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Methodist Church



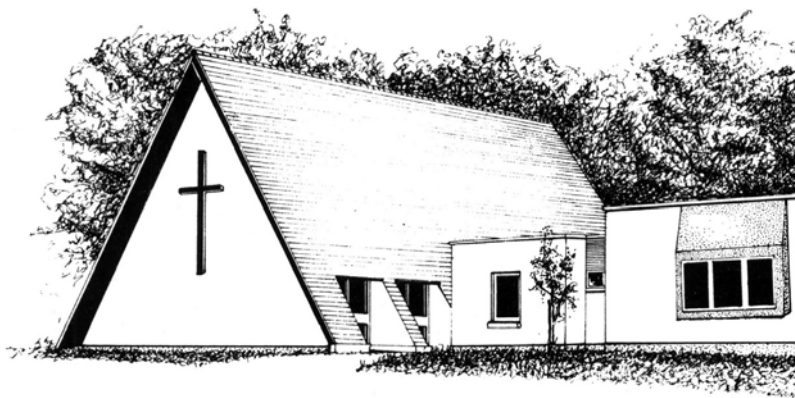
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# Contact

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## in partnership

Our partnership is formally recognised as a Local Ecumenical Partnership,  
with a constitution and Covenant signed on 14 June 2000

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## our regular pattern of worship

### Sundays (except 4th)

9.30am Episcopal Church Sung Eucharist  
(occasionally 9.15am—see diary pages for details)

11.00am Methodist Morning Worship  
(including Sunday School)

### 2nd Sundays (during term time): for the Young Church

9.00am Breakfast and “Messy Church”

### 4th Sundays: Worship together

11.00am Joint Communion Service

6.00pm “Sunday @ Six”

## where to find us

**On the road:** our postal address is Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dunfermline, KY11 2JH, and you'll find us at the junction of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. This is a short walk from Rosyth Rail station. The car park is behind the church. Local on-street parking is limited, but there is much more parking space at the junction with Park Road.

# From the Superintendent Minister

Rev Andrew Letby writes

Dear Friends

The recent series of consultations with churches and community organisations which took place across the Edinburgh and Forth Circuit revealed much valuable and intriguing information about our life and opportunities for mission looking to the future. (A Methodist circuit is a group of churches covering a specific geographical area and provides the structure within which we administer resources of money and people to facilitate mission and service) Over 1000 separate comments were recorded, offering a glimpse of our celebrations, concerns, hopes and fears. We will be discussing the findings in detail at church council meetings in the autumn. However they are already being used as we plan for the future deployment of ordained ministry across the circuit.

In a time of great challenge and need in our communities and churches, we face a shortage of available ministers and financial constraint. We have been encouraged by Synod (the body which supports Methodist work across Scotland) to engage in conversations with our neighbouring circuits with a view to collaboration and more efficient deployment of ministers. Sadly, despite high hopes, our attempts to this so far have ended in frustration.

Our plans for September 2015 are now being made, and these will particularly affect how we support and develop the mission of our churches in Fife. In doing this, we are seeking to find innovative ways of working which will bring a variety and wider range of expertise to ministry to all of our churches. This will mean looking at non-traditional ways of working which will challenge us all. I know that people have strongly held views and expectations, but we must be realistic that the models with which have sustained us over the past 40 or 50 years no longer fit the context within which we work. The idea of the paid minister as the resident chaplain to those already a part of the church is an expensive luxury. Technology and transport links mean that ministers and people can travel. The increased variety of skill and experience of our ministers means that we need to find ways of helping them to work to their strengths, perhaps over a larger area and importantly as part of strong and diverse teams.

If at the same time we can simplify our structures and consequently release the energy and enthusiasm of lay leaders we can do some exciting stuff. It is clear to me that where our churches are showing signs of new life and growth, there is usually a strong,

## **From the Superintendent (cont)**

respectful and trusting partnership within varied ordained and lay, paid and unpaid teams.

However things work out over the next few months (and the potential is exciting) I ask that we all listen carefully and thoughtfully to one another, and that we commit all the planning to prayer.

