

GLORIA



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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this as Sheila and I complete an all too short tour in Holland, Germany and Switzerland visiting old friends and newer friends, older friends and younger friends. We've been having a wonderful time recalling the past, enjoying the present, and planning for the future.

"Friendship" and "friends" are words we all use a lot without thinking much. I learnt a lot from a rather serious German student I once taught. On the day after he arrived, he reported with considerable puzzlement, "My landlady asked me if I had made any new friends yesterday. Of course I hadn't – you can't become someone's friend in an hour and a half!" He had a good point; we can use this word too easily. ("Indeed", I hear some of you saying, "and just what do you mean by the greeting at the top of this letter?")

We are, of course, commanded to love our neighbour, and we know how many meanings that word has. Are we supposed to be friends with our neighbour? I was once told that God only expects us to love others, not to like them, and this seems a bit of a cop-out to me. It's all about relationships, and the fundamental key for the Christian is, "Does this relationship help me to be a better Christian or not?" And that applies to everything from a marriage to a chance meeting in a shop. Unlike love, friendship always describes an open and non-restrictive relationship. To be a real friend to someone, to like them, does not in any way restrict their or our being friends with others.

This is very important in a congregation. We should try to get to know and like as many others as we can. You are actually very good at this; it really shows up at fairs and other out-of-Sunday-morning activities. Even if the Charis campaign hadn't raised any money, it would have been good for the way it has helped people not just to love each other but to like each other more, and to see and understand better others' points of view.

The search for a new Rector is now on in earnest. This is a particularly good time to deepen friendship and see it as central to our Christian life. May God bless you in your search.

With love – and I like you too! Bob

From the Chair of the Vestry

I am very humbled to be asked to be Acting Chair of the Vestry until the appointment of a new Rector.

The Vestry has set up a steering group to guide them in this process. This group comprises four members of the Vestry (Alison Cowe, Margaret Fairbairn, Sari Salvesen and myself) with Rosemary Plumb and Christopher Stevens as extra congregational representatives.

The group has met a couple of times. I speak regularly with the Bishop who has informed me that there are a number of people interested in the charge. The Parish Profile has been updated with particular attention being paid to the challenges we face.

We ask for your continued prayerful support in our quest for a Rector. We will keep you informed of developments.

John Elcock





Kathy Warrender on How NOT to make Strawberry Jam!

As some of you know I'm a "Soup" person!

However, undaunted and ready for a challenge, I decided on the "Jam Quest"..... Easy, I thought! (I wish I had gone to Mary Wallace first!) Helping Sari to pick for the Sunday Stall I decided on strawberry jam.

A friend was a great help. My recipe said "lemons" to make it set, but NO, Friend suggested (A) adding under-ripe strawberries or (B) red currants.

I was all set (or so I thought). Ready to go!

Saturday 7.00 pm I started. I had my saucer ready for testing - great.

7.10 pm. Not setting so decided to add My 2 lemons (despite Friend's redcurrants and under ripe strawberries.)

8.00 pm. STILL NOT SETTING.

10.00 pm. STILL NOT SETTING.

Decided I'd just put it into the jam jars and hope for the best! My daughter said "Just give it time."

Sunday

"What is this?" said my husband as he poured some liquid over his toast. "Do you think it might be a little thin?" (He's always a diplomat.)

Well, if my husband doesn't like it and I wasn't going to waste all that fruit something has to be done.

Empty all the jars and back on the cooker! As I sit here now it's been bubbling away for over an hour - surely it's set by now!

What it will taste like I do not know.

Just remember, I'm good at soup, NOT jam!
Kathy (August, 2009)



HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Decorating the church will take place at
10.00am on Saturday, 3rd October.*

The more helpers the merrier. All welcome.

*Donations of fruit, flowers and also dry goods such
as tins of food, tea, sugar, etc welcome. This year
the groceries will be given to the Grassmarket Mis-
sion, Edinburgh.*

After the morning service
There will be a

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

**Come and bring a dish of your choice to
share with others.**

**See the list at the back of the church or con-
tact Margaret Fairbairn on**

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Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life. By Abbot Christopher Jamison

Phoenix £7.99 (2009) 224 pages, paperback ISBN 978-0-7538-2609-6

Christopher Jamison is Abbot of Worth, a Roman Catholic Benedictine abbey in the south of England which featured in the highly successful BBC television series "The Monastery". He has recently been in Edinburgh where he spoke in St John's, Princes Street and at the Edinburgh International Book Festival (where he drew a capacity audience to the main tent). His gift for making the fruits of monastic wisdom available to lay people was evident then as it is in his latest book, about which he spoke, "Finding Happiness".

