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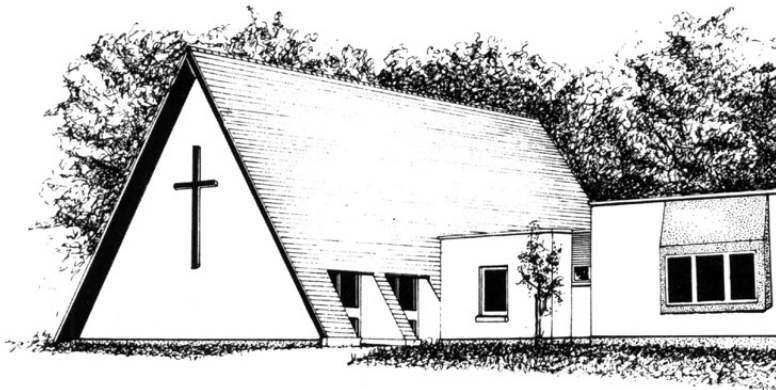
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our regular pattern of worship

Sundays (except 4th)

9.30am Episcopalian Sung Eucharist
(occasionally 9.15am – see diary pages for details)

11.00am Methodist Morning Worship
(including Sunday School)

2nd Sundays: for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and “Sunday Funday”

11.00am All-age service

4th Sundays: Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm “Sunday@Six”

Our postal address is Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dunfermline, KY11 2JH, and you'll find us at the junction of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. The car park is behind the church, and limited local on-street parking is available, but there is lots more space in the parking area at the junction with Park Road.

Letter from the Editor.

Welcome to Contact Magazine for April /May 2012

The beautiful sunny days that we have enjoyed recently, as well as the cheery daffodils and other Spring flowers have helped to carry us through the more sombre thought of our journey through Lent.

For those who have used the forty days of Lent to reflect and ponder on the time that Jesus spent away from normal life, it may well have been a time with deep meaning.

During that time, through the media, we have been made aware of some of the darker aspects of life today. Reality has been hard and tortuous for many people at home and internationally. Our world leaders and all their advisors exercise so much time and energy trying to 'make things better.' What can we do? How can we go forward from our time of Lent to celebrate the 'Joy' of Easter?

As Christians we hold the message of the Bible that God defeated the 'powers of darkness' at Calvary, and the message of Easter is that 'Jesus is alive', and that through the power of His Holy Spirit, people can be changed. We can be vehicles of Love, Understanding, Truth and Honesty where we live and work.

A stone thrown into a lake makes ripples for only a short time, but, when lots of stones

are thrown it can cause the ripples to join together and create a beautiful pattern.

If each of us allows God to show His love through us, Forgiveness, Understanding, Truth, Justice and Honesty will flourish in our community. It is said that on the Cross Jesus words were, 'It is finished'. He had broken the power of evil. When He appeared to Mary in the garden He showed that Life does not end in the tomb. That – 'The best is yet to be,' - but more of that as we read the story of Pentecost.

For now let us celebrate the gift of New Life through Jesus.

A Happy Easter to you all.

JyM.

One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

"The Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen.

No one will say

"Look here it is "

or

"There it is"

Because the Kingdom of God is within you

Luke 17: v20-21

What's in this issue ...

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Thanks from the Wards

Dave and Mandy Ward would like to thank everyone who so kindly supported them and the whole family at the time of the funeral of Joyce Ward.

They felt it to be a true time of celebration and in the words of their oldest Grand-daughter, Amy, 'Is it nice to say, "This is a lovely funeral"? That typifies it.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make it that way.

Debbie, another Grand-daughter wrote a poem 'Our beloved Nanny' which was read at the funeral and is included in this edition of Contact.

Contact Magazine Travels Well!

The editor has received an email from America from someone who was a member of the Methodist Church in Pollokshaws where Malcolm Trew was one time Minister.

Malcolm presided over their marriage some 35 years ago.

The couple have now been living in America for 33 years and are both active in the Anglican Church there.

It was good to get this email and I wonder whether there are other readers in lands afar who would like to send their news.

It would be good to hear from them.

Christian Aid News.

Thanks to all who supported the Afternoon Tea. It turned out to be a great success and raised £300 which was more than we would have had at a Daffodil Tea. It was certainly a social event as the folks thoroughly enjoyed having a good chat with all their friends.

