www.holytrinitystirling.org

Holy Trinity Church

Albert Place, Stirling, FK8 2RG

Issue 2

October 2024

Scottish Charity: SC016471

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

At the end of my letter in the September Magazine, I wrote that we were looking forward to the return from sabbatical of our Rector, Canon Christoph Wutscher. Unfortunately, Christoph is not well enough to resume work with us just yet and so the Revd Ian Boa and I will continue to keep things going at Holy Trinity together with the support of our Deacon, Rebekah Simms, Lay Representative, Cathy Johnston and the Vestry. Ian and I will be taking our holidays in October as we had planned and our neighbours at St Mary's Dunblane, Canon Nerys Brown and the Revd Rachael Wright will provide cover for the two Sundays I will be away, the 13th and the 20th. The Revd Joan Lyon has kindly agreed to look after the Thursday services.

Coming up at the end of September, the 29th, is the Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held as usual after the 10.30am Sunday service. Cathy will chair that meeting and the reports will be available on line and in booklet form before the meeting so that the business can be conducted efficiently. There will be much to report that is positive for the life, mission and ministry of our congregation and for the people we touch in the life of the Stirling community.

Because Ian and I will be going on holiday soon after the ACM we have, with Christoph's consent, agreed to put back the Harvest Thanksgiving service till Sunday the 27th of October. This will give us more time to prepare for this special service and include our musicians and young folk in the planning process.

Please keep Christoph and the ongoing and developing life of our HT community in your prayers.

Yours in Christ

Val Nellist 13/09/24

From the Registers

Funeral

Gillian Leathley Gibb 2nd September

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

In This Issue

Rector's Letter	2	Prayer Diary	10-11
From the Registers	3	Readings	12-13
Church Flowers	4	Rotas	14
Christian Aid Coffee Morning	4	Our Services	15
HT Garden Group	5	Smile Lines	16
Walking and You	6	Ads	17-18
Which comes first –jam or cream	7	Contacts	19
Crossword	8-9	Organisations	20

Church Flowers

I hope you have enjoyed seeing flowers in church on the weeks we have had them. For various reasons, this hasn't been as often as I would have liked.

There have been occasions where someone has paid for flowers to commemorate a loved one, a birthday or other special event. If anyone would like to make a donation for flowers, please place it in the jar at the back of church or pass it to me or Robert Nellist. If you would like to arrange flowers one week please let me know.

Our next festival will be Harvest on 27th October. Baskets will be available for you to take away and decorate with either flowers or fruit and vegetables. If you have any questions about the flowers please contact me.

Karen Ellis (07908367214)

Please support the

christian aid

Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 noon
Saturday 26 October 2024
St Ninians Old Parish Church Hall, Stirling
Home baking, costume jewellery
and other stalls
Tickets from David & Sheila Brown

HT Garden Group - September 2024

Progress: We are enjoying the burgeoning of our Bed for Bees despite the early ravages by rabbits and/or birds. More plants and bulbs will be added and in due course we shall lift the protective netting. The lavender bed along the front wall has been enjoyed by many. The grass has not grown very high and we have seen a number of small flowers appearing with the expectation that more will venture out next year.

Plans: Tree planting will need to wait until early spring by which time we hope that the current scaffolding will no longer be in place. An aerial survey has been done so we can begin to mark out the exact location of each tree. We will be turning our attention to the left hand side of the front drive with bulb planting as a possibility.

Problems: Despite the laying of black sheeting and pebbles along the front of the building, light-seeking weeds are still an issue and something we have been working on - a somewhat thankless task! We may need to resort to as eco-friendly a weed killer as we can possibly find – any suggestions welcome.

Public interest: Many people stop and chat as we work in the garden – people appreciate what they see. Information notices are now in place with more to come as we make progress. Thank you to Peter McLean and his colleague from Transition Stirling for their work producing the boards.

People: Everyone is welcome to help out – with gardening, every little helps so feel free to contact **Joan Lyon** on 07807 783168. Our regular work party meets on a Monday morning around 10am but this can vary.

Walking and You

You may recall an article in last month's magazine entitled **Walking is a great way to exercise.** Your responses were invited and here are two of them.

Walking for me is a must. I try to find time most days if it is not raining, obviously. I prefer to walk alone because if in company you tend to do it slowly to allow for conversations and I am really doing it for my health. To put it in context, two of my grandchildren once said on viewing me when they passed me in the car, "Mum, look. Gran is not walking, she is running." Obviously it is more a fast walk to keep me healthy and still be able to appreciate the scenery. Another comment given one day to my daughter at her work by a colleague was "I saw your mum out the other day - even my car couldn't keep up with her". I just love it - walking I mean.