We all want to be happy and, if we are well disposed, we want others to be happy. But do we know what happiness is? That is Christopher Jamison's starting point. What do we mean by "happy"? It is a more elusive concept than at first impression we may think. He rejects the equivalence often made of happiness with pleasure, which would make happiness merely a matter of personal taste, or with "feeling good". There is nothing necessarily wrong with pleasure or "feeling good" but if we rely on them alone they can, even when enjoyed to the full, leave a deep sense of unhappiness. He proposes instead a profound link between happiness and virtue. That is a Benedictine perception. St Benedict describes knowing good and doing good as "a joy and delight" and a monk is someone who "delights in virtue".

The purpose of the book is to provide a series of stepping stones on the path of virtue and the achievement of true happiness (perhaps best understood, in view of the ambiguities of happiness, as "not being unhappy" and "joy and delight"). These stepping stones, drawn from monastic experience, depend on looking into the human heart and confronting the thoughts which meet us there. Eight thoughts demand attention for this purpose — acedia (spiritual indifference sometimes described as sloth), gluttony, lust, greed, anger, sadness, vanity and pride. Each of these thoughts, apart from sadness, corresponds to one of the seven deadly sins as traditionally understood but the thoughts, although they have much potential for sin, are, at least for most of us most of the time, unavoidable and not in themselves sinful. Abbot Jamison's concern is rather with the cultivation of virtue, which depends on our response to these thoughts, and with a consideration of the various aspects of that response in relation to each category of thought.

A short review cannot do justice to the richness of this work. There is a brief, but interesting and useful, chapter on the philosophy of happiness and the sources of monastic tradition, but throughout the emphasis is practical with a gentle but firm insight into the realities of our human condition and an acute appreciation of the problems of modern life. Unlike some spiritual works there is no retreat from the world we live in or search for an idealistic and unreal holi-

This is a positive book which addresses us where we are and as we are and is concerned, as the subtitle indicates, with our fulfilment. It affirms life and offers a way of virtue that is also a way of delight. It is an invaluable guide for better and happier living on a sure foundation.

Sandy Wilkinson

The Notice board

All Age Services

After these services on the first
Sunday of the month there will
continue to be a
Soup and Pudding lunch in the
Trinity Centre .

You are welcome to join us.
If you wish to contribute to this, contact
Margaret Fairbairn on 01620 825 472



Trinity Centre Film Club

Thursday 1st October 2009
2.00 pm Trinity centre

AUSTRALIA

A true epic, this recent film stars Nicole Kidman
and Hugh Jackman.

It lasts 2 1/2 hours so tea will be served half way
through.

Please note the new start time of 2.00pm for the
autumn session.



COFFEE MORNING & SALE

Saturday
31st October



10am to 12.30
TRINITY CENTRE,
Church Street,
Haddington

Homebaking

Preserves

Various Stalls

ADMISSION FREE

GRANDPARENT'S OBSERVATIONS

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You are both old," he replied.

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct.. It was fun for me, so I continued..... At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these for yourself!"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied, "I can't read."

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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 November issue is Sunday 11th October 2009

Please send all material to Wendy:

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Or 01620 822 891

TAIZE PRAYER

Taize Prayer will take place in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Musselburgh on Friday 30th October 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

It will be held in St. Martin's R.C. Church, Tranent, on Friday, 27th November 2009 also at 7.30 p.m.

TRAIDCRAFT

The Traidcraft Stall will be on Sunday 4th October rather than Sunday 11th October, to co-incide with Harvest Thanksgiving.

In November it will be on the third Sunday, 15th November , not to clash with our AGM on the 1st , or Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November.