The next event will be "The Souper Soup" lunch on Wednesday 28th March. This will be held in The Hub Cafe, in the Parish Church Hall from 12.00 - 2.00pm. For those who usually attend the lunches at The Hub this will be instead of the usual menu.

There will be a choice of 9 different soups to try - you can have two small bowls with different soups or a large bowl of one soup, and of course some delicious desserts, and also tea/coffee. charge will be £5.

Last year we had a wonderful concert with choirs from some of the Primary Schools in Rosyth and they have asked if they can perform again this year. This will take place on the

9th and 10th May in the Rosyth Parish Church, so take note in your diaries.

If anyone can help in House/House collection it would be greatly appreciated as we are so short of collectors. Please get in touch with Becca Murphy tel. 417 725 or myself tel. 721252.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

for the family of Thelma and David Couch

Every year part of our family arrange a 'Lets Get Together' for Mum and Dad's wedding Anniversary which is the 19th January.

Mum and Dad happens to be our elder daughter Priscilla and her Husband Iain. Our eldest Grand daughter, Shona with Husband Frank always take the lead in organising these events.

This year was no exception and a very large house in its own grounds and private beach was booked on the Mull of Kintyre, in a very remote location and some twelve miles from Campbeltown.

We were collected from our home in Rosyth near lunch time by son in law Iain and taken to Glasgow to rendezvous with daughter Priscilla and Grand daughter Heather (from London) also Grandson Robert, his sister Catriona with boyfriend Stephen. We met at Costco' cash and carry store to stock up with more than enough supplies for a ten good appetite family, for a week. After having lunch in its café we proceeded on the long car journey to the house, with only a convenience stop in Inveraray.

Late evening and in darkness we arrived to unload the cars We were armed with torches and lamps and found the light switches and central heating / hot water controls.

The ground floor of the house included a very large vestibule with entrance to a toilet and washbasin. A dining room to seat fourteen people; a lounge containing three three piece suites with a large open fireplace; two bedrooms; a very large kitchen with table and all mod'cons, plus a utility room. After ascending a very broad eighteen step stairway we found six bedrooms some ensuite, plus another shower/toilet.

A second floor existed which wasn't used also a large basement with room bells which must have been used in former years by the 'downstair staff.'

Later that evening Shona and Frank arrived in another car having flown from Amsterdam.

After a good meal we all retired to our allocated bedrooms very tired but looking forward to tomorrow. (We,Thelma and David) were spared the staircase!

The main task on Saturday comprised shopping for coal and logs purchased at a petrol station with other items in Campbeltown.

There was no telephone, television or wireless in the house and mobile phones signals very difficult to get except in a large bay window and behind the curtain in the lounge.

Some mornings we had a 'Brunch' cooked with all possible ingredients. Other mornings it was a DIY.

The major daily task was to keep the fire burning. The fuel was supplemented by bracken and twigs from the semi- forest grounds.

A few car trips, beach walks on the Peninsular, and exploring was another daily operation. Our indoor activities consisted of completing four large jigsaw puzzles plus 'Trivial Pursuit'. Robert played a variety of music on his very small recording machine, (which contained over two hundred tracks.)plus two oxo cube type speakers – what technology!

Everyone tucked in to do the usual domestic chores. All were excellent cooks. We had an Indian, Chinese and Italian night.

Thelma's task was to produce a mega steak pie one night – needless to say there were never any leftovers.

In the hours of Friday morning we experienced a heavy thunderstorm and our electricity supply failed but was temporarily restored late morning and again failed in the afternoon to be restored late in the evening. Torches and lamps became useful.

That was Anniversary day. Dinner was cooked only on the gas hob, the electric oven was 'Kaputt'.

Miraculously a surprise cake and champagne was produced. A jolly time was had by the entire company.

Prior to our trip we wondered how we ten different individuals would get on in this big house in a remote location for a week.

Iain a Scot, Priscilla - English: Four Children: Stephen - English (Yorkshire): Frank - German: Thelma and David - English (Devon).

Thankfully everyone got on very well indeed and was an excellent example of what happy Christian type marriages produced.

On Saturday we all left and went on our different journeys home and thanked our loving Creator for such a good supportive family.

Yours, Thelma and David Couch.

Fellowship News

Congratulations

Congratulations to our curate, **Valerie Walker**, who has been appointed Rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross. Valerie will leave us shortly when she will be inducted into her charge. We will miss her, but it is good to know she is only 'up the road', and still part of the St Andrews West Area Council.

