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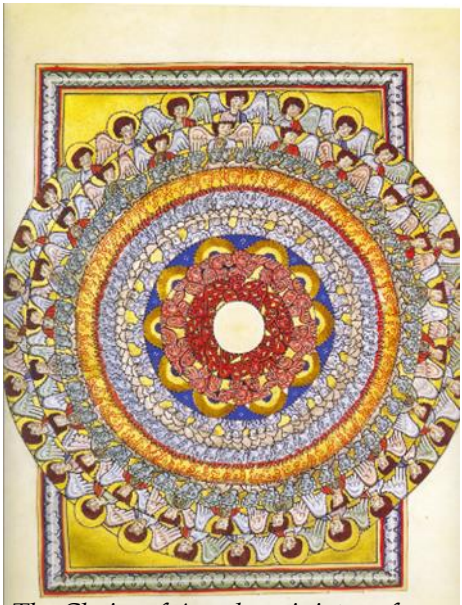
Pentecost -Acts 2

The Rector's Letter

Dear all,

Every ten years, clergy are encouraged to take a sabbatical and I aim to do so this summer. I am very grateful to the Vestry, HT Steering Group and the clergy team for their support in making this happen. I am planning to be away from HT during the months of June, July and August, time which I intend to use as extended study leave to focus on the writings and legacy of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179).



The Choirs of Angels: miniature from Hildegard's visionary work Scivias

Hildegard was an outstanding figure of the theological world of the 12th Century. She was not only a published theologian and went on preaching tours during her lifetime (both very unusual for a woman of her time), but she is also remembered for her writings on medicine and nature and has lasting fame as a composer of music.

I am particularly looking forward to visiting a monastery of Benedictine nuns in Germany, who keep Hildegard's heritage alive, aiming to apply her teachings and example as relevant for the contemporary world (and I also hope to visit and re-visit some other places associated with Hildegard's life and ministry).

Hildegard coined a phrase, which could be translated as 'greenness' or 'green vigour' (viriditas in Latin), referring to green growth in all that is living – be that physical or spiritual. It is a force at work in all life. I find it a very refreshing thought to imagine divine 'green vigour' to be at the

heart of all our life: to be refreshed is certainly key for all of us as we go about our lives and aim to grow in our understanding of God and life. As I prepare for my sabbatical (and seek 'green vigour' in study and exploration), my prayer is that we may see the ways in which God is inviting each and everyone of us to sometimes slow down, notice growth in and around us, and be refreshed and nourished by the presence of the living God.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

From the Registers

Baptism

Leony Santoso 30th March.

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Frontal Attack Part 2

Following on from our successful completion of the Altar Frontal and Veil in December, our aim was now to focus on the Burse, Chancel Lectern Fall, and also the smaller Fall for the pulpit. All to be finished in time for Easter.

In January I began working on the book style Burse. This was a bit more challenging than the Veil. They are both usually made up of similar matching fabrics. The Burse is a container for the Corporal/square of white linen. The Corporal must be handled and folded in a very careful and specific way, and when not being used is contained inside the Burse. The Corporal is placed on the Altar and underneath the Chalice, with the Burse and Veil covering.

The book style Burse is constructed using two juxtaposed pieces of card about 24 cm square. These are covered in fabric, then attached together down one edge so that they open and close like a book. I had more than one attempt at making this and it was the attaching of the two pieces together which proved most difficult. With the braiding finally attached to the front, I am pleased with the finished result.

The Burse

After a quick trip to Edinburgh to buy a little more fabric, tape and braiding, I could then concentrate on the remaining two items. By this time we were into Lent; I felt the pressure was off a little and I had time now to enjoy my Lenten project, and watch it slowly take shape. The Lectern Fall was perhaps the easier of the pieces. Attaching the braiding by hand rather than machine was purely a mindfulness/meditative excercise.

Frontal Attack Part 2

The Pulpit Fall was less straightforward than I first thought. I became obsessed with the size of hooks, and just where and how to attach them. Having eventually sourced the perfect hooks, these will be fitted when the Altar Frontal etc., are next changed as we move into Pentecost in May.

The "Sewing Team" will once more be busy making sure the beautifully gold embroidered Chi Rho, currently being produced in Pakistan, is attached and perfectly placed on the Alter Frontal, ready for the next time we change to white.

Watch this space for the Final Finish! *Carol Kendall*

Lectern Fall

Pulpit Fall

Christian Aid Week 2024: 12-18 May

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. In 2022-2023, Christian Aid raised £90.6 million, enabling 275 projects to be implemented globally, benefiting 3.3 million people. Most of these projects were aimed at helping people to help themselves.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help make a difference to individuals and families trapped in the harsh realities of hunger, war and natural disaster.

