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Dear All,

As I write this in mid-October, Sheila and I have just spent a week with our daughter in Newark, New Jersey, a suburb of New York. Despite being at the centre of the world financial crisis, we found life remarkably normal, and even cheerful in the glorious weather. The area we were in had churches of all descriptions on most corners, the most active of which was a Coptic Orthodox Church dedicated to St George and St Shenouda, which seemed to have people from the pushchair to the zimmer going in and out every time we passed. On Sunday, however, we went to a much more familiar Episcopal Church, where we got a letter from the Bishop about the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Covenant. Newark's last Bishop, Jack Spong, has been described as "the American Richard Holloway" so we weren't surprised to see that the Covenant wasn't supported. We certainly got a good welcome from an 8.30 congregation using the American equivalent of the "grey book".

And we have now moved on to Washington, visiting more of our rather far-flung family. Election fever isn't very obvious in Washington – it is a very safe Democratic area with a 75% Afro population, so there isn't much doubt where its electoral votes will go. In the very leafy area we are visiting, it is much more contentious whether the neighbourhood is to become a conservation area or not. One pair of semi-detached houses has a poster in each camp! The issue, of course, is between those who want to do "exciting" things with their houses, and those who would rather not have their neighbours being too exciting. It is sad that evening times of crisis, when the political system makes ones views on world affairs irrelevant, such matters as this have to take centre stage.

Unfortunately, the *Gloria* schedule won't allow me to comment on church-going in Washington – that will have to wait! I look forward to being back in Scotland later this week. God bless!

Bob

As Wendy Wilkinson is on holiday, the magazine has been put together without her experienced touch. Apologies!

LOCAL COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

Over the past year, the Scottish Episcopal Church's *Inspires* magazine has been running a series of articles about Local Collaborative Ministry (LCM) and there is an opportunity in late November to find out more about it (details below).

LCM is simply what it says – ministry that is local and collaborative. It is adapted to the local situation and carried out in a collaborative way: organisational structures are not hierarchical, but 'round table'. It is, however, rather more than sharing out the jobs.

Personally, I feel that LCM should stand for Local Collaborative Mission. Why? Because the basis of the whole idea begins with God's mission in the world – what God is perceived to be doing where we are - and our baptismal promises. It's a mission-based approach. A congregation would look at what God might be calling them (both as individuals and as a community) to be and to do at that particular time. Then it is time to look at the structures, ministries, activities and training which will be needed to support the congregation's mission, ie ministries develop as a response to mission or the work to be done.

LCM is:

- Not about getting people to do things in church
 - although that may happen as a by-product
- Not about getting more people ordained
- Not about keeping churches going
- Not about responding to crisis
- Not a blueprint about how to manage without a priest.

LCM IS ABOUT:

- Prayerful thinking about the present and the future and what God might want a congregation to do
- Identifying the gifts people can offer – many talents in a congregation are never discovered and remain hidden!
- Valuing all the gifts available, and their diversity, and providing appropriate support/training to allow these gifts to be offered and used; allowing everyone to fully be the people God created them to be.
- NB. If the people/gifts are not available for a particular purpose, either the talents are still hidden or the plan itself may need re-evaluation – God provides the gifts needed for the work we are meant to be doing.

Some congregations have taken these principles on board and become 'official' LCM congregations. Others have simply embraced some of the principles of LCM and adapted them in their own context to enhance their ways of doing mission and ministry and I think there are ways in which this could be beneficial to us.

This is a *very inadequate* and incomplete 'taster'. There's a chance to find out more about the principles and practice of LCM on Sunday 23 November from 3-5.30 at St Ebba's, Eyemouth. I have been to one of these 'Roadshows' before in another diocese and they are very good and thought provoking.

I will be going down to Eyemouth for this and I would like to think that others might join me... do please get in touch if you are interested in attending or would like to know more.

Janet McKinnell

BISHOP FOR 30 YEARS

At the 10 o'clock service
on Sunday 19 October 2008
the congregation was delighted
to join in celebrating with Bishop Kenneth,
who was presiding,
the 30th anniversary
of his consecration as Bishop.

Thank you for your dedication and example
of faith.

We felt privileged to share the day.

THE RECTORY has been let for 6 months.

