



Holy Trinity News

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Changing Seasons

Di talked recently in her sermon about the church's seasons and the changing Liturgical colours. She said that they give us something to hold onto especially at this time of uncertainty.

After almost 10 months of a vacancy, I think this period of uncertainty is getting to us all. As you will see on page 4, we are almost there with appointing a Priest and soon will look forward to a new era at Holy Trinity.

However, Ash Wednesday is soon upon us and the Season of Lent. The Reverend Canon Hugh Lee has been incredibly supportive in taking services and conducting pastoral visits and we thank him. He will celebrate Ash Wednesday with us and plans to be with us for Holy Week and Easter.

Inspires Online

The new newsletter for the Scottish Episcopal Church, Inspires Online, has been launched. This e-mail based news source is for everyone interested in the Scottish Episcopal Church and is available by signing up on Scottish Episcopal Church web site www.scotland.anglican.org. Commenting on the launch, the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth, the Convener of the Information and Communication Board said, "I hope that this new communication tool will be useful and would like to thank those who have been working on it. Please pass on details of this new news source to anyone whom you know who would like to receive it."

The first mailing will take place in the first week in February

Anyone without access to the Internet who would like a copy, please speak to Maureen.

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What's Ahead

Lent will begin with a Celebration of the Eucharist led by the Reverend Hugh Lee at 5.15pm on Wednesday 17th February.

The Reverend Peter Rice will be with us again on Sunday 21st February.

Dates for the Diary

On Palm Sunday we are having a joint service with St. Paul's and St. Martin's at Tighnabruaich. The Reverend Canon Hugh Lee will celebrate the Eucharist. Please mark the date and time in your diaries now - Sunday 28th March at 3.00pm.

Maundy Thursday is 1st April and Easter Day is Sunday 4th April.

Diocese Lent Appeal

It has been decided that the Diocesan Lenten Appeal this year should be for our twin Diocese, Zanzibar. Please note that this year it will be called the Diocese Lenten Appeal, rather than the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, since we do not have a Bishop at present. Please mark 'Lent Appeal' on any offerings.

News from Elsewhere

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway



The Very Rev Dr Gregor Duncan was elected the new bishop of Glasgow & Galloway on Saturday 16th January.

Gregor Duncan is currently Rector of St Ninian's Church, Pollokshields and Dean of the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

Dean Gregor Duncan is 59 and his interests include collecting records and CDs, cooking and entertaining, reading modern novels, travel and history books.

The Primus commented, "I am delighted to welcome Dean Gregor Duncan as the next Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. He has faithfully served the Scottish Episcopal Church and the clergy and people of Glasgow and Galloway for many years. He is widely respected and admired for his faithful pastoral care and the strength of his spirituality. I am delighted that he has now been chosen by the Electoral Synod to serve as bishop of this Diocese."

A service of consecration and installation of the new Bishop will take place in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow.

A Unique Partnership

A unique partnership between the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church in Scotland and the United Reformed Church, National Synod of Scotland was signed at a special service on Saturday 23 January by the Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Rev Lily Twist, Chair of the Methodist Church in Scotland and the Rev John Humphreys, Moderator of the United Reformed Church, National Synod of Scotland.

The full Statement of Partnership can be viewed in PDF format on the Scottish Episcopal Church website www.scotland.anglican.org

Specifically the parties are exploring together ways of:

'Being Church and serving God together;

'Increasing the confidence of our members to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to others;

'Cooperating in teaching and learning about Jesus Christ, and our mission together;

'Cooperating on Church and Society issues, supporting community development and taking action together for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor in Scotland;

'Sharing in the provision and deployment of both lay and ordained ministries of all the people of God;

'Sharing our resources across Scotland to fulfil our shared Christian mission to spread the Gospel;

The parties shall also seek to widen their Ecumenical engagement within the Partnership and with other denominations.

Fabric

Last month I reported of the problems that faced us when the contractors tried to put up a scaffold in the bell tower during the rot work. The steel beams holding up the bells and the floor in the tower were rusted and considered unsafe. Work was halted and a structural engineer consulted. We received the report from the Structural Engineer which indicates that the beams will have to be replaced. This is expensive work as the access is difficult. In addition Wise Property have indicated that there is more wet rot in the church.

As a result of this the Vestry has asked for a meeting with the Architect and the Diocesan Representatives and this will take place on 23rd February.

Meanwhile the work required in the Rectory is well underway. The staircase has been remodelled, the chimney removed, work on the roof begun and some of the new windows are in.

It is all beginning to look much better.



Maureen McKellar

Vacancy News

Following the good response to our advertisement, we had enough applications to have a productive short-listing meeting on 14th January. The interviews and visits around both churches took place on 1st and 2nd February. The interviewing panel made a unanimous recommendation to the Interim Bishop, Bishop Mark Strange of Moray Diocese.

As we go to press we are waiting to hear from Bishop Mark that he and the Primus accept our recommendation. Hopefully in the next Newsletter we will have details of our new priest.

