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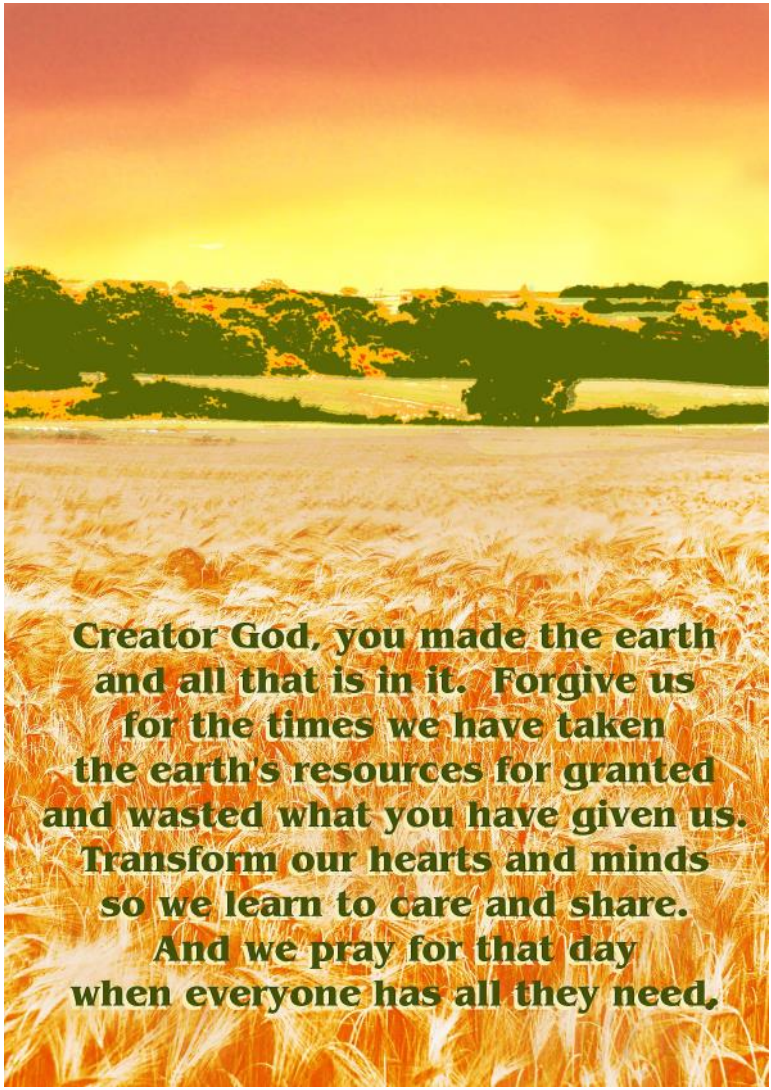


The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

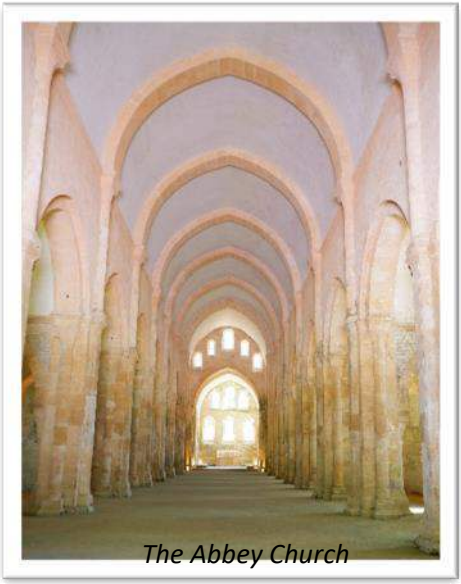
Fontenay: East end of the church and dormitory

We had a good break this summer, which saw us on a road trip to Austria via France, Germany and Belgium. One of the highlights of this trip was a visit to Fontenay Abbey in Burgundy. Burgundy had been on my 'bucket-list' for a while, because it is there that the monastic order of the Cistercians started out right at the end of the 11th century. The Cistercians were about spiritual renewal and simplicity and their monasteries (often set in remote locations), tended to reflect this in their architecture, artwork, music and liturgy (as the Cistercians reacted to elaborate and rich forms of monasticism widespread at their time).

Fontenay Abbey (founded by Bernard of Clairvaux in 1118) is an amazing example of such early Cistercian architecture. Although it has long ceased to be a working monastery (the grounds even housed a 19th century paper mill), many of its buildings have been restored to their 12th century appearance (making it a UNESCO world heritage site). There is definitely still an austere Cistercian feel to this place in its simple grandeur.

