

# **CHURCH OF THE HOLY RUDE**

## **STIRLING**

***(Church of Scotland)***



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **AUTUMN 2013**

## **FROM THE MANSE**

Dear Friends

This morning after breakfast we read Psalm 52 together, a psalm which read at verse seven, 'See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!'

It struck me that this was a very timely reminder from God's Word, when church leaders like the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Pope Francis in Brazil, along with our own Church and Society Council are speaking out about issues of money, debt, and the ways in which economic systems so often disadvantage the poor and the vulnerable. What has made the headlines has been the outspoken condemnation of the excessive interest rates charged by many Pay-Day loan companies as usury, the exploitation of the poorest in society by the wealthy, privileged and powerful – behaviour regularly condemned in the Bible, but the prophet Amos springs readily to mind.

However, the problem of high interest rates and the exploitation of the vulnerable is only one part of a much wider picture. As Christians we believe that money and other resources are given to us by God for use in His service, to proclaim the gospel and to serve God in serving others in Christ's name, particularly the poorest and the weakest in our own society and in the world around us.

As people called to this service, we have a great responsibility to use what we have received wisely, and not for self-gratification or to fulfill our own personal ambition. We all know, though, the temptation to put our trust in money and the things money can buy, power and influence and status not least among them. It is easy to be confused and misled by the values of a secular world which acknowledges no other goal than the advancement of personal interest, and measures success by material prosperity.

As it is with us as individual people, so it can be also with the church, and with congregations. We are capable of becoming too focused on the level of our bank balances and the management of our finances, and forget why we have these resources in the first place, where they came from, and for what purpose they were intended.

Solomon, when offered a gift by God, asked not for wealth or power, but for wisdom – the wisdom to know God's will, that he might reign with justice and seek the peace of his people and all peoples. In difficult times like these, when there are many questions about the future of our congregation, and of our church, we too should look to Solomon's example, put our trust in the God whose faithfulness we should not doubt, and seek wisdom to live as God's faithful people, doing God's will.

May God bless you and keep you, this day and every day.

Yours

Alan

## **From the Session Clerk**

Summer suns have certainly been glowing over recent months and as a result there has been much activity around the Church with an increase in the number of visitors and I always notice that when the sun is shining there are more smiles around which make for a more friendly world.. The Church certainly impresses the many visitors and the interior has been aglow with the reflected colours from the stained-glass windows. In addition we have had on display the wonderful painting by Iona Leishman of the Choir area. This was commissioned by the Friends of the Holy Rude and a most attractive greetings card has been produced for sale and which can be used for all occasions. I was searching through some old papers in the church and came across a copy of the National Restoration Scheme Appeal for 1936. This made fascinating reading and I was interested to read in a letter from the then Moderator of the General Assembly –“the Church of the Holy Rude is closely articulated into Scottish history. If Stirling Castle is a symbol of our national freedom, the Church of the Holy Rude is a symbol, and more, of that religious fervour which has given to our freedom its characteristic stamp”. The Church continues to play an important role in our community, but it does need the support of all its members.

As I mentioned in my last article the Social Committee had organised a fund-raising Coffee Morning in June, but I have to report that the support this event received was poor. On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November the Church Fayre will be held and I would ask you to give this your full support – encourage relatives and friends to come along and help make this a successful fundraising event.

The Anniversary Coronation Lecture was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July and I would venture to say that this was probably the most successful lecture held. Dr Jamie Reid Baxter’s lecture was most enlightening and entertaining and included performances by Sang Scule of music from the Stewart Court and there was even some audience participation. Congratulations must go to Mike Makower, Brian Morrison, Ann Richardson and Elma Wyllie for all the background work undertaken to ensure the success of this annual event.

During the summer months our Director of Music gave a series of organ recitals with the donations received at the concerts going to the Organ Fund which has been set up by the Friends to cover the cost of necessary repairs to the organ.

At the end of September, Capella Nova will be commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Flodden and the Coronation of James V with a number of workshops and concerts in the Church. Further details will be advertised in the local press nearer the time.

I would remind you that the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September and details of other Church Services can be found within the pages of this Newsletter.

