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Church in the community *Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5*

Rector's Letter

Dear all,

Two elements of our church life here at Holy Trinity will be re-established after a pause this May: The 8.30 Service of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings will make a return on the first Sunday of a month (and for special occasions, as advertised) and a more regular pattern of Fellowship Groups is to be reintroduced into our pattern of study groups (to be held on the first Thursday of a month with one group meeting after the 11 a.m. service and another after choir practice at 8 p.m.).

I am very much looking forward to these two building blocks of our worship & discipleship returning as we set about deepening our walk with God. We're always building as we walk, remembering that our lives and faith are never finished completely and that the Church isn't some unchanging structure to move into and in which we simply bide our time. That's perhaps why Ephesians reminds us that Christ is the cornerstone not of finished structures, but of our lives in progress, as we learn to be built into a living temple to the glory of God (Ephesians 2.20-22).

I hope that our two re-established building blocks will aid your construction work and our building of community here at Holy Trinity Stirling.

Yours in Christ,

Christoph

From the Registers

Funeral

Liza Green 30th April

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Baptism

Calan Forbes Healey Thomas 20th April

Fellowship Groups

Fellowship Groups will meet on **Thursday 1st May** after the 11 a.m. service and at 8 p.m. after choir practice.

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Christian Aid Week 2025 11-17 May

Christian Aid works in partnership with local organisations, governments and the private sector to end poverty and injustice worldwide by helping people to:

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- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason;
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- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.

In 2023-2024, Christian Aid was active in 25 countries and funded 410 projects across Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. This included meeting the immediate humanitarian needs of 3.2 million people.

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-2025/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.

Christian Aid Week

Last year, we raised the excellent sum of £1,322.50 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 17 May.

Thank you

David Brown

FESTIVAL OF LAY MINISTRIES

WHEN
May 15th 2025
6.30pm

WHERE
St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth

THE AUTHORISING AND RE-AUTHORISING OF
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS,
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS &
LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS

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EUCHARIST
Join us for the Eucharist at 7pm

SUPPORT
Please come and support the lay ministers in your congregation

REFRESHMENTS
Enjoy the opportunity to chat over some snacks before the service.

The Story behind the Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia ! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his Alleluia No. 1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

He wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse was added as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song." *www.parishpump.co.uk*

Lost Property Box Contents

The box is situated at the back of church. It has reunited spectacles and gloves with their rightful owners. However some items have been unclaimed for a long time:

- Three pairs of leather gloves; Two pairs of woolen gloves
- One small purple leather notepad
- Two pairs of spectacles, one pair in a green case
- A beige wooly hat

If any of these items are not claimed by the end of May, they will be recycled where possible, otherwise binned.

Did you know...

Did you know?

Summer is coming and with it, visitors to Stirling.

A couple of interesting free tours start in April.

The Leighton Library

The Leighton Library in Dunblane is one of the first lending libraries in Scotland. Archbishop Robert Leighton gifted to the people of Dunblane his library on his death in 1684. Initially the collection was mainly religious, but it grew to 4,500 books and has a purpose- built building with undercroft to house the librarian. Recently renovated, opposite Dunblane Museum it now opens daily from 11a.m to 4p.m throughout the summer. Among its gems are the first edition of Lady of the Lake by Sir Walter Scott, an account of life at Balmoral donated and signed by Queen Victoria and some very early maps especially Captain Cook's mapping of the Australian coastline.

For children there is a LEGO Leighton Library minifigure trail.

Along with the Innerpeffray library near Crieff these libraries were the first lending libraries in Scotland that were open to all.

Graveyards

The graveyards surrounding the Church of the Holyrood can be toured most days from Easter onwards, accompanied by a group of volunteers organized by Murray Cook, our local archeologist. The oldest registered grave we know of is that of a stone mason named Gibb, 1579. With few people able to read, symbolism was used to inform family and visitors of the occupation of the deceased. The cemetery was enlarged in Victorian times with the Drummond pleasure ground and statues recording the history of the Reformation in Scotland. The use of the Castle as an Army

barracks added another dynamic with European, American and Indian events recorded on the gravestones.

Interesting gravestones.

The discoverer of Brucellosis was made by an army vet called David Bruce.

The geologist Sir John Mann Wordie lies in one of the graveyards. He was with Shackelton on Endurance and spent 4 and a half months on Elephant Island waiting to be rescued.

The local son of a teacher William Moyes sixth engineer on the Titanic is mentioned in the family plot. His body was never found but he stayed on board keeping the lights on and allowing messages about their position to be transmitted for as long as possible.

Christina Maclagan, one of the first female archeologists, lived in Ravenscroft in Clarendon Place. Financially independent she published articles and books on archeology but was never given full membership of the Scottish Society of Antiquaries and left all her papers and research to the British Museum.

Stirling is such an interesting historical city we sometimes forget just how special it is.

