



Holy Trinity News

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A New Era

So, we are well and truly into the vacancy now. Communication is going to be much more difficult without a Rector. The Newsletter, pew sheet and web site will be the regular means of helping you know what is going on. However, if you are not sure or have a query, please contact a member of the Lay Team or the Vestry (phone numbers on the back page).

The Vestry will try and keep you as informed as possible as to what is going on in terms of seeking a new rector, although obviously there will be parts of the process that will be confidential.

If you have any questions on the process ask any member of the Vestry or send a note to the editor – if you want to know something, no doubt others will too. We will publish questions and answers.

Dinkie McEwen is our Pastoral Co-ordinator so if you know of anyone who needs a visit please tell Dinkie. Details are on page 5.

Pentecost



We celebrated Pentecost by wearing red. The flowers also symbolise the tongues of fire.



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What's Ahead

We welcome back the Reverend Eamonn Rodgers who is celebrating our Patronal Festival with us.

We also welcome the Reverend Peter Rice who will be with us to celebrate the Eucharist each month throughout the Vacancy beginning on the 21st June.

Fabric

As everyone knows, there are some serious fabric issues with Church and Rectory. The Fabric Committee is in the process of obtaining quotations for all the work necessary and putting together a plan. There should be more to report in next month's Newsletter. However, the Architect we are using suggested that we hold a work party to clear the miscellaneous goods from the tower and another one to clear the vegetation from the ventilation holes. Please help if you can with either of these.

Letter from the Dean



Dear Friends

Paul Tillich, the 20th Century Theologian, left his native Germany in the early 1930s, to begin a new life in the United States of America. On the sea voyage between Germany and the USA, he wrote about what he called his “mid-Atlantic experience” – where he found himself “caught between the ‘no longer’ and the ‘not yet.’” Germany, and his past was “no longer”. America, and his future was “not yet.”

A vacancy in the Church can be a bit like that “mid-Atlantic experience.”

Kimberly, our previous Rector, has moved on, so things are *no longer* the same as they were when she was here. A new Rector has *not yet* been appointed, so the future is in many ways unknown.

I was appointed Provost of the Cathedral in succession to the Very Revd Alan Maclean in 2000. Alan, who had previously been Rector of Dunoon, had left the Cathedral in 1999. I remember my first

Vestry Meeting at the Cathedral, when I asked the members what they thought they would most “miss” about the vacancy period they had just come through, and they all replied that they thought they would miss that sense of being responsible for everything and having to make decisions and carry them through as a group acting on behalf of the congregation. I then expressed the hope that they would continue to feel just as responsible as a group, making decisions and carrying them through, because I saw my role as one of support to this group to which I now belonged.

The “mid-Atlantic experience” can be such a positive time in the life of the congregations, when people discover talents they never knew they had, and people find very positive ways of working together for the common good. So enjoy this time, learn from it, and try and discover from what you learn what kind of ministry you think God wants for us now in the Cowal & Bute region.

Already, there are some very important discussions going on which will lead to a more formal agreement of the linking arrangements between all the Charges concerned in the Cowal and Bute region. This is not a new arrangement – the Charges have been sharing a Rector for some years – but it puts the sharing arrangement on to a more formal footing and will help in future budgets and plans involving a new Rector, the Rectory, expenses and so on.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Diocese, may I express our thanks to all who are helping out in the Cowal and Bute region during the vacancy, and on your behalf, thank the Bishop and Diocesan officials for the help they are giving as we look forward and plan for a new Rector to be appointed to the linked Charges.

Best wishes

Norman

Dean of Argyll & The Isles

Meet Chrissie Holliday



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

We came to Dunoon in 1987 and I came along to HT shortly after arriving here. My attendance was limited to mostly 'high days and holy days' for a good number of years and I tended sit near the door and leave immediately after the service.

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

Alf and I came to Scotland from Cumbria in 1975 and we lived in Fort William for 5 years. From Fort William we moved to Blairgowrie in Perthshire and remained there for 7 years after which we moved to Dunoon. Alf's work with Hydro Electric has been the driver in our moves and we have been incredibly lucky in the friends we have made in each location.

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

My family are incredibly important to me and it's wonderful to have both our children, Matthew and Donna, living closer again. My other passion is animals, in particular horses. I have always had a great love for horses and spend as much time as

possible with them, they are such peaceful creatures. I currently have 1 ½ horses, that is a coloured cob called Tommy and Rusty - a Shetland pony. We also have a German shepherd, 2 cats and a snake! Apart from Meghan the dog, we inherited the other pets. One of the cats belonged to Donna and the other was my brothers. The snake belongs to Matthew but since his wife doesn't like them Alf has assumed responsibility, I'm not keen and have never even held him.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

The people - we have a wonderful supportive family within HT. Like most families we don't always agree with each other but there is a great deal of respect, tolerance and love within our community. I truly believe that we can grow stronger during this vacancy if we pull together and put our trust in God. Our pattern of worship is changing and although it is an adjustment from the comforting, familiar weekly Eucharist I enjoy Morning Prayer, I find the comfortable silences within the service allow time for reflection and prayer. Although I cannot sing a note I love the music John provides for us and our singers are second to none.

