

VIEWS FROM THE HILL

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From the Rector

Dear brothers and sisters, a warm welcome to this edition of 'Views from the Hill,' the newsletter of Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church Dunoon. It has been a very busy few months for our church and this edition captures some of the highlights of these news and events.

The practical side of church life continues, with preparations for the major refurbishment, the 'Restoration Project,' interesting the vestry and our architects. We are well on the way to be ready to start work next year.

Our spiritual life has seen us journey through Lent and Holy Week, then reach the highlight of Easter, the mystery and

wonder of God's plan for us fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Our Lent course explored key aspects of Christian belief and life by examining that well known text, the Lord's Prayer. The pattern of our worship, Sunday by Sunday and Thursday by Thursday has continued. The spiritual health of our church community is very encouraging.

So, where are we now going to go? Some highlights:

Our buildings and setting will continue to have a large impact as we move through this year, fundraising and planning for 2013. As we hold events and raise the profile of the church,

more and more people in Dunoon are realising that there is a lively and welcoming community here, in our beautiful setting on the edge of the Argyll forest.

We will, along with the rest of the United Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, hold the 'Compass Course,' an exploration of Christian faith and spirituality from a Scottish Episcopalian perspective. Bishop Kevin, as he moves into his second year of his episcopacy, is working hard to encourage and support us and the members of our sister charges.

A 'priory' of the Scottish Guild of Servers is going to start at Holy Trinity this summer: we have enough servers under Mac's guidance to achieve this new status. More recruits

for the serving team are, of course, welcome.

The future for Holy Trinity continues to look busy. We can also take much encouragement from the many achievements that we have made.

As ever, God bless you all



The Photograph shows Holy Trinity's display at the Diocesan Pre-Synod Day in March



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Holy Trinity Restoration Project: progress report



Photograph © Christine McIntosh

Project Progress

To remind ourselves what this is all about, at the end of this project, the vision is for Holy Trinity to be dry inside, for the roof and walls, inside and out, to be in excellent repair, for the windows to be restored to their original beauty, for all the woodwork to be rot and pest-free and for inside lighting to be a modern, efficient, safe system. There is much work to reach this vision – this work has now started.

The architects, ARPL, based on Ayr, have been contracted by the vestry to run the development phase of the project. This work has now started, with detailed measurement and initial survey of the building already taking place. Contractors will now be engaged to see how much rot has to be repaired and to detail the list of all the other repairs to be carried out.

The full list of work includes leadwork repair, water elimination, roof repairs, timber & rot

works, wall restoration, stained & leaded glass and electrical repairs. It is a complex task to create specifications and appoint a main contractor for the work. This task will be completed later this year.

Next year, we anticipate that work will begin in the spring, and will take much of the year. For a period, it is likely that the inside of the church will not be accessible for worship, visiting and other services. The vestry will make other arrangements for a place of worship for both our regular pattern of worship and also for weddings, funerals and other occasional events. The outside of the church may well remain scaffolded for most of the period of the work. More news of the detailed schedule will become available as the architect develops the plans.

Financial progress

As we reported in the last magazine, the largest job that we have as a church

is raising our financial contribution for the delivery phase. We have received several very generous donations towards the project, and fundraising efforts (Maggie Reilly, bag packing and other events) have raised nearly £2,000 towards the project this year. Grant applications are in progress, although to date we still have to hear any outcome or be awarded any funds. A summary of the project funding status (for both phases) to date is given below.

Updates on progress with fundraising and the development phase of the project will be provided in the newsletter and displayed in the church. If you have any good ideas or plans or concerns, please speak to Andrew or Maureen. There is a lot of work ahead of us, but the vision of a restored, transformed Holy Trinity will make it well, well worthwhile.

	Budget	Allocated/awarded
HLF & Historic Scotland allocation	£247,400	£247,400
Holy Trinity Funding		
	Budget	Obtained/assumed
Listed Place of Worship VAT Grant (assumed)	£21,525	£21,525
Small Grants	£29,954	Nil
Donations or Pledges (with Gift Aid)	£12,000	£11,530
Fundraising (from previous years and this year)	£10,340	£10,164
Investments Available to be used (if we must)	£5,000	£5,000
Total Holy Trinity Funds required	Budget: £78,865	Raised: £48,219

Appeal from the Rector: Holy Trinity's Finances in 2012

Firstly, may I thank everyone for their generosity and hard work in supporting the work of Holy Trinity over the past few years. The financial giving and personal efforts that go into making our church a vibrant, welcoming, worshipping community are quite extraordinary and remarkable.

