



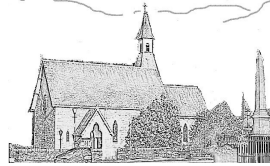
Holy Trinity



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## **The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

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

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**February & March 2022**



## Rector's Reflection - From Christmas to Easter, the Feast of Candlemas.

*'The candles invite us to praise and to pray when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day'* is the final verse of the Candlemas hymn , and the feast marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between



the shortest day and the spring equinox. But I wonder how many realise just how important this traditional Christian festival, that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus and his presentation in the temple to God by his thankful parents, really is.

It is the beginning of the ministry of Christ himself, ministering to Simeon, who now have beheld the promised Messiah can die in peace, and although still a baby ministering to Anna, as she sees the fulfilment of prophecy, and to Mary who, through the words spoken to her by Simeon, can begin to prepare for what is to come.

This year Lent begins in on 2 March with Ash Wednesday and, as we move through the weeks towards the season of Lent, it is important to reflect on what it means to travel from Christmas to Easter with Christ, and to try to understand what those words from the Christmas Gospel *'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'* truly mean, and what it means for us today to follow the journey from cradle to cross and to live lives that connect with God's agenda, not our own.

He did not wait till the world was ready,  
till men and nations were at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,  
and prisoners cried out for release.  
He did not wait for the perfect time.  
He came when the need was deep and great.  
He dined with sinners in all their grime,  
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.  
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame  
he came, and his Light would not go out.  
He came to a world which did not mesh,  
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh  
the Maker of the stars was born.  
We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

*Madeleine L'Engle*

Liz Baker – Feb 2022.

### **An Orthodox prayer for the environment:**

May we discover how to love all God's creation, the whole of it,  
every grain of sand, love every leaf, every ray of God's light,  
love the animals and the plants, love everything.

If we love everything, we will perceive the divine mystery in all  
things,

and once we have perceived it, we will begin to comprehend  
it more and more every day, and  
will come at last to love the whole  
world,

with an abiding universal love,  
love every living thing, as God  
does,

and therefore do not trouble  
them, torture, or deprive them of  
their joy  
so we do not go against God's  
intent.



## **Special Church Services and Events**

2 March Ash Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing at Holy Trinity

4 March World Day of Prayer 'I know the Plans I have for you'  
Service time throughout the charge to be announced.

## **Lent Course**

We will be holding a Lent course again this year on Zoom.  
Dates and times to be announced.

## **News from the Diocese**

Diocesan Synod on 5 March 2022 will once again be held on Zoom, and we continue to bear in mind the need to keep people safe and to make Synod inclusive for all our people.

Lambeth Conference Pre-Conference Visits – it was hoped that we would be able to welcome to our Diocese visiting Bishop Paritosh from the Diocese of Calcutta and Bishop Martinez from the Diocese of Amazonia before the start of the Lambeth Conference, however these visits have now been cancelled due to the continuation of the COVID pandemic, although at this time Lambeth is still going ahead.

Season of Pilgrimage – postponed from last year, it is now proposed that the Pilgrimage from Rochester to Canterbury take place in July 2022. Suggested dates are 5 - 10 July. If you are interested please register your interest at [pilgrimage@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:pilgrimage@standrews.anglican.org). Please also register your interest for the Fife Pilgrim Way from 5 - 10 September at the same address. And if you would like to consider the Car and Bike Pilgrimage along the Three Saints Way, Killin to St Andrews, also from 5 - 10 September. Please contact:  
Reverend Gennie Evans on [rev.gen@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.gen@btinternet.com).  
The organisers of these events are keen to establish interest before deciding if these events are viable.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day**

On 27 January Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) took place - a day for everyone globally to remember and reflect upon the genocide of six million Jews.

HMD also is a time to remember other genocides that have happened since - in Rwanda, Bosnia, Darfur and Cambodia.

The reason that the 27 January is set aside to mark this day is that it is the day that Auschwitz -Birkenau was liberated in 1945.

This year the theme was 'One Day' and throughout the UK there were many different ways that people marked the occasion; from lighting a candle at 8pm to attending special Memorial services at Synagogues and other places of worship.

Maybe you managed to catch one of the documentaries on the BBC.

With the rise in xenophobia , racism and anti -semitism it is even more crucial to reflect on our own responsibilities in the wider community.