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

I am on the Vestry as Treasurer but really don't know what I would do without the wonderful Richard who keeps me right. I enjoy our regular finance sessions as Richard makes number crunching fun. I'm also a welcomer, server and Chalice bearer.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

I have lots and lots of favourite hymns which have special meaning to me, some I just love as they are so beautiful. The hymn I recite daily is 'Come down, O Love Divine' I find that the words enable me to focus my mind for meditation and prayer. Since I have such an appalling singing voice hymns for me are said prayers, I have therefore always found something special in all hymns.

Growing Together



During the vacancy we thought we would try and keep learning. This month the subject is **'Hope through Change'**.

Think about some significant times of change in your life. Write these down and think about whether they were positive or negative. Try and recall some of your feelings at the time; for example: anticipation, excitement, dread, disappointment. What hopes were fulfilled or dashed?

Memory is where our thoughts, words, feelings and experiences of events and relationships are stored. As individuals and groups we can recall past events. These memories interweave to inform our present and shape our future

Perhaps one of the functions of memory is to serve hope. We often think of hope as being an anchor, a refuge, a lifeline. We can also think of hope as being a Christian virtue. It is an attitude of the heart and involves orientation towards the future, in the light of the promises given in the past, and trusted while journeying in the present

At special times in our life we see how memory gives hope. Special events such as anniversaries or celebrations enable us to locate sources of hope for the way ahead. We can use Christian festivals and celebrations in a similar way.

Looking at the Bible there are lots of examples where hope is mentioned as a source of comfort to focus on when times are hard. Perhaps some of these will help us in time of change.

Psalms 42, 62, 130
Romans Chapter 15, 1-13
Hebrews Chapter 6

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

Maureen McKellar

Obituary

Eva Collings



Evalyn May Collings died on 8th May 2009 at Inverreck Eventide home. Born at 3 Rockhill Terrace Dunoon on 10th May 1922 she was known to everyone as Eva. During the war she married and had two children, son Brian and daughter Frieda. Her family grew to be 5 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Eva was surrounded by photographs of them all and could tell you all about the latest news of each.

As a member of a group of ladies who met regularly at the Rectory, fondly known as "The Work Party", Eva enjoyed the fellowship of a happy band who assisted in all aspects of church life such as – church decoration and cleaning at major festivals and sewing and knitting for sales of work.

Eva was also a regular worshipper at Holy Trinity and her daughter Frieda was married.

She had a caring nature, not just for her family but also for the wider community. She became an auxiliary nurse and showed her patients that same care and attention.

During her last years she spent much time in the Medicine for the Elderly Unit and in Inverreck Eventide Home.

We send our condolences to Eva's family at this sad time.

Submitted by Irene Storie, Maurice Smith and Dinkie McEwen.

Vacancy News

Four representatives from Holy Trinity met the Bishop, the Dean, the Diocesan Secretary, the Diocesan Treasurer and Representatives from St Paul's and St Martin's on Monday 25th May.

This was a very productive meeting where we signed a Minute of Agreement formally agreeing to submit a joint application with St Paul's Rothesay to become a Linked Charge. The details have still to be worked out but this formalises our current arrangements.

At this meeting it was formally noted that St. Martin's Tighnabruaich would become a dependent congregation of Holy Trinity. This means that they will no longer be registered as a charity and their accounts will be included with ours as from a date in the summer, possibly 1st August.

We also submitted first drafts of the Church Profile, which is the first step in proceeding to search for a new priest



The Team at work

Flu Pandemic

Given the number of confirmed Swine Flu cases in Dunoon, please be assured that the Vestry is monitoring this closely, is regularly seeking Diocesan guidance and will take appropriate action if there is thought to be any cause for concern. Meanwhile, bacterial handwash, wipes, tissues and paper towels are in regular use.

Vestry Report

The Vestry met twice in May on the 15th and the 27th.

At the first meeting the Vestry unanimously agreed that the Minute of Agreement could be signed at the Colintrave meeting with the Bishop, the Dean and the Diocesan representatives. The Minute of Agreement formally requests that Holy Trinity and St. Paul's Rothesay become linked charges.

