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Dear All,

The dark, lean days of Lent have passed and the joy of the resurrection propels us into the rest of the Christian year. Well done to those of you who experienced Our Lord's Passion through the services in Holy Week and may your sense of Good Friday's desolation enhance your reception of the Easter joy now and always. All this excitement and sense of growth is reflected this year in our own Christian calendar for April. **The Rogation Days** that precede Ascension Day fall on the twenty eighth, twenty ninth, and thirtieth of the month. On these days we offer prayers to God for his blessing on the fruits of the earth and on human labour. This is a fitting basis for the **Ascension of our Lord** on the first of May. How apposite to celebrate Our Lord's ascension on the day we celebrate the burgeoning of all that is natural in our world. As Lord of all, the Christ takes the glories of our earth with him to show once more that heaven and earth are eternally inseparable, spiritual growth is now a natural element in our world as we turn our wills to Christ. Complementary to this is the truth that Our Lord constantly blesses us and renews the fruits of the world through his continuing presence in the body and the blood. Thus the Father is the source of all goodness, the Spirit brings all things to fruition and the Son shows us how to treasure the gifts we are given.

All God's Blessings to you and those you love,
Father Paul XX

Dates for the Diary

April 3 Film Club

April 8 Vestry meets

April 12 Coffee morning for St Peter's

April 25 St Mark

May 1 Ascension Day

St Philip and St James

Let us learn, like a bird,
for a moment to take
Sweet rest on a branch
that is ready to break.
She feels the branch tremble,
yet gaily she sings.
What is it to her?
She has wings, she has wings.



Father Benson (inspired by Victor Hugo)

Caring/Being cared for: A point of view: Andrea de Pree

“Corinthians 1 v3-5 - - - ‘Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows’.

Over many years of caring as a professional and latterly as a volunteer these verses have meant so much to me. Sometimes it can be a struggle to keep cheerful, and to keep positive when listening hour after hour to people’s troubles, but knowing that I am always replenished by the love and comfort of our Lord keeps me on an even keel. Caring for people is about listening, and about being still, and calm. When troubled, people don’t want to hear my stories or to feel that I am impatient and wanting to rush off to ‘the next case.’ It is important when caring for someone to keep praying and to keep in touch with God, both with requests for that person but also for oneself, that we may be of use. It is also all about listening and observing, not about making judgements and definitely not about passing on gossip.

John 21 v18-19 ... Jesus said ‘I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go’.

These verses bring home to me the vulnerability of someone who is incapacitated by old age, illness or disability, and the enormous responsibility one has of being a carer. How easy it is to go into a home and make suggestions, change things around or tell someone what is best for them. Helping is **not** about taking over but about empowering a person to do things or make decisions for themselves. It is about maintaining someone’s dignity in an undignified situation.

We thank Andrea de Pree for this contribution. Andrea has been a professional nurse and is an elder in the St Mary’s congregation.

Amount of money raised in the jars for UNICEF t was over £34.
Thank you

Visit to Cape Coast, Ghana 8-18 February 2008.

Judith Wilkinson

Four of us, Anne Pankhurst, Eleanor Moffat, Polly Johnson and I, travelled to Ghana on 8 February with a view to exploring a possible 'Companion Link' with an Anglican church in Cape Coast. Holy Trinity will hopefully be linked with Revd. Philip Quaake (pronounced 'Kwarkoo') Anglican Church (PQ). Philip Quaake was one of three young men sent to England in 1754 by Revd. Thomas Thompson to train as priests. Sadly, two died and Philip was the only one to survive to be ordained and to return to Ghana. He was the first black African to be ordained into the Anglican Church.

We were met on Friday evening at Accra airport by Revd. Kofi de Graaft-Johnson and Bishop Daniel Allotey. † Daniel was taking a later flight to South Africa so we were not expecting to meet with him again until Friday. Kofi drove us to Cape Coast, Ghana's third largest city, on Saturday after a quick visit to the University of Ghana's campus.

