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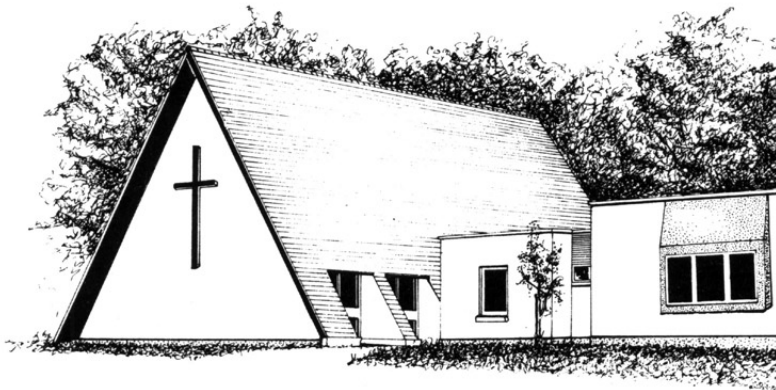
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our regular pattern of worship

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”

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.

A letter from the Editor ...

Dear Readers of Contact,
A Happy Easter to you all.

Easter is a time for celebration. We can echo the words in Psalm 126:3 “The Lord has done great things for us”, and the words recorded in John 14:19, “Because I live you will live also”.

In these days of international difficulties – conflicts, finances, great humanitarian needs – we can still know that God is God. Through Jesus He has shown us that God is all powerful, and all loving, and that in His care we can know peace and joy, and love. Such knowledge and the encapsulated privileges are for all. In John 3:16 we read “For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. He did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” That there can be life in all its fullness. In 1 John 4:19 we read “We love because He first loved us.”

The love that God has for us is shown through Jesus, through His death and resurrection. That love is sufficient for all. As individuals, communities and nations take on board Jesus injunction to “Love one another, as I have loved you,” greed, power seeking, selfishness of every kind can be vapourised. Then we will pray the prayer that Jesus gave us, saying with greater emphasis the words, “Thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in Heaven.”

Each of us has a part to play in allowing that love to work through us. The ripples from such action will spread. Families, communities and the wider scene will join in harmony and understanding as together we celebrate the risen Jesus as Lord.

This is the last Contact magazine for which I have responsibility. My grateful thanks are to those who with patience and ability have given me so much support. I pray that God will bless each one of you, and that there may be someone ‘out there’ who may be willing to continue the production of the magazine.

Yours sincerely, Janet Murray

Which sort of king?

During our joint communion service on Palm Sunday, Rev Dr Marion Keston gave symbols of different kinds of kings to three of our Young Church members. Seen here, thanks to Stuart Pearson, we have, starting from the left, a symbol of the sort of king that most of those waving palms probably thought they were celebrating – someone who would throw out the Romans and create a free Jewish state on earth.

Then we have a crown of thorns (too prickly to wear!), reflecting the title “King of the Jews” placed above Christ on the cross by Pilate’s order.



And, finally, a cross of wood, but one that is overlaid by a circle, representing the world, and the fact that Christ laid down his life for everyone. We are all his chosen people!

Fellowship news and reports

Valued work from kind people

We have many people within the Church family who work steadily to enrich the Fellowship and the beauty of the Church. Too often we take their work for granted, but sometimes it is good to highlight particular contributions and be reminded that many people do work 'behind the scenes' and deserve our thanks, our love, our prayers and our support.

At Christmas time we were very fortunate to have a beautiful Nativity scene on display in the Church. This was the work of Ruby Lucas and Connie Syme. The items are each beautifully made and together made a worthy depiction of the Nativity. They will add to the Christmas focus for many years to come. Thank you both.

The Nativity scene directed our thoughts from the position it was given at the back of the sanctuary. At the front of the sanctuary we were helped in our thinking by the splendid Nativity banner on the Communion rail. Our sincere thanks for this are due to Jean Hall.

Thank you for the banner Jean, and thank you also for your frequent contributions to the coffee time at the end of morning services.

One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

Wednesday Fellowship

Our weekly Fellowship meetings have got off to a good start this session which has seen an increase in membership attendance for some very interesting afternoons. It's hard to believe we are nearly half-way through the term already!