God bless

Andrew Letby (Superintendent Minister, Edinburgh and Forth Circuit)

## **A thought from our Interim Rector**

As most of you will know I'm just home from a visit to the United States. My wife Helen is just back from visiting Malawi where we worked back on the 60's and our children were born.

I had a great time, playing golf for a week with 31 other Episcopal Priests and then visiting my brother and his family in Dallas. Helen perhaps enjoyed her time even more, visiting many old friends and being taken into parts of the country most visitors do not see. We have lots of stories to tell each other.

But the thought I want to share is that I often find it difficult to admit to enjoying life. In Church year terms I think I find Lent easier than Eastertide. I guess part of the reason is that we see so much suffering in the world, but also in the States I was uncomfortable with all the 'conspicuous consumption' we saw (and shared in)

that seemed to be over the top and beyond what should be reasonable in our world.

Of course it is right to be concerned about suffering and also to believe that a greater sharing of resources would be good for us all, but that should not stop us enjoying God's world. I believe the Church is called to show that the world God made is good, very good, and that we should celebrate all the good things. We may put on a superior smile as we think of Pollyanna always seeing the good in any situation but perhaps she had an important point. There were lots of wonderful things in both America and Malawi and I hope we will dwell on them rather than any problems.

This is God's world and I pray that for all of you, the good things in your life far outweigh the pains.

Jim Mein

## Summer enjoyment

Although not "Flaming June" the weather stayed dry for our two social events in June.

On **Saturday 21 June**, some of us took part in a summer tradition of enjoying a **Cream Tea Afternoon** in aid of Action for Children at John and Jean Hall's home in Cairneyhill. Jean sends her thanks for everyone's support in helping to raise £300 (plus gift aid) for the charity.

Well done Jean for your tireless work for Action for Children and also to your helpers on 21 June.

The following afternoon, both young and not so young, were invited to Silver Sands, Aberdour for a **Family Afternoon and Barbecue**.

Deacon Sarah writes:

What can I say about our BBQ held on Sunday 22 June. Well, the weather was warm and sunny at times so there was no need for our jackets or hiding behind the hedge this year! The children had a ball playing on the beach together. The adults spent a lovely afternoon chatting with one another over a cuppa and yummy food.

Talking of food, our BBQ chef did us proud yet again with a fab feast of burgers, sausages, chicken and salads. Well done David and thank you. We also had cream scones and cake for afters thanks to Eleanor, Gwyneth and Jean. Thanks girls.

Mary Kidd also contributes:

I don't like barbeques, never have, and I don't like eating on a beach, so it was with some trepidation that I added my name to the list in the Crush Hall recently, as you do! This year, for the first time, I thought I'd go along and 'check it out', and was pleasantly surprised! Of course, the fine warm weather helped, (no need for a hoodie!) and I soon found out that no adult was expected to paddle in chilly, murky water – sigh of relief! It all turned out to be a pleasant experience for those who were there. Mandy and Dave offered me a chair which was very welcome, another sigh of relief! It was a lovely afternoon of fabulous food, families, fun and friendship, nothing too energetic on a hot day, and it seemed everyone enjoyed themselves. The only 'shock' of the afternoon was seeing a bee crawling up my right arm which then caused me to spill the cup of hot tea from my left hand (sorry, Mandy!)

May I thank David Salthouse and family, and Deacon Sarah for carrying out the essentials in catering for us and the clearing up afterwards. I had a lovely time, and went home quite exhausted having watched everyone else having an enjoyable afternoon. I'll think seriously about going again next year, so long as the weather is perfect...and where else can you get a splendid lunch on a sunny Sunday afternoon in June, in Scotland, for 3 quid? I ask you!

# Invitations and requests

## Summer Praise

Our Sunday@Six on **24 August** will be a Summer Praise evening with a folk/gospel theme led by the choir. Hopefully some friends from the Fife Ukulele Orchestra will be joining us to accompany some of the songs.

Please do come along and support this different evening of worship and bring your friends too.

## Join us to celebrate Harvest 2014

Harvest weekend is some time away, but a Harvest Fairtrade Extravaganza is planned for **Saturday evening 27 September**. Dorissia Forsyth and her team have kindly volunteered to produce a fairly traded/locally sourced meal for our delight - those who have been to her events at Holy Trinity will know that we have a great treat to look forward to! There will also be a Traidcraft stall and world quiz.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time so keep a look out for further information and be sure to put the date in your diary now.

