



OUTREACH

St James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



***... pretty bubbles everywhere!
J-Tots' Teddy Bears Picnic***

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Congratulations to Ruth Green, seen here with Bishop Brian at her ordination in St Mary's Cathedral on 5 June 2011



Mothers' Union Celebration Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral 8 June 2011

From the editor

Grateful thanks to Elizabeth Clarke, Ian Fuge and Sue Owen, who have answered the call for new *Outreach* team members to share the production load. Offers of ad hoc help from other folk have also been thankfully noted. This issue is Sue's first solo flight, and she's soaring up there! Please continue to send material to Editor as usual; now, it is more convenient for it to be channelled through one person to whomever is assembling the issue – later, there might be changes.

The magazine has been around, in various incarnations, for many years, with a succession of folk producing it. There's always room for more: to cover holidays etc, it would be helpful to have at least one more volunteer with the computer skills to assemble the material. Please consider joining us. Thank you, dear readers, for your continuing support!

Georgina Phillips

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.

Please join us in the Hall for coffee after the Sunday service.

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

Have your ears been burning?

A couple of meetings with the two wardens on the general subject of the Mission and Outreach of St James to its immediate surroundings have taken place over the last month or so. These meetings were not meant to exclude anybody, but they were designed to get a few preliminary ideas circulating so we might have something to present to Vestry and to the congregation at large. By the time you read this some of our deliberations will be been aired at Vestry and there may be murmurings. I hope there are murmurings.

If the door near the baptismal font is open during the celebration of Holy Communion, I find myself looking at pictures of John Farrant and Gary Scott. James Bruce appears to be just peeping around the corner at me. Back in the 1980's, the examining chaplain of the Diocese of British Columbia, The Venerable John Lancaster, told me that *Canon law exists so that men and women can get to heaven*. The simple division of responsibilities between Rector and Corporation (or Vestry or Parish Council) within the Canons of the Church does not only exist in order to define the "turf" of each body or individual or to keep people out of each others' hair. It enables the clarity of voice of all the baptized and the richness of parish fellowship. *It speaks to the heart of the vocation of the local church to generate a wide range of ministries which would reasonably outlive the tenure of any particular clergyperson or parish Vestry*. Many of you have outlived the tenure of four or five clergy at St James. You'll be here when I am not. This is your church more than it is mine.

When we ask ourselves "who we've got" here in the pews at St James, we can list a wealth of experience in Church life (here at St James and elsewhere), community service, education, music, art and other concerns. I have always thought that if we were to do a survey of what our parishioners were doing *and had done* over the years we would find that our small congregation is made up of movers and shakers – people well adapted and practised at being at the heart of things and not on the sidelines.

At the Offertory in the middle of each service we bring forth our gifts – bread and wine and money. These are carried up solemnly to the front by the sidesmen or their delegates – sometimes even small children. We, the congregation, take of our substance and we place it in God's hands and at the disposal of the larger community. Now we all know that there is a corner to be turned here at St James and that some development in ministry needs to take place. Thought will need to be given not only to tasks at hand – invitation and welcome to newcomers who wander in to our Sunday morning service, and a more *proactive approach* to newcomers to the Penicuik community who've moved into the house down the road – but to the creation of a diverse worshipping congregation that is fitted and tooled for a growing community. We also need to ask ourselves *what it is which give us our source of deep satisfaction in life and how that can be lived out in our community?* What makes us happy? What is our gift? How can that gift be placed in God's service?

This is the beginning of a conversation. As I said in church last Sunday – we need to hear from you. Hearing from you will make this a conversation.

Father Rob Warren

When Omega left John

At our final meeting of this session, we looked at the astonishing 'I am' sayings attributed to Jesus, found only in *John*. Sayings such as, 'I am the Good Shepherd' and 'I am the true vine', are so rooted in our songs and minds that it may seem sacrilegious to question their credentials. But the 'I Am' sayings do raise questions that need answers. Why are such core sayings not mentioned by Mark, Matthew or Luke? Maybe *John* was inspired, if not written, by someone with unique access to Jesus' innermost thoughts; who was told things the other disciples were not and who might have been ostracised if the others knew of his privileged status. This answer will satisfy many.

But what if ...? What if John experienced more completely than any other disciple the transforming power of companionship with Jesus? What if John completely trusted in Jesus' promises of a comforting, helping spirit that would reveal all truth, and enable a follower to do all

that Jesus did and more, while others harboured doubts and were inclined to retreat into Judaism. What if John were overwhelmingly convinced that Jesus was 'Son', 'Shepherd', 'Vine', 'Door' and any other theological superlative you could think of. What if John felt he could speak with the authority of Jesus, having known Jesus as 'The Way, The Truth and The Life', and could think of no better way of convincing others than by putting the words on Jesus' lips as he told his story?

