



NetWork

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The next issue will be at the beginning of August; contributions by 30th July 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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RECTORS LETTER

Dear Friends,

On the 21st of August Bishop David will join us to launch our ABI Group Mission Action Plan at a joint service in St Serf's, Burntisland. The service is at 10am and we plan to have an early lunch afterwards at the Sands Hotel; more details about that nearer the time. First though the planning groups from each of our churches will be working to produce an action plan which meets the needs of our churches and communities, and that matches the resources available to us from our congregations and from the Diocese. The plan will cover the next three years so we are not expecting to do everything at once; and built into the process are opportunities for review and adjustment. There are things that will work and others that we might need to abandon in order to try something else. Once the Mission Action Plan has been completed in draft form it will be presented to the Vestries for approval so that, with any adjustments in place, we will be ready for the launch in August.

Part of our forward planning will be the preparation for my retirement in June 2013. A further small planning group of two representatives from each church is being formed to work with the Dean to assess what will need to be in place so that a new Rector can be appointed as soon as possible after my departure. The Vestries will be responsible for making the decisions on these matters but the group working with the Dean will have the task of supplying the Vestries with the information they will need in order to make the necessary decisions for the future of the ABI Group.

The first part of our mission action planning is concerned with preparing ourselves to meet new opportunities with the confidence that we do indeed have good news to proclaim to our neighbours. The way of Jesus Christ is about experiencing life in all its fullness, liberation from the fear of death and knowing the loving presence of Christ in all that we do in his name. 'If God is for us, who is against us.' Roman 8.31. That confidence in God should also underpin the preparations to develop and maintain stipendiary ministry for the ABI Group.

Yours in Christ
Val Nellist

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CASTING THE NET GATHERING 2011

Saturday 21st May saw the second Casting the Net Gathering at the Cathedral in Perth. The idea is to come together from the four corners of the Diocese to try something new and share our fellowship. This year's theme is the 5th. Mark of Mission (use prayer, word and sacrament to experience God's will), so the workshops offered the opportunity to try some new ways of praying, thinking about God's word and experiencing the sacrament.

I attended three sessions, the first being Creative Church, which was for anyone wanting to make things, paint, share and get ideas for creative worship. I thought this would be helpful as we have recently started up Sunday School again.

After refreshments, when I was 'roped in' to help with the serving of the tea, I went to the Benedictine Hour which afforded a short burst of work, study and prayer according to the Benedictine Rule of Life. This was an amazing hour and the work part of it was to take cloths and polish and clean the choir stalls (in silence). There were three separate hours of this workshop during the day, so the Cathedral choir stalls have never looked and smelled so clean in a long time.

Lunch was at the City Mills Hotel, a short walk from the Cathedral. Sandwiches and cakes were enjoyed and it gave everyone a chance to chat and speak to new people. There was also a 9 Marks of Mission exhibition made up of posters from the Churches.

The third workshop I attended was 'Your mind's Eye' which encouraged you to pray through visualisation. Pictures of paintings were used here as an aid to this.

The other workshops available were: Godly play, where children could experience a sense of sacred time and space to explore Bible stories in play, art, sharing and feasting; Walk the Labyrinth which is an ancient method of prayer-walking following a beautiful traditional pattern laid out in mediaeval French cathedrals; Sacrament of Sound which was finding out how making music through your voice and hands can bring you closer to God; The Breath of Life, experiencing God working through your breath and body and The Eucharistic Feast, an exploration into the Eucharist as a meal and its meaning for mission today.

The day finished with the Bishop celebrating the Eucharist, using unleavened bread made in one of the workshops. It was a really enjoyable day and I would encourage everyone to give it a try next year.

