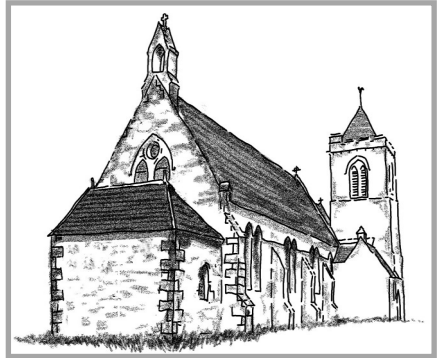


Holy Trinity Dunoon

Vestry News

The Vestry met on Thursdays 1st October and 11th October. The 1st October meeting was primarily to discuss the Holy Trinity Profile. The 11th October was a regular meeting. This news-sheet is a short summary to share some headline news from those meetings and update you on the vacancy.

October 2018



Who are your vestry?

Colin Sibley (Chair during Vacancy)

Di Tennent (Lay Representative)

Maureen McKellar (Secretary & Treasurer)

Dinkie McEwen (People's Warden)

Val Taylor (Rector's Warden)

Elected members (in alphabetical order):

Louisa Holley

Christine McIntosh

Charlie Smith-Tennent

Michael Smith-Tennent

HT Mission News

“Mission Seed” Grant

We are still making progress on the project to run water to the gathering area at the back of church. We are seeking two quotes from local contractors and then we will need to submit a Canon 35 Application to the Diocesan Buildings Committee. This will include the normal consultation with the Congregation.

Steps at Top of Stairs in Tower

We recently discovered that some work was needed to the top two steps at the first floor of the tower. There is some rotten wood and they are unsafe. We are seeking quotes from two local contractors. For safety reasons we have temporarily closed the access to the tower and therefore no bells will be rung for the time being.

Rectory

We have told the Diocese what work is needed in the Rectory

and we intend to sort the work into categories and will then ask local tradesmen to begin the work as soon as we can.

Foodbank

The Foodbank box is in church again, with updated lists of what is needed. You can also deliver items to Dunoon Baptist Church (see below).

Children & Young People

The Vestry are very keen to ensure that the children and young people feel welcome in Church during the vacancy. Two Vestry members have begun discussing with the parents how best this can be achieved.

Heaters in Chancel

The Vestry have agreed to purchase two or three oil filled radiators for the chancel.

Dunoon and Cowal Foodbank

Drop off food at the Dunoon Baptist Church on Fridays between 12 and 3pm. If you need help contact Social Work, H.E.L.P. etc.

HT Finance Report

You will shortly have the Draft Report and Accounts for 2017-2018 before the Annual Meeting on Sunday 2 December. This meeting, which will be chaired by Bishop Kevin, will discuss the Accounts and the Financial position fully.

At Harvest the retiring collection for Starter Packs Plus raised £160. They were delighted with that.

Sea Sunday will be held on 21st October with a retiring collec-

tion for Missions to Seafarers.

Remember Easyfundraising gives us money for nothing when you order goods online through the site. Ask if you need information on how to do this.



HT Events/Services

Russian Concert

This will be in Holy Trinity on Thursday 8th November at 7.00pm.

Tickets will cost £10.00. A mini bus will run from the carpark at the end of Kilbride Road.

Christmas Fair

This is on Saturday 17th November in the High Kirk Hall. Baking, raffle prizes, jewellery, bric-a-brac all needed.

Advent Evensong

This will be sung in Holy Trinity on Sunday 9th December.

Christmas Carol Service

This will be on Saturday 23rd December in the afternoon.

Christmas Services

Canon Paddy Allen has agreed to take our usual Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and will celebrate the Eucharist on Christmas Day.

Vacancy News

What has Happened

Both Holy Trinity and St. Paul's have drafted profiles, a job description and an advertisement.

They were sent to the Bishop for approval on Friday 12th October.

A copy of the profile is available in church from 14th October.

Members of the Vestry would appreciate any comments you have on the profile.

In the meantime we have sent the list of work we need to carry out in the Rectory to the Diocesan Secretary. We will begin that work as soon as we can.

Next Steps

Once the Bishop has approved these documents, he will give us permission to advertise for a priest. This will be in the Church times and on the SEC social me-

dia platforms.

Interviews have been set for Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December. The Bishop will chair an interviewing panel made up of representatives from both Holy Trinity and St. Paul's Vestries.

The Bishop is coming to celebrate the Eucharist with us on Sunday 18th November. He will have lunch in Colintrave with members of both Holy Trinity and St. Paul's Vestries to talk through the rest of the process with us.

We will keep you up to date.

Meanwhile Sunday and Thursday services are continuing much as they were. That is thanks to the Lay Team, the Bishop, and visiting clergy. We are particularly thankful for the assistance of Canon Paddy Allen who has moved into the district.

If you wish to discuss any of the news or issues raised in this bulletin, please contact:

Maureen (mpmckellar@btinternet.com), or speak to any of the Vestry members listed on the front page of this newsletter.