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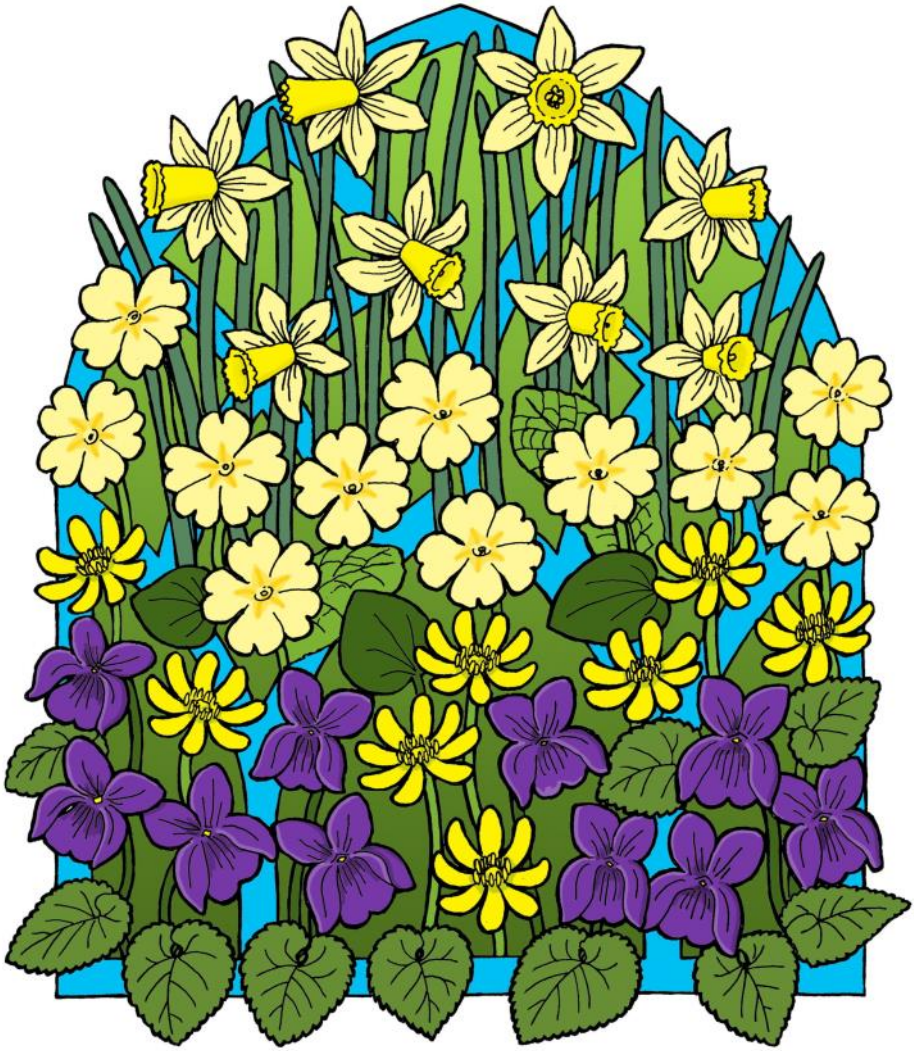

The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come! Song of Songs 2:12

The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

Our Lent book this year is *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (who is an environmentalist, theologian and a director at Tearfund). In the book, Dr Valerio discusses issues related to climate change and the need for climate justice & action as she reflects on the story of creation as found in Genesis chapter 1.

The well-known creation story of Genesis 1 certainly has enormous implications for how we have come to view the world and humanity's place within it. One verse found in Genesis 1 has perhaps been particularly influential in how we view the world as God says to humanity, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' (Gen 1.28)

We can clearly see the consequences of blunt dominion of the world by the impact humanity has on life on this planet and its various forms of eco-systems. It would be helpful to renew our understanding of 'dominion' to be more about our human capacity for 'stewardship', which seems to be in-built into our system (as Genesis seems to suggest). As the OT scholar Walter Brueggemann reminds us, the Biblical image of dominion of living creatures needs to be about the 'securing of the well-being of every other creature and [about] bringing the promise of each to full fruition.' Jesus is very clear on this in his teaching (Brueggemann says): 'The one who rules is the one who serves.'

As we go through Lent this year, we might want to ask: What are we stewards of? Our relationships maybe? Creation around us? Our shopping habits? Our carbon footprint? Our own fruition and outlook on life? Good stewardship will take care to include the well-being of creation (and will

not advocate 'humanity first', but acknowledge that we are but a part of a wonderful world created as being good).

What will we help to bring to fruition and learn to carefully steward as we take our place within God's wonderful creation?

