

GLORIA



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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bristol, where Sheila and I are having a very pleasant time being grandparents for a few days. Heredity obviously works. We were at the Bristol Exploratory today, where I took our four-year old grandson Euan to a lecture, and his hand went up at every opportunity, whether he had any idea what the answer was or not! One interesting feature at the museum was a display on Darwin and his legacy which included a chance to tie a label somewhere along a line with several choices between the views, “I believe that the account in Genesis is literally true” and “Science shows that God does not exist”. I’m glad to say that most of the votes lay somewhere in between! Unfortunately, they had run out of labels, so we didn’t get a vote. I’d have been interested to see how Euan would have voted. It was a good example, though, of the ongoing challenge: as thinking people, knowing something of how the universe works, just what does it matter to you whether Jesus rose from the dead?

It was a good follow up to Holy Week and Easter, which I greatly enjoyed sharing with you. The weekday services were excellent, and it was good to have so many taking part and to share so much with St Mary’s and other churches. Palm Sunday and Easter were both very moving, when we tried in different ways to achieve something that can genuinely be called “All Age”. Worship must always be something that encourages us, inspires us and stretches us, and these services certainly did it for me. One thing that must be guarded against is the dread disease of “dumbing down”. During the Easter season, as the Charis Campaign develops, I hope that worship as well as other activities can attract more people without losing any of their cutting edge for faithful attenders. That is the heart of it. There is a lot of finance in this issue which is necessary, but must not be deadening. The Risen Lord strengthens all of us to do and enjoy what we could not otherwise attempt. I’m very fond of the old American saying, “God gave us two ends, one to sit on, the other to think with. How we get on depends mainly about which one we use more.”

Meantime, if there are any who might like to exercise the other end as well, I’m looking for cycling companions on Saturday May 16.....

Love,
Bob

CHARIS

It's Easter Day and our Charis campaign has been launched. What a wonderful Easter Day it has been. Our usual quiet 8.30am service using the 'grey' book, now lilac, followed by coffee and hot cross buns. The 10am with all the bustle of a large congregation, the spectacle, the worship, the music and last, but certainly not least, the presence of so many well-behaved children. I do hope that there were some Easter eggs left for those who had to wait for the third verse of the last hymn. They

almost managed not to run!

Now that we are 'officially' into Charis, the next step is preparation time for our visitors followed by the visits themselves. The visitors will have more detailed information about Charis and our finances. Please take the opportunity to ask questions and make your contribution. The visits will take place over the next few weeks and we will review the situation and report back on Trinity Sunday, 7th June.

For up to date information you will find it helpful to read the latest edition of Gloria, so be sure to collect your copy from the back of the church.

Best wishes,

Davina

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of St Peter's Church, Ihindu.

Saturday 2nd May 10am - 12 noon in the Trinity Centre.

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE

**I will have tomato plants for sale
(variety—Alicante) in aid of church funds
during the month of May**

Sheena Wood

'Stewardship' is about vision and commitment. The Vestry's experience so far makes us certain that there is a lot of both at Holy Trinity. Our vision, though, has to begin where we are with a clear understanding of what problems we face. One of these is the upkeep of our beautiful and much admired buildings. We have asked Peter Green, our treasurer, to outline the current situation for us and indicate some of the needs of the near future. The Vestry is convinced that the answer to the question, "Can we do it?" is a very firm, "Yes we can!"

Davina

MAINTENANCE OF OUR FABRIC

Priorities, Priorities

We like to keep our property up to scratch and safe. I hope you agree with me that it shows. The unfortunate thing about most maintenance is that it overtakes you and you are forced to carry out repair when not expected. It cannot be budgeted for and is always more than you think.

Over the years we have done some big things like the decision to repair and point our walls at the rate of £1000 per year. What a fantastic job which most have forgotten about. The walls should serve for at least another 25 years without being touched - unless our tree falls on it first.

This year we had done the usual things like clean out the gutters and check the slates, service our boilers and so on, but out of the blue we had two chimneys in the Rectory condemned by the Inspector for use by gas fires and so instead of spending £2000 on chimney linings we converted to electric fires at one third of the price. That will save future gas checks too.

