

# Holy Trinity News February 2014

## Dates of services and events

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am Sung Eucharist celebrant Canon Bill McAusland

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Linda Walls Lay Reader.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** 7.00pm Extra Vestry Meeting.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Bill McFawns Lay Reader.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Rev Ken Gibson, Traidcraft Sale to follow in hall. 2pm Thinking Day Service for Guides and Brownies in Holy Trinity.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** 7.30pm Vestry Meeting at Holy Trinity with Bishop Nigel.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Linda Walls Lay Reader.

**Sunday 2nd March:** 10.30am Joint Service at Holy Rood, Carnoustie, celebrant Rev Steve Collis.

**Monifieth Guides and Brownies:** will hold their Thinking Day Service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm. It is always a pleasure to host this important event, especially in their Centenary Year.

**Fairtrade Fortnight:** is from the 24<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not tried a Fairtrade product recently look out for some in the shops. There will be a bigger than usual Traidcraft Sale on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February after the service.

**Advent Appeal:** The Advent Appeal money was collected in at the Epiphany Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January. It raised an amazing £200 for our Starfish Projects in Swaziland.

**Vacancy News:** In January the Vestry continued to meet with Bishop Nigel and Holy Rood Carnoustie Vestry. They looked at various options and how we would be able to finance them. Much of this has to remain confidential, at this stage, but they will be sharing the outcomes with the congregation as soon as possible. The Vestry will be meeting twice this month. At the second meeting they will discuss the situation further with Bishop Nigel.

**Action Groups:** The Vestry will also be looking at the work of the Action Groups and how they can be made more effective. It is hoped that a reorganisation of the Groups will help to alleviate the burden on those who are overworked and bring in fresh ideas and enthusiasm from new members.

**Church Opening:** As it is becoming difficult, at present, to get enough volunteers to open and close the church on weekdays, the vestry have decided that the church will remain locked, apart from services, during February and March. It is hoped to have the church open to visitors, during the day, from the beginning of April.

**Lent Course:** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It is hoped to have a Study Group using a Lent Food Book which has been produced by Christian Aid and The Scottish Episcopal Church. This book includes recipes, prayers and Bible Studies on food related themes.

**Flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special anniversary, please add your name to the sheet, at the back of the church, indicating the appropriate Sunday. If the date falls during Lent or Advent flowers can still be donated and placed towards the rear of the church. (Please give your flower money to Olive, Bridget or Fiona.)

**Monifieth Art Society:** Advanced notice of an Exhibition in Holy Trinity Church Hall from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10-4pm.

**Pastoral Care:** Pastoral care is another important area that concerns the vestry. We are good at taking care of our buildings but taking care of our members is just as important and sometimes not as easy.

The Ministry Team and the Pastoral Care Group need to know when Holy Trinity folk are unwell or unable to come to church. Please let us know if you would like a visit from someone in the ministry team or if you would prefer a visit from one of the Pastoral Group. If you know of someone who is in hospital or ill at home please let us know.

If you are unable to attend church, during the winter months, and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact a member of the Ministry Team listed below. We are always happy to bring the church to you if you are unable to come.

We all need to take care of one another, especially now during a vacancy.

If you require pastoral care, hospital visits or have any other enquiries please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

Canon Bill McAusland 01382 737721, Rev Ken Gibson 01382 535920, Bill McFawns (Lay Reader) 01382 370367, Linda Walls (Lay Reader) 01382 533107.

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