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

From the Registers

Funeral: Peter Allam 1st March at St James' Dollar

Funeral: Mary Cooper 10th March at Holy Trinity Stirling

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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Lent Book 2022

Our Lent Book this year is ***Saying Yes to Life*** by Dr Ruth Valerio, who is an environmentalist and theologian working at Tearfund. This is the blurb: *As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what has been created: to share in God's joy and ingenuity in making a difference for good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1), as she relates themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern.*

Discussion Groups are meeting on **Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March & 6th April at 10.30 a.m. and on Thursdays 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March & 7th April at 8 p.m.**

A Fabric Convener for Holy Trinity

We are looking for a Fabric Convener (or a small fabric team) for HT as a matter of some urgency. Our treasurer Robert Nellist has been looking after the fabric of our church in addition to our finances for quite some time now and this double role is no longer sustainable. Should we not be able to fill the role by Easter, we will have to pay someone to take on the necessary tasks (but that would mean spending money we do not really have).

Could you perhaps be part of a Fabric Group for HT? You do not need specialist expertise, but capability to fill in spread-sheets and willingness to learn about HT maintenance, grant applications and estimates etc. There are people who help with aspects of this work already (Brian Shanks offers a lot of practical help and support work and there are other helpers filling in grant applications and liaising with builders), so you

would not be left to do all fabric work yourself. Areas of this ministry (perhaps shared by a team?) include:

- **Forward Planning:** Helping to agree a maintenance plan for our buildings (and keeping an eye on plans being carried out).

- **Inspecting:** Ensuring necessary inspections, such as the Quinquennial (five-yearly) Inspection are scheduled and carried out (this is done by our church architect and others). Keeping an eye on our buildings to make sure they remain in good repair & that the paper work is in order.

- **Liaising & Implementing:** Obtaining estimates for agreed work (in collaboration with the treasurer) and liaising with builders and the appropriate authorities where necessary (there is help with this).

- **Sourcing:** Help in the preparation and submission of grant or loan applications to the Vestry, Diocesan Buildings Committee or other relevant body e.g. Historic Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, relevant trusts (there are others at HT who help with this also).

- **Be passionate** about our Grade A listed building and what it adds to the historical and spiritual landscape of Stirling.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to the Rector or a member of Vestry.

Help Hedgehogs

Hello, I'm a volunteer Hedgehog Champion with the **British Hedgehog Preservation Society/Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species.** My name is Moira Grant and I live in Falkirk

How long is it since you last saw a hedgehog? They are now officially classed as vulnerable to extinction in the UK. There are many reasons and it's sad to think of such a fate for this prickly little God's creature. Here are ways to help:

1. Link your garden with Hedgehog Highways
2. Create a wild corner
3. Make your pond safe with a ramp
4. Clear away netting and litter
5. Put out food and water
6. Stop using chemicals
7. Check before strimming
8. Be careful with bonfires
9. Make a home for hedgehogs
10. Become a Hedgehog Champion

What's a Hedgehog Highway? Since they travel between 1-2 km a night searching for food and a mate, a small gap in your fence the size of a CD case will let them pass through. Ask your neighbours to do the same!

If you spot a hedgehog when driving at night, & can't stop in time, try to steer so it will pass under the middle of the car where least likely to be harmed.

You can become a Hedgehog Champion by registering on https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/website, which has resources to make your garden, neighbourhood and Parish hedgehog-friendly zones.

Acrostic Poetry

(Taking each letter of the title word to start the next line of the verse)

Spring

Spring has arrived with armfuls of blossom,

Petals of every colour and hue,

Rain and sun caressing the earth

Inspiring spring bulbs to come into view

Now is the time of new beginnings

Giving us pleasure all season through.

By Megan Carter

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Please send in your acrostic poem. Have some fun composing one.

A Postscript to Unwanted Gifts

You may recall last month's article in which some of you described unwanted presents. Here is one that was omitted but is awaiting a good home!

Not sure if it qualifies as an unwanted gift - but in December 2020 I was bemused to get an Amazon delivery of a mushroom cultivation set. I checked with a few family and friends if they were responsible, all denied any knowledge. I spoke to Amazon in case it was a mix-up, they were very much not interested, and told me to keep it. So it has sat around for a whole year - looking at the conditions for growing mushrooms, I couldn't provide them in my cosy flat. Eventually I did get a note on a Christmas card hoping I had enjoyed the mushrooms, so the mystery was solved. If anyone can provide a steady temperature of 20-25 C, with possibly the need to reduce to 15-28 C, I'd be happy to pass the kit on. No promises of a crop though! ***Ann Lees***

From The Archives 1922

Sheila Brown notes that there was entertainment at the Annual Meeting in 1922.

There's a thought for Holy Trinity's Annual Congregational meetings..!