Good news to know that it will be kept warm and dry over the winter BUT we ask that you respect the tenants' privacy by NOT WALKING THROUGH THE GARDEN and NOT PARKING across the GARDEN GATE. Thanks.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Very many thanks to Christine and Margaret Glass for organising the flowers through the year but especially at Harvest Festival, when they had less than the usual level of assistance from us, the congregation.

The housebound who received baskets of flowers and fruit were particularly appreciative and letters have been written to say so. Thanks again to Margaret who arranged for the deliveries and to those who help her distribute.



FLOWER FUND

Did you know we had a dedicated flower fund? Alison Shepherd, who has been too ill to attend for over 3 years now, but appreciated attending the lunch marking the departure of Paul, has sent a donation for the Xmas flowers. The fund is lowish at the moment and like Alison, you might like to help top it up.

In case you are wondering how much it costs to decorate the Church, it obviously depends on the growing season and the church calendar. Bought flowers are to augment what cannot be found locally and a rota of arrangers look after them for 2 weeks at a time. Often the rota'd arrangers are able to find and fund the supply. Normally the flowers are put in fresh fortnightly and are checked over to get a second Sunday out of them but the cost range each time is between £20.00 and £60.00. If you would like to help top up the flower fund, please send your donations (cash is simplest, please) to either Jim McAndie or Christine Glass.

Thank you in anticipation. Special thanks to those who invisibly turn up on Friday mornings and add delight to our surroundings at every service.

Peter Green

TRINITY CENTRE/FILM CLUB

You may not have noticed but the long discussed acoustic carpeting on the lower walls of the Trinity Centre has been applied. At the last film showing of the acclaimed Inn of the Sixth Happiness, there was a noticeable improvement in the quality of the sound. If the echo and poor quality sound has been putting you off attending, please make an effort to test it for yourself again at the forthcoming shows, especially leading up to January when there will be a vote at the AGM about continuation of the club.



FILM CLUB NEWS

Next meeting on Thursday 6 November
in the Trinity Centre to see
"The Straight Story"

Follow the adventures of a man, whose has
lost his driving licence and travels on an old mower
visit his ailing brother.

A big success at Gifford Film Club.

Date for December meeting (inc mince pies &

A LETTER from Haddington Churches' new ecumenical YOUTH WORKER

First of all, a big thank you for your warm welcome when I came to speak during Harvest. I would also like to let you know, I have settled into my new office well at the Trinity Centre. I greatly appreciate my office here; there is a wonderful atmosphere among the groups here and it has been a pleasure to meet those I have so far at Holy Trinity.

It is with excitement that I have started my new post as the churches' youth worker for the town. It has been an honour for me to come home and have the position to make a positive impact to the churches and for the young people in Haddington. I left Knox Academy in 1998 so know what it is like to be brought up here. I have a big heart for the town and for the young people and I am looking forward to seeing opportunities arise for young people to be involved. Over the years since my return, I have been a project co-ordinator and youth worker in many guises for voluntary organisations in the East End of Glasgow. Before this post I was an art teacher in Dunbar and when the opportunity presented itself to work for the churches in my home town I was delighted to go for it.

It is an exciting time for the young people in Haddington and all the churches as the youth project develops. There is a whole range of projects on the horizon and a variety of ways to be involved and meet others. Volunteering gives the church a chance to extend a warm embrace to the town and the next generation of believers. There are no tasks too small and every little bit counts to create a big impact on young people's lives. The project consists of three main areas: school work, youth work in the town and youth fellowship. All of these give the chance to get alongside and encourage the young people in our churches and beyond. We will need volunteers to work consistently with young people (on rotas or otherwise); working tuck shops or talking closely with small groups. There are many opportunities to come and share expertise and/or faith in talks, as we cover contemporary themes from a Christian perspective. Other tasks will be assisting with advertising in the town, baking cakes, buying tuck, helping set up youth friendly venues, helping with travel to different events or donating resources; everyone has a skill and talent as different as our young people to share. The witness as our church comes together is a blessing and will be significant to help and direct our young people. Not to mention great fun, as we see the young people and each other reap the benefits of our friendship.

In the near future, look out for volunteer sheets to sign up to for the specific tasks. If you have any queries, suggestions or otherwise, I would be delighted to hear from you and you can contact me on hctyp@hotmail.com or phone me on Haddington Churches Together mobile: 07546287087. I look forward to meeting you again and meanwhile it would be great to keep the youth project in your prayers.