On **Sunday 28 September**, our joint communion at 11am will be an all-age harvest service. More details about bringing harvest gifts will be in the weekly notices nearer the time.

## Ecumenical study group

The monthly meeting of the Ecumenical Study Group at St Columba's on **Monday 1 September** will be a special one. We are delighted that the Very Rev Jim Mein will be our guest and will talk on the subject of "Heaven" - using his sermon given a few weeks ago as a starting point, leading into a discussion. All are most welcome to attend.

## St Andrews West Area Council Annual Service

This year is the turn of St Peter's, Kirkcaldy to host the annual service on **Sunday 7 September** at 4.00pm which will take the form of a Celtic style Eucharist led by the Rector the Rev Christine Fraser, This is an enjoyable event and all are invited to come along.

## Wednesday Fellowship

The session starts on 3 September. Meetings in September are:

- 3rd Opening meeting - a 'love feast' with Deacon Sarah McDowall.
- 10th Safety in the Community—a member of the local police force
- 17th Gwyneth Kirby, being a volunteer at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games
- 24th Harvest thanksgiving and guest speaker Dorothy Hood from Rosyth Foodbank.

## Diary for July/August 2014

### Sunday 13 July

Pentecost 5      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Rev Ross Kennedy  
11.00am Morning Worship      Mrs Lou Davis  
**Note:** No "Messy Church" during School Holidays  
3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

Tuesday 15 Jul      10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Friday 18 Jul      7.00pm Choir practice

### Sunday 20 July

Pentecost 6      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship      Rev Christopher Shreeve

Friday 25 Jul      7.00pm Choir practice

### Sunday 27 July

Pentecost 7      11.00am Joint Communion Service Rev Dr Marion Keston  
**Note:** No Sunday@Six

Tuesday 29 Jul      10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

### Sunday 3 August

Pentecost 8      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship      Mr Laurent Vernet  
Deacon Sarah McDowall

Friday 8 Aug      7.00pm Choir practice

### Sunday 10 August

Pentecost 9      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Rev Ross Kennedy  
11.00am Morning Worship      Mr Lyn Smalridge  
**Note:** No "Messy Church" during School Holidays  
3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

## Diary for August/September 2014

- Tuesday 12 Aug 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns
- Thursday 14 Aug 7.30pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting at CEMC
- Friday 15 Aug 7.00pm Choir practice
- Sunday 17 August**
- Pentecost 10 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship Mr Brian Curtis  
Deacon Sarah McDowall
- Thursday 21 Aug 6.30pm Joint Vestry meeting with Holy Trinity Church Hall
- Friday 22 Aug 7.00pm Choir practice
- Sunday 24 August**
- Pentecost 11 11.00am Joint Communion Service Rev Geoffrey Baines  
David Salthouse (Worship Leader)  
6.00pm Sunday@Six Summer Praise led by the choir  
(see page 6 for details)
- Tuesday 26 Aug 10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns  
6.30pm St Margaret's Vestry meeting in Church Room 3
- Friday 29 Aug 7.00pm Choir practice
- Sunday 31 August**
- Pentecost 12 9.30am Sung Eucharist Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship Rev Andrew Letby  
Deacon Sarah McDowall
- Monday 1 Sep 7.30pm Special Ecumenical Study Group, St Columba's, with Very Rev Jim Mein (see page 6 for details)
- Wednesday 3 Sep 2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Opening Session with Deacon Sarah McDowall
- Friday 5 Sep 7.00pm Choir practice



# Diary for September 2014

## Sunday 7 September

Pentecost 13      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Area Council Service in St Peter's, Kirkcaldy

Tuesday 9 Sep      10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Wednesday 10 Sep      2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Safety in the Community

Friday 5 Sep      7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 14 September

Pentecost 14      9.00am "Messy Church" and Breakfast  
9.30am Sung Eucharist      Rev Ross Kennedy  
11.00am Morning Service  
3.00pm Service at Orchardhead House

Wednesday 17 Sep      2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Gwyneth Kirby being a volunteer at the Commonwealth Games