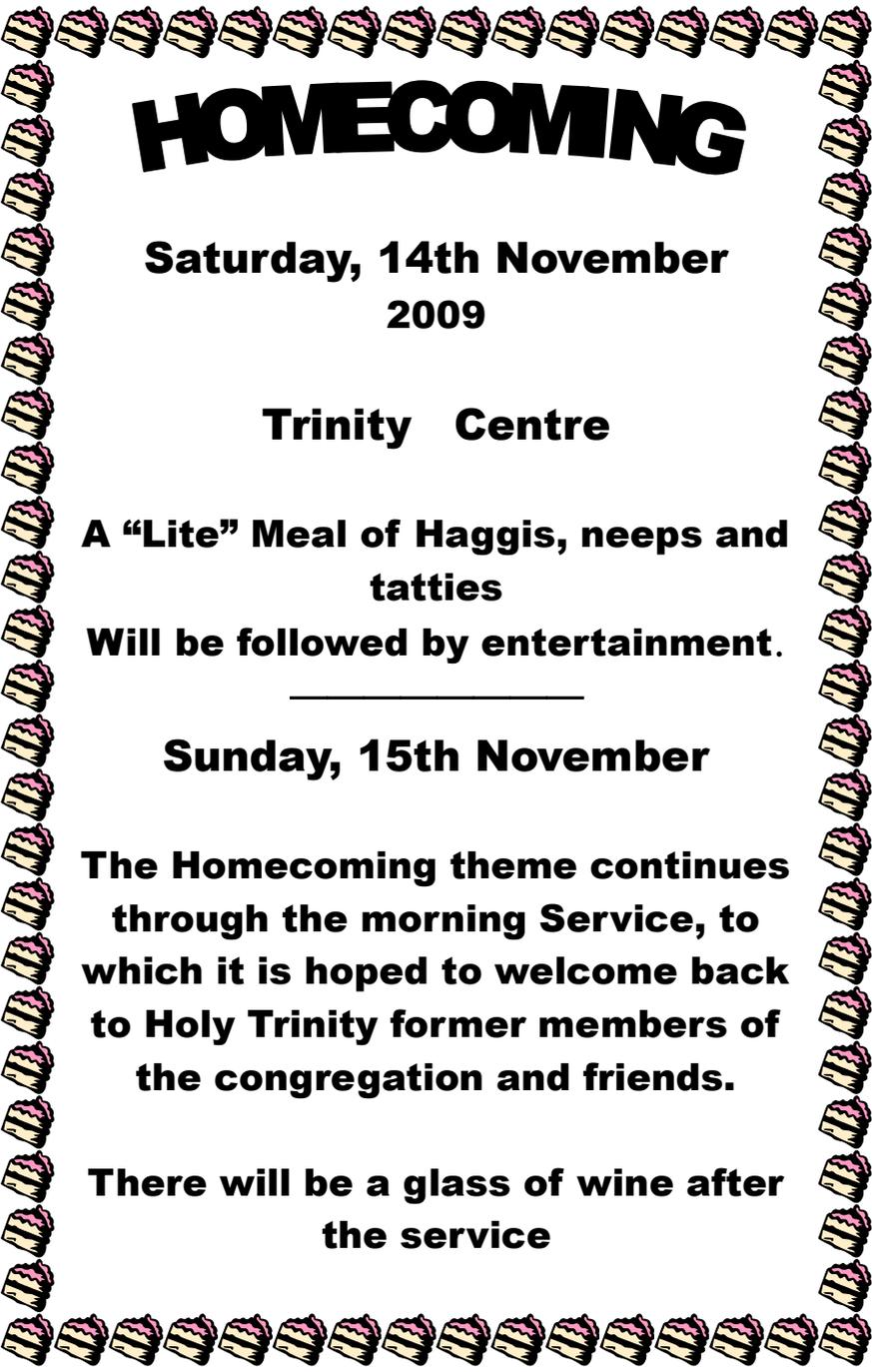
Traidcraft Christmas catalogues are now available at the back of the church. To be absolutely sure that you get what you want it is recommended that your order is submitted by Tuesday 6th October to me.

However, orders will still be accepted until Sunday 15th November.