Some say 'Self praise is no recommendation'. Is the testimony of an eyewitness any less convincing than a set of extravagant self-assertions? Might similar testimony be more persuasive amongst the 'unchurched' today than a straight 'quote-unquote'-Wayside Pulpit style? As a group, we have widened our knowledge of *John* and Jesus, without necessarily changing the beliefs with which we came. We should be the more able to accept a wider range of perceptions about 'Godness', as expressed in different faiths, than we did before we began our excursion through *John*. When we re-convene in the autumn, we will start to think more about 'Jesus Now' than 'Jesus Then' and where our faith should be taking us; do join us!

Neville

Penicuik for Africa

Grant success for Jo! After several attempts to get government funding for our Chitambo project, Jo Vallis has finally obtained nearly £20,000 from THET for a collaborative project entitled 'Building capacity for an elearning network to support nurse training in rural Zambia and Ghana'. PfA is not directly involved, but I will watch from the sidelines on the steering committee that will oversee an intense 10-month programme of activity. The aim is to help our Dutch partner, Macha Works, to extend their elearning programme to rural nurse training schools (NTS) at new locations in Zambia, including Chitambo, and Ghana. Jo's outfit, NES, will focus on making elearning materials available to Chitambo's new NTS. With WHO making the elearning a priority, Jo and her associates may have made their breakthrough at an opportune moment. What a long way we have come in six years since we first threw a love pebble into the 'Africa pool': the ripples have now all but crossed the nation!

Fund-raising: Our stall in the park raised £225 – thanks to all who helped, and to the St James stall for allowing us to shelter in their tent during the odd downpour! That gave us enough funds (c. £3,300) to cover the second instalment of furnishings for the new NTS, and this has now been ordered. Some months ago I appealed for volunteers to bag-pack at Sainsbury's and had a great show of hands – we have at last a slot – **Sunday, 21 August 10am-4.30 pm**. This is the only one available before Christmas! Please confirm your willingness to help by filling in the rota on the notice board and sign up a friend! There are bound to be unforeseen needs in getting the school up & running and with these fresh funds we could meet some of them straightaway.

Neville

Choir News July 2011

Looking back through previous clippings from Outreach, it is amazing how quickly the year rolls past and once again we've just completed Music for A Summer Evening for 2011 – MFSE19. It was so wonderful to sing to a great turn-out of people on such a wet and cold June evening that so contrasted from the programme note that ...

“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken” [John Dent]

However, there was sunshine indoors, plenty of it, with an augmented choir, soloists, singing groups, all washed down with wine and some nibbles. This year the proceeds from the evening are heading towards our fabric fund. My thanks for their continuing commitment go to everyone that took part in singing, playing or washing and clearing away lots of glasses afterwards. Thanks, too, to Bill and Gillian for hosting the choir BBQ and providing good weather, food and drink in such a lovely garden.

Weekly choir practice stops over July and August – starting again on **Thursday 25th August**, but both organists and choir are “on duty” Sunday by Sunday throughout July and August. If you are reading this note and are interested in joining with us on a Thursday evening, please contact me by e-mail david.mcgavin@virgin.net, or phone (01968 675614), or speak with any member of the choir. Everyone is welcome.

David

Diocesan notices

'Sounds Romantic'

Are you a Romantic at heart? Now is the time to find out! Come and enjoy glorious music from the Romantic era with outstanding organists in ***Sounds Romantic***. Saturdays 12 noon at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh. (Light refreshments served from 11am)

6 August: Michael Harris – St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh

3 September: Gordon Tocher – St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness.

Saturday 22 October: 12 noon – Murrayfield Parish Church, Ormidale Terrace, (the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt), with Chris Dyter (Resident Director of Music). See also: www.organrecitals.com
www.edinburghorganists.org.uk & www.mct.org.uk

Battle of Prestonpans tapestry at St Mary's Cathedral

Hailed as the longest tapestry in the world, the Battle of Prestonpans Tapestry is an amazing tribute to the Jacobite rising of 1745, led by Bonnie Prince Charlie, and to the commitment of the 200 volunteers who created it. It is the product of over 25,000 hours of work and research and contains over 10 million stitches. Each of its 104 panels depicts a scene from the Prince's early campaign, from his landing on Eriskay, to his resounding victory at the Battle of Prestonpans.

