

In our community – 2

The Bishop goes walkabout

Our much travelled bishop, the Most Rev David Chillingworth, together with Alison, Martin Rogers, Evelyn and Alan, went walkabout in Rosyth on Wednesday 7 October. We all met in church for coffee, where Alison briefed us on the aims of the day, which were – in simple terms – to take the church out into the community.

Our first stop was the Parish Church, where we met Deacon Morag who took us through the very impressive, newly-renovated building. Then it was on to the Resource Centre – which I had not visited before – for a remarkable tour of the facilities, when we met staff and folk who come to the centre for companionship, craft activities and fellowship, fulfilling a very pressing need in our society, particularly for older folk. And it's there we have a monthly service for friends and visitors to the Centre. Who could possibly think of closing such a facility? but that might be its fate.

Next stop – the Dockyard, where we were met by Babcock International's local Managing Director, Sean Donaldson, who briefed us on the building of the new Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we were not able to get "hands-on", but Sean invited us back next summer when he hoped to take guests aboard one of the ships. We had a most enjoyable lunch in the Visitors' Centre, before heading back to the Methodist Church for the Wednesday Fellowship, where Bishop David was the guest speaker. All in all, a very fulfilling day.

Alan Taylor

From the local paper ...

Members of the Scottish Episcopal and Methodist congregations in Rosyth welcomed a special visitor to town – the presiding bishop of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The group ... met Bishop David Chillingworth last Wednesday for a community visit as part of their shared commitment to mission and ministry in Rosyth.

Rev Cozens said:

"It was a really nice group and everywhere we went, we felt very welcome. I think people like to know the church is interested about what's happening in the community. It got us out and about and it was a really good opportunity.

"The idea for the bishop's visit to Rosyth arose out of the planning for the Rosyth Methodist Church centenary in 2016. It's also the centenary of the Garden City and this year was the centenary of the dockyard. So it seemed appropriate to visit the dockyard."

The group also visited Rosyth Resource Centre and the newly-renovated Parish Church, before taking in the Wednesday Fellowship at the Methodist church, where the bishop engaged in a question and answer session about the history of Rosyth and the church involvement with the local community.

The Most Rev Chillingworth said:

"I was delighted to spend the day in the community with members of the two congregations. We are always eager to deepen the relationship between the congregations and to strengthen our commitment to the community. Churches are called to mission – to share the love of God – and this is part of that calling."

Dunfermline Press report

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Our joint service



Rosyth Methodist Church was packed on Sunday 18 October for a joint service led by the Most Reverend David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, and the Reverend Dr David Easton, Chair of the Synod of the Methodist Church in Scotland, and introduced by the Reverend Alison Cozens, our Rector. This was only the second time that the two leaders of our respective churches had jointly taken a service at Rosyth, and the first time that the Holy Trinity congregation had joined in.



Members of all three churches took part in the service and sang in the choir, and on a very special occasion we acknowledged and celebrated the many ways in which our congregations and their members work together both formally and informally and the many friendships that have been formed over the years.

The service included interviews with members of the congregation following Bishop David's visit to Rosyth on 7 October, and his reflection on moving out into the community.

David Easton preached a sermon based on our Gospel reading of Mark 6:30–44, ending with a final challenge in the question: "What miracles of grace are we willing to allow Christ to work through us today?":

You can listen both to Bishop David's reflection on moving out into the community, or to David Easton's sermon at the links at <http://tinyurl.com/gtcuf7o>.

For those who can't do this, we've printed an edited version of the sermon (approved by David!) on pages 26–27.

