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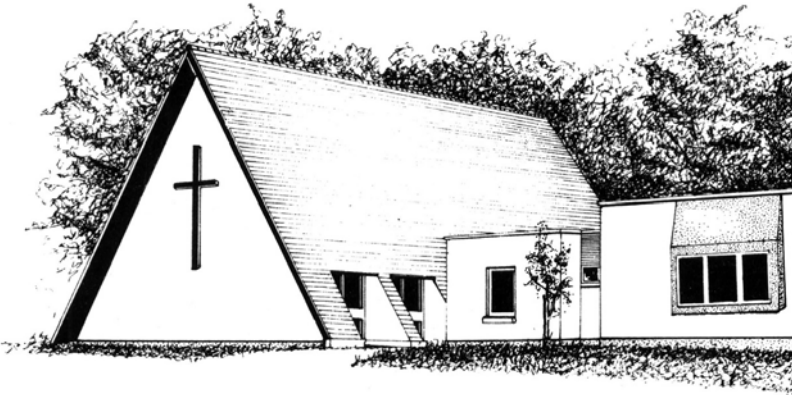
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Our partnership is formally recognised as a Local Ecumenical Partnership,  
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## our regular pattern of worship

### 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 (during term time): for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and “Messy Church”

### 4th Sundays: Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm “Sunday @ Six”

## where to find us

**On the road:** our postal address is Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dunfermline, KY11 2JH, and you'll find us at the junction of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. This is a short walk from Rosyth Rail station. The car park is behind the church. Local on-street parking is limited, but there is much more parking space at the junction with Park Road.

[www.rosythmethodist.org.uk](http://www.rosythmethodist.org.uk)

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# Thoughts from the Interim Rector

Very Rev Jim Mein writes

Dear Friends,

I write on the morning after our referendum. One thing that seems clear is that people came to their decision which way to vote for many different reasons but in the end it was either Yes or No.

In the debates that lie ahead it will be more complicated. To debate the powers to be transferred to the Scottish Parliament involves all the people of these islands and will inevitably raise questions about governance in each of them. I have no idea what will, or even what should, be decided. What will be fair to our past, our present and our future together; what will be most effective for producing both the means and the desires for creating more just, caring societies.

But I was reminded on “Thought for the day” recently of one of my favourite stories I’ve used often over the years – you have probably heard it. The six blind men asked to describe an elephant? It deserves setting out more poetically but basically each feels a different part of the elephant and so describes it differently: eg/ Tree, tail/rope, trunk/hose, side/wall, ear/sheet, tusk/spear. The point is that each has a part of the truth but none the whole truth.

It seems to me that discussions of almost any significant issue are like

this. Through our own experiences, our reading, our personalities and so on, we grasp some things that are important but we miss others. The insights we have can themselves hinder or even prevent our taking on board insights others may have. Particularly if their interests clash with ours then our natural selfishness has to be countered by something else – and perhaps for us that can be our faith in Jesus and how he would wish us to behave.

The Church, with our belief that all God’s children are our neighbours and have value, might make a contribution to the hard decisions ahead – not because we have the answers but only because we recognise our need to listen, to understand, and to serve.

Jim Mein

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## What’s in this issue.....

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## Introducing Rev Helen Jenkins

My name is Rev Dr Helen Jenkins (but just Helen is fine!), and I'm excited to now be working alongside Deacon Sarah and you all in Rosyth Methodist Church. I live in Livingston where I've been part of the ministry team in the United Parish for the last five years, but am now working part time, this year with my time split between Livingston and Rosyth (a day a week and a Sunday a month in each or thereabouts). The circuit have just reinvited me for another 5 years from next September, at which point my responsibilities will move to being Rosyth and Kirkcaldy, but I'll still be part time, and we're not sure yet where we'll be living but it probably won't be in Fife due to family logistics.

Before training for ordained ministry I did a PhD in human genetics at Glasgow university, so having grown up in south Manchester I've lived in Scotland for 13 years now, Along the way I met and married a Scotsman – Colin is an electronic engineer working for Cirrus Logic (formerly Wolfson Microelectronics) in Edinburgh. We have a three year old daughter, Caitlin, who loves jigsaws, stories, and anything purple.

