

Holy Trinity News March 2014

Dates of services and events

Sunday 9th March: 10.30am Sung Eucharist celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Wednesday 12th March: 7pm Lent Study Group in church.

Thursday 13th March: 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Linda Walls Lay Reader.

Sunday 16th March: 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Wednesday 19th March: 7.00pm Lent Study Group in hall.

Thursday 20th March: 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Bill McFawns Lay Reader.

Sunday 23rd March: 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Bishop Nigel, Traidcraft Sale to follow in hall.

Wednesday 26th March: 7pm Lent Study Group in hall.

Thursday 27th March: 10am Holy Communion celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Saturday 29th March: 10-12noon Daffodil Coffee Morning

Sunday 30th March: 10.30am Mothering Sunday Eucharist, celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

Vacancy News: The Vestry met with Bishop Nigel on Wednesday 26th February. It was decided that Holy Trinity Monifieth and Holy Rood Carnoustie should separate the link and seek different solutions to ministry provision. The Vestry hopes to have more detailed information to share with the congregation shortly.

Church Opening: The church will continue to be locked during March, apart from services. It is hoped to have the church open to visitors, during the day, from the beginning of April.

Lent Course: The Lent Study Group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, first meeting on Wednesday 12th March. We will use 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.

Lent Appeal: The Lent Appeal this year is in aid of St Ninian's Church "Play and Stay Group", which meets two days a week for mothers and young children in Mid Craigie.

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.)

Daffodil Coffee Morning: Please come along and support our spring coffee morning on Saturday 29th March. If you can offer help please sign up in church. Bring your friends and family along to enjoy the beauties of our church garden. Tickets £1.50.

Legacies: Most of us know about gift aid and how the Church can claim back a tax repayment from HM Revenue and Customs on weekly, monthly and other donations. This is very valuable and in our last financial year for example, Holy Trinity's repayment came to £2,800.

Gift aid is not the only way of giving however. Leaving a legacy through a Will is an often overlooked way of benefitting a charity you have supported during your life and helping it with its future work. When was the last time you reviewed your Will? It's the kind of thing that people put off but having an up to date Will is important to ensure that your estate passes to your beneficiaries exactly how you want it to. If there is no Will, you might find this does not happen.

Charitable legacies have tax benefits too because they are free of Inheritance tax at 40% which applies, broadly speaking, to estates in excess of £325,000. If you think this is a large sum, it is surprising how quickly it can be reached once a house, contents and other assets are all added up.

So the next time you are speaking to your solicitor about your Will, either drawing it up for the first time or as part of a regular review, please think about Holy Trinity and how a legacy might help it in future years. Legacies can be given either for a specified purpose or simply for general future use: your solicitor will be able to guide you.

Derek Buchan.

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, Bill McFawns (Lay Reader) 01382 370367, Linda Walls (Lay Reader) 01382 533107.

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