Excerpt from the Annual Meeting

"The Rector announced a short programme, arranged by Mr. J. Wilson Kinnear. Mr. A. G. Scott was in excellent form, and we specially enjoyed "Blow, blow, thou wintry wind." Miss E. Galbraith was an old friend at our Annual Meeting, and we were all delighted to hear her playing again as sweetly as ever. Another familiar contributor on these occasions was Miss Nancy Speedie, who delighted all present with a wonderful exhibition of dancing. We had not heard Mr. Edward Morton on these occasions before, and his sympathetic rendering of the "Londonderry Air" on the 'cello, and also "Drink to me only," as well as his accompaniment of Mr. Scott's song, gave much delight to everyone.

Quite a new feature were three very welcome contributions by the Y.M.C.A. band, which greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. Their selection of "Scottish Airs" met with terrific applause.

Lastly, we must express our gratitude to the Organist and Choir Master, who not only had arranged the entire entertainment, but gave us a very interesting pianoforte solo himself, and conducted or accompanied everybody save the dancer, and never seemed to pause from beginning to end.

At the close Mr. Bisset proposed a vote of thanks to all the contributors to the programme, and especially to the visitors, the band and Mr. Morton. This was seconded by Mr. Allison, who remarked that one rarely gets so much good at a charge of 6d. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the help given by the ticket sellers. He said they had not forgotten it was Princess Mary's Wedding Day, and at his suggestion the proceedings closed with the National Anthem."

From The Archives 1922

Thank you for sending this in, Sheila . She adds a note:
Princess Mary was the only daughter of King George V and Queen Mary. She was given the title Princess Royal in 1932 and Countess of Harewood on her marriage to Viscount Lascelles, 6th Earl of Harewood.

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Getting to Know….

They were both born and brought up in and around London, Rosas with an older sister and Tony without siblings. They met on their first day at Birmingham University. He thought she was weird and she realised she was weird, having been brought up in the Exclusive Brethren and excommunicated aged 15. She found him rather mature! There was some chemistry although' neither graduated in that subject!

Tony left to work in Glasgow and Rosas to teach English in Jordan where she received many proposals of marriage from Bedouin princes. She might still be in some harem if it wasn't for the Six Day War when she was airlifted away straight into his eager arms!! They lived round the corner from each other, as you did in those days, and both had chimney heads fall into their top flats on the night of the Glasgow hurricane. Rosas thought it was the Second Coming but was glad to be rescued down a ladder clutching her wedding invitations.

Tony worked on the building of several large projects around Scotland; airports, power stations, harbours and bridges, and this necessitated moving house many times. After a brief sojourn in Northumberland they chose Stirling as a centre to bring up their 3 teenage children.

In mid career Tony changed direction to work in the field of knowledge transfer and this led later to ten years working in Africa. For part of this time they lived in Rwanda juggling grandchild care and dog!

They both love the sea. Tony is happiest when he is messing about in boats and Rosas loves the arrival at remote anchorages, exploring and beach combing. Rosas, after a career in social work and counselling, has the time to develop her creativity in a studio at home. Meanwhile Tony loves joining with others to make music with his cello.

Faith has always been an important part of their lives and they have attended many different churches. So why Holy Trinity? and why last summer? no easy answers but they immediately felt at home.

They valued the reverence, liturgy, emphasis on creativity and beauty and that so much could be packed into Christoph's 10 minute sermon that stimulated and encouraged.

Many thanks to Rosas ant Tony for sharing this with us. If you would like to participate in Getting to Know please contact Libby Coats (contact details on page 19). This feature has been an important part of the magazine since its introduction a decade ago. It seems even more important after the mask wearing and isolation of the past two years .

