

# G L O R I A



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Dear Friends

The past month has certainly reminded us of the passage of life, particularly as we welcomed Lydia Linaker in baptism just as we were saying farewell to John Paul, gone from us, we may be certain, into the nearer vision of God. In fact, the onset of autumn brings us again to a great season of remembering – so variously represented by All Saints' and All Souls' Days, The Gunpowder Treason, as it used to be called, and Remembrance Sunday. And this year, they all fit into a week!

Remembering is not a negative activity; it can be one of the most effective and joyful ways of sharing with others, especially with those whose memories are long. I was greatly impressed on a recent visit to Corstorphine Hospital to be introduced to the "Remembering Room", a quiet room furnished as a sitting room of about 1950, which was both calming and stimulating to the elderly person I was visiting.

As we remember and publicly acknowledge the contribution that previous generations of Christians have given to our communities, I would warmly recommend "Exploring All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance". This two hour workshop, memorably taking place on November 5(!), will explore the history of All Saints and All Souls, and reflect on the special opportunity the church has to hear the stories, hold the memories and to pray for those we hold dear. It should appeal to those visiting the older members and also to those who work with children and would like ideas for intergenerational exchange of stories within the congregation. Please see the advertisement elsewhere in Gloria, and pick up an application in the Church.

In conclusion, I'm very pleased to be able to pass on the warm thanks of the Linaker family for the way they were made welcome at Lydia's Baptism, and further thanks from the Grassmarket Mission for the very useful bootload of food I was able to take them after the Harvest Festival. The church was even more beautiful than usual that day, and the efficiency with which the flowers were dispatched to our shut-ins was only equalled by the efficiency with which five fabulous soups and even more puddings were dispensed!

So my thanks, too, to you all!  
Bob



## (Sermon at the Baptism of Lydia Linaker – remembering John Paul)

*James 5. 13-20:* “Let [the elders] pray over the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

*Mark 9.38-50:* Jesus said, “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us.”

Today is one of those days of deep symbolism; there is something particularly significant about being able to welcome in Baptism a new member into the Church of Christ as we mark the passage of another from this world to the more perfect vision of the glory of God. What that vision is we cannot know here. The Bible gives us fascinating hints, but makes it pretty clear that it is beyond anything that we can here comprehend. But whatever the next world may be, it is here that we live now and prepare for it. And, there is probably no more down-to-earth part of the NT than the Letter of James which we are now reading. James was obviously upset and annoyed by arguments in the Christian Community about the exact details of faith as a concept. He is passionately concerned with the idea that you don't proclaim Christ by talking about concepts, you proclaim Christ by living as Christ taught, in two words, by “being good”. That is the message for all of us as it was for John Paul and as we trust it will be for Lydia.

Being good is always difficult, partly because there are twice as many ways to be bad as to be good! Good is an action done in the right way at the right time and to the right extent, and we can fail just as badly by doing too much of anything as by doing too little. The wonderful and frightening fact of being a Christian has at least four aspects: it gives power, it gives opportunity, it gives responsibility and it gives danger. And that applies both to our life in relationship to the world outside, and equally to our life as a community together. We have, as James points out, a duty both to ask for help and to give it.

James, as I have said, is above all others the book of the NT that is concerned with conduct - with *works* or *actions* which show that faith means something. The congregation to which he is speaking appears to have been living in what we often today call *parallel universes* where some aspects of our lives make no contact with others. In particular, he says that our prayers are not answered because we fail to see the connection between the relationship we expect God to have with us, and the relationship we have with others.

The relationship we have with others is often brought home more clearly by a visit to a different society. For Sheila and me, this came on a visit to Durban, in South Africa, a few years ago. South Africa is a sort of microcosm of our world. The rich are very rich and the poor are very poor; the rich tend to be white, and the poor tend to be black, just as they are in the whole world. The rich use computers and manage corporations, while

the poor try to sell things, often hampered by the fact that they can't do simple addition, and are confused if a customer actually wants to buy more than one thing at a time. At first it seems surprising that people can grow accustomed to having this disparity in front of their faces - that is, it is surprising until we realize that that is exactly how we live! In this age of rapid communication, we cannot pretend that we have no idea what is happening elsewhere, or that those not immediately under our noses are not those with whom we should, in James's words, be making peace.