This time last year I appealed, on behalf of the vestry, for everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their giving. The costs of ministry are increasing, we were predicting a deficit budget and we have been given a hard target to reduce our need for financial support from the General Synod Office in Edinburgh. The response to this appeal was wonderful. Our overall month-by-month giving

levels have increased by nearly 30%. Some of this is giving by newer members, and some of this is from generous increases from those who already support the church.

This year, for first time in some years, we hope to be able to break even, after we receive our support from Edinburgh.

This year, we again need to try and increase our income. The bills and costs of ministry are ever-increasing, and we still have to start to reduce the support we get from Edinburgh. I would be grateful if you could, once again, prayerfully consider whether you might be able to increase the regular gift you make to the church. A 5% increase this year, and in future years, would make

a significant difference to the future of Holy Trinity.

There are many things we can do to help with the church's financial health. If you have recently increased your giving, may I thank you. If you are a tax payer you can contact the treasury team about envelopes and registering for Gift Aid: a painless increase of 25% for everything you give. If you give by cash or envelopes, maybe you would consider setting up a Standing Order, to keep your payments regular and in your control.

I am very conscious that times remain hard, and personal finances can feel stretched, but I, and the vestry, would be most grateful if you would consider this appeal.



Christain Aid Bag Pack

Dunoon Co-Op

Friday 8th June

10am to 6pm

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please sign up in Church or contact:

Dinkie McEwen (705257)

All offers of help greatly appreciated!

Events team news by Mary Swift

Firstly a huge thank you to all the 'Holy Trinity Bag Packers' - what an amazing effort in March raising £1000!!!! For the restoration project. - thank you everyone a truly wonderful effort. Can I now encourage you to sign up to help with the Christain Aid Bag Pack on Friday 8th of June (see Dinkie McEwen for details).

We have several up coming events the 'Restoration Project Launch' on the 22nd of May (7.30pm in St Mun's Hall) looks to be going to be a fun, informative evening with a chance to hear a bit more about the plans for Holy Trinity while enjoying some food

& fellowship.

We celebrate our Patronal festival on Trinity Sunday - the 3rd of June. After a celebration Eucharist with Baptisms we will enjoy a 'Bring & Share' lunch together in the newly improved social space at the back of church - if the sun shines & the midges allow we hope to be able to spill outside too!

The next big fund raiser is our summer coffee morning in St Mun's Hall on Saturday 23rd of June from 10am to 12noon. We do need your help to make this event a success so please do encourage your friends & family

to come along & do what you can to help with either the preparations or on the day itself. We will need donations for the: Tombola; Book; Bric-a-brac; Craft & Baking Stalls as well as donations of cakes etc for the teas. All of these stalls will also need volunteers to run them so please sign up to help where you can. The funds raised at the coffee morning will go towards Holy Trinity's ministry costs.

It looks like it is going to be a busy few weeks ahead - we look forward to seeing you at some (or hopefully all) of these events.

**Trinity Sunday
3rd June
Bring & Share
Lunch**

After the 10.30am Service

Bring yourselves & some food to share. Soft drinks will be provided.



**All Welcome,
Please Join Us**

*More details from Mary Swift
702444*

Holy Trinity, Dunoon

**COFFEE
MORNING**



**Sat. 23rd June
10am - 12noon
St Mun's Hall**

**Crafts
Bric-A-Brac
Baking
Tombola
Books**

**Tickets £2 adults / 50p Kids
includes refreshments
available on the door or from church
members.**

**Phone 702444 for more details
Fun for all the family**

All Welcome

Growing as disciples: Compass Course & Pilgrims on a Journey



Compass Course

All charges in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles are taking part in a discipleship course for church members, called the 'Compass Course.' This course, adapted from one developed in St Andrew's, Dunkeld & Dunblane diocese, is a three part exploration of Christian worship and faith, from the perspective of the Scottish Episcopal Church. This course follows on from the 'Building the Vision' activities last year. Each session will use a course booklet to stimulate discussion on key issues in Christianity, with a focus on Anglican

and Episcopalian practice and belief. Dates and times for the three sessions are:

Monday 6th August - 7.15pm

Monday 20th August - 7.15pm

Monday 3rd September - 7.15pm

Andrew will lead and facilitate the course in the Rectory. Please contact him for more details.