The Vestry also agreed to have a working party one day to tidy up the grounds. It was also agreed to try and curtain and furnish the Rectory so that visiting priests could use it and to deter break-ins. Ann agreed to be the co-ordinator of this project.

At the second meeting there was feedback from the Colintrave meeting and discussion on some of the practical issues arising from linked charges, such who the Paying Officer was, the formation of a joint bank account and the fact that we would need a new constitution.

We discussed the schedule of services and options for priest cover over the summer months.

We had a brief discussion on Finance.

There was some lengthy discussion on the fabric problems of church and rectory (see separate piece).

The Vestry discussed the guidelines issued by the Scottish Episcopal Church on what to do if there is a flu pandemic.

The next meeting is the 29th June.

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.



The £50 Pledge Challenge

Holy Trinity Recipe Book

I am planning to compile a recipe book. Please look out your favourite recipes and give them to me and I will compile our very own recipe book.

Sharron Barnard

Poetry Books

My poetry books will be on sale at church for £5 each.

Christine McIntosh

Congratulations to:

TIE dye T Shirts

The tie dye t shirts are becoming this year's must have article – Graham even managed to sell Bishop Martin one – purple of course! Graham is still taking orders.

Kilmun Flea Market

Alan and Fiona had another successful stall at Kilmun Flea Market. £52 was the final figure, so many congratulations.

Homeless Starter Packs

The Churches Action Group to help the homeless is an ecumenical effort in Cowal. The idea is to provide starter packs to help the homeless as they move to having homes.

The first delivery of donations from Holy Trinity was made recently. The items were gratefully received. All small household goods and toilet items are welcome (see leaflets in the social area of church). This is an ongoing project as, sadly, this is also an ongoing problem.

Ann

The Organist Writes

Preparations continue for the Diocesan Festival (Sunday 7 June 3.00) which I hope many of you will be able to attend. There will be plenty for the congregation to sing and I'm running a short practice in the cathedral from 1.15 till 2.30 following lunch at 12.00. If you have questions in this regard please see me.

You may be interested to know that the Kilbride Mass is soon to be sung in Gaelic by Taynuilt Gaelic Choir.

John

From the Counting House

As I write this Pentecost approaches and I hope to report some great results from the Flower Pots next month.

Recently Richard and I met the Diocesan Treasurer, Jean Ainsley, the Diocesan Secretary, Peter Kemp and the Treasurers from St. Paul's Rothesay and St. Martin's Tighnabruaich to discuss areas of mutual interest. After the meeting we showed Jean and Peter around the Church and Rectory. Fortunately it was a beautiful evening and the place looked good, despite our fabric problems.

The £50 pledge challenge continues to do well and we have enough to commission the most urgent work on the roof of the church. I hope we can keep our efforts going.

Chrissie

Note from Editor: the Pentecost Flowerpots total is £686 with more expected as a result of Gift Aid. Well done everyone!

Skills Register

Remember to fill in your form letting us know your skills. The more we have, the better we can support each other.



Farewell Kimberly

35 of us met together at Rio's Restaurant on Sunday 3rd of May to say farewell to Kimberly. We had a lovely meal and there was a celebratory atmosphere despite some sadness at the loss of our priest.



Kimberly then spoke, thanking us all and wishing us the very best for the future.



Ann spoke on behalf of us all as she thanked Kimberly and asked her to accept a couple of small gifts and a cheque from us.



Graham gave a humorous account of some episodes in Kimberly's ministry with us and presented her with a number of gifts related to these – a large gold star, a new fire lighting kit, her very own orange road cone being three of these.



Kimberly shows the photograph presented to her of herself and a dog

Kimberly tries on a Gold Star for size



Altogether it was a fitting end to her three years with us.

Kelvin's Sermon

This is the sermon preached at Kimberly's Institution in Dunblane by the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral Glasgow



The story is this. A young woman gathers herself up and takes herself off at some speed for a town in the hill-country. There she finds a safe and secure place to be. There she finds a place where she can sing her own special song.

The young woman Mary flew as fast as she could to the sanctuary of her cousin Elizabeth's home in the gentle Judean hill-country. There she abided awhile and there she sang the song, the Magnificat, a hymn of praise, a hymn of justice, a hymn of putting the world to rights and a hymn that Christians find is just too good to stop singing.

And tonight we seem to be celebrating a remarkably similar event. A young woman gathers up her goods and chattels and has arrived here at some speed – as fast, at least, as moving house can ever be. She arrives right here, right now in a small town nestling at the end of the Ochil hills. A place to abide in peace. And, Kimberly, this is the place to which you now belong.

And your task, should you chose to accept it. (and I suggest that having brought us all to this place, you do), your task, is simply to teach people here to sing Mary's song anew in this place that bears her name all these years later.