The tapestry is the latest initiative of the Battle of Prestonpans Heritage Trust. Set up in 2006 to campaign for the proper recognition of this defining period of Scotland's history, the Battle Trust has worked tirelessly to secure its place in the nation's consciousness. This battle deserves to be remembered and interpreted. Inspiration for the Prestonpans Tapestry came from the Trust's founding Chairman, Dr Gordon Prestoungrange. Having visited the Bayeux tapestry, he thought something similar could be created in Prestonpans – and so began this remarkable community art project.

When it was completed in the summer of 2010, the tapestry embarked on a tour of the Highlands and Islands, in the footsteps of the Prince himself, to the communities of the many volunteers. Every audience has been amazed at the detail contained in each panel – both in its

stitching and in historical content. It is one of the most compelling and comprehensive records in existence of this optimistic and victorious part of the Jacobite campaign.

It will be exhibited at **St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh**, during the months of June, July and August, and there will be a rolling programme of associated events: concerts, embroidery talks, historical talks, and guided tours throughout that time. Free entry. Exhibition open from 10 June 2011: Mon-Sat 0900-1300, 1400-1700. Sundays 1200-1500. Special viewings may be arranged.

For more information contact: **Sarah Grotrian**, St Mary's Cathedral, 0131 225 8986, office@cathedral.net or **Arran Johnston**, The Battle of Prestonpans 1745 Heritage Trust, 07906 349407, ajohnston@battleofprestonpans1745.org

[see poster on notice board for colour picture – Ed]

The Leprosy Mission Pancake Morning

The Pancake Morning event raised £1100. So thank you to all members of St James who attended, spent their money and ate the pancakes. Special thanks go to supporters who baked for the cake stall, also those who donated spreads and jams and helped to apply them to a vast number of pancakes. Several of St James' members won prizes in the raffle and tombola.

Marian Hunter & Jennifer Edge

Rotas plea

Do you want coffee after church?? Do you want a neat, tidy, clean church to worship in? Then, here's the job for **YOU**. Volunteers are needed to help with coffee and cleaning, or else there will be gaps in both rotas soon. Don't be shy! *Angela Sibley*

[please also try to find someone to do your reading etc if you know in advance you'll be away, or at least let the sidesmen know – Ed]

Retirement

The Revd Robin Lee has retired from his post as Rector of St Peter's, Peebles and Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew's, Innerleithen w.e.f. 6 June 2011.

Fundraising Update

Our stall at Penicuik in the Park raised £273 towards our fabric repairs. Thanks to all who supported this by supplying gifts, wrapping or selling them.

As I write, we are preparing for the Sponsored Walk on Saturday 24 June. We are expecting over 20 walkers and hope to boost the "Tower Fund" whilst enjoying the exercise and good company and, of course, the lunch afterwards!

The next fundraising event will be a **Bag Pack at Tesco on Saturday 30 July from 10am-2pm**. Please come along and give a little of your time. It should be an enjoyable way to boost our funds and raise St James' profile in the community.

In September we plan to have a Curry Night and a Car Treasure Hunt. The dates have had to be changed, so the **Treasure Hunt** is now on **Saturday 3 September** and the **Curry Night** will be on **Saturday 24 September**. Please put these revised dates in your diary now and join us for some fun after the summer holidays.

You will have noticed we are staging more fundraising events this year than we usually do, but the huge cost of our fabric repairs necessitates this. Fundraisers are working very hard behind the scenes to secure the funding we need and I hope you will continue to support their efforts so that our beautiful Church can be made wind and watertight once more.

Marion Mather

Holiday churches

Whit Sunday at St Augustine of Canterbury's Church, Alston, Cumbria (Newcastle Diocese)

In the parish of Alston Moor, the Vicar, Revd Canon Judy Glover, has 6 small churches in her charge: St Augustine's the largest with a Parish Roll of 36. Judy was late arriving, having conducted the baptism of Paloma at the 9.30am service at St Jude, Knarsdale; so a member of her congregation started the service at 11am. In her address, Judy commented that 'Paloma' means 'dove', which on Whit Sunday was most appropriate for a baptism on what is the church's birthday. A nice mixture of my favourite hymns: 'Living Lord', 'Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire', finishing with 'Shine, Jesus, shine'. The organist played 'Oh let the Son of God enfold you' during Communion. After the service, there was coffee and everybody in the church made us very welcome. On the notice board was an interesting newspaper cutting: 'Former Shepherd, Judy, gets a new flock'. When I enquired if anybody was involved with 'Cursillo', Judy said that there had been a 'Taster Day' in Newcastle – a spin off from Edinburgh gifting Cursillo to Durham Diocese, since George Proud was one of the contact names I recognised. Those who were involved in Durham #1 will recognise that name. We were talking to David Pepin, not only one of 5 organists listed in the parish news, but together with his wife, June, also produces the Alston Moor Parish News. According to this, St John at Nenthead has a congregation of 4-8, described as the 'happy few'. June also composes music – see www.charlemagnemusic.co.uk