Looking around this deeply spiritual place was very moving indeed, as I imagined the Cistercian monks at work or in prayer. But what I primarily took away was a call to a 'simplified grandeur':

How can we simplify things, without losing a sense of God's grandeur in worship and in our lives? We all are called to live more sustainably as



The Abbey Church

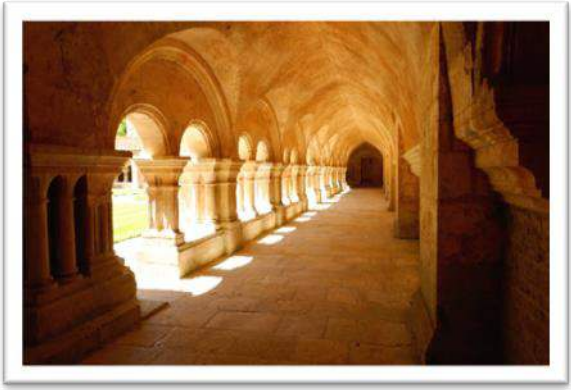
we move towards Net Zero Carbon emissions by 2030. But that should not reduce our zeal for worship, social action and life in God. How can we express our humanity and the sheer abundance of life in God in ways that are sustainable and yet overflowing?

As we go into the Season of Creation this September, we'll continue to focus on these questions as we consider our impact on the order of creation, our call to Christian discipleship and our place in the wider community and, indeed, the fabric of life.

I am very much looking forward to our services, reflections and prayers this season here at HT.

Christoph

The Cloisters



From the Registers

Baptism: Ada Gray 10th July

Funerals:

The Revd Graham Willey 10th August

Irene Gale 18th August

Michael Foster 23rd August

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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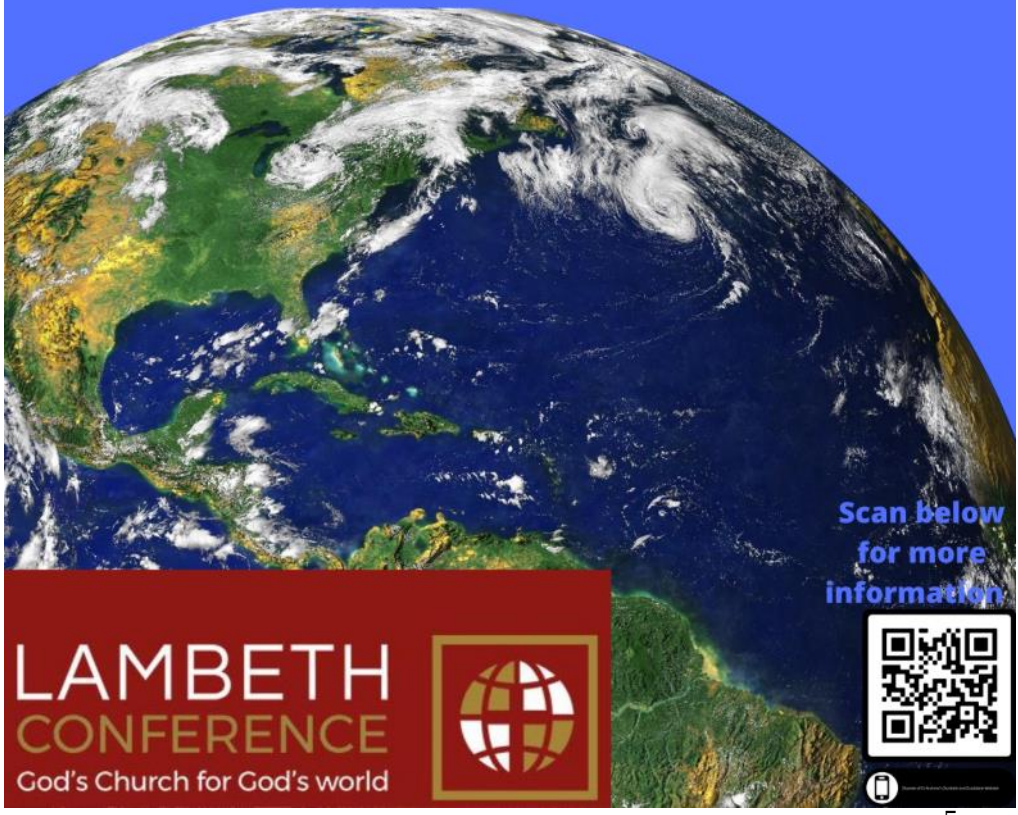
DIOCESAN GLOBAL GATHERING

Sunday 4th September
St Ninians Cathedral Perth
13:30-17:30
Bring your own lunch,
Tea and Coffee will be provided.

