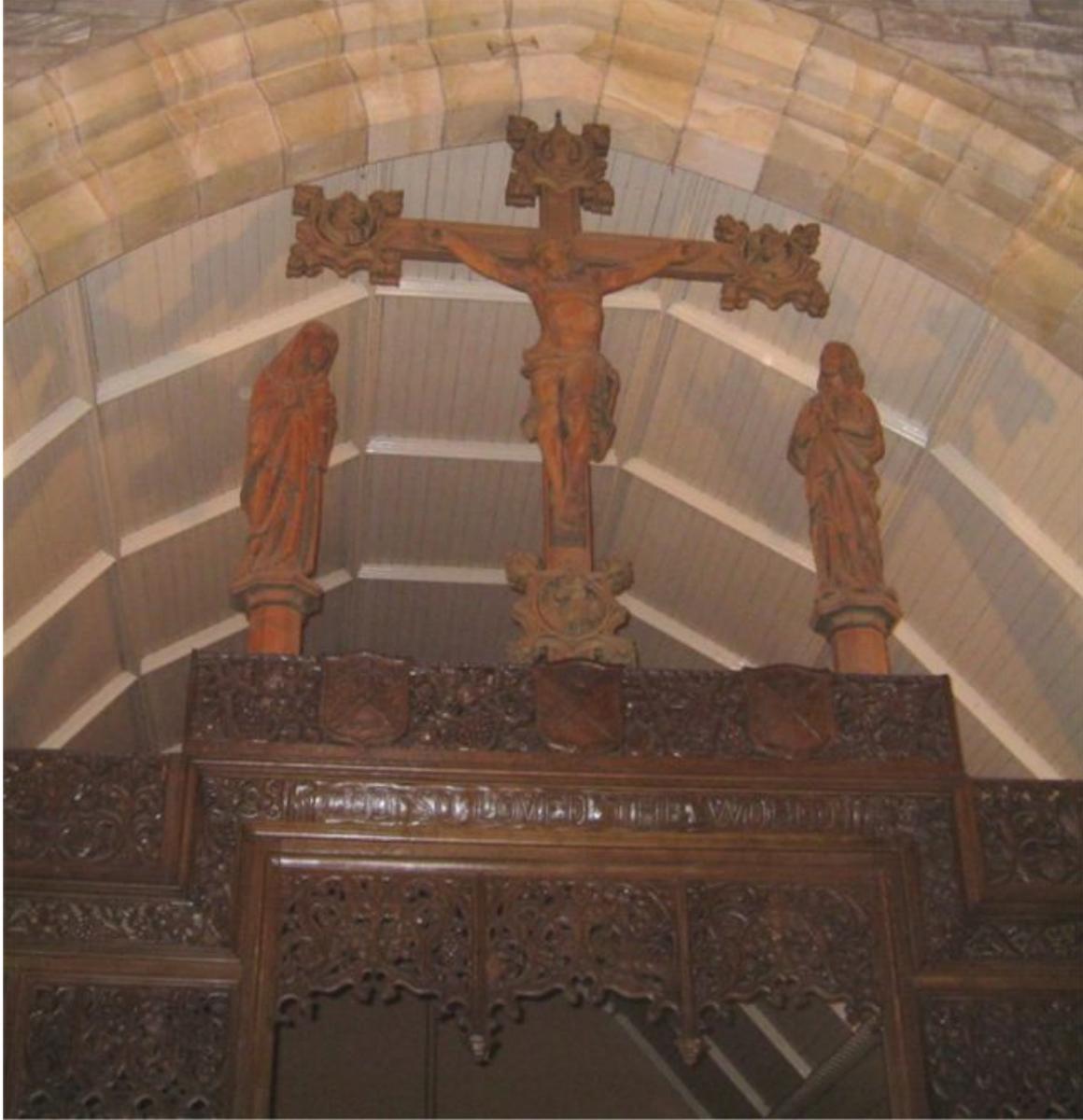




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God so loved the world ...

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Service Times

Sundays: 11.00am Choral Communion; Evensong as announced
Wednesdays: 12.15pm Midweek Eucharist
On the first Sunday of the month the 11.00am Sunday Service is a Family Communion; on the other Sundays the young people go out to Young Church during the first hymn and return in time for Communion.

Groups and Activities

(please contact the appropriate person listed inside the back cover)

Sundays: 7.30pm Youth Group for 10-16s
Tuesdays: 9.30am "J-Tots" Playgroup
7.30pm Mauricewood Housegroup at 6 Arras Grove
Wednesdays: 7.00am "Earlybirds" Prayergroup
8.00am "Earlybirds+" Prayergroup
Thursdays : 7.00pm Choir Practice

From the Rector

I've had the opportunity to do a few *Thought(s) for the Day* on Radio Scotland over the last few years. I've done quite a few of them now – the list tends to build up over time. I'd never had a producer before – especially not one who'd let me know when what I'd produced didn't *quite pass muster*. It was too 'newsy' or 'not newsy enough' or not in line with the BBC 'style' or simply unclear and a bit dribbling. Members of my congregation could probably be identified who'd testify that I might profit from a producer back home in the congregation. Perhaps they'd secretly hoped that my recent marriage will produce such a result in the long term.

