

GLORIA



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Dear Friends,

A while ago, an article in the section of the *Independent* where people let off steam on things caught my eye. It was by Lynne Wallis and was entitled, “Praise the Lord? Not me” with the subtitle, “What’s going on? Suddenly everyone’s finding religion and going to church on Sundays.” It was clear that the author was unhappy – to say the least – with this turn of events. Like many of you, I expect, I hadn’t actually noticed this rush back to the church myself, but I read on.

Apparently, Ms Wallis observes, she “can no longer expect that most people she meets are atheists, not even ultra promiscuous friends of friends who swear, smoke and drink like fish.” Furthermore it was no longer safe to snigger at those who lead such sad, empty lives that they would sacrifice “Sunday breakfast in bed to kneel on pew cushions, and have a papery biscuit deposited on their tongues.” She continued: “What does this new churchiness say about our lives? Perhaps it has little to do with God. It is more likely that our social networks have broken down so that for many people church is a way to be part of the community. I mean, there are plenty of much more enjoyable ways to search for meaning. Go trekking, meditate in the Grand Canyon, help disadvantaged kids, do yoga. I grew up believing church was for people with no lives, and I still believe it. It’s such a passive occupation.”

Well, well! That list of activities may have put the finger right on it. The Church is first and foremost a community in which social networks have not broken down, one where everyone must be welcome somehow – even the “ultra-promiscuous friends of friends” of Ms Wallis. It must be a community in which no one should feel empty or “without life”. It must be a community which encourages and propagates efforts to do all of the fulfilling things which Ms Wallis mentions and more too – I might add being politically active, supporting the arts in one form or another and being concerned about the environment. Perhaps it can be through these ways that some will come to know God as it will in other cases be an insight into the nature of God that develops their interest for the concerns of the community.

At the centre of all of this lies our Sunday worship. That is when we are a community together. It may seem odd to say this in Lent, but that is when we learn that God and his world are fun and full of opportunities and activities. As we deepen in our campaign for growth, let us never forget just how much fun God can be!

With love

Bob

Dear All,

The launch of Charis, our stewardship campaign, on Easter Day is only two weeks away.

Groups have been busy. The **Fellowship** Group has met with the team, and on its own, to discuss topics such as managing change; the use of visiting preachers; music in worship; Lent bible study groups; congregational feedback and more. Much emphasis has been placed on the importance of wider fellowship and plans are afoot for garden openings; rambles; cycling on Edinburgh's cycle paths; parish lunches and anything else you would like to suggest!

The **Marketing Group** is soaring! Lots of ideas for publicising Holy Trinity in Haddington and further afield: a large poster about the church on the wall as you go into the Trinity Centre; posters inside church welcoming visitors and inviting them to make a donation towards upkeep; an information pack for all new members; an article about Holy Trinity, past and present, in the Courier and other publications; an Easter card to be presented to each member of the congregation on Easter Day. The list is endless and impressive – as is the presentation!

Visitors. This group is in the process of being formed and will undergo training with a facilitator from the Diocese. As a result of legislation on the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, it is now official Scottish Episcopal Church Policy that a 'disclosure' is required for all church visitors. This has presented us with some problems which are now, hopefully, resolved. We are grateful to Wendy Wilkinson, our Child and Vulnerable Adults Co-ordinator, for all her efforts on our behalf.

Finance It was proposed by a member of the congregation that there should be a financial update in the magazine each month. As people have different patterns of giving, annually, monthly and weekly it is difficult to compare 'like with like' from month to month. Quarterly has been suggested. To be decided..

All of this activity has its place but without all of you it will not go far. We are in this together. Please get in touch with any member of the Team or Vestry if you have any suggestions, comments, questions or, dare I say it, grumbles. Share them!

As we meet together this Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ let us also look forward, with God's help, to celebrating the resurrection of Holy Trinity.