We welcomed Ronnie McMillan from our Kirkcaldy Church who shared his love of stamps and Methodism; we now know a lot more about the Dunfermline Food Bank which the church has supported recently. We've learned about Paget's Disease as experienced by David Couch and Thelma, and sampled some very interesting teas from the Wee Tea Company in Dunfermline. (I'll stick to Earl Grey with a slice of lemon, thanks!)

We were pleased to welcome back, after sick leave, Lou Davidson, who is our Practice Nurse in Charlestown. Lou is one of the members of the Haiti Help team who does such tremendous work in setting up the new 'Children's Village' near the main town on La Gonave, and in the support of The Poor House which is home for quite destitute elderly residents.

At church we have supported their cause through the donations of clothes, and books for fund raising. The work is ongoing, and you can learn more about it from their website www.haitihelp.org.uk, or from their Facebook page which includes some lovely photographs of their visit last year.

Lou undertakes some of the fund raising through the sale of books at our surgeries in Charlestown and Lochgelly. If you're thinking of having a 'book cull' some time soon, please let me have them, either at church or at home, and I can pass them on.

Mary Kidd

Fellowship news and reports

Sunday@Six

Our thanks to Sue Masson for her enterprising February Sunday@Six. Sue had us all singing – ably led by the choir – catchy South American hymns. Adrienne Fergusson a member of St Paul & St George church in Edinburgh, gave a moving talk on the New Hope Children's Home in Arequipa, run by an American couple for the past 12 years. Adrienne told of the plight of so many children in Peru being left at a petrol station on the outskirts of Arequipa – because the parents cannot afford to look after their child – in the hope that the child will be taken into care. We welcomed the chance to talk to Adrienne afterwards over refreshments. Thank you to all who supported the retiring collection, which realised £200 for the work of the home.

Look out for more Sunday@Six services with a difference in the coming months.

Sandra Young

A cross of wood ...



The origin and meaning of the distinctive circle of the Celtic cross (seen on page 3) are both uncertain. Did St Patrick create the first Celtic cross? Does the circle represent the moon? or the sun? or the world? or eternity? Whatever your choice, this empty cross is a symbol worth reflecting on.

Postcard from Slovenia

Having a lovely time; wish you were here! I'd like to say the weather is good but since late January, when we hoped for snow for the ski competition on the local mountain range, it hasn't really stopped and, to be honest, the novelty has worn off. However, the skiers in the family are quite happy.

The children aren't really bothered either since the school organises a day out to the said mountains for sledging, or they go skating at the local rink.

Jack's peeved because it's interfering with his running schedule, and the first one is in April (7km). Then there are a variety throughout the year with some involving all except me ... Kirsten, Fridi, Lily (9 in July) and Alex (just turned 6).

My excuse is someone needs to carry the jackets/bags/flags etc. At least they end up with a nice variety of T-shirts, and the organisers usually put on a good spread of fresh fruit and cold drinks. Pity it doesn't include some of their delicious cakes, but I am fairly skilled at finding a coffee shop.

I hope this finds you all in good health and wish for you a Happy Easter and a long warm summer; I don't think I should have bought the bedding plants so soon, they are now sitting underneath the kitchen table waiting for the first sign of Spring, when will be in the garden (always providing they last that long).

Kindest regards,

Margaret and Jack Hemphkins

PS: Very Many Happy Returns to Jack Fowell on his 90th. Sorry to have missed singing it!

Invitations

Samaritan's Purse

The articles required for the following months are:

April – Soft toys and small toys

May – Pencils and pencil sharpeners

June – Face cloths and notebooks

Please remember that the articles have to fit into a shoebox along with several other items.

June is the last month we shall be collecting, as we will be supporting the Dunfermline Food Bank from July to November - more about that later. Very many thanks to all who have contributed to the Samaritan's Purse over the last few months.

Christian Aid:

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 27 March at The Hub Café, in the Parish Church Hall from 12.00 until 2.00pm is Souper Soup Day for Christian Aid. You will be able to sample two different soups (small size bowl) or 1 soup (large bowl) plus delicious desserts, tea/coffee.

A concert by the choirs from some of the Rosyth Primary Schools will held in the Rosyth Parish Church Hall on **Thursday 9 May**. After the success of last year's concert the children themselves asked if they could come back in 2013. This event really has been very well supported during the past two years, so please write the date in your diary now.

There will be more information nearer the time so watch out for the posters.

