



Holy Trinity News

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Autumn Once More

The summer has gone and the wind and rain show autumn is with us once more. Now we are in a period without a Bishop. Please remember in your prayers those who are charged with finding us a new Bishop. Meanwhile inside, you can find details of Bishop Martin's visit to us last month.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been on a recent visit to Japan. He preached at a girls' school and what he had to say seemed relevant to us all, so that is included in the Wider Church this month.

Swine Flu Pandemic

Following feedback from a number of members of the congregation regarding receiving Holy Communion in one kind only, namely bread, the Vestry Secretary was asked to write to the Bishop and the Dean to find out if there was any way the restrictions could be lifted. The following was the reply from the Dean:

'The latest guidelines (originating from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and supported by the Scottish Bishops) is that communion should be in one kind only until further notice. The celebrant will consecrate both elements, but only the celebrant will take the wine. Intinction is not an option, because it is almost impossible to instinct the Bread into the Wine without touching the side of the chalice and so risking the spread of infection.

Things may seem to be easing in Dunoon – but we now have confirmed cases here in Oban, and there is concern that it might all return in the "flu season", perhaps in a more virulent form: so, no relaxation of the rules: we have to show responsibility to each other, and it would be totally irresponsible for us to ignore the guidelines as far as worship is concerned, and perhaps put people at unnecessary risk.'

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What's Ahead

This month we are back to our usual schedule of services in the autumn. We are delighted to have Reverend Hugh Lee with us on Sunday 4th and Reverend Peter Rice back with us on the 18th October to celebrate Sea Sunday.

Remember the clocks go back on Sunday 25th October.

Dates for the Diary

All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year. At the morning service we will also remember those who have died, with the reading of the All Souls List. Please fill in the names of those you have loved and lost to be remembered.

Holy Trinity AGM is on Sunday 29th November after the morning service. Please mark the date in your diary and do your best to attend.

There will be our usual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 6th December. This was beautiful last year and well worth coming to before we enter the busy period leading up to Christmas.

Letter from Bishop Martin



Saturday 19th September

To: all the charges of the Diocese

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Saturday 5th September, a Farewell Service was held in St John's Cathedral, Oban. This involved my laying down the Diocesan Crozier on the altar as a sign of demitting office as your Bishop. As you can imagine, this was a moving moment.

The Dean of the Diocese, Norman MacCallum preached at the Eucharist. During his sermon, he spoke of the occasions when he and I along with others prayed in silence in the Lady Chapel of St John's. This reminded me of the occasions when similar times of prayer and vigil have been held in various parts of the Diocese. My prayer now is that all of you in each charge will allow the Spirit of God to deepen your personal prayer life and that of your charge as you come together to pray and worship. My own feeling is that this Diocese has a particular spiritual role in being the place of 'hidden' prayer for the Church and the world.

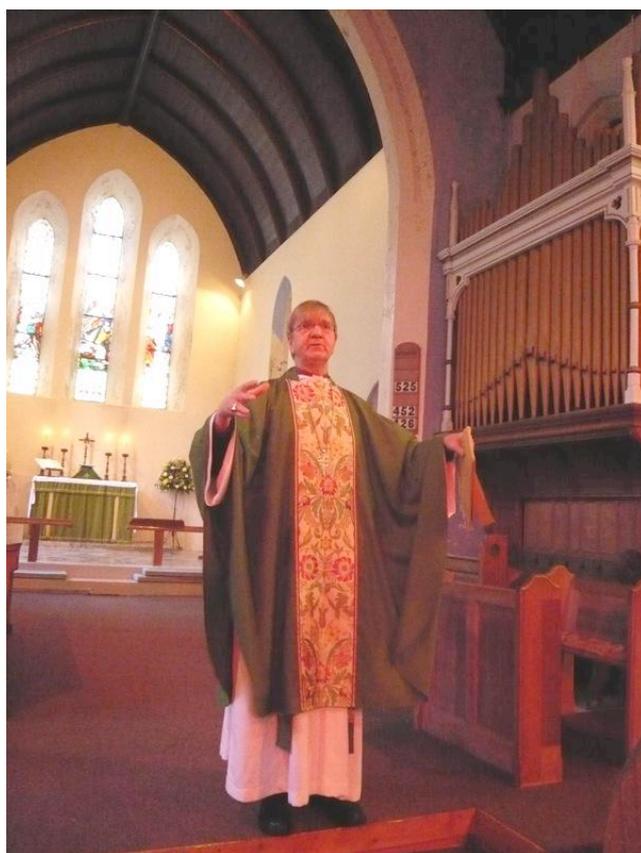
At the end of the Farewell Eucharist, Elspeth and I were presented with generous gifts. For Elspeth there is a glorious painting by David Graham of Rhum. She also received a sheep-skin rug for her side of the bed! I received the incomparable iPhone, with which I am looking forward to having a play shortly! Then there was the hugely generous cheque for £1500 which will obviously be helpful

towards our getting the house in Exeter ready. Elspeth and I would be grateful if you would convey our thanks to your congregation for the generosity and kindness, not only now, but throughout our time in the Diocese. We have also received other gifts from around the Diocese, which will help keep you in our minds and hearts.

