



OUTREACH

St. James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



St Margaret - the only Royal Scottish Saint

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The new Provincial Mothers' Union President, Hilary Morran (third from left), following her commissioning in Glasgow Cathedral

**First Fairtrade
Communion Wine
(see article)!**



The Stellar Team

Berty Jones

Berty is the deputy to the chief winemaker, Dudley Wilson. He started life as a miner and a concrete layer before Stellar Vineyards was created. After participating in its construction, he was offered an opportunity to learn the winemaking business. He accepted and now supervises more than 30 workers and is involved in wine production, testing, bottling and labelling.



Willem Roussow
and Berty Jones


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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
	10.00am	Bible Study at 24 Mauricewood Park
	7.30pm	Mauricewood Housegroup at 6 Arras Grove
Wednesdays:	7.00am	“Earlybirds” Prayergroup
	8.00am	“Earlybirds+” Prayergroup
Thursdays :	7.00pm	Choir Practice

Rector’s Letter

So there I am on Ash Wednesday with a thumb-load of ashes looking down a long line of foreheads at the altar rail. “You are dust”, I say to each person, “and to dust you will return”. If you were shopping at Tesco’s and a stranger came up to you and said something like that, you’d react angrily. You might be justified in telling the store manager or the police that you’d been “threatened”, or at the very least “verbally abused”.

“I’m not dust. I’m a capable employee and the mother or father to children. My friends think I’m fab!”

There’s a good “home truth” in the phrase uttered by the priest on Ash Wednesday. We are contingent beings. Our lives don’t go on forever, and it’s worth knowing that our time together on this earth is worth honouring and treasuring, because we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are not angels. It’s worth knowing that life and strength are passing things and that like the flowers of the field we wither and die.

It’s also worth knowing that we have ‘erred and strayed from [God’s] ways like lost sheep’. There’s much for each of us to do – self-reflection, prayer and re-centering our direction in life. It’s self-deception to assume that we’ve got it made. The line the priest says to us at the altar rail on Ash Wednesday is a reasonable assessment of the human condition.

The problem comes when we realise that we don’t all have the same basic understanding of our contingency, our weakness and our

culpability. Without wanting to state it too starkly, there are two very different sorts of people in the world.

Some people say “sorry” too much. Somewhere along the line they were given the impression that they were rubbish and that message sunk in. If a project fails they assume that they are responsible for the failure. If they fall out with somebody they usually end up taking the blame for the disagreement. “Sorry”, they say, “I shouldn’t have insisted. I shouldn’t have spoken up”. One hesitates to underscore the weakness and inability of such people, because it’s already something they know too well – by “too well”, I mean that we feel like we’d like to lift them up more than call them down. They could do with coming to terms with just how lovable and gifted they are. They aren’t rubbish at all. I’d like to reach back in time and give the person - the parent, the grandparent, the teacher or the spouse – who first got them thinking that they were rubbish a really good shake.

And then there’s the other half of the world: Those who are disinclined to take responsibility for things, and who assume that if a relationship sours it’s the other person’s fault, and who feel quite justified in having the larger part of any bargain. They’ve never said sorry in the course of their lives. They wouldn’t know how.

One season with its overarching theme of Penitence and Restoration needs to meet the needs of two very different communities with different degrees of self-understanding.

Which one are you?

Father Rob Warren

Lent Course

This is taking place over three Wednesday nights at 7pm: 24 February, 3 March and 10 March 2010.

Thank you ...

... to all who ‘phoned or emailed to enquire how Richard was progressing during and after his fortunately short stay in Borders General Hospital; for offers of lifts and any other help; especially for your prayers. His condition was most uncomfortable but not life-threatening, and surgery was not necessary. The St James family at work! *Georgina*

A message from Jean Lindsay ...

I am now pleased to tell you that I am fully recovered from my depression, which was unbelievably dreadful while it lasted. My recovery was, I am quite sure, due largely to the prayers and good wishes of my many friends, including yourselves in St James the Less. Thank you all so very much.