MARJORIE SMITH



CALENDAR



Sunday 12th June Pentecost	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Wednesday 15 th June	Bible Study Group	7.30pm	4 Morayvale, Aberdour
Friday 17 th June	Area Council barbecue	7pm	Warroch House, Dalqueish
Sunday 19th June Trinity Sunday	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Tuesday 28 th June	Evensong	7.30pm	
Sunday 26th June Pentecost 2	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 3rd July Pentecost 3	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 10th July Pentecost 4	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 17th July Pentecost 5	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Wednesday 20 th July	Strawberry Tea	7pm	St Serf's Hall
Sunday 24th July Pentecost 6	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Sunday 31st July Pentecost 7	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Thursday 4 th – Saturday 7 th August	St Columba's Flower Festival		
Sunday 7th August Pentecost 8	Eucharist	7.30pm	St Peter's
	Festival Songs of Praise	7.30pm	St Columba's

Advance Notices

Sunday 21st August - Joint service with Bishop David at St Serf's to launch the ABI Group Mission Action Plan 10am (no service at St Columba's or St Peter's that day).

Sunday 25th September – St Peter's Harvest Festival.

Saturday 1st October - St Columba's coffee morning 10am St Fillan's Hall.

Readings and Readers for June & July 2011

Sunday	Readings	Reader
Sunday 13th June Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 20.19-23	Dorothy & Jim Sue
Sunday 19th June Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1.1-2.4a 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Matthew 28.16-20	Jan Jan Bob
Sunday 26th June Pentecost 2	Genesis 22.1-14 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42	Pat & Philip
Sunday 3 rd July Pentecost 3	Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	Andrew Andrew Marjorie
Sunday 10 th July Pentecost 4	Genesis 25.19-34 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	Fiona Fiona Sue
Sunday 17 th July Pentecost 5	Genesis 28.10-19a Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	David David Bob
Sunday 24 th July Pentecost 6	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	Pat & Philip
Sunday 31 st July Pentecost 7	Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21	Jan Jan Sue
Sunday 8 th August Pentecost 8	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33	Andrew Andrew Marjorie

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Following the Lent Bible study, the group have decided to continue meeting on a monthly basis on the third Wednesday of the month. Each discussion will be led by a different person, who will choose the reading and notify the others of it in advance of the meeting. The first meeting was held on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30am and was led by Maureen Stirzaker, our new assistant minister, who chose the miracle of the healing of the paralytic at Capernaum from the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This miracle isn't in John's gospel but we also looked at a similar miracle in Bethesda.

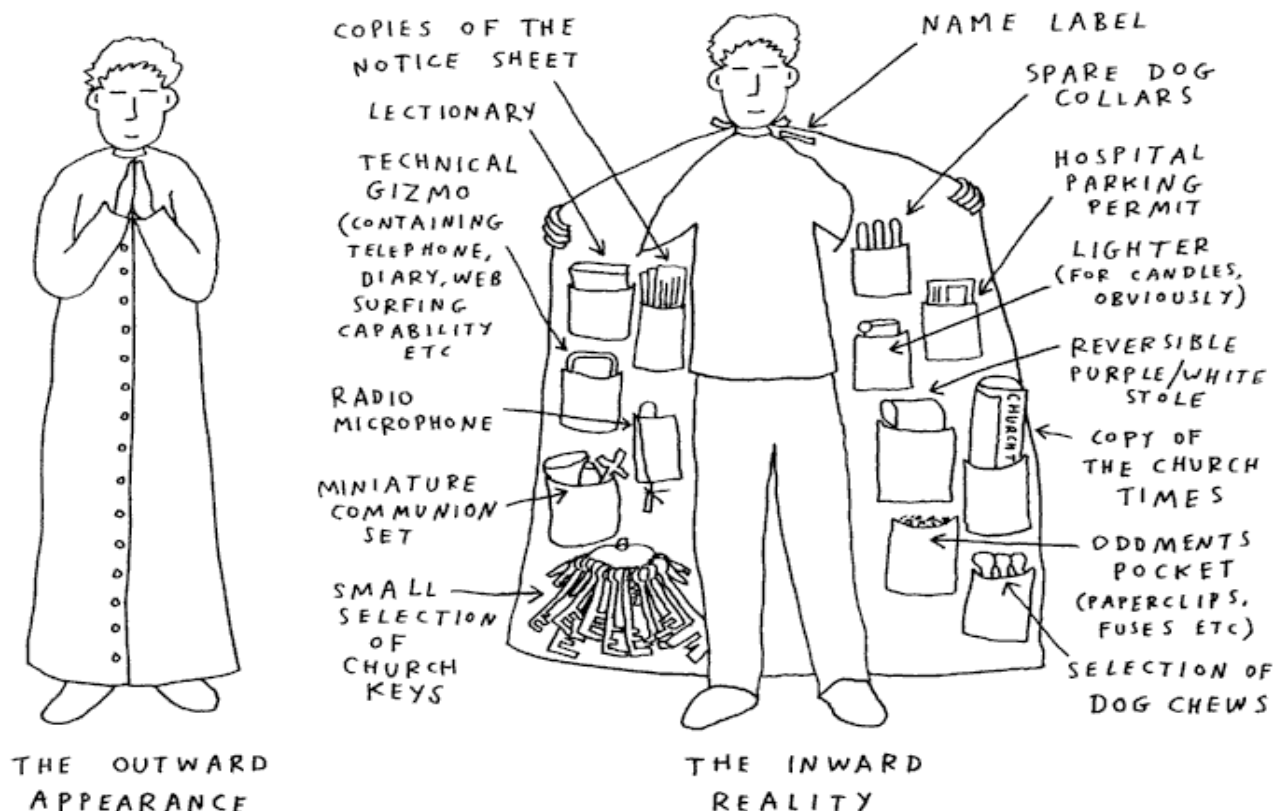
Although the meetings will usually be held in Jan Benvie's house at 2 Roods Square, Inverkeithing, the next meeting on 15 June will be at Maureen's house, 4 Morayvale, Aberdour. Any other change of venue will be mentioned in the ABI notes.

