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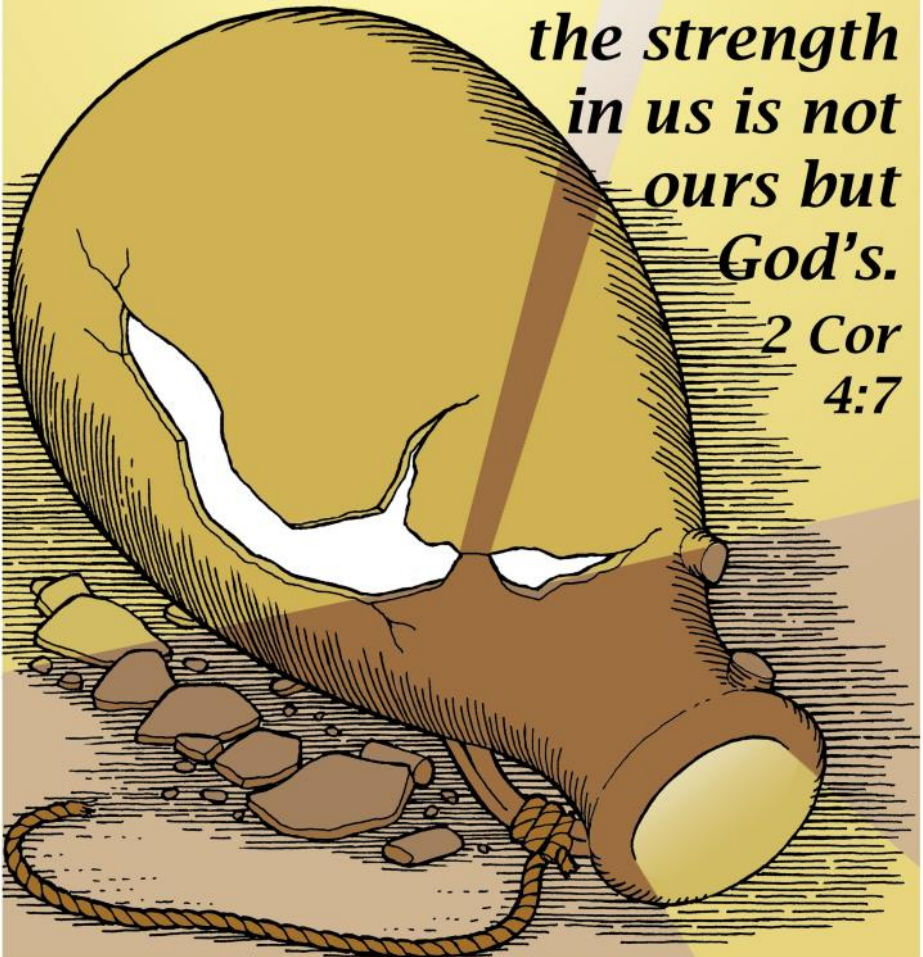
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***We are like fragile clay jars
holding priceless treasure -
the strength
in us is not
ours but
God's.***

***2 Cor
4:7***



The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

St John of the Cross (1542-1591) says this in a letter:

'And where there is no love, put love, and you will draw out love.'

John writes this with the challenges of living in a Christian community in mind. I am wondering, however, if this statement may also be relevant for us as we focus on remembrance this November.

The Feast of All Saints reminds us of a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us and giving us an example of Christian faith: celebrating people who know how to put love where there is no love and thus make a difference in the world.

All Souls focusses our attention on people we love but see no longer. We are reminded that grief is a price we pay for love; but also, that, as we remember loved ones, we really continue to put love where there is grief: trusting that we will draw love from the realms of everlasting life, light and peace.

Remembrance Sunday, then, reminds us of the difficulties of war & armed conflict (and the pain violence brings to all of us – for in war most people will be victims). As we pray for peace, we are invited to pledge ourselves to love where there is no love, so that God may use us as peacemakers, drawing deeply from the wells of God's salvation, mercy, and love.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph



From the Registers

Funerals

David Goss 18th October

Lily Dawson 24th October

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Our Services

Sundays

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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Christmas Church Social Event - Sunday 26th November.

We are organising another lunch after church on **26th November**. Food will be provided, but could anyone who is vegan or vegetarian please get in touch with one of us to discuss a food option.

There will be a Christmas Craft stall and a cake stall. Donations for the cake stall would be appreciated.

There will be no charge for the meal but donations towards the cost will be welcome.

Please come, enjoy friendship, fellowship and Christmas cheer.

Helen Piper, Carol Kendall and Jane Morris.

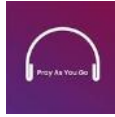
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Thank You

Helen and Andrew Kemp are so thankful for your kindness and support over this last year, particularly during the time of Raymond's passing. We felt so loved and honoured that you took the time to send us gifts, cards and flowers and we appreciate you thinking of us.

Helen Kemp.



Pray As You Go

This is an excellent resource for our prayer life – just 15 minutes at any time of the day!