I'm not sure I really remember what the concept of spare time means, but if I do have any I love to read (mostly fiction), play strategy board games and spend time with friends. football fan, a Stockport County supporter

which means currently getting acquainted with the lower leagues of English football. I'm not a fan of playing sport (or any kind of exercise really!) but love to watch it – I was delighted to have the opportunity to see various events at the recent Commonwealth Games, although I still have no idea how they score rhythmic gymnastics!

Trying to sum oneself up in a short piece like this is always a challenge, but I look forward to getting to know you all, and you getting to know me better, as we work together as God's people in Rosyth.

Helen Jenkins

Ed: May I on behalf of our Methodist and St Margaret's congregations, express a warm welcome to Helen as she takes up this new ministry with us here in Rosyth.

We all look forward to working together with her in our LEP.

## Café Church—Sunday@Six with a difference

Adrian Masson writes: Those attending the August Sunday@Six might have been mistaken for thinking that The Great British Bake-Off and Britain's Got Talent had descended on Rosyth for the evening. The church had been transformed into a café and worshippers were greeted with a splendid array of home baking, to be consumed as part of the service. Friends from the Fife Ukulele Orchestra (some of whom are pictured below) had also joined us to accompany the songs and worship.

Under Sue Masson's able leadership we were guided through an evening of summer praise which included readings from the psalms, 'popular' songs from a folk or spiritual background and musical contributions from the choir and Ukulele Orchestra. This included the Seekers medley 'this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine' which resonated with the more serious part of the evening when Deacon Sarah led us in our intercessions using candles to remind us of current conflicts in Gaza, Iraq and closer to home and our prayers for peace and harmony. Individuals were also invited to the Meeting Table to light a candle as an expression of hope to support specific intercessions of their own

Psalm 33 exhorts us to sing joyfully to the Lord and we certainly did that. There was a buzz in the church that continued long after the service had ended and table decorations and cakes a-plenty for folk to take away at the end to remind them of an enjoyable and uplifting celebration of summer praise.



# Invitations

## Congregational AGM

St Margaret's Annual General Meeting will take place on the morning of **Sunday 16 November** after the 9.30am service **about 10.45am** in the Church Lounge. Please make a note of the date now and come along to this very important event and share your views on matters affecting the running of our church.

## Join us for lunch

We celebrate the life of St Margaret, our patron saint on **Sunday 16 November**. All are welcome from both churches to join us for a Bring-and-Share lunch in the Hall at **1.00pm**. We haven't had a lunch for over a year so we look forward to enjoying a happy family get together. Please note the date now and join with us to share the joyous occasion. More details later.

## Visit of Revd Kenneth Howcroft

On **Sunday 5 October** the Revd Kenneth Howcroft, President of Methodist Conference 2014/15, will be at Dunbar Methodist Church at **11.00am** to celebrate 250 years of Methodism in Dunbar (Dunbar is the oldest open Methodist church in Scotland). In the evening at **6.30pm** at the **City of Edinburgh Methodist Church** he will preach at a Circuit

Service with an Act of Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend this special day.

Ken Howcroft was ordained in 1980 and has since served the Church as a circuit minister, a tutor in a theological college, a co-ordinating secretary responsible for connexional formation in ministry and assistant secretary of the Methodist Conference. He is currently serving as a mission partner in Rome and developing links there on behalf of global Methodism.

## Sunday@ Six

Following our very successful and well-attended 'Summer Praise' (reported on page 5) on **26 October** we revert to a more traditional form of worship, when Mary Kidd will lead an evening in celebration of Bible Sunday when she will include the theme of the Bible in World War 1.

On **23 November** we will pay our own tribute as we remember World War 1 in an evening of worship, *In Flanders Fields*, devised by Sue Masson (see page 16) and at which we are joined by a wind quartet.

We look forward to you joining us as we remember those who sacrificed their lives for Great Britain,

# Invitations

## Chaplaincy Everywhere

On **Saturday 1 November** there will be an event focusing on ***Chaplaincy Everywhere*** at People with a Mission Centre, Riggs Road, Perth **from 10.30am to 3.30pm**. Refreshments will be available from 10.30am and the programme will begin at 11am. Lunch will be provided and the event is free.

Chaplaincy is changing and spreading. Most people are familiar with chaplains in hospitals, universities and the armed forces, but you can now find chaplaincy teams in town centres, law courts, at the races, working in communities, local schools, shopping centres, sports clubs, festivals and show grounds – in fact chaplaincy seems to be almost everywhere.