The problem of the "parallel universe" is particularly plain in the gospel, where we have the picture of the disciples complaining about their "authority" being undermined, while Jesus needs to point out that real power is the ability to serve, and has huge risks. The gospel keeps trying to push us to think more widely, while we concentrate on what we want to see, and what is usually trivial. Instead, it reminds us of what is often called the "Christian double standard": while we must interpret the actions of others as generously as possible, we must be much more severe with ourselves. Do not spend time looking at the faults of others; your own faults are interesting enough. "Temptation" here is the desire to do things which destroy community. We may well be the ones who are destroying it by making things difficult for others ("these little ones") or we may be tempted to become busily engaged in community breaking ourselves. The three parts of the body Jesus mentions, eye, hand and foot, are often considered the main instruments of temptation. We may sin as a result of what we see, of what we do, or of where we go.

A highlight of our stay in Durban was a Sunday service in a vibrant, multi-racial congregation, where the sermon was preached (in Portuguese) by the black Bishop-elect of Angola, and translated by the (white) Bishop-elect of Niassa in Mozambique (Mark van Koevering, who, incidentally, was a great friend of John Paul's, and has preached here); he urged us to pray that the Angolans, faithful through years of war, would not now lose faith with the coming of peace. As they have a chance to see the material wealth about them, could they remember that sin is real and that it is in each of us and not merely something general in our society. I cannot disagree with that, but we here in the wealthy North must also remember that the general wickedness of society does involve us all, and that the suffering of others is often to satisfy our own covetousness.

As Christians in every situation, we have God with us, and we are empowered, and our power gives us opportunities, responsibilities and dangers. The last word today, though, should go to James, in his instructions about the sick: *They should call for the elders of the church, and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.* In this teaching about healing, he presents neatly the duty to ask as well as the duty to respond. Oil, which makes our machinery run and our food palatable, becomes the symbol of healing, of bringing together, of understanding. Prayer, to which we will shortly turn, and the oil with which we will shortly be anointing Lydia as part of her baptism, are the keys to bringing our universes together in true healing and peace.

Bob Gould

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## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**This year's service, in which we remember those who have died, will be held on Sunday 1st November (All Saints Day) at 6pm and will be instead of the usual Evensong.**

**If you would like to have someone remembered by name in our prayers, there will be prayer cards available at the back of the church for you to complete from Sunday 25th October.**

**The service will be followed by tea or coffee at the back of the church.**

**I hope you will be able to support this short service of thanksgiving by being part of it. Please bring your family and friends too. You are all welcome.**

**The Third Order of the Society of St. Francis,  
Border Area.**

Invites you to learn more about being a Franciscan  
in daily life at our

**OPEN DAY**

SATURDAY 28TH November

At Alnmouth Friary

10.15am to 2.00pm

The day will include talks on St. Francis and the Third Order

Midday Prayer and Eucharist

With the Community

Buffet Lunch and an opportunity to see the Friary

For information telephone Christine 01665 572287



**TRINITY CENTRE FILM CLUB**

Thursday 5th November,

**2.00 pm** Trinity centre

**“Something’s gotta give”**

**With**

**Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton,**

A Romantic Comedy about a playboy who falls for a successful playwright divorcee who happens to be the mother of a previous girlfriend causing his world to be turned upside down.

Tea, biscuits and gossip to follow.

# **CHRISTMAS SALE**

**SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2009**

**TRINITY CENTRE**

**Further details next month**

**Put it in your diary now.**



**SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER**

**TOY SERVICE AND**

**ALL AGE SERVICE**

**Remember to bring toys**

**Faith in Older People**

**Exploring All Saints, All Souls & Remembrance**

**Remember, remember, the fifth of November**



**Date 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Time 7pm – 9pm**

**Holy Trinity, Haddington**

**Led by Mary Moffett**

The workshop will be experiential and reflective in style and content. There will be a mixture of factual input and discussion from people's personal experiences. Please pick up a leaflet with an application form in Church.

