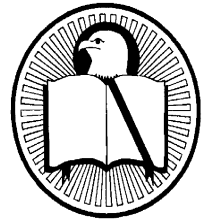


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*You only went into politics so that you could
leave our Summer Holidays Early*

Depending on which calendar you use we are well into the Churches Green Season, of Sundays after Pentecost or Trinity. A long stretch of the Church Year that we call Ordinary Time. Recent times have of course been anything but “Ordinary”. What on earth is happening to the world?

We have had months now of financial crisis, both at home and abroad. People are dying in Somalia from lack of food and water. We have witnessed civil un-

rest in the united Kingdom, war in Tripoli, and a massacre in Norway. Some of these events are horrifying and defy description or understanding. I have been asked on more than one occasion questions like “where is God in all of this? and why does God let things like this happen?”

The truthful answer is that God is there beside us and alongside everyone who suffers. It is not God that lets these things happen it is us.

Each and everyone of us needs to pause and take stock. To be thankful for what we have and who we are. Each of us is created and loved by God and all the atrocities we see round about us are committed by and upon our brothers and sisters. It makes no sense to us and probably not to God either. How do we change these things? We change things by taking responsibility for our own actions and encourage by example others to do likewise. “God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say “thank you?”

Father Cliff

Darnaway Auction Walk

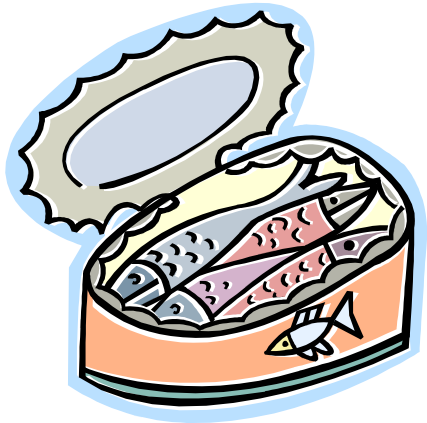


Blessed with good weather the Darnaway Auction Walk, led by Gareth Whyment, took place on Saturday 20 August. Good weather, a well led and informative walk, followed by tea and cakes, made it a really good day.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 18th September and following the morning Eucharist we will share a Harvest Meal in the Church Hall with a choice of menu.

If you would like to bring gifts of tinned food, savoury as well as sweet, these will be stored and distributed to people in need throughout the year. This past year there have been more people than ever turning up at the Rectory asking for help with food. So your gift will be well received.



Diocesan Ceilidh

Plans are afoot for a Diocesan Ceilidh on Saturday 19th November from 7.00—11.30 pm at Farr Community Hall. Polish up your dancing shoes and your party piece. Look out for further details to book your place.





FAIRTRAiD STALL – the next stall will be on Sunday 4th September.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING - on Monday 5th September at noon, at Wester Oldtown Farmhouse, Roseisle, where a short video, "Changing Lives in Uganda" will be shown. Soup will be provided. Please bring ideas for future sessions.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – Monday 5th September at 2.00 pm in the Parish Room.

MOTHERS UNION – Saturday 17th September, 2.00 pm Annual Service and Meeting at St John's Arpafeelie.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH BISHOP MARK – Saturday 17th September, 3.30 – 5.30 pm in aid of Diocesan Funds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday 18th September. Parish Lunch with a choice of menu in the Church Hall following the morning Eucharist. Gifts of tinned food welcome for distribution to people in need.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - (BTCS) is on 25th September. It started in 2004 in one of the dioceses in the Church of England, and has spread into all the dioceses, and into other denominations throughout the United Kingdom. Initially to invite folks back to church but now to reach anyone who does not currently attend church, BTCS offers an opportunity for evangelism. WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

VESTRY MEETING – Monday October 3rd at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room.

MOTHERS UNION – Tuesday 11th October at 2.00 pm, Branch Meeting in the Parish Room.

COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 5th November in the Town Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday 6th November following the 10.00 am Eucharist.

READERS ROTA

DATE	READER	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL
28 August Trinity 10	John Horrocks	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28
4 September Trinity 11	Jenny Swain	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20
11 September Trinity 12	Sue Piper	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
18 September Harvest	Ron Fleming	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	2 Corinthians 9.6-15	Luke 17.11-19
25 September Trinity 14	Ann Philp	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32
2 October Trinity 15	Julian Rudd	Isaiah 5.1-7	Philippians 3.4-14	Matthew 21.33-46
9 October Trinity 16	Seymour Monro	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
16 October Trinity 17	Alison Manson	Isaiah 45.1-7	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
23 October Last after Trinity	Anthony Montgomery	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Matthew 22.34-46
30 October ALL SAINTS	Handley Barrett	Revelation 7.9-17	1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12

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