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The next issue will be at the beginning of April; contributions by 26th March 2011 please. Contributions can be sent by email to andrewmorris53@o2.co.uk as well as on disk, in print or handwritten.

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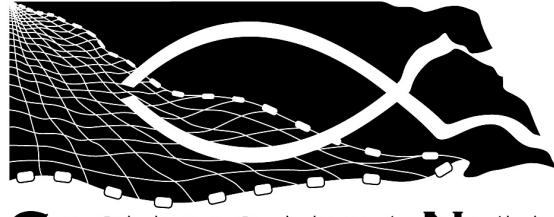
Dear Friends,

In the past week the Revd. Maureen Stirzaker joined our ABI ministry team as non-stipendiary Assistant Priest. Maureen and Sally Watt have had a house in Aberdour for a while in preparation for their retirement from busy lives in Manchester Diocese. They have now moved in permanently and Maureen brings with her experience of lay chaplaincy in education and latterly in the Manchester hospice where she managed the chaplaincy team. Maureen was ordained priest last summer and has spent the last four months looking after the parish of St Matthew & St Luke where she was curate, this whilst the Vicar was away on sabbatical.

We will hold a commissioning service for Maureen and at the same time it will be good to re-commission our lay ministry teams. I have yet to arrange a date for that with Bishop David and because of his full diary we may need to wait until April. However that doesn't mean Maureen has to wait till then to start work with us.

Our progress with ABI Mission Action Planning has been on hold over the big freeze and Christmas season but we are picking up on that and hope to be able to announce the date of our Mission Action Planning Day soon.

Yours in Christ
Val Nellist



CASTING THE NET

Growing Faith Communities in the Diocese of St. Andrews

Since my last report, your three CTN representatives have put together a church profile for our facilitators in the CTN process. This was to give them an idea of 'what we are about' and to prepare them for the meeting we had with them on Thursday 28th. October. This was when we embarked on the second stage of the CTN process. Our three representatives, myself, Sue Mowat, Alison le Good and the representatives from St. Serf's, St. Columba's and Val met with Karen Gaskell and Kimberley Bohan, our facilitators. This took the form of exploring what we could do as individual churches and jointly. The ideas explored at this meeting included having some sort of Bible study with the whole congregation, even a joint one with the other churches for Advent. Also something we are already doing, as a Vestry, studying 'Mission Shaped Spirituality'. Also discussed was some sort of outreach into the community.

Following very quickly after that, on the Saturday, there was another CTN Liaison Officer's meeting at Crieff. There they launched the Prayer Networking Diary which will enable us to pray for the different churches involved in CTN each Sunday during intercessions. Val has undertaken to print out the relevant details each week on the reverse of our Sunday notice sheets.

Since I wrote this there has been a change. Because of the bad weather we were unable to have the Advent course, but watch this space – we are hoping to have a Lent course in the lead up to Easter.

Marjorie Smith.

Saturday 19th February 2011

Exploration of Matthew's Gospel with Revd Tim Bennison at St Luke's, Glenrothes 10am – 12.30pm all welcome.

Quiet Day with Revd Celia Matthews in Perth 10am – 4pm; 'Journeys' the Book of Nehemiah; £6 including lunch, tea/coffee.

<http://www.standrews.anglican.org/index.php/calendar/>



CALENDAR



Sunday 6th February Epiphany 5	Eucharist – Followed by AGM	11am	St Peter's
	ABI Evensong for Candlemass	5pm	St Serf's Burntisland
Sunday 13th February Epiphany 6	Eucharist	11.30pm	St Serf's Burntisland
Saturday 19 th February	Events at Glenrothes & Perth		See below
Sunday 20th February Epiphany 7	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 27th February Epiphany 8	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Friday 4 th March	World Day of Prayer		
Sunday 6th March Sunday before Lent	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Wednesday 9 th March Ash Wednesday	“Grey Book” Eucharist Sung Eucharist	11am 7.30pm	St Columba's St Serf's
Saturday 12 th March	Diocesan Synod	10.30am	St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth
Sunday 13th March Lent 1	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 20th March Lent 2	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Saturday 23 rd March	Bishop David's Road Show	7pm	St Paul's Kinross
Sunday 27th March Lent 3	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 3rd April Lent 4	Mothering Sunday Eucharist	11am	St Peter's

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Readings and Readers for March & April 2011

Sunday	Readings	Reader
Sunday 6 th February Epiphany 5	Isaiah 58.1-9a 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 Matthew 5.13-20	Andrew L Andrew L Sue
Sunday 13 th February Epiphany 6	Deuteronomy 30.15-20 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Matthew 5.21-37	Mildred Mildred Marjorie
Sunday 20 th February Epiphany 7	Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23 Matthew 5.38-48	Dorothy & Jim Sue
Sunday 27 th February Epiphany 8	Isaiah 49.8-16a 1 Corinthians 4.1-5 Matthew 6.24-34	Pendo Pendo Bob
Sunday 6 th March Sunday before Lent	Exodus 24.12-18 2 Peter.1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9	Pat & Philip
Sunday 13 th March Lent 1	Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11	Jan Jan Bob
Sunday 20 th March Lent 2	Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17	Dorothy & Jim
Sunday 27 th March Lent 3	Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-26	Andrew L Andrew L Sue
Sunday 3 rd April Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.13-41	Mildred Mildred Marjorie

**Readers of the Epistle, please collect the offertory
Andrew Morris Tel: 01383 734726**

Kolkata Bound!