The Methodist Church has taken a lead in developing these new chaplaincies as a way in which local churches can reach out to the needs of our communities. Most chaplains are volunteers, very few of them are ordained – chaplaincy can be a tool for you and your church as you engage in mission with your community.

The workshop will introduce this new style of chaplaincy and focus on practical steps and resources to help you get involved or begin a chaplaincy project in your area.

*Chaplaincy Everywhere* is a suite of resources to support all kinds of chaplaincy - it is a training course, an exhibition, a film and a network of almost 2000 Methodist chaplains.

If you would like to attend there are booking forms on the notice board in the Crush Hall. Please reply to the District Office by **Monday 20 October**.

## Festival of Flowers St Paul's Kinross

There will be a Flower Festival at St Paul's Church, The Muirs, Kinross to mark the 140th Anniversary from **Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October**. The church is open to visitors on **Saturday from 10am to 4pm** and on **Sunday from 2pm to 4pm**, entrance is by donation and refreshments are available, with a variety of stalls.

**On Saturday at 7.30pm** there will be a Flower Festival Recital of opera, folk tunes, leider and more given by: Anita Mackenzie Mills (Soprano), Margaret Sikora (Piano), Sarah Oxnard (Cello). Tickets £5 on the door.

**On Sunday at 5pm** there will be a joint Choral Evensong with members from St Mary's, Dunblane followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to visit St Paul's to enjoy the beauty of the flowers and the church.

# Fellowship News

## An amazing achievement

Martin Rogers recently celebrated his birthday, not a special birthday but a very special anniversary, and one which he has every reason to celebrate. He became an assistant cub master of the 13th Fife ( Rosyth Methodist ) Scout Group on his 18th birthday and 50 years on he is still serving the group.

He was honoured with a special presentation as Leaders and families from the Group gathered at the national headquarters at Fordell Firs to celebrate Martin's achievement.

Well done Martin—what an achievement and a life's work to be proud of!

## Harvest Fairtrade Feast

On Saturday 27 September we enjoyed a very successful evening when a packed Hall of church family and friends came together for a Harvest Fairtrade Feast. And what a delightful evening of fellowship this was! Dorissia Forsyth (no stranger to putting on international evenings at Holy Trinity Dunfermline), and her team kindly volunteered to produce the meal.

Many of the ingredients were locally sourced or fairly traded—the tasty trout caught and donated by Richie Leslie! Who could resist a menu that

of: Creole Beef Curry; Chicken in Mustard and Honey; Ratatouille, Trout in Butter and Lemon Parsley; Lentil Dahl, Mung Beans with Shallots in Coconut and Nutmeg; Couscous with Orange and Sultanas; all served with vegetables and followed by mouth-watering desserts?

Let's give a huge thank you to Dorissia and friends and to everyone else who helped to make the evening the wonderful occasion it was. Our special thanks are also due to Sue Masson, whose idea the evening was, and for all her hard work in making it so enjoyable. We will be giving a donation to "Mary's Meals" out of the proceeds from the evening.

**Mary's Meals:** This organisation began in 2002 as a one-off school feeding project in Malawi, and today provides daily life changing meals to over 920,000 children.

The Mary's Meals campaign aims to provide chronically hungry children with one meal every school day. It sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education that can lift them out of poverty in later life



# Fellowship News

## Wednesday Fellowship.

At the time of writing we have had our first three meetings of the Autumn session. Our members all agreed it was good to be back together again after a long summer break. Our first meeting was a devotional one led by our minister, Sarah McDowall, and included a Love Feast and birthday cake!

Secondly we were advised by Fraser Laird how to keep safe at home. I must remember to always take the keys out of the door before going to bed!

Gwyneth Kirby came to talk to us about her involvement as a 'Clydesider' at this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow—right from the start when she first had the idea of becoming one, the interview and training involved – right up until the time she fell asleep on the way home from the last night of the Games, waking up in Glenrothes! We were with her all the way!

There are details of the next meetings here,, in the weekly notices and on the Notice board in the Crush Hall. Please do come if there's any particular subject on offer that will interest you. We'd love to see you and will gladly share with you our tea and Tunnocks or coffee and crackers!