Pilgrims on a Journey

The monthly course for explorers of the Christian faith has been running since last year. This course suits anyone who has recently come to church or anyone who would like a refresher course on the 'basics' of Christian life and faith, will conclude its current ses-

sions this summer. The dates and days have changed to avoid clashing with the Jubilee Bank Holiday and to fit in before the schools break up.

The new dates for the sessions are:

Wednesday 30th May - The Resurrection

Monday 25th June - The Holy Spirit

All are very welcome to attend - and it does not matter if you have been at any before.

Each session starts at 6.30pm with a light meal, followed by a presentation and discussion on a particular theme for the evening. If you would like to take part, please let Andrew know (702444 or rev.andrew@familyswift.org.uk)

Easyfundraising



Do YOU shop online? If so you can help raise money for Holy Trinity - at no cost to yourself.

So how does it work? You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htcdunoon>

for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailers website, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to Holy

Trinity at no extra cost to yourself. You can shop with most major retailers through the site e.g.. Amazon, M & S , Boots, Argos so before you spend anything online its always worth checking if you can put it through easyfundraising.

Why not give it a go there are some fantastic offers out there.

If you need any more information please speak to Susan Watling (701037) .

Israel and Egypt at crossroads: is a political déjà vous in the Middle East possible?

By Charles Howie

Last November I went on a pilgrimage with fellow Christians from Christ Church in Surrey to visit the Holy places of Christianity, also to meet Palestinians, both Christian and Muslim. We visited the Golan Heights in the north of the country, where Israel still occupies Syrian territory, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. What I saw of people's lives under Israeli military control was as shocking as anything I've seen anywhere, and that includes living in Dhaka in the

late 1960s, up to and including the first days of the civil war in 1971. We met and heard from Palestinian and foreign workers working for <http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/worldvision-jerusalem>) and the Holy Land Trust (<http://www.holylandtrust.org/>).

We visited the community centre in Aida village, a village encircled and cut off from Bethlehem by Israeli separation wall and gates, but with Palestinians living on each side of it. We visited Bethlehem Bible College (<http://www.bethlehembiblecollege.edu/>) and Musalaha (<http://www.musalaha.org/>), a Christian organisation

working for reconciliation, and we were taken on a day's tour of old Jerusalem and East Jerusalem by Yahab, an Israeli who is active in the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAH) (<http://www.icahd.org/>).

Yahab in particular, but also others, explained how Palestinians' houses and lands are occupied, new Israeli settlements are initiated and Palestinian houses are identified for demolition. The encirclement of Bethlehem and Nazareth by Jewish settlements, fully condoned by the Israeli State, a process still going on, has been followed by the construction of the so-called 'separation wall' between Palestinians and Israelis. These walls and their rare gates obstruct the daily lives of all Palestinians, making them wait and waste their time in tedious queues, devastating for business, restricting access to medical services, even preventing them from leaving their areas altogether. Farmers are separated from their lands and construction of the wall has destroyed, we were told, a million trees already, including 200,000 olive trees. When farmers are prevented from attending to their land, the Israeli state declares the land to be 'unoccupied' and it passes to Israeli settlers. In East Jerusalem, where many Palestinians have had the right to live since the settlement of 1967, no permission is being given for house alterations or the construction of new

Wall and gate separating Palestinian refugee village of Aida from Bethlehem. The wall extends to the left, behind the coach. From a tall building nearby, untended fields were visible behind it. Farmers in Aida have been cut off from their lands. Eventually Israel will declare these fields to be 'unoccupied' and will likely give them to Israeli settlers