**Iain M White**  
**Session Clerk**

## **DIARY OF SERVICES**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 1st <b><i>Short Communion Service</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 8th	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 15th <b><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 29th	10.00.a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller

### **OCTOBER\_**

Sunday 6th <b><i>Harvest Thanksgiving Short Communion Service</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 13th	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Benjamin Abeledo Army Chaplain, Forthside
Sunday 20th <b><i>followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller

***(Please remember Clocks go back)***

Sunday 27th	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
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### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 3rd <b><i>Short Communion Service</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 10th <b>Remembrance Day</b>	10.40 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 17th <b><i>followed by short Service for Healing and Wholeness</i></b>	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller
Sunday 24th	10.00 a.m.	Revd. Alan F. Miller

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



It doesn't seem possible that the school summer holidays are now over and I am having to plan ahead the choir music as far on as November. We have had some very good events taking place in the church since the last newsletter, from plainsong choirs through to organ recitals. One of my own recitals raised £150 towards the organ fund.

The next couple of months tend to be a bit quieter musically in the church before we have the usual build up to Christmas. As usual we have concerts by both the Stirling City Choir and the Stirling University Choir to look forward to, along with Carol concerts by the Macmillan Cancer Care and our own choir's Lessons & Carols.

As ever, please look at the events page in the Newsletter to keep up to speed on what's going on event wise at the Holy Rude. Lorna Paterson is also doing a fantastic job getting information in to the local papers so that the wider public of Stirling also know what is going on.

We are continuing to get information from the organ builders on the way forward to re-leathering the primary and secondary actions on the organ. These are like little bellows for each pipe that are now suffering after 74 years of service. The leather is perishing and leaking more and more air and causing ciphers. This is a time consuming and costly process which will mean that we will have to look into grant funding to be able to undertake this necessary work. We still have to raise as much money as we can as things are tight for funding bodies as well.

We are always looking for new members for the choir, please contact me, or any member of the choir for information.

Ian Boulter



### HOSPITAL VISITS

It is important that Members are reminded that when the Minister visits Hospitals now, there is no "Chaplain's List" for him to consult as in previous years. It would be helpful if you know of a Member or friend of the congregation who is in hospital that the Minister is informed either directly or by speaking to one of the Elders. This should also apply to anyone who is ill at home.

## DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 2013 CALENDAR



DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 14th September	"Doors Open Day"	10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 15th September	"Doors Open Day"	11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 25th September	Stirling Council School Choirs NyCOS Stirling Area Choir "Flodden "1513" Tickets - £6	6.00 – 7.00 p.m.
Sunday 29th September	Capella Nova Tickets - £12 Concessions - £9	7.30 p.m.
Sunday 10th November	Service of Remembrance followed by Service at War Memorial	10.40 a.m.
Saturday 16th November	Christmas Fayre	10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.
Saturday 30th November	Stirling University Choir	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 7th December	Stirling City Choir	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 10th December	Macmillan Concert	7.30 p.m.
Monday 16th December	Stirling High School Carol Concert	7.30 p.m.



## **FLOWER ROTA**



### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 1st	John Gray
Sunday 8th	Una Evitt
Sunday 15th	Janette Scott
Sunday 22nd	Alison Dale
Sunday 29th	Church Flowers



### **OCTOBER**

Sunday 6th	Harvest Festival
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Myra Gibson
Sunday 20th	Church Flowers
Sunday 27th	Janet Craig



### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 3rd	Choir
Sunday 10th	Remembrance – Lorna Paterson
Sunday 17th	Church Flowers
Sunday 24th	Ann Crawford

## *Pastoral*

### **Weddings**



#### **Saturday 20th July**

Jennifer Campbell and Matthew Newell

#### **Saturday 27th July**

Cassandra Baxter and Rakan Rahbani

#### **Saturday 10th August**

Claire Jane Blakemore and Mark Bellshaw



### **Newlywed's Prayer**

Lord watch over us as we  
venture into uncharted seas.

Protect and guide us to live in your glory  
and be an example of your love.

Watch over our families that have become one through our union.  
Give us the patience and understanding to weather the storms that test every alliance.

Be our shelter when we are homeless  
and our compass when we have lost our way.