Sunday morning service in the cathedral began at 9am and finished at 12.30pm. I can hear you all thinking 'Oh no!' but surprisingly, the time passed very quickly because there was so much vitality in that congregation. The service consisted of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion taken from the prayer book (the older members of our party remarked that this was very refreshing. It took me back to the days before my confirmation and it was like going home). It was conducted in English but the sermon was given in Fanti, the local language, and translated for our benefit. The sermon lasted at least 30 minutes! There were 3 collections - one for general funds, one for each day of the week depending on the day one was born and one for a special project, and all the time a band was playing and folks dancing down the central aisle. Although there were plenty of electric fans in the building, each lady was given a plastic hand fan for extra relief! The pew in which we sat had wonderful views of the waves in the Bight of Benin crashing on to the rocks on the shore. All in all, this was a very happy occasion; everyone was extremely friendly and of a generally happy disposition

On Sunday evening we went to Choral Evensong at St. Nicholas' Seminary which has 43 ordinands, two of whom are women (yes, we

have a breakthrough!). Usually this service is at 6pm but because this day was the final of the Africa Nations Football Cup with kick-off at 5pm, the ordinands asked if it could be brought forward to 4pm. This was a good idea from our point of view because it allowed us to take photographs in daylight. It is dark at 6.30pm. This was an amazing experience. I still marvel at the sheer number of young people from different African nations who want to be priests. We should be so lucky; there are no ordinands in Edinburgh Diocese at the moment.

Every day of the following week we were kept out of mischief with meetings and visits to various churches and church projects, schools and historical sites. On Tuesday, we met with the Link Committees of PQ and Revd. Thomas Thompson Anglican Church (TT) with whom the churches in Coldstream and Kelso will link. Everyone got on terribly well. I was told about the activities PQ undertakes. They have several very active groups: Mothers' Union, Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Guild of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (a prayer group), The Good Shepherd Guild (a Lay Pastor Group), Choir, Sunday School and a Youth Group. There are about 40-50 children in Sunday School and 38 members of the youth group aged between 12 and 35. The PQ Link Committee is made up of 5 members of the PCC, Francis Amanfu, headmaster of Edinamen Secondary School in Elmina, Eric Amar, manager of Ghana Commercial Bank in Cape Coast, Kodwo Asiedu-Gyimah, PE teacher at Adisadel College in Cape Coast, his wife Matilda, teacher and secretary of the PCC and Agathe (surname unknown), a hairdresser. This group were very attentive towards me and we had great fun together. Francis invited me to the final day of the inter-schools sports competition which was very nice especially because I was invited to present the certificates to the 3 successful athletes in the boys' 4000 metres

PQ is responsible for maintaining the buildings and furniture in two schools in the parish, Christ Church and St Nicholas with which the clergy have strong links. There are also two outstations, Good Shepherd Church at Eguase (pronounced 'Egwarzi') and a church at Amosima. PQ considers evangelism as a most important commission hence the establishment of the two outstations. There are to open three more.

The Priest in Charge is Revd. Canaan Dawson Amoah who was on sabbatical in the USA at the time of my visit but the Assistant Parish Priest, Revd. Jo-jo Gyebi-Garbrah (Jo-jo) was there. Jo-jo is in charge of the outstations and I was taken to Eguase to see the work that is being done there. The school is very much in need of text books and a reading library however, the main point about Eguase is that this is a village without sanitation. When PQ built the school, a mud hut was built to house one latrine for the school's use. This was erected at the edge of an area of scrubland which is designated as the village toilet. Jo-jo is very keen to build two blocks of latrines for the villagers.

The temperature was very hot (around 32°C) and very humid but was bearable with the help of air conditioning in the hotels and electric fans elsewhere. Cape Coast has a beautiful coastline and the people are wonderful with a very happy disposition. However, I was not prepared for the level of poverty I witnessed and I realised how well off we are here, yet dissatisfied much of the time. How can these people be so happy and friendly when they have nothing of a material nature? It is quite simple; they have an incredibly deep-rooted faith in God, are not afraid to talk about Him and see Him as part of their everyday lives. It was a very humbling experience. We could learn so much from them

I hope that Vestry will support the proposed Link with PQ and I would recommend that anyone who can afford a visit, should make a trip there as soon as possible. I have high hopes that Matilda will come to Scotland in August to visit her sister in Glasgow and to spend a couple of weekends with me so that she can get to know you all at Holy Trinity.

