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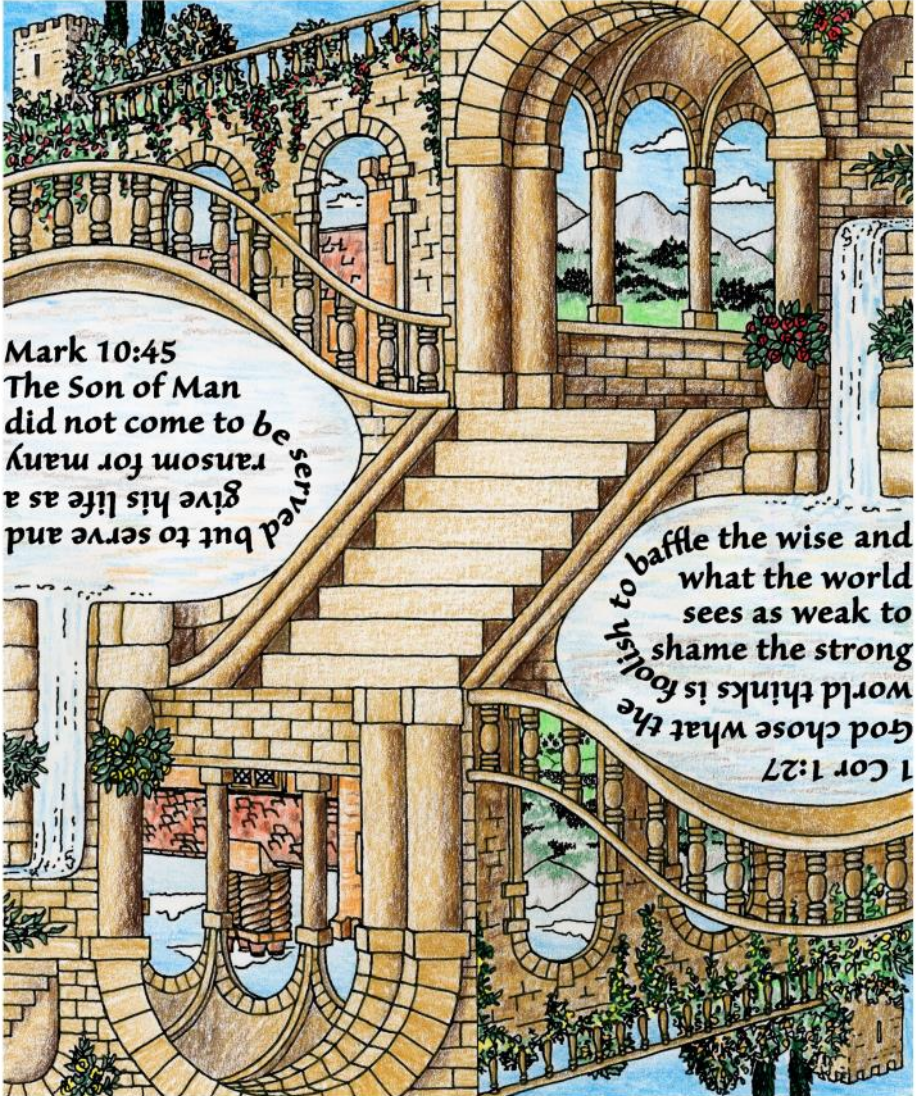
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Mark 10:45
The Son of Man
did not come to be
served but to serve
and give his life as
a ransom for many

1 Cor 1:27
God chose what the
world thinks is foolish
to baffle the wise and
what the world sees as
weak to shame the strong

The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

This year, we are celebrating 145 Years of Holy Trinity Stirling in our present church building (which was finished in 1878). This means that we are half-way through our vision planning (HT from 140 to 150) as we look forward to a special anniversary in 2028.

HT Vestry recently have met for a Vision Day to discuss matters of worship & spirituality, community and outreach as well as fabric and building – and how those different strands may be interwoven to make up HT now, and in the years to come. Watch this space and (continue to) be ready to join in!

As we celebrate 145 Years and look towards the future, we realise that the story of Holy Trinity and the Episcopal Church in Stirling is a much longer one. There were different meeting & worship spaces over time and there was even a (much smaller) Holy Trinity church building in Barnton Street (built in 1845) – so Holy Trinity extends quite a bit further back in the Christian presence in Stirling.