Jean Wheeler

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Prayer Diary May 2025

Thu 1 Philip and James, Apostles, that we accept the gifts of God

Fri 2 Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 373, that we uphold the Catholic faith

Sat 3 for all who are neurodivergent

Sun 4 Third Sunday of Easter

Mon 5 for HTTOTS

Tue 6 for a just peace in the Ukraine

Wed 7 for all who have problems with housing or homelessness

Thu 8 Julian of Norwich, c 1417, that we may love more deeply

Fri 9 for all graduates embarking on life's great adventure

Sat 10 for the people of Gaza

Sun 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mon 12 Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743, for our Primus Mark

Tue 13 for pupils facing examinations

Wed 14 Matthias, Apostle, that we seek to spread the Gospel

Thu 15 for our Bishop Ian

Fri 16 for Startup Stirling

Sat 17 for the people of the USA

Sun 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mon 19 for all facing the darkness of despair

Tue 20 for carers and health workers

Wed 21 Helena, c330, for peace across the Middle East

Prayer Diary May 2025

Thu 22 for all affected by addiction

Fri 23 William of Perth, 1201, for all blended families

Sat 24 for families too afraid to seek help with their problems

Mon 26 Augustine of Canterbury, c604, for the spiritual leaders of the Anglican Communion

Tue 27 Bede the Venerable of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735, for all custodians of the written word

Wed 28 for those taking holidays in Scotland

Thu 29 Ascension Day

Fri 30 for all working in the nighttime economy

Sat 31 The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, for all who take on the role of parent

Liza Green RIP

Liza's contribution to Holy Trinity magazine was immeasurable. She was part of the editorial team for more than a decade. Thanks to her links with Stirling High School she organised printing at the school at a very competitive rate. She went on to print the magazine with her beloved husband Mike. Personally, I am indebted to her for her support, experience and advice ever since I became editor of the magazine twelve years ago Team meetings around her dining table were well organised with Liza taking the minutes and providing delicious baking. In addition, she wrote several articles for the publication. Her humour and thoughtfulness shone through. We will miss her and send deep sympathy to Mike and to all of her family. *Libby Coats*

Readings May 2025

Thursday 1st	**11am**	Holy Communion
Philip & James, Apostles		
Sunday 4th	**8.30am**	Holy Communion
EASTER 3	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	Acts 9.1-6; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19
Thursday 8th	**11am**	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EASTER 4	**Readings**	Acts 9.36-43; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30
Thursday 15th	**11am**	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Festival of Lay Ministries (St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth)
Sunday 18th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EASTER 5	**Readings**	Acts 11.1-18; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35
Thursday 22nd	**11am**	Holy Communion

Readings May 2025

Sunday 25th	**10.30am**	Sung Eucharist
EASTER 6	**Readings**	Acts 16.9-15; Revelation 21.10,22-22.5; John 14.23-29
Thursday 29th	**6.30 p.m.**	Sung Eucharist
ASCENSION DAY	**Readings**	Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53

Our Services

Sundays
10.30am Sung Eucharist

First Sunday in the Month
8.30am Holy Communion

Thursdays
11.00am Holy Communion

At present Sunday School (HTKidZ) meets according to demand. Contact Gen Pont for further information: gandapont@yahoo.co.uk

Rotas May 2025

Readings		Intercessions
4th May	tbc	R Piper
11th May	S Shaw	N Morris
18th May	N Okeke	A Shaw
25th May	N Morris	A Pont

Sidesduty

4th May S Goss and R Nellist

11th May H Kemp and A Lees

18th May J and N Morris

25th May J Foster and C Kendall

HTTots

12th May N Morris & R Campbell

19th May 1 K Ellis & Ann Lees

26th May 2 H Kemp & N Morris

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

May 11th

The magazine will be available on

May 25th

From the Archives May 1925

Bannockburn Mission

For some time pressure has been put upon us to give up our tenancy of the Mission Room in the Firs Entry at Bannockburn. Some time ago we were allowed a renewal of the lease on condition of paying more rent, but on the 15th of this month we have no alternative but to vacate the premises, and restore the partition wall which was taken down when the church secured the cottage many years ago. The estimated cost of rebuilding the partition is £8. Since the day when the Mission was started, many changes have come about. The motor 'buses make it quite easy now for people to come in to Stirling to worship. We understand that we can hire a room for meetings, as needed, in a more convenient part of Bannockburn.

The Story of our Church in Stirling

We hope everyone entering the Church has noticed the two small sketches of earlier Churches before our present beautiful building. These have been given to the Church by one of the congregation, and will be of great interest to all who know something of our past story. We are looking forward also to some contributions from another member, bearing on the history of the Episcopal Church in this town. These we hope to print from month to month.

Thanks again to *Sheila Brown* for finding and transcribing these articles.

It's how you say it….

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Aspirin

Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'

Open your mouth…

My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

Some perks of getting old

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
Things you buy now won't wear out.
You can eat supper at 4 pm.
You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
Your eyes won't get much worse.
Your secrets are safe with your friends - because they can't remember them either.

The more mature amongst us may know other "perks of getting old". Please send them to the editor by mid May so that we can include them in the June magazine.

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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

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