

TRINITY TRIBUNE

East Neuk Trinity Church of Scotland Newsletter

March 2020

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are warmly invited to a celebration of
Holy Communion on Sunday 1 March at 11am
in Elie Church.

The table is open to all who love the
Lord Jesus Christ.

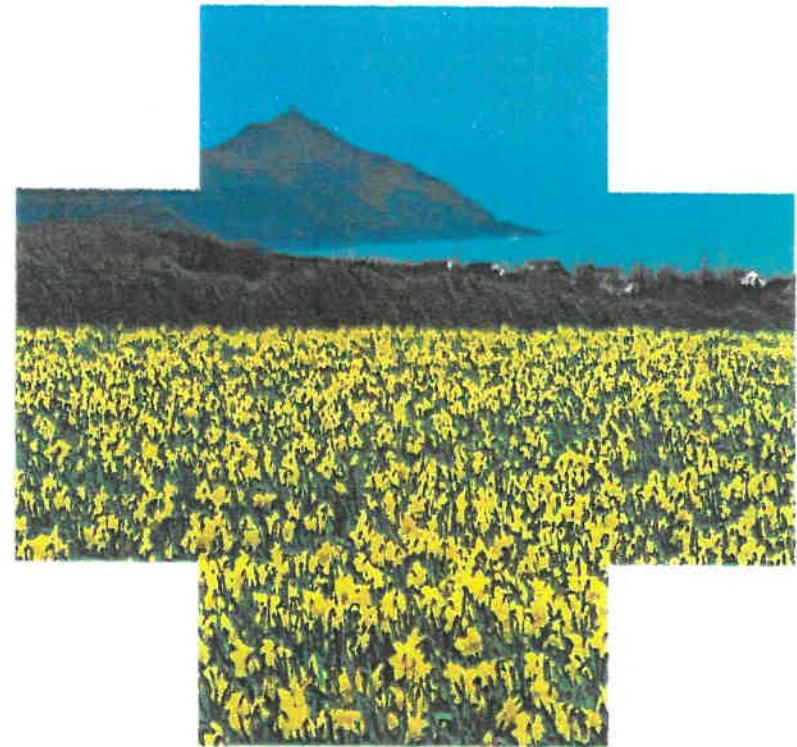
Do you need transport to church? Would you like company
to attend church or meetings? Please contact the person
who has delivered this magazine to you.

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PASTORAL CARE

If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit from their
Elder, then please get in touch with the Session Clerk,
Olive Weir, Tel 01333 340642 or email
jamandlor1@gmail.com

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The arrival of Spring!

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- Inspire us in worship
- Help us serve our communities
- Provide strong, positive leadership
- Teach us how to spread the Gospel
- Have faith exploration and friendship at the heart of their ministry

This is an unrestricted call and the Parish profiles can be found on the respective websites.

www.eastneuktrinity.org.uk

www.stmonanschurch.org.uk

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THE EAST NEUK OF FIFE**

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Interim Moderator's Letter
East Neuk Trinity
February 2020

Dear friends,

I come to the end of this short six-month stint as your Interim Moderator and count it a privilege to have been involved with you in this way. Having "retired" from Parish Ministry in 2018, I didn't expect that God had such a purpose still for my life.

It has been a pleasure to preach in your different church buildings, to work with your Kirk Session, Nominating Committee and Pastoral Team, and also to conduct a Baptism and Admit to the Eldership a new elder. Involvement with others in preparing worship and participation in your Study Groups has been particularly enjoyable, and knowing that I will still be involved occasionally in services, the East Neuk Prayer Gatherings and I hope an East Neuk Alpha Course encourages me greatly.

Thank you for welcoming me into your lives and the church's life. I will continue to pray God's richest blessing upon you in these significant days ahead as the search continues for a new minister, and as decisions and commitments made towards being the continuing and relevant church presence across the parish.

I know that Rev Gavin Boswell from Largo Parish Church will encourage and lead you well in the months ahead. May our Redeemer God guide and direct all your paths, and may you be faithful in walking in them.

God bless.

