

# Tayport Parish Church Magazine

## Summer 2010

*For whoever believes in Me...Streams of living water will flow from with him.*

*John 7:38*

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## NATIONAL BIKE WEEK



Sponsored Cycle Ride  
Through Tentsmuir Forest

Friday 25th June 2010  
Starting at 6.30pm

Meet at Car Park—East Common, Tayport  
All Welcome

Funds raised to be shared between  
Tayport Parish Church  
&  
INF Nepal Medical Camps

Further information from  
Norman 553372 or Flo 550181

# Letter from our Interim Moderator

Some of you will know that I've been at this year's General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It was, in my opinion, a very muted affair on the one hand and yet on the other it presented a face for change that I believe should encourage us all. What was interesting was that the whole affair was set between two very remarkable days in the Church calendar. First there was Pentecost at the start where we mark the birth and empowering of the Church through the Person and work of the Holy Spirit and then came Trinity Sunday where the focus, I believe, is you and me as we minister along with God to our community.

This later point ran like a thread throughout the whole assembly in all its reports. The chief aim was understood as 'making Jesus known'. What a great mission statement! So, we've been encouraged to be missional, to think about how we might reach out to our neighbours with the Good News of Christ. Where do we begin? That's where the first theme comes into play - surely it's as the Spirit leads and equips! For all the posturing, praying, pointing out this or that need I believe that we should return back to the 'old wells' in order to go forward. By this I don't mean we should scrap our hymnals and modern translations, amongst which is the 'good old' King James version whose 400th anniversary is to be celebrated next year. Neither do I mean we should do away with CH4 or Mission Praise or any other contemporary hymnal or chorus book for that matter! No, I believe that we are to look to God and His Holy Spirit to equip us for the work of ministry as well as to look out to the needs around. Our Lord Jesus reminds us that the Harvest is ready and we should pray to our Heavenly Father for workers to assist us in His task of harvesting. That is the point - the work is the Lord's - we are simply servants permitted to help with the task - what a remarkable truth! We are in partnership together with our Lord and like the Lord Jesus anointed by the same Holy Spirit, called and equipped to speak the truth and demonstrate God's grace, love and mercy in our lives. Can you think of anything better?

*Rev. James Connolly*

### **Election of Nominating Committee**

On May 9<sup>th</sup> 2010, after the morning service, the following people were elected to represent you on the Nominating Committee during the current Vacancy:

Ann Barona, Alison Borland, Lynne Borland, Frances Dunlop, Peggy Hunter, June Pate, Isobel Paterson, James Dunlop, John Pate, Bob Pearce, Irvine Rae. Nisbet Torrance will stand in, should anyone resign from this committee.

Please remember this committee in your Prayers.

### **Used Postage Stamps**

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, used stamps will no longer be collected by the Guild. A big thank you is expressed to Mrs Jean Burness who did sterling work for many years, trimming and sorting these stamps. Thank you also to all those people who have helped by collecting and assisting with this project over the years. It was a great source of income which, unfortunately, we can no longer continue with.

### **HOLIDAY CLUB 2010 Clowning Around**

Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 12 noon

For children in P1 to P7  
A Time of Fun promised  
£1 daily

Refreshments given

All Welcome

# GARDEN FETE

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm

We are hoping to have the following stalls:-

☆ CAKE & CANDY

☆ BOOKS

☆ DVDs

CHILDREN'S TOYS/GAMES

(New or in Nearly New Condition)

A SILENT AUCTION

(New or Items in Nearly New Condition,  
which can be handed in to the Church at any time  
or given to Flo Kinnear)

FACE PAINTING

(Are you able to help?)

Items for a HOOPLA STALL would be appreciated

☆ BARBECUE

☆ REFRESHMENTS

☆ TOMBOLA

☆ CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT

*We hope you can all support this event. Another  
opportunity for us to come together as a Church,  
while we are in our Vacancy*

*If you can help in any way, please speak to  
Frances Dunlop,  
Flo Kinnear or Gordon McGregor.*

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## **Sharing in the Journey**

We have now had some time to 'be without a minister' - how do you think we are doing? It seems strange not to see Colin in the pulpit—yet he is still in the pulpit—just not Tayport Parish Church pulpit. We have a vacancy and are in the beginnings of searching for someone to take us forward in our spiritual journey. It is the duty of each of us to pray for the new man or woman. There have been a few suggestions as to the particular nature and character of that candidate. It would be rare indeed to find anyone to fulfil everyone's idea of what that should be. That is why I urge that we pray and ask God to guide us in our search. We pray that 'God's will be done'. The vacancy committee have been selected and need our prayers and support for the journey ahead. Let us pray for God's light in all they do, for spiritual wisdom and insight, and safety as they travel.