Friday 19 Sep      7.00pm Choir practice

## Sunday 21 September

Pentecost 15      9.30am Sung Eucharist      Very Rev Jim Mein  
11.00am Morning Worship

Tuesday 23 Sep      10.00am EDWJ Group meets in Mary Kidd's house at Limekilns

Tuesday 23 Sep      7.30pm Methodist Church Council in Church Lounge

Wednesday 24 Sep      2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship: Guest speaker: Dorothy Hood on Rosyth Foodbank

Saturday 27 Sep      tbc Fairtrade Harvest Supper  
(see page 6 or details)

## Sunday 28 September

Harvest      11.00am All-age Communion Service

**Note:** No Sunday@Six

# Fellowship News

## Wednesday Fellowship

I sit writing this on the last day of June, so that's the first month of holiday over for our Wednesday Fellowship. Our spring session seemed to pass by so quickly with so many interesting afternoon meetings giving us this opportunity to learn more of the work of God's Kingdom here on earth, in the church and in our community.

We heard about the excellent work carried out by 'Mary's Meals', the International Rescue Corps, and more recently, the Waverley Trust and the Mission to Seafarers, to name but a few. Other weeks we have met and shared with our fellow members – there's always something to look forward to each week. We attended our end-of-term lunch at The Elgin Hotel in Charlestown. This event is always so well-organised by our Vice President, Sandra Young. (There is never any fear of forgetting what one has ordered for dessert!). At our last meeting at the end of May we held our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. It gave us the opportunity to look back over the year, and to give thanks for the way in which the Fellowship plays an important part in our lives.

The group goes from strength to strength. We now have a membership of 27, and a weekly average attendance of 21. We have become ecumenically minded with some of

our new members, men and women, who belong to other denominations in Rosyth. We see the group as part of commitment to Outreach in this community, and are encouraged by the support we get.

We elected two new members on to our small committee. Olive Lee has taken on the role of 'Organiser of the Raffles', and Roy Jarvis is now our Registrar. Mary Dempster is still our Treasurer, and thanked everyone for their weekly generosity. We are now in a position to make donations to the Bethany Trust, Haiti Help, Mary's Meals, the Mission to Seafarers, our Brambles' Playgroup, and to the church.

The Committee met recently to plan our autumn session – lots of interesting things to look forward then. Do come and join us. Look out for the posters which will appear soon giving details of our Autumn session. There's sure to be something which interests you!

It now remains for me to say a big 'Thank you' to all those who have contributed to the smooth running of the Fellowship, and who serve such a welcome cuppa and refreshments week after week.

May God be with you 'til we meet again on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mary Kidd

## Fellowship News (continued)

### Service of Thanksgiving for Bishop Mike

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of The Rt Rev Michael Harry George Henley CB, 1938 to 2014, was held in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, on Saturday 17 May 2014. Jim, Lesley and Alan attended from St Margaret's.

Bishop Mike was very special to us at St Margaret's, not only as our Chaplain when St Margaret's was the Anglican church at HMS Cochrane, the Naval Base in Rosyth, but also as Chaplain of the Fleet. When Mike retired from the Royal Navy and the Anglican church of St Margaret's closed, he became Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. He accepted the newly reformed St Margaret's, part of the then Local Ecumenical Project with Rosyth Methodist Church, into the Scottish Episcopal Church - and the rest is history, as they say.

St Ninian's wasn't quite full, but we had a very good turn-out of the great and the good. Bishop Michael Hare-Duke, Mike's predecessor at St Andrews, was there as was the current Chaplain of the Fleet, The Rev Scott J Brown CBE QHC DB. The Rev Roger Devonshire, another of our naval chaplains and former Rector of Pitlochry, now retired to Portsmouth, was there. Former naval chaplain, the Rev Bob Harley, Rector of Kirriemuir, lead the Prayers of Intercession.

The Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton, Bishop of Brechin also attended; Nigel has the unpleasant distinction of having been at the Hillsborough disaster, a tragedy which lives with him to this day.

Michael's daughters, Caroline and her husband Peter (currently Bursar at Fettes College) and Fiona and her husband Matthew, were there.