We'll come back to that in a minute, but right now, just let me pause for a moment and think about the feast day that we are celebrating. You have nudged us into celebrating a feast tonight – that of the Visitation. Let the congregation of St Mary's be

aware that this is not the first time that Kimberly will very gently and very firmly give them a nudge.

The Visitation should be celebrated on 31 of May, but this year 31 May is a Sunday and its Pentecost to boot. If that were not enough, it's the day on which the new Casting the Net diocesan plan is launched. So the Feast of the Visitation gets a nudge. Not to Monday, which is the day on which the rest of the church will celebrate but to tonight, because it seems just too good a chance to miss. The story of Mary meeting Elizabeth is just too good to miss for a church dedicated to Mary which is welcoming its new Rector.

This feast goes by a number of different names. Here in the Western Church we know it as the Visitation. In other parts of the church it is known differently. Some call it The Meeting. Some call it, The Encounter. Rather more potent, profound names for a feast which is pregnant with good things.

The Meeting. The Encounter.

Kimberly. I remember when we met. I've known you for almost as long as anyone else in Scotland. We met in your first couple of days at University, thrown together by nothing more than the changes and chances of a queue for a meal in a hall of residence in freshers' week. That was a time when neither of us belonged to the Scottish Episcopal Church and had I been able to foretell you your journey then you would have laughed and laughed. (And probably danced merrily off in the opposite direction).

This is the feast of the Meeting. The Encounter. And I can't but help myself from remembering the first time we met.

Twenty years ago, I met someone in a queue for food who had within herself unusual gifts. An uncommon intelligence. An uncommon kindness. An uncommon gift for friendship. And I know from being in at least one of your Scottish Country Dance classes that you know exactly how to be in charge.

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Looking back now, it seems so obvious that you would have ended up a priest. Your own meetings and encounters with God and your own meetings and encounters with the people of God, have made you the person who stands here ready to take hold of a new challenge.

And here you arrive, breathless no doubt after your move, here in this town in this hill-country.

You arrive in a place that I know a little about. When I was living down the road in Bridge of Allan, I worked with some members of the congregation here at St Mary's on their Mission 21 plans.

I know that by now, they will be ready to use your gifts. And I know that one of your gifts is allowing the gifts of other people to flourish.

And you have a job to do. Your job, as I see it is to help other people to keep singing Mary's song. Oh, there will be new ways of singing it. You'll make it sing on your blog and on facebook and you'll enjoy learning how to send out the message of worship and praise, of justice and of joy, on twitter too. But you will enjoy too the Meetings, the face to face Encounters here in this place that make being a rector such a special and uncommon vocation.

I know that you will enjoy being the Rector of a Church dedicated to our Lady. Her song of praise is one that you are familiar with. It is already a keystone of your own prayers. Tonight, you take on the responsibility for singing it in a new place.

I have my hunches that you know how to do that.

My guess is that it means encouraging others to sing the songs of freedom and liberation that Mary herself sang to the infant Jesus. I guess you plan on keeping the doors of the church open to welcome those who think they have no place here. I've a notion that you will enjoy helping adults to play and I know that you will be taking the prayers of God's youngest friends with the utmost seriousness.

Tonight Kimberly, we all celebrate with you your arrival here. The fact is, that for now you know where you should be in the world. And I know that you know how to teach this congregation to belt out that Magnificat song in a world that desperately needs to hear it.

When Mary and Elizabeth had their meeting, there was a lot of excitement. There was a lot of goodwill. There was a lot of singing. And a lot of joy and delight.

Tonight is no different. Those things are yours to celebrate too. Yours to keep. And yours to share.

And may your soul magnify the Lord and your spirit rejoice in God your Saviour.



Two from Dunoon celebrate the occasion

Bishop David says a few words



Kimberly replies and thanks everyone.

Notable dates – June

Thurs 4	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sat 6	Trinity Sung Eucharist 7.30pm celebrated by Rev Eamonn Rodgers
Sun 7	No service at Holy Trinity, Diocesan Festival at Oban
Thurs 11	Evening Prayer
Sun 14	Pentecost 2 – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 18	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 21	Pentecost 3 - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 25	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 28	Pentecost 4 - Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 30	Evening Prayer 5.15

June Readings

Trinity	Isaiah 6, 1-8 Romans 8, 12-17 John 3, 1-17
Pentecost 2	1 Samuel 15, 34-16, 13 2 Corinthians 5, 6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4, 26-34
Pentecost 3	1 Samuel 17, 57-18, 5, 10-16 2 Corinthians 6, 1-13 Mark 4, 35-41
Pentecost 4	2 Samuel 1, 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8, 7-15 Mark 5, 21-43

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