Remains of a Palestinian house destroyed by Israel. The state of Israel forbids Palestinians from building houses in East Jerusalem. Spy planes are used to monitor and detect constructions. This was the scene in the refugee village of Jabal Mukabbir. Just along the road were new apartments blocks, occupied by Jewish settlers and guarded by security gates.



buildings for Palestinians. If a couple get married they have, we were told, four options: move in with their relatives; leave East Jerusalem altogether; try and live outside East Jerusalem and come in each day to work; or make an illegal construction. The second option denies them access to many employers, while the third and fourth options are dangerous. Palestinians with the right to live in East Jerusalem, but found to be living outside its boundaries and entering daily to work are deemed to have changed their style of life and thereby forfeit their right to enter Jerusalem. Unauthorised house construction, if discovered (and the Israelis use spotter planes and aerial photography to monitor changes) results in owners becoming liable to a fine equivalent to the cost of construction, and the house will be earmarked for demolition. 'Actually', said Yahab, 'the Israeli authorities don't need to carry out many demolitions, only 50 or 60 a year. With

10,000 houses marked for demolition, demolishing just a few tens each year keeps thousands of Palestinians living in fear.'

In all these ways the economic and social life of the Palestinians, Muslims and Christians, is being strangled, and the natural environment they depend upon is being plundered and destroyed. The terms of the 1947 division of the former Palestine Mandate, which Britain administered after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in 1917, have been completely flaunted by Israel. By its actions, Israel appears to have three ambitions: democracy; a Jewish State; and settlements on Palestinian lands. These three goals are inimical, they are mutually exclusive. In order to achieve a Jewish state they have to deprive Palestinians of their rights and their lands. In depriving the Palestinians of their rights, Israel cannot call itself a democracy.

Compare this with what has happened in Egypt since the beginning of

2011. Last year on Boxing Day I went to Egypt with two friends on a short holiday . Last minute decision, not cheap, stayed in a posh hotel, which seemed to charge us for the very air we breathed, all utterly mad. 'We will do Egypt in a week', we said and so we did. In Cairo we did the museum, pyramids, camel ride and river trip. We flew to Luxor at 4am one morning and were in the Valley of the Kings by dawn. We visited the temples, hired a river boat for an hour's relaxing sail, and experienced feelings of sheer awe at what the ancients had achieved. On the final day we went by minibus to Alexandria, to paddle in the Mediterranean. We reached Alexandria just before one o'clock on Friday and saw lines of men still praying outside mosques. There were not many people around and we had the beach nearly to ourselves. After lunch we did some souvenir shopping at an old fort on the waterfront and by 4pm we were heading



A cool Friday afternoon in Alexandria, December 31st 2010. On the left of the picture Magdi, our driver, with Yusuf, the guide in front of him to the right Meera, Charles and Chams, students at Royal Holloway. Less than ten hours later a bomb exploded outside a Coptic church and soon afterwards the Arab Spring burned brightly in Egypt.

back to Cairo. As we left Alexandria we passed a Coptic church, and soon we were speeding across the desert. Nothing unusual about all this, but when I switched on the TV next morning, just before we left the hotel, I saw a report of an explosion outside a Coptic church in Alexandria at midnight the previous evening. Just eight hours after we left Alexandria twenty three people had been killed.

In the following weeks Cairo was engulfed by the Arab Spring and Hosni Mubarak fell from power. We had been assured several times that all was well. 'It is safe', they said, so was I surprised by what happened after we left?

I can't claim I saw this coming, but two things had struck me and they rather reduced my sur-

prise over what happened in the coming months. The first was the level of underemployment I saw among young men. Our driver and guides all told us they needed several jobs to make a reasonable income and they still needed to live with their parents. Some were qualified as accountants and archaeologists, but there was no work for them, only occasional tour work providing an income. Several of them asked how they could get jobs in the UK and Europe. One morning, walking around the block where our hotel was located, I was struck by the large number of men doing 'security' work. Men in uniform and plain clothes were sitting in twos or threes every ten or fifteen yards at tables under umbrellas, and appeared to be writing down details of everyone entering or leaving, names and car numbers. This looked like work creation. When we entered a hotel or restaurant we were often outnumbered by the staff, rushing rather slowly to serve us, another form of work creation. I kept asking myself why Egypt wasn't the bustling IT, manufacturing and financial services hub for this part of the world? The second counter-narrative that all was not what it seemed came from two conversations with our guides. On the first morning of our visit, as we were driven to the pyramids, we passed the international airport. The guide asked me if I knew who lived behind the airport and I said I didn't.