- Come to our Diocesan Global Gathering to meet with friends from around the Diocese
- Hear from Bishop Ian news from the Lambeth Conference.
- Find out what is happening in our Partner Dioceses by hearing from the Bishops of Calcutta and Amazonia
- Join us for Choral Evensong



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God's Church for God's world

Revd Graham John Willey RIP

Throughout this year Graham has cheerfully contributed the Prayer Diary and the Saints and Heroes pages to this magazine. We are very grateful. Here is an extract from Revd Val Nellist's address at Graham's funeral on 10th August.

Thoughtfully as always, Graham left careful instructions about his funeral service. He didn't want time spent on a eulogy about him but rather that we rejoice in the love of God and give thanks for the promise of resurrection in Christ. The Bible readings he chose are all about that, they are Easter readings and we will celebrate the Eucharist using the Easter Liturgy; again, this was Graham's choice.

However, Graham was a dearly loved family man and priest, and so his family and his friends here at Holy Trinity feel that we must also say something about him.

Let me then share with you what Liza has written for us about Graham.

"Graham was born in Bromley, Kent is 1938. His father was killed in the Second World War when Graham was two and a half years old but he was a very happy little boy; living with his mother and his grandparents. He was soon active in the Church, serving at the altar when he was six years old and becoming a boat boy, carrying the incense for the thurifer. As he grew up he became a server, then a Lay Reader. He was ordained deacon and then priested 1994 within the same year. Bishop Gregor McGregor and Bishop George Sessford ordained Graham priest in St Maelrubha's Church, Poolewe; Moray, Ross and Caithness. Graham went on to serve as a non-stipendiary priest in that Diocese and later in this Diocese.

Graham loved life and revelled in anything to do with the sea and ships – from his own wee fishing boat to refitting submarines. In 'civilian life' he was a marine engineer and took a great interest in all things nautical – both in bygone years and up to the present day. He was an avid reader and was always up to date with space and world news. He didn't miss a trick..

Graham loved sport, gardening and music but his favourite hobby was his big, growing family. He was always eager to know what each of them was up to and would be the first to encourage them. He loved travelling and, with Liza, visited many interesting and beautiful places.

There was also the great joy he took in serving all the widespread little Episcopal churches, driving many thousands of miles, especially in the North West. But Graham also felt very 'at home' here in Holy Trinity and thought it a very friendly and welcoming place to be part of. Liza asks me to thank you all for the love and support they have had from everyone here."

Graham wanted this address to be about the love of God and resurrection life in the present. This is what we preach Sunday by Sunday and this is what Graham did his very best to live, day by day.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday September 25th after the 1030 Eucharist

If you are unable to attend could you please let either the Rector or Vestry Secretary Rachel Campbell know.

Coffee, chat, cheer.

It's been about 6 months since we were able to get together in the hall again after the 10.30 service on Sundays. We've all appreciated the chance to catch up with old friends and find out more about our new ones – and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea into the bargain.

After the long break, it's been a mixture of experienced and new people providing the service and seeing to the setting out of tables and chairs. There have been a few technical 'challenges', such as the water heater breaking down, but by and large all has gone well. Many thanks to those on the rota, and to Rachel Campbell for organizing both volunteers and supplies.

But one thing that hasn't changed is the cost of providing the supplies, along with heating/lighting/equipment in the hall, so donations towards covering these are very welcome. If you are now 'cash-free', the Sumup machine that accepts offerings in the church is moved over to the hall after the service.

A Lees

Update about Services at HT

Please note that from **Thursday 1st September** there will be a weekly service of Holy Communion at 11a.m. every Thursday.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8.30a.m. every Sunday in September and October. This service will then cease until Easter 2023.

