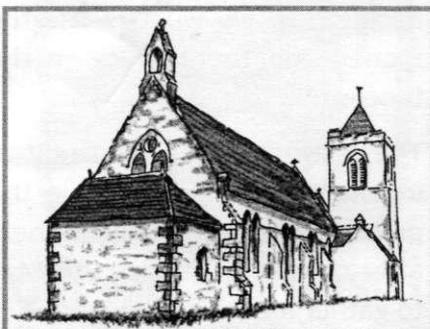


# Holy Trinity Dunoon Vestry News

The vestry met on Thursday 19th April for a regular meeting, and had a special meeting on Thursday 3rd May with a local architect. This news-sheet is a short summary to share some headline news from those meetings.

**May 2018**



## Who are your vestry?

Very Rev Andrew Swift (Rector & Chair)

Di Tennent (Lay Representative)

Maureen McKellar (Secretary & Treasurer)

Dinkie McEwen (People's Warden)

Val Taylor (Rector's Warden)

Rev Elaine Garman (As an observer)

*Elected members (in alphabetical order):*

Louise Holley

Christine McIntosh

Colin Sibley

Charlie Smith-Tennent

Michael Smith-Tennent

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# Mission News

## **"Mission Seed" Grant**

Holy Trinity has been given £2,000 from the Diocese to spend on mission. We have to decide how we want to use the money and report back to the Diocese.

The vestry feels it's important to involve the Congregation in the process: a meeting is being held after church on Sunday 6th May to gather ideas and thoughts

## **Schools Report**

A team from HT led on "Experience Easter" at Dunoon Grammar School, for the sixth year running. The five stations show the children the story of Holy Week and Easter. It runs with "Experience Christmas" each December, and is supported by people from other churches. Elaine and Andrew have also run assemblies in Toward and Innellan Primary Schools throughout the school year.

## **Walk of Witness**

Holy Trinity supports the annual walk of witness with publicity and money towards the event insurance.

## **Eco Congregation**

The HT Youth Group are discussing the Eco-congregation Audit of the church and will report back to the vestry and congregation.

## **Starter Packs Plus**

This project was reporting items needed and requesting funds to buy materials for people setting up home in entry level social housing. A collection to raise funds will be held in HT. Dinkie McEwen is the HT rep on the committee.

## **Foodbank**

The Foodbank box in church will be started up again, with updated lists of what is needed and how to deliver it (see below).

## **Dunoon and Cowal Foodbank**

Drop off food at the Dunoon Baptist Church on Fridays between 12 and 3pm. If you need help contact Social Work, H.E.L.P. etc.

# HT Finance Report

Maureen McKellar leads the treasury team at HT, with counting, Gift Aid, book keeping and budget monitoring all in this team. The April vestry was the six month point in the church's financial year.

## **Fundraising: a challenge for us all!**

The £50 challenges are important ways to build community, have fun and raise funds. Please think about a small fundraising event that you might be able to support. The large fundraising events (coffee morning, Christmas Fair, ceilidhs etc.): please continue to support!

## **Giving: please re- view your standing order each year!**

Our financial position is behind budget, as we had hoped for an increase in our giving to meet increased costs, and while people have put up their giving, more is always needed. Please review what you give, and if you are able to, consider an increase.



## **Gift Aid and GASDS: a success story**

The 'Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme' (GASDS) means we can claim Gift Aid on cash donations below £20: this is making a big difference. The Gift Aid on Standing Order and envelope donations is also a very important part of our finances.

## **Pentecost Flower Pots**

Pentecost is Sunday the 20th May: please finish collecting your £1 per week, and bring the pot with the £52 (or more!) on that Sunday. It's an easy way to fundraise as the year goes by...