'Hosni Mubarak', he replied. Next question, 'why does he live there'? 'Because he can escape quickly', I quipped. 'You are right'. Loud laughter all round. On the last evening, New Year's Eve, we were driving back from having dinner on a river boat. Despite the crush everywhere else, we drove along a very deserted street near the city centre. I asked why it was so deserted and was told, 'Don't point, don't even look there. These are security buildings'. Our escorts were not comfortable in that place. My impression at the time was that this was a stagnant country, not a developing one, so I was not surprised by the outbreak; people in urban areas need work to make a living. The young men told us it was nearly impossible to start a new business, so much paper work had to be completed and many 'arrangements' needed to be made. Not much to go on, you could say, but agendas for revolutions are rarely predictable.

In Egypt, the populous, encouraged by Western nations and the US, ousted Hosni Mubarak and set about building themselves a new democracy, from which may flow a more flourishing economy which could improve people's lives. Israel meanwhile does everything it can to thwart Palestinians working to create a functioning state of their own.. So will the Arab Spring spread to Israel? Watch that space, agendas for political change are not published in advance.

Vestry Report by Maureen McKellar

The Vestry has met twice since the last Newsletter was published.

At the meeting on 15th March the Rector reported on the Diocesan Synod, saying that he felt there had been a lot of energy at the Building the Vision pre-Synod day. He explained that the next year was termed Equipping the Vision and as part of that the Compass Course had been designed for use at congregational level.

He told the Vestry that an Ordinand was coming in August as part of his training.

There was the usual discussion on finance and also fundraising for the Restoration Project. There was a suggestion that we considered setting up a 'Friends of Holy Trinity' scheme to keep in touch with those loosely connected with the church. This was agreed by the Vestry.

The Rector discussed with the Vestry the proposed Lent and Holy Week services. He also advised that he would like to change the time of the 5.15 Thursday Eucharist to 5.30 to align it with the other Thursday services, such as Ascension Day.

Property matters were discussed and the next steps of the Restoration Project were outlined. The Rector said that our main work for the remainder of the year was to raise funds. It was reported that most of the storm damage had been repaired and it had been agreed that a temporary sheet of Perspex would replace the wood to protect the west window. The Vestry agreed that there should be cleaning work parties before the major festivals, beginning with Easter.

At the meeting on 24th April the Rector talked more about the Compass

Course and the Vestry agreed with him that it should be run later in the year. There was general discussion on the good progress made at Holy Trinity since the Rector and his family had arrived almost two years ago. The Vestry thanked the Rector for all his efforts.

We discussed finance and the Restoration Project in some detail. We talked about trying to increase publicity locally about the Restoration Project.

Under the 'worship' agenda item the Rector said how much he had enjoyed all the ecumenical services during Holy Week. He said he would encourage others to try them next year. He said that 4 weddings were planned for 2012, a baptism on 3 June and Hugh Lyons memorial service for 5 May.

There was a report on the

recent lay leaders Diocesan training day.

The Rector reported that the Canon 35 applications regarding the chancel space and the re-ordering of pews had both been approved by the Diocese. He said he had moved the small altar to the chancel as a trial and he proposed to keep it there for use on Thursday evenings.

Changes to office bearers: Susan Watling stepped down as Treasurer as she is planning to leave the district. She was thanked for her work in the treasury team. The Vestry approved the appointment of Maureen McKellar as the new treasurer. Pauline Revill was appointed as secretary.

The next meeting is fixed for 28th May 2012

Flower Pots for Pentecost



Please Remember to bring your 'growings' to church on Pentecost Sunday (27th May).

If you don't already take part in this fundraising scheme now is the ideal time to join!

How it works - you take a flower pot home with you from church & each week put £1 into the pot (if at any time you need to use some or all of the money Collected - please do so!). Then at Pentecost you bring the flower pot back & give the money you have 'grown' to church.