New perspectives….for Cathy Johnston

Many of you will know that I worked in Glasgow for several years. The river Clyde was central to a lot of the work that I did, whether it was about the health of the river and its catchment, or about its role in the regeneration and development of the city. The opportunity has cropped up for me to take a fresh perspective, and I am literally 'jumping' at it by zip-sliding across it! I will be raising money for Strathcarron Hospice. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers on 17th September, and if you feel that you might be able to contribute a small amount this is the address of my fund-raising page.

https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/fundraisers/cathy-conquers-the-clyde

HT's Hall in all its Splendour

Please turn to pages 10 and 11 to learn more about the hall and its many functions

Holy Trinity Church Hall – A Community Asset

The church hall is a great asset for our congregation, especially since it was refurbished seven years ago. It provides a venue for enjoying coffee and fellowship after the Sunday service, for HTKidz to meet in, and for hosting other congregational events. Letting of the hall also provides an important source of income which helps to keep us going as a worshipping community.

However, the hall also plays a vital part in our outreach and ministry to the people of Stirling, providing a home for activities and organisations which support community well-being in many different ways. It is worth reflecting on the diversity of these activities, and the value which they add to the life of our city.

A number of the hall activities are focused on physical exercise. These include a yoga class, a pilates class, a judo class for young people, three dance classes, a tai chi class and an exercise class specifically targeted at folk suffering from mental health issues. A further pilates class is shortly to start. As well as supporting people's mental and physical well-being, these are all small businesses which are providing employment for the teachers and instructors involved.

For about a year we have been hosting a charitable organisation called Stirling4Community. It runs three activities in the hall: a weekly lunch club, a monthly tea dance for elderly people, and a weekly community choir. Another organisation supporting older people is the University of the Third Age which runs events on a regular basis in the hall.

The hall provides a rehearsal space for the Stirling and Bridge of Allan Operatic Society, whose musical theatre performances are an important part of the cultural life of the area.

Stirling Council is very much aware of the value of the hall and its central location. It hires the space as a polling station during elections, enabling us to support the democratic process.

It also recently hired the hall for several months as a creche for mothers attending nearby employability training at the Smith Art Gallery.

On Monday mornings, the now well-established HT Tots group uses the hall, providing a much needed opportunity for young mothers and their small children to meet and socialise. For teenagers, there is the Youth Fellowship which meets monthly on Saturday evenings, providing a safe space for them to hang out . Both of these activities are, of course, run by members of the congregation.

We have many parties in the hall throughout the year, and many bouncy castles, making it a place of fun and celebration. Most are one-off but we have an Asian Christian community, Souhurudam, who like the venue so much that they come again and again, for birthdays, graduations and baby showers.

This is just a snapshot of what is going on at the moment. There have been many other groups in the past, and we are constantly fielding enquiries for new activities in the future. Everyone who uses the hall, or views it as a prospective user, thinks it is a fantastic facility.

So, in conclusion, we may be a relatively small congregation, and our capacity to run social outreach ourselves may be limited, but through the hall and the investment we have made in it, we have provided a space which has enabled others to minister to the needs of our community.
Alistair Shaw

Do you have any special memories of times/occasions in the hall? Please send them to the editorial team for inclusion in our October edition.

Getting to know...

I came to Scotland in May 2021 after completing my PhD at Purdue University in Indiana, US. Indiana's state motto is 'the crossroads of America,' and it is mainly known for corn, soybeans, and the Indianapolis 500 motor race. Moving to Scotland has been quite an adventure!

Currently, I am a lecturer in the School of Education and an Honorary Chaplain at the University of Strathclyde. I completed education for the vocational diaconate in 2020 and was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis in January 2021. After ordination, I served as a deacon (briefly) at Chapel of the Good Shepherd – West Lafayette and the Purdue University Episcopal Student Association.

As the call of a deacon is to the borders between the church and the world, I find university chaplaincy a particularly exciting location for ministry. I am also passionate about helping congregations discern their role in the local community and enact this role outside the walls of the church. I'm delighted to be serving as a deacon at Holy Trinity. In the past few months of getting to know this congregation, I am impressed at the thoughtfulness, kindness, and welcome that is evident in each interaction. Holy Trinity is a Fruits of the Spirit congregation!

I moved to Stirling in May with my partner. We were seeking to find a home somewhere with easy access to nature, at a midpoint between our two universities. Here in Stirling, we enjoy being able to walk out the door of our flat right into hiking paths! In my free time, I'm an avid reader and gardener. My favourite genres are memoir and mystery, and I enjoy growing herbs, berries, and flowers.