On another matter some people especially those who go to 8.30 are concerned about the threadbare and candle-wax damaged kneelers at the high altar. Margaret Alder recently put huge effort into investigating how they could be replaced at a bargain price, however on this occasion the Vestry decided to delay spending for a bit longer, but thanks and an explanation have been sent to Margaret for her work and suggestions.

Next decision is about our magnificent beech tree. It is about to be condemned - aaaaah. It is the finest tree in the town centre in appearance, but has grown top heavy and unsafe. It does not lend itself to pruning so will have to be dismantled when planning permission is received in a couple of months..



Another day and another inspection. This time our Health & Safety man noticed that one of our big main gate posts has been nudged by something and the stone ball toping looks less than safe - give it a wide berth.!

When was this pillar hit ? It would be helpful if when wandering around, members of the congregation could let Julian know if there is something amiss/out of place. - please keep your eyes skinned.

Now we have the wonderful Harrison & Harrison's of Durham organ, out of service and another set of choices spelled out by our engineers.

Option 1 repair the keyboard £1000 inc VAT;

Option 2 dismantle and muck-out our organ which is 150 years old but has not been thoroughly cleaned since 1954 - price £30,000 inc VAT!;

Option 3 which needs doing also is replace all the leather valves (like tap washers which wear out eventually) £13,000.

We like our organ and know that if it not played for a prolonged period it will take much more to revive it. We have chosen Option 1, with a bit of luck by the time you read this you will be enjoying singing to it again but it seems like the no. 3 option will not be avoidable before too long. But Organs are one of those things which bring out the best in folk. Our Organist has already made a personal contribution to its repair and is planning a fund raising recital for later in the year. Phil Taylor is also planning a concert for next January to raise funds for the organ. Thanks in anticipation to both.

And finally the latest legislation on places of assembly is that all sockets in the main halls where performers could plug in instruments or other portable appliances is that each must have a circuit breaker in the wall socket i.e . 8 in the Trinity Centre and 6 in the Church at £60 each.

Peter Green, Treasurer



The Jam Jar and the Golf Balls

A lecturer arrived in the lecture room carrying a large jam jar. He began to fill it with golf balls and when it would take no more asked the class if it was full. They said it was.

The lecturer then picked up a box of pebbles and rolled them into the jar around the golf balls. Again he asked the class if the jar was full. Again they said it was.

The lecturer then turned to a box of sand and poured it in to the jar round the golf balls and pebbles. "Is it full now?" he asked. His surprised students agreed that it was.

Two glasses of wine were now produced and poured into the apparently full jar, to the amazement of the students. General laughter broke out around the room. When it had subsided the lecturer leant across the desk and said the contents of the jar were a representation of their life.

He said that the golf balls are the important things in life— God, family, their health and friends. In other words, all those things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would be full.

The pebbles represent the next most important things in life such as your job, home, car and holidays. The sand is everything else, all the small stuff that fill one's days.

If the sand is put in the jar first there is no room for the pebbles or golf balls. The same applies to life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small things in life you will never have the room for the things that are truly important to you.

The lesson is to take care of the important things in life that are critical to your happiness like taking care of your health and making time for your friends and family. There will always be time to tidy the garden, clean the house, and go shopping afterwards. If you get your priorities right they are the things that matter and all the rest is just sand.

As he was about to leave the room one student raised her hand. "What does the wine represent?" she asked. The lecturer smiled and said he was glad she asked. It showed that no matter how busy you were there was always time for a glass of wine with friends.

Books to Borrow

We have started a small lending 'library' = ie two shelves of books next to the hymn books at the back of the church. You are welcome to borrow any of these but are asked to return them within a month. Vicky Fletcher has kindly taken on the role of caring for them; she has catalogued them, organised a 'borrowing book,' and put some helpful instructions in the shelf. Gloria welcome a review of anything you have read, and suggestions for or gifts of further books.

Vicky's phone number is 01620 825350. She will answer any questions you may have either on the phone or after the 10am Eucharist on Sundays.



Christian Aid Book Sale

Yes it's that time again! The magnificent Book Sale organised in Edinburgh outside and inside St Andrew's and St George's Parish Church in George Street to raise money for Christian Aid begins on Saturday 9th May and runs through from Monday 11th -Friday 15th May. For details of times see the notice in the Church porch. Here is our chance to look for holiday reading for the summer - serious or frivolous! If we are attracted to the Chemistry books we may also be able seek Bob's advice! Records, CDs, videos, toys and games, antiques, printed ephemera of all sorts and much more are all available.