Best wishes,

Davina

MORE CHURCH FINANCE OBLIGATIONS

Governance. For as long as anyone can remember the annual audit of our accounts has been done by a qualified member of the congregation. However it now appears under the rules of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), that we can no longer do internal audits of our accounts but must employ an *Independent Examiner*, i.e. an outsider.

This news came to your Treasurer's notice very late in our last financial year. The usual route of asking suitable persons for quotes etc. and put them through a selection process was felt to be too much for the limited time available and for which we wanted a rapid turnaround to meet our AGM deadline, so an accountant was chosen who was known to the treasurer—Mr. James Anderson of Loanhead, who I also discovered deals with St. Mungos in West Linton. We were charged for the process but very generously on his part, only £250 plus VAT and which is a poor honorarium for the amount of work he and his staff did on our behalf—it probably covered about 10% of the time he took. We also received some good advice about how to re-organise our bookkeeping to simplify future examinations. We are very grateful to him and even more so that he is prepared to examine our books in 2009.

Quota. Every congregation makes a contribution to the running of the Diocese. It is known as the "Quota".

The Diocesan budget is for about £367,000 and each church is expected to contribute its part. It is based loosely on about 10% of the annual receipts. "Annual receipts" is actually a "weighted average" of the previous 3 years receipts.

In our case the receipts which count are

2005 receipts	£56,418
2006 "	£62,590
2007 "	£66,625

= 3 year weighted average of £62,558

2009 quota assessment £6,258 for the year / divided by 12 months = £529.83 per month, which is what we are currently paying.

So the quota for 2009/10 will not be less than now, BUT if my forecast is correct and the 2008/9 receipts are nearer to £35,000 we shall be expected to pay less in the next 3 years.

It is very thoughtful of the neighbouring churches, through the Area Council, to offer to pay some of our quota on our behalf. We have thanked them for their suggestion - much appreciated, but we said that while we have no Rector we should try to pay our share.

THE BIG QUESTION

People ask why there is this sudden drop in receipts to the point where we can no longer afford a Rector. Why were there no advance warning signals.

Jean Blackadder did warn about 10 months ago that there was a fall after about 20 members died or left the area. There were also some who protested either about the Rector of the day or about the treatment he was alleged to have received from some members of the congregation or team. Both harmed the Church financially and are still doing so.

At the AGM there were even more dire warnings but neither warned of such a huge impact. Our planned receipts are less than half that of last year. You will see from the note about our current receipts that planned giving is less than £15,00 for the half year - just covering our overheads even though we have no rectory expenses. Compare that with our previous receipts on which our Quota is based. Projecting from our last 3 years receipts we should have expected to have received about £33,000 by now. Actual planned giving is only covering a quarter of what is needed for a full year. Happily some members of the congregation have already advised Jean that they wish to review their giving but is not yet reflecting in the bank account.

COST SAVINGS

Recently your treasurer has been trying to reduce running costs. Currently he is discussing reducing a duplicated insurance element of the photocopy lease, (£100 pa); renegotiating the electricity contract saving about £100 pa from both Holy Trinity and the Trinity Centre; terminated a contract with Chubb Fire extinguishers and appointed another, saving £200pa. These are relatively small savings but you see how this adds up to £500, but biggest potential savings would be through getting more volunteers for work in and around the church—the grounds and the cleaning cost about £2800 pa. I know this currently is impossible because of the age structure of our members and working patterns of others, but may be in future if you pray for more people to join our band, who knows.

ANOTHER BIT OF NEWS

CHURCH RECEIPTS FOR FIRST 6 MONTHS OF YEAR

Planned giving by BACS - (bank transfer)	£10,137.30
Planned giving by envelope	<u>£ 4,371.20</u>
TOTAL PLANNED GIVING TO DATE	<u>£14,508.50</u>

OTHER INCOME

Plate collection	£ 904.91
Church use	£ 757.00
Coffee morning	£ 149.00
Gloria donations/ contributions	£ 310.00
Dividend from SEC Investment Trust	£ 1,149.78
Interest current a/c	£ 70.72
Rectory rent before fees	£ <u>4,258.06</u>
	<u>£7,599.47</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL FOR 6 MONTHS</u>	<u>£22,107.97</u>

On Yer Bike!

