and support them financially. Below, are details about some of their work.

July and August are traditionally holiday periods, so we welcome any visitors to Holy Trinity and hope they have enjoyed being with us and will continue to pray for us back home.

Mission to Seafarers



Caring for seafarers
around the world

The Mission to Seafarers is a missionary society of the Anglican Church which is committed to promoting the wellbeing of seafarers and their families worldwide.

Since its founding in 1856, the Mission to Seafarers has provided a ministry of care and support for those who leave their homes and families to work at sea. Today, it does this by providing port-based centres in some 100 ports, crews can make use of their limited time ashore in a seafarers' centre. Here, affordable communications facilities and practical help and advice are on hand from the port chaplain. In a further 130 an active programme of ship-visiting takes place by local honorary chaplains and volunteers.

On average, the charity visits nearly 76,000 ships each year and welcomes 640,000 seafarers to its centres. In 2009, The Mission to Seafarers helped more than 2,000 seafarers in justice and welfare cases ranging from non-payment of wages to abandonment and piracy attacks.

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What's Ahead

Saturday 10th July Table at Car Boot sale at Kirn in aid of Holy Trinity Appeal fund.

Sunday July 11th Sea Sunday. Joint Eucharist at St. Paul's Rothesay 11.00am. Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity at 6.00pm

Thursdays at 5.15pm – resumption of Eucharist.

Dates for the Diary

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

Sunday 15th August Oban St. John's Cathedral 100th Anniversary Service

Stop Press

The Dean saw his Consultant on 22nd June, and after examination, she said there was no evidence of a tumour. He will have a scan in 6 weeks. His voice is improving and he expects to return to work, if only on a part time basis, later in July.

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends

As this July edition of the Holy Trinity newsletter goes to print, I have been with you, as your new Rector, for nearly a whole month. That feels like a tiny flash of time, a blink of the eyes, but it also feels a little bit like forever! It has been a wonderful few weeks of settling in, getting to know people and picking up the rhythm of the worship in the three charges for which I am the priest-in-charge.

The highlights of that time have been ... well, everything. From the joyous occasion as Bishop Mark introduced me to your charge, to celebrating the Eucharist with you, to seeing my family settle into their new lives, schools and surrounding; all of these, and more, have been highlights.

It has also been good to understand some of the challenges that we now face together. We have a great deal of work to do together to address the fabric issues in Holy Trinity, superbly managed by Maureen McKellar over the past months. We have to explore our mission, our reaching out to the communities around us, to ensure that we can grow and flourish. We have to meet together, worship together and pray together. This is a wonderfully friendly and supportive church community; one that naturally attracts others to come in, and hopefully to encounter God!

As we look ahead to the summer months of holiday, rest and recreation, we can anticipate a quiet time in church. I will continue to use this time to get to know you better and to improve my understanding of the church that Holy Trinity is at present. Please feel free to call and drop by the Rectory for a chat and cup of tea, and don't be surprised if I turn up on your doorstep sometime soon!

I hope to explore, in the months and years ahead, the sort of church that you would like us to grow into. That includes our buildings and our worship, but most of all it includes the people that really are the church. I

am convinced that God has great plans for the Christian brothers and sisters of Cowal and Bute, in Holy Trinity and all of our sister churches of every denomination.

You have given Mary, Elly, Peter, Frances and I the warmest of welcomes over the past month. May I offer our thanks to all, and also offer my excitement at the times that we have together ahead of us.

Wishing you every blessing



Vestry Report

On 21st June the Vestry had their first meeting with Andrew in the chair.

The Rector said how pleased he was to be here in Cowal and Bute and how much he was looking forward to his ministry amongst us. He added that the Service of Introduction with Bishop Mark had been very good and thanked everyone for all they had done. He also asked for thanks to be recorded for all that had been done during the vacancy. He said he wanted to review the experience during the vacancy.

There was discussion about the Viability Study called for by the Dioceses who are asking us to plan how we will no longer be in receipt of augmentation of stipend within the next three years.

We now have St. Martin's as a regular item and Andrew explained how he planned to proceed with two services a month. He added that he had discussions with the local Church of Scotland Minister about how best to minister in Tighnabraich.