**FROM THE REGISTERS:**

**Baptism:**

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



**Lydia Linaker 27th September, 2009**

Letter received by Sheena Wood

Beaconsfield House,  
Haddington,

29<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

Dear Sheena,

David and I would like to thank everyone at Holy Trinity for being so welcoming to us all at the Service and the Baptism of Lydia. It was a moment of great joy to us to be able to be present and join the family in this first important step in Lydia's life. We felt she had been received into a circle of friendship and warmth, and with Godparents who will care for her spiritual up-bringing. I hope she will have many opportunities in the future to attend Holy Trinity, on visits to Haddington, which has been home to other members of our family for over 40 years now.

Thank you again for a memorable and wonderful experience.

Yours very sincerely

Jill and David (Lydia's Grandparents)

## PLEASE HELP SOLVE OUR MYSTERY

For several months now our Bank Statement shows a donation by BACS Neither Jean, our Gift Aid Secretary, or myself can trace the donor. Please help - you may hold the vital clue.

The statement entry is "MRS ELIZABETH WILS CHURCH". Who is she ? It is not Liz Wilson and no-one on our roll that we can see. Sometimes we receive donations via a relative or solicitor.

We are grateful just for the donation but we do need to correspond about tax relief and to thank her..

Perhaps members of congregation can help, or better still, Mrs Wils, please identify yourself!  
The Treasurer.

## **AREA COUNCIL EUCHARIST**

**We welcome members of the other seven  
Scottish Episcopal Church charges in our Ar-  
ea Council to join us on  
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER**

**AT 11.00 AM**

**Soup will be available in the Trinity Centre  
afterwards, but people are asked to bring their own  
sandwiches to share.**

## **SUNDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER**

**Area Council Quiet Day at Eaglesclairnie.  
Soup to be provided, but bring own sandwiches.  
The time will be in Pew leaflets nearer the date.**

# **HOME COMING**

**SATURDAY, 14th November  
2009**

**Trinity Centre at 6.50pm**

**A Light Meal of Traditional Scottish  
Fare will be served at 7.00pm**

**Which will be followed by  
Entertainment**

**All friends of Holy Trinity Welcome!**

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**SUNDAY, 15TH November  
Homecoming Eucharist**

**The Homecoming theme continues  
through the morning Service, to  
which it is hoped to welcome back  
to Holy Trinity former members of  
the congregation and friends.**

**There will be a glass of wine after  
the service**

## Sunday Lectionary Readings



Nov.	All Saints All Age Worship. These readings may change
1st	Wisdom 3 1—9, Revelation 21 1– 6a, John 11 32-44
8th	Ruth 31-5; 4 13-17, Hebrews 9 24-28, Mark 12 38-44
15th	1 Samuel 1 4-20, Hebrews 10 11-14, 19-25, Mark 13 1-8
22nd	2 Samuel 23 1-7, Revelation 1 4b-8, John 18 33-37
29th	ADVENT Jeremiah 33 14-16, Thessalonians 3 9-13, Luke 21 25-36

## Haddington Twinning Association

If you have an interest in France and things French do please come along to our **OPEN EVENING** and brief **AGM** in the Town House Haddington on Wednesday, 18th November at 7.30pm when you will have an opportunity to find out more about our activities and our twin town of Aubigny.

We are keen to involve more people in the association and would love to see some new faces.

The speaker for the evening is Jancis Gay. Jancis and her husband spend the summer months travelling in France and exploring the countryside. They are both sailors and most of their travelling is done in their boat. Her talk promises to be very interesting.

Do please come and join us for a glass of wine — French of course.