All proceeds go towards Holy Trinity ministry costs.

For a flower pot or more information contact :
Pauline Revill (704731) or Mary Swift (702444)



Jam-A-Jars Appeal

We need you to fill jam jars with goodies, decorate them & bring them to Holy Trinity before the 20th of June 2012 so we can use them as tombola prizes at the coffee morning on Saturday the 23rd of June!

You can fill them with all sorts e.g. toiletries, toys, stationery items, food, sweets, gifts, novelties - anything at all that you can squeeze in. It could be for either adults or children. But please ensure that gifts are unused & any foodstuffs are within expiry dates. All sweets etc. must be wrapped.

Thank you!

For more information contact: Pauline Revill (704731) or Mary Swift (702444)

From the Counting House - Treasury Team Report



Thank you once again for all your hard work and support in the running of Holy Trinity. The financial pressure on Holy Trinity this year remains two-fold:

1) Raise funds to support the Restoration Project – grants, fundraising events and one-off donations. The target of £75,000 funding to allow the work to take place will require much hard work and sacrifice.

2) Support our ministry and day to day costs by increasing our regular giving and Gift-Aided donation. Even with the Restoration Project we still have a target to reduce and eventually eliminate the need for a grant from Edinburgh ('stipend support') to support our ministry costs.

Financial Progress to date

We are now past the half-way point in the church's financial year. The vestry started the year with a balanced budget for day

to day expenses, and the treasury team have been working hard to maintain and monitor this position. Both income and out-goings, to date, are slightly above budget, so we have every reason to hope that we will end the year with the anticipated balanced budget.

I am delighted to report that your generous giving has remained at healthy levels, although we always need with whatever increases people feel they may be able to make (see the financial appeal in the magazine). Income from fundraising activities is split between supporting the Restoration Project and supporting day to day ministry in the church.

Progress in the Restoration Project is reported in the separate article

Changes in the team.

We have seen several changes in the treasury team over the past cou-

ple of years, and we can now report another one. Susan Watling has stepped down from the post of treasurer, and her place is being taken by Maureen McKellar. Susan has our thanks for her work over the past year, and in supporting the formation of a new team-based approach. Maureen, who is already the paying officer in the team, brings much experience of matters Scottish-Episcopalian, and has recently become a member of the provincial administration board in Edinburgh, in addition to being a member of the diocesan Finance and Property Board in Oban. The rest of the team remains unchanged. Please keep the financial team in your prayers.

The treasury team:

Rector; Maureen McKellar (Treasurer & Paying Officer); Mary Swift (Gift Aid & Books); Ann Narraway (Banking & cash)

Property Report



Property Update – May 2012

The Restoration Project is still the biggest fabric focus at the moment, but day-to-day property work continues, as it must!

The tower and other internal repairs are all on hold awaiting the start of the Restoration Project. The inside of the tower became very wet in the winter, as the walls became soaked. Some minor work took place to keep the tower base-room as dry as possible, with spaces made between ceiling/floor and walls where possible. The tower is now drying out as spring and summer arrive, but it will become wet again this winter. The Restoration Project will greatly reduce this water ingress, but in the meantime we will have to manage the effects as best we can. The practicalities and costs of installing a toilet in the narthex of the church are still being investigated.

Internal furniture – The diocesan Finance and

Property Board approved the removal and disposal of the spare pews and furniture in church. Good homes have been found for everything (but please do collect anything that you have asked for!). The portable altar from the Lady Chapel has now been shifted to below the organ pipes, and is used for the midweek eucharists held in the chancel space.

Storm Damage – the storm damage from January has now been largely repaired. The leadwork that was lost has been replaced with new material, and we even managed to get a little money for the old lead. The damage to the west end windows is still to be fixed: we are waiting for the contractor to place a sheet of Perspex to protect the stained glass until it is removed and restored and part of the Restoration Project. Our insurers are funding all this repair work.