We had our usual discussion on Finance and the Treasurer sought agreement to add to the bank signatories. We discussed the grant situation and the Secretary confirmed that she was applying to three other grant awarding bodies shortly.

The chimney pots removed from the Rectory were discussed and it was agreed that these were valuable and should be sold. It was agreed to offer these to congregational members first for a donation in the region of £75-100.

Maureen McKellar, Vestry Secretary

Meet Reg and Morag Taylor



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

About two years ago. We had been very much involved with our local church for many years in several different guises. However, for me in particular the format of the service was unfulfilling. Morag and I had for some time thought about an alternative and a chance conversation with John and Christine McIntosh followed by several prompts led us to Holy Trinity's doorstep. We had known John and Christine for many years in their role as teachers at Dunoon Grammar school and so had a real point of contact when we first came to Holy Trinity. The rest as they say – is history!!

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

Morag and I were both on the teaching staff at Wetherby High School in Yorkshire. We both had responsibility posts in guidance; I taught history and Morag taught home economics. My whole teaching career was spent at W.H.S. and Morag joined the staff from her teaching post in Scotland. I had lived in the area since my teens; went to Knaresborough Grammar School and played football and cricket eventually playing both sports at professional level. Morag was born in Fife and is a contemporary of Gordon Brown from her Kirkcaldy High school days!!

Unfortunately, health problems led to my early retirement and medical advice was for us to find somewhere quiet and stress free- hence our move to Blairmore. This was not totally unknown as Morag, as a canoeing instructor, used to bring students to the outdoor centre at Ardentinnny.

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

We spend a lot of time in our garden; Morag is quite an avid reader especially when we are away in our caravan; she is a very keen walker and has completed many of the long-distance footpaths and I am a very good 'gofor' and provide the back-up team!! However, our favourite pastime is travelling. I am very enthusiastic about antiquity so our travels nearly always take us to places where one can experience the past in all its splendour and glory. There is, in Europe and the Mediterranean plenty of choice; many of the islands have relics of the past. Crete and Cyprus are our particular favourites while Rome is the city to visit. This Christmas Morag and I are going to Prague; once the centre of the Holy Roman Empire, this city is a real gem. This August takes us to pastures new; we go to Boston (U.S.A) drive through the Green and White mountains and then visit Niagara Falls.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

We have been very impressed with the fellowship and friendship that we have received since our first visit and were greatly comforted by the support and prayers of the congregation when Morag and I were having to make difficult decisions about which path to take regarding recent surgery. We like the service format; enjoy the music and the social events. We are delighted to have our new priest and look forward to getting to know him and family better.

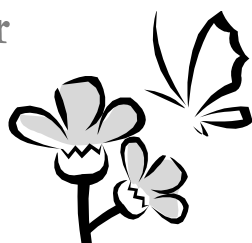
What do you do (or have you done) around Holy Trinity? What do you enjoy about it?

We are always keen to support organised events. Morag has become involved in welcoming duties and tea-making while we both have joined the reading rota. Morag has also been involved in helping with catering for organised events.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

The 23rd Psalm is high on our list (Crimmond). It seems to express all that one believes in; the words and syntax always cause a lump in my throat. Also we like 'Love Divine all Loves Excelling' for very obvious reasons.

Growing Together



I have been learning how you have worked and grown together over the past few years, and love the items in this space in the newsletter. As I prepared to write this, I asked myself, 'What is that space for, what can it do?'

From the past copies of the newsletter, the 'Growing Together' slot is a chance to be focused, to be gently challenged, to be drawn into a bigger view of who we are and what we are as part of the church family.

I believe that you have grown together a great deal during your time of vacancy, just over a year long. You have received excellent pastoral and liturgical care during this time, but you have also had to stand without your very own rector. That can be daunting, that can be liberating, that can be wonderfully fulfilling.

I would like all those who read this to reflect, whether you are a regular member, a newcomer, whatever you might be. Please reflect, as you are able, on the time of vacancy that you have gone through as a congregation.

Firstly, in that time, what at Holy Trinity filled you with excitement or enjoyment?

Secondly, in that same period of time, what was empty or difficult or painful?