Frank and I are looking forward to seeing you all on our annual visit to Scotland in April.

With our love, Jean

[*Good news, Jean; we, too, look forward to your visit – Ed*]

Penicuik Churches Shopping Service

A reminder that the shopping service has now been in operation for over a year and is serving a small number of clients in Penicuik who are unable to go for their own shopping. We also have a small band of willing helpers who carry out the shopping, without whom the service could not operate.

If you know of anyone who has difficulty with shopping and you are unable to help, please contact Jim Cowper, Tel 673538.

If you would like to help us with this service please also contact Jim Cowper, who is happy to give more details of how you can help.

“Omega” - a new house group

With Philip ‘hanging up his scrolls’, there is a gap in our midweek programme and I have a proposal that might begin to fill it. Beginning at 7.30pm in 44, St James’ Gardens on Wednesday evenings after Easter (i.e. April 7th), you are invited to a series of four led discussions on the general theme of ‘Fitting the church for purpose in the 21st Century’. These meetings will not be ‘bible studies’ as you know (or fear?) them although we will be comparing passages from time to time. Those who come would have an opportunity to shape the group as well as the church, but initially we would probably follow Marcus Borg’s* book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (Harper One, 1994). Marcus describes a Jesus who is neither the ‘Jesus of History’ nor the ‘Christ of Faith’, neither ‘Good Teacher’ nor ‘Sacrificial Lamb’. This intriguing prospect may lead us to slightly different ways of praying, worshipping, serving and evangelising that are more appealing to those not of ‘The

Faith'. If that turns out to be the case, the Omega Group could run and run!

Neville

** Marcus Borg is a bible scholar and theologian at Oregon State University and married to Alice, a priest in the Episcopal Church of America. He is due in Edinburgh in September (St. John's, Princes Street) when he will be leading a weekend of study, discussion and worship on the theme 'Being a Christian in the 21st Century'. He comes with the commendation of former team member, Stephen Goldsmith, who went so far as to forward a booking form for the conference which I have duly completed!*

World Day of Prayer - recipes from Cameroon

African Crepes

These are classical Cameroonian thin pancakes that incorporate mashed bananas into the pancake batter.

Ingredients:

140g flour, 4 large ripe bananas (mashed), 360ml milk, 50g sugar, groundnut oil for frying, pinch of salt, icing sugar to dust

Method:

Combine the flour, sugar and salt in a bowl then whisk in the milk, adding a little at a time so you get a smooth batter. Add the mashed bananas and stir to combine thoroughly. Add a little oil to your frying pan and when hot add about 100ml of batter. Spread this with the back of a spoon or ladle until it forms a thin layer. Cook for about 2 minutes, or until the edges begin to crisp then flip and cook on the other side for about 2 minutes more. Roll tightly, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Cameroonian Sweet Potato Cake

Ingredients:

900g sweet potatoes (un-peeled), 225g sugar, 4 eggs, freshly grated zest of 1 lime, 200g butter, 2 tbsp rum

Method:

Bring a pan of unsalted water to the boil, add the sweet potatoes, return to the boil and cook for about 25 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are tender. Drain then set aside to cool. As soon as you can handle them (ie whilst still warm) peel the sweet potatoes then mash with a fork. Mix-in

the butter and beat to a smooth paste. Meanwhile, whisk the eggs lightly in a separate bowl then whip with the sugar until the mixture turns white. Whisk in the lime zest then beat this mixture into the sweet potato and butter mix. Add the rum then turn the batter into a well-buttered cake tin.

Transfer to an oven pre-heated to 190°C and bake for about 50 minutes, or until the top is lightly golden and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake emerges cleanly. Allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes then invert onto a plate and serve.

Fairtrade Communion Wine

We are going to be trying out Fairtrade Communion Wine, starting at Easter. It is called 'Poterion Fairtrade' and is the first communion wine to be made Fairtrade.

