



The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

Rector - The Reverend Canon Liz Baker



Holy Trinity



Kilmaveonaig



June & July 2022



St Andrew's



All Saints'

Rectors Reflection 'to the end of time'

Already it is almost June. Ascension Day is behind us and Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples, is upon us. This year Pentecost and World Environment Day are both celebrated on 5 June, and this feels strangely appropriate as Pentecost is all about how we engage with the world.

To follow in the footsteps of the Disciples is to live a life of love, of caring, and of honest witness to the love of God, for all creation. But I have been pondering over the last few weeks, and especially while I was ill with Covid, what it means 'to follow in the footsteps' of the disciples, what does it mean to see the world, with all its beauty and all its flaws, through the eyes of faith.

A phrase often used by Jesus kept coming to mind 'Do not be afraid' and it seemed to me that this was telling me that to follow the disciples in the way of Christ is to travel without fear wherever he may lead us.

Fear is so debilitating, fear of sickness, poverty, war, climate catastrophe and death will paralyse us into a state where we cannot move or do anything, so when Jesus tells his followers not to 'be afraid' he is not telling them there is nothing to fear, but it is that by overcoming fear that love will triumph. So we need to stand firmly against the forces of fear, against forces that whisper to us to 'stay safe', to let wrongs go unchallenged, to lose faith in the power of the Spirit to sustain and support us. The final word of Matthew's Gospel give us the reassurance that we, trying to follow in Christ's footsteps are not alone 'I am with you always' Jesus tells the disciples 'yes, to the end of time'.

God, you see, keeps faith with us even as we face the fears and challenges of this time, but we also need to keep faith with God and if we want an example of someone whose life has done just that, at this time of the Platinum Jubilee our Queen exemplifies what it means to see the world, with its beauty and flaws, and to walk with eyes of faith, love and service.

Blessings to you all, for the summer and to share.

Liz Baker

May 2022

Can I thank everyone for their good wishes and support whilst Robin and I were incapacitated by Covid last week. Especial thanks to Lesley for stepping in and taking services at an extremely busy time for her.

Prayer from Green Anglicans, Pentecost/World Environment Day Liturgy.

Awesome God, we join our voices with all creation as we proclaim your greatness:

Creator God, you sculpted the vast universe,
Scattered the stars in the skies and formed this our planet.

You moulded the mountains, scooped out the seas, and filled our atmosphere with air.

You formed plants which provide edible nutrients

And animals of many forms, shapes and colours,

And then you created humankind and you breathed life into us.

You created us, male and female, in your image,

And gave us the task together of caring for your carefully designed planet.

We praise you for your creativity, for your imagination,

for the intricate designs of animal, mineral and vegetable all around us.

We praise you for creating us, human beings, not one of us the same as another,

With different gifts, skills, abilities, personalities and characteristics and yet each of us created in your image.

Precious in your sight, loved and valued by you.

Redeemer God, when we ignored your love,

When we turned our backs on you,

You did not give up on us.

Because of your great love for the world,

You came offering yourself as atonement.

We praise you for your sacrificial love.

Sustainer God, you continue to care and provide for this planet,

You send rain and warmth in their seasons,

You continue the cycle of life you first set into motion,

Providing nourishment for generations to come.

We praise you for your tender care of all who inhabit this planet

Great God, three in one we worship and adore you.

Amen.



Services for June and July

Holy Trinity

Sunday services – Normally 9.30am Holy Communion or All Age Communion

12 June – 10.30am Holy Communion

(Joint Charge Service for Trinity Sunday) followed by Lunch.

31 July 5th Sunday Joint Service

Thursday Services – 10.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays - Serenity Garden Group – 10.30 am and Open Church with Coffee and Conversation.

St Andrews

Sundays at 11.15am - First Sundays Mattins, second and fourth Sundays Holy Communion; third Sundays Service of the Word/Communion by Extension; fifth Sundays Joint Service Church of Scotland.

House Group – Last Wednesday of the month

Kilmaveonaig

Sundays at 11.15am – First Sundays All Age Communion third Sundays, Holy Communion. Second and fourth Sundays Matins / Morning Prayer or Communion by Extension

31 July 5th Sunday Joint Service at Holy Trinity

All Saints – Holy Communion 9.30am 5 June & 3 July

Congratulations to Rachael Save the Date!