LINDA GREIG

BLOOD RIVER - A BOOK REVIEW

“When Daily Telegraph correspondent Tim Butcher was sent to Africa in 2000, he quickly became obsessed with the legendary Congo River, and the idea of recreating H.M. Stanley’s famous expedition. Despite warning that his plan was suicidal, Butcher set out for the Congo’s eastern border with just a rucksack and a few thousand dollars hidden in his boots. Making his way in an assortment of vehicles including a motorbike and dugout canoe, helped along by a cast of characters from UN aid works to a campaigning pygmy, he followed in the footsteps of the great Victorian adventurers. Butcher’s journey was remarkable feat, but the story he tells so expertly and vividly in this book is a fascinating account.”
If like me you don’t understand or know much about the Congo then this is the book for you, an unforgettable read.

Published by Vintage books ISBN 978-0-99-49428-7
Mary Wallace

MUSIC IN HOLY TRINITY

Jim Davidson, our organist, with the full support of the Singers and the Team, wishes to extend our use of some of the less well-known—and indeed some of the fresh and attractive hymns—in our new hymn book. We will therefore be using these gradually on Sunday mornings with an occasional practice before worship.

If you would like to join the friendly bunch of Singers, please speak to Jim. You will be welcome.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Remember the Memorial Service on All Souls' Day,
Sunday 2 November at 6pm in Holy Trinity
when we remember, by name,
all our loved ones who have died.
I look forward to seeing you there. *Judith Wilkinson*
(NB this service replaces the usual evensong)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **on Saturday 6 December in the Trinity Centre**

Hopefully we shall be able to set up from 8pm
(I have yet to check with the Booking Secretary).

The usual Christmas stalls are

DELI, GIFTS, HOME BAKING, TEAS,
BOOKS/DVDs etc, TOMBOLA and RAFFLE

and we need helpers on each stall
as well as to set up on Friday night.

If you can help in any way,
please let me know as soon as possible.

I appeal for items for all these stalls. Please give Jim or myself
GIFT, RAFFLE or TOMBOLA items by Sunday 30 November
so that we can price and ticket them in good time. Donations
of MINCE PIES for the teas would be very much appreciated.

If you are unable to help, please do support Holy Trinity by
popping in on the Saturday with your family and friends and
spread the word.

Thank you. Judith Wilkinson (a bazaar woman!)

OUR PEOPLE'S WARDEN writes

I feel it is important to let you know that I will not be standing for re-election at the A.G.M. in November. I have been in this post for some years and think that it is time for change. I wanted to give you time to consider who you would like to take over this position, which is particularly important during an interregnum.

(With apologies for not including this in last month's Gloria, as intended. WW.)

Harvest Festival

I would like to thank Mrs. Cook, John, Valerie Elcock, Jim McAn-die and Lady Ogilvy for their help in decorating the church. I'd also like to thank the flower arrangers who brought gifts of flowers which enabled us to make the baskets for the housebound to enjoy. I'd like also to thank Kathy Warrender and her husband for helping to pick the vegetables so generously given to us by Sari and Robin Salvesen; without their contribution, our festival would have been much less enjoyable.

The people on the flower rota are always generous with their gifts of flowers, arranged for all of us to enjoy every week. These people find that they gain relaxation from flower arranging and if anyone would like to join the rota, you would be most welcome; an infusion of new enthusiasm would give us all a lift.

Margaret Glass

Are you interested? Then contact
MARGARET OR CHRISTINE GLASS ON 01620 822 965

Daily Eucharist Readings

Date	Readings		
Nov. 1st	All Saints	Matthew 5	1-12
3rd	All Souls	Luke 14	12-14
4th	Luke	14	14-24
5th	Luke	14	25-33
6th	Luke	15	1-10
7th	Luke	16	1-8
8th	Luke	16	9-15
10th	Luke	17	1-6
11th	Luke	17	7-10
12th	Luke	17	11-19
13th	Luke	17	20-25
14th	Luke	17	26-end
15th	Luke	18	1-8
17th	Luke	18	35-end
18th	Luke	19	1-10
19th	Luke	19	11-28
20th	Luke	19	41-44
21st	Luke	19	45-end
22nd	Luke	20	27-40
24th	Luke	21	1-4
25th	Luke	21	5-11
26th	Luke	21	12-19
27th	Luke	21	20-28
28th	Luke	21	29-33
29th	Luke	21	34-36