Jan Foster

As I have always lived in the town of Stirling I've never felt the need to drive. I always walked to school (both primary and secondary).

Walking is even more important to me now, as I was diagnosed with osteopenia. Thanks to regular exercise and daily calcium, I have been told that my bone density has vastly improved.

David and I particularly like walking in the area near the church. When it isn't possible to walk, we enjoy using our bus pass to shop at the Co-op and also to go into Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth or further afield for free!

Sheila Brown

Which comes first, the jam or the cream?

One of my favourite treats of the summer is a cream tea shared with my sisters so I was intrigued by the following article. Please let us know which option you prefer and indeed whether you like/hate a cream tea. *Libby Coats*

Which do you prefer, when it comes to eating scones? Of course, Cornwall and Devon have long been in rivalry over it, with Cornwall preferring the jam first, while Devon opts for the cream.

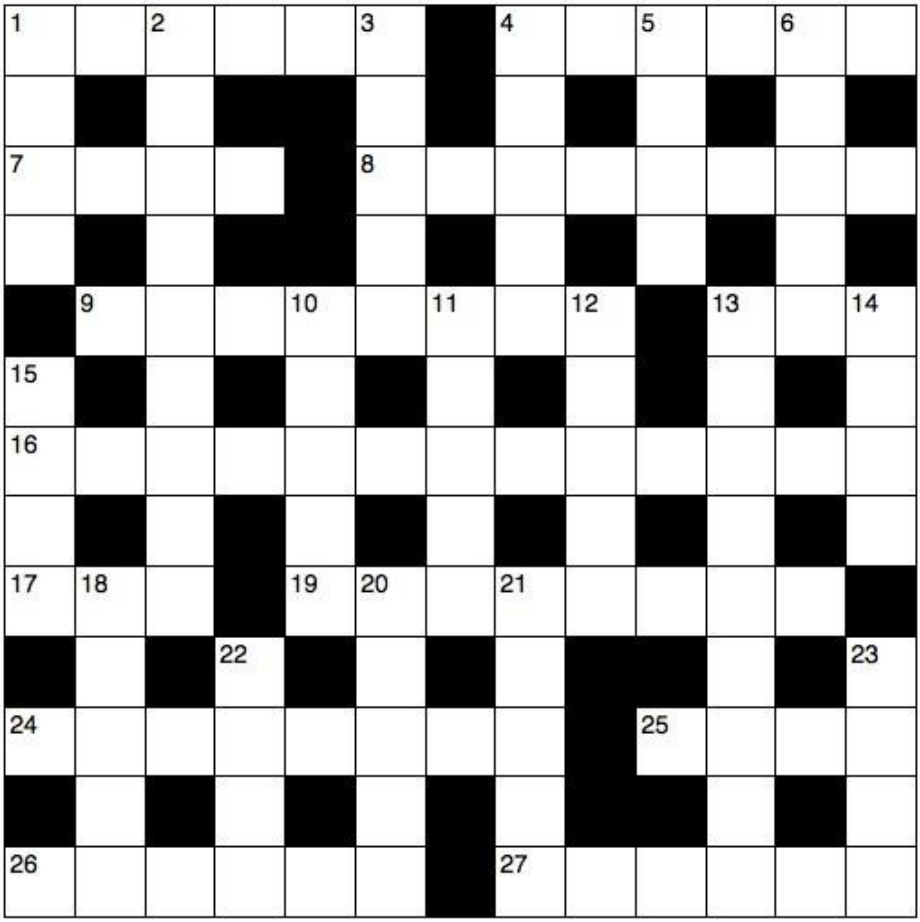
Now a recent YouGov survey has found the Cornish method is currently winning the debate. 62 per cent of us, and every British county (except Devon and Somerset) favour the jam-first Cornish approach.

Even the Queen also favoured the Cornish method. But the King is more pragmatic, once admitting that "I go with whichever is closest to me to start off."

But now YouGov has discovered that when it comes to people under 30, the preference is beginning to swing the other way. While 80 per cent of people who are over-70s choose jam before cream on their scone, the figure falls to 48 per cent among the under-30s.

