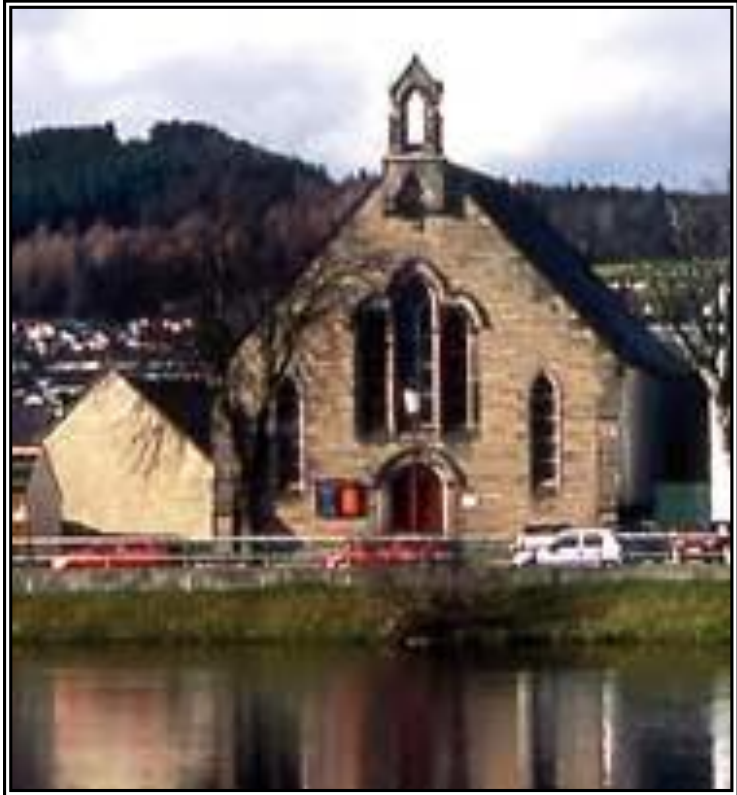


Trinity News

SUMMER 2017



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Pastoral Letter
June 2017

My Dear Friends,

The Hymn, “Summer Suns are glowing” comes to mind as I pen this Summer edition of Trinity News. The weather during the month of May has been glorious at times, although now into June and it appears its usual changeable self again. I suppose really life has good days and bad days. The good is always easy to take, but bad days, are bad days usually filled with a lot of sadness.



The recent terror attacks will be on our minds as we remember those who have lost their lives and those injured, whose lives will never be the same again. I like all of us can never understand why anyone would want to hurt others for a cause or indeed a religion. The actions of those evil people can be so difficult to understand. I would hope we would all want to condemn them and find ways to understand each other.

The Congregation here at Trinity will continue to pray for peace in our world.

At the recent meeting, the Congregation has agreed with the recommendation of the Kirk Session to change our constitution as a Church from a Model Constitution to a Unitary Constitution. This will hopefully allow us to have less meetings and more opportunities for people to work together in teams to ensure the continued witness of the Church in the future which is uncertain.

I would hope that future in the coming months, will become clearer from the Presbytery of Inverness, that has been working in recent years for it’s plans for the future of the Kirk in this area.

I think it is important that we as a Church pray that God would lead us forward together.

Yours in His Service Alistair Murray

Kirk Session



At the March 2017 meeting of Kirk Session 17 Elders were in Attendance and apologies were received from 7 Elders.

The meeting was informed about CROSSREACH Inverness Counselling Service and their counselling options in relation to working with the young people in Inverness High School. Ms Logue said that she would be willing to come and talk to Kirk Session about the work of CROSSREACH Counselling Service and how Trinity could possibly partner with that work. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Ms Logue and invite her to speak at the next meeting of Kirk Session on 31st May.

The Minister informed the meeting that he would retire from The Ministry on Sunday 8th April 2018.

