

# Holy Trinity Newsletter

## Pentecost 2023

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe how quickly this year seems to be progressing. Easter followed Christmas at an alarming rate and this Sunday sees us celebrating the feast of Pentecost. The point when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples and early believers. Fulfilling the promise made by Jesus, before he returned to his and our father, that he would send the comforter to guide and empower them.

This marks the change in the Jesus story where before the disciples were the followers, now it is their turn to pass on all that they had learned and experienced to others. *It is through their testimony passed down through the ages, that we have our faith today.* In essence we could say this is the day we celebrate the birth of the church as we know it.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June from 2pm onwards, there will be Two workshops held at the church, giving tools and ideas to help move us forward. These will be run by Rev'd Elizabeth Thomson, Provost of the Cathedral, and Rev'd Roxanne Campbell.

Elizabeth will lead in basic mission action planning to help put achievable plans in place for the future, and Roxanne will lead a workshop on visitor welcome, with her perspective coming from the point of the 'younger' generations. The idea is to run both groups concurrently with a swap over after a refreshment break. All are welcome.

Blessings,

Martin.



## **Forthcoming Events**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2pm: Workshop on the way ahead for Holy Trinity.** Do try to come and take part as we try to look ahead to the future and find ways that can help us to thrive.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am: Sung Eucharist when Bishop Andrew will preach and preside.**

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## **Lent Appeal**

The Lent Appeal in aid of St Ninian's Stay and Play raised £206. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy initiative.

## **SECMA**

The Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association has now come to the end of its life having raised money and served those in need for over 100 years.

Our Starfish Projects in Swaziland have received donations from them in recent years and as they wind up their finances for the last time, they have generously awarded a final gift of £4000 for Swaziland.

## **Vestry Matters**

The vestry met on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of May and reported on and discussed the following topics—

Pastoral and Worship Health and Safety Safeguarding

Finance Website Hall Management Stewardship Fabric

and repairs Publicity

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