As part of HT's fellowship initiative within the Stewardship Campaign, would you like to explore the hidden treasures of Edinburgh's cycle tracks one Saturday in May? Bob has kindly offered to share his extensive knowledge by leading a group of (pedal) bikers on 16th, 23rd or 30th of May. He suggests meeting at Newcraighall, adjourning to a pub for lunch and breaking for afternoon tea before returning to Newcraighall. This adventure would measure approx 15 miles.

For those of you who are bike-less, perhaps a gentle ramble would be more up your street? Jeremy Willing and Rosemary Brannan have offered to organise a local walk one summer weekend of around 4 miles.

If you are interested in either or both of these activities, please speak to me or Margaret Fairbairn for the cycle run and Jeremy or Rosemary for the walk.

It should be fun but please pray for decent weather!

Judith Wilkinson



LAUNCH ON EASTER SUNDAY



OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

HOW CAN ***YOU*** PLAY YOUR PART?

GIVING TIME? WORSHIP? FREELY GIVE?

VISITING? FUND RAISING?

SHARING YOUR TALENTS?

IDEAS ? SOCIAL EVENTS?

OUTREACH?

CLASSIFIED ADVERTS - SITUATIONS VACANT

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TREASURER

The post is currently filled by a very old person who took it on 18 months ago and calls himself Temporary Hon. Acting Treasurer THAT. The time has now come to find a replacement. Members of the Congregation are invited to apply. In the event of no-one being interested or competent, the job will have to be advertised more widely to an external contractor at a cost. The outgoing THAT would be prepared to work in parallel with and to train the successful applicant until the AGM in November.

The job comes in 3 parts

1. A **Cashier** who collects cash, banks it, pays all bills and deals with accounts related correspondence.
2. A **Bookkeeper** using the Church's computer & software program, enters transactions monthly when the bank statement arrives and prepares end of year data for the Independent Examiner.
3. A **Treasurer**, who, as an Officer of the Vestry, reports to Vestry most months, implements its financial decisions and deals with external authority like OSCR and Diocesan annual returns. Provides Annual Report to the Holy Trinity AGM.

Parts 1 and 3 must be performed by a member of the congregation and it is the Vestry's job to find someone (or two).

Part 2 could be out-sourced like the cleaner, the gardener and the organist, for a monthly fee (say £2000 per annum).

The work covers both the Church and the Trinity Centre and it is not inconceivable that the Part 1. job could have a person from each of the two committees

All interested please make yourself known to the Chairman of Vestry,
Mrs D Briggs.



FROM THE REGISTERS:

**BAPTISM
22nd March, 2009
Ava Patterson**

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

IT'S NOT ALL GLOOM AND EXPENSES

As Treasurer I am constantly aware that people are spending on our behalf - vehicle miles, stationery, telephones, postage, flowers, food and refreshment for lunches and baking, a bit of glue and a few nails. The list is endless - even working weekends away as a Team with our Chairman to work out this and that in retreat. No one presents an invoice and no-one expresses much appreciation either for all the effort and expense on our behalf which is so freely given. I cannot mention all as there are so many and someone is bound to be missed out.

May be we weren't aware quite how much is donated in this way, but I felt we should be and so now I've said it and I guess in modesty some may not be happy I've said so but for everyone who does give something, however large or small, and in whatever capacity, we are truly grateful and we could not manage without it, as it makes such a difference..Collectively it must be quite a sum we are saved annually - several hundred £..

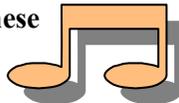
Members of congregation are not the only contributors For example the Council does not charge rates or council tax on the Church or the Trinity Centre, there is no charge for waste disposal nor a charge for water..