June and David were also involved in the production of a very interesting history of the Parish Church. Alston at 1000ft is the highest market town in England. Extracts from the history show that the first record of the church is between 1154 and 1189, when King Henry II appointed Galfrid as rector, but there is nothing to show that he was the first rector or that the parish was formed then. The church was dedicated to St Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury. The incumbent of Alston was termed Vicar from 1396 after the revenues from the church were granted to Hexham, after Hexham's abbey etc were destroyed by fire in hostile incursions of the Scots. The registers date back to 1701. In 1735, the Derwentwater estates were granted by

the crown to Greenwich Hospital, which came to hold two-thirds of the patronage and maintained a close association with the church for 200 years, until in 1952 the patronage was handed over to the Bishop of Newcastle. In 1769 the old church was pulled down and a new church built during the following year. John Wesley first visited Alston in 1748. The present church was built in 1869 and opened on 30 August 1870. The spire was added in 1886. The history of the organs and rebuilds make interesting reading. I would recommend a visit to this very interesting church. Alston makes a nice stopping point on any journey south. [see photo page 27]

Jean Hindle

[news of other churches always welcome – Ed]

MU Service at St John's

On 8 June 2011, 300 MU members were warmly welcomed by the Dean, the Very Revd Dr John Armes, for the Celebration Eucharist the evening before the Annual Meeting in the Usher Hall. The choir sang the setting Herbert Howells' *Collegium Regale* and the Anthem, *Like as the hart*, also by him. We all appreciated their music and members commented on how they had enjoyed it. We all sang the hymns with great feeling and gusto.

Bishop Bob, Aberdeen and Orkney, preached about his visit to Africa, and how he had seen the dedication of the MU members there working to help and improve the lives of the less fortunate. He then linked this with the work of St Columba (it was the eve of St Columba's Day) and our work as Christians here. He told us not to hide our lights, but to proclaim our faith and work.

After the service, many members said how much they had enjoyed the service and how relevant and uplifting the sermon was. The beauty of St John's was enjoyed, and many returned the next day for photos. We are most grateful to all at St John's for hosting us and making the service one to remember.

Angela Sibley

Rotas

July 2011

	3 July	10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4	Pentecost 5	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David	Mike
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	David	Jean	David
Sidesmen	Catherine Pow Tom Moffat	McGarvas	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull	Marchants	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston
Bread and wine	Young Church	Clerks	Leavys	Barretts	Sibleys
1st reading	<i>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67</i>	<i>Genesis 25:19-34</i>	<i>Genesis 28:10-19a</i>	<i>Genesis 29:15-28</i>	<i>Genesis 32:22-31</i>
	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Joyce Black	Fay Clerk	Richard Phillips
2nd reading	<i>Romans 7:15-25a</i>	<i>Romans 8:1-11</i>	<i>Romans 8:12-25</i>	<i>Romans 8:26-39</i>	<i>Romans 9:1-5</i>
	<i>Gillian Little</i>	<i>Glynis Murray</i>	<i>Margaret Coull</i>	<i>Georgina Phillips</i>	<i>Elizabeth Clark</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i>	<i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>	<i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>	<i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i>	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>
Prayers	Elizabeth Clark	David McGavin	Alan Murray	Val McGavin	Geoff Mather
Pray for	Young Church	Clergy team	Mauricewood House group	J-Tots	Vestry
Server	Angela	Val/Annie	Martin/ Steven	Angela/Alice	Val
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Isabel Stenhouse Jean Wright	Marchants	Barretts	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan
Flowers	----- Kathryn Topham -----				
Cleaning	??????????	C&M Leavy	C&M Leavy	??????????	Sue Owen Gillian Little
Welcomers	McGarvas	Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston	Elizabeth Clark	Robert Clerk
Care Van			St James		
Pentland House			St James		