## Our Autumn plans

- 1 Oct Tom Russell - International Shelter Boxes
- 8 Oct Games Afternoon
- 15 Oct Lou Davidson – Haiti Help Update
- 22 Oct Dennis Cook - "Up to my eyes in muck and bullets"
- 29 Oct Bring and Buy Sale
- 5 Nov Janet Murray - Walking the Great Wall
- 12 Nov John Miskally - World War 1
- 19 Nov Sue Hamilton - Fair Trade
- 26 Nov Very Rev Jim Mein
- 3 Dec Lynn Prestwood - Credit Union
- 10 Dec Christmas Celebrations and Brambles visit
- 17 Dec Christmas Lunch at the Elgin Hotel

Meetings resume on 4 February 2015

## A move across the Forth

Peter and Barbara Hand, old friends from the Naval Base Church, who, although members of Holy Trinity, Dunfermline, also worshipped at St Margaret's, have recently moved to Edinburgh. We wish Peter and Barbara a happy future as they settle in closer to their family. By chance Olive Lee' daughter and family have bought the Hand's house in Saline!

## Messy Church

We started a new session of Messy Church in September, exploring the parable of the sower, as we planted seeds, made sowers, hand painted sunflowers, and decorated cakes. Have you seen our latest banner in the Church corridor? It's also below.

Next month on 12 October, we will be thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish builders, followed by the theme of Peace and Remembrance in November. And then it will be time to concentrate on the Christmas story once again!

We would love to see lots of new families joining us. Some of the youngsters who have been with us from the start feel they are getting a bit old for messy crafts, but enjoy .

helping to organise a craft themselves, so we have plenty of room for newcomers. Why not come along and give it a try – bring your grandchildren or neighbours' children We are also hoping to introduce Messy Church to the children who already use our Church premises. We have already been invited to visit the Brownie pack, where we will give the children a “taster” session, and we would be happy to come in to any of the other groups to give them an idea of what goes on in Messy Church.

Unfortunately you won't get to sample the fantastic breakfast we provide unless you come along to the real thing !

**See you there on 12 October.**

Gwyneth Kirby



# Diary for September / October 2014

## Sunday 28 September

Harvest 11.00am All-age Family Communion Service  
Rev Linda McMurray  
Evelyn Kenny (Worship Leader)

**Note:** No Sunday@Six

## October

Wednesday 1 Oct 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Guest speaker Tom Russell  
International Shelter Boxes

Friday 3 Oct 7.00pm Choir practice

Friday 3 Oct various St Paul's Church, Kinross, Flower Festival to mark  
the church's 140th Anniversary

to Sunday 5 Oct (see page 7 for details)

## Sunday 5 October

Pentecost 17 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein

11.00am Morning Worship Mrs Mary Kidd

6.30pm Circuit Service with an Act of Holy Communion at  
CEMC Edinburgh, Revd Kenneth Howcroft,  
President of Methodist Conference 2014/15

Monday 6 Oct 7.30pm Ecumenical study group, St Columba's Church, the  
Rev Ross Kennedy on "Heaven" from the 'biblical  
truth' aspect

Tuesday 7 Oct 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at  
Limekilns

7.30pm Joint Vestry/Council Meeting Church Lounge

7.00pm Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society *With the Autumn Allies*  
guests The Kingdom Fiddlers. Old Kirk, Kirkcaldy  
(see page 16 for details)

Wednesday 8 Oct 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Games Afternoon

Thursday 9 Oct 6.30pm Short listing meeting for new Rector with the Dean  
and joint Vestries in the Church Lounge

Friday 10 Oct 7.00pm Choir practice



# Diary for October / November 2014

## November

Saturday 1 Nov 10.30am 'Chaplaincy Everywhere' - People with a Mission  
Resource Centre, Riggs Road, Perth  
(see page 7 for details)

## Sunday 2 November

All Saints /Souls 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Ross Kennedy  
11.00am Morning Worship Mr Lyn Smalridge  
David Salthouse (Worship Leader)

Monday 3 Nov 7.30pm Ecumenical study group, St Columba's Church

Tuesday 4 Nov 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at  
Limekilns

Wednesday 5 Nov 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship:  
Janet Murray - Walking the Great Wall

Friday 7 Nov 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 8 Nov 2.00pm 'Come and Sing' Scotland, Handel *Messiah* with  
Christopher Bell at St Cuthbert's Parish Church,  
Edinburgh. Rehearsal 2.00pm, performance 7.00pm  
(see page 22 for details)

