

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022



The Rector writes...

Three reasons to be happy: 1. The sun is shining. 2. Most people have had COVID vaccines. 3. School holidays have begun. It's all looking good!

Three reasons to be apprehensive: 1. There are record temperatures being recorded across the world. 2. COVID is still around and people are still suffering with it. 3. The cost-of-living crisis means that many families will be looking at the summer holidays with trepidation – how to feed the children and keep them entertained.

The same three things.

Different ways of interpreting what is happening.

Something that I have noticed since I was ordained is that when people are organising outside events, garden parties, or weddings, or even a family barbecue, the minister often gets asked something along the lines of, “Can you have a word with the Boss so that it doesn't rain?” To which my response is inevitably something like, “well, God's in a tough spot here, because while you're praying for it to not rain, the farmers and gardeners might be praying that it will rain!”

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A Climate Change Prayer

Holy God,
earth and air and water are
your creation,
and every living thing belongs
to you:

have mercy on us as climate
change confronts us.

Give us the will and the
courage

to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you
provide,

and to bear the cost of
change.

Forgive our past mistakes and
send us your Spirit, with
wisdom in present
controversies and vision for
the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I raise my eyes
toward the
mountains.

From whence
shall come my
help?

My help comes
from the Lord,
the maker of
heaven and
earth...

The Lord will
guard you
from all evil;
He will guard
your soul.

The Lord will
guard your
coming and
going

both now and
forever.

PSALM 121:1-2;7-8

But isn't that often the way? Things are getting better for some, but others might be facing new struggles... Life carries with it complexities, and we find ourselves wandering through the thick of it. Throughout it all, the good and the bad, one thing we can take comfort in, is that God journeys with us through it all. That's not to say that we should just stop complaining and get on with things, but that as we do go about our lives we can know that we're not alone. And while that doesn't mean the hardships will always pass, there is solace to be found in knowing that we don't walk the road alone - that God is always with us!



SUMMER CAMPS 2022

Exp is a Christian Youthwork charity based in Dunoon, and supported by people from Holy Trinity, the Church of Scotland, Dunoon Baptist Church and New Life Christian Fellowship.

eXp is running 2 residential camps this summer, at Gowanbank in Ayrshire, in partnership with SU Scotland.

There are some spaces left on these summer camps, so if you know of a young person who would benefit from a friendly camp eXperience, here are the links to get them registered, with the cost being reduced from £250.00 to £150.00.

July 25th – 29th new to S1 – S3:

www.suholidays.org.uk/exp1

August 1st – 5th new S4 – S6:

www.suholidays.org.uk/exp2

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help with anything – email susan.whyte@expyouthwork.org.uk, or contact Chris Brett (07711 944807).

Looking ahead.....

As the quiet months of lock down drift further into the past, several projects are beginning to take shape at Holy Trinity. Here is a brief summary of the plans!

The section of the Sanctuary roof adjacent to the tower is going to be retiled, hopefully in September.

In line with the Scottish Episcopal Church's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030, we are looking at ways to make this happen at Holy Trinity. The first action we are taking is to install solar panels on the church roof, and a planning application has been submitted, and we are applying for a grant to help with the cost. Following on from this, we will look at ways to improve the draught proofing, and we are investigating the possibility of secondary glazing and replacing the interior doors.

And then there is the Land Project, which will make use of the land adjacent to the Corlarach track and the graveyard. The plan is to build a toilet, a meeting room, to extend the car parking area, and to install holiday cabins. We will also look to include car charging points, bike stations, and to improve the access to St Bride's Well.

We are currently working with the architects to draw up the plans, and then we will submit a planning application and begin applying for grants and fundraising. Do have a look at the noticeboard at the back of church where you will be able to see the plans as they are developed.

All of these plans are seeking to use our location, our building and our grounds missionally, to encourage visitors to the church and surrounding area, and to provide an opportunity for people to meet with God.

If you would like further information, or would like to offer your support in any way, please have a word with the Rector. And please do pray for the success of these ventures!

The Vestry

A reminder that the most recent approved minutes from Vestry meetings are posted on the noticeboard at the back of church.

If anyone is interested in knowing what is discussed at these meetings, do have a read!

Have you noticed(!) the new noticeboard outside of church? If you have any church related posters you would like displaying, please talk to the Rector.



Online services continue

Tuesday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Wednesday:

Compline at 8.00pm

Thursday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Friday:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am

Sunday:

Service of the Word
at 4.00pm

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Retiring Collections

At the most recent meeting of the Vestry, it was decided that over the course of a year, we would look to support four different charities by having a retiring collection for a specific charity once a quarter. The intention is to have a collection on the last Sunday of a month, with notice being given in the pewsheet one or two weeks before.

The charities we will support over the next 12 months are Christian Aid, SECMA (The Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association), The Aberlour Trust, and the Mission to Seafarers.



As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the Scottish Episcopal Church has pledged to become carbon neutral by the year 2030 - which isn't very far away! To help us do this as a church corporate and as a congregation, several people have joined together to form an Eco-Team, which aims to provide information and support as we move towards 2030. Other offers of assistance are always welcomed.

While much of the focus will be on the church buildings, including the Rectory and what we do as a congregation, we hope to provide some tips and advice for individuals too. If you have experience of using any particular environmentally friendly products or services, let us know, and we can share that with others.

For example perhaps you might try, the Vegan Moroccan Shampoo Bar 100g by Procoal - more details can be found by scanning this QR code.