If you would like to know a little bit more about this or perhaps get involved next year then have a look at these websites:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/ukhmd/>. Holocaust Memorial Day

<https://www.maccabigb.org/news/maccabi-gb-launches-the-yellow-candle-project-2021/>. Yellow candle project

<https://ajr.org.uk> The Association of Jewish Refugees

<https://www.het.org.uk/>. Holocaust Education Trust

*Isobel Sunderland*

## Climate Change update

Things have been a little quiet in terms of eco-activity at Holy Trinity over Christmas. However, we have had a go at calculating the carbon footprint of the church and congregation – still a work in progress as we need to figure out water usage, catering, how much rubbish we generate & mileage figures for the congregation and clergy... among other things. Hopefully we'll have something more definitive to report in the next newsletter – then we'll start thinking about what we might do to reduce it!

The next meeting of our wee climate change group is on Wednesday 16 February at 7pm in Pitlochry – it's open to anyone from across the charge, so if you'd like to join us, just contact Val or Agnes on 01796 549235. As well as progressing the carbon footprint at our next meeting, we also want to try and agree on two or three key actions that we can take forward this year.

People may also be interested to know that the diocesan climate change group is running an online study morning on Wednesday 23 February, entitled "Carbon Neutral 2030 – what does it mean?" It's free for any of us to join, and you can register by e-mailing Carol at: [bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org)

## Eco-tips

1. Use eco-friendly toilet paper: a lot of trees are cut down in order to make toilet paper rolls. It requires at least **17 trees and 90,921 litres** of water for a tonne of paper rolls. As the average person uses 100 rolls in a year, using regular toilet paper is not a sustainable habit. We could use eco-friendly toilet paper made out of **bamboo**. As bamboo grows **39 inches** within a 24-hour period, toilet paper made out of bamboo is a much more sustainable option compared to regular toilet paper. You can buy it from Handam or search online.



2. Did you know traditional plastic glasses frames take more than 450 years to decompose? If you wear glasses, or sunglasses, look for recycled or recyclable frames next time you need them. Ask your optician and encourage them to stock eco-friendly styles. Even the big high street names have styles made from recycled plastics, including plastics reclaimed from the sea – or go one better with wooden or bamboo frames. Here's an example of wooden frames you can get online at a reasonable cost, at FreshforPandas:

[Eco-Eyewear from FreshforPandas](#)







**Wow!** By Chris Polhill

Wow, God!

You did good making this planet!

It's beautiful, amazing -  
from tiny wriggly things,  
to trees and mountains,  
and people of all races,  
extraordinary people,

Just sorry!

For the mess we make.

The whole me first,  
humans are tops thing;  
the rows and the violence,  
no feeling for being part  
of something much bigger.

Help! Please!

We can't see how to do it,  
how to undo the mess we've made,  
how to work together.

How to love your way,  
earth and sea and human,  
and how we fit together.

We could?

Find a gentle way,  
give stuff up, take things on;  
live a way of healing?  
Reminds me now of Jesus,  
his inclusive way of love.

*Submitted by Val*



## Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. SPEAK TO PEOPLE. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word or greeting. Or write.
2. SMILE AT PEOPLE. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. CALL PEOPLE BY NAME. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. If you would have friends, be a friend.
5. BE CORDIAL. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PEOPLE. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. BE GENEROUS – with praise – cautious with criticism.
8. BE CONSIDERATE with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's and the right side.
9. BE ALERT to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. ADD TO THIS a good sense of humour, a big dose of patience, and a daily dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manifold.

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## **All Saints' Vestry**

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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## HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LINKED CHARGE SERVICES

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### Service Times:

Holy Trinity 9.30am

St Andrews 11.15am

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am

All Saints – 9.30am First Sunday every month

### Zoom Services:

Thursdays at 10.30 am

Sundays at 6.00pm.

Please check our Website for weekly details [www.hplc.scot](http://www.hplc.scot)

## Sundays and other Festivals

### February

Wednes 2 Feb	Presentation of Jesus
Sunday 6 Feb	Epiphany 5
Sunday 13 Feb	Epiphany 6
Sunday 20 Feb	Epiphany 7
Thursda 24 Feb	St Matthias Apostle
Sunday 27 Feb	Last Sunday after Epiphany

### March

Wednes 2 March	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 6 March	Lent 1
Sunday 13 March	Lent 2
Saturda 19 March	St Joseph
Sunday 20 March	Lent 3
Friday 25 March	The Annunciation
Sunday 27 March	Lent 4