As well as being an enjoyable and useful shopping experience this Sale offers us a chance to help in the work of Christian Aid which is as much needed as ever.



From the Registers

Marriage: 15th April 200
Judy Riley to David Simpson



We pray with them that, strengthened and guided by God, they may continue to fulfil his purpose for their life together.

Henri J M Nouwen:
Life of the Beloved and Our Greatest Gift.

Book Review by Sandy Wilkinson


Henri Nouwen has been considered by many to have been one of the greatest spiritual writers of the latter half of the twentieth century. A Dutch Roman Catholic priest he spent much of his life in North America and after a distinguished academic career ministered until his death in 1996 to mentally handicapped people in the L'Arche Daybreak Community in Toronto . Much of his work bears the mark both of his warm human sympathy and of his ready involvement with the secular world. Two of his books, each a little over 100 pages, have now been brought together in an omnibus volume.

“Life of the Beloved” takes the form of a letter to a friend who is deeply involved in modern secular life but yet feels the need for a spirituality that speaks to men and women in his position.. The book aims to fill that gap. The starting point is our need to acknowledge and affirm that we are beloved, for being beloved is both the origin and the fulfilment of the spiritual life. It is the origin because we cannot embark on our spiritual journey until we accept that truth and the goal of the journey is to attain the truth in its fullness. To do so we need to lay aside both arrogance and, no less important, self rejection. The author then follows the spiritual journey of the beloved through the themes of being chosen, blessed, broken and given [given to each other] to its culmination in” living as the beloved “. Throughout he seeks to show that that life can be lived while fully involved in a secular society and in much that rightly goes with it and which he himself enjoys and values. In the end, however, he may not have succeeded in speaking to the wholly secular - and his friend tells him so - but there remains a message which many searching for a valid spiritual way in a perplexing world will welcome and need to hear.

“ Our Greatest Gift” which is a meditation on dying and caring follows on and in many ways complements “Life of the Beloved”

Dying is seen as in continuity with and part of life. It is something to be befriended rather than feared and through it the themes of love and joy continue to flow. Therein are the sources of healing and hope. Much about the Resurrection was and is hidden. The risen Christ was revealed only to a few whom Jesus wanted to send out to give the message of God's love to the world. It is not an answer to our questions, but it is God's way of saying to Jesus as his Beloved Son and to us as his beloved children "my love is everlasting".

Both books are very personal and written from the heart. Much is drawn from the author's experience, particularly in the Daybreak Community. The reader's response will also, and necessarily, be personal and related to his or her own experience. The books are, at least on the surface, easy to read, but some connections may be difficult to make and one may be left on occasion with questions for which one has to find one's own answer. I found it, in particular, difficult to engage with the trend of the author's connection between brokenness and belovedness and between suffering and joy. Such difficulties, if they occur, are not, however, inconsistent with the purpose of the books. Both are essentially meditations. Read in that way they are rich in nourishment.



Much of the furniture, silver and vestments we use in Holy Trinity has been given or lent by members over the years and so have little stories attached. Bishop Kenneth, presiding at the Eucharist on Easter Day, added to our sense of celebration by wearing his very special cope and mitre, made for him for the first ordination of women in the Newcastle diocese.

ICE

A MESSAGE FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name **ICE** (In Case of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as "ICE".

For more than one contact name them simply as **ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3**, etc.

It really could save your life if important medical information is sought, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

The more people who know about this the better as it can help in an emergency.





GARDEN SALE

SATURDAY, 9TH MAY 2009

TRINITY CENTRE

10.00 am to 12.30 am

If you have any plants to spare bring them along either on Friday evening from 8.30 pm or between 9.00 am and 10.30 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, but come along anyway.

If you can help set up stalls on Friday evening or help on Saturday either with stalls, or catering please let me know. Donations of baking to go with coffee would be very welcome.

For further information contact Judith Wilkinson on 01620 826 110



Trinity Centre Film Club

Thursday, 7th May 2009

1.30 pm Trinity centre

This month we are showing a new film

Easy Virtue

Starring Colin Firth and Kristin Scott-Thomas

Set in the 1930s it shows the struggle of an aristocratic family to accept the new American wife of the returning eldest son, and the attitudes of the time.