## Sunday 9 November

Remembrance 9.00am Messy Church and Breakfast  
**9.15am** Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein  
**10.50am** Morning Worship Mr Ian Paterson  
3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House, Rosyth

Tuesday 11 Nov 7.30pm Local preachers and Worship Leaders meeting at  
The Well, CEMC

Wednesday 12 Nov 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Guest speaker  
John Miskally - World War 1

Friday 14 Nov 7.00pm Choir practice

Saturday 15 Nov 7.30pm Scottish Chamber Choir: *Into the Light*, Music by  
Haydn and Mozart. Canongate Kirk, Canongate,  
Edinburgh (see page 22 for details)



# Ecumenical News

## Heavens above

Ears pricked up when our Interim Rector, Jim, preached his "controversial" sermon on "Heaven" in the early summer, at both St Margaret's and Holy Trinity, so much so that the Ecumenical Study Group at St Columba's invited him to talk to them at their monthly meeting on 1st September.

At our meeting, Jim took the opportunity to tell us a bit about himself, his faith, his calling, and the path he has taken in his ministry - which he still follows to this day as our Interim Rector and part-time lecturer and tutor at the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church (TISEC). He followed this introduction by "reading" his sermon, to a rapt gathering. I have never seen the group so "rapt" - you could have heard a pin drop. Jim sought to explain why he has taken these views of Heaven, basically that it probably does not exist in any form that the human mind can conceive. While agnostic about other possibilities he felt that living lives following Jesus need not, and perhaps should not, depend on what we think happens after death. Jim found it incredible to believe in a life after death where eternity means an everlasting, never-ending experience. The debate which followed was equally intense, and drew words of commendation from him.

During coffee afterwards - Jim had left for home by this time - it was agreed that we should pursue the subject at our next monthly meeting on **Monday, 6th October**. This was a clue to me, to invite our Honorary Priest, Ross, to put forward his "biblical truth" view of Heaven, following the same format of talk, then debate, which Ross - after some reluctance - agreed to do!

Would you like to join us on 6th October? The meeting starts at 7.30pm at St Columba's, South Rosyth, and is usually over by 9.30pm. Come along and hear what Ross has to say. It will be good.

Alan Taylor

## Christmas Nativity

The annual ecumenical Nativity Carol Concert will be on **Tuesday 2 December** in Rosyth Parish Church. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 30 September and further details will be available during October.

## Advent Study

At the time of going to print details of the Advent Study group are not known. However, this will probably start on **Monday 24 November at 7.30pm** in St Columba's Church. Further information nearer the time from Alan Taylor or Jack Fowell

# Remembering World War 1

Throughout this year there has been much interest in and publicity surrounding the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 in many different ways—such as exhibitions, concerts, services, articles in news Papers, magazines, TV news and documentaries. Here, we include a few of the events in which our church family has or will be taking part in.

## ***"In Flanders Fields"***

In 2002 I took Jeremy and Robby on the Superfast ferry to Bruges, specifically to visit Ypres and the war memorials in the surrounding countryside. For me the most poignant moment was when we visited the site of a WW1 field hospital, stood by the grave of John Macrae and heard someone read his poem "In Flanders Fields." I have always liked this poem, preferring it to the more overt patriotism expressed by contemporary works. But what I didn't know until recently was that an American woman called Moina Michael wrote her own poem called "We shall keep the faith" in response. She then went on to persuade the American Legion convention to wear the memorial poppy on Armistice day each year

It is on these two poems, and the symbol of the poppy, that our Remembrance service for Sunday@Six on **23rd November** is based.  
Sue

Also, in the church on **26 October** at Sunday@Six, Mary Kidd will include the theme of the Bible in WW1 when she leads worship for Bible Sunday.

On **12 November at 2.15pm** our guest speaker, John Miskally from Kinghorn, will talk to the Wednesday Fellowship about World War 1—one of his hobbies. John is extremely knowledgeable about the War and we can look forward to an interesting afternoon. All are welcome to join us.