YouGov calls it a "glimmer of hope" for the Devon method and reckons that "on current trends we could start to see some crossover in coming generations". ***www.parishpump.co.uk***

Crossword



Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Answers on page 11

Tue 01 Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, "Apostle of Armenia", c332, that we have courage day to day

Wed 02 for the Scottish Episcopal Institute

Thu 03 for the church in India

Fri 04 Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Friar, 1226, that we work for an equitable society

Sat 05 for all who work in healthcare

Sun 06 Pentecost 20

Mon 07 for HTTOTS

Tue 08 Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop, 1875, that we always seek to put beauty into worship

Wed 09 for the work of Startup Stirling

Thu 10 for all affected by addiction

Fri 11 Kenneth, Abbot, 600, for our Bishop Ian

Sat 12 Elizabeth Fry, 1845, for all who live and work in our prison service

Sun 13 Pentecost 21

Mon 14 for all who will go to sleep hungry tonight

Tue 15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582, that we might become intimate friends with God

Wed 16 for families in all their diversity

Thu 17 Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c115, for a lasting peace in the Middle East

Fri 18 Luke, Evangelist, for our Church to have the power to love and heal

Sat 19 Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812, that our faith may shine in the world

Sun 20 Pentecost 22

Mon 21 for all who minister at Holy Trinity

Tues 22 for refugees everywhere

Wed 23 James of Jerusalem, Martyr, c62, that we hold to an ecumenical vision

Thu 24 for all who feel lost

Fri 25 for all who volunteer with youth organisations

Sat 26 for all who make music in our church

Sun 27 Pentecost 23

Mon 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles, that we trust in God, with whom all is possible

Tue 29 James Hannington, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs, 1885, that we too have courage in the face of persecution

Wed 30 for the work of SSAFA

Thu 31 for all who are bereaved

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

Readings October

Sunday 6th		
PENTECOST 20	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12
		Mark 10.2-16,
Thursday 10th	**11am**	Holy Communion
	Readings	Galatians 3.1-5; Luke 11.5-13
Sunday 13th		
PENTECOST 21	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4.12-16;
		Mark 10.17-31
Thursday 17th	**11am**	Holy Communion
	Readings	Ephesians 1.1-10; Luke 11.47-54
Sunday 20th		
PENTECOST 22	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 53.4-12; Hebrews 5.1-10;
		Mark 10.35-45
Thursday 24th	**11am**	Holy Communion
	Readings	Ephesians 3.14-21; Luke 12.49-53

Readings October

Sunday 27th

Harvest Thanksgiving	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Joel 2.21-27; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35
Thursday 31st	**11am**	Holy Communion
	Readings	Ephesians 6.10-20; Luke 13.31-35

Articles for the **November** magazine are requested on or before

October 13th

The magazine will be available on

October 29th

Rotas October

	Readings	Intercessions
6th Oct	A Pont	N Morris
13th Oct	C Johnston	A Shaw
20th Oct	A Tyler	M Kenyon
27th Oct	D Brown	A Pont

Sidesduty

6th Oct	S Goss and C Kendall
13th Oct	R Campbell and A Lees
20th Oct	H Kemp and C Watson
27th Oct	J Morris and N Morris

Holy Trinity Stirling is not responsible for the content of external sites whose links are included in the magazine. The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the editorial team.

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

Please note that the 8.30 am Holy Communion service is discontinued in autumn and winter

"It's either an appeal to youth culture
or we can't afford to service the boiler
for the Winter season"

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

www.parishpump.co.uk

PAPERSORTERS

Are your paper documents in a muddle? Would you like them sorted, listed and made available?

Then PAPERSORTERS have the answer. We can help with:

- **ADVICE ON DATA PROTECTION & PRESERVATION DISPOSAL**
- **DECLUTTERING**
- **HOUSE CLEARANCE**

CONFIDENTIALITY GUARANTEED

Speak to Claire Brims Tel: 01786 475163

Email: papersorters@yahoo.co.uk

Thomas Ross

Monumental Sculptors

Established 1897

73/75 Barnton Street, Stirling FK8 1HJ

Additional Lettering, Renovation &
Repair Work carried out all over Scotland

A Large Range of New Memorials

A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS

Tel: 01786 473978

thomasrossmemorials@btconnect.com

www.jgmossman.co.uk

Old Plean Roofing

"Saving you the Worry"

NFRC
LEADING ROOFING EXCELLENCE

Services include:

Flat Roofs.

Slating and Tiling.

Maintenance and Repair.

Guttering, Soffits and Fascia.

