



Holy Trinity News

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We Will Remember Them

They shall not grow old
as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them.



Laurence Binyon (1869 -1943)

In the recent weeks, so many of our soldiers have lost their lives in the war in Afghanistan. This year, let us especially remember them as we think of fallen comrades, relatives and friends in all the wars since the Great War.

Let us also thank God for peace in our land amidst so much war in the world.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of Grace Dillon on Tuesday 3rd November. The funeral will take place at Holy Trinity on Friday 13th November at 12 noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

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.



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What's Ahead

The Church AGM takes place after the morning Service on Sunday 29th November.

As well as welcoming back Reverend Hugh Lee and Reverend Peter Rice this month, we are pleased to welcome back the Reverend Paul Fletcher on Sunday 22nd November. He also plans to be with us on Sunday 6th December.

Dates for the Diary

The annual Advent Carol Service takes place on Sunday 6th December at 3pm. That is usually a very special service. Please mark the date in your diaries and come.

8+1 Choir are holding a Carol Service on Sunday 13th December in Kirn Church Centre. That should also be a good event.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Services will be taken by Reverend Hugh Lee.

Congregational Meeting

19 members of the Congregation and 2 from St. Martins came to the Rectory on Saturday 31st October to hear the plans the Vestry had made for addressing the fabric problems and future of Holy Trinity.

Pauline Revill ably chaired the meeting. Maureen McKellar and Graham Revill took everyone through the problems with the Rectory and the solutions, the immediate issues with the Church and what would be done and the next steps in the longer term plans. Richard McGilvray spoke clearly about the financial situation, indicating how we might seek funding and explaining how much we needed to find ourselves. A question and answer session followed. Then we had a veritable banquet.

There is a handout available at the back of the church and a question and answer sheet will also be issued. Suffice here to say, that it was a very constructive meeting and everyone felt they learned more about what was going on.



Meet Pauline Revill



When did you first come to Holy Trinity?

Before becoming a communicant member at Holy Trinity, I attended the weddings of two sets of friends in 1975 and 1976; I became an occasional visitor at Christmas and Easter with my mother while Graham and I lived in Blairmore. I became a communicant member during 1984 and have attended regularly since then.

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

Both Graham and I worked in industries that involved regular moves; in my case from Cambridge to Oxford, Devon, London and then to Dunoon. Graham's work brought him to Ardyne Point in December 1974; I followed in January 1975. Graham was sent to Norway where the decks were constructed and floated on to the rigs. On our return from Norway the orders had ended at Ardyne and offers of work would mean Graham going to work in the Gulf. He decided to look for work with a local authority to allow us to stay in the area. The rest as they say is history. After Steven was born we moved from Blairmore to Glen Lean where we remain.

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

A full time permanent contract accounts for Monday to Friday, 9 to 5. Outside work, my time is divided between home and family, church matters and country dancing. We no longer have a dog but I still like to walk as often as time and weather permit. I am fond of many of the local walks and feel extremely privileged to have such stunning scenery at my back door. I am not sure whether "passionate" is the word I would use now

as I no longer have the time or energy to devote to activities like sailing, cycling, hill walking or any specific interest. I do care deeply about the environment and would describe myself as being distressed, with a passion, at the damage the human race is continuing to inflict on itself and on our precious planet.

What do you like about Holy Trinity?

The most striking aspect for me has to be the familiarity of the liturgy together with the depth and sincerity of the prayers. The sung mass settings add a spiritual depth which I find particularly powerful. Our church family at Holy Trinity feels like home; a place in an increasingly secular world where I hope to keep in step with others.

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

I am happy to be able to help in whatever way I can. The first task I remember taking on was that of the Links Correspondent, nearly fifteen years ago; later I was asked to become the contact for Missions to Seafarers (then known as Mission to Seamen). Little did I know that I had in fact been nominated as a member of the Scottish Council, Mission to Seamen, a role I fulfilled for twelve years. I have been on the cleaning rota for many years and also take a turn at serving tea and coffee. More recently I was asked to become Rector's Warden and am still serving on the Vestry. Two years ago I was licensed by Bishop Martin as a Worship Leader and Eucharistic Minister, consequently I am a member of the Lay Team and help to provide cover for services.