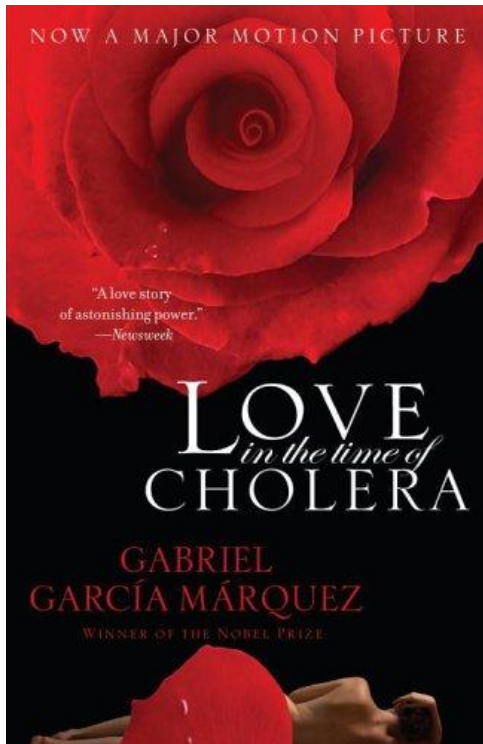
Heating & Electrics – the church became very cold on several Sundays this winter, with the tube heaters unable to cope with the cold and damp. Two new oil-filled radiators were donated, which have greatly improved this situation. Two new Dyson blower heaters have also been gifted, and will be incorporated into the church heating over the summer, in readiness for the winter. The heating is

all electric, and we need to ensure that the loads remain balanced: one Sunday we lost most of the power when one of our phases blew as we prepared for Sunday worship!

Grounds – some minor work is being explored for the spring and summer: the path to the back door of the church has become very boggy, so we propose clearing out the moss and mud and placing a hard surface (hardcore/gravel) in its place. This will allow brides to enter the church with dry feet without needing duckboards. Access from the car park to the churchyard will also be greatly improved. One of the potholes on the drive has become very deep after the winter. We are proposing filling this pothole, and looking at partial resurfacing of the in the next couple of years.

Rectory water supply – having replaced the contaminated church water supply in December, we discovered that the rectory still had old lead pipes supplying water. These have to be replaced, and work is now underway, with the agreement of both Rothesay and Dunoon vestries (rectory maintenance is a linked charge matter), to install a modern, plastic water feed pipe.

Between the Lines- Book Group's Choice



'It was inevitable: the scent of bitter almonds always reminded him of the fate of unrequited love.'

Fifty-one years, nine months and four days have passed since Fermina Daza rebuffed hopeless romantic Florentino Arizo's impassioned advances and married Dr. Juvenal Urbino instead. During that half century, Florentino has fallen into the arms of many delighted women, but has loved none but Fermina. Having sworn his eternal love to her, he lives for the day when he can court her again.

When Fermina's husband is killed trying to retrieve his pet parrot from a mango tree, Florentino seizes his

chance to declare his enduring love. But can young love find new life in the twilight of their lives?

Love in the time of Cholera is by Nobel prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez and is published by Penguin Fiction.

ISBN 0-14-012389-X

Book Group will meet to discuss this book & 'The Angel's Game' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon in Season's Café at 11.30am on Thursday 14th June - please join us!

If you would like to know more about book group speak to Di Tennent on 840779.

Diocesan Retreat : 23rd to 26th October 2012



'Hope in Small Things'

The College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae

We are delighted that this year our retreat director will be the Rev Canon Anne Dyer, Rector of Holy Trinity Haddington and former Warden of Cranmer Hall, St John's College Durham. The theme she has chosen is 'Hope in Small Things'. We will arrive between 4 -7pm on the Tuesday 23rd, departing after breakfast on Friday 26th.

As previously, places will be reserved for this Diocese until the end of August; the retreat will be then be opened to all and

advertised on the Island Retreats website. Secure your place now by contacting David Todd the Warden on 01475 530353 or emailing: cathedral.cumbrae@btconnect.com

The cost is £168.50, with a discount for sharing and a supplement for en suite. A £50 deposit is required. Please get in touch with the Bishop if financial constraints would prevent you from coming. Note that the date is earlier than usual by a week thus allowing those to attend who are normally prevented by responsibilities at the feasts of All Souls and all Saints.