Pray As You Go is an app which offers some music, a Bible reading, some words to help us reflect on the reading, some questions to think about and some closing music. You can use this to begin your day while having a cup of tea before you get up, finding your own quiet place, in your garden, or as you travel or walk to work or take the dog for a walk. It can help to settle our minds Godwards rather than rush into whatever is on our to do list.

This may not be the one for you so have a look at all the other resources on the internet.....or spend 10-15 minutes quietly and purposefully just being in the presence of God.

Rev Joan Lyon



Prayer Tree at HT

There is now a Prayer Tree at the back of church. Do add your prayers and concerns to it. First names only and write the date at the bottom of the label .

Libby Coats

Getting to know Kenice Wong



Kenice has been coming to Holy Trinity since April 2023 when she moved back to Stirling. I met up with her to have a chat about what has brought her here.

Kenice graduated from Stirling University in 1999 with a degree in English Studies and Management. She then returned to Hong Kong and had a successful career as a primary and secondary school teacher. Over the years she has had the opportunity to travel to places such as Canada, USA, New Zealand, and Australia. For a variety of reasons Kenice found that she was rethinking her career and decided to look for new opportunities in her 'second home' of Stirling. She is now settled as a care giver with a company in Stirling who support people with various needs. It brings her great joy to care for others, and she is enjoying her independent lifestyle. She can keep up in touch with her father and brother in Hong Kong, through the wonder of WhatsApp! Other members of her family are in various parts of the UK and so she will catch up with them over time.

Getting to know Kenice Wong

Kenice used to worship at St John's Cathedral in Hong Kong and has found Holy Trinity a warm and welcoming place. She hopes to grow with the church and with the community. She finds the rituals and music at Holy Trinity very important and is pleased to be able to join the choir. Kenice is setting us all a good example because she filled in the Church Community Audit survey as soon as she got it!

Work commitments mean that she can't always be in church on Sunday, but she has enjoyed connecting with the Young Adults Group, and the choir too.

Welcome Kenice, we hope that you will continue to enjoy your life in Stirling and Holy Trinity.

Cathy Johnston



From The Holy Trinity Archive November 1923

The Rev. J. D. Bisset

A little group of particular friends assembled at Stirling railway station one afternoon last month in the expectation of saying a brief farewell to Mr and Mrs Bisset and their son while the train from Aberdeen to Glasgow stopped for a few minutes. Unfortunately, they had joined that portion of the train which does not stop at Stirling and we were disappointed to see no more than a flash of Mr Bisset waving his hand. A postcard from Gibraltar says they reached there all well.

Kindly sent in by *Sheila Brown*

Two Hymn Writers

This article looks at two people who have developed hymn writing in very different ways:

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Isaac was the eldest of nine children. His father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was in prison for his non-conformist beliefs at the time of Isaac's birth.

By the time Isaac was 18, he had a particular bugbear – the deplorable state of congregational singing. It was mostly metrical psalms, which were heavy going and ponderous. But many non-conformists thought that if congregations sang anything other than the actual words of Scripture, it would be an insult to God.

Isaac was complaining about this one Sunday when his father suddenly challenged him: 'Why don't you give us something better to sing, then?'

Isaac accepted the challenge. The next Sunday he produced his first hymn, and the congregation loved it. Isaac then wrote new hymn texts for his church - every Sunday for the next two years. By 1719, Watts had published a hymnal: *The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament*. He had paraphrased nearly the entire Psalter.

In all, Watts wrote more than 600 hymns. Other favourites include: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, and the famous Christmas carol *Joy to the World*.

At the time, some people felt Watts's hymns were "too worldly" as they were not based solely on the Psalms. Yet Watts argued that the Christian church should sing of Christ. He explained his approach this way:

"Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, I have often joined faith and love to it. Where he speaks of the pardon of sin

Two Hymn Writers

through the mercies of God, I rather choose to mention the sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God. Where He promises abundance of wealth, honour, and long life, I have changed some of these typical blessings for grace, glory and life eternal, which are brought to light by the gospel, and promised in the New Testament." www.parishpump.co.uk

Geoffrey Beaumont 1903-1970

I am indebted to Bishop John Crook for drawing my attention to Geoffrey Beaumont. Father John knew him from his time at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield.

Geoffrey was ordained in 1932 and went on to be chaplain of Trinity College Cambridge and vicar of St George's Camberwell. He went to Mirfield in 1961 and this is where Bishop John met him. Amongst his many talents, Beaumont was known for his work as a composer. He founded the Twentieth Century Church Light Music Group, the purpose of which was to compose tunes that would appeal to people. His was a popular style and the prime example of this was the Twentieth Century Folk Mass. He also compiled *Thirty Twentieth Century Hymns*, familiar hymns but set to folk music. If you haven't come across these compositions, I'd encourage you to listen. Their folk/light style may not be to your taste, but they certainly got me to sit up and think about Beaumont's sincere desire to bring the Mass and hymns to people who might not be familiar with or relate to the more traditional settings.