What is your favourite hymn and why?

There used to be a programme on BBC Radio 4 called, I think, "The Tingle Factor". So many hymns fit this bill, depending on occasion, mood, music or words. Struggling to answer the "official" question, I asked myself if I could name some hymns without which I would sense a great loss, I opted for two well known hymns, one from Christmas and one from Easter: Hark the Herald Angels Sing, and Jesus Lives! Thy terrors now.

In this manner I also chose Bless the Lord my Soul; Be still for the presence of the Lord and may I add another Christmas hymn The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, set to a traditional Basque melody which has been a favourite since school days.

Growing Together



This month following Christine's sermon on all Saints Day we are going to think about being a saint. Here is the poem she shared with us

Assisi

The dwarf with his hands on backwards
sat, slumped like a half-filled sack
on tiny twisted legs from which
sawdust might run,
outside the three tiers of churches built
in honour of St Francis, brother
of the poor, talker with birds, over whom
he had the advantage
of not being dead yet.

A priest explained
how clever it was of Giotto
to make his frescoes tell stories
that would reveal to the illiterate the goodness
of God and the suffering
of His Son. I understood
the explanation and
the cleverness.

A rush of tourists, clucking contentedly,
fluttered after him as he scattered
the grain of the Word. It was they who had passed
the ruined temple outside, whose eyes
wept pus, whose back was higher
than his head, whose lopsided mouth
said *Grazie* in a voice as sweet
as a child's when she speaks to her mother
or a bird's when it spoke
to St Francis.

Norman MacCaig

Action:

What does the poem tell us about sainthood?
What do we feel about being part of the great
Communion of Saints? How do our lives live up
to being a saint?

Fabric

The urgent temporary repair on the Church roof
has been completed.

Northern Steeplejacks will begin work the week
commencing 16th November to fix the loose cross
and slates round about it.

During the time Northern Steeplejacks are on site,
the Architect will pay us a visit and discuss the
steps involved in fixing the rot, and planning the
remainder of the remedial and development work
on the Church building.

The work necessary on the Rectory should begin as
soon as the Builder can schedule it.

Maureen McKellar

Vestry Report

The Vestry met on 11th October.

This meeting was for the sole purpose of
discussing the financial affairs of the Church. The
Vestry made the decisions subsequently
communicated at the Congregational Meeting that
the eradication of the rot and the urgent and
recommended work on the Rectory should be
attended to.

The next meeting of the Vestry is Thursday 19th
November.

Vacancy News

There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday 12th
November at 5pm in the Rectory of the Dean, the
Diocesan Secretary, the Diocesan Treasurer, Holy
Trinity Vestry, St Paul's Vestry, and a
representative from Tighnabruaich (if possible).
The purpose of this meeting is to sign the
Memorandum of Agreement linking Holy Trinity
with St. Paul's and to agree the process to be
followed for the appointment of a new priest.

Claire Tulloch - Obituary

Claire was born on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1917 in Cambuslang. She died just two months short of her 92nd birthday at Inverreck Eventide Home. She moved to Greenock when she was 9 after the tragic death of her father and grew up with her two sisters Annie and Mattie.

At the age of 15 she started work as a hairdresser, eventually opening her own salon. She moved to Dunoon after the family home and her mother's shop were bombed in the Greenock blitz. In Dunoon she ran a very successful hairdressing business until she retired.

She had an artistic flare and enjoyed sketching, passing her Higher Art at age 65. She also loved her garden. She was interested in Archaeology and took part in outings to various sites.

However, her greatest love was her family. She was married to husband Matt for 54 years until his death in 1994. She was blessed with three children Mary, Cameron and Stuart, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She loved it when any of the family came to visit. She managed with help to remain in her own house until she fell and broke her hip, just 6 months before she died. She then moved to Inverreck and was very happy there until her death in September.

Note from editor: this was taken from the eulogy given by one of her grandchildren at Claire's funeral.