Eulogies were lead by Dorothy Bruce-Gardyne, former Diocesan Secretary, and by the Rev Canon Dr Alison Peden, Rector of Holy Trinity, Stirling. The former Primus, the Most Rev Bruce Cameron, gave the Address, during which he recalled the significant part Bishop Mike had played in the life of our Diocese. He reminded us all, not that we could forget, of the endearing use of "My Dears" when Mike addressed us, no matter what the circumstances.

The Primus, and our own Bishop, the Most Rev David Chillingworth, gave the Blessing.

Alan Taylor

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### One minute, please

What did Jesus say?

"If anyone loves Me, he will obey my teaching".

## Happenings in the Scout Group

This is a busy time of year for our Scout Group. At the beginning of the month all the sections were involved in tidy ups as part of Scout Community Week. The Beavers and Cubs combined forces to tackle litter in the Wilderness Woods, the Scouts tidied up Camdean Playing Fields and the Explorer Scouts were busy litter picking in Calais Woods.

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In the middle of June the Beavers took part in a District sleepover at Fordell Firs with a Peter Pan theme. They had an enjoyable time and good weather. The Cubs camped the following weekend - again at Fordell. The main focus of the programme was on traditional scouting skills - shelter building, fire lighting, backwoods cooking - but with plenty of time for games and other activities. Again the weather was good.

The same weekend our Scouts were competing in a camping competition in West Lothian. The previous month they had won the local camping

competition (The Totem) and were competing against other troops who had won their local competitions. They did not win the competition but their exact placing is not yet known. Also that weekend some of the Explorer Scouts successfully climbed Ben Nevis. This was the second leg of a triathlon, the first leg having seen them canoe across Loch Lomond. The third leg is a cycle ride across Central Scotland. All in all, a lot of activity and good fun.

On the leader front, congratulations to Brenda Duncan who has completed her scout training and has gained the Wood Badge.

Martin Rogers  
Acting Group Scout leader



Scouts' Totem 2014

## Helping Others

### Brambles update

The Playgroup was pleased to learn that, following an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate on 14 May, the Brambles service has been graded as 4=Good in each of the four "Quality themes" that are assessed (Care & Support), Environment; Staffing; and Management & Leadership). This is our best grading since February 2009! The draft report can be seen in the reception area.

Another pleasing outcome, after 3 years of hard study, is the award of a BA degree in Childhood Practice to Senior Playleader Lesley Hynd at the University of Edinburgh graduation ceremony on 4 July.

Raising the profile of Brambles locally through distribution of posters and leaflets is a current pre-occupation as we seek to increase the numbers of children attending.

Howard R Kirby (Chair)

### Rosyth Foodbank

Dorothy Hood writes:

Rosyth Food Bank (under the umbrella of Dunfermline Food Bank) opened officially on 15 February 2014 although it had been running since September 2013.

Callers to the Foodbank are referred and usually have 3 vouchers per crisis in every 6 months - although this can

be extended in certain circumstances. 20% of all callers to Dunfermline and Rosyth FoodBanks are from the Rosyth area. To date Rosyth has dealt with 251 vouchers and fed 415 people. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and is manned by volunteers. Food is donated from various sources - e.g. schools, Churches, Lloyds Banking Group and individuals.

Thank you for your donations. 9kg of food will feed a single person for approx 3 days. A lot of our callers also need **toiletries, toilet rolls and cat and dog food, soap powder, cleaning material, treats for children and bags for life.**

(Ed: Please continue to bring donations and put them in the box in the Crush Hall. Our thanks to Dave and Mandy who take our contributions to Rosyth Foodbank weekly).

### Sea Sunday 29th June

Traditionally, as directed by the General Synod Office, St Margaret's takes the last of our 3 annual retiring collections - for the Provincial Community Fund - on the last Sunday of June. This year we have postponed this collection until 13 July as we made a donation of £250 from our Giving to Others Fund to the **Mission to Seafarers Scotland**, whose Chaplain, the Rev Tim Tunley, was our celebrant and preacher when we celebrated Sea Sunday.

# Casting the Net Gathering

A personal reflection from Valerie Leslie

On 31 May, Alan Taylor, Sue Foreman and I attended the annual Gathering at the Cathedral in Perth. The theme was 'Worship that Renews and Inspires' and the event certainly lived up to this!