There is a very powerful symbol of this longer presence in use at HT on Sundays. We typically use two chalices for the administering of the communion wine at the Eucharist: one is from 1880 (made for the present church building), but the other one is from 1845 (when the previous building was dedicated). Those chalices are not museum pieces, but living memories and living vessels to hold Communion (which is at the heart of our Christian experience and practice at HT). Christ is held in our story and in one another as we seek to become disciples and vessels for Christ at HT now and in the years to come as we continue to weave together worship & spiritual growth, community & outreach and fabric & the buildings entrusted to us - as we live the continued story of God and go deeper into the mystery of Christ's presence with us.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

From the Registers

Funeral: Peter James Lewis 6th June 2023

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Our Services

Sundays

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursdays

11.00am Holy Communion

At present Sunday School (HTKidZ) meets according to demand.

Contact Gen Pont for further information: gandapont@yahoo.co.uk

HT Youth Fellowship meets monthly on Saturday evenings. Contact

Sarah and Alistair Shaw for information: shaws1@talktalk.net

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Giving at Holy Trinity

June is the end of our financial year and brings round the need to prepare accounts. Ministry and running the church costs about £1,490 per week, excluding maintenance. The regular monthly giving by standing orders and weekly envelopes provide a firm base for this recurring expenditure, especially with the addition of tax reclaimed under Gift Aid declarations. Thanks to all those who are able to give in this way.

Thanks too, to people who contribute in other ways. These are equally valued.

A Reminder: whilst there is no collection during services, cash can be given in the baskets at the back where the service sheets are handed out, or through the card reader nearby. We can claim Gift Aid too on these “small donations”.

If you would like to start a standing order or use envelopes, please contact me through our Rector or a sides person, to arrange this.

Another easy way to support Holy Trinity - **sign up for FREE on #easyfundraising, and raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, Argos, M&S, Supermarkets and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!**

Over £300 has been raised to date and the sixteenth supporter has just joined. Could you be one too? Sign up through this QR Code or <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/holytrinitystirling/tx50v7/c2s/gYoVrnki/CR029/facebook/>

Robert Nellist, Treasurer



Young Adults' Group Update

A varied programme has encouraged several Young Adults, the majority students, most of them from overseas, to come to St Saviour's Hall in Bridge of Allan on a Tuesday evening over the last few months. We have enjoyed getting to know each other, playing board games, experienced more silence in prayer and art work in the beautiful garden. Our plans for the month of June are a pot-luck supper (from a variety of countries!), a guided meditation through the labyrinth at the University, a final BBQ and the continuation of a compilation of favourite recipes for future production. On Saturday 27 June there will be a trip to visit the V&A museum in Dundee with its current amazing History of Tartan exhibition.

We'd like to thank both vestries of St Saviour's and Holy Trinity for their support, both financial and in interest and all who have helped in any way. Also a big thank you to Revd Rebekah and James Gardner for all their enthusiasm in leading this new venture.

We plan to restart towards the end of August. Please do encourage any young people you know to come along. We are also hoping to link up with young people in Dunblane.

If you want to know more, please ask me! (07807 7831268 or joanblyon@gmail.com).

Reverend Joan Lyon

Articles for the September edition are requested on or before

August 13th

The magazine will be available on

August 27th

Help needed for HTTots

Imagine you have a small child (or two or three!): all the joys and exhaustion they bring, the excitement and the sleepless nights, the 24/7 relentless nature of parenting.

Now imagine a place where you can go to share your tales of tears, tantrums and triumphs and relax over a good cuppa and cake. HTTots is that place for numerous mums & some grans (dads also welcome!)

...but our church cannot run HTtots without volunteers to set up, welcome the families, serve drinks and snacks and put away the toys at the end. It is a really important offering that Holy Trinity provides for the people of Stirling - a chance to show that we are a caring, thoughtful community.

We run during school term times but we can't keep running after the summer holidays unless we get more volunteers.

Volunteers are needed on a rota basis each Monday 9.30-12 (HTTots runs from 10-11.30am so you need to be in a bit before and after), you will always be with another volunteer and the more people we have on the rota the fewer weeks everyone needs to do each term.

If you feel you could help with this outward looking church activity and would like to know more, please get in touch with Genevieve Pont on a Sunday (or text 07962958538) or chat to any of the current volunteers Rachel Campbell, Ann Lees or Nick Morris. Thanks in anticipation!