This year, **Christian Aid Week** runs from Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May. As always, your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

With music in mind ...

The Woodmill Singers are once more bringing their own special brand of music to the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 14 May**. Tickets from Myra Tarr.

The Scottish Chamber Choir, accompanied by Sospiro Baroque, are performing that Bach masterpiece, his *Mass in B minor*, in the superb acoustic of the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, at 7.30pm on **Saturday 8 June**. Tickets £10 (concessions for students) from Martin Tarr.

Welcome

Come and dine with Dorissia and her crew on **Friday 3 May** in Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Food from all round the world ... and you are invited to come appropriately dressed!

The fun and food are in aid of the Mothers' Union Overseas Development Fund and Bishop David's Lent Appeal.

Tickets from Dorissia Forsyth (07854 615176).

If you have been before, you'll know just how good it is!

Bienvenue

Diary for April 2013

Wednesday 3 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:
Prestonpans Tapestry – ‘Stitches for Charlie’

Friday 5 Apr 7.00pm Choir practice

Sunday 7 April

Easter 2 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Ross Kennedy

11.00am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Letby
Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)

Wednesday 10 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:
Martin Rogers and Sandy Masterton
“Tales of Rosyth and District”

Friday 12 Apr 7.00pm Choir practice

Sunday 14 April

Easter 3 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein

11.00am Morning Worship Mr Edward Idle
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)

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

3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

Tuesday 16 Apr 7.30pm Joint Vestry and Council Meeting followed by
Council Meeting, in the Church Lounge

Wednesday 17 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:
Bob Liddle – “The Glencoe Massacre”

Friday 12 Apr 7.00pm Choir practice

Sunday 21 April

Easter 4 9.30am Sung Eucharist Most Rev David Chillingworth

11.00am Morning Worship Mr Brian Curtis

6.30pm Short service of prayer, reflection and Taizé chants
at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline

Tuesday 23 Apr 6.00pm Circuit Stewards meeting
CEMC, Nicolson Square, Edinburgh

Wednesday 24 Apr 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:
Bill Tulloch – “There’s been another murder”

Friday 26 Apr 7.00pm Choir practice

Diary for May/June 2013

- Tuesday 14 May 6.00pm Circuit Leadership Team meeting
CEMC, Nicolson Square, Edinburgh
- 7.00pm Woodmill Singers Summer Concert, Carnegie Hall
(Tickets from Myra Tarr)
- Tuesday 14 May 7.30pm St Andrews West Area Council Meeting
Rosyth Methodist Church
- Wednesday 15 May 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:
Rev Eric and Gillian Potts – “A Treasury of Prayer”
- Friday 17 May 7.00pm Choir practice
- Sunday 19 May**
- Pentecost 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 11.00am Morning Worship Rev Mrs Hilary Henderson
Deacon Sarah McDowall (Worship Leader)
- 1.00pm “Heart and Soul”:
to 6.00pm 2013 Church of Scotland celebration of the whole
church, in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh
- Wednesday 22 May 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship
AGM, Tea and Close of Session
- Saturday 25 May 4.30pm Closing worship of RSCM Celebration Day, at St Mary’s
Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh
See the invitation on page 10
- Sunday 26 May**
- Trinity Sunday 11.00am Joint Communion Service Very Rev Jim Mein
- 6.00pm Sunday@Six
- Tuesday 28 May 6.30pm St Margaret’s Vestry meeting in Room 3
- Wednesday 29 May 12.30pm Wednesday Fellowship Lunch at the Elgin Hotel
- Note:** Meetings resume on Wednesday 4 September
- Saturday 1 Jun 10.00am CTN Gathering St Ninian’s Cathedral, Perth
to 4.00pm Theme Mark of Mission 2 “Transformed Lives and
Communities through receiving the good news of Jesus
Christ (see page 10 for details)
- Sunday 2 June**
- Pentecost 2 9.30am Sung Eucharist
- 11.00am Morning Worship

Diary for June 2013

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| Monday 3 Jun | 7.30pm | Ecumenical Study Group, St Columba's, Torridon Lane |
| Tuesday 4 Jun | 7.30pm | Local preachers meeting, Carmondean, Livingston |
| Friday 7 Jun | 7.00pm | Choir practice |
| Saturday 8 Jun | 7.30pm | Scottish Chamber Choir and Sospiro Baroque Bach <i>Mass in B minor</i> , Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh (Tickets from Martin Tarr) |

Casting the Net

an update from Sandra Young, CTN Liaison Officer

This year's Gathering will focus on the Mark of Mission for 2013 – Mark 2: *Transformed lives and communities through receiving the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Karen Gaskell, CTN Convenor for Congregational Growth, writes:

“Transformation is about seeing ourselves, the context we are in, and God's call to us, in a new light. In this Mark of Mission we seek to create opportunities for individuals in our congregations and communities to receive the Good News and see themselves and God in a new way.”