## ***"..from Conflict to Resolution...via dialogue"***

This is the theme for **Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society's 2014/15 season**. Their first concert, *With the Autumn Allies*, on **Tuesday 7 October** at **7pm** in Old Kirk, Kirkcaldy will also feature guests The Kingdom Fiddlers. The varied programme includes music from Schubert's *Symphony 8* and Haydn's *Symphony 100*. Other works are *The Dambusters March*, *Fife Volunteers March*, Butterworth's *Banks of Green Willow* and Peter Lawson's *Tunes from the Trenches*.

Adrian Masson plays in KOS and will be delighted to sell you tickets (£8 adults, £4 children).

## ***Blood Swept Lands and Sea of Red'***

This is one of the many visual commemorations to the fallen of WW1. Read more about what it is on page 24.



# Remembering World War 1

## Scotland Drumhead Service - Sunday 10th August 2014

Bridget and I were privileged to attend the Drumhead Service on The Esplanade, Edinburgh Castle, at 10.30am on Sunday, 10th August. This was to mark the centenary of the start of World War 1, at 11.00pm on 4th August 1914, following the British Government ultimatum to Germany to respect the neutrality of Belgium, which drew no response from Germany. The British Empire was at war with Germany and, in due course, Austria-Hungary.

The traditional Drumhead Service was a very moving occasion. It was lead by the Chaplain of the Fleet, The Rev Scott J Brown, the Chaplain General of Her Majesty's Land Forces, The Rev Jonathan Woodhouse, and the Chaplain-in-Chief Royal Air force, The Ven Jonathan Chaffey.

Regimental Colours were paraded by Detachments of the Royal Navy, lead by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, by the Army, lead by the Massed Pipes and Drums, and by the Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF, lead by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. The singing was lead by the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, the National Youth Choir of Scotland and the Choir of Erskine Stewart's Melville.

The Guest of Honour was The Rt Hon Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh, Donald Wilson, who took the General Salute.

Hymns sung were "O God, our help in ages past", "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah", "Eternal Father, strong to save" - and the National Anthem - while the Choir sang the anthem "Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways". Lt Alistair Guzowski, 1 Scots, read the Lesson from Romans 8: 31-39, while the Chaplain General and the Chaplain-in-Chief lead the Prayers of Intercession. The Chaplain of the Fleet lead an Act of Commitment.

Following the service, the congregation formed up in regional groups - just as they would have done when called up to serve in war - and paraded to Holyrood Park, lead by the Military Bands and Military Contingents, where a replica of a Military Cemetery had been set up.

Thus started what will be 5 years in which communities across Scotland will gather together and remember the exceptional sacrifice made by their forebears during the conflicts of what became known as "The Great War".

# Helping Others

## Woolly Hats for a Seaman

Many thanks to the folk from both congregations who kindly knitted woolly hats for the Mission to Seafarers over the last year. These were delivered last month to Ocean Majesty, one of the smaller cruise ships to visit Rosyth over the summer.

Whenever we take woolly hats to a cruise ship the crew usually descend on them like vultures – partly because they are free but more importantly they value them a lot. As one Filipino crewman on Ocean Majesty said to me – ‘we appreciate these hats so much because we find it so cold here.’ So your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Now the cruise season has drawn to a close and the nights are closing in, may I encourage you to keep knitting. Scarves are also appreciated as well as woolly hats and for any who do not have the woolly hat pattern, it is reproduced opposite.

Adrian Masson

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## One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

"Take heart! I have overcome the world"

John 16 v 33

## Woollen Hats

You will need double knit or four ply wool, 2 oz of wool and size 8 (4mm) needles.

Cast on 120 stitches

Rib (2 plain, 2 purl) for 12 inches

Next row – Knit 2 together to end of row

Purl next row

Repeat these two rows once more

Knit one row

Purl one row

Pull thread through all stitches and sew up seam.

## Christian Aid

It is very difficult thinking of ways to raise money especially when the committee is only four people now. So it is down to them to organise everything. **Please consider joining the committee** - you will be made very welcome.

Souper Soup raised approx £200.00

Cream Tea £202.00

House/House collections £652.77

Concert by local Primary Schools  
£612.00.

The committee has decided to hold the same events for next year.

