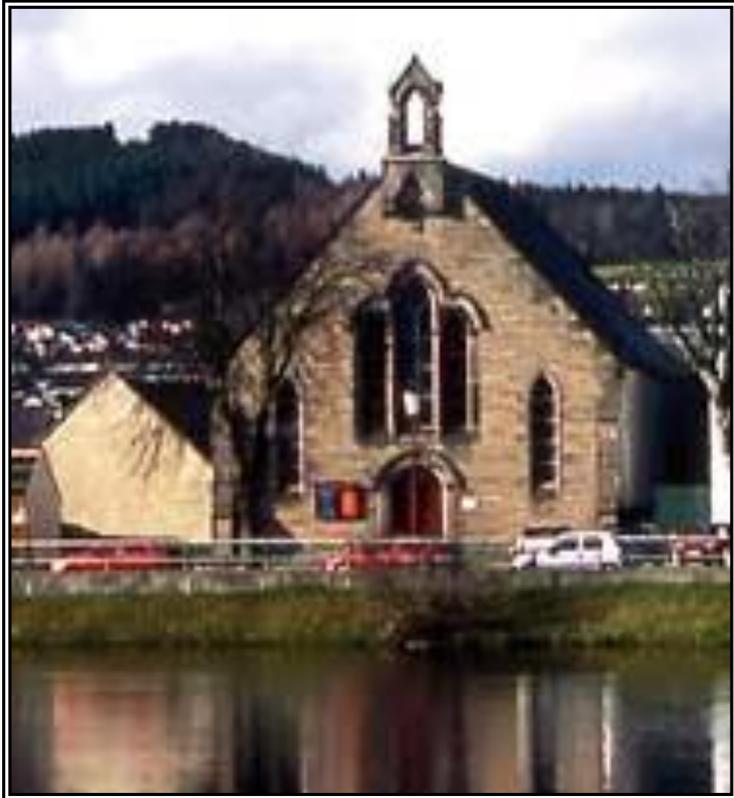


# Trinity News



**SUMMER 2017**



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**Pastoral Letter**  
**June 2018**

My Dear Friends,

“Hast thou no scar?”

Amy Carmichael (1867-1951).

“Hast thou no scar?

No hidden scar on foot or side or hand?

I hear thee sung as mighty in the land.

I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star.

Hast thou no scar? Hast thou no wound?

Yet I was wounded by the archers, spent,

leaned Me against a tree to die and rent

by ravening beasts that compassed Me. I swooned.

“Hast thou no wound? No wound? No scar?

Yet as the Master shall the servant be,

and pierced are the feet that follow Me.

But thine are whole.

Can he have followed far who has no wound or scar?”

The above poem makes the point that every Christian knows something of the effects of stress on their lives. And this a stressful time for you—the congregation of Trinity—having just bid farewell to Alistair Murray after fourteen years of faithful service now find your church declared a vacant charge. Now Trinity is one of over two hundred vacant charges looking for a minister: so, yes, it can be stressful wondering what the future holds. But we have One who knows the future, as the chorus of the hymn, “God sent His Son” tells us: “Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!” (Bill & Gloria Gaither). Trinity has a future, so let us look to Him who “holds the future.”

Amy Carmichael was a missionary, who at the turn of the twentieth century devoted much of her life to rescuing young girls dedicated to a life of prostitution and slavery in Indian Hindu Temples. She encouraged change and she encouraged girls to step out from the slavery of men into the freedom that is in Christ Jesus.

One day, she took some of her children to see a goldsmith refining gold. The old goldsmith sat beside a small charcoal fire. On top of the coals, lay a common red curved roof-tile and another tile over it like a lid. This was his homemade crucible. The man had a mixture of salt, tamarind fruit, and burnt brick dust which he called his “medicine” for purifying of the gold. He dropped a lump of ore into the blistering mixture and let the fire “eat” it. After a while, the man blew air into the fire making hotter than it was before. This process went on and on, with the fire growing hotter and hotter. “How do you know when the gold is purified?” The old man answered, “When I can see my face in it, then it is purified.”

Job 23:10 says that our trials can turn to gold. God often times allows us to feel the fire of the furnace in our lives. The purpose is the refinement of our souls, refinement of our character. God allows the impurities of our life, our sin, or the sin of another against us, to be consumed by a holy fire. Trials often come and threaten to take us away with them, but God urges us to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philip 3:14, ESV). The goal again is refinement. God refuses to leave us as He found us. His work is deep and often hurts, but the end product is gold. It is in that gold that God’s character is truly reflected in us.

Let us reflect more of God’s character in order to “encourage one another and build one another up” (I Thess 5:11, ESV), and “hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it” (Titus 1:9, ESV); “not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Heb 10:25, ESV).