Our prayers are with Valerie and her family as she prepares for this new challenge and the next exciting chapter of her ministry.

In the wars

Audrey Headden has had a favourable report from the specialist, and it was good to see her back at Wednesday Fellowship on 14 March and at church the following Sunday.

Betty Terry is also improving at home after her fall, which resulted in hospitalisation. However, she is unable to drive at present, so is confined to the house. If anyone has an hour to spare, Betty would love a visit from you at 11 Holly Crescent, Pitcorthie (please go to the back door).

Please remember them both in your thoughts and prayers.

Sad News

At this Easter time we record the deaths of two of our older Church members. Joyce Ward and Joan Sowerby. Both have been loyal and much loved members of the Rosyth Methodist Church for many years. We celebrate the lives of each of them.

Wednesday Fellowship

We are now well into our third year as the Wednesday Fellowship which has seen the arrival of several new members.

We miss Marion Marshall very much, she was one of our loyal members who passed away earlier this year, and also our honorary member, Joyce Ward. Joyce was one of those who was unable to attend our meetings but who always maintained a lively interest in the Fellowship. They are remembered in our prayers. They used to receive copies of 'Contact' which kept them informed of what was going on.

We've had some very interesting speakers this session. Some have told of travels to faraway places. A more local interest was brought by a visitor from the Carnegie Library in Dunfermline.

We've enjoyed games, a quiz for Leap Day, and there is a lot more to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Most of all we enjoy our friendship and fellowship with each other and with our Lord, not to mention the refreshment, which is what we're about!

Have another look at the Syllabus on the notice board in the Church Crush Hall and see if anything particularly interests you. We would love to see you.

We are always pleased to receive letters and articles on topics of interest to our readership, especially items of fellowship news, though regrettably we may have to modify or adapt them to fit the space available.

Diary for April 2012

Holy Week

Sunday 1 April

- Palm Sunday **9.15am** Sung Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
Rev Tim Bennison
- 11.00am Morning Worship and Blessing of Palms
Professor John Sawkins
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)
- 1.30pm Palm Sunday procession through Rosyth, with Sydney the donkey, starting from the Methodist Church

Monday 2 April

- 7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Study Group, St Columba's
Alternative opportunity to attend the course
'Handing on the Torch'.
- 7.00pm Eucharist with reflection at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
- 7.15pm Rehearsal for Stainer's *Crucifixion* (in the church)

Tuesday 3 April

- 7.00pm Eucharist with reflection at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Wednesday 4 Apr

- 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
Rev Tim Bennison – Holy Week Communion
An opportunity to meet the Fellowship and enjoy
mid-week communion. All welcome.
- 7.00pm Eucharist with reflection at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Maundy Thursday

- 10.00am Rosyth Parish Church Labyrinth
to 4.00pm
- 7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper Rev Tim Bennison
Joint service (at our church) for St Margaret's,
Rosyth Methodist and Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Good Friday

- 10.00am Rosyth Parish Church Labyrinth
to 4.00pm
- from 10.00am "Walk the Labyrinth":
time for reflection at Rosyth Parish Church, followed at
11.30am Hymn, prayer and walk to Rosyth Baptist Church
for reflective reading and prayer
- 2.00pm Veneration of the Cross at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline
- 7.30pm Stainer's *Crucifixion* at Rosyth Methodist Church
St Margaret's augmented choir

Holy Saturday

- 8.30pm Easter Vigil with New Fire and first communion of
Easter at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Diary for April 2012

Sunday 8 April

- Easter Sunday **9.15am** Sung Eucharist Rev Tim Bennison
11.00am Morning Worship Rev Geoffrey Baines
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)

Note that there will be no Sunday Funday during the school holidays

3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

- Wednesday 11 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
Guest Speaker Dennis Cook

Sunday 15 April

- Easter 2 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Valerie Walker
11.00am Morning Worship Dr Deidre Homer
David Salthouse (Worship Leader)

- Tuesday 17 Apr 7.30pm Joint Vestry and Council Meeting followed by
Council Meeting, in the Church Lounge

- Wednesday 18 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
Guest Speaker Rev Kathryn Price, URC

- Friday 20 Apr 7.30pm Bible Study (in the book of Acts) at home of Evelyn
Kenny, Willow Lodge, Leys Park Road, Dunfermline

- Saturday 21 Apr 7.30pm 'Jackpot' presented by Unisong (Berwick upon Tweed's
Christian Musical Groups), City of Edinburgh Methodist
Church, Nicolson Square
Tickets £5 (children free) from Church Office

Sunday 22 April

- Easter 3 11.00am Joint Communion Service Rev Andrew Letby
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)

Traidcraft goods on sale after the service

6.00pm Sunday@Six

- Wednesday 25 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
'Ah yes, I remember it well!'