The Moderator informed the meeting that a Congregational Meeting would be held after the June Communion Service to seek approval from the Members to change from the Model Constitution to a Unitary Constitution. Liaison Visitors reported on visits to the Girls' Brigade and the Guild. Since the completion of the Go for It 'Research Grant Project' at Inverness High School the meeting was informed that the young people involved have asked that Trinity Church support them in creating a Youth Led Cinema. This will initially benefit the 22-young people who have expressed an interest, but also the wider community of family and friends. To enable this project to further develop the church will require to make application to the Go for It Committee for a Pilot Funding Grant. Kirk Session agreed to give their support for the Youth Led Cinema Project.

At a recent Congregational Meeting, the Congregation unanimously agreed to adopt the Unitary Constitution of governance. The adoption will be referred to Inverness Presbytery for their approval for change of constitution. When Inverness Presbytery approves the change it will then go forward to a Commission of the General Assembly to ratify. (See separate information note on Unitary Constitution)

Iain Macdonald (Session Clerk)

3RD INVERNESS GIRLS' BRIGADE

MOTTO: "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ"



The Explorers continued learning about the Easter Story and the different events leading up to Easter Sunday; clearing up the confusion that we eat chocolate to celebrate Jesus birthday! Kathryn and the older Brigaders have been a big help to Abby this year and the Explorers had a great time practising for the crazy Getting Mum Ready game!!

The Juniors continued with their science experiments after Easter and looked at properties of Surface Tension. We also enlisted the help of Miss Bain, the Science and Chemistry teacher at Inverness High School. She came along one night and helped the girls to make slime and magic bubbles!! Great fun was had by all. In preparation for Parents' Night the Juniors practised bandaging, putting on a sling and the recovery position.

The Brigaders spent time decorating their piñatas and the variety of the finished products was amazing and all looked fantastic. The girls also spent time learning about putting people into the recovery position and practising this with the help of the Junior section.

Eight girls continue to work through the various level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme with practice and actual expeditions planned for weekends soon.

On Monday 15th May Trinity GBs held a well-attended Parents and Friends Night. The girls had a great time and were presented with their well-deserved awards. Congratulations to all the girls. We finished off the session with a Fun Night the following week. Many thanks for all the support we have received over the past year.

Every year the Highland Division companies take part in the Fraser Trophy competition. This competition was set up so that the community would benefit from any activity undertaken. This year's competition was to make Christmas tree decorations with a recycled theme then decorate a Christmas tree in a local care home and submit photos of the finished tree. November saw the girls in all sections busy making Christmas tree decorations with a recycled theme. Junior Charlotte and Brigader June then went along one Saturday afternoon in December to decorate a tree at Fairfield Care Home. The residents and staff were very grateful for all the hard work done by the girls and impressed with the variety of recycled decorations. We, along with Stornoway and the other Inverness companies submitted photos and I'm delighted to say that Trinity GB won!!!! The Company will be presented with the Fraser Trophy at the Divisional AGM to be held at Trinity on June 8th.

The Officers and Helpers hope all the girls have a good summer and look forward to welcoming them back on 4th September.

Wishing all a good summer and Trinity GBs will restart on Monday 5th September.

TRINITY THE WAY FORWARD



It was agreed at the March meeting of Kirk Session to promote 'Trinity the Way Forward Programme' to encourage the congregation and community groups to come up with suggestions on how the church could integrate with the community.

Suggestions provided at the Kirk Session meeting were:

- Provision of a Crèche for the community at Christmas Time to allow parents time to go and do shopping.
- Invite the community to an activity that we are holding in the church. May be hold something for the community that they would be requesting.
- Messy Church is something we, as a church, need to consider as it was an activity that was bringing families to the church when we held this in the past. This is an activity that is on the future to-do list of the Children's and Family Worker. If it did restart everybody will need to consider supporting the running of this activity.

There are blank sheets on the New Hall Notice Board for inserting suggestions.

Kirk Session

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Fathers and Toddlers Group

On the 6th May and 3rd June the Mr Lynch, Children's and Family Worker organised Fathers and Toddlers activity days in the church halls. Both these days saw approx. 30 fathers attend with their toddlers and older children. The toddlers and fathers participated in activities in one hall organised by Anna Czekala, Project Worker while the older children participated in activities in the other hall. Mr Lynch is delighted with the attendances on both dates.