Growing Together



Here is something for us to meditate on this month.

Back to Normal?

Schools re-start; adults head back to work; the inn keeper has vacancies once more. Life and work get back to normal. The decorations are down; the cards taken for re-cycling; the turkey is finished. The house and meals get back to normal. The shepherds have gone back into the hills to tend their flocks; the magi have returned to their distant lands with stories to tell of a new King; Simeon has said his piece; the crib has left the church. The church can get back to normal. It's over, normality returns or does it? Emmanuel means God is with us. God is with us not for just a season or two when we remember the Christ Child but for eternity. Surely nothing can ever be normal ever again!

Rev Kirstin Freeman
Rector of All Saints Bearsden & St. Andrew's
Milngavie

Meet Grahame and Sheila Cotterill



Now that St. Martin's is part of Holy Trinity again, it seems appropriate that we meet two members of St. Martin's.

When did you first come to St. Martin's?

Our first visit was in January 2007.

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

Before we came to Tighnabruaich, we were in Kilmartin on the Poltalloch Estate near Lochgilphead. Prior to that, we spent all our married life, which is nearly 48 years, in Derbyshire.

When we moved to Scotland we wanted to live somewhere in close proximity to the sea (and the midges!)

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

Grahame – I enjoy gardening, DIY and boating.

Sheila – I enjoy quilting, patchwork, knitting and learning new handicrafts. I also enjoy reading and gardening.

We both enjoy visiting Scottish Islands.

What do you like about Church life in Tighnabruaich?

When we joined St. Martin's we were made very welcome by the congregation and also by members of Kyles Church (Church of Scotland) in whose church we worship.

What do you do (or have you done) at Church, now or in the past?

Grahame – I was a choir member in the early years at church. Later in the Church of England I was Church Treasurer. At St. Martin's I am Secretary.

Sheila – I have been a choir member in various choirs since the age of 11. I particularly enjoyed singing with an ecumenical choir in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. I was also church organist many years ago. I was Secretary in the Church in England in which we worshipped. I am Treasurer at St. Martin's.

We both enjoyed being involved with the day to day running of St. Columba's Poltalloch.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

Grahame – I like traditional hymns which I remember from my earlier days.

Sheila – I love 'O Love that wilt not let me go' to the tune St. Margaret and 'Great is Thy Faithfulness'.

Lay Training

On Saturday 23rd January, 14 of the combined congregations of HT and St. Paul's met in Rothesay for a workshop on 'Leading Worship'. The journey was easy although we were all into two cars, but we received a warm welcome at St. Paul's hall with coffee, tea and cake (still warm from the oven!).



We began with the Reverend Paul Fletcher giving us his thoughts on 'What is worship'. We then split into small groups to discuss our roles in church and how to lead intercessions. We learned much about each other's ways of worship and exchanged ideas.



Lunch was delicious soup and a well-filled sandwich. There was even time for a short stroll in the sun (and some retail therapy) before returning to the hall for more coffee (and cake!).



The afternoon session consisted of practical workshops on drafting Intercessions and reading the lesson. (The latter group practised in the kitchen so that their loud voices wouldn't disturb the rest of us!)



We then had a simple informal Eucharist 'in the round' to end the day, before we hurried off for our ferry. Our thanks go to Alison Clark, Diocesan Learning and Development Officer, and Christine McIntosh for organising this event and giving us the opportunity to get to know some of our Rothesay counterparts better.

Ann

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

These seemed to have slowed down. Now that spring is nearly here, let's get going again with more of these challenges.

Silk Painting

Anyone interested in a more advanced session, making scarves, please see Maureen McKellar. The expert has offered to come and lead another session.

Cards

There are still some lovely cards donated by Maurice Smith at the back of the Church. These are for sale at 50p each.

Books

There are more of the Christian Chuckles books at £2 each donated by Maurice Smith. These will also be found at the back of the church.

Flea Market

Any items that could be sold at the Flea Market, please pass to Robin or Susan Watling or Maureen McKellar.

Holy Trinity Recipe Book

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

Fundraising

Susan Watling reports that we have now made more than £50 by using the **Easyfundraising** web site. If you have not tried it yet for your purchases, please have a go. It is very easy and you pay the same or less than you would in the high street AND Holy Trinity benefits.

The web site is www.easyfundraising.org

Any queries please speak to Susan.

From the Counting House

Your Finance Team are at present incredibly worried as there are too many beans coming out of our tins and not enough beans going in.

You will no doubt be aware that there are many problems with the fabric of our beloved HT Church Building and the Rectory which are having a major impact on our stretched resources.

Work has started on curing the wet rot (some of which had become dry rot) in the Church building and in particular the tower. During this it was discovered that the beams supporting the bells are unsafe and so work in the tower was stopped and access to the tower, including the sacristy is now forbidden. The wet rot work in the Lady Chapel is still in progress. During the work it was also discovered that we have more of a rot problem. The remedial work is believed to very expensive (lots of 10s of thousands of pounds). At the moment we have paid over £7,500 towards the cost of this work. This in effect means that our Appeal Fund is 'overdrawn' to the extent of £4,000 as these monies had to be paid out of our General Fund.