August 2011

	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
	Pentecost 8	Pentecost 9	Pentecost 10	Pentecost 11
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	David	Jean
Sidesmen	Andy Longmore Isabel Stenhouse	Catherine Pow Tom Moffat	McGarvas	Frantoms
Bread and wine	Children	Johnstons	Dicksons	Frantoms
1st reading	<i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 or 1 Kings 19:9-18</i>	<i>Genesis 45:1-15 or Isaiah 56:1, 6-8</i>	<i>Exodus 1:8-2:10 or Isaiah 51:1-6</i>	<i>Exodus 3:1-15 or Jeremiah 15:15-21</i>
	Richard Phillips	Sir Robert Clerk	Brigitte Fuge	Val McGavin
2nd reading	<i>Romans 10:5-15</i>	<i>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</i>	<i>Romans 12:1-8</i>	<i>Romans 12:9-21</i>
	Sue Owen	Adrian Marchant	Ian Fuge	Gill Amos
Gospel	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	<i>Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>
Prayers	Sue Crosfield	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Elizabeth Clark
Pray for	Pastoral Care Group	Jubilee Scotland	Care Van	Early Birds' Prayer Groups
Server	Martin/Steven	Angela/Annie	Val/Alice	Martin/Steven
Coffee	Kathleen Cox Sue Crosfield	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black	Smiths McGarvas	Isabel Stenhouse Jean Wright
Flowers	----- Ruth Frantom ----- -----			
Cleaning	Sue Owen Gillian Little	???????????	Clerks	Clerks
Welcomers	Nigel Johnston	McGarvas	Andy Longmore	Elizabeth Clark
Care Van			St James	
Pentland House				

September 2011

	4 September	11 September	18 September	25 September
	Pentecost 12	Pentecost 13	Pentecost 14	Pentecost 15
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	David	David
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	tba	Jean
Sidesmen	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Isabel Stenhouse	McGarvas
Bread and wine	Children	Clerks	Leavys	Barretts
1st reading	<i>Exodus 12:1-14 or Ezekiel 33:7-11</i>	<i>Exodus 14:19-31 or Genesis 50:15-21</i>	<i>Exodus 16:2-15 or Jonah 3:10-4:11</i>	<i>Exodus 17:1-7 or Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32</i>
	Geoff Mather	Sue Crosfield	Gillian Little	Glynis Murray
2nd reading	<i>Romans 13:8-14</i>	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	<i>Philippians 1:21-30</i>	<i>Philippians 2:1-13</i>
	Marion Mather	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Joyce Black
Gospel	<i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>	<i>Matthew 21:23-32</i>
Prayers	Geoff Mather	David McGavin	Val McGavin	Sue Crosfield
Pray for	Bible Study Group	Choir	Young Church Leaders	Vestry
Server	Angela	Val/Annie	Martin/Alice	Angela/Steven
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Marchants	Barretts	Frantoms
Flowers	----- tba ----- -----			
Cleaning	???????????	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse	???????????
Welcomers	McGarvas	Robert Clerk	Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore
Care Van			St James	
Pentland House				

A Youth Orchestra visit from Galilee!

On Sunday 7 August, a youth orchestra visits Penicuik for two days, from Kfar Vradim, the nearby town of Ma'alot and other neighbouring communities in the Western Galilee. The mother of one of the young musicians was married in Penicuik 20 years ago, and is delighted that her son will be visiting us.

The youngsters will be sleeping in halls around Penicuik (including St James'). We at St James intend to give them their two evening meals as a "Pot Luck" supper. They will be giving a concert at St James on Sunday 7 August, and at Bank Mill with local young musicians on Monday 8 August. Please support these young musicians by bringing some food for their evening meals and coming to their concerts. More details nearer the time.

Sue Owen

Tanya Byron and the Usher Hall

"MU rocks" – these were the final triumphant words that Tanya Byron, the well-known child psychologist, left us with as she dashed off from the Usher Hall to catch a plane back to London, having dashed up a few hours earlier. She certainly had us rocking with laughter during an accomplished stand-up comedy performance, (she used to write scripts with Jennifer Saunders), which culminated in a vivid description of the Obama kiss.

When she did finally get down to more serious matters, she told us nothing especially new, but it was very good to hear how emphatically she deplores the way in which childhood is being eroded in our current risk-averse culture, which deprives children of the freedom to roam on their own and make their own discoveries. Instead they are confined to the house, or, more usually, the bedroom where many spend hours on the internet, sometimes from a very young age, often accessing material unsuitable for their years on social networking sites and so on.

Like so many of us, she deplores the current cult of "celebrities", the early sexualisation of children and the commercial pressures they and their parents are subjected to. She made a strong plea for better parenting. Parents, she said, must learn how to say NO. She told us how the number of desperately sad and disturbed children coming to

her clinic has risen sharply lately. She agreed with the one questioner we had time for, that boys in the current climate get a very raw deal, often being deprived of any good rôle models. She had nothing but praise for the Bailey Report, which the government had asked our chief executive, Reg Bailey, to compile on the sexualisation and commercialisation of childhood. So although her time with us was brief, her impact on her audience was impressive.