- Thursday 26 Apr 7.00pm Tales of Rosyth and Neighbourhood
Martin Rogers and Sandy Masterton
at Rosyth Library

Diary for May 2012

- Sunday 13 May to Saturday 19 May Christian Aid Week
- Monday 14 May to Saturday 19 May Rosyth Garden City Association annual exhibition in the Parish Church: 'The Changing Face of Rosyth'
- Monday 14 May 7.30pm St Andrews West Area Council Meeting
St Paul's Church, Kinross
Bishop David will speak about the Anglican Covenant
- Wednesday 16 May 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
Stitches for Charlie – Prestonpans Tapestry
- Thursday 17 May 7.30pm Sung Eucharist
Ascension Day
- Sunday 20 May**
- Easter 7 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 11.00am Morning Worship Rev Geoffrey Baines
Mrs Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)
- 13.00pm "Heart and Soul": 2012 Church of Scotland
celebration of the whole church,
to 18.00pm in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh
- Monday 21 May 7.00pm Footsteps – Walking the Path of Christian Discipleship
Week 1 – 'Stewards of God's Mysteries'
St Peter's Church, Kirkcaldy
- Thursday 24 May to Saturday 26 May 7.00pm Kingdom Singers Annual Concert,
Carnegie Hall Annexe
- Wednesday 23 May 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
AGM, Tea and Close of Session
- Friday 25 May 7.30pm Bible Study (in the book of Acts) at home of Evelyn
Kenny, Willow Lodge, Leys Park Road, Dunfermline
- Sunday 27 May**
- Pentecost 11.00am Joint Communion Service
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)
Traidcraft goods on sale after the service
- 6.00pm Sunday@Six
- Monday 28 May 7.00pm Footsteps – Walking the Path of Christian Discipleship
Week 2 – 'Servant Leadership'
St Peter's Church, Kirkcaldy

Diary for May/June 2012

Tuesday 29 May 6.30pm St Margaret's Vestry meeting in Room 3

Wednesday 30 May **1.00pm** Wednesday Fellowship Lunch at the Elgin Hotel

Note: Meetings resume on Wednesday 5 September

Sunday 3 June

Trinity Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Diamond Jubilee Sunday

11.00am Morning Worship

Monday 4 Jun 7.30pm Ecumenical Study Group, St Columba's, Torriddon Lane

Tuesday 5 Jun tba Testimony service for Deacon Sarah
at the Acorn Centre, Leith

Keeping up-to-date

Inevitably, the information in any printed diary is incomplete at the time of publication, however long the editor holds fire waiting for inputs, and then it gradually gets out-of-date. And occasionally there are significant changes!

For this reason, both two websites for our partnership have a version of the Contact diary pages as a downloadable PDF file linked to the home page. This version is updated when necessary, and you can find the revision date at the bottom of the final page.

The sites also have a "What's On" page for the current month, listing the services and giving basic information. The St Margaret's page also includes the readings for the day and the group responsible for making sure things happen!

As well as making this information available, each revision sees a new "thought for the month", and a relevant picture. That picture is repeated on the home page, giving a link to the "What's On" page, and the invitation "Why this picture? Click it to find out!", by way of encouraging casual browsers to enter the site, and making sure that the home page looks different from time to time.

The monthly thought from Easter onwards is a reflection on the very same passage that Mary Kidd read at the LEP Gathering reported elsewhere in this issue:

Jesus takes three of his closest friends into the garden of Gethsemane, and encourages them to pray with him. But, after praying for an hour, he returns to find them sleeping.

As he awakens them, Jesus asks a simple question: why they couldn't stay awake and pray? After all, Peter, James and John were in the garden with the individual who best knew how to pray, they loved their master, and had boldly proclaimed that they would not deny Jesus. However, while their intentions were good, they could not pray even for an hour, and we soon see Peter denying Jesus not just once, but three times.