Lay Training

A Lay Training Day has been organised for us and St. Paul's by Alison Clark, Diocesan Learning and Development Officer and Christine McIntosh. This will take place on Saturday 23rd January in Cumbrae. It is designed to help anyone who assists with worship or who would like to assist. We would like a good turnout from Holy Trinity. It sounds like it will be very beneficial. If you would like to know more, please speak to Christine. If you are able to come, please tell either Christine or Maureen McKellar.

From the Counting House

We have now reached the end of another financial year and our accounts have been submitted to the auditor. Thanks to Richard for his wealth of knowledge and hard work in making this task possible and also for his presentation at the Congregational Meeting. He delivered a clear and concise message regarding the state of our financial position to all those present, please see main article.

Several people at the meeting requested details of how to make payments to the Appeal Fund and it was agreed that donations should be kept separate from the weekly collection. Donations can be made either by Standing Order to the Appeal Fund account in the Bank of Scotland account number 00427603, Sort Code 80-13-46 or by specially prepared envelopes which will be kept on the bookcase inside the door and which can be placed in the Offertory plate during the service. As with the blue envelopes used for the collection, amounts donated to the Appeal Fund need not be a specific weekly amount, give what you can when you can. If you have already signed up to Gift Aid please note that amounts donated to the Appeal Fund also qualify for Gift Aid which is a wonderful source of revenue for us, please remember to put your name on the Appeal Fund envelope. For further information about making donations to the Appeal Fund or Gift Aid please see either Richard or myself.

The £50 Challenge has done wonderfully well this year and the Finance Team would like to thank everyone who has created a challenge and supported ventures as this has been invaluable in starting the fund to restore our beloved building. The £50 Challenge is an on-going project and you may like consider re-running your challenge or creating something new.

Chrissie, Treasurer

The £50 Pledge Challenge

Silk Painting Workshop

The silk painting workshop will be held in the Rectory on Saturday 14th November from 11am until 3pm (bring a sandwich with you for lunch). Do come and learn a new skill. Please give names if possible before hand to Maureen McKellar just so our tutor knows how much to bring.

Trinidad Talk

Mac held his Trinidad talk for Saturday 10th October. This was held in the Rectory and those who attended enjoyed not just the talk but some excellent Trinidadian food. Thanks to Mac and Heather for the event. The roof fund benefited by £70.

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.

Cards

Maurice Smith has received a number of cards to sell for church funds. These are at the back of the church at a price of 50p each, a huge saving on the cost of cards in the shops.

Flea Market

Holy Trinity is taking a table at Kilmun Flea Market again on Saturday 28th November. Susan and Robin Watling and Maureen McKellar have been collecting items. Come and snag a bargain.

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.

Fundraising made Easy

Raise Funds for Holy Trinity Church - Dunoon When You Shop Online

Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores, including Argos, Next, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and over 2000 other top name stores. Whenever you shop with any one of them using the links provided on the **easyfundraising** site, you'll generate a **free** donation for us of up to 15% of the purchase price every time! It really is that simple!

It's completely **FREE** to register and **you won't pay a penny more for your shopping** when you use the easyfundraising site. In fact you can even **SAVE MONEY** as many retailers give discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to easyfundraising.

You can shop for holidays, flights, electronics, mobile phones, computing equipment, food, wine, pet supplies, finance, insurance and much more - and every purchase you make will raise funds for us at absolutely no cost to you!

All you need to do is register for free at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/htcdunoon> and then use easyfundraising every time you shop online.

What a great way to do your Christmas shopping and help Holy Trinity Appeal Fund at the same time!

Susan Watling

No Small Talk Lunches

These have resumed in the Crown Court Cafe Bar in Argyll Street. They begin around 12 noon and are informal discussions around a specified subject. They finish around 1.30.

The Wider Church

This is taken from a sermon preached by the Very Reverend Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral Glasgow on All Saints Day 2009.

'On this day, today, we remember the saints. In doing so, we remember the heroes of faith. Those apostles, teachers, evangelists, martyrs, healers, and preachers who served God in their service of God's people. The saints through the ages – those whom we know by name and those whose names are known only to God are remembered every year at the start of November.