Thought for the Day on Radio Scotland makes use of a two-minute format. These two-minute talks are *not* prepared far in advance – they're worked out the day before, based on what's been on the front page of the *Scotsman* (Edinburgh) or the *Herald* (Glasgow) or elsewhere. You get a phone call from the studio in Glasgow just before noon. You chat with the producer for a bit. You hammer something off and email it along. Then after 20 minutes there's another phone call and a few more emails back and forth – so far generally about four drafts seems to be the average. It takes the better part of an afternoon of my time to come up with something serviceable every four or five weeks. What is being sought is a *faith perspective* on the daily news – what the news *means* when spoken about by somebody with a religious vocation.

I will admit to a certain initial discomfort with the idea of providing a 'faith perspective'. I don't provide just 'any' faith perspective. It seemed a pretty *generalizing* thing – like somebody pulling a coat off a hook and saying '*wear this – it should fit you*' – where the 'you' in the sentence could be an Episcopalian, a Roman Catholic, a Muslim, a Jew or a Sikh. I am not so post-evangelical as to think that one can be all things to all people.

I wondered whether what was being asked for was the sort of gentle *vicar-spew* you sometimes hear in the media. What settled it for me in my mind was the parallel I drew in my mind between *Thought for the Day* and work I'd done previously in hospitals,

schools, port chaplaincies or homeless shelters. It was some of the best and most interesting work I ever did. It was done, though, by hospital standards or under the watchful eye of a head teacher, in partnership with shipping agents or social agencies. A fair number of clergy are used to working by their own rules and on their own turf within the confines of their congregations. Even if that turf shrinks to a small patch of ground and a handful of souls, we feel no tremendous discomfort. Life carries on after a fashion, and above all we can preach the Word in the way we feel called to preach it. We don't often get challenged and we don't always make very good guests in *somebody else's pulpit*.

We don't always stand up to the scrutiny of the marketplace.

A radio station is somebody else's turf – it's a civic platform. You're being heard in a car by a commuter. It's his car. That's his turf. He has a button in front of him that can turn you off. It's not so much that one has an obligation to 'tone things down' or to be 'winsome' instead of 'direct', but that one has been given a tremendous 'opportunity' – one which is worth the effort of changing one's style and approach. It's worth it because the person on the other end, in his car or in her office is valuable and is worth talking to.

Once treated as opportunity and not as obligation – the fun can really begin.

Father Rob Warren

Choir News

I hope you enjoyed the Taizé service on 13th March – there was a great turnout of people for a quiet contemplative service of music and prayer, and we welcomed visitors from other churches in Penicuik. My thanks to Ros, Val and Faye for help in setting up the church beforehand. Thanks too to Connie and other members of the L'Arche Community in Edinburgh for their contribution. Connie provided us with an outline of a traditional Taizé prayer service.

By the time you read this edition of Outreach, we will be looking towards Passion Sunday 10th April 2011, when there will be an evening service of music and readings at 6.30pm.

The year 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, and we will use the Authorised Version for readings during that service. The readings will take us through the story of the weeks leading to Good Friday and Easter. The service will also include music composed around the same time that the King James Bible was published**, from composers such as Orlando Gibbons, Felice Anerio and Tomas Luis de Victoria. You'll remember the fantastic concert given by the Edinburgh University Renaissance Choir on 7th March, during which they sang from the works of Victoria, as a celebration of the 400th anniversary of his death.

Throughout Holy Week there are services around the town – look for details in this *Outreach*. I always remember a past Rector suggesting that you had to go through the pain of Holy Week to celebrate the absolute joy and wonder of Easter – so we hope you will join us on that journey – will you be on top of Broomhill on Easter Sunday morning – see you there?

Have a happy Easter,
David

Pssst ... Music for a Summer Evening (MFSE19) – 12th June 2011

** Most of you may know that King James VI met with the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at Burntisland Parish Church in 1601 (there was apparently plague in Edinburgh). At the meeting it was agreed to commission a new translation of the Bible – which led eventually to the publication of the “Authorised Version” in 1611 – but it all started in the Parish Church, Burntisland!

From Ruth ...

All being well, I hope to serve three years as a curate at St Peter's, Luton Place. This means that I will, very sadly, have to leave you all after being deaconed at a joint ordination ceremony on the 5th of June. *Ruth Green*

[Congratulations, but we'll miss you – Ed]

Daffodil Tea

Our Daffodil Tea will be held on **Saturday 9 April 2011** from 10am to 12 noon in St Mungo's Hall, Penicuik. If the daffodils are not ready, they will be sold in the precinct at a later date.