It comes from one of South Africa's leading wine estates, Stellar. The wine we will try will be a red made from the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, grown organically in the Olifants River region of the Western Cape.

The wine is lightly fortified to 15% alcohol in accordance with Canon Law 924 article 3 - this is what makes it suitable for 'the most holy sacrifice of the Eucharist'.

The Stellar Winery promotes community projects for its workers. They have a commercial organic vegetable garden and funds from this go to the local Primary School. They run education classes in IT training and fund the purchase of laptop computers. Plans for the future include the purchase of a bus for transport of workers and for social occasions, and the building of a community centre. The wine is supplied by Whitebridge Wines, Stone, Staffordshire, who also supply and deliver red, white and rose wine from a Fairtrade cooperative in Chile, Los Robles vineyard, in case anyone is interested in sourcing a Fairtrade wine.

I do hope that this new Communion wine will prove palatable and acceptable (and enjoyable!), and that we can make this wine a regular purchase for St James. Thanks to Ruth Green for telling me about this.

Ros

It's Daffodil Time again!

Hard to believe in this wintry weather, but the annual Daffodil Tea will take place on Saturday 10 April, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in St Mungo's Hall, Penicuik. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support this fundraising event!

Marion Mather

SAS, Neighbourhood Watch and Community

No, this is not a proposed 'shoot to kill' policy for dealing with local malingerers! It is an update on the 'Snow Assistance Scheme' (SAS), rapidly devised to provide emergency relief for folk isolated by the recent snowstorms.

SAS A handful of people volunteered their services, and, while we found no 'clients' ourselves, we were able to respond quickly to a call for help from British Red Cross (BRC). Midlothian Council had tried to contact all their over-75s by telephone and, where they failed, BRC was asked to follow up. They did so by appealing to church and other groups for 'one-to-one' checkers. St James volunteers checked on nine persons thought to be at risk and established that none was: some still on holiday; some were in long-term care; some were deceased (!); others were being well-cared for by neighbours, though grateful for our concern.

Neighbourhood Watch A member of St James pointed out that SAS was a sort of Neighbourhood Watch with compassion, and he saw a possible mechanism for beginning to bring *Mad Scientist's 2050* fantasy - St James at the heart of a caring community (Dec/Jan *Outreach* p18) - into reality. While property protection is hardly our business, year-round, all-weather neighbour watchfulness most certainly is, and we have a growing number of severely disabled people living in the St James and Craigiefield housing schemes. We could invite all local families to a meeting to discuss the potential for a softened yet robust watchfulness scheme. A Shopping Service, organised by Jim Cowper on behalf of North Kirk, already exists, and ambitiously tries to cover the whole town (Dec/Jan *Outreach* p17). Jim is already helped by some members of our congregation. Would it not be better for all the churches to work together, offering a comprehensive service, but dividing responsibilities

between them on e.g. an electoral ward basis, and liaising with local councillors and Social Services? Something, perhaps, for Vestry to ponder, along with sundry matters of church furnishings and fabric.

Community We might also think about a 'Community Watch'. The swift demolition job done by the council on Jackson Street School took away a piece of St James history. The building once housed St James Episcopal School, given temporary shelter in the 1950's by the principal occupiers, Sacred Heart School, in a rare piece of ecumenical co-operation. David & Val McGavin were former pupils. Penicuik Community Development Trust (PCDT) mounted a hasty campaign to preserve the building as a much-needed civic centre for our town. This would contain a papermaking museum and information centre, surrounded by public gardens; they had the backing of £150,000 from an anonymous donor. Relationships between the council and PCDT were often fraught, and the proposal seemed to accelerate the demolition. Could time have been bought by concerted support from Penicuik churches to save the school? It might be that demolition was ultimately the most cost-efficient solution but public consultation there was not. The council might fairly think that nobody other than PCDT cared two hoots about the school or a civic centre, the churches being far too busy protecting their own 'club facilities' to meet the needs of members! Time to prove them wrong?