Gen Pont



Christian Aid Week 2023: 14-20 MAY Result

This year, our Christian Aid E-envelope raised the magnificent sum of £1,170, amounting to £1,383.75 with Gift Aid added. This exceeded last year's total by £124.

This is a great achievement, especially at a time when many charities are reporting reduced income as people reassess their financial priorities. Your contributions are already helping people to build a brighter future for themselves within their own communities. This year, Christian Aid has placed an emphasis on facilitating the education that people need in order to live a full life, free from poverty. Your generosity has taken us closer to that goal.

Thank you

David Brown

To whet our appetites....

Overleaf you will see some responses to a request in the June edition for examples of senses that evoke memories. Let's not forget our taste buds! *Jane Morris* has shared a popular recipe with us. She made some apple palm pies for a recent bring and share lunch and they went down a treat.

<https://thehappyfoodie.co.uk/recipes/nadiya-hussains-apple-palm-pies>



Senses

My strongest recollection of smell was at my aunt's house in Newton-on-Ayr. She had a larder full of different foods and the accumulative smell, although not strong, stayed with me for years. I used to stand and "take it all in". It was actually quite a pleasant smell and a fond memory of my childhood holidays.

My favourite "sight" is looking out of our study window at home. Although we have the busy dual carriageway in between, we also have a beautiful backdrop of various tall trees and bushes from Spring - Autumn.

Sheila Brown



After long nights on duty in a busy hospital in Glasgow, I would doze off on the bus and my head would rattle off the window pane. I would grab my bag, climb down from the bus and walk towards my aunt's water mill. As I rounded the corner and faced the sea, I would gasp in the sea air. Exhilarating and an undying pleasure. *Liza Green*

A Poem by Martin Wroe

Joan Lyon writes, "Although I am an advocate of silent prayer and regular quiet time, I really appreciate the following poem by **Martin Wroe** (b.1961). It's taken from the small book *When You Haven't Got a Prayer* (Lion, 1997)." Author's permission granted.

They say you're available
on certain conditions. Quiet ones.
That if I can find an air of tranquillity
It carries that still small voice.

But I don't do quiet, stillness.
I am not tranquil except when I am asleep
And then I am not available
As far as I know.

So what's the chance of a still big voice in the noise,
Of hearing you in the roaring traffic,
The screaming mealtime,
The crowded train,
The supermarket queue
The smoky, throbbing bar?

I know that time you weren't in the fire, the storm.
But everyone's different.
Maybe Elijah was better at quiet.

You're usually quiet.
I'm usually wired.
If I try for your silence,
Perhaps you could try for my noise.

Your place or mine?
I know they say you're in the country,
But maybe we could meet in town.....

Prayer Diary July 2023

Sat 01 Serf, Bishop, c500, for an end to war in Ukraine

Sun 02 Pentecost 5

Mon 03 Thomas, Apostle, for all who seek the truth

Tue 04 For our friends in the United States

Wed 05 For the Scottish Episcopal Institute

Thu 06 Palladius, Bishop, c450, for the Church of Ireland

Fri 07 Boisil, Prior of Melrose, c642, that we might be visionary

Sat 08 For the work of Christian Aid

Sun 09 Pentecost 6

Mon 10 For all in abusive relationships

Tue 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot, c550, that we learn self discipline

Wed 12 Drostan of Deer, Abbot, c600, for our Primus Mark

Thu 13 For the work of the Samaritans

Fri 14 For all who work in the law and justice system

Sat 15 For a just distribution of wealth in our world

Sun 16 Pentecost 7

Mon 17 Jane Haining, for Jews everywhere and an end to antisemitism

Tue 18 For schools and teachers here in Scotland

Wed 19 For all seeking employment

Thu 20 For the Rohingya people, may they find a home

Fri 21 William Wilberforce, 1833, for an end to slavery today

Sat 22 Mary Magdelene, that we may bear true witness to the truth

Prayer Diary July 2023

Sun 23 Pentecost 8

Mon 24 For the Stirling Street Pastors

Tue 25 James, Apostle, for all who are on a Pilgrimage

Wed 26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of Mary, Mother of the Lord, for parents everywhere

Thu 27 For a healing of our world

Fri 28 For all retail workers

Sat 29 Martha and Mary of Bethany, that we know when to serve and listen

Sun 30 Pentecost 9

Mon 31 Ignatius Loyola, Priest and Religious, 1556, for all our armed service

Prayer Diary August 2023

Tue 01 For the work of SSAFA

Wed 02 For our Bishop Ian

Thu 03 For all affected by uncontrolled fires

Fri 04 For Church musicians and choirs

Sat 05 Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642, for King Charles and the Royal Family