Mary Dempster

# Helping Others

## Dunfermline Foodbank in Rosyth

*Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4pm to 6pm*

The Foodbank in Rosyth has been operating for one year and from slow beginnings regularly provides food for people in need in and around Rosyth. In its first year 597 people have been fed. Please be assured your Crush Hall box donations are used in Rosyth and are greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Hood from the Parish Church, who spoke at our Wednesday Fellowship Harvest Festival meeting on 24 September, continues to organise the running of the Foodbank, the volunteers, and does more than her fair share of leading sessions, too. She keeps us up to date with information from Dunfermline, The Trussell Trust and local and national strategies amongst her many other duties.

Volunteers carry out varied tasks at the sessions, some of which I will try to describe.

There is always someone by the door to "meet and greet" clients as they arrive and then escort them upstairs. This can be quite a chilly job in the winter and we are given a small heater!

Upstairs, the client is found a seat and offered tea, coffee or juice and a chat

With one of the volunteers on "face to face" duties, who asked their needs, any dietary problems and preferences, pack the food as listed appropriate for the size of family or household. The food is packed into sturdy 'bags for life', weighed and given to the client who signs they have received their supplies.

Another volunteer keeps the stores and orders supplies as necessary from the Dunfermline Foodbank store. He ensures any supplies are in date order both in the stores and in the food taken upstairs to the cupboards we pack from so that clients aren't issued with 'post use by' dated items.

During the sessions any donations received that day from individuals or organisations are weighed, date stamped, acknowledged and packed to be stored where appropriate.

Volunteers have to agree to abide by the duties of The Trussell Trust, the organisation that founded the first Foodbanks in the UK and to which all the Fife Foodbanks are affiliated, particularly the rule of client confidentiality, which is so important to each one of us.

Foodbank volunteers find it an interesting, absorbing and totally worthwhile project. **If anyone has time to spare why not join us?**

## A Day out in Scotland

'What did you do after the referendum, Grandma?', said one of the Donohoes. I answered 'You're not going to believe me when I say I've been all over Scotland in a day!' 'You're right, but try me', she said. So, here goes! I get up early to hear the result of the referendum on Independence for Scotland, and after a hasty breakfast I drive to Ferrytoll Park and Ride to catch a bus to Edinburgh. It is a dreich, damp day; I can hardly see the new Forth Crossing under construction, but I enjoy a limited stop journey as far as the Scottish Bible Society's Headquarters near Haymarket.

After greeting other like-minded travellers gathered in the Boardroom there on this long day out, we set to work. There are 600 places on our list, some of them I can't pronounce, let alone spell them or find them on a map; places like Drumnadrochit, Auchtermuchty, Dalwhinnie, Ecclefechan, Thankerton, and Peterculter, to name but just a few. You might wonder how on earth we are going to fit all these places into our itinerary. We aren't!

We are the Scottish Committee for the **World Day of Prayer** gathered together and our mission on this day is to put together in 600 envelopes all the material required to be sent out to individual organisers of the service planned for **Friday 6 March 2015**. 20

We work solidly until lunchtime and have a break for a sandwich and a cuppa – that's all we have time for. Now we have to check all the envelopes are addressed and sealed ready for posting. The afternoon is spent making up parcels of all the ordered materials for each church hosting a WDP service. (Christmas wrapping is going to be a doddle!). It isn't my task to lick the stamps, thank goodness, but I see 20 heavy mail bags, each full to the brim. Wait a minute – here's a package with a Limekilns address, oh!, and with my name on it. Yes...I'm home, at last! I've just got time for another sandwich and another cuppa before setting off for Choir!

It might have escaped your attention so far. What I'm trying to say is that we, Rosyth Methodist Church, are hosting the next World Day of Prayer service for our district of Rosyth, Inverkeithing and North Queensferry. Further details will be given in future editions of Contact. I'm going to need some help, please.

Mary Kidd

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### Put your Christmas greetings in Contact...

As in previous years, our December / January issue will provide you with an opportunity to pass your greetings to readers. Please keep your message very short, and let Martin Tarr have it by 16 November. In exchange, you are invited to give a donation to a charity of your choice.

## Other Happenings

### St Andrews West Area Council

On the 7th September Erica, Dorissia and I attended the area council service at St Peter's Kirkcaldy. It was a beautiful Celtic Eucharist with hymns that reflected the gospel message of loving one another and commitment to others.

The service was well attended by members of the churches in the Area Council. It is always nice to meet up with friends from Kinross, Kirkcaldy, Aberdour, Burntisland, Inverkeithing, Lochgelly and Dunfermline and worship with them.