Rev Hugh Wallace

THE GUILD

We have had many interesting speakers in the first half of our year including Peter Donald from the Port Chaplains' Society (one of the Guild Projects, Graham Meacher about the Postal Service and Rev Gavin Boswell who began our 2020 session telling us of his journey from Southern Africa to Largo. We then held our celebrated Burns Lunch where some 39 people enjoyed a traditional lunch with the haggis being addressed by Kenneth Orr and a rendition of Holy Willie's Prayer by Billy Donaldson. Our next speaker is Richard Wemyss of the East Neuk Foodbank, followed by Ian Lindsay who will let us know about Glasgow Grace Church and, in the first week of March, Ian Lindsay to tell us of Scotland's Air Ambulance. Details of our outing in May will be circulated. Everyone is welcome at the Guild so come and meet your friends or make new ones, hear interesting and challenging, speakers and enjoy tea/coffee, cake and biscuits.



EASTER DAY
He is Risen!

Easter Sunday 12th April

Service at 8.15am at Elie Harbour followed by breakfast in the Church Hall, Elie.

Morning worship at 11.00am in Elie Church.

Activities available for children attending the service.

WOMEN'S GROUP

We have had a wonderful start to 2020, in January we were entertained by Murray Cameron (Murray's Fish & Chip Van) who spoke to us about a trip with his wife to Monaco where they had been invited to take part in a Whisky Festival and supplied many portions of Fish & Chips East Neuk Style. He had a lot of very interesting photographs too.

This month at very short notice Bill Lamont of Elie came and entertained us with his talk entitled 'Words' It was very good of Bill to fill in at the last minute as our advertised speaker Andy Paterson had to postpone due to illness in the family but he hopes to come at a future date. Bill was very funny and spoke of his life in Education we can highly recommend him as a future speaker for any group.

Our March speaker Carole Hughesdon's talk is entitled from Barrage Balloons to Haute Couture which promises to be most interesting. In April we have our AGM together with our Fish & Chip Supper or Bring Your Own Supper and our annual Quiz. In May we have our annual outing, this year it is to visit the RNLi in Anstruther and last but not least our annual dinner will be held in The Golf House Club Elie at the beginning of June. Please feel free to join us at any of our meetings you will be made most welcome.



Afternoon Communion

Following on from the good response in November, it is proposed to hold a short afternoon communion service on Wednesday 3rd June at 2.30 in Kilconquhar Church. This will be followed by a time of fellowship over an afternoon tea.

All Welcome - please spread the word.



Report from the Manse Acquisition Committee for the linked charge of St Monans and East Neuk Trinity

Manse News

The new Manse now has been carpeted and laminate flooring laid in the ground floor. We hope that many of the congregations of St Monans and East Neuk Trinity have taken up the invitation to see round the Manse on Sunday 16th February 2020 between 2 – 4 pm.

Very soon the group will have to think about the garden. Grass is laid at the front but the back is just bare earth at the moment and we need to consider a making a easy maintenance garden.

CLUSTER NEWS

Easter Week Services

The team are now making arrangements for the Easter Week services. The following programme has been agreed:

Monday 6th April at 7 pm at St Monans Church

Tuesday 7th April at 7 pm at East Neuk Trinity Elie Church

Wednesday 8th April at 7 pm at Largo Church

Thursday 9th April at 7 pm at East Neuk Trinity Kilconquhar Church This is to a Tenebrae Communion service conducted by Rev Gavin Boswell

Friday 10th April at 7 pm at Largoward Church

Also note that there will be a Good Friday vigil service at Largo Church.

This will be a reflective time of readings and music from 12 md until 3 pm.

You don't have to stay for the whole time but can drop in and out as you are able. If anyone would like to participate in this by a short reading/poem

during the vigil then please contact Elizabeth Bracher.



Food Bank

We continue to take the generous donations of food collected in the churches to the East Neuk Food Bank, 14 bags of food being taken just before Christmas and a very large amount being taken by Richard Wemyss after his talk to the Guild last Wednesday. The volunteers there are exceedingly grateful for this, as unfortunately the need for the Food Bank is increasing rather than decreasing. Please keep on handing in donations at any of our church services for this much needed charity or by contacting Pat Rowan on 330 474 when we can arrange to collect goods.

