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## The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

During September we will, once again, observe the Season of Creation at HT: an opportunity to focus on giving thanks for the gifts of creation and life, but also for highlighting the need for sustainable living in the face of climate change.

At the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church this year, a Net Zero Action Plan was approved, aiming to help churches in their action in relation to the global climate emergency and in working towards achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. At HT, we will be working with this Net Zero Toolkit to inform our decision making in all aspects of our church life.

Our personal responses to this are also important as we work on 'sustainable living' in our own spheres of life: we do not stop being HT just because we're not on the premises in Albert Place!

Worship and prayer are important tools in this as the Net Zero Action Plan reminds us: as we pray for healing of what has been damaged, provide a space to process climate grief or transform climate anxiety, we will also continue to celebrate life and creation (and take our roles in sustaining and protecting the world seriously). As Shirley Erena Murray so aptly put into hymnody:

Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

*Yours in Christ, Christoph*

## From the Registers

Funeral: **Maureen Johns**: 10<sup>th</sup> July

Funeral: **Samuel Albert Parker** 17th August

*May they 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](mailto:gandapont@yahoo.co.uk)

HT Youth Fellowship meets monthly on Saturday evenings. Contact

Sarah and Alistair Shaw for information: [shaws1@talktalk.net](mailto:shaws1@talktalk.net)

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## The Green Action Group becomes...

Following a series of monthly meetings over the last year, the strategy for the HT's net zero response has been finalised along with a name change. For our net zero strategy to be realised, it was quickly apparent that a group with an "Action" name implied that it is the group's responsibility to implement the strategy. In reality, net zero can only be successfully achieved if the whole Church community embraces the challenge. The name "Flourishing Future" also aligns with the Provincial net zero ambitions and language. The strategy is designed to sensitively implement change throughout the life and work of our Church, through which everyone will benefit. Our strategy has also formed the basis of an application to the Eco-congregation Scotland Bronze Award. We are also delighted by the additional members who have since joined the group.

One area in which the activity has been more visible has been through the No Mow May, which became No Mow June. This allowed the grass to grow around the Church so that we could assess the nutrient status and abundance of pollinator friendly flora. The results from this activity will feed into future plans for the management of the Church grounds. This activity has also linked the Church with a number of external organisations, including Tree Link, On the Verge and RePollinate, who are supporting HT in this work. Examples of bee friendly flowers are shown below and alongside (photographed in June 2023).



## HT's Flourishing Future Group

As part of the **Flourishing Futures Initiative** at Holy Trinity, a smaller group of volunteers has come together to do some work on the front garden. As you will see in the grassy area at the front of the church, the grass has not been mown over the summer months. New growth has not been abundant and this has allowed a number of wild flowers to appear which would previously have been mown along with the grass so there is new life to be protected and photographed and more to be planted in the future. In the meantime, and before the necessary scaffolding is erected for some essential repair on the facade, the Garden Group is busy keeping down the weeds right round the edge of the building. If you would like to lend a hand, you will be very welcome. Dates of work parties will be given in the pew sheet or you can contact Joan Lyon at [joanblyon@gmail.com](mailto:joanblyon@gmail.com).