There will be a raffle/tombola and, as last year, a yellow table. Please put your donations in the box at the back of the Church as soon as possible. We will be looking for daffodil pickers, bakers and helpers. Please speak to Marion or Kathleen if you are willing and able to help.

Please consider asking friends and neighbours to come along or bring them with you. We need to make a serious amount of money towards our £110,000 target.

Thank you!

Marion Mather

The Leprosy Mission – Penicuik Branch

The Penicuik committee is planning the annual **Pancake Morning** to be held as usual on the first Saturday in June – **4 June 2011 at 10 am until midday**, in St Mungo's Hall, Penicuik. Our project this year is to improve the integration of people affected by leprosy in the Sudan. The fund raising manager for Scotland recently visited this branch to discuss our project for the year. St James has over many years supported this inter-church event, which raises upwards of £1,000.

I would appreciate the assistance of four other people for the morning to serve pancakes and pour teas/coffees. If you have helped in the past, (and many have), and would like to give time for this event, I look forward to hearing from you.

Copies of *Dochas*, the TLM magazine, are available from me or at the rear of the church.

Marian Hunter

Church Women's Fellowship

At the meeting held 21 March 2011, we watched a video, 'The Last Supper' provided by Joyce Jones.

Isabel Stenhouse is staying with Jean Wright, whilst convalescing from an operation on her knee. We send Isabel love and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday, 25 April 2011**, 7.15pm for 7.30pm at 64 Deanburn. Thereafter, 23 May as above, and 27 June – supper outing tba.

Joyce Jones has just received a letter from Father Weatherall (India) with our receipt for our regular Quarterly Donation to support a girl in the Delhi Brotherhood School. In his letter he tells us he has been in hospital for the last three months and is having treatment for cancer but is responding well. Can we please remember him in our prayers. He is hoping to be out of hospital at Easter and visiting Scotland in June.

MU Bookstall

Very many thanks to all who have bought and/or donated books. We have raised £140, which is our contribution to the General Meeting in June. I have bought several books and been introduced to new authors. Clearing my bookcase did not quite work, for, as fast as I donated one book, I bought another! We would like to continue this and give the proceeds to the Overseas Fund. This Fund helps MU co-ordinators: their salary is the same as last year and their travel grant has been reduced by 70% – obviously this means more walking for them to visit isolated villages, some walk for three days to visit small villages.

Please remember Susan who has gone to Papua New Guinea to work with the local people, including the Mothers' Union.

Angela Sibley

Through the eye of a donkey

It might have been a dream
but we are not known to dream.
It was just so unlike any other day
that you or I have known.

What master would loan this untrained ass
to a gaggle of strangers?
Who – other than fishermen that trusted theirs –
would have expected meek compliance?

From the moment he eased His way
on to my back, even I knew
that this was to be a journey
unlike any other that you or I have known.

No spur, no threatening stick or shout,
no halter yanked
to let me know who's boss.
But a cloak to bend the chill.

Thus we glided quietly downhill,
the city looming larger, until
a fisherman was asked why just
one Man was allowed to ride.

Word spread so fast along the olivevine
that soon my path was charted, hemmed
but carpeted with green,
softening my footfall.

From lofty vantage points,
the priestly set looked on in disbelief
as adulation pierced their 'drums
and rattled the temple cage.

Did narrow gate or arrowed gaze

trim back the eager crowd?
Weather-eyed, the fishermen pushed on,
unaware that other storms were brewing.

Sounds of revelry broke
all round their meeting place
and broke my tethered peace
jarring with his sobriety.

There will be countless days,
like every other you and I have known
until you learn from me and Him
how to bear the weightless burden of obedience.

Neville

Fairtrade at St James

'We were set up as a Christian response to poverty, to challenge and change the way the world trades, to break the cycle of poverty and despair by helping poor people to help themselves, and to appeal to the Christian community to lend its support. We need the support of churchgoers to ensure it continues.' [Taken from Traidcraft's press releases for churches]

We intend to have our **Fairtrade** stall open for business every Sunday after the service. Our biscuits are a sure-fire winner, and several folk can vouch for the chocolate bars! Tea and coffee are always needed – much easier to buy them from our stall than to overload yourself elsewhere. Speak to us about other **Fairtrade** food items you would like to see for sale. Remember, St James sends 10% of sales to African charities.

To ensure we are ready for customers, the stall needs to be set up before the service; to sell goods, we need to be present each week. It would be most useful to have a few more volunteers to call on. Please see Neville if you are able to help. Thanks to our regular customers, and welcome to all you new ones!