Moss Removal.

FREE ROOF HEALTH CHECK

TRADING STANDARDS APPROVED
buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Contact us:

01786 811 033

07703 640 229

info@oldpleanroofing.co.uk

www.oldpleanroofing.co.uk

Constructionline
Gold Member

Somers & Currid

Est. 1924

Independent Funeral Directors

Stirling
01786 473 348
22 Viewfield Street
Stirling, FK8 1UA

Callander
01877 360 015
Unit 6 Geisher Road
Callander, FK17 8LX

Formerly William Somers Ltd

www.somersandcurrid.co.uk

SAIF INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Golden Charter

Contacts

RECTOR: **Rev Canon Christoph Wutscher,** 4 Bracken Lane, Stirling FK9 5AB Tel: 01786 359821
Email: rector@holytrinitystirling.org

HON ASSISTANTS:
Rt Rev John Crook, Tel: 01786 359881 *Email: johnmcrook99@gmail.com*
Rev Val Nellist, Tel: 01383 824066 *Email: valnellist@btinternet.com*
Dr Rebekah Sims, Deacon *Email: rebekah.e.sims@gmail.com*
Rev Ian Boa, Mob: 0786 085 1935 *Email: ianboa@me.com*

HON SECRETARY : **Rachel Campbell,** Tel: 01786 451103 *Email: secretary@holytrinitystirling.org*

TREASURER: **Robert Nellist,** Tel: 01383 824066 *Email: treasurer@holytrinitystirling.org*

LAY REPRESENTATIVE: **Cathy Johnston,** Mob. 0771 892 1181 *Email: cathymjohnston@gmail.com*

ALTERNATE LAY REPRESENTATIVE: **Nick Morris** Mob:0741 460 3894 *Email: nick8morris@gmail.com*

ROTA SUPERVISOR: **Ann Lees** (see Magazine Production)

CONVENOR OF FABRIC & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE: **Rev Ian Boa** Mob: 0786 085 1935
Email: ianboa@me.com 12 Millar Place Stirling FK8 1XD

VESTRY MEMBERS: **Rector, Rebekah Sims, Ian Boa, Rachel Campbell, Cathy Johnston, Robert Nellist, Hannah Gray, Mary Kenyon, Ann Lees, Nick Morris, Bob Piper, Annie Pittock , Andrew Tyler**

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: **Alistair Warwick,** Tel: 01786 823000 Mob: 0779 256 6349
Email: music@holytrinitystirling.org

VERGER: **Brian Shanks:,** Tel: 01786 817191 Mob: 0787 044 4861

FLOWER CONVENOR: **Karen Ellis,** Mob: 0798 036 7214 *Email: karenellishome@hotmail.co.uk*

GARDEN GROUP: **Revd Joan Lyon**, Mob: 0780 778 3168 *Email: joanblyon@gmail.com*

HALL CONVENOR: **Sarah Shaw** Mob: 0797 046 6551 *Email: hallbooking@holytrinitystirling.org*

SAFEGUARDING PVG CO-ORDINATOR: **Helen Kemp** Mob:0772 432 7363
Email: heleninstirling@talktalk.net

MOTHERS UNION: **Helen Kemp (**see Safeguarding PVG Co-ordinator) **Mary Kenyon,**
Tel: 01786 870360 Email: *maryelizabethkenyon@gmail*.com

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION: **Libby Coats,** 28 Snowdon Place, Stirling FK8 2JN: Tel: 01786 479785
Email: lib.coats@gmail.com **Liza Green** Tel: 01786 200180 *Email: liza_swan_green@yahoo.co.uk*
Ann Lees Tel 01786 472355 *Email: ann.lees@btinternet.com*

Organisations Meeting in the Church Hall

Mondays

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

4.00-6.15pm Destination Judo: info@destinationjudo.com

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

Tuesdays

10-12noon Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com

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

Wednesdays

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

12-1pm Latin and Ballroom Dance Class: stirling4community@gmail.com

5-7pm Dance: francescahamill@icloud.com

7-9pm SABOS: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

Thursdays

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

7pm Stirling4 Community Choir

Fridays

9.10-9.55 Pilates: judithgraham090@gmail.com

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

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

5-6pm Capoeira class: dendemaruouk@outlook.com

Saturdays

9-10am Babyballet: livingstonandfalkirk@babyballet.co.uk

The church hall is available for further lettings. If you would like to rent the hall please contact Sarah Shaw on 07970466551