



Holy Trinity News

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Coconuts at Kirn

Lots of fun was had at Holy Trinity's coconut shy at the Kirn Gala. Some people were better at firing coconuts than others. The picture evidence is on page 5.

As we return to autumn, church activities increase. There are a number of events coming up. Do note the dates in your diary.

Message from Ireland

Some of you may remember that this time last year Hugh baptised Charlotte Deehan while she, her parents Tracy and Marius and her brother Thomas were over on holiday. The excerpt below is taken from a note recently received from Tracy together with a photo of Charlotte.

It is indeed hard to believe a year has passed since Charlotte's big day. She is doing very well, chattering away like a granny and up on her feet and into everything!



Great to hear that Holy Trinity has a new Rector and that repairs have started. It is such a lovely Church in a fantastic setting, it will be great for you all to see it at its best.

Best wishes, Tracy'

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What's Ahead

Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Rectory the Book Group will meet to discuss 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak

Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm Italian Dinner at Jennifer's – see page 6

Sunday 26th September – Back to Church Sunday, a chance to invite your friends to church

Each Thursday at 5.15pm there will be a celebration of the Eucharist

Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd October Singing and Sizzlers – see page 7

Thursday 4th November – Russian Choir
Voskresenje return to Holy Trinity – see page 7

Sunday 5th December – Annual Meeting

Rector's Letter



Dear Friends

We are, as ever, in a busy time of year in our church community.

This month we hope to start, at last, the urgent building work to restore the tower of Holy Trinity Church. We have been awaiting the outcome of grant applications, and have received sufficient funding to allow the urgent repairs to begin. I wish to thank all of those who have worked to apply for grants (especially Maureen McKellar) and also all of those who have so, so generously donated funds for this work. We will continue to seek grant and other funding to assist us with fully restoring our beautiful worship space, but for a short while to come, please don't be surprised as we share Holy Trinity with scaffolding and building materials!

There is, of course, much more to being a church than the fabric of our building, important as that may be. Our church is the people who worship, who pray, who find God's presence with us. We are also continuing to work hard to extend the warm welcome that Holy Trinity offers to all.

We are, therefore, continuing to hold many excellent social and fundraising events. Our plan is to try and have one significant event each month. Watch the pew sheet and elsewhere in the magazine for details, but a series of concerts, dinners, sales and other activities will be on offer over the next few months. These will give us a

chance to spend time with friends, welcome new members and often to raise funds for the building appeal! The recent success of the coconut shy at Kirn gala was a heartening example of both fundraising and profile-raising for Holy Trinity!

We must also remember the spiritual aspects of life at Holy Trinity. There are many prayer needs in our local community as well as further afield in the world. If you know of any person or situation that needs prayer, please let me know and we will make sure that daily and Sunday prayer can be offered. I hope to help us further develop our life as a church of prayer over the next few months.

Have a blessed time this month, as autumn approaches.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Arden'.

Comments and Clippings

Reverend Paul Fletcher is appointed Rector of St. Mark's East Kilbride. We send Paul and Sheenagh our best wishes.

We regret to report that the Reverend Canon Jim Wynn-Evans died on Friday 20th August. He was a well known figure in the Province, being Chaplain to the Primus and Communications Officer at one time.

We send Verity and Cillian Morgan our very best wishes for their first Wedding Anniversary on 5th September.

Everyone passes on thanks to the Swift Family for their most enjoyable Open House.

In the article on Vi Twist in last month's Newsletter, the Work Party numbers should have been 14 not 40. Apologies to Maurice Smith, it was an editorial typo!!

Meet Catherine Webber



Catherine with her daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter

When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

My husband, Ian and I came to Dunoon in 1982. As we ran a hotel we couldn't come to church regularly at the beginning. After we retired in 1997 I became a regular communicant.

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

I was born and grew up in Edinburgh. I met my husband-to-be, Ian, while still at school. We later married in the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. Ian was in the navy so we moved to Portsmouth. We then lived in various places in England and each of our 5 children, Derek, Sheila, Karen, Diane and Julie was born in a different place.

While in England I began attending the Church of England and I was confirmed in 1958 and then the children were all baptized in the Church of England.

We came to Dunoon from Abington. Ian retired from the Navy and we took over a small hotel in Dunoon and worked there till we retired.

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

I am passionate about bridge, belonging to two local bridge clubs. I love hand-bell ringing and belong to Cowal Hand-bell Ringers. With family all around the world (New Zealand, Qatar and USA) it is just as well I like travelling. I also like reading, crosswords and scrabble.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

I like the Sung Eucharist and the feeling of family at Holy Trinity. I always feel when I return from travelling and enter Holy Trinity it just feels like coming home.