Penicuik Oral History Resource

Recently, the History Group of Penicuik U3A heard a most interesting talk from Sheila Findlay from POHR, and Caroline Milligan from the School of Scottish Studies. In 2005, a small group of folk, mostly members of the then Penicuik Community Development Trust Steering Group, conceived the idea. They shared recognition that with so much change in the previous 50 years, memories of Penicuik as a bustling mill town might be lost. Therefore they decided to record oral histories to use somehow in celebrating the area's past. Oral history is democratic as it allows everyone a voice. It is also easier and more spontaneous to talk than to write.

They borrowed equipment from the School of Scottish Studies to assess what would be needed and what skills were required, and interviewed four ladies at Broomhill Day Centre. In 2006, they applied for funding from Awards for All; with the £4,445 they bought recording equipment, laptops etc and officially launched in May 2006.

In 2007, POHR became a fully constituted group, thus able to attain charitable status and attract funding. The name was carefully chosen to reflect their objective, stated in the constitution: *To advance public education in the history, culture and tradition of Penicuik and the surrounding area by recording and disseminating the memories of the people living, or who have lived, in the area and by maintaining an archive for the public benefit.*

The material is archived at the School of Scottish Studies Sound Archive at University of Edinburgh. At present, they are working on a collection of CDs containing highlights from the interviews recorded so far. These highlights are grouped thematically and cover topics such as: papermaking, mining, work, childhood, leisure, faith and local events etc. When the work is complete, it will be available at Penicuik Library and Local Studies Library, Loanhead. A resource pack to accompany this work will also be compiled.

In addition to their own collecting work, they undertook to deliver the oral history component of Penicuik Historical Society's Papermaking Tercentenary Project in 2009. They trained volunteers in necessary skills and supervised 23 interviews, which they processed. From these, audio clips were used to accompany slide shows at the main exhibition – listen at: www.penicuikpapermaking.org

POHR are keen to recruit new members (training is given), and also to act as facilitators, responding to calls from other community groups planning to record their histories in this way. Might we be interested in such a project for St James? There is a vast collective store of memory within our own congregation.

Margaret Coull and Georgina are both involved in the transcription of recorded interviews; this is time-consuming, but most interesting. New volunteers are most welcome; do ask if you are interested.

[Thanks to Sheila Findlay for the background information – Ed]

Update – Penicuik Oral History Resource has proposed that a project be done with the congregation of St James. This would be a project looking at the history of St James, its place in the community and the church's outreach to the community. More news to follow.

Margaret Coull, Co-ordinator for Penicuik Oral History Resource

Mothers' Union News

MU Scottish web address is: <http://www.muscotland.org.uk> or via St James web page link

The meeting held on 9 March 2011 covered business arrangements for the **General Meeting** to be held in Edinburgh on Thursday 9 June 2011, 10.30am – 3.30pm in the Usher Hall. This is being planned by the Provincial MU. Our Worldwide President, Rosemary Kempell, will tell us about her travels to members around the world. The service on Wednesday 8 June, 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral is over subscribed, and will be overflowing into St John's Church on Princes Street.

Bishop Brian presided and preached at the Lady Day service in St Mary's Cathedral on 25 March.

Provincial Retreat:

Tuesday 5 April – Thursday 7 April 2011 will be led by the Bishop of Glasgow, the Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan.

Diocesan Council: 10.15am **Wednesday, 27 April 2011** at the Christ Church Centre, Morningside.

Contact: Sue Crosfield for MU cards and literature.

Monday intercessions are held at 12 noon on 2nd Monday of month followed by a bring and share lunch.

Branch Meetings: Wednesday **13 April 2011**

No other April meeting as 27 April is Diocesan Council.

Bye Buy Childhood

An update on the petition signed by some of our congregation – ‘*On 14 March 2011, Rosemary Kempell, (MU Worldwide resident), Margaret Beringer and representative parents, children and members took the petition to No.10 Downing Street, calling on the Government to prohibit sexualized marketing and products being easily accessed by or aimed at children. We had 18,500 signatories to the petition – a very healthy result. The Mothers’ Union delegation was supported by four Members of Parliament, Helen Goodman, David Morris, Fiona Bruce and Jim Dobbin.*

Submitted by Angela Sibley

World Day of Prayer

The theme for the **World Day of Prayer** (WDP) service held on Friday 4 March 2011 at St Mungo's, Penicuik, was *How many loaves have you?* It was prepared by the Christian women of Chile. 76 women and 19 men attended the evening service led by Sheila Haig and Agnes Ovenstone, assisted by readers from North Kirk, The South Church, Sacred Heart and St James, (Catherine Pow and Margaret Coull). Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the hall afterwards.

In the afternoon, a shortened form of the service was held at Broomhill Day Centre, with Val McGavin, Marjory Bissett and Catherine Pow assisting me. Val provided a basket of rolls for sharing afterwards. The 3 men and 17 women who attended were most appreciative.

People were very generous – £33.50 was donated at the Day Centre and £306.45 at St Mungo's, of which £100 was gift aided.

I should like to thank all the churches for their support, which I hope will be repeated next year when it is St James' turn to host the service on **Friday 2 March 2012**. This will be prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia.