You and yours will be in our prayers as you enter the period of the Episcopal Election.

In the Love of God,

+Martin



Bishop Martin celebrating the Eucharist at Holy Trinity on September 20th 2009

Bishop Martin's Farewell



It was my turn to write up the service for our local paper on the 21st September. Thirty-one years ago in the same paper (oh dear - I must be getting old) I wrote of the institution of our new Rector, a young priest called Martin Shaw. There is a photo in the yellowing clipping of a grinning, bearded cleric as he prepared to embark on his first solo job after curacies in Scotland and England. I well remember the excitement generated by his arrival.

On Sunday 20th September that same priest, minus the beard, came to celebrate the Eucharist for the last time as Bishop of Argyll and The Isles. We were bidding our farewells to Martin, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, and the service he conducted was a poignant mixture of joy- hilarity even- and sadness. I tried in my piece for the paper to give a flavour of the occasion, this is what I wrote:

‘Martin began by pointing out that though he was still our Bishop – until the end of September – he had no crozier. That had already been laid ceremonially on the altar of the cathedral in Oban, as he symbolically set aside his authority over the Diocese. Starting from the Gospel reading, he spoke to us of humility and authority: who would be first must be prepared to be last among us, and that, he said, includes bishops.

‘He pointed out how most of the Episcopal churches in Argyll – including Holy Trinity – have four candles on the altar, two on either side of the crucifix. This he told us, was a custom initiated by Bishop Chinnery-Haldane over 100 years ago, and reminded us of the wounds of Christ.

‘On this, he built a picture of the wounds as we might experience them, linking them with the words of an ancient hymn we had just sung: Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est (where there is love, there God is). We have to consider when we have been deeply loved; when we supported another in love; how we reflect on the world and its problems; how we worship God in the liturgy; how we listen to others. He ended by asking if we enjoyed our lives with God, and exhorted us to the deep happiness that brings an inner light to all we do and say.

‘A brief summary can’t really convey the impact of one of Bishop Martin’s sermons, nor of the infectious joy of his singing. It’s fair to say we were high on words and music as we all headed over to the Rectory for one of those miracle meals in which a little food from everyone feeds a multitude. We laughed, we enjoyed one another’s company, there were tears. It was good to have been there. We and our sister charges in Tighnabruaich and Rothesay wish Martin and Elspeth God speed and a wonderful challenging retirement.’

Christine McIntosh
(photographs, too, courtesy of Christine)



Meet Jennifer Woodward



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

I moved to Dunoon with my husband James in July 2007 and started attending Holy Trinity about August the same year.

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

We lived in West Wickham in Kent where I was a Sheltered Housing Manager and Extend teacher. My husband James was a builder.

Due to James's health we made a decision to move to Scotland and chose Sandbank. My parents were both still alive at that time. We have three daughters and one son and four grand children.

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

Since moving to Sandbank we joined the Red Squirrel Group and a walking group. We have been on walks around the Dunoon area and have made new friends as well as seeing beautiful scenery.

I am a member of the Choral Society and we are at present practising for our Christmas Concert.

I started my own business in February of this year "Dusters Domestic". I provide domestic services for clients.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

I enjoy attending Holy Trinity as everyone is friendly and helpful. I particularly like it that we have coffee after the service where we can chat and catch up on what is happening.

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

I like helping with the welcoming, reading, coffee and occasionally the flowers. We have pledged to raise money for the building fund and to that end I had a coffee morning earlier in the year. I also helped with the Christian Aid Collecting.

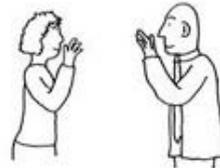
What is your favourite hymn and why?

Fight the Good Fight is my favourite hymn. I find the words very inspiring and a good description of faith and life.

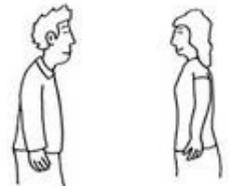
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SHARING THE PEACE

POSSIBILITIES CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS IN THE LIGHT OF THE SWINE FLU SITUATION



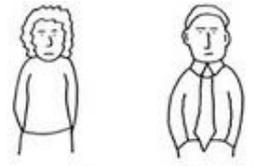
THE SHEEPISH WAVE OF PEACE



THE WINK OF PEACE



THE TEXT MESSAGE OF PEACE



ADMITTING THAT THOSE WHO DISLIKE THE PEACE WERE RIGHT AFTER ALL

The above was seen recently in the Church Times and on the blog of Madpriest.