Like the disciples, we often have good intentions that don't stand the test of reality: our spirit may be strong, but our flesh is weak. We intend to do great things for Christ, but our plans and hopes quickly dissipate ...

For this month's picture and the rest of the reflection, visit one of our websites, and click on the picture!

Happening soon!

An invitation to hear about The Anglican Covenant

Bishop David is delighted to talk about the Covenant at the next St Andrew's West Area Council Meeting on **Monday 14 May** at St Paul's Church, Kinross at 7.30pm. This is a complex issue, which was the subject of discussion at the recent Diocesan Synod, and will be debated at the 2012 General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

We are encouraged to come along to this open meeting and hear what Bishop David has to say.

Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6 February 1952, her coronation taking place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1977, her Golden Jubilee in 2002 and this year is her Diamond Jubilee. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897.

The main official celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 June and will include a Thames

Diamond Jubilee Pageant of up to 1,000 boats assembling from around the world, led by the Royal Barge; a BBC Concert at Buckingham Place for an audience of 10,000 (randomly selected by ballot); Jubilee Beacons (2012 in total) to be lit throughout the UK, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the Commonwealth, including one at the Palace of Holyrood House. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will attend a national Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June. A Prayer, written at the Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the service.

Throughout the UK around this time people are planning their own celebrations, church services will be held to commemorate and give thanks for 60 glorious years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and on Sunday 3 June people are encouraged to share a 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' with neighbours and friends.

What are we doing about this? Plans have not yet been finalised, so watch out for details in the weekly notices.

LEP Gathering

Stories from the heart was the theme of the 4th LEP Gathering, on 10 March, hosted by the Murrayfield Churches Together (MTC) in Murrayfield Parish Church. Mary Kidd, Alan Taylor and Sandra Young represented our LEP. The event started with a moving act of worship, adapted from a 'A Service of Welcome' by Iona Abbey Worship Group, and including bible readings to reflect the themes of the day. This was followed by a short video on what the partnership (Murrayfield Parish, The Church of the

Good Shepherd, and Saughtonhall URC) does together and included scenes from a nativity play, its varied community work, study groups and involvement in an overseas project in Kenya (see below).

The key note speaker, Lt Col Alan Burns, Divisional Leader of the East of Scotland Salvation Army (originally from Kirkcaldy) gave an inspiring talk on Mission – and what God is doing in the world. He took as his theme a quote from Tim Dearborn, Partnership Leader of World Vision

International, which concerned the 'Mission-shaped church':

"It's not so much the case that God has a mission for the church in the world, but that God has a church for His mission in the world.

"Start with the church, and the mission will get lost; start with the mission, and it is likely that the church will be found!"

Alan spoke of the Missionary church as being part of God's sending out, and how we should think about and deal with the challenges outside the church, in particular remembering whose ground and language it was, and how we re-act to different situations.

After a later than scheduled lunch – it was delivered to *Morningside* Parish Church by mistake – we settled into groups of our choice to hear two 'heart to heart' conversations. This was a welcome change from previous Gatherings, where we discussed topics and presented our findings in plenary.

Two of the conversations covered were:

Partners in Ministry, which gave each of us a chance to talk about our LEPs and the opportunities we had to follow mission and outreach. As examples, in Rosyth we have an active ecumenical group which creates labyrinths, takes part in the Palm Sunday Procession and the Walk with Christ on Good Friday, while the ministers from the five churches in Rosyth are active in planning events together. It was quite gratifying when the Rev Lindsey Sanderson, (Assistant General Secretary of ACTS) said that our LEP was a good example of an active LEP.

Partners in the World, which told us about a project currently involving the MTC and ECUDARE – an Ecumenical

Day Care and Support Women Project to provide quality of life and holistic care for women living with HIV and their families in one of the poorest areas in Kenya. This project is financially supported by the MTC annually.

We heard an enthusiastic report from Shirley Brown about their involvement in the project and her first-hand knowledge of some of the benefits their contributions have made. Esther, the Director (who, with her husband Daniel, was a guestsfor the day), spoke equally passionately about her project, and how some of the women have started their own small businesses – vegetable selling, soap making, chicken and rabbit rearing.

In the final session, Lindsey updated us with news from the Sponsoring Body – what they can do for LEPs, and future initiatives in hand. We concluded a thoughtfully-prepared day with Lindsey leading us in final worship, which included Mary reading from Luke 24 (the story of the road to Emmaus). Each of us was given a lapel badge, with the motto *Stories from the heart* as a memento.