Jean Hindle

Christian Aid Week

Advanced warning: this year, Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st May 2011 inclusive. There will be a **Christian Aid lunch at North Kirk on Sunday 15th May**, after morning service. Please put the date in your diary and support this worthy cause.

We're always looking for new house-to-house collectors. If anyone can help, please contact me on 01968 678081.

Thanks

Geoff Mather

Congratulations ...

and all best wishes go to Pat and Graham Smith, who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this month. They were married at St Mary's, Bushbury, on 3 April, 1971.

Definition

Episcoposcopy n. looking at bishops through a lens

Epitaph for a locksmith

A zealous locksmith dy'd of late
And did arrive at heaven gate,
He stood without and would not knock,
Because he meant to pick the lock.

William Camden: Britannia (1607)

[contributed by our own zealous lock collector – Richard Phillips]

Rotas

April 2011

	3 April	10 April	17 April	24 April
	Mothering Sunday	Passion Sunday	Palm Sunday	Easter Day
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	David	Jean
Sidesmen	Young Church	Marchants	Margaret Coull Elizabeth Clark	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore
Bread and wine	Young Church	Frantoms	Leavy	Clerks
1st reading	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>	<i>*Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>
	Young Church	Geoff Mather	Sue Crosfield	Robert Clerk
2nd reading	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>	<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>	<i>Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43</i>
	Young Church	Marion Mather	Andy Longmore	Faye Clerk
Gospel	<i>John 9:1-41</i>	<i>John 11:1-45</i>	<i>Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54</i>	<i>John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10</i>
Prayers	Elizabeth Clark	Val McGavin	Mike Hay	Andy Longmore
Pray for	J-Tots	Choir	CWF	Clergy Team
Server	Angela/Alice	Val	Martin/Stephen	Angela
Coffee	Hays Smiths	McGarvas	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black	Isobel Stenhouse Jean Wright
FlowersLent.....			Easter
Cleaning	C & M Leavy	-----	Sue Owen Gillian Little	Sue Owen Gillian Little
Welcomers	Andy Longmore	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk
Care Van			St James	
Pentland House				St James

May 2011

	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
	Low Sunday	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6 (Matins)
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David	Mike
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	David	Mike	Jean
Sidesmen	Young Church	McGarvas	Catherine Pow Tom Moffat	Frantoms	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull
Bread and wine	Young Church	Leavys	Barretts	Sibleys	-----
1st reading	<i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</i>	<i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	<i>Acts 7:55-60</i>	<i>Acts 17:22-31</i>
	Gillian Little	Joyce Black	Margaret Coull	Georgina Phillips	Brigitte Fuge
2nd reading	<i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:17-23</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:13-22</i>
	Alan Murray	Glynis Murray	Sue Owen	Richard Phillips	Ian Fuge
Gospel	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	<i>John 10:1-10</i>	<i>John 14:1-14</i>	<i>John 14:15-21</i>
Prayers	Elizabeth Clark	David McGavin	Alan Murray	Val McGavin	-----
Pray for	Pastoral Care Group	Early Birds Prayer Groups	Care Van	Fabric Team	Bible Study Groups
Server	Angela/ Annie	Martin/ Stephen	Val/Alice	Angela/ Annie	-----
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Marchants	Barretts	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Frantoms
Flowers	----- Georgina Phillips ----- -----				
Cleaning	Clerks	Clerks	???????????	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse
Welcomers	Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	McGarvas
Care Van			St James		
Pentland House					

Penicuik for Africa

Palm Sunday Fellowship Lunch – April 17th

This will be a day like no other day you or I have ever known in the Lenten life of our churches! St Mungo's is also having a Fellowship Brunch at West Linton after the service, having paused to support an ecumenical Palm Sunday Celebration. This will take the form of a devotional procession from their Health Centre to the village green, which will meet up with 'Moses'!! No, not THE Moses of OT fame, but a local donkey. There will also be a brief united Service of Praise in the parish church, St Andrew's, to round things off. Why am I telling you all this under the above heading? I am responsible for our worship at West Linton that Sunday, and will not be able to give my customary attention to setting up the Penicuik for Africa lunch at St James. We operate as a well oiled machine on such occasions, I know, but we will need all other cogs to be present and turning, so please sign up on the hall notice if you can help with setting up, provisioning, soup-making etc. After lunch, we will update you on the latest developments in a fast-changing scene at Chitambo, where the Nursing School – the cause for which we will be fundraising – is rapidly taking shape.

Neville

Lily Neish 1920 - 2011

'May I start by thanking each and every one of you for being here today, and thank you Colin for all the help and support with the planning of today. I was nominated to stand here and do this, not because I am any good but because it was agreed on by my brother and sisters in my absence, however looking at them now I can see them wondering if it was such a good idea.