Prayer Diary

1. Tues, *David,* Bishop for the people of Wales and Anne Dyer Bsp. of Aberdeen.
2. **Ash Wednesday**, for a holy & reflective Lent.
3. Thu, *John & Charles Wesley*, for our Lent study groups.
4. Fri, *St Casimir,* for the Rt. Revd. John Crook.
5. Sat, for the students & staff of our local schools & colleges.
6. **Lent 1,** that the Holy Spirit will help us to defend ourselves from temptation.
7. Mon, *Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs, 203*, for Val Nellist our Assistant Priest.
8. Tues, *John of God, religious, 1550,* for Rt. Revd. Ian our Diocesan Bishop.
9. Wed, Ember Day, Frances of Rome, Religious, for those with a Chaplaincy.
10. Thu, *Kessog, Bishop, 700*, for Mary Kenyon, our flower convenor.
11. Fri, Ember Day, for those to be ordained to Holy Office.
12. Sat, Ember Day, for our Deacons, Priests & Bishops of today.
13. **Lent 2**, that we may work for Christ as He worked for us.
14. Mon, for Rachel Campbell, Vestry Secretary & our Vestry members.
15. Tues, for Alistair Warwick, Ulrike Wutscher, the Choir & Music Group.
16. Wed, *Boniface of Ross, 8th c.,* for Helen Kemp our PVG convenor.
17. Thu, *Patrick, Bishop, 385,* for the Irish people & our Altar Servers.
18. Fri, *Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, 386*, for Revd. Christoph Wutscher, our Rector.
19. Sat, *Joseph,* husband of the blessed Virgin Mary, for adoptive fathers.
20. **Lent 3,** that we may always try to give those who offend us a second chance.
21. Mon, *Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556*, for our Church Media production team.
22. Tues, *Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711,* for those who sit at the United Nations.
23. Wed, *Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop, 1606*, for Monastic Communities.
24 Thu, for peace & justice in the Holy Land & Palestinian Christians.
25 Fri, **The Annunciation of the Lord**, to be obedient to our conscience.
26 Sat, for those who use the hall and for Sarah Shaw, the convenor.
27 **Lent 4,** Mothering Sunday, for mothers who have lost their children.
28 Mon, Patrick Forbes, Bishop, *1635,* For Cathy Johnston our lay Representative.
29 Tues, *John Keble, Priest, 1866*, for HTKidz and Alistair and Sarah Shaw.
30 Wed, for our local schools dealing with the Covid pandemic.
31, Thu, for the Patriarchs and Popes of the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

4th St Casimir, born at Cracow in 1458, Prince of Poland, son of Casimir 1V King of Poland. He died in 1484. He was intelligent and generous and involved in public affairs. He refused marriage and chose a life of celibacy, but first and foremost he was a man of prayer. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady was very marked. He was generous to the poor.

7th St Perpetua, a young married woman of 22 who had given birth to a son a few months before being arrested with other catechumens during the persecution of Septimus Severus, who had forbidden fresh conversions to Christianity. This rendered catechumens liable to the death penalty. Perpetua, another catechumen called Felicity who was pregnant and Felicity's husband were all sent to the amphitheatre in Carthage. Here with other catechumens they suffered at the games meeting their deaths in various horrific ways. We are told that Perpetua was set against a heifer in the ring and was then finally martyred by the sword.

18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, born in 315, he became Bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was at its height. He was exiled several times. In his catechesis he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the church. His own orthodoxy was challenged by the Homoousians* and by the Arians. Others insisted that although afraid of the word Homoousian earlier in his life, he took a full part in and consented to the conclusions of the Council of Constantinople 381. He died in 386 at the age of about seventy having been bishop for 35 years, 16 of them spent in exile. He was made a doctor of the church in 1882.

23rd St Turibius, born in Spain about 1538, his ministry was exercised in South America where he was sent as Bishop of Lima, Peru in 1581. The oppression of the native population by the European community plus the decadence of the clergy, some of whom exhibited a cynical disregard for Christian moral teaching, led him to set about reforming the church and caring for the oppressed people. In 1591 he set up his first seminary and he remained in harness until his death in 1606. He died on one of his journeys through the diocese.

*Homoousian-believing God the Son to be of the same essence as God the Father

Readings

Wednesday 2nd	**Readings**	Isaiah 58.1-12;
ASH WEDNESDAY	**6.30pm**	2 Corinthians 5.20*b*-6.10;
		Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
Sunday 6th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
LENT 1	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8*b*-13; Luke 4.1-13
Sunday 13th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
LENT 2	**Readings**	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
		Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35
Sunday 20th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
LENT 3	**Readings**	Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13;
		Luke 13.1-9
Sunday 27th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
LENT 4	**Readings**	Joshua 5.9-12; 2
		Corinthians 5.16-21;
		Luke 15.1-3,11*b*-32

Rotas

	Readings	Intercessions
March 2	I Boa	C Johnston
March 6	D Brown	R Nellist
March 13	M Kenyon	A Shaw
March 20	C Watson	T Mitchell
March 27	L Green	V Nellist

	Sidesduty
March 2	H Kemp & Volunteer
March 6	L Coats & H Kemp
March 13	R Nellist & V Nellist
March 20	F MacLeod & C Kendall
March 27	B Watson & C Watson

Articles for the **April** edition are requested on or before

Sunday 13th March

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Sunday 27th March

With Mothering Sunday in mind....

Why God made mums

These were the answers given by some seven- year-olds…

Why did God make mothers?
1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

Why did God give you to your mother, and not to some other mum?
1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.
3. Other mums wouldn't understand about me being afraid in the dark.

What kind of little girl was your mum?
1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?
1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. She'd be more relaxed about me not doing my homework.

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Organisations Meeting in the Church Hall

Mondays
10-12 HT Tots
3.30-5.30pm Destination Judo: info@destinationjudo.com
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