We enjoyed the event and found it a very worthwhile day, and our thanks go to Lindsey and others involved. We were particularly taken with the stage adaptation, with the lovely lounge and basement storage area, and the sliding door for access. Now that would work for us!

For most of the others the day started with the stress of finding a parking-place in a residential area on a Saturday. We three arrived travel-stress free, armed with rail-cards and bus passes!

Sandra, Mary and Alan

Casting the Net: Forthcoming events

an update from Sandra Young, CTN Liaison Officer

Celebrating Casting the Net

On **Saturday 5 May** in Perth there will be a day to bring together all who share in the work of Casting the Net, including a Commissioning Service and a chance to meet Mark Russell, Chief Executive of Church Army.

The day will be about sharing and celebrating the vocation of those who have given so much to Casting the Net. The CTN Team has recognised the deep sense of calling that many feel, and have decided it seems right to affirm that sense of calling in a Commissioning Service, in which everyone can pray together and give thanks for all people who contribute to Casting the Net.

The focus of the event will be this year's Mark of Mission 7: "Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism". The guest speaker will be Mark Russell, CEO of Church Army, whose vast experience in this area will offer new and exciting perspectives on how to confidently share our faith.

Unfortunately, I am away at the time but Alan Taylor will be there at what promises to be an informative and joyous occasion.

Lay ministry training

This year the CTN team will be offering a range of training events for those of you involved in lay ministry, whether it be reading in church, leading intercessions, administering the chalice or pastoral care in the community. Details to be confirmed.

Regional gatherings

For those who attended "The Gathering" at the Cathedral last May you won't miss out! There will be two (smaller) regional events focusing on Mark of Mission 7. Come along to one of these Regional Gatherings to find out more, to share your own experiences and to take part in workshops ranging from music in worship to the theology of evangelism. Please put the dates in your diary now ... more details later.

All Saints, St Andrews

Saturday 22 September, 10am–4pm

Holy Trinity, Stirling

Saturday 6 October, 10am–4pm

Footsteps

"Walking the Path of Christian Discipleship" is a course for anyone wishing to nurture their Christian Faith. It is being run on two Mondays in May at St Peter's Church, Kirkcaldy at 7pm (for 7.30pm) – refreshments will be provided – and will be led by the Rev Andrew Frearson (Rector of St James Episcopal Church, Dollar).

Week 1: Stewards of God's Mysteries

– **Monday 21 May**

Week 2: Servant Leadership

– **Monday 28 May**

This course is being piloted for the Diocese by the St Andrews West Area Council, and all the churches are encouraged to support it. It would be great if some of us could participate.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact Caroline King (the CTN Co-ordinator) on 01738 443173 or at castingthenet@standrew.anglican.org, or else just turn up!

Our Beloved Nanny.

Our nanny, our beautiful Nanny,
As we knock on her door we hear her say
Hello love, have you had a nice day.
Everyone was welcome in Nanny's home
Her loving generosity was widely known

With her thoughtful words and her loving
touch

A selfless person who cared so much
To have our nanny in our lives we were
blessed

This inspirational woman was the best.

Nanny had such wonderful ways,
Of telling her stories of the olden days.
With her funny verses and silly rhymes,
Understanding them though was quite
hard at times.
And if she couldn't remember someone's
name,
Thingy mi bob would do her just the
same.

Aside from this our nanny was wise,
With her clever brain she won every
prize.
Crosswords and quizzes and puzzles she
would crave
To compete against her you would have
to be brave.
This is a trait she has passed on to her
son

So watch out quiz masters there is a new
number 1

With heavy hearts and tear filled eyes,
We know we all have to way our
goodbyes.

Saying goodbye is such a hard thing to do,
When knowing it's the last time we will
see you.

With a kiss on your cheek and a lasting
touch

Night, night nanny we'll miss you so
much.

As we sit with you watching you sleep
So deep, so deep, are you just asleep?
Or are you sitting in the waiting room
chair

Half way between here and up there.

As you look up smiling at heaven's gate
Tom your true love up there he awaits.
It's time to go now and join your true love
Together, forever in your new home up
above.

Contact points

This list supplements the list of formal contacts given on the inside cover, and is for the activities and organisations run by the Methodist Church Council and St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated but independent organisations.

Church activities

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