However as I did get a couple of days notice to compose myself, I discovered that the word funeral is an anagram of 'real fun'.

May I say that you have all been in excellent voice today, Mam would have appreciated that. She loved singing in church, although over the past few years, due to her deafness and blindness, I don't believe that she managed to sing the correct words or even the correct tune, but in her heart of hearts she was singing beautifully.

Most people here today will know Lily Henrietta as an old lady, but believe me it was only her body that was old, her mind never was.

Where to begin, well she was born in Blackwood in Wales, not a good start, she was born in 1920 on 31st October, Halloween, definitely not a good start, blood group, cream sherry, now we're cooking on gas. However she had, as she told us a lovely childhood, which she shared with her brother Wyndham, and her parents Harry and Anne Johnson.

Then, of course the world changed, WW2 broke out and Lily went to Aldershot as a nurse and met and fell in love with Andy Neish, a piper in the Royal Scots, and they were eventually posted to Glencorse Barracks, and by the time the war was over they had two wonderful children, Jacqueline Ann and Andy Harry. Life was to get even better, they moved into a house in Carlops Crescent, had another wonderful daughter, Patricia Margaret and then I was born in 1949 in the house in Carlops Crescent, Ahh happiness and contentment, what could go wrong.

May 1951, her beloved Andy died, leaving her with 4 very young children. Her mother and father said, not a problem, come back to Wales and bring the children with you, she said NO, the local council said not a problem, we will put the children into care, she said No, she just rolled her sleeves up, as she was to continue to do for many years, and brought up her four children, with no help from the state except a meagre state pension child benefit, which in those days was not given to first child, that is why Jackie is so skinny. So if anyone tells you that they are having a rough time, please refer them to me. She worked in every which way was possible, and none of us ever remembers going without.

Mam would do anything for her beloved family, and when she wanted Jackie, the first born to be christened, the vicar then, a bloke called

Charles Harvey only agreed if she was christened too, and of course she was.

Over the years we have all left home at one time or another, some of us moved away, some came back, some even changed countries, but she never changed. I attended her 90th birthday last October, I arrived at the house as a 61 year old grandfather and was greeted by my mother as a 6 year boy. She even licked the palm of her hands and flattened my non-existent hair. She always told us that when we left home that she would buy a house on the top of the Pentland Hills, and get herself a hatchet to keep us at bay. Of course she never did, as in her heart of hearts, each and every one of us were, and still are, in her eyes still those four children that she had refused to give up in 1951.

Oh incidentally, she could be quite prolific too, she once said to me “happiness is not having what you want, happiness is wanting what you have”. I didn’t discover for years that she had pinched the saying from some author, ah well, well done Mam for saying it in the first place.

Alone

Alone, yet never quite alone, I face an empty chair
But sometimes in silence, I imagine you are there,
The good company of the past - no longer here with me,
And yet in some mysterious way, you keep me company.

Ghost or angel? Does it matter? Words are meaningless.
I only know that in my times of great loneliness -
I feel that you are somewhere near,
Though nothing’s seen or said,
The bitter moment passes and my heart is comforted .

I receive the strength I need; I am rescued from despair,
Maybe that’s the way God works the answer to a prayer,
Though my loss is grievous, and the future is unknown,
I face with hope the years ahead, alone, yet not alone.

Patience Strong

So the question now arises, who will drink the cream sherry now? Who will stick my non-existent hair to my head? Who will carry the coal up

the stairs? What will life be like now, going into number 10 Carlops Crescent and not seeing her there???

May I ask you please just to sit for a few moments in silence and reflect on the good, great and funny times she has given to each and every one of us.

As Lily Henrietta continues to trust in the Lord and takes the next momentous leap of faith to join her beloved Paddy, we wish her God speed and bon voyage.

Thank you and God Bless. Amen'

[Eulogy delivered at Lily's funeral by her son, Wyndham]

From Tricia: The family of Lily Neish would like to thank everyone for the loving kindness and support shown to them before and after the sad loss of their beloved Mam. A special thank you to Colin & Maureen Chaplin. In our hearts, gone but never forgotten. Sadly missed.

Financial matters

<u>Collections</u>	February
Cash	155
Gift Aid Cash	40
Envelopes	743
Direct Giving	<u>1,648</u>
Total	£2,586

Getting there

I am delighted to say that 43 people have responded to my appeals for *Outreach* subscriptions. This is far more than in recent years, so congratulations and thanks to all who have responded.

That said, I know that there are others out there who have yet to pay – yes, I know it might not be a priority, but on the other hand £10 is not that much these days. Remember, giving voluntarily is preferable to being hassled by the Treasurer!!!!!!

Outreach envelopes are available at the back of the church or from Richard Phillips.

Graham Smith

Omega 3 ...

Watch this space!