ISheena Wood

DAILY EUCHARISTIC READINGS

Date		
Oct. 1st	Luke 10	1-12
2nd	Luke 10	13-16
3rd	Luke 10	17-24
5th	Luke 10	25-37
6th	Luke 10	38-42
7th	Luke 11	1-4
8th	Luke 11	5-13
9th	Luke 11	14-26
10th	Luke 11	27-28
12th	Luke 11	29-38
13th	Luke 11	37-41
14th	Luke 11	42-46
15th	Luke 11	47-54
16th	Luke 12	1-7
17th	Luke 12	8-12
18th	Luke 12	13-21
19th	Luke 12	35-38
20th	Luke 12	39-48
21st	Luke 12	49-53
22nd	Luke 12	45-59
23rd	Luke 13	1-9
25th	Luke 13	10-17
26th	Luke 13	18-21
27th	Luke 13	22-30
28th	Ss Simon and Jude	John 15 17-27
29th	Luke 14	1-6
30th	Luke 14	1, 7-11



HOME COMING

**Saturday, 14th November
2009**

Trinity Centre

**A "Lite" Meal of Haggis, neeps and
tatties**

Will be followed by entertainment.

Sunday, 15th November

**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 1st NOVEMBER 2009
after 10 o'clock All Saints Eucharist
PLEASE JOIN IN OUR

A . G . M .

Your presence is needed as there is voting to be done!

The following are eligible for re-election:

People's Warden - Margaret Fairbairn

Lay Representative - Sari Salvesen

Alternate Lay Representative - Cindy Sykes

Area Council Representative - Cindy Sykes

Vestry Members - There will be 4 vacancies as John Elcock, Julian Tenant and Wendy Wilkinson retire after 3 years service and cannot be re-elected. Margaret Wastie was co-opted last year instead of Graham Hook and *is* eligible for election. Therefore, we need several new names. This is an important time for Holy Trinity and you are asked to seriously consider playing your part by coming forward as a candidate for Vestry service, please.

Footnote: John Elcock was recently appointed, by the Vestry, to the office of Acting Chair for the Interregnum and will retire when a new Rector is installed.

Thank you to all who give service to God by their work on the Vestry.

Any questions or suggestions to the Secretary, Alison Cowe.

cowe621@btinternet.com or 01875 340218.

First Vestry Meeting after AGM is on 3rd November.

Lectionary readings



Date	Readings
Oct 4th	All Age, Harvest Festival, St. Francis Readings to be arranged
11th	Job 23 1—9, 16—17; Hebrews 4 12—16; Mark 10 17—31
18th	Sirach 1—4, 6—10; 2 Timothy 4 5—13, (14—17)
25th	Job 42 1—6, 10—17; Hebrews 7 23—28; Mark 10 46—52.
Nov.1st	All Saints, All Age, Congregational AGM

WARDEN OF READERS

Each Diocese has a Warden of Lay Readers. It is her/his role to care pastorally for Lay Readers, to encourage them in their ministries and to encourage them to continue learning so that lay readers are better equipped to serve their diocese and their congregations in leading worship and in all facets of the ministry team required of them.

The Bishop has appointed Janet McKinnell, Lay Reader and member of the ministry team in our own congregation to be the new Warden. We are delighted with this appointment and honoured as a congregation that one of us has been appointed to this role.

We wish Janet everything good as she works with the other diocesan lay readers and with other Wardens in the Province.

ROTA OCTOBER

Coffee and Tea

Oct	4th	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
	11th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent
	18th	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
	25th	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown

Flowers

Oct	3rd	Mrs. Alder	Penelope Ogilvy
	10th	“ “	“ “
	17th	Mrs. Mackenzie	Mrs. McCrone
	24th	“ “	“ “

Sidespersons

Oct	4th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
	11th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
	18th	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
	25th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green

Readers

Oct	4th	Harvest Festival, to be arranged	
	11th	Rosemary Brannan	Margaret Fairbairn Sandy Wilkinson
	18th	Wendy Wilkinson	Alison Cowe Jean Fairbairn
	25th	Jim McAndie	Vicky Fletcher Judith Wilkinson

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays Eucharist	8.30am
Family Eucharist	10.00am
Eucharist	11.45am*

*This will be on 25th October instead of 1st November to avoid clashing with the AGM. Usually 1st Sunday in month.

Evening Prayer	6.00pm
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**October 4th Harvest Festival, St. Francis of Assisi,
All Age Worship. Bring and Share**

Lunch

6th Vestry Meeting, 7.30 pm

18th St. Luke

21st Area Council Meets

25th 11.45 am Service, instead of 1.11.09

28th St. Simon and St. Jude

29th Diocesan Synod

31st Trinity Centre Hallowe'en Sale

**November 1st All Saints Day. All Age Worship.
Annual General Meeting of the
Congregation**