Articles for the October edition are requested on or before

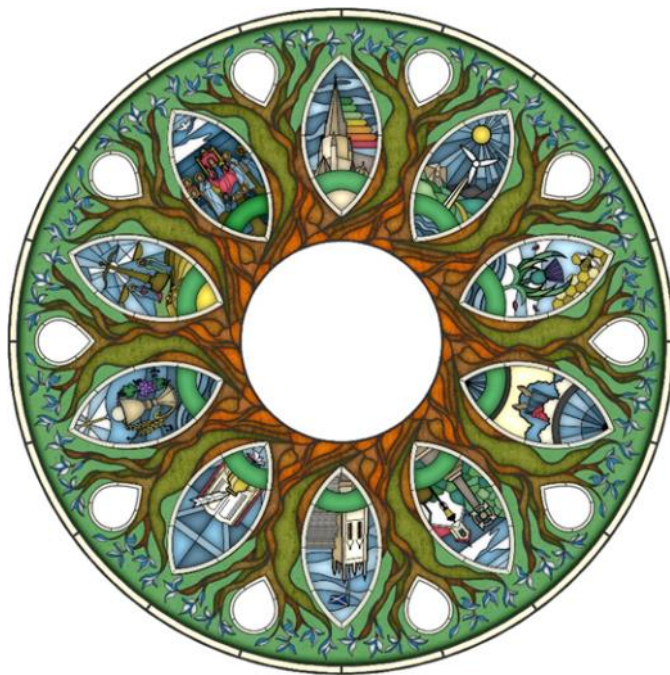
**September 10th**

The magazine will be available on

**September 24th**

## Beautiful Image

This beautiful image was gifted to the Scottish Episcopal Church by Dr Lana Woolford. She has produced some images for the second version of the Toolkit that will be released during the 2023 Season of Creation. It was unveiled at the General Synod, where the Net Zero Action Plan 2023-2030 was affirmed. It is based on the 'petals' of the original logo designed by Robert Woodford and reflects the subject matters of each petal. It shows the interconnectedness of each theme and represents a tree with roots and branches.



It looks like a beautiful stained-glass window.

It might be a bit small here but try looking at it on the SEC website. It's worth using as a meditative resource. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/provincial-environment-group-logo-is-given-stained-glass-design-to-show-flourishing-future/>

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*Robert Nellist, Treasurer*

## Young Adults Group

Young Adults Group restarts after the summer break on **Tuesday 5 September** from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in St Saviour's Church Hall, Fountain Road, Bridge of Allan.

Who is this for? Anyone aged 18-40 Open to people of all faiths and none, in particular international students, who would like to meet new people and make lasting connections in the community in this welcoming and inclusive space.

An open agenda .... What would people like to do? What do people need? Games, art, study, questions/discussions about faith and the Bible, outings, film & discussion visits.....but most of all, a place to relax and make friends and close the day with prayer.

Led by Revd Joan Lyon, James Gardner, Revd Rebekah Sims – and others who might lead different sessions.

Interested? Want to find out more? Email – [youngadultsgroup201@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsgroup201@gmail.com) or just come along.

## Prayer Diary September

Fri 01 For refugees making dangerous journeys

Sat 02 The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942, for those engaged in pastoral ministry

### **Sun 03 Pentecost 14**

Mon 04 For Stirling Street Pastors

Tue 05 For all who work in retail

Wed 06 For the work of SSAFA

Thu 07 For students and their families as they start university and college

Fri 08 The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord, for all who care for young children

Sat 09 For the people of Ukraine

### **Sun 10 Pentecost 15**

Mon 11 For our HT TOTS cafe

Tue 12 For areas of conflict and those affected by it

Wed 13 Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258, for all refugees crossing the Mediterranean

Thu 14 Holy Cross Day, that the whole world may be drawn to Jesus

Fri 15 For our Emergency Services

Sat 16 Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop, c430, for the Scottish Episcopal Institute

### **Sun 17 Pentecost 16**

Mon 18 For the work of Startup Stirling

Tue 19 For the men and women of our Armed Forces



## Prayer Diary September

Wed 20 John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop and Martyr, 1871, for all victims of modern slavery

Thu 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, for all civil servants and Local Government Officers

Fri 22 For all victims of abuse

Sat 23 Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704, for all victims of warfare

### **Sun 24 Pentecost 17**

Mon 25 Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop, c610, for all who minister at Holy Trinity

Tue 26 For the people of Hong Kong

Wed 27 Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660, for all living in poverty

Thu 28 For all who work in health and social care

Fri 29 Michael and All Angels, that we may hear the message of angels

Sat 30 Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420, for all who work in education

## Church Flowers

After many years as flower convenor, Mary Kenyon has handed over the reins to Karen Ellis.

Everyone at HT is very grateful to Mary for her sensitive, beautiful flower arrangements.