Lord let us always be forever grateful  
for the gifts you have bestowed upon us.

So that never a day goes by that we take for granted the love we share now.  
And let the everlasting love we will share together always fill our hearts

*Amen*



## **Friends of the Holy Rude**

Would all members of the Friends of the Church of the Holy Rude please note that the Annual General Meeting this year which will be held on **Sunday 15th. September at 4.00 pm.** in the church. (This being the nearest Sunday to the actual Holy Rude or Holy Cross Day which is on 14th. September each year).

A report will be given on the significant financial assistance provided in the last year by the Friends to support repair and maintenance work to the church and other improvements. The annual Accounts will be presented for approval by the members.

Refreshments will be provided in the South East Aisle after the meeting. A good attendance is requested.

Brian Morrison

Secretary



Many international students come to Scotland to study at our universities. Will they make contact with people and life beyond the academic environment? What will they do for a homely break if home is too far away? For 26 years, national charity HOST has been linking students with volunteer hosts, who invite a student to spend a day, a weekend, Christmas or New Year in their home. Chatting; eating together; playing games; seeing the area; joining in with the local community; making friends – a HOST visit lays down wonderful memories to be re-lived in China, India, the USA and many other parts of the world. And hosts learn from their guests too. If you could make a student welcome, please contact HOST through [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser for Scotland, Alan Robson, on 01946 825170. Thank you.

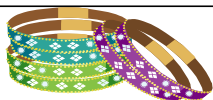


## CHRISTMAS & CRAFT FAYRE

Yes - it **will** - sooner than we think - be that time of year again when it is vital that we make a special effort to raise funds for the upkeep of our huge building and meet our commitments to the local and wider work of the church. Can we count on your help - please! The date for our venture

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2013 from 10.A.M. until 3.P.M.**

**Please mark it in your diaries now, share it with other members and friends and make it widely known. It's also not too early to start planning and laying things aside for the various stalls etc which we hope to have. Read on for more information about this.....!**



Building on the success of last year's **Craft stalls** we plan to have even **more of these** this time. They will include jewellery, babies knitwear, Harris Tweed bags and novelties, patchwork, cards, scarves and other goodies from local Top of the Town shop SAGE, handmade soaps and possibly several other interesting stalls not yet confirmed as we go to press. Two exciting features this time will be a stall of screen printing by Helen Dale, daughter of our Flower Convener, Alison Dale, who has also designed the attractive fliers for this event which we hope everyone involved in the life of the Holy Rude will distribute far and wide as soon as they are ready; and the presence of two popular local artists, Robert Brown and Iona Leishman, who will be at work during the day and gifting part of the proceeds of their work to help the kirk.

There will be the customary **church stalls** too including the ever popular cake and candy, plus home made bread and preserves, CDs and DVDs, paperback books, a new effort by the Young Church, toys, bulbs, the bottle stall (do start collecting for this now - bottles of all kinds of things will be welcome!), bric - a - brac, and a special stall of Christmas items including the Kirk's own Christmas card (we hope!).

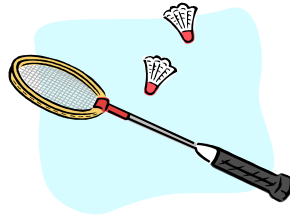
The **South Aisle Cafe**, serving teas and coffees all day and home made soup and crusty bread at lunch time, will also require baking as well as people to set it up on the Friday and staff it - and to wash dishes!

**Everyone is needed to help in some way or another.** This year our faithful Co-ordinator, Sara McKinlay, who has already been hard at work in the planning of this mammoth event, will not be with us on the actual day as she and her husband, Robin, will be in Canada to help in the arrival of their first grandchild, expected in early November (we send special good wishes to Jenny for that exciting event!). We are therefore very grateful to **Janet Craig (tel: 472319)** who has kindly agreed to deputise for Sara and who will be glad to receive now any offers of help or of goods. Also, some of those who have been regular helpers in the past are not well enough this year to do what they once did so we **really do need ALL the help we can get**



It can be fun working together for a common purpose and putting all shoulders to the wheel so that the load is shared! Let's see if we can make this the best Fayre yet! Recently, we heard an amazing story of the little congregation at St. Monans in Fife which holds a three week sale of all sorts of things in its kirk during the summer and raises over £11,000! Now **there's an inspiration.....and perhaps a target for us too?**

## Viewfield Badminton Club



Viewfield Badminton Club re-starts on Monday 2nd Sept. at 7.30 pm.