Susan Crosfield

Mauricewood House Group

Most Tuesdays over the last year, a group of eight or nine of us has been meeting at David and Val's house. David has helped us to read, review and understand what the writers of the scriptures were saying to the early Christians, and we've discussed what the relevance of these writings is to us today.

Recently we have had a look at the Apocrypha. This, for most of us, was entering very new territory. However, David had us read through the book of Judith as our first attempt at this. What a story, what a woman. By wily female ways, this widow, almost single handed, sent King Nebuchadnezzar's army fleeing in terror, having chopped off the head of the King's general, Holofernes.

We looked at Susanna, and Bel and the Dragon, both additions to the book of Daniel. Susanna managed to repel the attention of two elders, but they testified against her, saying they had observed her with a young man. But they were found out by cross-examination by Daniel, thus saving many of the young women of Israel from their advances.

Bel and the Dragon show the influence Daniel had with the king of the Babylonians. Daniel refused to worship one of their gods, Bel. He was able to prove to the king that the offerings he made to Bel were eaten by the priests and their families, not by Bel. Daniel killed the dragon, another god revered by the Babylonians. The people conspired against the king as they thought he was becoming a Jew. The king had to hand Daniel over to them and they threw him into the lions' den. He was there for six days with seven lions! With the intervention of the angel of the Lord, Habbakuk rescued Daniel with a bowl of stew! The king came to the den to mourn for Daniel. Instead, finding him alive, he shouted, "You are great, O Lord, the God of Daniel, and there is no

other besides you". He pulled Daniel out and then threw in all the baddies!

Psalm 151 gives David's own account of the slaying of Goliath, a much shorter version than that in 1 Samuel 17 and we touched on the Wisdom of Solomon before we broke up for the summer.

I don't know what David has planned for us when we reconvene in the autumn. But we have only just opened the door of the Apocrypha so I expect we will be revisiting its pages again soon. What can Baruch, Maccabees, Esdras and the others, as yet unread, have in store?

Val normally leads us in prayer at each meeting and David does the research to enable us to increase our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. I'm sure I speak for all the Mauricewood House Group when I thank both of them for the commitment they have shown over the years to this group.

Elizabeth Clark

From the newsletters

100 years ago ... the Diocesan Inspector was due to view the school in June; members of the congregation provided accommodation for Town children to have holidays. In August, interviews were held for the new Church officer – applications were weeded down to over two dozen interviews; surprise visits were made to applicants' homes and correspondence entered into with their home clergy.

50 years ago ... on 8 July, the choir sang at a wedding in St Peter's, Peebles, and the choirboys were treated to fish and chips, wedding cake, and strawberries and cream! *"On the morning of 16 July, the bell rope was fouled by an over-enthusiastic ringer, and could not be rung for the service. That evening, Arthur Galloway and Bill Broadbent went up the tower and, with assistance from Charles Aitchison below, put the matter right. Incidentally, we would remind amateur bell ringers of an old belief that it is death to remain in the bell-chamber when the bells are rung. On this occasion, Charlie tried a few practice pulls while the other two were still near the bell, with the result that they thought their heads were going to burst and made a rush for the ladder, yelling for him to stop!"*

Simbai Vocational Training Centre

Simbai Vocational Training Centre (SVTC) is situated in the Madang Province at an altitude of over 6000 feet, and provides vocational training to young people who are often unable to afford to continue with secondary education. The centre currently runs two separate courses in Carpentry and Home Economics with the students also learning additional disciplines such as needlework, agriculture, and husbandry. With this armoury of skills students will often return to their villages having acquired the knowledge and experience to help their communities to develop. Others go on to seek employment in the commercial sector.

SVTC does earn some income from the sale of items made by the carpentry students. Desks and furniture orders were completed for 2 primary schools and SVTC has attempted to secure the campus area with fencing under the direction of the Board of Governors. Fences on the eastern and northern sides have been completed but no further work can be done until funds become available. Priority will be for a security gate plus adequate fencing along the river side of the houses. Accessing sawn timber continues to be a problem as SVTC's chain saw is still in the workshop under repair. SVTC fulfilled its furniture orders only after it was able to hire equipment.

Tuition fees are approximately £50 (PGK200) per year, although many students struggle to find even this modest sum and goods will often be given in lieu of school fees.