Thanks to Rebekah for featuring in this article. Please contact the editorial team if you would like to take part in "Getting to Know"

Rebekah Sims

Introducing the Green Action Group at Holy Trinity Church

There is now irrefutable evidence that we are living at a time of unprecedented environmental change. The earth's climate is changing rapidly with far reaching and complex interactions with ecosystems on land and at sea that we are only now beginning to understand. Even in Scotland, we are feeling the effects of climate change through water. We're experiencing shifts in the patterns of rainfall delivery - with periods of increasing intensity of rainfall separated by ever increasing periods time that are devoid of any rainfall. As a result, we are experiencing more frequent episodes of climate extremes, with periods of intense rainfall resulting in floods, separated by prolonged periods of drought. Many of us are to some degree protected by the emerging impacts of climate change. However, it is often the most vulnerable in our society that feel the impacts first, either directly or indirectly through the economy.

Whilst we may all come to the climate challenge from very different perspectives, it is clear that we all have both a moral and spiritual imperative to tackle the climate emergency and to do so at pace. Commonly referred to as an 'existential crisis', neither government, nor industry, communities or scientists can tackle these challenges in isolation. It is only by coming together through collaboration and partnerships that we can find workable solutions and opportunities to benefit all.

Recognising the challenge at the last ACM in 2021, Holy Trinity committed to set up a group to consider our collective action. We are delighted to report that Holy Trinity has now formed a Green Action Group. The group will coordinate activities that will help us all to respond to the climate emergency and promote opportunities that benefit the environment and wider community. We have now had our first meeting and agreed our Vision and Mission:

Vision: *A Church where faith, community and environment are at the heart of its decision making and provide a beacon to support a just transition to Net Zero.*

Mission: *To develop plans and strategies that ensure the environment is embedded in our faith, decision making and activity, by:*

- *promoting opportunities to reduce resource consumption and dependency on carbon;*
- *enhancing opportunities for carbon capture and biodiversity;*
- *providing an exemplar of best practice for the Church and the wider community.*

The membership of the Green Action Group has representation from across our Church, including: Cathy Johnson (Diocesan and Provence Climate Action Groups); Carolyn Lawson; Eliza Pont; Andrew Tyler (Chair); Christoph Wutscher (Rector); and Graham Young.

We are now meeting on a monthly basis to implement a programme of activity from which we can all benefit, whilst also reporting back to the Vestry and ACM. Please keep an eye on this space in the Church Magazine for regular updates on activities and opportunities. We are also receptive to your ideas and discussions around climate related activities. Please feel free to contact any member of the group as necessary and help us all to drive change together.

Professor Andrew Tyler

Wordsearch-the Parable of the Weeds

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Good
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Field
Sleeping
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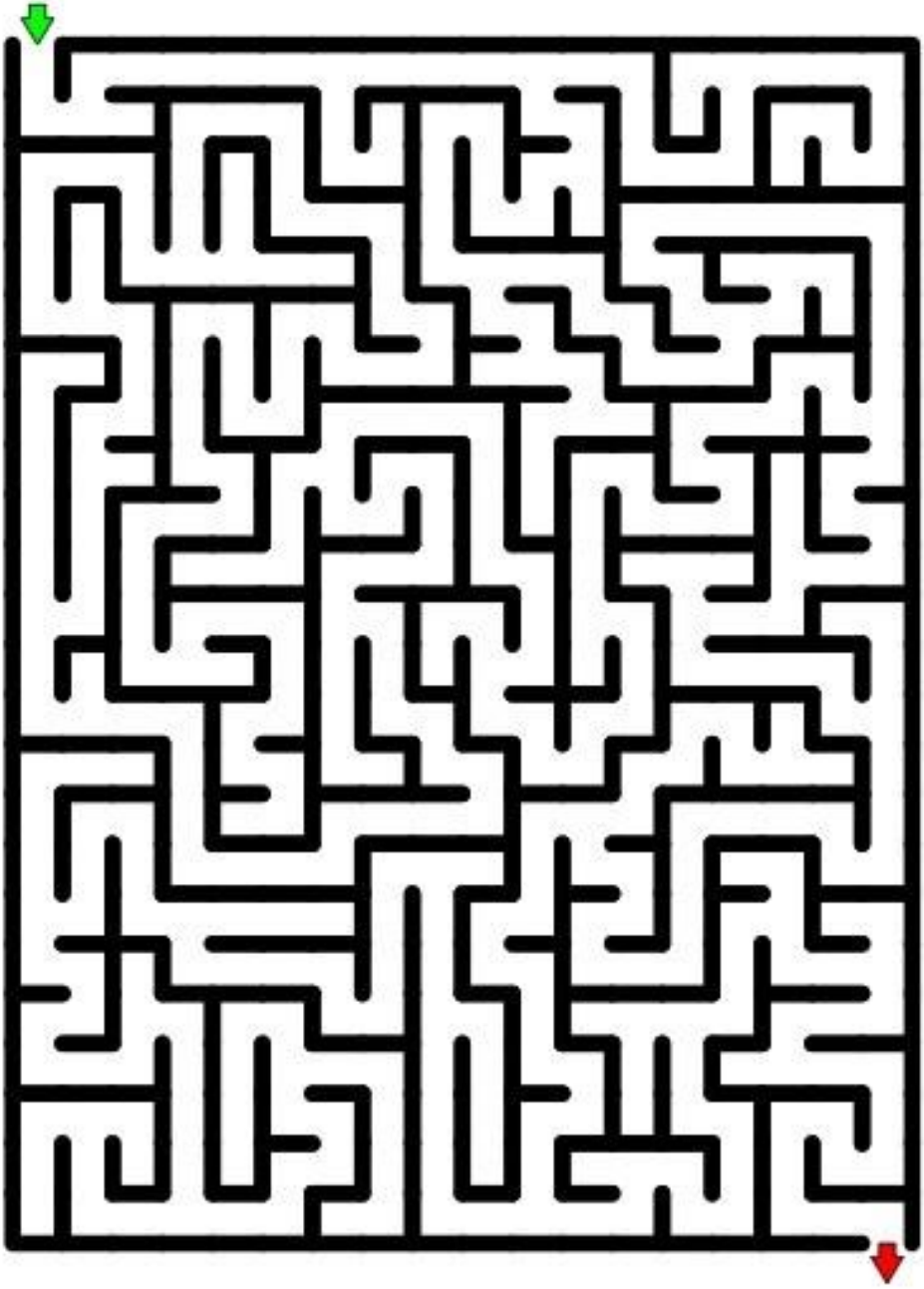