Very favourably reviewed in press

Tea, biscuits and gossip to follow

Sunday Readings

Easter 4, 3rd May

All age service, some to be arranged, Gospel John 20, 19—31

Easter 5, 10th May

Acts 8, 26—40, 1 John 4, 7—21, John 15, 1—8

Easter 6, 17th May

Acts 10, 44—48, 1 John 5, 1—6, John 15, 9—17

Ascension Day, 21st May

Acts 1, 1—11, Ephesians 1, 15—23, Luke 24, 44—53

Easter 7, 24th May

Acts 1, 15—17, 1 John 5, 9—13, John 17, 6—19,
21—26

Pentecost, 31st May

Acts 2, 1—21, Romans 8, 22—27, John 15, 26—27,
16.4b—17

SING FOR LIFE

**In aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust
For bone marrow grafts for children**

Sunday, 31st May 2009 at 3.00 p.m,

Sponsor a hymn at £5 per shot.

Contact Judith Wilkinson to tell her your chosen hymn, but come and boost the singing even if you have not sponsored one. It is hoped to raise the total above the £350 collected last year, despite the current fiscal climate. Bring a friend.

Contact Judith at 01620 826 110



Daily Eucharistic Readings

May 1st St. Philip and St. James, John 14 1—14
2nd John 6, 60 – 69

4th John 10, 1—10
5th John 10, 22—30
6th John 12, 44—50
7th John 13, 16—20
8th John 14, 1—7
9th John 14, 7—14

11th John 14, 21—26
12th John 14, 27—31a
13th John 15, 1—8
14th John 15, 9—11
15th John 15, 12—17
16th John 15, 18—21

18th John 15, 26—16 4a
19th John 16, 4b—11
20th John 16, 12—20
21st Ascension Day, Luke 24, 44—53
22nd John 16, 20—24
23rd John 16, 23b –28

25th John 16, 29—33
26th John 17, 1—11a
27th John 17, 11b—19
28th John 17, 20—26
29th John 21, 15—19
30th John 21, 20—25



St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Ihindu, Kenya



**St. Peter's new Church, built with the generous help
of the people of East Lothian and beyond.**

**To be opened officially on
Sunday, 25th October 2009**

**You are invited to attend this unforgettable ceremony, in addition to enjoying an exciting safari in three of Kenya's National Parks, led by Sammy Karanja, an experienced guide and member of the church and
Project Leader of the new building.**

**For costs and further details, please contact
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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 JUNE issue
is Sunday 16th May 2009**

**Please send all material to Sari:
s.salvesen@btinternet.com**

MAY ROTAS

COFFEE AND TEA

May 3rd	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
10th	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
17th	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
24th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
31st	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson

SIDESMEN

May 3rd	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
10th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
17th	David Hinley	Elizabeth Cooper
24th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
31st	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn

FLOWERS

May 2nd and 9th	Mrs Alder	and	Penelope Ogilvy
16th– 23rd	Christine	and	Margaret Glass
30th–6th June	Lottie Brown	and	Mrs Riley

New list of Readers available in church soon.

**EAST LOTHIAN TAIZE GROUP
FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 2009 AT 7.30 PM
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HADDINGTON**

**You are very welcome to join in this ecumenical group of
Christians who meet monthly for prayer and meditation in the
contemplative TAIZE style.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 1st St Philip and St James
2nd All Age Worship
5th Vestry Meeting 7.30 pm
8th Set up Garden Sale 8.30 pm
9th Garden Sale, Trinity Centre, 10.00 am
Christian Aid Sale 2009, St. Andrews and St Georges
Church, Edinburgh, begins.
12th Trinity Centre Management Committee
16th Bicycling Day. Contact Bob Gould

21 May ASCENSION DAY .- One of the great festivals and perhaps particularly appropriate for us to observe in the Charis year. We join to celebrate the glory of Jesus's reunion with God the Father and praise him as man and God. 'O Lord our governor how excellent is thy name in all the earth' The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30pm.

- May 24th Haddington Festival begins
26th Area Council meets
31st PENTECOST
10.00 am Eucharist celebration at the end of the
Haddington Festival.
“ Anthony Nolan Trust sponsored Hymn Sing in Holy
Trinity 3.00 pm

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