Neville

Church Women's Fellowship

After cancelling the supper planned for January 18, the Church Women's Fellowship enjoyed a lovely meal at Jean Wright's home on February 8. Joyce Jones read the letter from Rev Wetherall of the Delhi Brotherhood with news of the child we support. Samples of the work produced by the children were passed round.

The dates of the next meetings are:

March 15th, April 12th and 17th May - venue 64 Deanburn.

Rotas

March 2010

	07 – March - 2010	14 - March - 2010	21 - March - 2010	28 - March - 2010
	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Passion Sunday	Palm Sunday
11.00am Organist	Jean	David	Jennifer	Mike
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	Jean	Mike	David
Sidesmen	Young Church	Des Frantom Elizabeth Clark	Richard Phillips Tom Moffat	Margaret Coull Catherine Pow
Bread and wine	Young Church	Johnstons	Dicksons	Leavys
1st reading	<i>Isaiah 55:1-9</i>	<i>Joshua 5:9-12</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>
	Young Church	Gillian Little	Fay Clerk	Margaret Coull
2nd reading	<i>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</i>	<i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>
	Young Church	Joyce Black	Georgina Phillips	Elizabeth Clark
Gospel	<i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>	<i>John 12:1-8</i>	<i>Luke 22:14-23:56</i> <i>or</i> <i>Luke 23:1-49</i>
Prayers	David McGavin	Susan Crosfield	Andy Longmore	Mike Hay
Pray for	Fabric Team	J-Tots	Jubilee Scotland	Mauricewood House Group
Server	Angela/Stephen	Val/Alice	Martin/Angela	Val/Stephen
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Mrs Neish & Family	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk	Frantoms
Flowers	----- LENT -----			
Cleaning	Clerks	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield
Welcomers	Andy Longmore Nigel Johnston	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston	Robert Clerk Elizabeth Clark
Care Van			*	
Pentland House				

(Where an alternative reading is given, the first reading is used unless clergy notify readers otherwise)

April 2010

	04 - Apr - 2010	11 - Apr - 2010	18 - Apr - 2010	25- Apr - 2010
	Easter Day	Low Sunday	Easter 3	Easter 4
11.00am Organist	David	Jennifer	Mike	David
St Mungo's Organists	Jean	David	David	Jean
Sidesmen	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Marchants	Isobel Stenhouse Des Frantom	McGarvas
Bread and wine	Clerks	Barretts	Hindles	Sibleys
1st reading	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>or</i> <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i>	<i>Acts 5:27-32</i>	<i>Acts 9:1-6,</i> <i>(7-20)</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>
	Robert Clerk	Richard Phillips	Jean Hindle	Gill Amos
2nd reading	<i>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</i> <i>or</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>Revelation 1:4-8</i>	<i>Revelation 5:11-14</i>	<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>
	Brigitte Fuge	Ian Fuge	Val McGavin	Marion Mather
Gospel	<i>John 20:1-18</i> <i>or</i> <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>John 21:1-19</i>	<i>John 10:22-30</i>
Prayers	Georgina Phillips	Alan Murray	Elizabeth Clark	David McGavin
Pray for	Clergy Team	Vestry	MU	Young Church Leaders
Server	Val/Martin	Angela/--	Val/Alice	Angela/Stephen
Coffee	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Katherine Cox Sue Crosfield	Hays Smiths	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black
Flowers	----- Georgina Phillips -----			
Cleaning	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield	-----	Marion Hunter Ruth Frantom	Marion Hunter Ruth Frantom
Welcomers	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Elizabeth Clark	Robert Clerk Andy Longmore
Care Van			*	
Pentland House		*		