Please support us this Christian Aid Week by donating to our e-envelope, which is at https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/holy-trinity-stirling-christian-aid-envelope

You can type in the link above, or e-mail me on dwbrown384@sky.com for a link that you can simply click onto. Please feel free to pass this link on to your family and friends or circulate it on social media. The site makes it easy to do this.

Last year, we raised the excellent sum of £1.383.75 including Gift Aid.
It would be good if we could at least equal that amount this year.

Please make all donations to the e-envelope by Saturday 18 May.

Thank you

David Brown

900th Anniversary of Royal Burgh

Whilst Holy Trinity is looking forward to its 150th anniversary in 2028, it is interesting to know that we sit in a Royal Burgh that is celebrating its 900th anniversary this year. There are a variety of activities taking place and in particular you might be interested to know about the '**Walking of the Marches**" that takes place on **25th May**. The organisers hope that it will be quite a big event this year, and everyone is welcome. The route passes along the back of Holy Trinity and you can find more details of the history and timing of the event here https://www.stirlingwalkingthemarches.org/

Opening the Church to visitors

You will all be aware of the Holy Trinity watchwords:

open – inclusive – inspiring – friendly – deep.

We hope to demonstrate these qualities further by opening the church to visitors during the summer months, and on the Open Days in September (21st and 22nd). To do this, each opening will require two volunteers willing to give up two hours of their time, and happy to greet visitors and help them appreciate both the building and its community.

If you would like to be part of the group supporting this activity, please speak to Ann, Jane or Nick or fill in the form at the back of the church.

Ann Lees, Jane and Nick Morris.

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DailyHope

A free telephone line that provides spiritual support for older people has been relaunched.

The DailyHope telephone line serves many people who in later life are unable to participate in person with church life in the community, either in the long term, or temporarily due to sickness or medical treatment. It was launched during the Covid pandemic.

The recorded phoneline provides a vital spiritual resource aimed at around six million people in the UK who are over 65 and are either unable to use the internet safely and successfully or are not online at all.

The organisation Faith in Later Life announced earlier this year that the line would have to be suspended because of a lack of funding. It came as many churches were being encouraged to 'grow younger' and put an emphasis on reaching younger people. Now their chief executive officer Alexandra Drew has announced that the phoneline is back in action.

She said: "Closing the DailyHope line was an extremely heart-wrenching decision to make. I know that it's been a lifeline to many older people, especially those unable to attend church in person, and without access to spiritual comfort."

Now additional funding has been secured, DailyHope has been relaunched, with a drive to find new content and content-providers.

Alexandra Drew said: "We're looking forward to welcoming new callers, as well as content providers and funding partners, to help us to continue to bring DailyHope to older people, and others who are staying at home."

The DailyHope free telephone service is available on 0800 804 8044. Churches and Christians are being encouraged to publicise the telephone number widely.

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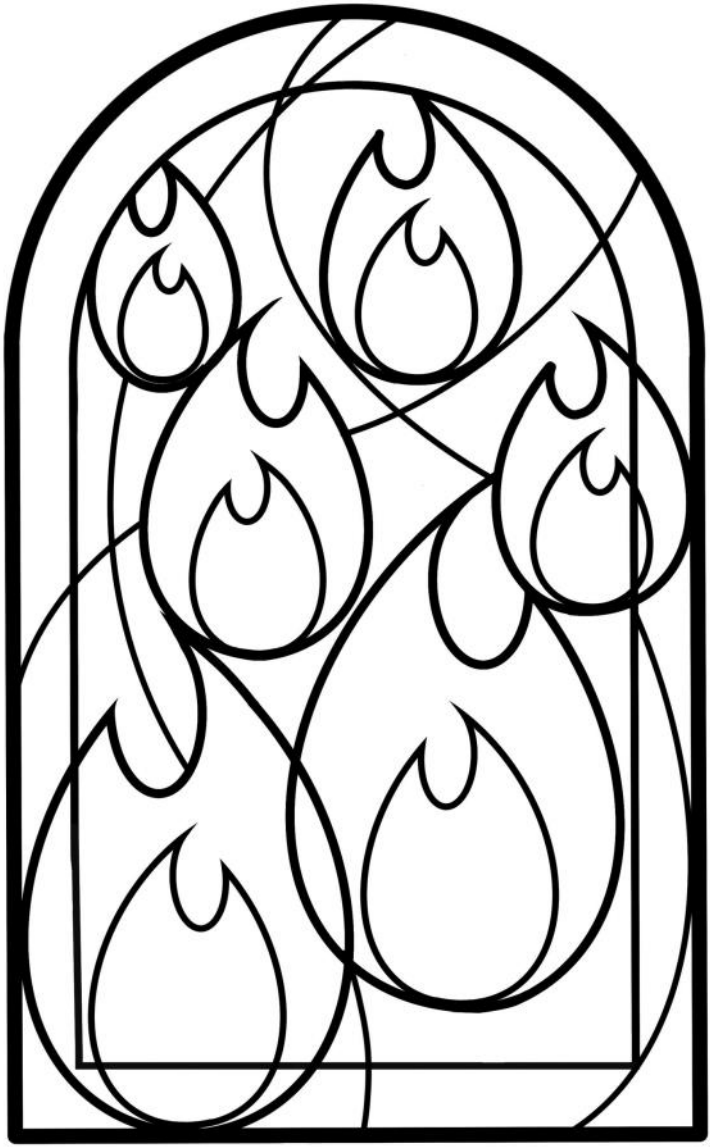
Pentecostal Window



