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WELCOME TO ST SERF'S PARISH CHURCH

(SCOTTISH CHARITY REFERENCE: SC032353)

**OUR SERVICE TODAY IS CONDUCTED BY
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On Duty Next Sunday 18th June Benarty at 9.45am.

Welcome: J. Adams, L. McGregor.
Reader: E. Smith.
Teas: M. Binnie, J. Adams, E. Danks, A. Moore.

Lochgelly at 11.15am

Welcome: J. Blamey, K. Blamey, I. Patrick
Reader: M. Carlisle.
Teas: A. Lockhart, B. Martin, J. Patrick.



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Welcome: D. Moore, A. Moore.
Reader: M. Binnie.
Teas: M. Binnie, J. Adams, E. Danks, A. Moore.

Lochgelly at 11.15am

Welcome: M. Lumsden, S. Dawkes, T. Muir.
Reader: N. Olszok.
Teas: I. Brown, B. Dickson, W. Malvenan.

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will feel you are among friends. Our morning fellowship will continue with a cup of tea or coffee after the service. All welcome.

DUNFERMLINE PRESBYTERY - have requested that today
we pray for all at Saline & Blairingone Church.

TRINITY SUNDAY

WELCOME AND INTIMATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: 111 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

TALK FOR ALL

HYMN: 200 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION,

READINGS:

PSALM 8

MATTHEW 28: 16 - 20

HYMN: 483 FATHER OF HEAVEN, WHOSE LOVE PROFOUND

SERMON: "THE GREAT COMMISSION"

PERSONAL PRAYER

HYMN: 528 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE.

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

HYMN: 251 I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN.

Trinity Sunday celebrates the core Christian conviction that God is not just one, but also three-in-one. For the people of Israel, no other god could compare with their God whom they knew as both creator and liberator and whom they experienced as intimately involved in every aspect of their history and of their day-to-day lives. In a world of many gods, the assertion found in today's first reading from Deuteronomy that "there is no other" god was an enormous claim to make. God's sustaining and liberating presence brought with it serious responsibilities: keeping God's commandments grounded the people of Israel and their descendants in the life of their God. The earliest Christians inherited the Jewish belief in one God. At the same time, Christians expressed their faith in distinctively trinitarian language, even if references to all three persons of the Trinity are rarely found in the one passage. Over the first six centuries of the Christian era, the belief that God is three-in-one was to develop into the doctrine of the Trinity which is at the heart of Christian faith. The word Trinity is not used in the Christian Scriptures. In fact, it was not until the end of the fourth century, at the Council of Constantinople in 381, that the doctrine of the Trinity was set out in the creed that is still professed today. The Second Council of Constantinople in 551 used the expression "trinity" to refer to the one essence of God to be worshipped in three persons. Today's gospel passage brings Matthew's gospel to a close. Jesus commands his disciples to make disciples of all peoples and to baptize in the name of the Triune God. At the beginning of this gospel, Jesus is named Emmanuel, "God with us". With Jesus' final assurance, "know that I am with you always", we find ourselves gathered into the very life of God. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain the Trinity. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day we set aside to celebrate the nearness of the God who draws us into the dance of life and love. As St. Paul reminds us, God is not a distant God, but rather a God whose Spirit draws us, as "God's children" and as "joint heirs with Christ", into the very communion of the Trinity