All ages and stages welcome! Enjoy fellowship and keep fit !

For further details contact Findlay McIntosh, at Holy Rude  
or John Millar at Viewfield.

### ***GIFT FOR FIONA CULPIN***

In the summer newsletter, it was suggested that we send a garden token to Fiona Culpin for her new house in New Zealand as a thank you for her flower arranging skills and her support of the Holy Rude over many years in the congregation. Thanks to the generosity of many members, we were able to send a cheque for 200 N.Z. dollars to Fiona. I have since had a very appreciative letter from her thanking everyone for the gift. In her letter she says,

“It is lovely to know that I am still in the thoughts of my friends. Winter will soon be at an end here and the garden centres are getting new stock in daily. It will be a great pleasure to look for an addition to my garden – something which will always be associated with my time at the Holy Rude and the friends I made there.”

Janet Craig



### Crisis Food Bank.

There was an article in the summer newsletter from the co-ordinator of Start-Up about the progress of the Crisis Food Bank. During the last few months the project has continued to supply up to fifty families a week with both “store-cupboard” and fresh food from two access points in the town, one at St. Columba’s church and the other at Hillpark Community Centre. In June when the Scottish Parliament held a “roadshow” event in Stirling, Start-Up was chosen as the charity they visited. The deputy speaker of the Parliament and Bruce Crawford MSP came to the unit and expressed great interest and support for what was being done to help those who are struggling to get food on the table. More recently an urgent appeal went out for extra donations of tinned and packaged goods, as regular giving tends to drop off during the summer months. The Crisis Food Bank box appeared again at the back of the church. There has been an excellent response both from the churches and from the wider community so that supplies are beginning to build up again. Donations are welcome at any time, even if the box is not in its place and can be given to Janet Craig or Tricia Cooke

Janet Craig

### **SUITABLE DONATIONS TO CRISIS FOOD BANK**

WE ARE PARTICULARLY SHORT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

**CEREALS AND BREAKFAST BARS  
TINNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES  
JAMS AND SPREADS  
READY AND INSTANT MEALS  
TINNED BEANS AND PASTA  
BISCUITS AND SNACKS**

DEMAND FOR THE FOOD BANK SUPPORT IS NOW IN EXCESS OF FIFTY PACKS PER WEEK TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL AREAS OF STIRLINGSHIRE WHO ARE IN CRISIS. WE HOPE THE COMMUNITY WILL RESPOND TO THE NEED FOR SOME OF OUR BASIC ITEMS.

## **ROYAL SALUTE**

**1 July 2013**

The Queen of Canada rode into town on Canada Day , Monday 1 July .

Her Majesty the Queen arrived in the City of Edinburgh, probably escorted by Police Scotland rather than the Mounties, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at the bottom of the Royal Mile. From Edinburgh Castle at the top there was a firing of a 21-gun salute to mark the event.

The Moderators of a number of presbyteries, together with other faith representatives and The Band of the Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada, had been invited to this ceremony. The firing was carried out by the 19th Royal Regiment of Artillery, the Scottish Gunners. Once this ended the Gunners were reviewed. The Reviewing Officer was the Rev Jonathan Woodhouse QHC, Chaplain-General of the UK Army since 29 July 2011.

The Chaplain-General was accompanied by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland , Rt Rev Lorna Hood, in reviewing those on parade and chatting with them. On dispersal all the guests were ushered back to the Officers' Mess for a modest buffet and to continue celebrating Canada Day with our friends from across the water.

The Moderator of Stirling Presbytery, Rev Alex MacPherson of Buchanan linked with Drymen, had been unable to attend so presbytery sought somebody else who could deputise. Holy Rude's Presbytery Elder was appointed. Another member of Stirling Presbytery who was present, very much working in his military capacity as Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, was the Rev Benjamin Abelado.

