

Holy Trinity Newsletter January 2015

From your Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends in Christ

As I write this I am very aware of what a privilege and joy it is to be your Priest-in-Charge. It is a calling that I am sure I find to be both rewarding and challenging. The reward is to be able to accompany you on your journey of faith: to offer guidance, support and encouragement along the way. As St Paul put it, the work of ministry is that of 'building up one another in love' so that we can all grow in faith and love and in the knowledge of Christ. The Ministry of Word and Sacrament, of Prayer and Pastoral Care sustain the Priestly Ministry and are at the heart of the life of our church. That is why I have decided to try and visit every household belonging to our congregation so that I may get to know you better and come to a clearer understanding of your cares and concerns.

The challenge is, of course, that of building up the church in both its membership and outreach to the local, and wider, community. This is a challenge shared by all congregations, of all denominations. To this end I would like you to think and pray about your hopes and yours dreams for Holy Trinity

and to be willing to share these with me at some point, either in your home or at church. I know that there are many fears and concerns regarding the future of the church, not just in Monifieth but in the wider Diocese of Brechin. But at this time of new beginnings let us just lay them to the side for the moment and focus on our deepest longings for our church.

There are many in our congregation who deserve thanks for sustaining and nurturing the life of our church in recent times. In some ways my task will be to build upon their faithful work. Indeed, God blesses our faithfulness in both the great and small things and an essential part of our Christian witness is simply to continue to do those things that we have been doing in the life of the church

Let us be mindful though of the truth that the God whom we worship is one who promises His people a future; one that is both good and abundant. God does have a plan for a continuing future for Holy Trinity, one that will be a source of blessing and joy for many. Our task is that together we prayerfully discern what shape that plan is to take and to faithfully allow it to become a reality among us.

May God bless you and those whom you love both now and in the year ahead.

Reverend Kenneth Gibson

News and Events in January

Monday Group- the Monday Group meets each week at 2pm in the hall. Come along for fellowship and fun, dominoes, craftwork, tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Little Angels Parent and Toddler Group



The first meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 at 10.00am to 11.30am and then every following Thursday in the church hall. £2 per family per session (includes Tea/Coffee/juice and biscuits).

Ken and Enza's daughter, Joanna will lead this new initiative. Please come along and bring your little ones. If you have any questions or want more information contact Joanna on **07715969808**.

Any members of the congregation who can help set up at 9.30am or clear away at 11.30am please contact Ken or Enza.

Any donations of good quality outgrown toys will be most appreciated.

Ministry Team

Priest-in-Charge

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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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