Best wishes to Karen in the role. Her contact details can be found on the Contacts page of the magazine.



## Readings September 2023

|  |                 |  |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>             | <b>8.30am</b>   | Holy Communion   |
| <b>PENTECOST 14</b>                      | <b>10.30am</b>  | Sung Eucharist   |
|  | <b>Readings</b> | Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-21;<br>Matthew 16.21-28   |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>           | <b>11am</b>     | Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>8.30am</b>   | Holy Communion   |
| <b>PENTECOST 15</b>                      | <b>10.30am</b>  | Sung Eucharist   |
| <b>(Festival of Dedication) Readings</b> |                 | Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-14;<br>Matthew 18.15-20     |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>          | <b>11am</b>     | Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>8.30am</b>   | Holy Communion   |
| <b>PENTECOST 16</b>                      | <b>10.30am</b>  | Sung Eucharist   |
|  | <b>Readings</b> | Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12;<br>Matthew 18.21-35    |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>          | <b>11am</b>     | Holy Communion   |
| <b>Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> |                 |  |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>8.30am</b>   | Holy Communion   |
| <b>PENTECOST 17</b>                      | <b>10.30am</b>  | Sung Eucharist   |
| <b>(ACM)</b>                             | <b>Readings</b> | Jonah 3.10-4.11; Philippians 1.21-30;<br>Matthew 20.1-16 |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>          | <b>11am</b>     | Holy Communion   |

## Rotas September 2023

|                | Readings        | Intercessions |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 3rd September  | S Stirling Aird | C Johnston    |
| 10th September | D Brown         | N Morris      |
| 17th September | A Tyler         | A Shaw        |
| 24th September | B Piper         | M Kenyon      |

### Sidesduty

3rd September C Kendall and A Lees

10th September R Campbell

17th September J and N Morris

24th September J Foster and F Macleod

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

After 1030am service.

Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

An ACM booklet will be produced as before, any contributions will be welcome.

This year we will need two new Vestry members, please give some thought as to whether this is something you could undertake. Speak to the Rector or any Vestry member for more information.

## Off to school

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."



## Cat

I know, I know, when people see a cat's litter box, they say, "Oh, have you got a cat?". But someday, just *once* I want to say, "No, it's for visitors."

## In common

I was the supply teacher for a class that was learning about groups. In one exercise, pupils were asked to label a group of items according to their common characteristics. Pictured were onion rings, doughnuts, and party biscuits. The correct answer would have been that all the items have holes in the centre.

But one health-conscious boy pointed out: "All of those things contain far too much cholesterol."

Scientists have finally discovered exactly how much sleep a human being needs ... just five minutes more. [www.parishpump.co.uk](http://www.parishpump.co.uk)

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### **Mondays**

**10-12noon HTTots Gen Pont: [gandapont@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gandapont@yahoo.co.uk)**

**4.00-5.30pm Destination Judo: [info@destinationjudo.com](mailto:info@destinationjudo.com)**

**6.15-7.45pm Mindbodysoul Yoga: [grant@mindbodysoulyoga.co.uk](mailto:grant@mindbodysoulyoga.co.uk)**

### **Tuesdays**

**10-12noon Pilates: [judithgraham090@gmail.com](mailto:judithgraham090@gmail.com)**

**6.30-8pm Lishi Self Defence: [damien@lishi.org](mailto:damien@lishi.org)**

### **Wednesdays**

**9.15-10.15 Pilates Mini Ball Class: [Jackie.govan@live.com](mailto:Jackie.govan@live.com)**

**11.30-3pm Tea Dance (last Wednesday in the month):  
[stirling4community@gmail.com](mailto:stirling4community@gmail.com)**

**5-7pm Dance: [francescahamill@icloud.com](mailto:francescahamill@icloud.com)**

**7-9pm SABOS: [sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com](mailto:sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com)**

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**4-7pm Dance: [kimmybruce@hotmail.com](mailto:kimmybruce@hotmail.com)**

**7pm Stirling4 Community Choir**

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**2-5pm University of the Third Age (monthly):  
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