I chose the music workshop 'Refreshing Lent, Holy Week and Easter'. Stuart Muir, musical director of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, took us on a musical meander of some lovely new hymns for Lent and Holy Week. He aroused real enthusiasm in those who took part. An hour was definitely not long enough! Alan and Sue went to the Celtic Art workshop where they were shown how to do some very complicated Celtic knots. I saw some of Alan's drawings, which were lovely. Do ask Sue and Alan about this workshop - they will be happy to show you their drawings.

All three of us attended the workshop 'Doing worship Differently'. This was a great opportunity for people from the churches in the diocese to explore ways of 'zinging 'up worship to make it more accessible to new people visiting church for the first time, or just helping existing congregations not to get too 'jaded' and complacent. I am delighted to note that St Margaret's is on the right track as far as innovative worship goes, especially Sunday @ Six - we are blessed as a congregation to have talented individuals amongst us, who can organise and inspire us all to worship God with joy and vigour, in a whole new and exciting way, that

leads us out into the world feeling that God is with us.

The worship and photography workshop led by Rev Thomas Brauer, was attended by Sue (I think Alan also went to this workshop). From what I know of Thomas's work, I know it was a good session.

I went to 'Worship through movement and dance' and was in my element wearing jazzy colourful leggings and brandishing a purple flag, which glorifies Christ as King. It gave me the opportunity to worship our amazing God through movement, using contemporary Christian music.

The service at the end of the day gave us the opportunity to show others what we had learnt. I am amazed that in an hour we had learnt the piece. We were also treated to a fun dramatisation of the story of the rebuilding of the temple.

I would recommend the Gathering to anyone interested in meeting other congregations throughout the diocese. The event is well worth going to. I do not think I have come away from an event feeling so uplifted, enthusiastic and raring to go as I did on Saturday. Well done to Sarah McMillan, the CTN co-ordinator for organising such an amazing event. And of course, I must not forget the Bishop who was on top form throughout the day. It was obvious that he was delighted with all the activities.

## Contact points and meeting times

This list supplements the list of formal contacts given on the inside cover, and is for the activities and organisations run by the Methodist Church Council, St Margaret's Vestry, and by affiliated, but independent organisations.

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Toddlers' Group (Wed/Fri 0930-1100)  
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Parahandies Disabled Club (Mon 0930-1400)  
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## St Andrews West Area Council

Sandra and I attended the Area Council meeting on 22 May at Holy Trinity, Dunfermline. It is always a real joy for me to meet up with the other lay and alternative lay representatives. I was particularly interested in the topic of the meeting. Marie Paige gave a well informed account of the

**Cascade Conference on Human Sexuality** held in the Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry on 29 - 30 April. The subheading of the conference was 'Listening Across the Spectrum' and it would appear that the conference really lived up to this aim. Marie was part of 60 people from all walks of life, backgrounds and lifestyles. The workshops, which were well thought out, appeared thought provoking, and at times hard work, but stimulating. They were led by speakers from the SEC, the Church of Scotland, RC church and a social worker in a same sex relationship.

At the end of the 2 days, Bishop David had stressed that the purpose of the conference was not to provide easy answers or a 'quick fix' on the subject of same sex relationships, but was a means of focusing on the subject and

discussing it in a thoughtful, respectful, intelligent and non judgmental way. He added that the challenge the church faced was "How can we live in the world of today as Christians showing Christian compassion for all humanity and embracing diversity within and without the confines of the church community. That is the real trick! Changing attitudes to what was once viewed as taboo will take time and effort by us all".

From our discussion that followed Marie's excellent account of the conference, I am heartened that those at the meeting were able to give serious and intelligent thought to the topic. All agreed that more discussion was needed within the churches in the Diocese. It is also good to know that the SEC will not be hurried into offering any 'fast' decisions on the issue. Most at our meeting hoped that at sometime in the future, the church would make the right decision and not 'talk the subject to death'.

Valerie Leslie  
Lay representative

### CONTACT on the web

You can view or download this issue at our church websites. The archive pages of the church websites also link to previous issues of Contact.

### To our contributors

Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue, both in writing material and during the production phase