

# **Holy Trinity Church Monifieth Newsletter**

## **November 2015**

**From your Priest-in-charge**

**“Do this in Remembrance”**

November has often been called the ‘Season of Remembrance’. Beginning with All Saints Day then All Souls Day, we move rapidly towards Remembrance Sunday. At this time of year, the onset of darker nights all lend themselves to making this month one of remembering and looking back.

For those of you, like myself, who have more years behind them than lie ahead, these ‘remembrings ‘ can tend towards recollecting loved ones who have died, or thinking of times past when life may have been simpler or more fulfilling. It is good and right that we engage in this, it helps to roots us, remind us from where we came and, perhaps, of the journey we have made. The older we get, the more we seem to revel in reminiscing and remembering.

As Christians we should be very good at remembering. I am not speaking here of that sentimental harking back to and recalling the ‘good of days’ but rather of that dynamic life-giving and faith-sustaining remembering that lies at the heart of our Christian life and worship. At the Eucharist, where we gather week by week around the altar of Our Lord, we hear the words of Jesus who invites us to ‘Do this in Remembrance of me.’

So what are we remembering at the Eucharist and what form does this remembering take? The first part of the answer is clear: we recall

and bring to mind the Last Supper of Our Lord and we remember the saving acts to which it points – to the Cross and Resurrection. In this respect we are recalling past events, a form of Memorial if you like.

There is though also the wonderful mystery of that remembering which we call ‘anamnesis’ in which the past is made present. It is the kind of remembering that the Jewish people engage in at Passover; it is the kind that we engage in week by week at the Eucharist. In our remembering we are brought into the presence of Christ, the Risen Lord, as if He were with us. As we recall His saving acts we can lay hold of them and enjoy them by faith. In the Eucharist Christ is present to us and for us in the totality of the event. We are drawn into the Drama of Salvation.

How can this be? Quite simply because in the Eucharist we encounter Eternity! We are invited to enter into that ‘Deep Time’ where past, present and future are brought together. We are given, amazingly, a glimpse and a taste of Heaven in the here and now.

It is, therefore, in the context of this greater remembering that we should do our lesser rememberings. For here the past can be remembered, redeemed and restored in the light of God’s Grace, Love and Mercy. Past hurts can be healed and guilt can be swallowed up in forgiveness. In this way we can be set free from having to live in the shadow of past losses, hurts and disappointments and enter into the joyous freedom of the children of God.

So let us not suffer from amnesia but from anamnesia, a true remembering and living in the light of God’s Love and Grace in the past, present and future: Eternity in the here and now.

**Rev’d Ken**

## **Forthcoming Events at Holy Trinity**

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: St Andrew's Ceilidh**

Tickets £5.00 adults, £3.50 children, family ticket £15.00 (2 adults, 2 children) now available after services or phone (01382) 535920. Music, dancing, stovies, raffle, all profits going to the Angus Food Bank. Please do make an effort to come along and support this event. It's a great opportunity to bring friends and family to Holy Trinity.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November: AGM** to be held after morning worship.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre**: Adults £2.00, children 50p, includes tea/coffee mince pies. Usual stalls and events. Items required for home baking, bottle stall, chocolate tombola, raffle etc. Another chance to bring friends and family along.

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### **Church Opening**

Now that the clocks have changed the church will be kept closed except for services. Thanks to all who opened and closed the church during BST.

**Ministry Team**

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**If you require a visit or wish to talk with any member of the Ministry Team then please contact them using the numbers above.**

**Baptisms & Weddings**

**Please contact Rev'd Ken Gibson in the first instance**

**Services**

**Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Thursday 10am Holy Communion**

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**Monday Group: meets for fellowship at 2pm in the church hall.**

**Little Angels Parent and Toddler Group: meets in the hall at 10am on Thursdays. £2.00 per family.**