Lectionary readings



Date	Readings
Nov. 2nd	All Saints, Isaiah 56 3-8, Hebrews 12 18-24, Matthew 5 1-12.
9th	Amos 5 18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4 13-end, Matthew 25 1-13
16th	Zephaniah 1 7 12-end, 1Thessalonians 5 1-11, Matthew 5 14-30,
23rd	Christ the King, Ezekiel 34 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1 15-end
30th	St. Andrew, Deuteronomy 30 11-14, Romans 10 (8b-11) 12-18, Matthew 4 18-22

Alternative Readings, Check with Sari.

16th Nov. St Margaret of Scotland Proverbs 10 10-13 (14-24) 25-31, 2 Tim. 11-7, Matthew 13 44-46 or Luke 11 33-36

OUR SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

You will have noticed that we have recently been without a functioning system and we apologise for that. Once again we have three mobile radio microphones working.

This note is primarily for the many clergy and team members specially augmented for the interregnum, but actually for every one who may use the equipment.

At huge expense we have naturally engaged some audio expertise and the message from him is that the equipment is high tech., is not robust, and the wee microphone wires should be handled with special care and respect. When you have finished using the kit, remove it carefully, switch off the battery and please do not tidily wind the wires tightly around the pocket transmitters. Just lightly bundle the wires with the transmitters and place them in the tray now provided in the top drawer

ROTA NOVEMBER

DATE	Coffee & Tea	
Nov 2nd	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
9th	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
16th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
23rd	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
30th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent
	Sidespersons	
Nov 2nd	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
9th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
16th	Martin Lugton	Elisabeth Cooper
23rd	David Hinley	Graham Hook
30th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
	Chalice Assistants	
Nov 2nd	Martin Lugton	Sari Salveson
9th	Jean Fairbairn	Jim McAndie. Armistice Day. See notices
16th	Judith Wilkinson	Julian Tennent
23rd	Margaret Fairbairn	Mary Wallace
30th	Martin Lugton	Sari Salvesen
	Readers	
Nov 2nd	All Saints/All Souls	To be arranged
9th	Armistice.	To be arranged
16th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent John Elcock
23rd	Wendy Wilkinson	Jeremy Willing RosemaryBrannan
30th	Davina Briggs	Alison Cowe Effie Bowman
	Flowers	
Nov 1st	Jim McAndie	Diana Dee
8th	Jim McAndie	Diana Dee
15th	Liz Wilson	John Elcock
22nd	Liz Wilson	John Elcock
29th	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	

DATES FOR THE DIARY: NOVEMBER

- 2 Nov 10.00 am All Saints Celebration followed by the
Annual General Meeting of the Congregation
6.00 pm All Souls Worship and Remembrance
- 4 Nov 7.30 pm Trinity Centre Management Committee meets
- 5 Nov 6.00 pm Team meets
- 6 Nov Film Club
7.30 pm Thursday Group
- 8 Nov 10.00 am St Mary's Martinmas Sale
- 9 Nov 10.00 am Said Eucharist in Holy Trinity
10.45 am Town War Memorial Remembrance
Joint Worship in St Mary's Parish Church
Preacher: The Revd. Dr Robert Gould, our
Interim pastor
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
7.30 pm Vestry Meeting
- 13 Nov 7.30 pm Thursday Group
- 16 Nov St Margaret of Scotland
- 18 Nov Vestry meets
- 29 Nov Area Council Quiet Day at Eaglescairnie
- 30 Nov St Andrew, Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland

Looking ahead:

- 6 Dec Christmas Bazaar
7 Dec Toy Service

AREA COUNCIL QUIET DAY, 29th November

An opportunity for reflection and prayer as Advent begins and before we get caught up in other Christmas preparations.

This will be led by Canon Fred Tomlinson. It will be at Eaglescairnie—
Coffee available from 10 am. For further details see notice in Porch and
pew leaflet.

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 December/Jan. issue is Sunday 16th November

Please send all material to Sari:
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