Rachael will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Ian in St Ninian's Cathedral (Perth) on Sunday, 2 October, at 3pm. She will thereafter serve as the assistant curate to Reverend Nerys Brown and the congregation of St Mary's Dunblane. She would appreciate your prayers for her and Charlotte as they embark on this next exciting stage of the journey. Look out for more information from Liz about attending the service nearer the time.

We will investigate hiring a coach/mini bus for transport to the Cathedral.

Another Date for the Diary

We will be saying goodbye to Rachael on 21 August 3.00pm at a special Garden Party in the Serenity Garden at Holy Trinity. Hopefully lots of you will be able to attend. Numbers will be needed for catering purposes.



What is a Julian Meeting?

Named after Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth century mystic. Her inspired writings are sometimes used at meetings along with other material. The purpose of JM is defined as 'fostering the practice and teaching of contemplative prayer within the Christian tradition', and this accords with Julian's precept that the highest form of prayer consists in simply waiting on God.

A Julian Meeting is usually 6-15 people of various denominations, both lay people and clergy. They meet regularly in a house, church or chapel; the venue can and often does vary. A brief reading, or piece of music, leads into about 30 minutes of silent contemplative prayer.

This may be followed by a time for tea or coffee and conversation. Julian Meetings do vary. The main guidelines are that:

- Each meeting is centred on contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition;

- It welcomes people of all denominations;

- It welcomes those seeking a place for silent prayer.

I am proposing to start a Julian Meeting in Highland Perthshire, with the first Julian Meeting happening on Wednesday 10 August from 2.30 to 3.30pm (approximately), in the Serenity Garden if fine - or in Holy Trinity if wet. This will be open to anyone who wishes to attend, but I would be grateful if you could let me know if you are interested. Contact me on 01796 472005 or bethmaybaker@yahoo.co.uk

Liz Baker

Bishop Ian begins a Pilgrimage through the Diocese at HPLC

On Thursday 12 May Bishop Ian and Karen, our Diocesan Digital Missioner, visited HPLC to start the Bishop's Pilgrimage around the Diocese. Arriving at Holy Trinity they joined Rachael and I and members of the congregation in person and on zoom for morning Prayer and then went around the church and garden trialling our Eco Divina (Praying with Nature Prayer Walk (see photo), before checking the tree the Bishop planted in 2019 to inaugurate the Serenity Garden. Coincidentally, It was exactly three years to the day, 12 May, that +Ian planted the Cherry Tree.



They then went onto St Andrews where +Ian planted a baby yew tree as part of the replanting programme taking place, and chatted for a short while before leaving for an afternoon meeting (you will be able to find photos and video on the Diocesan website) and photos on our website www.hplc.scot



On Film

Rachael was interviewed & filmed by Heartland Radio, along with Agnes, the garden group and the Rector for a promotional piece on the Serenity Garden.

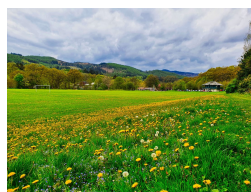


Muddy Church in the Serenity Garden

Join us every Thursday afternoon in July at 3pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Pitlochry!

Ideal for children between the ages of 3 and 11, over the four sessions we'll be thinking about the themes of *Peace*, *Following*, *Invited*, and *Dwelling* from Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd". There will be activities, crafts, and songs, all in our beautiful garden. We'll be together for 30-40 minutes and children need to bring an adult, as well as appropriate clothing and footwear for being outside. Do let neighbours, family, and friends know – all are invited!

Cover photo by Seonaid Hastie Smith taken at Pitlochry Recreation Ground during 'no mow May'!



Safeguarding in the Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

"The witness of Scripture recognises and affirms God's love for all members of the human family and the priority given in Jesus' ministry to children and the vulnerable of society. His ministry was one of welcome for all. To be free to worship and participate in the life of the Church, people need to feel safe and included. Good safeguarding practice helps to ensure that everyone is welcome in a church community. Good safeguarding practice is part of how we value people and treat them with respect." – Scottish Episcopal Church *Safeguarding Policy 2020*

I am sure that we all want our communities to be places where everyone is safe and would ourselves want to feel that our community would be looking out for us if for some reason, we felt unsafe or at risk. We have a particular duty to those who are vulnerable (due to an intellectual disability, mental illness or other impairment; age or other circumstance; or because of reduced capacity, whether permanent or temporary) and cannot protect their own safety. It is all our responsibility to be alert to any signs that someone's safety has been compromised, or that they might be suffering abuse. We should also all know what to do if we suspect or discover that this has occurred.

