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The **Flourishing Future Team** is delighted to announce that they were successful in their bid for the **Eco Congregation Bronze Award**. Following the development of their strategy, they formally applied for the award in September 2023 and were interviewed on Sunday 21st January. The assessors commended: *The clear strategy developed by the congregation through the HT Flourishing Future Group, alongside the broad representation from the congregation on this group, establish a sound framework to ensure progress towards a Silver award.* The assessors also emphasised: *The strategy and assessment discussions indicated that HT has an exceptional level of engagement with various external partners whose work aligns with the themes of Eco-Congregation.*

The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

All congregations in the Scottish Episcopal Church are presently encouraged to draw up a Five-Year Plan, inviting a deeper vision of who we could be in our different settings all over Scotland. This is very timely for us at HT as we are right in the middle of our **Towards 2028** vision planning (2028 to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of our church building) which we started in 2018.

We are blessed with a beautiful and deeply sacred church building and a terrific church hall, both useful assets for us at HT and for the wider community.

As we think further about who we could be at HT, Vestry is engaging in reflecting on how we could continue to build on the HT vision to be **open, inclusive, inspiring, friendly and deep**. Necessary building work scheduled for later this year focusses our minds as Vestry is preparing to meet in sub-groups, looking at the congregational mission, the development of our buildings to create appropriate spaces for our mission & communal life and on how we could set about opening the church more frequently to allow more people to encounter the sacredness & welcome of HT.

Please do pray for Vestry as we set about this next phase of 'Being HT' here in Stirling and share your own thoughts and visions with us as we together continue to grow into the body of Christ.

As it says in Ephesians: 'You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.'

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

From the Registers

Funerals

David McKinnon 2nd February

John Sharp 7th February

Barrie Watson 16th February

Margaret McQuillian 20th February

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Lent Groups

This year during Lent, we'll use a book of daily reflections to accompany us during the season: **The Little Book of Lent** (with contributions from a wide range of Christian spiritual writers). Copies of the book will be available at HT and you are invited to join in Lent Groups, discussing and reflecting on a selection of reflection. Two groups will run in parallel: **Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. (6th, 13th & 20th March) and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. (7th, 14th & 21st March).**

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HT News

Easter Decorations

You may recall that last year people were invited to take a basket and to decorate it for 31st March Easter Sunday. Karen Ellis, flower convenor has requested that we do the same this year. She will provide baskets a couple of weeks before Easter Sunday. We are to decorate and return them to church on Easter Saturday morning 30th March at 10.30 when we get together to decorate the church. All are welcome. Please email or speak to Karen if you have any questions.
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Robert Nellist, Treasurer

Wordsearch

Maundy Disciples Feet Loved Service Humility
Thursday Death Astonishing You Domination Obedience
Final Last Purpose Must Latin
Command Supper Teacher One Ceremony
Jesus Washed As Another Medieval

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Frontal Attack...

Helen Piper

My eyes popped as a piece of the beautifully and intricately embroidered super frontal disintegrated as it fell forward and so began a journey which grew arms and legs. Let me say this, I am not a maker of things beautiful so I first enlisted Carol and then approached my daughter, Lorna, who **is** a maker of things beautiful.

We worked mostly in church, often having to stop because of the cold and to do the school pick up. As none of us had ever tackled a project like this before we had to work out the order of doing things. The material, though light in itself, soon became cumbersome to work with especially when the backing was attached. However, Lorna sewed, Carol and I held the material, removed pins and basting. Lorna took the whole piece home and hand sewed the fringing and the hems.

The work as a whole had many setbacks, which we overcame but which cost us valuable time and effort. The altar frontal was finished on the 22nd of December and graced the altar for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Phew!



Helen and Carol

The Inside Story

Carol Kendall

One Thursday morning in November, over coffee after the service, conversation turned to the age and poor condition of the Altar Frontal. Helen brought to our attention that the beautiful and intricately embroidered piece was over 100 years old and badly in need of attention. Initially the suggestion was to replace the super frontal only which was indeed falling apart. We quickly realised the difficulty in matching new fabric to the old. We then made the decision to make a complete Altar Frontal in time for Christmas.

We enlisted the help of Helen's daughter, Lorna, who is exceptionally talented at needlework. We sourced the fabric and trimmings in Edinburgh, and then began the task. Whilst Lorna and Helen concentrated on the frontal, I began work on the Chalice Veil. As a team we have enjoyed the challenge of learning about and making a beautiful piece.