Nothing happening? That's probably because Omega 3 works best in company. Please come along to our house group at 44, St James Gardens, Penicuik, for a perusal of ***Relationships in John's Gospel***, beginning on the first Wednesday in May (that's the 4th) at 7.30pm. We will look at five relationships: Jesus and Father, Jesus and Spirit, Jesus and the Beloved Disciple, Jesus and Thomas, Jesus and ourselves (The Way). This will take six weeks (with a break in the middle on May 25th), bringing us to Pentecost (June 12th) with fresh expectations.

Remember: **Wednesday 4 May 2011 at 7.30pm**

Neville

From the newsletters ...

100 years ago ... The altar rails were erected during Holy Week. Gifted by the Sanford family, the design was drawn by Mr Tarbolton and carved in oak by Mr Scott Morton. There are six uprights carved with grapes, pomegranates, lilies, roses, passion flower and apples. The top rail has all kinds of fruit, typical of the many graces and gifts of God's Holy Spirit from which little birds, symbolic of souls, refresh themselves. They were described as displaying a combination of richness and simplicity.

50 years ago ... The Rector, Mr Broadbent, was not in good health at the start of the year. A Daffodil Day was held on 16 April at Penicuik House. Announcement of a residential camp for choirboys to be held at Broomlee, West Linton, in the summer; there was to be fundraising to send two boys at a cost of five guineas – (*although not by then an actual coin, the term 'guinea' continued until decimalisation in 1971 and is still retained in the equine world!*).

[Thought we'd try to include some snippets each time – please let us know if you like this idea – Ed]

Bryn Haworth

The original planned visit was cancelled because of the snow.

IN CONCERT: Saturday 7 May 2011, 7.30pm, Craigiebiel Hotel
The acclaimed slide guitarist and singer/songwriter in an entertaining and uplifting evening of Gospel Blues and Country Rock.
Adults £7.50 (4 for £25) Children and concessions £6 (4 for £20)

Sunday 8 May 2011, 7pm in St Mungo's Church, Penicuik
BRYN HAWORTH will lead a service of praise and worship.
Free entry (An offering will be taken to cover costs)

Tickets and information from Joan Cape 01968 674276
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Outreach

As it is most helpful to the *Outreach* team to have material from as many folk as possible and on time, we thought it might be useful to have the whole year's schedule available. This will enable those of you who have a date-specific item to submit in good time for the appropriate issue.

As with all timetables, there is the possibility of change to the schedule, owing to leaves on the keyboard, wrong kind of coffee administered to Editor etc, so **please check your Outreach each time to confirm date.**

2011	PUBLICATION	DEADLINE 2011
MAY	Sun 1 May	Wed 20 April
JUNE	Sun 5 June	Wed 25 May
JUL/AUG	Sun 3 July	Wed 22 June
SEPT	Sun 4 September	Wed 24 August
OCT	Sun 2 October	Wed 21 September
NOV	Sun 6 November	Wed 26 October

We are always looking for new material from members of the congregation; remember, handwritten material can always be typed for you if you have no access to a computer.

Assembling the jigsaw each month does take much time! We really need to recruit some more folk to the team – please speak to us if you are interested in helping.

We welcome feedback, as this is the congregation's newsletter, and thank you for your continuing support.

Georgina and Mike

Holy Week Services

Sun 17 April Palm Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion at St James
Mon 18 April	7.00pm	South Church
Tues 19 April	7.00pm	North Kirk
Wed 20 April	7.00pm	St Mungo's, Penicuik
Thurs 21 April Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	St James
Fri 22 April	10.45am	Stations of the Cross (children) at St James
Good Friday	2.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St James
	7.30pm	Good Friday Service at St Mungo's, West Linton
Sun 24 April Easter Day	5.15am	Meet in Old Penicuik Cemetery –
	5.45am	Easter sunrise service at the top of the Broom Hill followed by breakfast in St James' Hall
	11.00am	Easter Communion Service

Your prayers are asked for...

Please pray for all those known and unknown to you who through sickness, need, bereavement or any other trouble are in need of God's comfort and support.

Pray for Florence Petrie, Mae Mann, Elizabeth Black, John Ford, Eric Marchant and Mrs Wesson (Ruth Green's mother). Pray for Julia Clerk in New Zealand and all her family. Pray for Father Weatherall in India. Also for Kathryn Topham's aunt and uncle, Paddy and Geoff, in Hull who are still going through a difficult time. Pray for the continuing recovery of Jim McGarva, Alan and Glynis Murray, Bill Little. Give thanks for the return home from hospital of Philip Crosfield, and pray for his continuing recovery. Pray for the families and friends of Lily Neish and Frank Lindsay as they mourn their loss. Pray for Jean and Ralph and their family; pray for all those suffering from depression.

Pray for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan: for the thousands killed; for those left without family, shelter or food and water. Pray still for the earthquake victims in New Zealand. Pray for all victims of natural disasters throughout the world; for the helpless and the helpers as they seek to rebuild their lives. Pray that aid reaches those for whom it is intended.