When we remember them, we recall the special things that they did. The acts of courage. The lives of service. The faithful actions of those who brought the church into being and brought the faith, somehow or another to us.

We remember them, as the bible says, as a great cloud of witnesses. The cloud of people who witnessed to their faith in their time here on earth and are remembered forever more as being God's beloved.

And immediately afterwards, the day after All Saint's, tomorrow evening, we remember something which is similar, but different.

And the two usually, purposefully, intentionally get a little muddled up. All Saints and All Souls tend, quite properly, to get mixed up. And the light shines through both and illuminates the church.

Today we remember the saints.

Tomorrow we remember those have died who were known more personally to us.

I find that tomorrow's festival when we remember those who have died is one of the most important to me in my ministry. For being with people when they are dying and being with people when someone has died are some of the most profound privileges of ministry.

I never sit with someone who is dying without being conscious that God sits with us.

I never stand at a grave or at the crematorium without feeling hope swell up in my own bones. Hope in a God who will take all things to himself in the end. A God who unites us, ultimately unites us within himself by drawing us on in love.

Sometimes I know that I am the only one who is there who has that hope. But I know I have it. And I believe.

There is something important about doing these things together. We celebrate the saints. We commend those who have died to the care of Almighty God. We meet as friends of Christ. Christ who stood at the edge of the grave of a friend and wept.

Let me suggest two things to do make these feast days real. Today when you approach the altar of God, bring something with you. Come with thanksgiving in your heart for those who are responsible for giving you the faith you have had. That might be the Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It might be saints who built the church in Scotland or wherever you are from – Mungo, Kentigern, Margaret. It might be those whom you have a special devotion to – for me that would be Cuthbert, Aelred and Columba. It might be saints of modern times, living or dead who inspire you – Martin Luther King, Cicily Saunders, Gene Robinson, Desmond Tutu, Jean Vanier, Rosa Parks. Give yourself time to work out which names you want to remember.

As you come to the altar with open hands, bring their names in your hearts and give thanks for them.

Tomorrow evening, do the same thing. Come to the altar with open hands and bring with thanksgiving the memory of those whom you have loved by whom you see no longer for they have died.

When we do these things, when we keep these festivals, we dream the kingdom of God into being. Let us keep the hope of heaven in our hearts and build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Countless thousands have gone before us building God's kingdom. Endless love has been poured on us by the God who made us. All the hopes and dreams of humankind have lived in the minds of those who have taught us to love and those whom we have loved in return.

And so, let us live with love and thanksgiving in our hearts. And giving thanks, let us love, for love brings life to the world.

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Notable dates – Nov/Dec

Sun 1 Nov	All Saints Day - Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Hugh Lee
Thurs 5 Nov	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 8 Nov	Remembrance Day – Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Peter Rice
Thurs 12 Nov	No Evening Prayer Joint Vestry Meeting 5pm Rectory
Sun 15 Nov	2 nd before Advent - Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 19 Nov	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 22 Nov	Christ the King – Sung Eucharist celebrated by the Rev Paul Fletcher
Thurs 26 Nov	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sunday 29 Nov	Advent Sunday – Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Thurs 3 Dec	Evening Prayer 5.15
Sun 6 Dec	Advent 2 – Sung Eucharist celebrated by Rev Paul Fletcher

Readings

All Saints Day	Wisdom 3, 1-9 or Isaiah 25, 6-9 Revelation 21, 1-6a John 11, 32-44
Remembrance Day	Micah 4, 1-8 Romans 8, 31- end Mat 5, 1-12
2 nd bef. Advent	1 Samuel 1, 4-20 Hebrews 10, 11-14(15-18)19-25 Mark 13, 1-8
Christ the King	2 Samuel 23, 1-7 Revelation 1, 4b-8 John 18, 33-37
Advent Sunday	Jeremiah 33, 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3, 9-13 Luke 21, 25-36
Advent 2	Baruch 5, 1-9 or Malachi 3, 1-4 Philippians 1, 3-11 Luke 3, 1-6

Church Contact Points

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