At each meeting there will be some discussion about the chosen readings and the evening will finish with a shortened version of Compline including time for silent prayer.

As we aren't following a set course, it doesn't matter if you can't come every month. Please join us one evening to see what it's like.

Pat Street

THE CASSOCK



These articles about the Jamestown Pond should have appeared in the last issue of Network but were held up in the email system and didn't arrive until later.

JAMESTOWN POND

Some of you may remember the existence of the 'Green Gang', a youth group which came into being to carry out environmental tasks around the church grounds, and for several years was involved with the upkeep of the frog pond at Jamestown. The group encompassed people from various organisations, e.g. Scottish Wildlife Trust, Fife Ranger Service, Inverkeithing High School Biology department, and in fact anyone with an interest in Nature Study (to use an old-fashioned phrase!) Work Parties have in recent times become few and far-between, due in part to the advancing years of many in the group, and the only regular activity these days is an annual indoor talk at the church in conjunction with Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Inverkeithing Floral Enhancement group, a sub-committee of the Community Council, has undertaken the task of improving the appearance of the town, by supplying hanging baskets and planters throughout the town, some sponsored by local businesses. Last year the town was given a Bronze award from 'Beautiful Fife', and the aim this year is to improve on that. As well as Floral efforts, recognition is given for the general tidiness of the town, community involvement, and environmental projects, hence the renewed involvement of the Green Gang and friends.

Dorothy MacDonald

The Greengang hasn't done any work on Jamestown Pond for quite a while, probably because we're all getting older! However, members of community groups in Inverkeithing had asked Dorothy about the pond and she arranged to meet up with some of them on Saturday, 9 April.

A good number turned up; Kevin, the scoutmaster of Inverkeithing scouts together with two scouts, members of Inverkeithing Community Council and also the Environment group who are responsible for the hanging baskets and flower tubs in the town, a representative from the Woodland Explorer group in Dalgety Bay and six of us from St Peter's.

First of all we did some pond dipping and found water boatmen, caddis fly lava, midge lava etc. We were disappointed that we didn't find any newts, but maybe they haven't turned up yet! Surprisingly, considering how long it is since we did any work there, the pond wasn't very overgrown but there were two willing volunteers, Jamie, the elder scout and Dawn, from the community council, anxious to don the waders and get busy clearing with the muck rakes! And they did a very good job too and no one fell in either! I was amused to see that Jamie had wrapped his mobile phone in a plastic bag just in case! The rest of us were busy picking up rubbish, pruning and lopping bushes.

Fortunately, the weather was kind to us and we had a lovely day.

Pat Street