Take out your crayons and enjoy colouring in the flames

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Prayer Diary May

Wed 01 Philip and James, Apostles, that we live in the power of God's love

Thu 02 Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 373, that we grow to see more of the mystery of God's grace

Fri 03 for all facing changes in their life

Sat 04 may the force be with you

Sun 05 6 Easter

Mon 06 for our Holy Trinity Tots cafe

Tue 07 for all impacted by conflict in the Middle East

Wed 08 Julian of Norwich, c1413, that we seek love not blame

Thu 09 Ascension Day, that we seek God's glory

Fri 10 for our Armed Forces

Sat 11 for our Emergency Services

Sun 12 7 Easter. International Nurses Day

Mon 13 for increased activity to better our mental health

Tue 14 Matthias, Apostle, for all weighed down by the burden of responsibility

Wed 15 for healing of the mind

Thu 16 for all struggling with depression

Fri 17 for those who feel isolated

Sat 18 for the work of the Samaritans

Sun 19 Day of Pentecost

Mon 20 for all embarking on pilgrimage

Prayer Diary May

Tue 21 Helena, c330, for all who work at Holyrood

Wed 22 for all affected by the war in Ukraine

Thu 23 William of Perth (or Rochester), 1201, For Bishop Ian and all in our Diocesan office

Fri 24 for all who are in education

Sat 25 Bede, the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735, that we all find the peace to read

Sun 26 Trinity Sunday

Mon 27 for the Scottish Episcopal Institute

Tue 28 for all who minister at Holy Trinity

Wed 29 for those who make music at Holy Trinity

Thu 30 Corpus Christi, that we live the mystery of the Eucharist in our daily life

Fri 31 The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, for mothers everywhere

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

May 12th

The magazine will be available on

May 26th

Readings May

Thursday 2nd	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
EASTER 6	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17
Thursday 9th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Ascension Day	**Readings**	Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53
Sunday 12th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
EASTER 7	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19
Thursday 16th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
PENTECOST	**10.30am**	All Age Eucharist
	Readings	Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-27; 16.4*b*-15

Readings May

Thursday 23rd	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Isaiah 6.1-8; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17
Thursday 30th	**11am**	Holy Communion

HT Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree situated at the back of church is an aid to prayer. Feel free to take a label and write your prayer/ message on it and hang it on the tree. **Please add the current date.** The label will be removed one month after this date but if you would like to leave the label on the tree please just alter the date or write another label.

Rotas

May

	Readings	Intercessions
5th May	**R Piper**	**A Pont**
12th May	**T Mitchell**	**D Brown**
19th May	**N Jorgensen**	**A Shaw**
26th May	**W Wheeler**	**V Nellist**

Sidesduty

5th May	**H Kemp and R Nellist**
12th May	**R Campbell and C Watson**
19th May	**J Foster and C Kendall**
26th May	**L Coats and A Lees**

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

Quotes for May

To spend an hour worrying on our knees is not prayer. Indeed, there are times when it is our duty, having committed a problem to God in prayer, to stop praying and to trust and to do the necessary work to arrive at a solution. - *Oliver Barclay*

A Christian may not always be conscious of the Holy Spirit's presence, but he would not even be a Christian in His absence. - *John Blanchard*

Before Christ sent the church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the Church. The same order must be observed today. - *John R W Stott.*

Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things. - *A Gordon*

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence. - *John Wesley*

Miscellaneous musings on life.

How can we expect someone else to keep our secret if we have not been able to keep it ourselves? - *Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*

Examinations: Do not on any account attempt to write on both sides of the paper at once. - *W C Sellar*

Live within your income. Always have something saved at the end of the year. Let your imports be more than your exports, and you'll never go far wrong. - *Dr Samuel Johnson*

Hoping is disciplined waiting. - *E Hoffmann*

To be aware that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge. - A*non*

Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays…

What is a nitrate?
Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?
He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?
Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.
Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Artic.
Two polar bears. Four seals.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?
It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.
Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?
At the bottom.

What is the meaning of the word varicose?
Close by.

What is a fibula?
A little lie.

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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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