The agriculture extension project is going quite well in spite of no funding or assistance from any government sources. The Carpentry students are being taught in basic agriculture procedures and animal husbandry. The farm has continued to produce food regularly which is turned back to the students for their consumption. Crops include avocado, bananas, apples, sugar cane, pit pit, kaukau, tobacco (used as a natural pesticide), onions, chives, greens, and broccoli. Last year they also attempted to grow peanuts for the first time. SVTC was able to get coffee seeds and has started a nursery with more than 500 seedlings coming up. Rice seeds were also obtained from the provincial crops officer in Madang last year and there have been at least two harvests of quality rice. In addition SVTC would like to try harvesting mushrooms which it believes will grow well in the area, and

the agriculture students are currently digging foundations to build a duck house and pond. Duck meat and eggs would be considered a delicacy in that area, and accordingly would fetch a higher price than chicken meat and eggs. They are also in need of funds for additional basic tools such as forks, spades, axes and bush knives.

The female pig did produced four offspring in 2009, two of which died shortly after birth; the remaining two were sold for about £40 each. Last year she produced another 11 piglets 9 of who survived and were sold. Food stuffs grown at the farm or made by the home economics students are sometimes sold in SVTC's small trade store which operates sporadically when items for sale are available, or when SVTC can finance the charter of a plane to cargo goods.

Since she arrived Susan has been working with the Domestic Science students to include them within the agricultural extension project. The benefits are four-fold. In the first instance it is a learning tool which enables her to put teaching about nutrition into a practical context. Secondly, it provides the students with additional ingredients to use in their home economics classes. Thirdly, any surplus food can be sold in the trade store as an income stream for the college. It is hoped once the harvesting of seeds becomes a productive enterprise graduate students can take back to their villages the seeds as well as the practical skills to grow those crops in their own villages.

Louise Ewington, General Secretary, PNGCP
Registered Charity Number: 249446
Submitted by Angela Sibley

Vestry Moments

Summary of the vestry meeting 22 June 2011

Ruth Green has been presented with two stoles on behalf of the congregation as a farewell gift

Mission group: continues to enlarge the church's vision

Fundraising: need to find ways to raise the basic £50,000 of the much larger sum from church members past and present and from benefactors; *see also Fundraising article* **Midlothian Doors Open Day:** Sat 10 September - to attract people & bring attention to our need for fundraising

Nigel Johnston, Vestry Secretary.

Mothers' Union News

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

General Meeting: The MU had a very successful General Meeting in Edinburgh on 9 June 2011. The previous evening, the Province of Scotland welcomed around 1500 visitors to services at St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Cathedral and St John's Scottish Episcopal Church. The former was led by the Bishop of Edinburgh, the Rt Revd Brian Smith; the preacher was the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Most Revd David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. *[see also separate reports of service and meeting and MU website for 108 photos of the service taken by Paul Hindle.]*

Branch news:

Mary Sumner House has asked all dioceses to recognise a World-Wide Day of Prayer on **9 August 2011**, and to pray about the advancement of MU. As this date is the anniversary of the birth of Mary Sumner, it was proposed to celebrate the day with a service. The Revd Jennifer Edie, our Chaplain, has offered to hold it at the **Church of St Ebba, Fort View, Paxton Terrace, Eyemouth**, at **2pm**, followed by afternoon tea in The Parsonage (just behind the Church). Members, husbands, friends and clergy are all invited. **Transport to be arranged.**

Maori MU: Extract from the recent bulletin sent by Dennis Urquhart to Jean Hindle, and of especial interest to those who hosted our Maori visitors.

'RIP - MEREMERE MANGAMARU PETRICEVICH QSM, JP; born 27 April 1920, died at her home 1 March 2011. Canon Urquhart administered the Last Rites. Meremere became a JP in 1984. On Lady Day, 25 March 2000, with Eliza Larkins, (Provincial President of the Maori MU in 1988, who died on 12 October 2010), Meremere received an MU Membership Badge for 50 years' with the Maori MU. She was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the 2003 Birthday Honours. On 21 August 1975, she married Walter (Sonny) Petricevich. In July 1988, they accompanied 15 members of the Maori MU to the MU World Conference held in Swannick, Derbyshire. In Scotland, Sonny and Meremere stayed with Jean and the late Frank Lindsay at Penicuik.

MU Celebration Eucharist

St Mary's Cathedral

On the Eve of St Columba, 8 June 2011, 1200 MU members, guests, including the Lord and Lady Provost of Edinburgh, and clergy, took part in a most memorable service. It was poignant in that this was Bishop Brian's last service for the MU before he retires.

The service began with the Procession of clergy, including all the bishops, (except the Bishop of Aberdeen who was preaching at St John's), the Provincial banners, World-Wide President Rosemary Kempshall, Diocesan Chaplains and the Cathedral Choir. The congregation consisted of members from all over the UK and the world.

The service followed the MU annual theme of "faithful relationships", and celebrated the life and witness of St Columba through wonderful music, prayer, readings and reflections. The Primus preached the sermon, with the Bishop presiding and ably assisted by other clergy, including the Rector.