Then there is the amount of time so freely given and, just for an example, in the last month, we had curtains sewn, the drive raked sides to middle, fantastic lunch for the Bishop's Appeal and a whole new rota of 6 or 7 people to implement the new Diocesan rules on cash handling every Sunday. Again, thank you everyone.
Peter Green

Sing for Life, 2009, in Aid of Anthony Nolan Trust

This year's sponsored hymn singing marathon will be held in church on Sunday 31st May at 3.00 pm.

Anyone wishing to sponsor their favourite hymn(s) for £5 a shot, please let me know as soon as possible. Even if you don't want to sponsor, please try to come along to boost the singing. We raised about £350 last year and I'd like to think we can improve on that even in these times of recession. Please Help.



Plant Sale

There will be a plant sale on Saturday 9th May in the Trinity Centre from 10 am until 12.30.

If anyone has any plants to spare, please bring them along either on Friday evening from 8.30 pm or between 9 and 10 am on Saturday. Please also give an indication as to what to charge and whether or not you will be able to help with the sale.

Thank You. Judith Wilkinson



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Saturday, 18th April, at 6.pm
Informatics, University of Edinburgh
10, Crichton Street, Edinburgh

Darwin, Ideology and God
Dr. Denis Alexander,
Director of the Faraday Institute for
Science and Religion, Cambridge.



Trinity Centre Film Club
Thursday 2nd April 2009

1.30 pm Trinity centre

Driving Miss Daisy

Starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy
The moving story of a relationship between a
wealthy, elderly, woman and her black driver.

Tea, biscuits and gossip to follow



I felt I wanted to share with the congregation my delight in the takings from the monthly Traidcraft stall in breaking the 'hundred pounds barrier'. On Sunday 8 March we took £100.50p.a

Thank you one and all for your continued support and thanks to John and Julian for all their help.

Sheena Wood

SPELLCHECK IS A BOON IF USED IN CONTEXT!

READ OUT LOUD. CHEQUE IT AND SEA

Eye halve a spelling check, ewe no, it came with my pea sea,
It plainly marques four my revue miss takes eye can knot sea,
Eye strike a key and type a word and weight for it two say,
Weather I am wrong or write it shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee four two long,
And I can put the error rite, its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it, I'm shore your pleased two no.
Is letter perfect awl the weigh,, my checker tolled me sew.

From a letter originally published in the Scotsman.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

April 5th Palm Sunday	Eucharist in the context of the Passion as related in Mark's Gospel.
April 12th Easter Day.	Acts 10 34-43 or Isaiah 25 6-9, 1 Corinthians 1-11 or Acts 10 34-43, John 20 1-18 or Mark 16 1-8
April 19th Easter 2	Acts 4 32-35, 1 John 1 1-2 2, John 20 19-31
April 26th Easter 3	Acts 3 12-19, 1 John 3 1-7 , Luke 24 36b-48

Weekday Eucharistic Readings

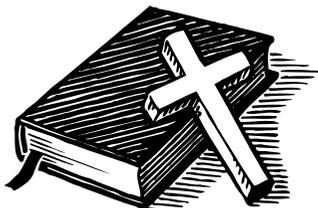
April 1st John 8 31-47
2nd John 8 51-59
3rd John 10 31-42
4th John 11 45—57

April 6th John 12 1-11
7th John 12 20-36
8th John 13 21-32
9th Maundy Thursday
John 13 1-17, 31b-35
10th Good Friday
John 18 1-19, 42
11th Easter Eve
John 19 38-42

April 13th Easter Monday
Matthew 28 8-15
14th John 20 11-18
15th Luke 24 13-35
16th Luke 24 36b-48
17th John 21 1-14
18th Mark 16 9-15