The Rector of St Peter's, the Rev Christine Fraser, made us most welcome and the lovely buffet afterwards was very tempting. The Bishop had been at the church in the morning so we benefited from this as the spread was delicious!!!

The next Area Council Meeting will be on **Thursday 20 November** at St Peter's Inverkeithing, when the speaker will be Paul Wilson from Workplace Chaplaincy, Scotland. The meeting starts at **7.30pm** and all are welcome to attend.

Valerie Leslie

### Brambles update

Thanks to the efforts made over the summer by parents and committee members, posters and nearly 1000 leaflets (economically printed in colour on the new church photocopier) were distributed at summer fairs and to selected housing estates. The aim was to raise our profile, with the key message "book early" and encouragement to do so as soon as a child is 2. As a result we started the new term with one or two more children than we would have done. We need more of course, so sustained effort on a larger scale will be necessary.

We are most grateful for the continuing support by church members, both in volunteering time (with Adrian Masson taking on the Treasurer role shortly) and money (with donations received from the Wednesday Fellowship and St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church).

Meantime, we have been saddened to learn that Playleader Pamela MacDonald, who joined us only last August, will be leaving for pastures new in October. She will be greatly missed by the children and colleagues.

Howard R Kirby (Chair)

## Music Corner

### Come & Sing Rutter *Requiem*

Members of the choir and congregation have signed up to take part in Waverley Care's next '**Come and Sing**' event on **Saturday 25 October** in Wellington Church, 77 Southpark Avenue, Glasgow, G12 8LE. This gives the rare opportunity to perform Rutter's *Requiem* under the baton of John Rutter himself and will also include Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*.

Following an all day rehearsal starting at 11.15am with breaks for lunch, and in the afternoon, the concert will start at **6.00pm**. Even if you don't wish to sing - and the singers' tickets are now sold out - you are welcome to come and listen to the concert.

The *Requiem* will be accompanied by organ and orchestra and the choir will be joined by soprano soloist Susan Hamilton, organist Morley Whitehead and the Choristers of St Mary's Church Haddington.

You can buy audience tickets from [www.waverleycare.org](http://www.waverleycare.org).

2014 is the year of **Waverley Care's** 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Established in 1989 it is Scotland's leading charity providing care and support to people living with HIV or Hepatitis C. As part of their work they also strive to raise awareness of these conditions and their prevention.

### Come and Sing *Messiah*

A firm favourite and a great sing, Handel's *Messiah* is the challenge for '**Come and Sing**' Scotland's day in Edinburgh on **Saturday 8 November**, at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Princess Street. The day's events will be conducted by Christopher Bell - the award-winning chorus master, who "brings a wealth of experience, uncompromising standards and unshakeable vision" to his 'Come and Sing' events. Following an afternoon rehearsal at **2.00pm**, the concert will start at **7.00pm**.

These 'Come and Sing' events are great fun and there is always a large turnout of singers from all over Scotland. It is hoped that members of the choir and congregations will sign up for this event. If you don't wish to sing you can always come to the concert.

Further details are on the notice board in the Crush Hall or at [www.comeandsingscotland.co.uk](http://www.comeandsingscotland.co.uk) to download booking form.

The next concert by the **Scottish Chamber Choir** is on **Saturday 15 November** at 7.30pm in Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh. The music chosen is Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*, Mozart's *Venite, populi K260*, *Alma Dei Creatoris K277* and *Missa Brevis K275*, Tickets £10 at the door.

## Contact points and meeting times

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, St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated but independent organisations.

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## **Red sea of Poppies start to fill moat**

A sea of red is filling the dry moat at the Tower of London as thousands of ceramic poppies sweep around its perimeter to create a powerful visual commemoration for the First World War Centenary. The first of the 888, 246 poppies - one for each person killed in the First World War - was planted on 17 July and the final one will be added on Armistice Day, 11 November.

The installation called 'Blood Swept Lands and Sea of Red' was unveiled on 5 August, one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. Poppies cost £25 and the net proceeds will go to carefully selected military charities.

I took this photo on 8 September. Walking round the outside perimeter of the Tower and witnessing all the poppies was a very humbling experience. Sandra



### **CONTACT on the web**

You can view or download this issue at our church websites. The archive pages of the church websites also link to previous issues of Contact.

### **To our contributors**

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue, and helped during the production phase.