In the last Network we saw Canons Val Nellist and Dom Ind at the Arunima Hospice for children and adults suffering from HIV-related illnesses. Further news on the next trip is on the Diocesan Website and reproduced below.

“Preparations are in earnest for the second trip to Kolkata and the Diocese of Calcutta. On Tuesday 15th February, Bishop David, Andrew Pont and Canon Bob Harley set out to develop the links that Canons Val Nellist and Dom Ind made during their trip in November 2010. For 5 days they will be the guests of the Bishop of Calcutta exploring how a link between the two Dioceses can be spiritually beneficial.



Judging by Dom and Val’s experience, they will be made extremely welcome. Dom and Val visited a hospice providing treatment, counselling and support for people living with HIV/Aids, and various schools and colleges as well as participating in services and meeting many of the clergy. As Canon Dom writes, ‘We were genuinely impressed with the quality of the presbyters in the Diocese. What struck us was the level of honesty – punches weren’t pulled when it came to talking about themselves, their congregations and life in Kolkata. As a group I warmed to them, with a great mixture of traditions yet with more than a touch of Anglican ethos for us to relate to...

The amount of projects going on in the Diocese is seriously impressive. When it comes to social action, particularly to do with education and health, the Church is still an important player, filling the gaps the Government doesn’t cover. All sorts of possibilities here to be involved in, social projects and various schools to link with..... Another positive factor for a link in that part of the world is that people have connections with family who have served in India. Kolkata was the capital of the British Indian Empire, so it’s no great surprise that you meet people around the Diocese with family links to Kolkata. In Bridge of Allan, there are people who were born in Kolkata, spent their childhood there etc. This also makes a strong starting point for such a link.”

For information: Opened in 2004, the Arunima Hospice is a diocesan project. Its aim is to provide care and support for adults and children suffering from HIV-related illnesses, but also to overcome the stigma faced by this vulnerable group. The project also includes a day care centre for people living with HIV, providing counselling and links to government services where they can receive Anti-Retroviral Therapy.”

<http://www.standrews.anglican.org/index.php/news/>

Daring to dream the impossible

Christian Aid partner Soppexcca (pronounced so-pecks-ka) is an organisation with a vision. It is passionately committed to helping poor Nicaraguan coffee farmers to beat poverty. Ten years ago, when Soppexcca was established, this seemed impossible. But now Soppexcca is a thriving collective of small cooperatives which helps farmers produce good-quality coffee, market it and put funds back into their own communities. It works with communities to understand their needs and empowers them to make their own visions a reality.



Gustavo Adolfo Talavera, an illiterate coffee farmer, had few prospects until Soppexcca gave him a loan, allowing him to expand his farm and build a small processing plant. He had a dream of his children being able to read and write, and be educated. His dream became a reality when Soppexcca helped members of the community get enough resources together, and a group of parents built a school themselves. Ten years ago, education would have seemed an impossible dream for Gustavo. But Soppexcca is enabling his community to dream dreams – and then to do what seems to be impossible.

The Christian life sets us within a story that speaks of transformation where it seems to be impossible; where life is brought to the world. And the gospel stories are clear that life is about more than just survival. The life that Jesus speaks of is abundant life, rich with possibility and hope and promise. For people in Gustavo's community, it's about education and prospects.

Cooperative living is about this abundant life. It's about seeing something achievable beyond oneself and working together to make life better for everyone. Fátima Ismael, Soppexcca's director, says: 'We're not just about bread for today, but also for tomorrow. But we don't just want bread, we want bread and honey and milk.' People like Fátima and Gustavo are seeing the bigger picture – going beyond what seems initially achievable and working together to make it a reality.

The good news is that we can be a part of this bigger picture too. When we give our time, money and energy this Christian Aid Week, we are looking beyond ourselves and enabling others to do what seems impossible. This bigger picture is the world as it could look if we allowed the kingdom of God to be a reality,

It's a bigger world and it's an unsettling world. But it's a world that allows for transformation in ways that we may never have imagined, to dream dreams and to do what people tell us is impossible. Of course it's about transformation for people like Gustavo. But it's also a world that offers huge transformation to ourselves and to our churches, as we place ourselves in the frame of a bigger picture where the power of love has no limits.

Christian Aid Week is from 15–21 May 2011