

Holy Trinity Newsletter June 2015

From your Priest-in Charge

I have always felt the phrase 'Ordinary Time' to be a bit of a misnomer. It is used to refer to the period of around 33 weeks that begins after Trinity Sunday and lasts until All Saints Day in November. A great swathe of Liturgical greenery which is neither 'Feasting nor Fasting'!

In truth, no time is ordinary, it is the most precious thing that we have. It can neither be added to nor subtracted from; we often complain that we do not have enough of it, or even have too much on occasion. We cannot borrow it, lend, save it or hoard. We can only use it.

For Christians, the life of faith is lived out in what we may call 'ordinary time.' It is in the often routine and familiar patterns of life that we called to discern the presence and actions of God and where we are given glimpses of the glory of the Divine and Eternal One.

To that end, no time is ever ordinary, no Sunday is merely Ordinary, for God is present to us, and with us and through us if we have eyes to see and behold. As we gather Sunday by Sunday to meet with God in Word and Sacrament, to receive grace and strength for our daily lives, is something to which we should never ascribe the term 'Ordinary'.

The question, though, that we must all answer in the end is to 'what purpose and goal do we put our time?' It has been said that lost time is never found and that what we weave in time we wear in eternity. To waste time is to squander God's gift! Time is the very essence of life itself, the fringe of eternity it has been said, yet we live our lives protesting that we do not have enough of it but doing so as if our days will never end.

There is a prayer that is often used at the end of our Funeral Services that I have found useful in helping me to know what to do with my time, how to value it and how to use it:

**Grant to us grace and wisdom, O Lord,
to use aright the time we have left on earth.
Help us to turn to Christ and to follow in his steps
in the way that leads to everlasting life. Amen**

May all your days be 'extra-ordinary', lived to the full, infused with the presence of God and used for God's praise and glory.

Every blessing

Kenneth

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 13th June 10.30-12.30

Prayer Workshop at Holy Trinity come at 10am and have a cup of tea and a chat beforehand. Bring your own coloured pencils if you have them, but don't worry we have lots in the hall.

Saturday 20th June 10-12 noon

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity, tickets £2.00 include Tea/coffee and home baking. Andrew's wonderful bedding plants, usual stalls, please bring donations for raffle, tombola etc. and place in the box at the back of the church.

Bring your friends and family on the day.

Tuesday 23rd June 7.175pm

Vestry meeting in the hall

Sunday 28th June

Traidcraft Sale after the morning service.

Sunday 19th July 6.30pm

Summer Sing-along – informal evening praise at Holy Trinity

Saturday 15th August 3pm

Holy Trinity Annual Barbeque put the date in your diary.

Summer Sing-alongs - Derek returns with his much enjoyed summer evening praise services in July and August.

Sunday 19th July, Sunday 2nd August, Sunday 9th August

Come along and request some of your favourite hymns.

Are you signed up to help Holy Trinity raise money, at no cost to yourself, when you shop on line? Just follow the simple steps to register. (If you accept an invitation from someone at Holy Trinity to join, you can raise an extra £1.00 for Holy Trinity, so far we have raised £14.39, £4 of it in accepting invitations.)

First step

Register your support online. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Click on "SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE"

Enter cause name HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MONIFIETH and "Go"

Then click "SUPPORT THIS CAUSE"

Follow the instructions for creating an Account, i.e. your own name and email address etc

Follow through the whole create account including "GIFT AID"

Add the easyfundraising site to your "favourites" as per instructions.

Second step

Whenever you shop online start from "easyfundraising"

Third step pass on these details to your children and grandchildren and extended family and friends so they raise money for HT too!

Shops include Tesco, Amazon, Sainsbury's, M&S,

Happy Fundraising

Bridget.



News and pictures from Swaziland

Members of the Swazi Youth Group who undertook the sponsored walk for school uniforms for pupils from poor families also became engaged in other support work as they walked.

On their walk, the group met an elderly lady in her eighties who is living alone in very impoverished circumstances. They were able to provide a new bed for her along with new blankets, clothes and groceries. Bishop Ellinah went with the group when the gifts were presented. The elderly go-go was so grateful for this unexpected kindness.





As a result of this act of kindness, the community elders approached the group to tell them of a young man who is severely physically challenged and living alone since his brother left their homestead to take up employment. Their parent died about three years ago. The walkers went to the homestead and harvested the young man's maize crop from his field for him. He will be able to have the maize milled to provide him with mealie meal over the winter.

“With my thanks for your support for this latest Companionship initiative.
Pat.”



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Services

Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 10am Holy Communion