Growing Together



This month we are going to think about being children of God.

Read:

Paul's letter to the Galatians 3: 21 to 4: 20

Isaiah 64: 8-9

Deuteronomy 14:2

Adoption, by its very nature, is an act of free kindness to the persons adopted. If you become a father by adopting a child, you do so because you choose to, not because you are bound to. Similarly, God adopts because he chooses to. He has no duty to do so. He need not have done anything about our sins save punish us as we deserved. But he loved us; he redeemed us, forgave us .. gave himself to us as our Father.

Nor does his grace stop short with that initial act, any more than the love of human parents who adopt stops short with the completing of the legal process that makes the child theirs. The establishing of the child's status as a member of the family is only a beginning. The real task remains: to establish a filial relationship between your adopted child and yourself to win the child's love by loving it. You seek to excite affection by showing affection. And so it is with God. Throughout our life in this world, and to all eternity beyond, he will constantly be showing us in one way or another more and more of his love, and thereby increasing our love to him continually.

J.I Packer

Action:

Think carefully about the implication of being made a Child of God. How does one live as a child of a living, holy God? Pray that you will live like a child of God, not like a child of this world.

Maureen McKellar

Taken from **Time with God** edited by Amanda & Stephen Sorenson

Fabric

During our very wet September, we saw water coming into the Church in two places. The Vestry have asked a builder for an estimate for the urgent temporary repair while the ongoing longer term work is taking place.

We have still to get a firm date from Northern Steeplejacks for fixing the loose cross and slates round about it but hopefully that will be very soon.

Meanwhile we are trying to ascertain between ourselves and St. Paul's what work needs to be done before a new priest comes to live in the Rectory.

Maureen McKellar

Vestry Report

The Vestry met on 9th September.

In addition to the standard agenda items of the Service Schedule during the Vacancy, Finance, Property, update from the Pastoral Co-ordinator, the following were discussed:

It was reported that a letter had been received from the Dean instructing us to continue with the restrictions at Holy Communion in the light of the Swine Flu pandemic.

We agreed to celebrate Sea Sunday with St. Paul's and St. Martin's invited. The date fixed was Sunday 18th October.

We finalised the arrangements for Bishop Martin's farewell service with us.

The next Vestry Meeting is on Wednesday 14th October.

Vacancy News

We are hoping to get the go ahead shortly from the Diocese to advertise for a priest and soon will sign the Memorandum of Agreement with St Paul's to formally link the two congregations.

The Organist Writes

A fact of life for anyone involved in church music is the need, as the nights draw in, to think of Christmas – or, in this case, Advent. In the last couple of years we've had an Advent Carol Service, to which we invite our friends in Rothesay and Tighnabruaich. This year, our Advent Service will take place on Advent 2 – Sunday 6 December – at 3pm, here in Holy Trinity. The singers will be a small group from Holy T and St Paul's, and they will soon begin rehearsing.

Please put the date in your diary and resolve to be there, with a friend if possible! A service such as this takes a great deal of preparation, and is only possible if we have really good support from the congregations – there will be plenty of singing for you too. We'll not even think of Swine Flu at this juncture ...

John

From the Counting House

The new Financial Year begins on 1st October and the Joint Bank Account with St. Paul's will be operational from that date. Each congregation will put in money monthly to fund payment of stipend (when we have a priest) and joint expenses such as rectory repairs.

The accounts for the past year are in the process of being completed and audited prior to presentation at the AGM on the 29th November. Please collect a set of accounts when they are available and come along to discuss them on the 29th November.

As you can see from the Fabric article, we need any money you can spare for the urgent repairs needed to both church and Rectory.

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

Trinidad Talk

Mac has fixed his Trinidad talk for Saturday 10th October at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. It will be held in the Rectory with some Trinidadian nibbles. This is a 'not to be missed' event.

Tie Dye Tee Shirts

The final count for Tie Dying is 26 tee shirts 'dyed' and 24 sold. This made a grand total of £162.

A big thank you to all who bought them and especially Ann who now has a unique collection!

There are 2 left, at the back of the church, for sale. Your last chance to own a unique designer top!

Thank you all again. Graham

Holy Trinity Recipe Book

Sharron is still looking for recipes for the Holy Trinity Recipe Book. If you have a favourite recipe, either main course, desert or perhaps baking, please pass it to Sharron for inclusion.

Silk Painting Workshop

Names of those interested in a silk painting workshop to be held on a Saturday soon are still required. An expert in this is coming to Dunoon to teach us. If you are interested please let Maureen McKellar know.