*Prayer Co-ordinator Ann Barona*

## **The Choir**

Members of the choir may have thought that life would become quieter after the Easter celebrations, but it was not to be! We had an enjoyable time practicing for and then taking part in a joint service in Leuchars Church on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This took the form of a "Songs of Praise", uniting the choirs from Leuchars and Tayport and involving members of Newport choir also. So successful was the service that we hope to repeat the format in other churches in the Group 4 family.

On Pentecost Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) we took part in the CATTs service outside the Episcopal church - it was great singing South African songs outdoors in the sunshine. Over the summer we will keep on practicing on Thursdays and singing during the services on Sundays - do feel free to come along to a practice and try us out.

*MoragAnne*

## Thursday.15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.....

is a day that will be remembered by many people all over the world, the first day of many when British airports were closed due to "volcanic dust". Here in Tayport Parish Church we will remember it for a very different reason - the day of the Rev. Colin Dempster's Induction Service at Johnshaven Church. A good number of our congregation went with him on that journey. As with the Gospels, each disciple would give a different interpretation of a single event, we each see, and remember, such events in our own way, so this is the way I recall that evening.

It was beautiful weather as we headed into Arbroath in our bus, the sea was calm, clear and bright, the Bell Rock Lighthouse looked as if it was only an arm's length away, the scenery was in full colour, the sun beginning to set, the usual nattering was taking place. Leaving Montrose the sky was the most amazing soft, rosy gold colour. We were all remarking on it probably being because of volcanic dust in the atmosphere. As it darkened the bus pulled into Johnshaven, down that steep brae with the tight bend, our traverse through the narrow streets did not go unobserved! Colin was at the church door to greet us - he was so pleased to see everyone. The church is small, with a nice comfortable smell of age. Pat was in the pew in front of us with all the family, looking quite relaxed. Colin - well, he was buzzing around already with a kind of settled look, happy and comfortable. I wish we could have said the same about the well-worn pews, they were hard, hard - it was understandably a long service but no luxury cushions there folks. (They will be kidnapping Peter Hunter to find and supply new padded seats!) I was sitting beside three ladies of that airt, who told me that they considered themselves "Blessed" to have Colin as their minister - I agreed with them and said "yes, they were truly Blessed".

After all the formalities in the church were complete, we wound our way to the village hall where the most sumptuous repast was laid out. Aware of the time (our bus left at 9p.m.) we made a bee-line for a table shared with a few ladies from Johnshaven also praising their new minister. Speeches and presentations followed, a bouquet for Pat, looking lovely in a soft sea blue suit, then it was on to the bus, engine running, hasty goodbyes, a chorus of "Shut the door quickly and let's go" leaving Colin waving in the distance.

It had been a good evening our dear Dempsters are not only in God's hands but in good hands.

*Lotte Redpath*

## Morning Worship every Sunday—11am

### Dates for your Diary

<b>JUNE</b> Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>		Christian Aid Tay Bridge Walk (Contact Stuart Swanston for details 552399 )
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Tentsmuir Cycle run - meet at car park on Links Road N. Details from Norman Crosby 553372 (in aid of Mission Partner and Church Funds)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Sunday School Prizegiving
<b>JULY</b> Week 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>		10am-12noon	<b>Summer Club</b> in Church Hall and Gardens P1-P7 children - All Welcome - details inside
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Summer Club Presentation
<b>AUG</b> Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Garden Fete (see inside for details)
<b>SEP</b> Tue	28 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Guild resumes

How nice to walk in lane or field,  
or in the park to sit,  
how nice, now sunny days are here,  
to be outdoors a bit.  
But when, on some bright summer day,  
in this green world you roam,  
pray give a thought to indoor folk,  
who have to stay at home.

*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen*

*Hebrews 13:20-21 KJ*