



# HolyTrinity News

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## Lest we forget



When I was young I thought Remembrance Day was really for those who had lived through the two world wars. With so many wars having been waged in my lifetime, I have come to realise how important it is that we give thanks to God for our freedom and remember those who have given their lives in the pursuit of it

In the UK the following lost their lives:

- 395,000 during the Second World War
- 1000+ during Northern Ireland Troubles 1969 - 2007
- 237 during the Falklands Conflict 1982
- 45 during the Gulf War 1991
- 100+ during the Afghanistan Conflict 2001-
- 175+ during the Iraq Conflict 2003-

They shall not grow old  
as we who are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869 – 1943)

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## What's Ahead

In November we look forward to:

- Book Group on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Coach House, Toward at 7.30pm
- Russian Concert Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November Congregational Meeting with Bishop Martin and Ann Tomlinson 2.00 – 4.00pm Rectory

### Dates for Diary

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 3.00pm Advent Carol Service
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Congregational Meeting with Bishop Martin

## Rector's Letter



### Dear Friends

As I write to you, I am looking out at a car covered with ice, I have just reached for my scarf, and the cat is leaning firmly against the radiator. Suddenly it is winter, and since the sun rose as the temperature dropped that feels like a good thing.

This month offers us a steady procession of focused liturgies. After the endless sea of green, we now have All Saints, Remembrance and Christ the King to look forward to. We also welcome the Russian Choir mid month, and then meet with the Bishop and Anne Tomlinson for a review of our development as a congregation on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. This meeting with Anne and +Martin is an important time to pause and reflect on our journey over the past two and a half years. I realise that we seem to have rather a lot of opportunities to 'stop and think' lately: the vestry away day in the summer, two congregational meetings, the liturgy workshop. The vestry Focus Groups are also doing a good job at keeping us alert to different areas of development (for Individuals; the Church Community; and the Wider Community). However, it is right and proper that this internal work of the congregation be shared with our Bishop with the help of a provincial facilitator. I hope that you will make the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> a priority: 2 – 4pm at the rectory.

I know that others are summarizing the Liturgy Workshop that we had at the end of October, but I want to add my own reflections too. I was impressed by the work that so many of you did that day and by the generosity and humour shown.

A full range of perspectives were present, from those who would choose, if they could, never again to confess as a 'miserable offender' void of health, to those who are not at all convinced that blue for grey is a wonderful exchange. Despite that – or perhaps because of it – we came to a clear articulation of what we valued in both liturgies and offered each other perceptive articulations of the theology at work in both liturgies.

In the afternoon, conversation moved on to our current practice and the details of our service. The group expressed a clear desire to stand at the start of the service as the servers and clergy enter. There is also a shared will for more deliberate silence in our worship (which you may remember I began to address a few months ago). So, don't be surprised if before the service, people resist attempts at conversation so that they can pray. Then, if you suddenly find that you are on your knees and everyone around you has stood up, don't worry: it means the service is about to begin. Stand if you can. Sit if you can't. Other times of silence will be introduced in stages, and might be experienced first as 'breathing space' between the readings, or between the sermon and creed. I will talk more about this over the coming weeks.

Finally, a quick word about communication. In a small congregation where much happens by word of mouth, and many people are not able to be present weekly, it is inevitable that sometimes we miss hearing things (or saying things). Can I remind you that the Newsletter now goes out the first Sunday of the month (and sometimes before). We continue to print notices in the pew sheets. Weekly notices and the Newsletters are also available on the web page. I will soon be adding a forward planning calendar to the web page so that all known events will be listed. Failing all that, you can contact me or members of the vestry by phone or email. We are trying to keep everyone informed about the life of the congregation, but if you've been away, please do take the initiative to find what you need.

Every blessing,

## Meet Carolyn Smith

*When did you first come to Holy Trinity?*

I first came to Holy Trinity in the summer of 2006; coincidentally when Kimberly started. I had been brought up in the Church of England and on moving to Dunoon, found Holy Trinity was like the safety of coming home.