Has anyone got a new idea for a challenge to make £50? Just because you have had one event does not stop you having another go! We need to try and raise as much as we can to repair and renovate the Church roof.

The Wider Church

The Archbishop Canterbury has recently been visiting Japan. Here is a sermon he preached to girls in a school¹ in Japan.

'I want to say a few words about the reading we heard from The Gospel. But I want to begin by taking you back to your first few days in this school. Often when you go to a new school you don't quite know what the right thing is to do. Perhaps everybody else seems to know but you don't. Now, of course, if you have good teachers (and I know that you have good teachers) they will tell you what to do, but perhaps the most important thing is you watch what other people are doing, and if people are feeling kind to you, they will show you what to do.

'Now when Jesus says, "I do not call you servants any longer because servants do not know what their master is doing", maybe he's thinking of something like this: "How do we learn what the right thing is? How do we learn how to live a human life?"

'It's true that God has given us rules on how to live a human life but it's much more important that God has shown us how to live a human life. God doesn't just give us instructions from a distance – God comes into the middle of the world and he lives as a human and he shows us his friends how to live. Just as in a school we learn from watching one another, so in the Church, in the community of Jesus Christ's friends, we learn from watching Jesus. So what do we see if we watch Jesus? We see him reaching out his hands to those that everybody else has forgotten. We hear him speaking words of love and friendship to those who think that never again will they be loved. We see him speaking words of promise to people who are tempted to live in despair. But above all, we see him giving his entire self in love without reservation, without fear. He is prepared to let go of his safety even of his life, so that others may live. And so we, who are his friends, we keep our eyes

on him and we watch all that. And so, slowly, we begin to learn how to live a really human life. It's not living a human life when we are too busy to speak words of promise to others. It's not living a human life to keep ourselves so safe that we can't understand the suffering of others. A real human life is one where we look out for those who are forgotten by other people. A real human life is one where we give other people a reason to live. We show them that they have friends; we show them that there is hope.

'So if we are the friends of Jesus, it's because we know and we see what he does. We seek to live like that and to make more friends for him. In any human community, this is how Christians should behave. And the same is true here in a school. Each one of us needs to give everyone else a reason to live. Each one of us is called to show to the person next to us that they're not forgotten. And so when we go out from school, that's the message we have for the whole of our society in which we live.

'The message is that no one is forgotten, no one is beyond help. The message is that God is willing to be the friend of anyone and everyone and we show it by our willingness to be the friends of anyone and everyone. And so perhaps one of the prayers that we offer for a school like this, is that it will be a place where people learn. People learn about the friendship of God because of what they hear of this place in worship. Then they begin to show that to one another, and to carry it out into the rest of life. And that perhaps is what Jesus means in the words he speaks in the Gospel: I've chosen and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.

'He's given us a job to do, and that job is to go and make friends in his name. That is the kind of 'fruit' that endures. The results that will make a long term difference to our lives, and the lives of those around us. And if we live like that, Jesus says to us: ask the Father, ask God for whatever you like, because your lives will be open to the gifts he wants to give. Wherever you go, you will carry the gifts of God with you – in your face, in your words, in your hands, in your eyes. So may God make us his friends, may God make us friends to one another, and may God help us make the world a place of friendship.'

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¹ Koran Girls' School in Tokyo (St Hilda's School) – for 12 to 18 year olds was established in 1888 by Bishop Edward Bickersteth to enhance women's education based upon the spirit of Christianity. Bishop Bickersteth was sent to Japan by then SPG in 1886. He was the person who was instrumental in jointly implementing the missionary activities of CMS and SPG in Japan. He was consecrated to bishop by the Church of England in 1886 just before he came to Japan and became the second Primate of NSKK.

Notable dates – Oct/Nov

Sun 4 Oct	Trinity 17 - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Hugh Lee
Thurs 8 Oct	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 11	Trinity 18 – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 15	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 18	Trinity 19 Sea Sunday - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 22	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 25	Trinity 20 - Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 29	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sunday 1 Nov	Trinity 21 All Saints Day – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Readings

Trinity 17	Job 1, 1 & 2, 1-10 Hebrews 1, 1-4 & 2, 5-12 Mark 10, 2-16
Trinity 18	Job 23, 1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4, 12-16 Mark 10, 17-31
Trinity 19	Job 38, 1-7, 34-41 Hebrews 5, 1-10 Mark 10, 35-45
Trinity 20	Job 43, 1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7, 23-28 Mark 10, 46-52
All Saints Day	Wisdom 3, 1-9 or Isaiah 25, 6-9 Revelation 21, 1-6a John 11, 32-44

Church Contact Points

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Bible Study	To be advised
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