Sun 06 The Transfiguration of the Lord, that we seek to behold the Glory of God

Mon 07 For all children at risk of harm

Tue 08 Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221, for an end to hunger in our world

Wed 09 John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866, that we sing praises with joy

Prayer Diary August 2023

Thu 10 Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258, that we have courage to speak truth to power

Fri 11 Clare of Assisi, Religious, 1253, for an end to poverty in our communities

Sat 12 Blane, Missionary, c590, for our friends at St Mary Dunblane

Sun 13 Pentecost 11

Mon 14 Maximilien Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, 1940, that we stand with the weak and oppressed

Tue 15 Mary the Virgin, that when God calls we say yes

Wed 16 For all who work in the Emergency Services

Thu 17 For prisoners of conscience and Amnesty International

Fri 18 For the Anglican Church in Europe

Sat 19 For all in local and national government

Sun 20 Pentecost 12

Mon 21 For single parents everywhere

Tue 22 For those going through the pain of divorce

Wed 23 For all those preparing to commence university

Thu 24 Bartholomew, Apostle, for Christians in India and Pakistan

Fri 25 Ebba of Coldingham, Abbess, 683, for all called to religious orders

Sat 26 For all who are bereaved

Sun 27 Pentecost 13

Mon 28 Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430, for all working in universities

Tue 29 The Beheading of John, for our law courts to seek justice

Wed 30 For all who work in conservation

Thu 31 Aiden of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 651, that we talk of faith at the level of the people we meet

Readings July 2023

Sunday 2nd PENTECOST 5	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Jeremiah 28.5-9; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42
Thursday 6th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th PENTECOST 6	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Zechariah 9.9-12; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
Thursday 13th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th PENTECOST 7	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 55.10-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
Thursday 20th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd PENTECOST 8	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 44.6-8; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
Thursday 27th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th PENTECOST 9	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Readings August 2023

Thursday 3rd	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th	8.30am	Holy Communion
Transfiguration of the Lord	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1.16-19; Luke 9.28-36
Thursday 10th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	8.30am	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 11	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	1 Kings 19.9-18; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
Thursday 17th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	8.30am	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 12	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 56.1, 6-8; Romans 11.1-2 <i>a</i> , 29-32; Matthew 15.21-28
Thursday 24th	11am	Holy Communion
Bartholomew, Apostle		
Sunday 27th	8.30am	Holy Communion
PENTECOST 13	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20
Thursday 31st	11am	Holy Communion

Rotas

July

	Readings	Intercessions
2nd July	N Jorgensen	C Johnston
9th July	A Tyler	A Shaw
16th July	M Kenyon	B Piper
23rd July	C Watson	M Kenyon
30th July	L Green	

Sidesduty

2 July C Kendall & J Foster

9 July F MacLeod & H Kemp

16 July L Coats & A Lees

23 July B & C Watson

30 July R Campbell

August

	Readings	Intercessions
6th August	R Campbell	V Nellist
13th August	A Pont	C Watson
20th August		T Mitchell
27th August		I Boa

Sidesduty

6 August A Lees & C Kendall

13 August J Foster & F Macleod

20 August H Kemp

27th August B & C Watson

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results... www.parishpump.co.uk



1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
4. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
5. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Wishing all our readers a very happy Summer



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10-12noon HTTots Gen Pont: gandapont@yahoo.co.uk

4.00-5.30pm Destination Judo: info@destinationjudo.com

6.15-7.45pm Mindbodysoul Yoga: grant@mindbodysoulyoga.co.uk

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10-12noon Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com

6.30-8pm Lishi Self Defence: damien@lishi.org

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9.15-10.15 Pilates Mini Ball Class: Jackie.govan@live.com

11.30-3pm Tea Dance (last Wednesday in the month):
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5-7pm Dance: francescahamill@icloud.com

7-9pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

Thursdays

11-2pm Stirling Community Lunch: stirling4community@gmail.com

4-7pm Dance: kimmybruce@hotmail.com

7pm Stirling4 Community Choir

Fridays

10-12 noon Art Group: stirling4community@gmail.com

2-5pm University of the Third Age (monthly):
membership@fvu3a.org.uk

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