Each of our congregations has a PVG Co-ordinator and either they or the Rector should be contacted if we suspect or discover that abuse has occurred, that someone is at risk of harm, or if a vulnerable person discloses to us that abuse has occurred (whether the abuse is said to have, or has, occurred in a church setting or not). The Co-ordinator or Rector would then pass this on to the Provincial Officer for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults who will advise on the next steps. It is important to simply listen when a person discloses something of this nature and not to carry out any kind of investigation on one's own terms. A written record should be made and passed on to the Co-ordinator or Rector who would provide it to the Diocesan Officer. The Diocesan and Provincial Officers will ensure that the appropriate policies and procedures are implemented.

Remember that abuse can take many forms and guises – financial/material, physical, sexual, psychological/emotional, discriminatory, institutional, neglect – and while there is not space to expound these here, **any** suspicions should be passed on. If the risk of harm or abuse is immediate, local child - or adult-protection procedures should be followed, and the necessary local services (police or social work) contacted without delay.

Loving God, may our communities be places where all your people are safe. Help us each to be part of the creation of such an environment, that your name may be glorified and your love shared, Amen.

Important Contacts:

Holy Trinity & Kilmaveonaig PVG Co-ordinator: Charlotte Baker (charcupcaker@icloud.com)

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Provincial Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer : Donald Urquhart (0131 2256357, 07702793553, protection@scotland.anglican.org)

For more information visit www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/safeguarding/



Agnes, our Fabric Convener from Holy Trinity church is wondering if there is anyone out there who would be able to help us break up some wood from some felled trees into log size, which we can then use in our firepit. If there are any strong, energetic volunteers, they can email her at akeegans83@gmail.com.

Thankyou in advance.



Update from the Climate Change Group

With our focus on Easter and a number of people catching covid, progress with our climate change agenda has been limited over the past couple of months. However, we've concluded that we need to be gentle on ourselves – we're in this for the long game, and will need to aim for slow, steady progress towards our 2030 carbon neutral target.

However, we have been working on completing the SEC's energy footprint analyser for all four of the church buildings across the charge. The analyser looks at our energy usage across a 3-year period and calculates a baseline which will be the carbon level from which we need to reduce to zero by 2030. We need to submit these to the province by the end of May, so we'll report them in the next newsletter. Unsurprisingly, Holy Trinity has the greatest challenge in terms of energy usage, and in the short term, will be looking to install a HIVE system for more efficient control of its heating. In the longer term, however, as we approach 2030, Holy Trinity will be looking to install a more planet friendly heating source, such as an air or ground source heat pump. But there's a whole lot of work to be done before we know what that'll look like.

As we've said before, though, there are other contributors to our carbon footprints – such as how we spend our money, how we travel to and from church events and Sunday worship, and how we dispose of our waste. Plus, of course, we all have our own carbon footprint and we'll be encouraging people to think more about the changes they can make in their own lives to reduce carbon. We provided links to household carbon calculators in the last newsletter – if anyone has had a go, we'd love to hear from you!

As a group, we're conscious that not everyone is interested in climate change; and some of us may still be of the mind that it isn't that serious and that the kind of individual actions we can make won't make much difference anyway. Climate change is a difficult issue and one that very few of us can claim to be addressing completely. But it is an issue that we need to engage with. As members of a church with a 2030 zero carbon commitment, that is actively gearing up to address the issue, we don't really have a choice. And as people of God, who trust and believe in him, and marvel at the glory of creation, it's difficult to see how we can stand by and do nothing when the best knowledge we have tells us that the actions of human beings are

causing devastation to the earth. Operation Noah, in their 2012 declaration, "Climate change and the purposes of God: a call to the church," wrote that:

"Humans, made in God's image, have unique responsibility for the well-being of creation (Genesis 1:26, 2:15). We are to care for the earth because it is gift, the product of God's love. No sparrow falls without God knowing. Humanity has always had the capacity to destroy our environment, but today we have this to an unprecedented extent. Whereas previous generations did not know the damage they were causing, we do. We must use our power wisely to promote the flourishing of future generations and the diversity of life on earth. This is the responsibility of every church and every believer."