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

I was raised in Merseyside and after schooling joined the Cheshire Constabulary based in Warrington. Straightaway I met my husband David – also a Police officer. I worked on section, in the control room and following hip surgery moved into the Training department. It was there that I really found my happiest times, looking after and supporting new recruits. My family had already moved to Dunoon and consequently Dave and I would visit. Very quickly we decided that we would love to move to Dunoon on our retirement. Five years ago our dream home became available sooner than expected and so we bought our “nest in the west”, initially as a holiday home but always intending to move permanently.

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

I have always enjoyed swimming and although somewhat limited on dry land I like to think the odds are evened once in the pool

Another passion has always been gardening. Although Dave now does the heavy stuff, I still enjoy doing the frills. We are working hard on our new passion – home grown vegetables.

A new interest has been learning quilting. Although I learned to sew as a child quilting is a completely new challenge. My main problem is that I strive for

perfection which leads to many hours of unpicking.

Another new interest has been boating. Dave always dreamed of having a small boat to go out fishing. This was realised earlier this year.

*What do you like about Holy Trinity?*

Holy Trinity is vitally important to me. (When we moved to Dunoon I attended Kilmun church, being unaware of the Episcopal Church. As much as I enjoyed the Church of Scotland, I missed the feeling of being part of, and involved in the service). And so when I first came to Holy Trinity I surprised myself about how much I remembered from childhood and in particular my favourite prayer – The collect for purity. A new aspect of worship for me has been “The Peace”. Being a typical Brit I was initially uncomfortable but between Kimberly’s explanation and Sharon’s music, I have now warmed up to the Peace. As much as I am in awe of Kimberly’s preaching and prayers I am really fond of the times when other members conduct the prayers. No matter how low I may feel just being within Holy Trinity’s walls always makes me feel better. It really is a place of spiritual healing.

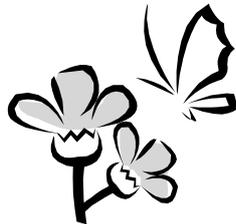
*What do you do (or have you done) around Holy Trinity? What do you enjoy about it?*

I have recently started to do readings and am pleased to take part. My favourite time of helping is Christmas – I think it is really wonderful when members of the congregation and especially their children come to church together to decorate the Church and dress the tree

*What is your favourite hymn and why?*

I like so many, particularly ‘Jerusalem’, the national anthem and ‘I vow to thee my country’. But if I were really challenged to choose, the two that never fail to bring a lump to my throat and a shiver down my spine are firstly “Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, You are one with us.....Living Lord”. The second is “Amazing Grace” which is particularly special as having spent many years being very angry with God it says how I now feel about being saved.

## Growing Together



Here at Kilbride, the leaves are almost all gone from the trees (and have found their way into the rectory) and we are left with the strong clean lines of branches. It is now that I am aware of the wisdom of a tree: energy extended into frilly leaf all summer then pulled deeper and deeper in to sustain life against storm and cold. We all need times of withdrawal to sustain life – time to let the hopes and dreams that dance on the edge of our consciousness in times of optimism to find a more lasting home in the centre of our desires. Holy Trinity is such a busy little congregation with so many dreams. The questions I want to pose for us this month is this:

What do I need to let go of for my dreams to grow?

What leaves must drop so that you have energy enough to sustain life? God keeps us going in those frantic swirling moments when all life is at the edges. But real growth comes when we can slow down and let God into the centre, where our deepest desires lie.

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## Can you hear?

During the Liturgy Day we had discussion about how well people could hear in church. We were thinking particularly about the intercessions or the readings. If you are finding difficulty hearing any part of the service, please speak to the person concerned or talk to the Rector.

## A Christ-like God

Jesus said, 'When you have seen me, you have seen the Father.'  
 So thus — like Father, like Son.  
 God looks out from His eyes;  
 Speaks with His voice;  
 Works with His hands.  
 So God shows His compassion—  
 Heals the sick; cures the lame;  
 Makes the blind to see and the deaf to hear—  
 He it is who walks amongst us.  
 Gathering us to Himself with his words —  
 Calling His children to His side;  
 Showing the nearness of His Kingdom.  
 God it is who loves the outcast, the  
 Unloved, the dispossessed.  
 He who shows us the road to justice and truth.  
 He is the one who bids us love our neighbour.  
 And He it is who looks at us with  
 Love shining from His eyes,  
 Then stretches out His arms wide and  
 Suffers there and dies.