Choral Evensong for the Diamond Jubilee

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the United Kingdom come to a head on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June 2012. The United Diocese of Argyll and The Isles is celebrating this momentous occasion with a special Diocesan Choral Evensong to be held at 3pm in St John's Cathedral in Oban on Saturday 2nd June. The Interim Provost of the Cathedral (Bishop Kevin) will be officiating at the ser-

vice, and all are very welcome!

For more details contact the diocesan office on 01631 570870.

There will also be a second chance to celebrate the Jubilee with another Diocesan Choral Evensong in the Cathedral of The Isles, Cumbrae on Saturday 18th of August at 3pm - details of this event are available from the Warden on 01475 530353.



Thank You Richard!

Photo's from the recent lunch at the Argyll Hotel to thank Richard McGilvray for all his many years of service as Holy Trinity Treasurer.



Services

Holy Trinity, Dunoon

Sundays : 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Nb. On 2nd & 5th Sundays in the month at this service communion may be from the Reserved Sacrament

Thursdays: 5.30pm Holy Communion

Church Contact Points

Rector	Rev Andrew Swift (702444)
People's Warden	Dinkie McEwen (705257)
Rector's Warden	Pauline Revill (704731)
Lay Representative	Ann Narraway (830400)
Vestry Secretary	Pauline Revill (704731)
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Organist	John McIntosh (703304)

Notable Dates for your Diary

Tues 22 nd May	7.30pm - Holy Trinity Restoration Project Launch Party: come and learn all about the project: enjoy food and fellowship. St Mun's Hall.
Sun 27 th May	Pentecost: remember your flower pots!
Mon 28 th May	Holy Trinity Vestry, 7.30pm in The Rectory
Wed 30 th May	'Pilgrims on the Journey' discussion group in the Rectory: The Resurrection. 6.30pm for food.
Sun 3 rd June	10.30am - Trinity Sunday - our Patronal Festival & baptism of Archie and Jessie MacFarlane: come and enjoy the party with bring and share food and cake to celebrate. 4pm: Cowal for Christ prayer meeting - Dunoon Baptist Church.
Thu 7 th to Sat 9 th	General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church meets in Edinburgh. Andrew, Christine McIntosh and Maureen McKellar will all be attending in various capacities.
Fri 8 th June	Christian Aid bag-packing at the Co-op from 10am to 6pm - please sign up or contact Dinkie to help.
Thu 14 th June	11.30am - Holy Trinity Book Group meets in Seasons café to discuss 'The Angel's Game' and 'Love in the Time of Cholera'
Sun 17 th June	10.30am - Eucharist for the new Scottish Guild of Servers Priory in Holy Trinity Dunoon.
Sat 23 rd June	Holy Trinity Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon in St Mun's Hall - £2 adults and 50p children - refreshments & stalls.
Mon 25 th June	'Pilgrims on the Journey' discussion group in the Rectory: The Holy Spirit. 6.30pm for food.
Thurs 28 th June	Holy Trinity Vestry, 7.30pm in The Rectory
Sun 1st July	4pm: Cowal for Christ prayer meeting - New Life Church, Queen Street.
Sat 21 st July	Holy Trinity Challenge - Narrowboat 'Dalriada' skippered by the Swifts will go on the canals and the Falkirk Wheel with guests - for donations to the Restoration Project
August 2012	Ordinand Felix Smith and his wife Laura are with the linked charges on placement.
Sat 4 th Aug	3pm Wedding of Louisa Shawish & Joe Grant in Holy Trinity
Sun 5 th Aug	4pm: Cowal for Christ prayer meeting - Holy Trinity.
Mon 6 th Aug	'Compass Course' Session 1 - in the Rectory, 7.15pm
Sat 11 th Aug	Heritage Open Day at Holy Trinity Church
Mon 20 th Aug	'Compass Course' Session 2 - in the Rectory, 7.15pm
Fri 24 th - Sat 25 th	Outreach event with other churches at the Cowal Highland Gathering
Mon 3rd Sept	'Compass Course' Session 3 - in the Rectory, 7.15pm
Tues 4 th Sept	Holy Trinity Vestry, 7.30pm in The Rectory

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