**Yours in the Lord’s service,  
Fraser**

**3<sup>rd</sup> INVERNESS GIRLS' BRIGADE**  
**MOTTO: "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ"**



The Explorers finished off their topic of "All Things Girly and Pink" and enjoyed practising the games and their other activities for Parents' Night. Duck, duck, goose appears to be their favourite game to start a Monday night.

The Juniors continued to learn about the work of The Dogs Trust for the Service topic this year. They learned about the responsibility of having a dog or any pet, talked about the work of animal charities and made a list of as many animal charities as they could think of. A talk from Iona at Munloch Animal Aid was organised, but unfortunately, she was ill on the day she was due to come along.

The Brigaders completed all their topics for the year and started rehearsing for Parents' Night. They had great fun putting together the quiz, which the audience was to take part in.

Work is still ongoing for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and training has started for those on the silver level in preparation for expeditions later in the summer.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 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 a couple of weeks later. 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 year's competition was for Junior and Brigader sections to design a GB publicity poster, which Highland Division companies can use in their recruitment drives before the start of the new session in September. Although no overall winner here this year, Elyse, of the Junior section, was given a Highly Commended for her entry. Well done Elyse!!

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Ann and Abby represented the company at the launch of the new Explorer Programme Book, in Edinburgh.

In June, as part of the GB 125 celebrations, GB Scotland are hosting a Celebratory Afternoon Tea. The company will be represented by Kirsty, Abby and Marianne. In the evening, GB Scotland are hosting a GB 125 Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The company will be represented by Ann and Alison. At the ceremony, Shona will be presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award ahead of her official presentation at Holyrood in July.

The Officers and Leaders hope all the girls have a good summer and look forward to welcoming them back on 3rd September.

**The Boys' Brigade**  
**6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> Inverness Company**



We have now closed for our 2017 – 2018 session, we have had 5 regular attendees, 2 in the Anchor Section and 3 in the Junior. As a result, we received a Growing your Company certificate from BB headquarters. Our capitation fees for the year were £243.

During the year the Boys entered the Sectional Christmas card colouring competitions for both the Battalion and the North Scottish Area and we had a third place in his age group for Finn McCutcheon in the Battalion Competition

I am again indebted to two gentlemen for being the second person to allow us to run this session, Messrs Iain McDonald and Dave Pirie, without whose willing help I would have struggled to keep the Company going, usually both men have been in attendance.

Dave has been doing basic floor and mat work with the Boys which they have enjoyed.

**Mike Ronaldson**  
**Captain.**

The passage in *“The Assumption of Moses”* referring to the death of Moses, and the passage in *“The Book of Enoch”* (cf Charles, R H: *“The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament,”* vols I & II, OUP, 1913), regarding the translation of Enoch, are passages in books that are not part of the canon of Scripture. Additionally, the fact that about half of the content of the epistle of Jude is identical to sections of II Peter, has caused many to question the veracity of Jude’s 25 verses, which may contribute to the book’s neglect by some.

If we are to grow our faith by understanding what the Scriptures have to say then we are duty bound to look in detail at the whole counsel of God. And if we approach this little epistle, or little book, with that in mind, then we shall find that as believers, we are called to be participants and not spectators in worship and evangelism.

In today’s politically correct climate of fear of offending anyone, we have retreated into our churches and closed the doors. Where has the gospel imperative of, *“Go into the world and make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...”* gone (cf Matt 28:19-20)? We were never called to go and hide in our churches and sing *“Kumbayah,”* until the Lord returns! And one of the things we shall be addressing in our study of this epistle is our stance as believers; indeed, the challenge of this letter calls us to declare where we stand in relation to the Eternal Son of God the Lord Christ. There are things that we are to stand for and there are things that we are to stand against.

Fraser K Turner

**Let's study Jude.**  
**(i) "An introduction pt i."**  
**Read Jude vv 1-25.**

Jude is one of the most neglected books of the New Testament. It is the fourth shortest letter in the NT after II John, III John, and Philemon. Depending on your translation's size of font, Jude will occupy either one or two pages in your Bible. Small the epistle may be, nevertheless, it's relevant today, and we will look at this little letter in some detail over the coming months in "*Trinity News*" (for abbreviations used in this study see "*An Introduction to Mark's Gospel*").

Jude only has 25 verses, yet, in the history of Christendom it is, surprisingly, one of the most neglected books in the canon of Scripture. It is often ignored as far as teaching and preaching is concerned. Perhaps, the reason people have not paid as much attention to this portion of the Bible is that it may be considered too difficult. Academically speaking, there are issues that are somewhat difficult, but that is not sufficient excuse to neglect a portion of God's Word.

The letter opens with this statement: "*Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James*" (v 1, NIV, ESV). When you start to examine the text you do, in fact, find that Jude is indeed a brother of Jesus, which both Mark and Matthew record in their respective gospels: "*Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?*" (cf Mk 6:3//Matt 13:55, NIV).