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

I am a member of the Vestry and on the coffee and church cleaning rotas. I am part of the Book Group and my liking for Scrabble gave us one of our entertaining £50 challenges. I enjoy the fellowship in all these activities.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

I like lots of hymns but one of my favourites is 'Be still for the Presence of the Holy One is here'. I find it so peaceful and in my view sets the scene for the service. Another hymn I like is 'Tell out my Soul the Greatness of the Lord' which has a lot of family connections.

Back to Church Sunday

26th SEPTEMBER

The Most Revd David Chillingworth, Primus says, "Many people think about coming to church, but it's difficult to make a start. Back to Church Sunday offers everybody an opportunity to make a start. It's a time to join with others in coming to church - or back to church - for the first time".

Back to Church Sunday is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. Do you know someone you could invite to Holy Trinity that day?

Growing Together



Michaelmas falls at the end of September, as the autumn colours set well and truly in and the chilly fingers of the colder weather start to grip. The darker evenings might make us feel like turning our collars up as we hurry home, or turning the heating up in our cars as we rush around our daily business and back to our warm homes. It is all too easy to become inwardly focused at this time of year!

But the feast of Michaelmas – the feast of Michael and All Angels – encourages us to think differently, even as the evenings draw in and the nights become cold. We can celebrate Michaelmas in all sorts of ways – I have heard so much about the wonderful installation in the pier terminal on a previous year. Solemn celebrations, joyous masses, craft-filled activity can all be possible reactions to the account of Michael and All Angels, the biblical creatures that serve God, are not human and are shrouded in mystery.

Recently I received an e-mail from a friend of one of my children, a girl who now lives in Australia. She asked me for some ideas for a talk she had to give: Are there angels among us?

That is a very good question, of course. We rarely see the biblical creatures with six wings or monstrous heads that are actual depictions of angels. If we did, we would probably go and get our glasses prescription checked! But there are many stories of strangers who appear at times of need, help people, and then seem to melt away without a trace. Are these angels? That is another good question.

But, at this autumnal time of year, we can try and concentrate on opportunities to BE angels! Rather

than rushing by, or hiding in our warm cars, we can make the effort to look out for our neighbours, for those around us in our community. We can keep an eye out for elderly friends, making sure that they are managing in the darker evenings. We can contribute to homeless charities. We might be able to help others make it up the steep drive to our church, even when the leaves are piled high as the limes shed their summer finery! We can even just keep those in need around us in our prayers, praying that God will comfort and protect all God's children.

This Michaelmas, we can ask, 'Are there angels among us?' The answer might just be, 'Yes – and you're one of them!'

God bless you all.

Prayer Corner

This is a new idea where we can pray for people or concerns. Just let the editor know.



This month please remember:-

The people of Pakistan affected by the floods and the aid agencies working so hard to reach them.

The young people who attended Glen 10 as they return to their churches.

The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles and the Bishops searching for our new Bishop.

The sick and housebound of Holy Trinity.

Kirn Gala Fun



Pauline and Robin at the coconut shy



Pauline, Alf, Chrissie and Susan have a chat



Andrew wins a coconut!



A busy coconut shy



Robin shows us how to throw coconuts

Invitation



An evening of Italian food, music, conversation and good company.

Date: Saturday 25th September

Time: 7.30pm

Venue 3, Ferrymans, Sandbank

Tel no: 01369 707505.

Suggested donation £12 per head

RSVP to Jennifer - Bring a bottle.

Fundraising Team News

Now that Andrew has been our Rector for three months, it was time for the team to meet to discuss our role and plan some future activities. The team met Andrew on 31st August.

Smartie Tubes In August the challenge really got underway. Most people have received a tube of Smarties; if you have missed out please speak to Pauline. Some people have already brought back a tube full of 20p's. It will be interesting to see just how many 20p's can fit in a Smartie tube. Indications are that it will be more than the predicted £11.00. Proceeds from this activity will be credited to the Appeal Fund.

Flower Pots The original steel flower pots have become very rare. However the idea behind them is still definitely worth cultivating! Thanks are due to Andrew and Mary for acquiring a fresh supply of "flower pots". If you would like to take part and would like a metal flower pot please speak to Andrew, Mary or Pauline. If you missed this activity previously, a brief outline follows.

Small flower pots were issued. Each member of the congregation was asked to put £1 into the container each week. If any or all of the money was needed during the year, it could be used. At Pentecost the next year the remaining contents were brought to church. Money raised in this way is paid into the general fund.

Susan and Robin Watling ran a **Coconut Shy** at Kirn Gala during Cowal Games Week. Those who helped out on the night were delighted with its success. Our team is pleased to report that it actually made a small profit. The most important aspect for Holy Trinity was taking part in a local community event and the enthusiastic reception it received.