He is based at the Headquarters of 51 (Scottish) Brigade, Forthside, Stirling, and spends much of his time on the move depending on where units of the brigade are serving. When he is able, he participates in the meetings of our Presbytery. The Commander of 51 (Scottish) Brigade is Brigadier Paul K Harkness, MBE.

Mike Makower

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## **SERVICES FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

Members will be aware of our services each month when all who have requested prayer are upheld. Anonymity is important and, therefore, first names only are upheld. Our cards between the months of October and April usually carry continued prayers for members, their family, friends or, as has often been the case, individual members of other local congregations who are aware of this service.

This summer, thanks to our Ministry of Welcome, visitors have left over 300 cards between May and August. This enforces the great need throughout the world for prayer and it is heartening and a privilege to know that our visitors feel comfortable in asking us to pray on their behalf. On many occasions visitors also ask for God's blessing on all who worship within Holy Rude.

We know from many who contact us how appreciative they are that their prayer requests are upheld in a sensitive manner and, in many cases, continued from month to month.

Please come along and support the many throughout the world who need our prayers to carry them through.

We know how powerful prayer can be.

Hilary Blewitt



### **The Sound of Ceremony at the Stewart Court**

The Revd. Ian Paterson welcomed a large audience to the lecture-recital commemorating the 446<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coronation of James VI on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Jamie Reid Baxter delivered the lecture supported by Sang Scule – a small chamber choir directed by James Hutchinson.

Dr Baxter is a renowned scholar who has been prominent in bringing about and participating in live performances of music, poetry and drama of the Scottish Renaissance.

The importance of music in the life of the Stewart Court was highlighted by Dr Baxter as he took the audience through many key aspects of James' reign. This enthusiastic and erudite journey through the rule of James was punctuated with contributions from Sang Scule – a group which aims to revive the combination of scholarship and art which are found in the Sang Sculis of pre-Reformation Scotland.

Among the musical contributions were pieces sung at the inauguration of the Regent Moray in 1567 and the first ever performance in Scotland of 'Harmonia Gratulatoria' for two choirs, written for James's Danish wedding to Anna of Denmark.

Sang Scule produced a beautiful sound which was well balanced and very evocative of the period.

The audience were prevailed upon to participate by joining the choir in singing the LXXII Psalme (Scots Psalter) 'He sall tak petie on the puir that ar with neid opprest'. Very good they were too! It was very helpful to have the words of the musical contributions printed in the programme encouraging us all to read and enjoy the Scots language of the period.

Dr Baxter's full and fascinating talk was much enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

The evening ended with refreshments and the opportunity to chat with the choir and Dr Baxter as well as catching up with the many old friends of Holy Rude who attended the evening.

Many thanks are due to Mike Makower for all his work in arranging this very successful Anniversary Lecture-Recital.

Pat Middleton

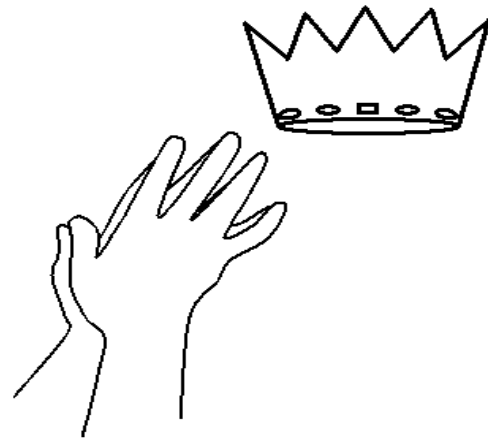
WORDSEARCH FOR YOUNG CHURCH

# Lord's Prayer Word Search

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## **HARVEST REFLECTION**



The Hymnwriter, Reverend Henry Alford's life was touched by tragedy. His mother died when he was born, and he lost his own two little boys when they were very young.

But he thanked God every day – for all the Blessings he had. The Love of his wife. The Joy of his home. The Beauty of the world around him.

In 1857 Reverend Alford became Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. One Autumn day he went for a walk, and as he strolled along, he suddenly felt a great thankfulness in his heart at the sight of the cornfields and beautiful countryside.