We have agreed with St Paul's, Rothesay the work required on the Rectory and this work has started. We have agreed to pay 2/3rds of the cost of the work, the total is £22,000. We expect the bills for all works to be paid before Easter. Rothesay have in addition, agreed to replace all the windows at a cost of about £14,000. We will pay our share of the windows off at £1,800 per annum for the next 5 years.

As you will see we have very significant commitments to God's buildings at the top of our hill. While we hope, as a result, of hard work by the Vestry to get grants towards some of this, we will still have to raise at least 50% of the church costs and our 2/3rds of the Rectory costs. So, are we up for it?

Chrissie & Richard

The Wider Church

Presiding Bishop of the USA Katharine Jefferts Schori paid a poignant visit to Port-au-Prince on February 8 to survey with [Episcopal Diocese of Haiti](#) Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin the devastation wrought by the January 12 magnitude 7.0 earthquake.



Photo/Lauren Stanley

After climbing over the ruins of the diocese's Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral), the presiding bishop turned to Duracin and said "You should skip Lent this year; you have already had your Good Friday."

"Yes, we can all sing Alleluias together," Duracin replied, according to the Rev. Lauren Stanley, who accompanied Jefferts Schori on her five-hour visit.

Pointing to some of the cathedral's 13 bells that were visible among the ruins and that appeared to be salvageable, Jefferts Schori said "they will ring again" and that the cathedral "will rise again," according to Stanley.

While at the cathedral, Jefferts Schori and Duracin said prayers at what the Haitian bishop is calling the diocese's "open-air cathedral," which consists of some plastic sheeting stretched over a frame of two-by-fours that shelters some pews rescued from the cathedral ruins.



Photo/Lauren Stanley

Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti's Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral) in Port-au-Prince pray Feb. 8 in what Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin is calling the diocese's "open-air cathedral." Set in the cathedral ruins, it consists of some plastic sheeting stretched over a frame of two-by-fours that shelters some pews rescued from the cathedral ruins.

The two bishops each prayed aloud with those who happened to be at the site. Some of the older women members of the cathedral were combing the ruins for pieces of the building's world-famous murals depicting biblical stories in Haitian motifs. The gathered congregation also sang "How Great Thou Art" in French, Stanley said.



Photo/Mary Frances Schjonberg

The nativity of Jesus was part of the world-famous reredos fresco in the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti's Cathédrale Sainte Trinité (Holy Trinity Cathedral) in Port-au-Prince.

During the visit, Stanley said, Duracin asked her to "tell the world that physically the church is broken, but the church is still there in faith. Our faith is still strong."

She said the Bishop asked for the support of Episcopalians everywhere to help Haitians rebuild the structures of the church because that work "will have a positive impact on our faith. It will bring us courage, confidence and a good future."

"We are approaching Lent," Stanley quoted Duracin as saying. "I ask people to be with us in the desert so that on Easter, all of us in Haiti and all the Episcopal Church may sing together in joy: 'Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed.'"

The trip was also meant for Jefferts Schori and Duracin to talk about the immediate and future directions of the diocese. The Presiding Bishop assured Duracin that the entire Episcopal Church stood with his diocese in prayer and support, and would continue to do so, according to Stanley.

This was taken from an article by the Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg in [Episcopal Life Online](#). The full article can be found at www.episcopachurch.org

Notable dates – Jan/Feb

Thurs 4 Feb	Evening Prayer 5.15pm
Sun 7 Feb	Epiphany 5 – Eucharist celebrated by Rev Canon Hugh Lee
Thurs 11 Feb	Evening Prayer 5.15pm
Sun 14 Feb	Sunday before Lent– Eucharist celebrated by Rev Canon Hugh Lee
Wed 17 Feb	Ash Wednesday sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Canon Hugh Lee
Thurs 18 Feb	Evening Prayer 5.15pm
Sun 21 Feb	Lent 1 - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 25 Feb	Evening Prayer 5.15pm
Sun 28 Feb	Lent 2 – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 4 Mar	Evening Prayer 5.15pm
Sun 7 Mar	Lent 3 – To be confirmed

Readings

Epiphany 5	Isaiah 6, 1-13 1 Corinthians 15, 1-11 Luke 5, 1-11
Sun before Lent	Exodus 34, 29-35 2 Corinthians 3, 12 - 4, 2 Luke 9, 28-43
Lent 1	Deuteronomy 26, 1-11 Romans 10, 8b-13 Luke 4, 1-13
Lent 2	Genesis 15, 1-12 Philippians 3, 17 -4,1 Luke 13, 31-35
Lent 3	Isaiah 55, 1-9 1 Corinthians 10, 1-13 Luke 13, 1-9, 21-30

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