Cinema Club

The Cinema Club is going very well, with a regular weekly attendance of 15. We held a workshop on 12th June and worked with the young people on confidence, this was very beneficial. We now have a very close working relationship with the High School, with myself conducting two assemblies. I have attended two Priority Area Committee meetings in Glasgow which is providing a great insight into how we can be better placed to be a Priority Area church in Merkinch. The Monday badminton club is also going very well with up to 14 primary school children attending. I am currently working on a series of activities for the summer holidays.

David Lynch (Children's & Family Worker)



Information Note on Unitary Constitution

This is a relatively new form of Church government. It could be argued that the Unitary Constitution takes the best of the three earlier constitutions. While the Kirk Session is responsible, and individual members of the Session as Elders, must act and take seriously their role as Trustees in relation to charity legislation, the practice allows for greater flexibility in the way it allows elders to use their skills and talents in their areas of interest.

In operation, while the Kirk Session in this form of governance, makes its decisions, sets its priorities on behalf of the Congregation, it often relies on groups (sometimes known as teams, committees or ministries), to look after various aspects of the Congregation's life and witness (e.g. Finance, property, mission, community engagement). The Kirk Session is responsible for preparing the remit of each Committee. The members of these groups must include Elders, but do not need to comprise of Elders in total, and therefore many people, who would be unwilling or unable to accept the obligations and duties of Eldership, are able to be as fully involved in the life of the Congregation and its organisation as circumstances allow.

THE BENEFITS

- It eradicates duplication between meetings.
- It reduces the number of meetings.
- It streamlines decision-making.
- It ensures that the elders are fully informed when making decisions.
- It provides opportunities for innovation.
- It encourages collaborative working.
- It enables the whole congregation to become more actively involved in the life of our church family.



April 2017

Scottish Charity Number: SC011353

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to thank you most sincerely for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offerings. It is important that you should know what happens to this money and this letter (along with the enclosed Ministries and Mission leaflet) intends to explain how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used to enable the work of the Church in 2017.

372148 - Inverness Trinity

Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2017

£43,140

Ministries (84%)

£36,238 of your total contribution will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

The 2017 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is **£41,866** (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions). If your contribution to Ministries is above this figure, then your church is meeting the full cost of your ministry and supporting other congregations. If it is less than £41,866, your congregation (or linked charge) is being supported by other congregations.

Mission (16%)

£6,902 of your total contribution will be used to support the Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in need; accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; contributing the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World; providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters; and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.

As you will see, the contributions your church makes ensure a very diverse ministry is maintained and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places. Many churches have made additional Ministries and Mission contributions throughout the past year and these have also been gratefully received.

Should your church wish any support or resources from the Stewardship and Finance Department, please do not hesitate to contact me. The National Stewardship Programme has been running for several years and our consultants' team is willing to guide your church through a stewardship programme, or simply to provide you with some ideas and advice. Please remember that the consultants will work with your church free of charge – **there is no cost for their time.**

I do look forward to assisting you in any way I can.

Yours in Christ,

Archie McDowall

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Congregation Number: 372148

WORSHIP TRAINING

Saturday 9th September: Worship Training Inverness with Allan McKinley (Scottish Singer/songwriter and Worship Pastor of Re:Hope, Glasgow) Mark Cameron (Worship Director, P's & G's Edinburgh).

Hosted by

King's – Inverness, Smithton Industrial Estate, Inverness from **10.00am – 4.00pm**. Book your place at www.eventbrite.com (Worship Training Inverness). Tickets are free but must be booked as numbers are limited. Lunch and tea/coffee will be provided at no cost. For anyone serving in worship leadership, in any size of church or worship team. For further info contact abi_moir@yahoo.co.uk, 07843681902.

ALTERATION TO HALL MAIN DOOR

The locking arrangements on the Halls Access Door are faulty and require to be fixed. This will involve the provision of a new sole plate, and a new lock and key. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out sometime in June and will make the existing keys redundant.

We also have to create and maintain a list of keyholders in order to comply with Church of Scotland policy.

Organisations and existing keyholders are therefore asked to complete and return an "Application for use of premises 2017/2018" form.

These are available in the foyer or on the Notice Board.