Pray for continued progress towards peace and reconciliation; for the work of Penicuik for Africa. Pray for the release of all who are enslaved, for those held captive unfairly or illegally and for the work of Amnesty International. Pray for those suffering under corrupt and uncaring political regimes, remembering especially the people of Zimbabwe. Pray for the people of North African countries torn apart by conflict. Remember also the British troops and the families of those overseas or about to go overseas, particularly those based at Glencorse Barracks, and from our own congregation.

Pray for those who staff the Bethany Trust Care Van as they minister to the homeless on the streets of Edinburgh, and for the homeless themselves.

(The Prayer Request book is either to be found in the chapel or on the altar, waiting to be used. Please do make use of it by adding your concerns and prayers. The requests are prayed for on other days as

well as on Sundays. Also let the clergy know the progress of the person held in prayer. The list is updated every two to three months. Thank you!)

Events coming soon...

April 2011

Sun 3 Apr Mothering Sunday
Thurs 7 Apr 8.15pm Vestry
Sat 9 Apr 10am-12 **Daffodil Tea** St Mungo's Hall, Penicuik
Sun 10 Apr 6.30pm Passiontide service
Sat 16 Apr Diocesan event: 'Science & the KJB' at Cathedral
Sun 17 April PfA fellowship lunch

May 2011

tbc
Wed 4 May **Duck race** in the Park
7.30pm start of 5-week Omega course at 44 St James Gardens (not 25 May)
Sat 7 May Quiz Night/Sue Owen birthday in Hall
Sat 14 May Diocesan event: Fischy Music at St Thomas, Corstorphine
Sun 15 May start of Christian Aid Week: lunch North Kirk
Thurs 19 May 8.15pm Vestry
Sat 29 May Penicuik on Parade PfA stall in the Park

June 2011

Sat 4 June Leprosy Mission Pancake Morning 10am-12 noon
Sat 4 Jun Zoo; + exhibition at later date tba
Sat 11 Jun Diocesan children's Pentecost party; venue tba
Sun 12 Jun Music For a Summer Evening 19
Sat 25 Jun **Sponsored walk** along railway

July 2011

Sat 2 Jul 'Scotland Sings for Water' – see March *Outreach*
Sun 3 Jul Sea Sunday + pot-luck lunch

August 2011

Sat 6 Aug Scald Law climb, then Flotterstone Inn

Sat 20 Aug Darts evening; venue tba
Sun 28 Aug Parish Picnic at Penicuik House

September 2011

Sat 3 Sept **Curry night** in Hall
Sun 4 Sept Start-up Sunday; + tba
Sat 10 Sept **Treasure hunt** + barbecue

October 2011

tbc **'Bella's Bistro'** meal in Hall

November 2011

Sat 12 Nov **Ceilidh** at Bowling Club

December 2011

Fri 9 Dec **Nigel's slide show**; + wine & cheese

2012

Sat 28 Jan **Burns Supper**
Fri 2 Mar World Day of Prayer at St James

Social & **Fundraising** teams have been busy! Please watch for further details nearer events: on the notice board, pew leaflets & *Outreach*. Meanwhile, please put these dates in your diary or mark your calendar, so that you do not miss anything!

***Outreach* can also be viewed on the St James website:** <http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk> The May 2011 edition will be published on Sunday 1 May 2011. Information about events, and contributions, should be with the Editor, Georgina Phillips 01968 661039, Merlewood, The Loan, West Linton, EH46 7HE phillg13@toucansurf.com, by Wednesday 20 April at the latest. If sent by email, please copy to Mike Hay: mike@hayfamily.co.uk.

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... from *The Buteman*:

Those who attend The Bute Practice on a regular basis will have noticed a new face among the resident GPs there – Dr Kate Mather. Dr Mather – who attended Glasgow University and completed her GP training in Stornoway – began at the practice on 24 January 2011, following the retirement of Dr Colin Boyd, and told us she’s settling into the community well. “It’s a lovely place. People are very appreciative of the practice, and I’ve had a good response too, which is always nice. I also work with a really great team of people.” So, why Bute? “Well, I’ve lived and worked in the Hebrides, and I love working in rural areas – so Bute seemed ideal, and after I did some locum work here, and was offered Dr Boyd’s old job, I jumped at it. It’s a beautiful island.”

[congratulations, Katie, and all best wishes from St James – Ed]



The Higgins family – Anna, Steve, Melissa and, of course, Finlay Ian (and not forgetting the dog Hobbes). Finlay was born on 17 January 2011 and was five weeks old when this photo was taken.

Congratulations to grandparents Brigitte and Ian Fuge on this latest arrival!

Lewis Ruston Miller was born to Charlotte and Jonathan Miller on 25 February 2011, weighing 9lbs 2oz!

Congratulations to grandparents Gillian Little and Al Miller on the arrival of a first grandchild.