But the academic world doesn't stop with the accounts of Matthew and Mark; that world wants to dig deeper and inevitably arrives at this: "*Since for purposes of identification reference would normally be made to one's father, not one's brother, the James in question must have been very well-known. The only man in the early Church who could be called simply James without risk of ambiguity was James the Lord's brother*" (Bauckham, Richard: *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, Doubleday, 1992).

Now turn to v 9, where we see a reference to the Hebrew Scriptures (aka, Old Testament): *“But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’”* (NIV). This is a reference to the fight over the body of Moses between the archangel Michael and Satan. Deut 34:1-4 records the Lord showing Moses the Promised Land, which he was prohibited from entering. And Deut 34:5-6 records the death and burial of Moses with these words: *“So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, [6] and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day”* (ESV). The early rabbis say the death of Moses was by the *“kiss of God”* (cf SoS 1:2). These rabbis say that God kissed Moses on the mouth and took away his breath. This is very similar to our cultural idiom, *“the kiss of death.”*

One reason for God burying Moses was to prevent the site becoming a place of worship, whereby people might worship the prophet instead of the Lord. Moses was not buried on Mount Nebo itself but somewhere in the valley. Deut 34:6 tells us: *“[God] buried [Moses] him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day”* (ESV).

Jude v 9 quotes from the non-canonical book, *“The Assumption of Moses”* (cf Charles, R H; A & C Black, London 1897). The exact purpose of the devil wanting the body of Moses is uncertain. *“The contention mentioned by Jude is not about the sacrifice of Isaac, nor the soul of Moses, but about the Body of Moses; but why or wherefore we know not. Some think the devil wished to show the Israelites where Moses was buried, knowing that they would then adore his body; and that Michael was sent to resist this discovery.”* (Adam Clark). A few verses later, it says that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied there would be a judgment of tens of thousands of angels in vv 14-15: *“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones [15] to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.’”* (NIV).

**TRINITY CHURCH**  
**SUMMER FETE 2018**

Our Annual Summer Fayre took place in the Halls on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Amount raised was £1950 which is a truly wonderful amount. The Fundraising Committee wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make the Fayre such a success.

**Trinity Ladies Social Group**

We have had another good year with a varied programme and our last meeting of the session will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June with a Buffet Night.

The new session begins in August when anyone wishing to join us will be made most welcome.

### **Someone Else.**

We were all saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our church's most valuable members, Someone Else. Someone's passing has created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. As you know, Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results, with the cry: "Someone Else can do that."

Whenever there was a job to be done, or a meeting to attend, one name was always on everyone's list, Someone Else! "Let Someone Else do it," was a common refrain heard throughout the church.

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the good givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman; but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone, and we are left wondering what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.  
Anon.

### **Prayer Points for Trinity**

Give thanks for Alistair Murray's faithful service to the parish of Trinity, Royal British Legion, Inverness Presbytery, and as I/M at Dores and Boleskine and much else. Also pray that Alistair and Ann have a long, healthy and peaceful retirement in Banff.

Pray for Iain Macdonald and the elders that they will guide and direct the affairs of Trinity Church over the vacancy and that they might be faithful visitors and pastors of the congregation.

Pray for Fraser as he takes the morning services and ask God that He would receive our worship, bless our fellowship and teach us through His Word.

Pray for David Lynch and his work in local schools and also with families in our parish. Also pray that David's witness and work would draw families into fellowship in Trinity Church.

Pray for the church multimedia team and give thanks for the way in which the members of the team use their technical skills to enhance our worship.

Pray for leaders of the Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, and Kidzone.

Pray for those whom you know in the congregation who are grieving. Also pray for those whom you know who are sick. And also remember the aged and infirm in our congregation.

Pray that Trinity Church would make inroads into the local community with the gospel.



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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Margaret,

#### HIGHLAND FOODBANK

We would like to say a huge thank you to Trinity Church for their very kind donations of food so far this year, and in particular for the specific items we were short of during April & May. Receiving these items really helps with our stock levels.

I've enclosed a list of items we're desperately short of just now, and we'd be really grateful for donations of these during June & July. Donations from Inverness may be dropped off at our Harbour Road warehouse, which is within the Blythswood Care Superstore Monday to Saturday between 9am and 4pm. Donations from Nairn may be dropped off at the Blythswood Care Shop in Nairn Monday to Saturday between 9am and 4pm. Alternatively, if it would help to have your donations uplifted then please just let us know.

We are grateful for the supermarket 'Bags for Life' which have been donated, and would really appreciate continued donations of these.....they don't need to be new, but they are vital for people taking their shopping away from Foodbank.

Between January and April this year Foodbank has helped 1319 people in Inverness & Nairn alone. We were only able to do this because of the amazing generosity of people within local churches.

Very many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Dempster  
Project Co-ordinator Inverness & Nairn

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**Sunday Services**  
**Sunday – 11.00am**

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Notes

1. Please notify any case of illness to the Interim Moderator, 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.
3. Communion Dates: **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Morning Communion Service – 11.00am**

**Evening 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.”