Bishop John heard Beaumont's music to the accompaniment of a skiffle group. Sadly, I can't find any recordings of such a group. For more information about the Twentieth Century Church Light Music Group and the very mixed responses to the Folk Mass please go to the Hymn Society: hymnsocietygbi.org.uk

Libby Coats

HT Garden

Front garden update

Our small team of Garden Gurus has made splendid progress with weed clearing and laying of weed suppressant matting round the front edge of the church building. It was hard work but good team work and the discovery of some original nails and bits of metal. Our plan is to cover the matting with stone chips to keep it in place. We are looking for donations to help cover the cost of £75 including transport. Please give donations, preferably cash, directly to Robert Nellist or to Joan Lyon.

The Happy Crew



South Wall looking East



Please note

Accommodation Please

Kenice, a member of our congregation (interviewed on pages 6-7) is looking for rental accommodation starting 15th January 2024 and lasting at least one year.

She is seeking a private room (lockable door) with an ensuite in Stirling. She can pay up to £700 a month.

She will be in Stirling in November and then in Hong Kong from 1st December till 14th January.

Please contact her by email with any suggestions :Wongkenice68@gmail.com

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Prayer Diary November 2023

Wed 01 All Saints, For all of us who are supported by the Communion of Saints

Thu 02 All Souls, For all who grieve loss

Fri 03 Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1600, for all who struggle with faith

Sat 04, For all who work in forestry and agriculture

Sun 05 Pentecost 23

Mon 06, For the work of the Mission to Seafarers

Tue 07 Willibrord, Bishop and Missionary, 739, for all who bring the light of Christ to others

Wed 08, For all who work in the entertainment industry

Thu 09 George Hay Forbes, Priest, 1875, For all whose physical limitations constrain their lives

Fri 10 Leo the Great, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 461, For the Scottish Episcopal Institute

Sat 11 Martin of Tours, Bishop, c397, for all who serve in our armed forces

Sun 12 Pentecost 24

Mon 13, For the work of Startup Stirling

Tue 14 Consecration of Samuel Seabury, Bishop, 1784, for the Anglican Communion of the United States

Wed 15 For all who work within the Justice system and Law Courts

Thu 16 Margaret of Scotland, for our life and worship at Holy Trinity

Fri 17 Hilda of Whitby, 680, Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, 1200, for all who work in education

Prayer Diary November 2023

Sat 18 Fergus, Bishop, c750, for our Primus Mark

Sun 19 Pentecost 25

Mon 20 For HTTOTS

Tue 21 Columban, Bishop, 615, for all who do not have enough to eat

Wed 22 Cecilia, Martyr, c230, for all who enable music within our worship

Thu 23 Clement of Rome, Bishop and martyr, c100, for our brethren in the Roman Catholic Church

Fri 24 Lucy Menzies, 1954, for all who reflect saintliness in their lives

Sat 25 For all who have the care of children

Sun 26 Christ the King

Mon 27 For the work of Stirling Street Pastors

Tue 28 For refugees everywhere

Wed 29 Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, for the Scottish Government at Holyrood

Thursday 30 For the work of the Samaritans

Articles for the December/January double edition are requested on
or before

November 12th

The magazine will be available on

November 26th

Readings November 2023

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
ALL SOULS	Readings	Wisdom 3.1-9; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 6.37-40
Sunday 5th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 23	Readings	Micah 3.5-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14
Thursday 9th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Readings	Wisdom 6.12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13
Thursday 16th	11am	Holy Communion
Margaret of Scotland		
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
PENTECOST 25	Readings	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
Thursday 23rd	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.30am	All Age Eucharist

Readings November 2023

CHRIST THE KING **Readings** Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24;
Ephesians 1.15-23;
Matthew 25.31-46

Thursday 30th **11am** Holy Communion

St Andrew, Apostle

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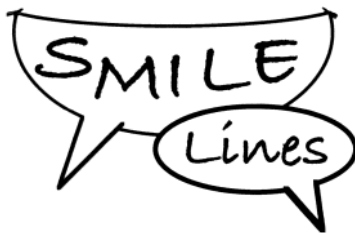
	Readings	Intercessions
2nd November	B Piper	
5th November	M Jorgensen	D Brown
12th November	M Kenyon	R Nellist
19th November	S Shaw	T Mitchell
26th November	N Morris	B Piper

Sidesduty

Thurs 2nd November **Volunteers**
5th November **C Kendall and A Lees**
12th November **B and C Watson**
19th November **J and N Morris**
26th November **F Macleod and L Coats**

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"



No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

Thine

A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's grave to read: 'She was Thine'. The engraver mistakenly put 'She was Thin'. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the 'e'. The next attempt read: 'E', She was Thin.'

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St Matthew

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added: 'Well, I can't see him.'

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Light

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally, he whispered: 'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'

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

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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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7-9pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

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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

Saturdays

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

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