Readings September 2022

Thursday 1st	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 12	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Deuteronomy 30.15-20;
		Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33
Thursday 8th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
Festival of Dedication	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	1 Chronicles 29.6-19; Ephesians 2.19-22;
		John 2.13-22
Thursday 15th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 14	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7;
		Luke 16.1-13
Thursday 22nd	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 15	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
(ACM)	**Readings**	Amos 6.1*a*,4-7; 1 Timothy 6.6-19
		Luke 16.19-31
Thursday 29th	**11am**	Holy Communion

Rotas September 2022

	Readings	Intercessions
Sept 4	**A Tyler**	**G Pont**
Sept 11	**D Brown**	**TBC**
Sept 18	**M Kenyon**	**A Shaw**
Sept 25	**T Mitchell**	**D Brown**

	Sidesduty
Sept 4	**TBC**
Sept 11	**A Lees & F MacLeod**
Sept 18	**J Foster & H Kemp**
Sept 25	**J & N Morris**

Articles for the edition are requested on or before

September 18th

The magazine will be available on

October 2nd

When Adam met Eve

The topic for my class was palindromes, which are of course words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question 'What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?' I was expecting 'Madam, I'm Adam', but one student had a better reply: "Wow."

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Listen up

While I was giving a sermon one Sunday, two teenage girls at the back giggled and disturbed people. Finally, I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down.

When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three members of the PCC shuffled by, apologised for going to sleep in church, and promising it would never happen again.

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Confess

A man walked into a minister's study and confessed: "I think I'm addicted to Twitter."
The minister looked at him and replied, "Sorry, I don't follow you."

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Dream

Politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow, where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned." *www.parisshpump.org*

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Sundays
8.30a.m Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Thursdays
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

At present Sunday school (HTKidZ) for primary age children is not meeting regularly but if you would like information on planned activities (Government guidelines permitting) please contact Sarah or Alistair Shaw at shaws1@talktalk.net

Organisations Meeting in the Church Hall

Mondays
10-12 HT Tots Gen Pont gandapont@yahoo.co.uk
3.30-5.30pm Destination Judo: info@destinationjudo.com
6pm Mindbodysoul Yoga: grant@mindbodysoulyoga.co.uk

Tuesdays
10-11am Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com
6.30pm Lishi Self Defence: grant@lishi.org

Wednesdays
11-12 Action in Mind Fitness: Mariclaire15@hotmail.com
7pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

Thursdays
11am Stirling Community Lunch: stirling4community@gmail.com
4-7pm Dance: kimmybruce@hotmail.com
7pm Stirling4 Community Choir

Saturdays
9-10am Babyballet: lpattison@hotmail.co.uk

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