Vestry Membership

As you know Peter Green became Treasurer at the December Vestry meeting. This caused a vacancy in the Vestry. According to the Constitution the vacancy can be filled by the Vestry co-opting a new member. The Vestry have co-opted Margaret Fairbairn to fill the vacancy. Margaret will serve till the AGM and will then be available for election in the normal way.

P Martin Lugton
Vestry Secretary

Lambeth 2008/The Haddington Conferences/The Diocesan Synod

The Archbishop of Canterbury has invited the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, with their spouses to meet in July. During the preceding week to the Conferences, from 11th – 15 July, 8 Bishops with their spouses will join us in this diocese; we hope to welcome them with the very best Scottish hospitality, to show them round, to listen to them, to talk with them, to worship together and to enjoy both 'serious' and 'fun' time together. Those bishops will come from Brazil, the USA, Canada, Tanzania, South Africa, Ghana, Papua New Guinea and Nigeria. For further details watch this space.

Elsbeth Strachan re-iterated the rest of the diocese's thanks for Holy Trinity's welcome for the two conferences held here (the size, 120-130 each, adding to the Trinity Centre's experience) Conference members had particularly valued the contributions of Margaret Fairbairn and all her team.

In these conferences we (folk from all over the diocese, lay and clergy, younger and older, women and men) had shared our diverse perspectives of the Scottish Episcopal Church. This included our own input together with excellent presentations of our history, the SEC in its socio-political context, an ecumenical thumb sketch, the distinctiveness of our liturgy, our involvement in Scottish academic life. A booklet is planned for the summer to include some of this. We also shared in perspectives of our communion through a masterly presentation from Keith Ward, three snapshots and many participant contributions and questions.

We were open about areas of disagreement whether it was those between Bishops, some of whom had found themselves unable to come to Lambeth or among ourselves. We are split in our attitudes to sexuality and in our varied understandings of the authority of scripture. Bishop Brian emphasized that such differences demonstrate turbulence not sickness, and that it is out of turbulence and even hurt that new life and growth come. We are, he

said, a church where each province is embedded in its own culture, though we are sometimes called to challenge that culture and to embrace vulnerability, brokenness and diversity. Our Bishop emphasized that it is vitally important to understand someone else's position and that understanding does not necessarily mean agreement. He commended to us the same process of looking at ourselves – our distinctiveness, what we share and where we disagree within our own much smaller contexts e.g., within this charge of Holy Trinity.

Members of Synod were so much in agreement with the supportive yet challenging atmosphere of the family gathered in conference and at Synod that there was unanimous agreement to ask Bishop Brian to take the following to General Synod and to Lambeth:

'The members of this Synod affirm that our experience is that we can hold together as brothers and sisters in the faith and that we do not wish to be forced apart. We acknowledge that there are sincerely held views which differ but we are determined not to be divided. We pray that God will call deeper truths out of our present experience. We commend this spirit of waiting on God to the wider Anglican Communion'.

Something Missing!

You may have noticed that the wonderful painting of Jesus on the Cross, that hangs at the back of the church by the organ also the Crucifix above the pulpit are missing. We have to thank a kind person in the congregation for very generously offering to pay for them both to be cleaned. We are very grateful to have this wonderful gift and look forward to seeing them restored to their former glory.

Mothering Sunday Flower Picking

It always makes me feel refreshed and Spring-like when the flower picking comes around. I feel as if the Winter is finally over when the daffodils are flowering (even though it's still bitterly cold some days).

Saturday 1st March was another fine day for our annual outing to Eaglescairn. How fortunate we were, because Friday was rainy and so was Mothering Sunday itself. At one point during the morning, I could even feel the sun scorching through the back of my anorak (well, perhaps an over-statement!!) and said a quiet prayer of thankfulness that the rain had held off.