Jean Fairbairn

**DAILY EUCHARISTIC READINGS**

<b>Nov. 2nd</b>	All Souls, John 6 37-40
<b>3rd</b>	Luke 14 15-2
<b>4th</b>	Luke 14 25-33
<b>5th</b>	Luke 15 1-10
<b>6th</b>	Luke 16 1-8
<b>7th</b>	Luke 16 9-17
<b>9th</b>	Luke 17 1-6
<b>10th</b>	Luke 17 7-10
<b>11th</b>	Luke 17 11-19
<b>12th</b>	Luke 17 20-25
<b>13th</b>	Luke 17 26-37
<b>14th</b>	Luke 18 1-8
<b>16th</b>	St. Margaret of Scot.land Matthew 13 44-46
<b>17th</b>	Luke 19 1-10
<b>18th</b>	Luke 19 11-28
<b>19th</b>	Luke 19 41-44
<b>20th</b>	Luke 19 45-48
<b>21st</b>	Luke 20 27-40
<b>23th</b>	Luke 21 1-4
<b>24th</b>	Luke 21 5-9
<b>25th</b>	Luke 21 10-19
<b>26th</b>	Luke 21 20-28
<b>27th</b>	Luke 21 29-33
<b>28th</b>	Luke 21 34-36
<b>29th</b>	Advent Matthew 8 5-13
<b>30th</b>	St. Andrew Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Matthew 4 18-22

## **An open letter to our Organist, Jim Dickson**

Thank you, Jim, for bringing together the St. Ronan's Future Silver Band from Innerleithen, your granddaughter Ishbel on clarsach and St. Mary's Choristers from Haddington, including the two star soloists whom we like to claim as our own, in one

### **GREAT BIG CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AND YOUTH, THE ORGAN FUND CONCERT**

That evening in Holy Trinity, we put our cares aside and listened to playing and singing so good that it has to be the result of much practising by the musicians, with the obvious encouragement and inspiration of their teachers. I loved it all from the confident singing of Sarah and Olivia to the small boy who played percussion with total commitment.

This was not a school concert, all the musicians were present voluntarily, and it was great to be reminded that not all "Youths" are anti-social hooligans, whatever the papers say. Thanks to all concerned for netting £490 for our organ repairs whilst giving such pleasure.

Alison Cowe

## **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 Dec./Jan. issue  
is Sunday 15th November 2009**

Please send all material to Wendy:  
By email at [wiwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wiwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk)  
Or phone 01620 822 891

<b>ROTAS</b>
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<b>November</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea</b>	
Nov. 1st	Ena Briggs	Alison Cowe
8th	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
15th	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
22nd	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
29th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
	<b>Sidespersons</b>	
1st	David Hinley	Elizabeth Cooper
8th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
15th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
22nd	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
29th	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
	<b>Readers</b>	
1st	All Saints, All Age, followed by AGM	
8th	Remembrance Sunday, short said service	
15th	Homecoming, to be arranged	
22nd	Area Council Joint service, 11.00 am	
29th	Christopher Stephen	Julian Tennent Felicity MacKenzie
	<b>Flowers</b>	
Oct. 31st	Lottie Brown	Judy Simpson
Nov. 7th	Lottie Brown	Judy Simpson
14th	Jim McAndie	Diana Dee
21st	Jim McAndie	Diana Dee
28th	NO FLOWERS UNTIL CHRISTMAS	

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Oct. 30th Induction of the Rev. Sheila Cameron to the charge of St. Anne's, Dunbar.
- 31st Hallowe'en. Table Sale and Coffee morning for the Trinity Centre.
- Nov. 1st All Saints, All Age Worship, Congregational Annual General Meeting.  
6.00pm (?) All Souls memorial service replaces Evening Prayer.
- 3rd Vestry meeting 7.30pm
- 5th Faith in Older People—workshop led by the FIOF Group. **7.00pm**
- 8th Remembrance Sunday:  
Said Communion in Holy Trinity. 10am  
Shared worship with St. Mary's Parish Church 11 am  
(arrive by 10.40)
- 14/15th **Homecoming weekend.**
- 14th Homecoming party in the Trinity Centre 7.30pm
- 15th Homecoming Eucharist 10am
- 14th Martinmas Fair at St. Mary's
- 22nd Area Council Eucharist, in Holy Trinity. **11.00am**  
**(Please note)**
- 28th Area Council Quiet Day at Eaglescairn
- 29th **Advent Sunday**



## WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

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| Sundays    | Eucharist  | 8.30am   |
|            | Family Eucharist   | 10.00am  |
|            | Eucharist  | 11.45am* |
|            | <i>*(Not in November, to avoid clashing with the AGM.)</i> |          |
|            | Evening Prayer   | 6.00pm   |
| Wednesdays | Eucharist  | 10.00am  |