Ken Bamborough
Halls Convener

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TRINITY CHURCH **SUMMER FETE 2017**



Our Annual Summer Fete took place in the Halls on Saturday 27th May 2017.

The Amount raised was £1741.00 which is a truly wonderful amount. The Fundraising Committee wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make the Fete such a success.

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DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 3 rd September	KIDZONE Resumes
Wednesday 30 th August	Congregational Board Meeting
Monday 4 th September	Girls' Brigade Resumes
Friday 8 th September	Boys' Brigade Resumes
Wednesday 27 th September	Kirk Session Meeting

Trinity Church Flower Rota July – October 2017



Date	Name	Date	Name
25 th June 2017	Mr & Mrs R. Livingstone	3 rd September 17	Blank
2 nd July 17	David Taylor	10 th September 17	Ken Ross
9 th July 17	Blank	17 th September 17	Blank
16 th July 17	Blank	24 th September 17	June MacKay
23 rd July 17	Ian & Doreen Beaton	1 st October 17	Marie Ritchie
30 th July 17	Blank	8 th October 17	Carole & Trevor Jones
6 th August 17	Rev A Murray	15 th October 17	Isobel Morrison
13 th August 17	Maurice Porter	22 nd October 17	Susan MacKenzie
20 th August 17	Moira McGonagle	29 th October 17	Shona Cumming
27 th August 17	Blank		

If you would wish to put flowers in the Church on a Sunday, there are some blank dates available. Please add your name to the Flower Calendar in the Vestibule or contact Mrs Donna Clark if you wish to give a donation for the Church Flowers.



OFFICE BEARERS' DUTY ROTA

18th & 25th July 2017

1 Mrs M. Grant 2. Mrs E.Wilson 3. Miss S.M. MacKenzie 4. Mrs H. Malcolm
5. Mrs J. Macdonald

2nd & 9th July 2017

1 Mr M.A Ronaldson 2. Mrs I. MacKie 3. Mr D. Taylor 4. Miss M. Ryles
5 Ms I. Corbett

16th & 23rd July 2017

1. Mr R. Fraser. 2. Mr C.McFadyen 3.Mrs M McFadyen 4.Mrs P. Chisholm
5. Mr H. Chisholm

30th July & 6th August 2017

1 Mr D.Mackay 2. Mrs J.MacKay 3. Mrs S.M. Grant 4. Mrs M.MacRae
5. Mrs M. Swanson

13th & 20th August 2017

1 Mr K. Bamborough 2. Mr H. Nelson 3. Mrs A. Stewart 4. Mrs A. Bamborough
5. Mr A .MacDonald

27th August & 3rd September 2017

1. Mr Trevor Jones 2. Mrs Pat Murray 3. Mrs C.Bell 4. Mrs S Denoon
5. Mrs Donna Clark

No: 1 Recorder No: 2 & 3 Gift Aid No: 1, 4 & 5 Door Duties

ALL OFFICE BEARERS ON DUTY ARE REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH THE COUNT AFTER BOTH SERVICES.

Note:- Office Bearers on door duty should lock the Door, **REMOVE THE KEY**, sit at the back of the Church during the service to ensure the front door is re-locked should anyone require to leave.

IT IS NOW ESSENTIAL THAT ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO DO DUTY IN THE MORNING OR EVENING SHOULD ARRANGE COVER AND ADVISE THE RECORDER OF THE CHANGE.

NOTE: The Recorder is responsible for arranging for two of the team to do Aisle Duty on Baptismal Sundays.



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Mr David Lynch

Sunday Services **Sunday – 11.00am**

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Notes

1. Please notify any case of illness to the Minister, Session Clerk or District Elder so that the Church can keep in touch.
2. Changes of address should be notified to Mr. R. Fraser, Roll Keeper, 15 Castle Hill Park, INVERNESS, Tel: 794129

1. Communion Dates: **3rd September 2017**

5th November 2017

Morning Communion Service – 11.00am

Evening Communion & Thanksgiving Service – 6.30pm

“We aim to be a welcoming fellowship, proclaiming in worship the gospel of Jesus Christ, ready to serve with compassion the needs of the community.”