Holy Trinity News November 2013

Dates of services and events

<u>Sunday 3rd November:</u> 10.30am Joint Service at Holy Trinity celebrant Rev Steve Colllis, preacher Archdeacon Bheki, light refreshments to follow.

<u>Thursday 7th November</u>: 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Bill McFawns Lay Reader.

<u>Sunday 10th November</u>: 10.30am Remembrance Day, Sung Eucharist, celebrant Rev Ken Gibson.

Wednesday 13th November: 7.30pm Vestry Meeting.

<u>Wednesday</u> 14th <u>November</u>: 10am Holy Communion, celebrant Canon Bill McAusland.

<u>Sunday 17th November</u>: 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Canon Bill McAusland, Traidcraft Sale to follow in hall.

<u>Thursday 21st November</u>: 10am Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament, Linda Walls Lay Reader.

<u>Sunday 24th November</u>: 10.30am Sung Eucharist, celebrant Rev. Ken Gibson, **AGM** to follow service.

<u>Thursday 28th November</u>: Holy Communion, celebrant Bishop Nigel.

<u>Saturday 30th November</u>: 10am-12noon Christmas Coffee Morning.

<u>Sunday 1st December:</u> 10.30am Joint Service at Holy Rood, Carnoustie, celebrant Rev Steve Collis.

<u>Visitor from Swaziland</u>: On Sunday 3rd November, Archdeacon Bheki, from Swaziland, will be preaching at the morning service. There will be a light lunch to follow. Do try to be there, to meet him and hear more about our friends in Swaziland. The Rev Steve Collis, retired priest, formerly at Montrose, will be celebrating. He is helping out at Holy Rood, taking many of the services there during the vacancy.

<u>AGM</u>: Do try to attend the AGM on Sunday 24th November. It is especially important to make your views known during the vacancy.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 30th November: We hope for a big turn out for our Christmas Coffee Morning. Please come along and bring your friends and family. We need to raise as much money as possible. There will be a box at the back of the church for donations for the Bottle Stall, Raffle Prizes, Christmas Chocolate Tombola, Book Stall and Craftwork. Offers of Cake and Candy will be much appreciated the day before or on the morning of the sale. If you can help on the day please sign up on the sheet in the church or contact Jackie McMillan tel. 01382 533695.

Monifieth Cubs: On Wednesday 2nd October the Monifieth Cubs enjoyed a lively visit to Holy Trinity. They explored the building, learning the names and functions of the furnishings and fittings. They then looked at and tried on some of the robes and vestments. We had a hymn and prayer after a question and answer session. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; they were very well behaved and have now earned another cub badge. It was a pleasure to have them in church.

Vacancy News: The Vestry met with Bishop Nigel on Tuesday 1st October. He helped us to look at all the possibilities for Holy Trinity by conducting a SWOT analysis. We discussed, in twos, the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats facing us at Holy Trinity. These were then listed on a large sheet of paper. Bishop Nigel kept this and was going to do the same exercise with the Vestry at Holy Rood. We then went on to look at our financial position in more depth and the kind of person we might be looking for as our next priest. Bishop Nigel will be meeting the vestries together at the next meeting, when we hope to see how the needs and expectations of both churches can be brought together.

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 a contact a member of the Ministry Team.

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