The music was wonderful. The setting was Jonathan Dove *Missa Brevis*, and the anthem Britten's *Te Deum in C*. The hymns were well chosen: *'Be thou my vision'*, *'Brother, sister let me serve you'*, *'Ye watchers and ye Holy Ones'*, *'Just as I am'*, *'Amazing grace'* and, can you imagine *'Great is Thy faithfulness'* sung by 1200 voices. It really raised the spirits – as Hanna Monelle said when told, "Is the roof still there?" New to us was *'Christ who has sent us Celtic Saints to guide us.'*

After the Recessional, we were treated to some wonderful piping by Brighde Chaimbeul of the Music School. She played the Pipe Voluntary *Bays of Harris*, a Psalm Tune by the Revd Alex Muir, which was much appreciated by the congregation. Bishop Brian shook hands at the door. Speaking to people before and after the service, they said that they were enjoying their time in Edinburgh and had greatly enjoyed the service.

Margaret Coull

MU General Meeting

Usher Hall, St Columba's Day, 9 June 2011

The day opened with a welcome by the Lord Provost. The afternoon session was the business of the meeting, with reports by the Unit Coordinators and a presentation, "Democratic Republic Congo", by Nicola Lawrence.

Then came the main item of the afternoon, which took the form of a "chat show" interview, when Reg Bailey, our chief executive, spoke about the **Bailey Report** – 'Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Childhood', which had been published on Monday 6 June. He gave us some insight into how the investigation had been done and the responses. We all know about censorship of films, but none applies to pop dvds or computer games, which were not around at the time the legislation was brought out, but this is one of the recommendations made in the report. *[see footnote]*

The content of Morning, Mid-day Prayers and Closing Worship was based on the Wee Worship Book of the Iona Community in tribute to St Columba.

Afterwards, I spoke to one of the Usher Hall staff, who said he had found it interesting, especially the part about the internet and computer games. He agreed with what was said, but also said "parents have a responsibility".

Margaret Coull

[very long address to type; might be quicker to Google 'Bailey report' and go to:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0077662/bailey-review-of-the-commercialisation-and-sexualisation-of-childhood-final-report-published/>

"MOTHERS' UNION ROCKS!" – quote from guest speaker Professor Tanya Byron.

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 Sue Owen's granddaughter, Dani Cooper, and her family. 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 Jean and Ralph and their family; pray for all those suffering from depression.

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. Give thanks for the safe return of 2 SCOTS. Pray for the service personnel and their families as they resume life in the UK.

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.

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...

July 2011

Sat 30 July 10am-2pm **Tesco bag pack**

August 2011

Sat 6 Aug **Scald Law climb**, then Flotterstone Inn
Sun 7 Aug Kfar Vradim Youth Orchestra concert, St James
Mon 8 Aug Kfar Vradim Youth Orchestra concert, Bank Mill
Wed 17 Aug 7.30pm Vestry
Sat 20 Aug Social evening; details tba
Sun 21 Aug PfA bag-packing at Sainsbury's
Sun 28 Aug Parish Picnic at Penicuik House

September 2011

Sat 3 Sept Car Treasure Hunt
Sun 4 Sept Start-up Sunday; + tba
Sat 10 Sept 'Doors Open' St James
Thurs 22 Sept 8.15pm Vestry
Sat 24 Sept Curry Night

October 2011

Fri 28 Oct **Ceilidh** + buffet at Bowling Club

November 2011

Sat 12 Nov Penicuik for Africa (PfA) Coffee Morning
tbc **Bella's Bistro** meal in Hall

December 2011

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

January 2012

Sat 28 Jan **Burns Supper**

March 2012

Fri 2 Mar World Day of Prayer at St James

***Outreach* can also be viewed on the St James website:**

<http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk> The next issue will be published on Sunday 4 September 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 24 August 2011** at the latest.

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Interior of this month's "Holiday Church".
See Jean's article on pages 11-12



Bill and Caireen at the choir
BBQ after the concert "Music
for a Summer Evening."
Thank you Bill and Gillian for
hosting this after the concert!



Anthony and Jennifer Edge's
daughter-in-law, Cristina, who
has graduated from Glasgow
School of Art with a Masters of
Architectural Studies Degree.
Seen here with husband,
Stephen.



Isla Maidwell, daughter of Neil and Sue, baptised 8 May 2011.
She charmed everyone!



Come and buy! Richard at the “Penicuik for Africa” (PfA) stall at “Penicuik in the Park”, 28 May during the Hunter and Lass festivities. It’s the few seconds when it wasn't raining, sleeting or freezing. Valiant volunteers also manned stalls for St James and the Mothers’ Union.