As soon as he got back home, he went straight to his study and began to compose a new Hymn. He wrote, "Come Ye thankful People Come! All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. Come to God's Own Temple, Come. Raise the song of Harvest Home!"

So Henry Alford composed a wonderful Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. It was one of the first Harvest Hymns composed about 150 years ago – and of course – still sung all over the world at Harvest Festivals.

"Even so, Lord quickly come;  
Bring your final harvest home:  
Gather all your people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, for ever purified  
In your presence to abide;  
Come, with all your angels come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!"



**Some Light Relief**



***Children are Quick***

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn , how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald , what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie , name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference  
Winston Churchill

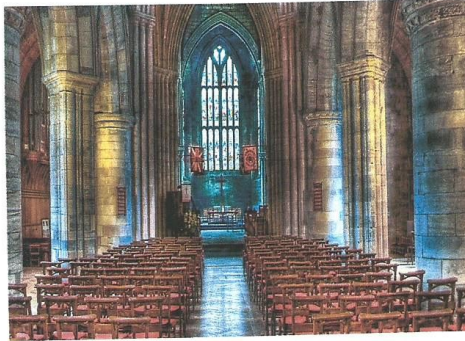
Goodness is the only investment that never fails  
Henry David Thoreau

Always remember you are unique just like  
everyone else

Anon

Every artist was first an amateur  
Ralph Waldo

Emerson



### **WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME?**

**FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY VISITORS TO HOLY RUDE WHO HAVE PICKED UP A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE WORK OF OUR MINISTRY OF WELCOME.**

**AS THE ORIGINAL PARISH CHURCH OF STIRLING, AND WITH THE PRESENT BUILDING DATING BACK TO THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES, HOLY RUDE HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART NOT ONLY IN THE LIFE OF STIRLING, BUT ALSO IN THE HISTORY OF SCOTLAND. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR THE MEDIEVAL STEWART KINGS AND QUEENS, AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND TO EXPERIENCE THE REFORMATION, AND THEN WAS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.**

**AFTER 600 YEARS, HOLY RUDE IS STILL AN ACTIVE CHURCH AND IS PART OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO STAGES CONCERTS AND RECITALS, AS WELL AS CIVIC AND MILITARY CEREMONIES.**

**IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS AGO THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE FINE ARCHITECTURE AND RICH HISTORY OF THIS ANCIENT CHURCH SHOULD BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE MANY VISITORS WHO COME TO STIRLING, AND SO THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME WAS THEN CREATED. IN THIS, VOLUNTEERS MAN THE CHURCH DAILY OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS TO WELCOME VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND HELP EXPLAIN AND SHARE THE FASCINATING STORY OF HOLY RUDE.**

**THE NEW SEASON IS NOW UNDERWAY AND, DESPITE THE COLD AND WET WEATHER DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, ENCOURAGING AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE HAVE VISITED SO FAR.**

**DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM VISITORS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE FABRIC OF THIS HISTORIC BUILDING.**

**Don't Forget**



**CLOCKS GO BACK**

***Please note Clocks go Back  
27th October at 2.00 a.m.***

**MATERIAL FOR WINTER NEWSLETTER**

The next Newsletter will be our Winter Newsletter covering the months of

**December, January and February**

Please ensure all articles are available no later than **Sunday 10th November.**  
Please let me know of forthcoming events and other additional material that may be  
of interest.

Special thanks, as ever, to all members who have provided articles for this edition.  
Your support, as ever, is very much appreciated.

*Hilary Blewitt*

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## **The Inquisitive Mind of a Child**

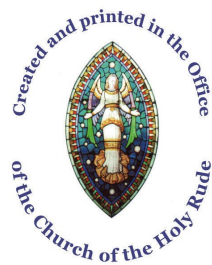


**Why are they selling poppies Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies child are flowers of love  
For the men who marched away.  
But why have they chosen a poppy Mummy  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.  
But why are the poppies so red Mummy  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood my child  
The blood our soldiers shed.  
The heart of the poppy is black Mummy  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black is the symbol of grief my child  
For the men who never came back.  
But why Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my child  
For the world - IS FORGETTING AGAIN!**



**We will remember them**





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