And if you're interested in things you can do, back in January, Positive News magazine highlighted six top trends that were expected to continue through 2022:

- People moving their money and investments to financial organisations that prioritise ethics and the environment and avoid fossil fuel investments.

- People reducing their meat and dairy intake – experimenting with non-dairy milk and the amazing innovations in vegan foodstuffs in our supermarkets.

- People shifting to brands that support biodiversity and practices that help restore ecosystems and communities – from skincare to stationery to homeware. And trying to source locally made items.

- Sustainable fashion – buying second hand or even renting clothes, and looking for items made from eco-friendly materials. Bear in mind that it takes 10,000 litres of water to make one pair of jeans!

- Circular consumption: repair, re-use and refill options, with new legislation on the 'right to repair' with a requirement to make spare parts available. New initiatives to help us swap unwanted goods and to share things with others in our communities.

- People reconnecting with nature and the outdoors, to help us balance out the stresses of life.

Let's take this seriously.

Let's try something small.

Let's be confident that we can make a difference.

Val Holtom



The Arts Society Tayside

<https://theartsocietytayside.org.uk>

The Arts Society Tayside (TAST) is an affiliate society of The Arts Society (formerly NADFAS). We have over 300 members in Tayside who meet for a lecture, from September through to June, on the second Monday of the month, either in the morning (11am – 12 noon) or the afternoon (2pm - 3pm). (You select to be a morning or an afternoon member).

We meet at the Birnam Arts & Conference Centre, Station Road, Birnam, Dunkeld PH8 0DS.

We encourage and welcome new members and this is a good time to consider joining us. Our last lecture of the 2021-22 season is on Monday 13 June. The title is Clash of the Titans—Michelangelo and His Rivals. The first lecture of our new season 2022-23 will be on Monday 12 September. On the opposite page is a full list of the new Season's lectures.

If you are interested, and would like to try a lecture before committing, you would be most welcome to email our Chairman Jane Gordon, tastchair@gmail.com, who can arrange for you to sample one lecture, either the last of this Season or the first of the next, to see whether this is for you.

Please note that we do not normally offer our lectures individually but as part of a seasonal membership.

Application forms are available by contacting Jane Gordon, our Chairman and Membership Secretary at tastmembership@gmail.com.

In addition to our [Lectures](#) The Arts Society Tayside also runs a number of [Visits](#) and [Special Interest](#) days including a series of Winter Lectures and summer garden visits.

The Arts Society Tayside (TAST) LECTURES 2022/2023

September 12th 2022

Albert Godetzky

Rudolf II – “The greatest art patron in the world”

October 10th 2022

Richard Burnip

Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers in London

November 14th 2022

Elaine Hansen

The Glasgow Girls

December 12th 2022

Jonathan Foyle

Castles

January 9th 2023

Sue Rollin

Mughals and Rajputs – Courts and Palaces of India

February 13th 2023

Stella Lyons

Magic Realism in New England – Andrew Wyeth

March 13th 2023

Joanna Banham

The Roaring 20s – Art, Design and High Society

April 17th 2023 (3rd Monday - missing Easter)

Chris Newlands

Catherine the Great, Autocrat and Patron of the Arts

May 8th 2023

Gavin Plumley

Cultural Experiments in the Weimar Republic

June 12th 2023

Julian Richards

Passionate Potters – from de Morgan to Leach

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The trusteeship of All Saints, under OSCR rules, is in the process of being transferred to Holy Trinity.

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In addition to notices, relevant and interesting articles are welcome.

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Service Times:

Holy Trinity 9.30am
St Andrews 11.15am
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All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

Zoom Services:

Thursdays at 10.30 am
Sundays at 6.00pm.

Please check our Website for weekly details www.hplc.scot

Sundays and other Festivals

June

Sunday 5 Pentecost Whitsunday
Saturday 11 St Barnabas Apostle
Sunday 12 Pentecost 1 / Trinity Sunday
Sunday 19 Pentecost 2
Friday 24 Nativity of St John Baptist
Sunday 26 Pentecost 3
Wednesday 29 St Peter & St Paul

July

Sunday 3 Pentecost 4
Monday 4 Independence Day
Sunday 10 Pentecost 5
Sunday 17 Pentecost 6
Friday 22 Mary Magdalene
Sunday 24 Pentecost 7
Monday 25 St James Apostle
Sunday 31 Pentecost 8