Thirdly, over that year, how did your walk with God feel? Was God there every week? Was he more distant or was he closer?

I hope, very soon, to gather members of the church, the vestry and other groups, to think about such questions in a structured and forward-looking way. If you would like to meet with me to discuss your thoughts individually, please do so!

Important lessons can be learned in a time of change and transition. These lessons may be about what is vital for a church's life, or what is getting in the way of our development as a worshipping community.

God bless you all.

Handwritten signature of Bishop Martin.

Comments & Clippings

Bishop Martin

The Right Reverend Martin Shaw, formerly Bishop of Argyll and The Isles has been appointed Assistant Bishop of Exeter. We send Bishop Martin our congratulations.

Diocesan Retreat

A Diocesan Retreat led by Rev Dr Michael Kitchener will take place at The College of the Holy Spirit, Millport from Monday November 1st – Thursday 4th. The cost will be £150 – see Diocesan Newsletter for details.

'Using the Bible'

The participants in the York St John's Christian Studies course are tackling the challenge with enthusiasm using a mix of 'real' meetings, phone conferencing and online forum. Others interested in undertaking this module, 'Using the Bible', may have an opportunity in the autumn. Contact Alison Clark if you'd like to know more. Phone 01700 500489 (or speak to Christine or Maureen about what the current course is like)

Housekeeping Rotas

We are short of people on the rotas to welcome at the 10.30am service, to make and serve coffee after the service and to clean the church. If you feel you could do any of these jobs, please speak to Dinkie or the Rector

Service of Introduction



What a joyous celebration we had when Andrew was formally introduced to us by Bishop Mark Strange of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

The Church was filled with congregation, family, visitors, friends from St. Paul's, local clergy and dignitaries. After a real spring clean by a very small band of helpers and some beautiful flowers, the church looked at its best.

Two members of the Vestry presented Andrew to the Bishop as our choice of Priest. The licence was read out and Andrew accepted his charge to lead us. Various members of the congregation then presented symbolic gifts to him representing his ministry among us. The Bishop preached an excellent sermon and then celebrated the Eucharist. The Service had some beautiful music including John's lovely new Celtic Blessing and some of Andrew's favourite hymns. It was truly a marvellous occasion.



Then it was off to St. Mun's hall where a fantastic spread had been prepared by some very busy

'Marthas'. A big thank you is due to them. There was lots of laughter and conversation and everyone enjoyed it immensely.



Bishop Mark blogged about the occasion and this is taken from it:

'Holy Trinity was full of music, laughter, prayer and joy. The only real concern I had was the vulnerability encountered in the porta Loo as cars raced into the car park and tried to negotiate the corner with this temporary structure in the way, the phrase "that's a relief" took on a whole new meaning! We were fed a wonderful hot buffet in the local Catholic Church Hall before we were back in the car, through all the Glens and Mountains and back in the North.'



Thanks to Christine for the photos.

Fundraising Team News

Ceilidh Evening at Uig Hall

The Team is delighted to report that the Ceilidh evening held on Friday 25th June raised £490. I would like to express my personal thanks to the extended team for the hard work and their support.

Heartfelt thanks are due to everyone who came on the night. Undoubtedly your willingness to take part and to enjoy yourselves was the vital ingredient for an enjoyable evening. Thank you.

The Great Eachaig Raft Race

Due to the extraordinarily low water level on the River Eachaig, the Raft Race was relocated to Loch Eck – on this occasion the team was unable to relocate the coconut shy. We will be ready for such an eventuality in future.

Holy Trinity entrant's imaginative raft design required some fine-tuning. Get the balance right Graham; you might just have a winning design at your next appearance! However, there is no disgrace in being beaten by celebrities such as Madonna, Tina Turner, Lady Gaga and Amy Winehouse!!!

Car Boot Sale

We have been offered a "table" at a car boot sale being run by Kirn Church, Kirn on Saturday 10th July. Volunteers to help man the stall for an hour or so in the afternoon and to help load and unload Susan's car will be essential – please do lend a hand if you can.

Kirn Gala

Holy Trinity has booked a stall for its coconut shy at the Kirn Gala on Wednesday 25th August. Do mark the date in your diary and come and join the fun!