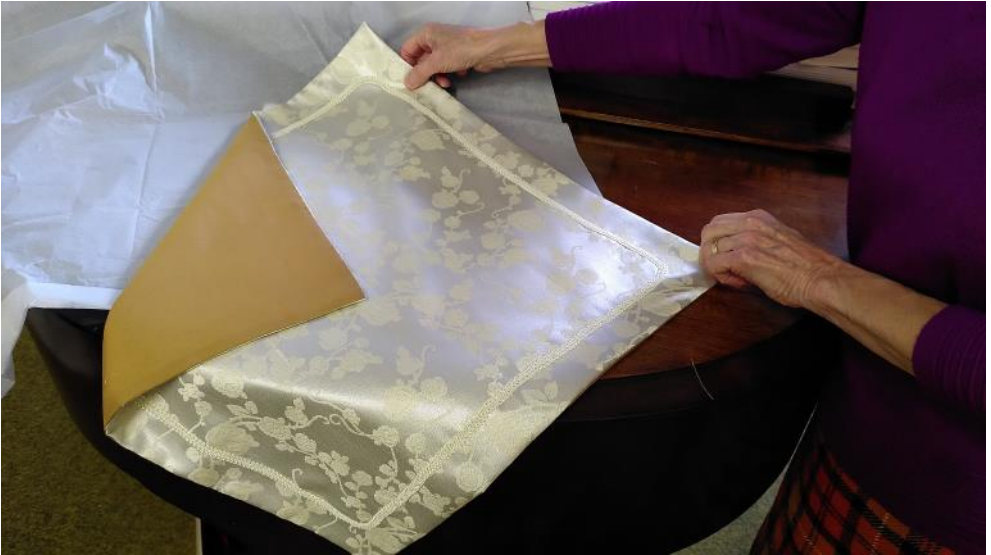


Lorna Fogden (Helen's daughter)

Frontal Attack (continued)

Lorna Fogden

As a server in my teens at Carlisle Cathedral, I often wondered how the Altar Frontals were made. Never, in my wildest dreams, did I ever think I'd be involved in the making of such a piece, but of course, my mother was so distressed about the beautiful piece which has fallen into disrepair, that I could do nothing more than offer to help. The task was not a difficult one, but, starting from scratch, with no pattern, was a logistical challenge. The time factor was a major issue, mainly because access to the church was limited at a very busy time of year. However, we managed to finish in time. Yay!



Epilogue

You see, it's not just about making the altar look pretty. It's about doing our very best for God to glorify Him. He has given every one of us gifts and talents which we can use for his kingdom here on earth. Watch this space for the next instalment.....

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Prayer Diary March 2024

Fri 01 David, Patron of Wales, c544, for the Church and people of Wales

Sat 02 Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672, notable for all the wells that were dedicated to his memory, for all who journey and are thirsty

Sun 03 3 Lent

Mon 04 Adrian of May Island, Abbot and Companions, Martyrs, 875, for all who would wish to be a family

Tue 05 For the Stirling Street Pastors

Wed 06 Baldred, Bishop, 608, for the Mission to Seafarers

Thu 07 Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs, 203, that we find the Angels in our lives

Fri 08 Duthac, Bishop, 1068, for our Primus Mark

Sat 9 For those struggling with addiction

Sun 10 4 Lent

Mon 11 For HTTOTS and those who volunteer at the group

Tue 12 For students and all who work in education

Wed 13 For our Emergency Services

Thu 14 For the work of SSAFA

Fri 15 For our clergy and all who minister at Holy Trinity

Sat 16 Boniface of Ross, Bishop, 8th c, for all who are new to our country

Sun 17 5 Lent

Mon 18 Patrick, Bishop of Ireland, 461, for all Christians in Ireland

Prayer Diary March 2024

Tue 19 Joseph of Nazareth, for artists, tradespeople and carpenters everywhere

Wed 20 Cuthbert, Bishop, 687, for all going on Pilgrimage

Thu 21 Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556, for all who seek to make our liturgy accessible

Fri 22 Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711, for all who speak truth to power

Sat 23 For all Church Treasurers

Sun 24 Palm Sunday

Mon 25 Monday in Holy Week

Tue 26 Tuesday in Holy Week

Wed 27 Wednesday in Holy Week

Thu 28 Maundy Thursday

Fri 29 Good Friday

Sat 30 Holy Saturday

Sun 31 Easter Day

Articles for the April magazine are requested on or before

March 17th

The magazine will be available on

March 31st

Readings March 2024

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
LENT 3	Readings	Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22
Thursday 7th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	10.30am	All Age Eucharist
LENT 4	Readings	Numbers 21.4-9; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21
Mothering Sunday		
Thursday 14th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
LENT 5	Readings	Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33
Thursday 21st	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms
PALM SUNDAY	Readings	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.47

Readings March 2024

Services & Activities Monday – Wednesday of Holy Week to be announced.

Thursday 28th	7.30pm	Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
MAUNDY THURSDAY Readings		Exodus 12.1-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
Friday 29th	2pm	Liturgy for Good Friday
GOOD FRIDAY	Readings	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 John 18.1-end of 19
Saturday 30th	9.00pm	Easter Vigil
HOLY SATURDAY	Readings	see separate service order
Sunday 31st	8.30am	Holy Communion
EASTER DAY	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8



Rotas March 2024

	Readings	Intercessions
3rd March	S Shaw	M Kenyon
10th March	W Wheeler	R Piper
17th March	N Morris	R Nellist
24th March	A Pont	I Boa
28th March	N Jorgensen	
29th March	C Rodger	
31st March	C Johnston	C Hyde

Sidesduty

3rd March J and N Morris

10th March H Kemp and L Coats

17th March A Lees and J Foster

24th March C Kendall and R Campbell

28th March H Kemp and L Coats

29th March D Brown and R Campbell

30th March J and N Morris

31st March A Lees and H Kemp

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



Regifting Stall

Christmas is a time for giving and often we end up with gifts that are either duplicates or possibly 'appreciated' more by others. If you have any such presents that you would like to 'regift', we plan to run a **Regifting Stall on Sunday 3rd March.**

Please place any items that you would like to regift into the box at the back of church. These items will be available on the Regifting Stall.

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Mondays

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

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