Sari and Robin once again had invited us to pick their daffs, heather and pussy willow to make our Mothering Sunday posies. Though there were very few of us this year, we had quickly gathered what we needed. Robin had very kindly cut down a large bit of the pussy willow tree, in preparation for our visit, so there was no need for ladders as in previous years!

The pickers this year were Lachlann and David Hinley (and two of Lachlann's friends from school), John Elcock, and Gail, Alice and Lucy Craven. After picking the daffodils, and doing exceptionally well with the heather cutting, the youngsters went off to explore, ending up in Sari's kitchen for well-earned refreshments.

At this point, David, John and I put down our picnic rugs and set about the business of putting the posies together. With our years of experience, we now have this down to a fine art, even so, John still managed to come up with an ingenious way to sort out my elastic band problem!! After a short while we had completed our mission and retreated to Sari's kitchen for coffee, home-made cakes and a chat. What a treat, thanks so much.

I really enjoy our annual Saturday excursion to Eaglescairn, and seeing the posies being given out in Church on Mothering Sunday made me feel quite proud. I know the children loved going up to the front of Church for their chat with Father Paul; it made it a very special service for them, and hopefully for the congregation too.

Thank you to David, Lachlann, John, Alice, Lucy, Lachlann's friends, and of course Sari and Robin for making this possible.

Gail Craven



The Notice board

**Coffee Morning In aid of St Peter's Church, Ihindu Kenya
Saturday 12 April 10 am – 12 .30 pm
Trinity Centre**

Contributions towards the following stalls would be gratefully received and can be left at the back of the Church or given to me personally.

Preserves, Home Baking, Unwanted Gifts, Books, & Raffle Prizes

Setting up will take place from 8.30pm on Friday evening Home Baking & Contributions can be handed in either then or at 9am on Saturday morning



This is a joint venture with St Mary's COS who are forming a link with St Peter's

Please phone for further information many thanks for your support
Mary Wallace 01620 810382

TESCO VOUCHERS COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS

We try to collect as many as possible for Elphinstone school where Liz teaches. If you have any to contribute please drop them in to the box at the back of the church. Together we can make a difference!

To ALL Jam-Makers

If you need jam jars (or other glass jars), I would be delighted to deliver them to you as I have masses!. You can always phone me 01620 810547.

John Paul

Film Club



Thursday 3rd April
1.30 pm Trinity centre
Educating Rita

Tea, biscuits and bit gossip to follow

Algerian Christians need our prayers

Algerian Christian leaders have asked for our prayerful support as they are being pressured in three ways.

First, there is a sustained and intense media campaign against the church. On most days in January major Algerian newspapers carried articles expressing concern about the growth of the church. The amount of detail in some articles suggests that informants have been attending some fellowships.

Second, seven fellowships are known to have been closed by the authorities. Several church leaders were told to bring an official license issued by a government committee that was established by legal decree in 2007 but has not yet been formed or held its first meeting. The affected fellowships are in Ait Amar, Ait Djemaa, Bachloul, Boughni, Ouargla, Taret and Tizi Ouzou.

Third, several believers have been formally charged. There were several trials in 2007 but no Christian was convicted. On 5th February three believers accused of insulting Islam were told that they will be sentenced to three years in prison and fined 5,000 Euros. The official written sentence was expected on the 12th of February. Another believer has been told to report for a further hearing on 5th March, despite the witnesses that testified against him admitting that they don't know him. He has been told that he will be imprisoned for one year and fined heavily. In a third case another believer has been told his trial will be held on 2nd April. This date has been changed several times.

