

## Focus on Fetteresso

This week's service felt like the beginning of summer at last. The choir have started their summer recess, the children are preparing for a Sunday School trip this coming Saturday and the weather has warmed.

In the address to the children, the Reverend Fyfe Blair illustrated how difficult it is to walk along a rope, sometimes we have to tread a narrow path and have decisions to make. The same situation applied to Daniel who had to trust in God.

The lesson continued to look at Proverbs, which is a practical application of wisdom. The book of Proverbs can difficult to follow; it focuses on different categories of wisdom. The readings this week read by Jane Moody were taken from Proverbs 3, 10 & 14 covering "discernment" which helps us to focus on life as it unfolds. There are difficult questions in our lives where we need to discern an answer. We can do that be focusing on messages from sources such as Gods word, the Holy Spirit, council from others, and our subconscious.

The evening service followed a similar theme; however this time led to meditation through a Prayer of Discernment from Thomas Merton. One verse in the prayer included the thought: "But I believe

That the desire to please you  
Does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire  
In all that I am doing."

What a wonderful way discern our thoughts  
and to focus our lives.

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The elders held a retreat which included an away day at Finzean over the weekend. There were opportunities to share in a meal, quality time, workshops and communion. The experience has provided the opportunity to focus on future strategies which will be planned in detail over the autumn with a view to commencing implementation some time next year.

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Within the prayers for the world thought has been focussed on the following topics: -

- The UK's problems in Government and the people who are affected by economic worries.
- Demonstrations and unrest in Iran.
- Personnel preparing to go to Uganda and Malawi over the summer.
- Conflicts in Pakistan
- Efforts being made to control cholera in Zimbabwe.

The following intimations were made: -

- Amis lunch last week raised £890 which will assist her to go on a planned training visit to Malawi.
- The curry night in aid of the trip to Wototo held in Zaras Restaurant was successful and a table top sale is planned for the Plainstones on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Sunday School will hold a presentation of books marking the end of term this Sunday.
- Crosserach are looking for a Domestic Assistant. Details in the web site [www.crosserach.org.uk](http://www.crosserach.org.uk)