— Anne Narraway 2008

This was written by Ann as part of an assignment for Lay Training.

## Bible Study on St Mark



Our series of six Bible Studies on St. Mark proved interesting. We looked at different passages, checking for connections, studying some of the background and context and looking for the implications in our life and time. Our final session studied the Last Supper, a fitting background for the Liturgy Day. After the prayers, Morag, who had led us, played the Clarsach. It was beautiful. Thanks Morag for that and for leading us.

## The Liturgy Day

On one of the wettest, stormiest Saturdays that I remember, around a dozen of us gathered at the Rectory to talk about the liturgy. After a welcome coffee, Kimberly explained that the liturgy was the shape which leads us to encounter God. She asked us to think what the liturgy said and showed us about God and about us. She explained that what we pray does matter. We shouldn't always be comfortable with the words, sometimes we need jolted by the Spirit. We may need different images at different times in our Christian journey.



Our first task was perhaps the trickiest of the day. We had to line up in order from one end favouring the 1970 (grey book) version to the other end favouring 1982 (blue book) version. We each had to negotiate our place in the line – not an easy task – it is difficult to put into words some of these deep feelings.

Just when we thought we were settled, Kimberly mixed us up again into two groups. There each group looked at one of the liturgies:

- Compiling a list of words we use to address God and to talk about God
- Considering images about us
- Come up with a consensus picture describing the relationship between us and God.

As each group was a mixture of grey book lovers and blue book lovers, I think we were all surprised how easy it was to reach a consensus in the group. We also discovered that while the words and images were different; our individual journey (grey book) and God in our midst (blue book), during the discussion there was a lot of agreement.



The Group pictures depicting our relationship with God.

After lunch the focus was on our worship at Holy Trinity. We covered too many subjects to discuss here, but we will all be hearing more about some topics over the coming months.



Just to give you an overview of the discussion, we talked about:

- Use of the Peace
- Spaces for silence
- Kneeling, standing and sitting during services
- Patterns of services
- Use of arts and music in the liturgy
- Use of the Reserved Sacrament
- Use of incense

Altogether it was an enjoyable and informative day. Thanks are due to Kimberly for not only running the day but feeding us too. I am sure I speak for us all when I say we learned something which will help us in our worship.

Maureen McKellar

## The Organist Writes

This newsletter is relentless in its marking of time passing! But in the weeks since the last one we have had our two advertised Singing Workshops, attended by a sufficient number of the congregation to make it possible to introduce some new music. Indeed, by the time you read this we shall have used the psalm learned at these sessions, and I hope you were able to join in with the lead provided by those who knew what they were doing.

We are currently preparing for the visit on November 19<sup>th</sup> of Voskresenije, the Russian choir we have hosted for several years. Jurij phoned recently and announced that the programme was "90% new music"; please put the date in your diary and try to encourage your friends from outwith the church to come with you. As we will be providing refreshments at the interval this year, it should be more of a social occasion involving more of us in the organisation.

As Inspector Clouseau might have said: *Have you a reum?*

John, Organist

## The Vestry Report

The Vestry meeting was cancelled on 15<sup>th</sup> October due to illness. We are due to meet in November.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that work has begun on the windows in the Sacristy.

The old windows have been removed and are being carefully repaired and re-leaded in the workshop of Rainbow Glass. They will then be replaced and will include an opening hopper. Despite all the rain recently, the windows were removed on one of the few beautiful autumn days.



## From the Counting House

Since our 'real' Treasurer has disappeared into warmer climes and Ann has also seen fit to leave us in wet and windy Argyll, it fell to me to try and hold the finance fort for HT. This requires that I have to count and bank the collection and will be involved with the processing of the figures into the accounts. I must thank Pauline and Margaret who allowed their coffee to go cold in order to ensure 'transparency' as they counted the collection. To avoid such a situation arising again and in the interest of not subjecting our much loved and hard working congregation members to cold beverages, perhaps it should be considered that we ask both Richard and Ann to *stop taking holidays* (only joking!)