OUTREACH: We held our usual Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Service on 27th October in Kilconquhar Church with many donations of food and money for the Food Bank. We hosted a most enjoyable evening with the St Andrews Baroque Ensemble in Elie Church on 10th November. We will be holding our celebrated Easter Breakfast after the Harbour Service on Easter morning, 12th April, in Elie Church Hall and, from 10.15 will be serving hot cross buns with the coffee/tea before the Church service that morning in Elie. We are working on the itinerary for our Walk and Feast to be held at the end of June. Everyone is welcome to all our activities watch for the posters.

Mwandi Mission update - January 2020

Recent media reports have informed us that at the present time, Zambia is close to famine conditions – this has been confirmed by our Mission Partners Keith & Ida Waddell. Last year, we were most fortunate to have been in receipt of a number of exceptional donations and this has enabled our Support Group to send £1400 directly to the Mission Partners for use on emergency items at this critical time.

Reports within the last couple of weeks are looking positive that we can air freight a Medical Crate out to the Mission which will be consigned direct to the Ministry of Health and thereby avoid excessive customs clearance charges – Watch this space!!

Obed continues to do well in his dental studies and it is hoped that he will complete his course within the next 18 months.

NEW RELATIONSHIPS

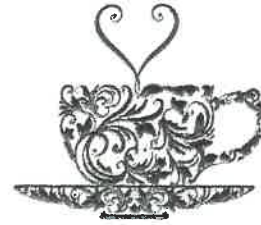
As children of God we work together as a family. We need to support and affirm each other. We have the common goal of serving the Lord and sharing His Good News. So if there are any differences we must put them aside and try to fulfil that aim. We must understand others who may in some areas we have different viewpoints. As we learn to respect each other as brothers and sisters, we can avoid damaging confrontation.

Malachi, the last prophet of the Old Testament challenged the state of God's people of his day for their state of indifference to the things of God. "Anything goes" – even for God, was their attitude But Malachi goes on to say that "those who feared the Lord talked with each other" They were discussing and agreeing with one another how best to serve the Lord. There was a spirit of unity among them. Malachi says God was not disinterested in them; He called them His "treasured possession", His jewels, who would shine out for Him.

That is what the Lord wants from us today talking together, planning together, serving together; that is what an active church should be doing. Churches where there is quarrelling, and bickering are of little benefit to anyone and are bound to fail and disintegrate. We remember that Christ is our head, and, though as individual we may be weak, failing and unsuccessful, together we can be effective as a church family and in our communities. The quality of a Church is not enshrined in its buildings, its music or in its form of worship, but is in God's people working and serving Him. We have heard of the gifts He has given us to serve Him, but we may find that these may not all be present in one individual church; so sharing them with other Fellowships and working together is important. This is where our Union, our Linkage and our Cluster can be of enormous benefit.

Sunday 8th March:

Joint service with St Monans in St Monans Church at 9.30am.
(No service at ENT)



Drop In Café **In Elie Church Hall**

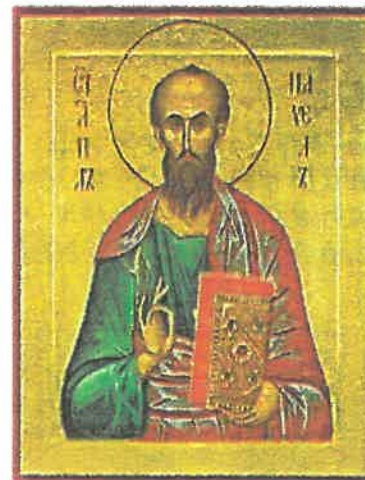
Our Drop In Café meets weekly in Elie Church Hall on Thursdays at 2.15 till 4.00. The Café provides a friendly welcome and a chance to meet up and chat with friends old and new. We offer endless tea or coffee and a biscuit for the small charge of £1. Great value! Please do join us one Thursday afternoon very soon at Elie Church Hall from 2.15pm.

Valentine Tea @ The Drop In Café

Our Drop In Café and Care team recently held a café with a difference for Valentine's Day. Folks were treated to a quiz and reminded about the importance of eating plenty fresh fruit and vegetables, with some very interesting recipe ideas. Everyone enjoyed a short seated exercise programme from the British Heart Foundation, about how to stay strong in later years, with some taking part in the recommended exercises. There was also the opportunity to take home a sample of some healthy green tea.

A very delicious afternoon tea was served accompanied by lovely fiddle music - and all went home with a chocolate heart freebie.