Future Plans

The fundraising team is currently discussing:

- Design of a Holy Trinity Christmas card
- a series of themed dinner parties
- a quiz night
- bag packing at the Co-op and/or Morrisons
- our next Ceilidh night

The £50 projects held last year were a huge success. Some of these projects would be welcomed again. Mac ran a second Trinidad evening and Maureen plans to hold a further silk painting class after the holiday period. Additional requests have been received.

Anyone willing to offer or repeat a project please speak to a member of the fundraising team. We can advertise and support any project.

Please Remember! Any event or project, no matter how small or how ambitious, is valuable for its social attributes as well as its fundraising potential.

Team members are **Ann Narraway, Susan Watling, Jennifer Woodward and Pauline Revill.**

We welcome all ideas, comments and advice.

Thank you.

Pauline Revill

Easyfundraising

Do remember our **Easyfundraising** site.

If you haven't tried yet, please do have a go. Use it for buying things and tell your friends. It is very easy. 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 if you ask her.

The web site is www.easyfundraising.org

From the Counting House

We seem to have lost Mrs Nice (Chrissie) to family commitments and in her place you have got yourself Mr Mean (Richard) back. But all is not lost; Andrew has come and he will no doubt exercise some restraint on the worst effects.

Maureen has given the team some comfort with her news of Grants to come. This takes some of the pressure off the appeal fund. This is going quite well with some £7000 banked between October and May.

Andrew has arrived -This is great news not just for the congregation- but for the Bean Counters, as he offers sound advice, experience and succour to the flagging. This is already much appreciated.

HOWEVER this brings great responsibility to the congregation, his stipend has to be met each month. We have been promised augmentation from the Scottish Episcopal Church for three years – this pays for half his basic stipend. But the mood music from Edinburgh is that this is not forever and we need to make plans to meet our ongoing expenses without help. As well as stipend, we have to find National Insurance, Council Tax, Pension Fund and housing costs. Now that we are linked with St. Paul's they pay a share of these costs.

I (Richard) have done one of my horrible calculations!

To run the church - exclusive of the Building Project, costs about £3600 per month.

If we assume 30 regular members this equates to:

With Augmentation an average of £93.50 per month.

Without Augmentation an average of £120 per month.

Conclusion: We must either increase our giving or find more regulars!

The Treasury Team.

The Ceilidh at Uig Hall



Ceilidh

What a great occasion the Ceilidh was. Even the midges at Uig Hall could not dampen our spirits. All the dances were walked through so that those who had not danced before had a fair chance of keeping up. 'The Old Bores' played some super music and at a level that enabled conversation – a rare event these days! Food was plentiful and of the usual excellent standard produced at a Holy Trinity social.



The event was a mixture of social, getting to know our new Priest and his family, and fundraising. By the level of conversation the first two aims were well accomplished. The fundraising reached £490 which will give a real boost to the appeal fund.



Particular thanks are due to Pauline for her organisation and Susan and the others who helped with food and arrangements.



Notable dates – July/Aug

Thurs 1 July	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sun 4 July	Pentecost 6 Sung Eucharist at 10.30am Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 8 July	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sat 10 July	Car Boot Sale at Kirn
Sunday 11 July	Sea Sunday Joint Service with St Paul's and St Martin's at Rothesay 11.00am Evening prayer at Holy Trinity at 6.00pm
Thurs 15 July	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sun 18 July	Pentecost 8 Sung Eucharist at 10.30am Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 22 July	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sunday 25 July	St James (Apostle) Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Thurs 29 July	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sun 1 August	Pentecost 10 Sung Eucharist

Readings

Pentecost 6	Isaiah 66,10-14 Galatians 6, (1-6),7-16 Luke 10, 1-11, 16-20
Sea Sunday	Deuteronomy 30, 9-14 Colossians 1, 1-14 Matthew 25, 34a-45
Pentecost 8	Genesis 18, 1-10a Colossians 1, 15-28 Luke 10, 38-42
St James (Apostle)	Jeremiah 45, 1-5 Acts 11, 27-12, 2 Matthew 20, 20-28
Pentecost 10	Ecclesiastes 1,2, 12-14; 2,18-23 Colossians 3, 1-11 Luke 12, 13-21

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