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God of the Extraordinary

And so the Christian year moves on. From Easter to Pentecost and then to Trinity, we continue to encounter the God who makes himself known by miraculous words and deeds. First the Son dies and is resurrected. Then he ascends to his Father from whence he keeps his promise not to leave us alone and sends his Spirit. Finally, Trinity Sunday reminds us that all three members of the Godhead are involved in bringing redemption about.

Easter speaks for itself. But what about Pentecost? At first sight it's all about a group of frightened disciples huddled together in Jerusalem suddenly finding that God has intervened and turned their understandable and ordinary human fear into extraordinary boldness. No longer terrified, they simply cannot keep quiet about the Jesus who has once more surprised them in the power of his Spirit.

But look again and you'll see that Pentecost not only reveals that God can transform the lives of his followers, but also that this transformation has a purpose – the declaration to all the world that Jesus is Lord. The tongues of fire are signs that the power of the Gospel is to be proclaimed in all languages to all peoples.

The first disciples were challenged and empowered for this mission. But here's the thing - so are we.

Francis Bridger

Fair Trade Producer Visits Brechin

The Rainbow Charity Shop in Brechin opened its doors to welcome John Riches from Just Trading Scotland and Anisia Wanja from Meru Herbs in Kenya. They had been visiting Carlogie School in Carnoustie and agreed to come up to see Brechin.

We had a very interesting talk from Anisia who had just arrived in Scotland that day. She explained how the new irrigation system in the area had allowed them to grow more fruit and vegetables and with the help of Fair Trade they had been enabled to set-up a small processing factory to sell jams and tomato sauces. This gives them local employment and the opportunity to grow in the community. Those present were treated to a tasting session and the products from Meru Herbs which can be purchased through Just Trading Scotland website, with a discount for church groups.

Visit the website www.justtradingscotland.com producers to see a short video about the Farmers in the Meru area of Kenya. We can help by purchasing their products!

The Bishop's June Diary

1-9	Annual Leave
12-14	General Synod
15	Holy Trinity, Monifieth
18	St Mary and St Peter, Montrose Abertay University Court
19	Diocesan Chapter
20	Summer Party, Bishop's House
22	St Ternan's, Muchalls Diocesan Young Church Picnic, Montrose
24	Ecclesiastical Board Dinner Cheltenham
26-27	College of Bishops, Edinburgh
29	St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

A fond farewell to

Reverend Rosemary Mason

Reverend Rosemary Mason, has resigned her Permission to Officiate on moving to the Diocese of Guildford. We shall miss Rosemary's ministry greatly. She has provided valuable and much appreciated Sunday and midweek ministry across the diocese. Sadly John's health has deteriorated, he is now virtually blind, and they need to be nearer family in Surrey. Bishop Nigel visited them to convey our thanks shortly before their move.





**Look out for the Special Bulletin for
Cascading Conversation on Same Sex Relationship
and the Church**

Around the Diocese this Summer

St Martins Church

Prize Bingo in Church Hall

**Wednesday, 28 May and
Wednesday, 25th June**

Admission 50p includes tea/coffee
and refreshments plus free raffle.

Bookstall

**Murraygate, Dundee.
Saturday, 31 May 2014
10am-4pm**

Good selection of books, cd's, dvd's.

St Paul's Cathedral

**Lunchtime Concerts
Saturdays at 1pm**

7 June: Joseph Fleetwood: Piano
21 June: Kathleen White: Soprano
Barbara Geller: Violin
Graeme Stevenson: Piano

**Holy Trinity Church
Monifieth**

Coastline Quilting Exhibition

Friday, 30 May 10am-7.30pm
Saturday, 31 May 10am-4pm
Admission £3.00

Tea, coffee and cakes in the hall.

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
Saturday, 21 June 10am-12noon**

Admission £2.00

Includes refreshments.

Perennials, bedding and house
plants. Usual stalls, tea, coffee
and scones.

St Drostan's Day Picnic

Sunday 13th July 2014

All are welcome to come along and join us
at any time during the afternoon.

The timetable of events is as follows:-

- ☺ Picnic lunch 1.00pm
Bring your own food, tea, coffee, soft
drinks provided.
- ☺ Pilgrimage walk 2.00 - 3.00pm -
suitable for all ages.
- ☺ Eucharist 3.30pm
- ☺ Tea 4.30pm

**"Deep discussions on the
Theological aspects
of Croquet!"**



**St Ternan's Church and
Rectory Garden**

**Garden Fete
and Quilt Display
Saturday, 14 June 2pm**

Admission:

Adults 50p Children 30p

Bric-a-Brac, books, games/toys,
tombola, raffles and bottle stall, home
baking and plants

St Salvador's

is proud to host
a classical guitar concert by a
young music student from Croatia
who is studying in Glasgow.

Zivonimir Filjak

**Saturday, 14 June at 7pm
Admission £2 at the door**

St Mary and St Peter, Montrose

**Coffee Morning
Saturday, 31 May 10-12noon
being held at Old & St Andrews C of S Church**

Admission £1.50 including refreshments.

Stalls, tombola, raffle and cake.

All funds for St Mary's and St Peter's Restoration Fund.

**Diocesan Annual Young Church Picnic and Fun Afternoon
Sunday, 22 June 2 - 4pm
St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Montrose**

Everyone is welcome

Bouncy castle, BBQ and bubble wrap and an opportunity to sponge the
Bishop and Servers—not to be missed.!!!

**ST. NINIAN'S STAY AND PLAY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED 4 hours on a Monday or Tuesday**

Please, please can you help us?

We are now desperate for volunteers as our students will be leaving
us at the end of the university term.

Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy being around children?

Can you make soup? Are you happy to work in the kitchen?

Further information can be found on www.stniniansfamilysupportgroup.btck.co.uk