Algerian Christians request our prayers that:

- a. The media attention will have a positive impact on the church, drawing more people to respond to the love and truth of Jesus
- b. The closed fellowships will be allowed to reopen
- c. All members will find worship and fellowship with others
- d. Our three brothers will not be sentenced to jail
- e. The brothers on trial on March 5 and April 2 will be acquitted
- f. All officials involved will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and respond to His love

***This comes via Mary Wallace from St Mary's Parish Church.
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FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals:

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Reginald Maltby ... 29th February

Margaret Millar 8th March

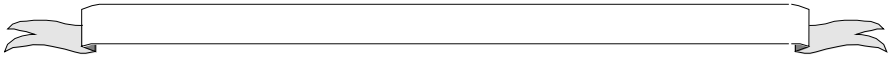
Kenneth Whiting ... 14th March



Baptism:

***We welcome you. We will care for you.
We will share our faith with you."***

Fraser James McCall ... 16th April



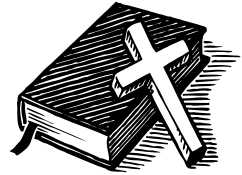
Magnificat

Out of the deep into an infinite height
I gaze on mystery and might
Descending in unending mercy
Into the margins, where we see
The stable, an inn's outbuilding,
The city's place of execution,
The only road to resurrection.

George Every



Lectionary Readings for Sundays



- March 30 Acts 2 14a, 22-32, Psalm16,
1 Peter1 3-9, John 20 19-end
- April 6 Acts 2 14a, 36-41, Psalm116 1-3 10 - end,
1 Peter1 17-23, Luke24 13-35
- April13 Acts 2 42-end, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2 19-end,
John 10 1-10
- April 20 Acts 7 55-end, Psalm 31 1-5 15 16,
1 Peter2 2-10, John 14 1-14
- April 27 Acts 17 22-31, Psalm 66 7-18, 1 Peter 3 13 - end,
John 14 15-21



Weekday Eucharistic Readings

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| 1 April | Matthew 1 18-end | 14 April | John 10 1-10 |
| 2 April | John 3 16-21 | 15 April | John 10 22-30 |
| 3 April | John 3 31-end | 16 April | John 12 44-end |
| 4 April | John 6 1-15 | 17 April | John 13 16-20 |
| 5 April | John 6 16-21 | 18 April | John 14 1-6 |
| 7 April | John 6 22-29 | 19 April | John 14 7-14 |
| 8 April | John 6 30-35 | 21 April | John 14 21-26 |
| 9 April | John 6 35-40 | 22 April | John 14 27-end |
| 10 April | John 6 44-51 | 23 April | John 15 18-21 |
| 11 April | John 6 52-59 | 24 April | John 15 9-11 |
| 12 April | John 6 60-69 | 25 April | Mark 13 5-13 |
| | | 26 April | John 15 18-21 |
| | | 28 April | John 15 26-16 4 |
| | | 29 April | John 16 5-11 |
| | | 30 April | John 16 12-15 |

ROTA APRIL

	Coffee & Tea	
30th Mar	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
6th April	Jean Fairbairn	Ann Clark
13th April	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
20th April	Barrie Ledingham	Sheena Wood
27th April	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
	Sidespersons	
30th Mar		
6th April	Martin Lugton	Elizabeth Cooper
13th April	David Hinley	Graham Hook
20th April	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
27th April	Julian Tennent	To be arranged
	Readers	
30th Mar	Alison Cowe	Felicity Mackenzie
6th April	Jean Fairbairn	Jeremy Willing
13th April	John Elcock	Janet Matthews
20th April	Wendy Wilkinson	Jonathan Creel
27th April	Brian Young	Alison Young
	Flowers	
5th April	Mrs. Alder	Lady Ogilvy
12th April	Mrs. Alder	Lady Ogilvy
13th April	Liz Wilson	John Elcock
20th April	Liz Wilson	John Elcock

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays	Eucharist	8.30am
	Family Eucharist	10.00am
	Eucharist	11.45am*
	<i>*(First Sunday of the month only)</i>	
	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
Wednesdays	Eucharist	10.00am
Fridays	Eucharist	11.00am
		Lauderdale Aisle

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GLORIA DEADLINES... You can greatly assist the production process by submitting information and articles as soon as possible and not waiting for the deadline.
The deadline for the May issue is Sunday 20th April

Please send all material to Sari: sari@ednet.co.uk