Future Events

Saturday 25 September – an Italian Dinner party will be hosted by Jennifer Woodward, time 7.30pm, suggested donation £12 per head, venue 3, Ferrymans, Sandbank. tel no 01369 707505.

– RSVP to Jennifer .

Friday 22 October - Singing and Sizzlers – for more details please ask John or Christine McIntosh. This event will involve two favourite activities – singing and socialising over a shared meal.

Please look out for more details in the next edition of the Newsletter (October) once events and dates have been agreed at Vestry.

Pauline Revill, Team Member

Chimney Pots

We are pleased to report all chimney pots have been taken by members of the congregation..

Easyfundraising

Are you still using our **Easyfundraising** site.

We have now reached £200 – just through buying things we would have bought anyway.

Please tell your friends about it and ask them to benefit Holy Trinity. If you haven't tried the site yet, it really is 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 you (at your own computer) if you ask her. Think of hassle free Christmas shopping.

The web site is www.easyfundraising.org

From the Counting House

We have had some more good news, our claim for the return of VAT on building work on the Church has been agreed. We will get more than £1400 back. Thank you Maureen for all the work you have put in, filling in huge forms and joining Andrew and I scrabbling among old files on the floor to dig out the necessary paper work.

A meeting with St Paul's treasurer has been held and I think an improvement in the working of the financial side of our Linked Charge will result. A face to face meeting is worth 100 emails. I came back by bus from Rothesay, I think we are very fortunate in this part of Argyll in our bus service, and the drivers who operate them.

As you know it was said at the time of Andrew's appointment that the Augmentation would only last for three years. We think we have heard that all before each time a new priest arrives and we are still getting the aid a number of years later! I think the "high hied yins" mean it this time. After all, this money currently about £900 a month comes from some other Church's giving. Why should they slave away in the big city to support us who choose to live in a beautiful place. We must find a way of being more self supporting in the next three years. Our future at Holy Trinity with a full time stipendiary priest depends on it.

Richard, Treasurer

Fabric Report

As the Rector indicated in his letter, we have received sufficient funds from generous donations and grants to begin the tower work. We have asked the builders to begin work on the tower as soon as they can schedule this. The work will replace the steel beams, put up scaffolding, repair the valley gutter, eradicate the rot in the tower and reinstate the vestry.

As far as the remainder of work in the church is concerned, we were unsuccessful in our bid for Heritage Lottery funding on this occasion but will seek other grants and still hope to be able to work to restore the building to its former beauty. We also intend to apply again to the Heritage Lottery next year.

Maureen McKellar

The Organist Writes

The shades of night are falling fast ... at least, it's almost Autumn, and we need to start thinking about a few more musical events. So far, I can tell you that we're planning on having another Singing and Sausages event (remember Psausages and Psalms?) – on Friday 22 October; we'll probably barbeque the sausages in the oven unless some Global Warming takes effect – and that the Russian choir, Voskresenije, will be returning to Holy Trinity at the beginning of November. At the moment, it looks as if the date will be Thursday 4th November, so please put that in your diaries as well.

We'll be looking for a great turn-out at both these events, but in the meantime keep singing and remembering all you've learned!

John, Organist

Vestry Report

The Vestry met on the 18th August.

The Rector took us through the report he had produced for the Diocese and Province which sets out our mission and vision and our plans to be free from augmentation in around three years time.

We discussed the changes authorised by the Bishops to the 1982 Liturgy and agreed we would like to produce our own Holy Trinity Service Booklet for 1982.

At every Vestry Meeting we now have an item to discuss the Linked Charge, our dependent congregation of St. Martin's Tighnabruaich and links with other churches.

As is usual there was considerable discussion on Finance, Fabric and Fundraising.

We agreed to set up meetings of our Focus Groups to consider how we take forward our mission and vision. A small Publicity Group has been set up to look at all our leaflets and booklets to update where necessary and draft new ones as required.

The next meeting is Thursday 23rd September.

Maureen McKellar
Vestry Secretary

Notable dates – Aug/Sept

Sat 4 Sep	Rectory Open House 2-6pm
Sun 5 Sep	Pentecost 13 - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 9 Sep	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sun 12 Sep	Pentecost 14 - Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 16 Sep	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sunday 19 Sep	Pentecost 15 - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am Eucharist 3pm Tighnabruaich
Thurs 23 Sep	Eucharist at 5.15pm Vestry Meeting at 7.15pm
Sun 26 Sep	Pentecost 16 - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Thurs 30 Sep	Eucharist at 5.15pm
Sunday 3 Oct	Pentecost 17 - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am

Readings

Pentecost 13	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33
Pentecost 14	Exodus 32. 7-14 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Luke 15. 1-10
Pentecost 15	Amos 8. 4-7 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16. 1-13
Pentecost 16	Amos 6.1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6. 6-19 Luke 16.19-31
Pentecost 17	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10

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