Richard has frequently reminded us about the benefit to the Church of Gift Aid and I would like to add my voice to this request. The completion of a very simple form provides valuable resources for our beloved community. As most of us are taxpayers in one way or another, this very simple act can help support us. If you need further information about Gift Aid please contact either Richard or myself.

Chrissie, Deputy Treasurer

## Comments and Clippings

- We send condolences to Catherine Webber on the death of her sister-in-law Joan. Our thoughts and prayers are with Catherine, her brother Alistair and the family.
- The next book for the Book Group is 'The Red Tent' by Anita Diamant. This will be discussed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Newsletter is free but donations are welcome. There is a jar at the back of the church.
- Remember to fill in and return the form from last month letting us know your skills and abilities.

## The Wider Church:

### Sea Sunday

We celebrated Sea Sunday this year with our sister churches St. Paul's and St. Martin's. We held a joint celebration of the Eucharist at Rothesay followed by a lovely lunch.

Kimberly spoke in her sermon about some of the work of the Mission to Seafarers, reminding us that most of our food and commodities travel to us by sea. We were all amused when towards the end a great storm blew up as if to remind us why we were supporting Missions to Seafarers and praying for those whose daily lives are spent at sea.



### Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers, formerly called The Missions to Seamen, is a missionary society of the Anglican Church, founded over 150 years ago, which cares for the spiritual and practical welfare of all seafarers regardless of nationality or faith.

Through their network of chaplains, staff and volunteers in 230 ports worldwide, they reach out to them by visiting them on their ships, offering a welcome and whatever help may be needed.

In over 100 ports they run centres where seafarers can relax away from their ships, get local information, find help with problems, share worship and telephone or email home.

The Mission's flying angel logo is inspired by a verse from the Book of Revelation:  
*"Then I saw an angel flying in mid-heaven with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those on earth, to every nation and tribe, language and people"*

During an average year they make 75,000 ship visits, help seafarers make 170,000 international telephone calls, welcome a million seafarers to their centres, visit 800 seafarers in hospital, distribute 2000 bibles and Christian leaflets, and do many other similar tasks. We are grateful to Pauline for all the work she does on our behalf for Missions to Seafarers.



## News from Mississippi

Some of you will remember Chris and Vicki Scott. I had the pleasure of staying with them in their new home in Van Cleave, Mississippi, last month. They have settled happily into this State and have a lovely home with extensive grounds. Their children have now left home and the couple are on their own – except for three horses and five very large dogs! They own a bar and grill which opened on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October to a packed house. Sadly I missed this event as I left the day before. I took lots of pictures which will be available as soon as I can get to the chemist.

Ann Narraway

## Notable dates – November

### Sun 2 – All Saints

### Sun 9 – Remembrance Sunday Lay Team/Hugh Celebrating

Mon 10 Bible Study Genesis 7.30pm  
Rectory

Fri 14 Book Group 7.30pm at the Coach  
House, Toward

### Sun 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Wed 19 Russian Concert at 7.30pm Church

### Sun 23 – Christ the King

Sat 29 Congregational Meeting with  
Bishop Martin & Anne Tomlinson  
2.00 – 4.00pm at the Rectory

### Sun 30 – Advent 1

## November Readings

All Saints Revelation 7, 9-17  
1 John 3, 1-3  
Matthew 5, 1-12

Remembrance Sunday Joshua 24, 1-3a, 14-25  
1 Thessalonians 4, 13-18  
Matthew 25, 1-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Judges 4, 1-7  
1 Thessalonians 5, 1-11  
Matthew 25, 14-30

Christ the King Ezekiel 34, 11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1, 15-23  
Matthew 25, 31-46

Advent 1 Isaiah 64, 1-9  
1 Corinthians 1, 3-9  
Mark 13, 24-37

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