April 20th John 3 1-8
21st John 3 7-15
22nd John 3 16-21
23rd John 3 31-36
24th John 6 1-15
25th St. Mark
Mark 1 1-15

April 27th John 6 22-29
28th John 6 30-35
29th John 6 35-40
30th John 6 44-51
May 1st St. Philip and St James
John 14 1-14



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	Coffee & Tea	
April 5th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennant
12th Easter	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
19th	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown
26th	Ena Briggs	Alison Cowe
	Flowers	
April 4th	No flowers in Lent	
11th	All helpers welcome from 10.0 am onwards	
18th - 25th	Mrs. Higgans and Jim McAndie	
May 2nd - 9th	Mrs. Alder and Penelope Ogilvy	
	Readers	
April 5th	Palm Sunday - Passion Reading	
Easter 12th	To be arranged	
19th	Judith Wilkinson, Davina Briggs, John Elcock	
26th	Alison Cowe, Jean Fairbairn, Astrid Ritchie	
May 3rd	Mary Wallace, Jim McAndie, Vicky Fletcher	
	Sidespersons	
April 5th	David Hinley	Elisabeth Cooper
12th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
19th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
26th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
May 3rd	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie

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

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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 12th April, Easter.**

Please send all material to Sari:

s.salvesen@btinternet.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31st March	Vestry Meeting	7.30 pm
1st April	Lent Bible study	11.45 am in the church
2nd April	Lent Bible study	7.30 pm in the church
3rd April	Palm Sunday	Northern Cross Pilgrims join us.

Holy Week Worship, see separate block announcement on back page.

Easter Day. Start of Charis Campaign.

Easter Egg Hunt for children.

23rd April St. George

25th April St. Mark

We look forward to welcoming one leg of the Northern Cross Pilgrims. They will stay overnight in the Trinity Centre, join us for worship on Palm Sunday, and start on their journey to Holy Isle carrying their large wooden cross. Some of us will join them for a little of the way. This group will meet with its other two legs which come from Hexham and probably Carlisle early in the morning of Good Friday on the western side of the causeway to Holy Island. Because Easter is at full moon time it is always possible to cross the sands at this time. They will carry their crosses over to Lindisfarne, singing as they go and on arrival worship with various Christian groups on the island. After a day spent mainly in preparation they will join the community worshipping in St. Mary's Church for the Easter Vigil totally in the dark, move in silence to the beach by the light of the full moon where the night is dispersed by a large bonfire. The Easter candle is lit and the large group moves joyfully back to the church and the light is spread round the church through the lighting of many candles.

The light of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world

A light no darkness can put out.

TESCO VOUCHERS for Schools. We will again be collecting these in church to contribute to Elphinstone school, so if you have any available please put them in the basket at the back of the church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am (starting in the Trinity Centre) Blessing of Palms, procession with the donkey to the church for Eucharist within the context of the Marcan Passion story. Return to the Trinity Centre to share the children's Palm Sunday.
The Northern Cross pilgrims leave on their way to Lindisfarne.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (said)

Monday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm at Holy Trinity: 'Voices from the crowd' Six people who have experienced life-changing encounters with Jesus on his way to the Cross reflect on what he has meant for them.

Tuesday in Holy Week

10.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Church

Wednesday in Holy Week

10.00am Eucharist
7.30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Church 'The way of the Cross'

Maunday Thursday

7.30 pm in Holy Trinity, Holy Trinity. Eucharist, with hand - washing, followed by the Stripping of the Altars.

Good Friday

11.45 am Gather at the West Church.
12.00 noon Begin walk through Haddington carrying the Cross.
12.15 pm Brief service at Holy Trinity
7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Music and Meditation for Good Friday evening.

Easter Day

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Festal Eucharist, initiation of the Charis campaign and Easter Egg hunt for children.

Most of the Holy Week evening worship and the Good Friday Walk will be shared by all Haddington Christians.

And now we need a new boiler to save Peter and Julian's daily flood prevention measures!

