



NetWork

St Peter's Episcopal Church

Inverkeithing

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The next issue will be at the beginning of October; contributions by 26th November 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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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

They say that time waits for no man (or woman). If the last nine months are anything to go by, time is not only moving on but rushing by at an alarming pace. It is hard to believe that we have been a part of the ABI group for nine months now.

Yes the year is rushing by, they say that time goes quickly if you are having fun, for me it has gone quickly because of the warmth of the welcome received, and the hand of friendship offered by so many.

Since we arrived among other things I have been involved in the latter stages of planning for 'Casting The Net'. A project that encompasses more than the title suggests. We face wonderful opportunities for church growth, but more importantly personal growth. It is too easy as we mature in years to look upon growth in any form as something that happens to the younger generation. But our spiritual journey and growth are a part of being a Christian.

We arrived in Epiphany and I am now planning Remembrance Sunday services, with thoughts already moving towards Advent. Advent is traditionally a time of waiting, a time of expectation, a time of hope.

Maybe as we look to the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar we could be thinking of new beginnings for ourselves, of dedicating ourselves afresh to walk closer with Christ. To re-dedicating ourselves to daily prayer and bible reading.

With Love and Prayers

Maureen



Our Mission Action Plan launch took place on Sunday 21st. August with Bishop David presiding at St. Serf's in Burntisland. This was a joint service with members from the three churches attending.

In his address Bishop David thanked all the people involved in getting this 'off the ground' and reminded us of the Marks of Mission we had chosen, St. Peter's being Mark 3: Lifelong Christian nurture, deepening the knowledge of God in our lives. Jointly with the ABI group the Marks of Mission are Marks 7 and 2: Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism and lifelong Christian nurture to transform lives and Mark 4: Reaching out to children and young people, because mission-shaped churches seek to engage with children and young people.

After the service there was a chance for fellowship over 'brunch' at the Sands Hotel.

Marjorie Smith





CALENDAR



Sunday 2nd October Pentecost 16	Eucharist	11.15am	St Peter's
	Area Council Service	11am	Holy Trinity Dunfermline
Sunday 9th October Pentecost 17	Eucharist	11.15am	St Peter's
Sunday 16th October Pentecost 18	Eucharist	11.15am	St Peter's
Sunday 23rd October Pentecost 19	Eucharist & Baptism	11.15am	St Peter's
Sunday 30th October Pentecost 20	Eucharist	11.15am	St Peter's
Sunday 6th November Pentecost 21	Eucharist	11.15am	St Peter's
Sunday 13th November Remembrance	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Wednesday 16th November	Vestry Meeting	7.30pm	
Sunday 20th November Christ the King	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
Wednesday 23rd November	ABI Financial Planning Group meeting	7.30pm	St Serf's Burntisland
Sunday 27th November Advent 1	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
	Advent Carol Service	6pm	St Serf's Burntisland
Sunday 4th December Advent 2	Eucharist	11am	St Peter's
	AGM	12noon	St Peter's

Please note that from Sunday Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, we revert to the normal service time of 11am.

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Readings and Readers for October & November 2011

Sunday	Readings	Reader
Sunday 9 th October Pentecost 17	Exodus 32.1-14 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	Pat & Philip
Sunday 16 th October Pentecost 18	Exodus 33.12-23 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	Dorothy Jim Sue
Sunday 23 rd October Pentecost 19	Deuteronomy 34.1-12 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46	Mildred Mildred Sue
Sunday 30 th October Pentecost 20	Joshua 3.7-17 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23.1-12	Andrew L Andrew L Sue
Sunday 6 th November Pentecost 21	Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	Sue Sue Pat
Sunday 13 th November Remembrance	Job 19.21-27 1 Corinthians 15.51-57 John 6.37-40	Fiona Fiona Bob
Sunday 20 th November Christ the King	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46	Jan Jan Sue
Sunday 27 th November Advent 1	Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37	Pat & Philip
Sunday 4 th December Advent 2	Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	Dorothy Jim Bob

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday, 25 September and as usual at this time of year, the church was beautifully decorated with lovely flower arrangements. There were also displays of vegetables and flowers in the porch. As is usual on the last Sunday in the month Fair Trade products were for sale after the morning Eucharist.

Later in the day we were joined by the ABI Singers for a service of Choral Evensong. The last time the ABI Singers were at St Peter's was in June and after our morning service Maureen said that she was looking forward to Evensong as it was the first evening service since she joined us. Well, as Val is away on her world tour, this was the first Evensong at St Peter's led by Maureen, who told me afterwards that she enjoyed the experience.

As well as people from St Serf's we were pleased to welcome to the service members from Inverkeithing Parish Church, who also joined us for supper. It's good to see that we are forging ecumenical links, which is one of our Actions in Mission in Casting The Net.

The service began with the choir singing a traditional harvest carol "Sing to the Lord of harvest". The setting for the canticles, Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis were from Gibbons Short Service, which I thought was magnificent! The anthem was "Thou visitest the earth" by Maurice Greene, another superb piece, which is favourite of mine. New to me this year was a setting for the responses by William Smith which was excellent.

Following the service, there was a buffet supper and as usual, there was more food than we could eat!

Pat Street





Afganistan - Protecting women's rights

'I do not want to lose what we have achieved so far, and I do not want to go back to my previous life. A peace process should not come at any cost. I worry other countries may compromise to achieve a very superficial peace; they may make a mistake and ignore Afghan women and all Afghan citizens.'

Afghan MP Shinkai Kharokail voices the concerns of many throughout Afghanistan that women's rights are being overlooked by the international community as it plans its withdrawal. They fear that the fragile progress towards greater equality could be reversed.

'We believe that this country will not be built without women's contribution or active role.' Shinkai Kharohail

'In ten years we have achieved a lot, especially after five years of Taliban, when women were absolutely excluded from social, economic and political life. Now women are everywhere, women are part of the decision-making process, part of development in this country,' says Shinkai.

Shinkai is the founder-director of Christian Aid partner the Afghan Women's Education Centre, AWEC, and renowned women's rights activist who has successfully lobbied for laws to protect women, including banning child marriage.

Through the work of AWEC and other human rights partners, Christian Aid has helped ensure successes in reforming Afghan law. For example, we were able to change four articles of a law for the Shia minority that effectively legalised marital rape and child marriage.

This kind of advocacy provides a framework for protection of rights, and is critically important.

Under the Taliban, human rights groups were not even allowed to exist. In the past ten years groups such as AWEC have been able to establish a strong network to protect women's rights and provide education to the poorest.

Shinkai concludes: 'We believe that this country will not be built without women's contribution or active role. There have been many achievements – we must maintain these, and not lose them. It is vital to have more long-term commitment to this country and not turn your back.'