The programme will include workshops on transformed lives, working with communities, working with young people, meditations, music and art, healing, Celtic spirituality, Eco-congregations and much more.



From discussions I have been involved in, this promises to be an interesting and worthwhile day with a mix of external speakers, who will talk on their specialist subject, and local personalities such as Bishop David, Rev Thomas Brauer, from Edmonton, Canada, currently Rector of the Central Fife Team Ministry (and well worth hearing!) and Rev Alison Peden from Stirling.

Please save the date – **Saturday 1 June** from 10.00am to 4.00pm at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. Further details will be available shortly.

Celebrate with the RSCM

The Royal School of Church Music is a UK-wide educational Christian charity that seeks to enable the best use of music in worship, church life, and community. This year, their annual Celebration Day service will be held in Edinburgh, and all are very welcome to join the congregation at 4.30pm on **Saturday 25 May** at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral.

A massed choir from RSCM-affiliated choirs in the region, including members from our own choir, will sing pieces by James MacMillan and Philip Duffy, and Stanford's Magnificat in C, and you'll get a chance to hear other music from the cathedral choir and two RSCM Scottish Voices choirs, and to join in some great hymns.

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.

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Sister Anna nearly drops the banner!

A true story by Valerie Leslie

On a very cold snowy Saturday, 23 March, the Mothers' Union held their Lady Day service in the Cathedral in Perth. The new diocesan MU president, Mrs Linda Brownlee was to be commissioned – as also were several trustees, one of which was Isobel Thomson. Both Linda and Isobel come from the Holy Trinity branch of MU.

So, with great excitement and enthusiasm, I volunteered to carry the banner. I guess most folk who know me will testify to my not being the most surefooted and careful of individuals. I am what most folk would call a klutz, but – heigh-ho! – I felt honoured to carry HT's banner. What I didn't take into account was its size and rather tricky manoeuvrability.

So, there I am on the day, waiting with bated breath to follow the banner procession. The banner group gets ready to move off, and that is when I discover how heavy the banner is, and that it's somewhat tricky to walk in a straight line with a banner which does not allow me to see where I am going. Yes, you guessed it: Klutz is all over the place, with tassels from the banner swinging everywhere but where they should be, hitting the poor women in front of me more than once.

However, halfway down the aisle I see that everyone is holding their banner higher than me. Aha! So that is how it's done!

Lifting it higher, I can see where I am going and get to the correct destination with no further difficulty. Wow! I hear you say: Well done you! However, the story is not yet over. More disaster is to follow.

The service was beautiful, the choral singing beautiful, with a lovely sermon from the Bishop of Brechin, and the commissioning going off without a hitch. The last hymn begins. The banner bearers move off. Here I go! I *thought* we were going back the way we came, and remembered to lift the banner high. However, we were told to go through the East Choir. So, picking up the banner and lifting it high, it immediately gets stuck in the woodwork. Tassels swinging wildly, I try frantically to extract it and get it through the rather narrow gap. "O Lord help me, Lord graciously help me", I am thinking!

Well, I finally get through, but further difficulty is just a step or two away as I misjudge the chancel step and almost launch myself into the entire front row of the congregation, banner and all. Thankfully I did not land in the lap of the new president, but it was a close thing.

Laughter from my fellow MU friends from HT made me see the funny side of it. and I haven't been able to stop laughing about it since! Do you think I'll be asked to carry the banner again? Well, if I am, I will know in future where to lift it high and where it is best not to. LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!

Rosyth on the web

You can view or download this issue, with photos in colour, at <http://tinyurl.com/cnv8ycw>

To our contributors

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue, both in writing material and during the production phase, especially Sandra Young and Martin Tarr.