All in all, - a very heart warming afternoon!!!



Thursday 26 March 7pm Elie Church Hall Film: In The Footsteps of St Paul

St. Paul is often considered to be the most important person after Jesus in the history of Christianity. His epistles (letters) have had enormous influence on Christian theology. Yet how well do we know the man, Paul? You are warmly invited to come and see David Suchet's documentary film – In the Footsteps of St Paul. It will last about an hour and there will be refreshments afterwards. All Welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID

Enclosed with your Tribune is the 2020 Count Your Blessings booklet from Christian Aid. It encourages all of us to contemplate this Lent how climate change impacts our sisters and brothers around the world. Easy to follow instructions are shown on page 2 of the booklet. Contributions after Easter can be put in the collection plate provided they are clearly marked.

Other Christian Aid activities to look out for:

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| Sunday 5 April | Christian Aid quiz goes on sale. Available from our churches, St Michaels and All Angels and Elie Newsagent. |
| Saturday 25 April | Tay Bridge Walk. Join the committee walking from Fife to Dundee or sponsor the ENT Team. |
| Sunday 3 May | Service for Christian Aid week, Elie. |
| Saturday 30 May | Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Elie Church Hall at 10am. |

If you would like to join those walking the Tay Road Bridge, please contact Andrew Millar for further information.

Good quality books are now being taken for the May Coffee Morning. Please use the option that suits you – bring them to church; speak to any committee member; or to arrange uplift from home or access to our churches outwith service times; please telephone Andrew Millar (330161).

Andrew R Millar
Convenor

February 2020

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the opportunity to comment on and make suggestions about the future mission of East Neuk Trinity and our building stock. If you haven't made comment on the information on the notice boards inside each church and in the hall in Elie there is still time to do so. It is clear that there is an understanding that the status quo is not an option and that there is a willingness to change our buildings to create well equipped spaces in the right places to further the mission of East Neuk Trinity across the whole parish. The Kirk Session will continue to move forward with this and will keep you informed of progress.

East Neuk Trinity Kirk Session

SPACE AND RESOURCES

Annual Accounts 2019 : All our financial records and vouchers have been submitted to the examining accountants by our Treasurer Victoria White for preparation of the Annual Accounts for 2019. It is planned to hold the Annual Business Meeting on **Sunday 22 March** after the morning service at Kilconquhar Church.

Families Team

Some of the members of the family team met up with the children from Elie and Colinsburgh schools at Christmas Events. Many families from Colinsburgh attended the Christingle Event which was organised by the Family Team. There will be Easter Activities for the children who attend the church on Easter Sunday.

The Children's Church are studying stories from Genesis then looking at Joshua.

The Family Team met recently and has decided to do Daniel in the Lions' Den for the Scarecrow Event in Elie from 8-11th May.



The new Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings** at Elie Church Hall from 10.20 to 11.45 will be looking at the Bible course called Fruitfulness on the Frontline. The course looks at our everyday lives and how we make an impact on the people we meet on our frontlines. The course focuses on empowering Christians to make a difference in God's world by being fruitful throughout the week in our ordinary lives. There will also be a Lent Course from **3rd March to 7th April** at 10.15 in Elie Church Hall. Everyone will be made welcome at both study courses.

Friday 6th March



World Day of Prayer Service at 2.30pm in Elie Church

Time to get together and enjoy some food and fellowship!

Friendship Lunch in Elie Church Hall at 12.30

11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June

Everyone is welcome to come along for soup, rolls and cake.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Friendship Team

Light Lunches in Colinsburgh Town Hall

26 February, 25 March, 29 April, 27 May and 24 June at 12.30

Everyone is welcome for soup and pudding!

Any donations to church funds



Afternoon Teas in Kilconquhar Church South Hall

19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16

August and 20 September. 2.30 to 4pm

Kilconquhar Summer Afternoon Teas. Join us again for a friendly natter and home baking in the South Hall, Kilconquhar Church. Put the dates in your diary, bring your friends, we look forward to seeing you.

UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE EAST NEUK TRINITY LINKED WITH ST MONANS

In November we were given the green light to go ahead with advertising the vacant charge of East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans and to actively seek a new minister to lead our congregations. In the January and February editions of Life and Work (the Church of Scotland magazine) our advert appeared. It is also listed on the Church of Scotland website - along with the other 200 vacancies which currently exist in our Church. While advertising is important the Committee recognises that we also need to be proactive in our search. To this end we are actively asking for recommendations which we, in turn, can follow up. A recommendation might come to us from a minister who knows that a colleague feels that it is time to look for a fresh challenge; it might be that a member of the Committee has heard through a relative or friend that a minister of their acquaintance is considering a move...there's no set pattern of how or why a minister makes a move. The Committee is also beginning to contact ministers to ask them to consider a move to Fife. As you can discern from the number of vacancies, this is a challenging time for Nominating Committees throughout Scotland, given the number of vacant charges but we are confident that through our various strategies we will be led to the person of God's choosing to lead us on.

Please continue to pray for those who represent you on the Nominating Committee.

Hope this will raise a smile!!

"At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other."

"If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else."

"Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy."

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

"Facebook just sounds like a drag, in my day seeing pictures of peoples vacations was considered a punishment."

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day."

"We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public."

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it."

"My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the heck she is."



Enjoy with your coffee!!

Wordwise

You have 15 minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters shown in the grid. Each word must contain four or more letters, one of which must be the central square. No proper nouns, plurals or foreign words are allowed. There is one nine-letter word in the grid, for which this week's clue is: **Bad reputation**

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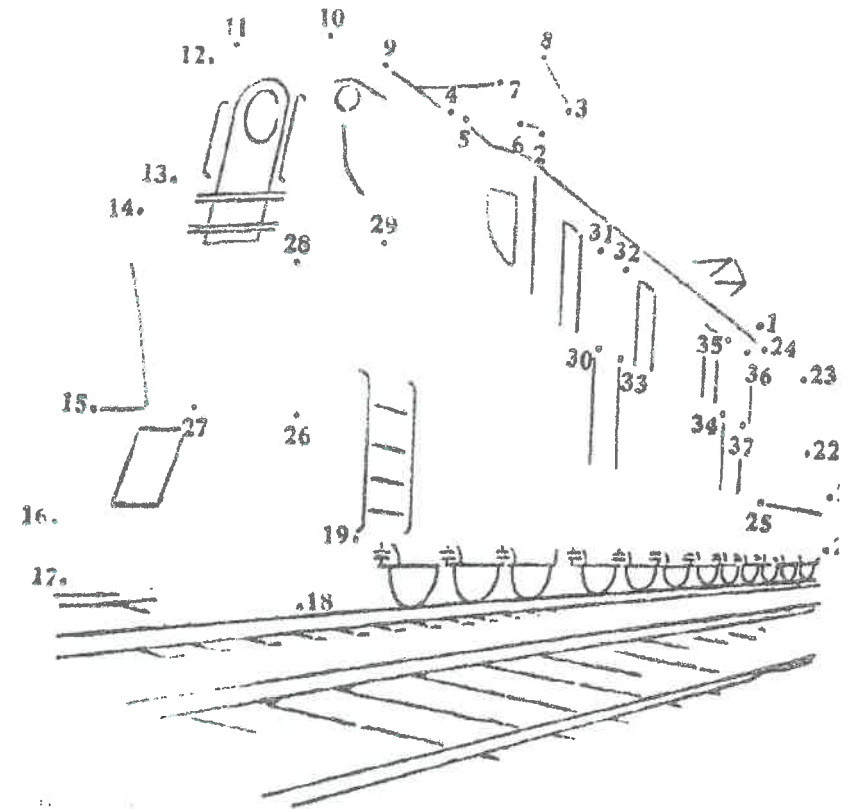
Average = 19 More than 26 = well done!

SUDOKU

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Join the dots and then colour the picture





JOIN US

GATHERING TO PRAY FOR THE EAST NEUK

Join us as we prepare to engage
people in our communities, exploring
the big issues of life and faith.

7:30pm on the fourth Sunday each month

23 February - Coastline Community Church,
Pittenweem

22 March - St Monans Church

26 April - East Neuk Trinity (location tbc)

24 May - venue to be confirmed

28 June - venue to be confirmed

There will be a service of worship and prayer, times of
listening and learning. We will be reflecting on what
God is saying, as we build up our faith, for the exciting
time of mission and service ahead of us.

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