May 2010

	02 - May - 2010	09 - May - 2010	16 - May - 2010	23- May - 2010	30 - May - 2010
	Easter 5	Easter 6	Ascension	Pentecost	Trinity Matins
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David	Mike
St Mungo's Organists	Mike	David	Jean	Mike	David
Sidesmen	Young Church	Catherine Pow Des Frantom	Elizabeth Clark Tom Moffat	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull	Marchants
Bread and wine	Young Church	Johnstons	Dicksons	Clerks	-----
1st reading	<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>	<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-34</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i> or <i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>	<i>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</i>
	Young Church	Mike Hay	Ian MacLennan	Sue Owen	Robert Clerk
2nd reading	<i>Revelation 21:1-6</i>	<i>Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</i>	<i>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21</i>	<i>Romans 8:14-17</i> or <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-5</i>
	Young Church	Sue Crosfield	Geoff Mather	Andy Longmore	Gillian Little
Gospel	<i>John 13:31-35</i>	<i>John 14:23-29</i> or <i>John 5:1-9</i>	<i>John 17:20-26</i>	<i>John 14:8-17, (25-27)</i>	<i>John 16:12-15</i>
Prayers	Sue Crosfield	Val McGavin	Geoff Mather	Mike Hay	-----
Pray for	Pastoral Care Group	Vestry	Young Church	Youth Group	-----
Server	Angela/ Martin	Val/Stephen	Angela	Val/Martin	-----
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Marchants	Isobel Stenhouse Jean Wright	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Kathleen Cox Sue Crosfield
Flowers	----- Karen Marchant -----				
Cleaning	-----	Mona Bennett Sue Owen	Mona Bennett Sue Owen	C&M Leavy	C&M Leavy
Welcomers	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston Elizabeth Clark	Robert Clerk Andy Longmore	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston Elizabeth Clark
Care Van			*		
Pentland House				*	

Mothers' Union News

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

Provincial Mothers' Union:

The Commissioning of Hilary Morran as Provincial President of the Mothers' Union in Scotland took place on Saturday, Feb 13 in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. The celebrant was Kelvin Holdsworth, Provost of the Cathedral. The Primus, David Chillingworth, preached on leadership in the church and the need to be prepared to make changes as we face new challenges. After the Nicene Creed, the Primus commissioned Hilary Morran as Provincial President and the new Trustees and Office Bearers in Glasgow & Galloway Diocese.



It was a very inspiring service, which was also attended by Trish Heywood, who was the first Provincial President of MU in Scotland and Past Worldwide President, and Gregor Duncan who is the Bishop Elect for Glasgow and the Chaplain for Glasgow MU.

Present from Edinburgh Diocese were Philip and Sue Crosfield and Julia Mason, leader of the new branch of St Ninian's Comely Bank. Some photos are available on the MU web site (see link above).

March 16-18 - Provincial MU Retreat at Kinnoull

Diocese:

Mar 27 Lady Day Service in St Mary's Cathedral

Apr 28 Diocesan Council - Christ Church Centre, Morningside

Branch:

On 27 January, Neville gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the Festival of Flowers in Jersey.

On 10 February, Philip Crosfield stimulated an interesting discussion about what we understood by 'Freedom' and 'Security'.

Sunday 21 February was a busy day for the Mothers' Union with two special occasions happening:

The first was the enrolment of Gillian Little as full member of the MU. Gillian has been attending our meetings for the past few months and decided to become a full member. Thank you to Rob for doing the enrolment.

Our second was the MU Fellowship lunch in aid of the work of our link diocese in Sri Lanka. The MU there has been working with the displaced persons in four camps since the end of the civil war. The MU is respected by officialdom and other religions alike for the work they do, which enables them to go where others may not be welcome. At first they supplied one of the camps with fresh water every day but the government has taken this over. Now the MU are planning a new pre-school group for younger children and the money we have raised will go towards providing equipment and/or materials needed. The money goes straight to the MU ladies who will be setting up the project. The total raised to date was £220.

A big thank you to all who contributed by attending the lunch or gave donations. Also a huge thank you to the ladies of the MU who provided the food and those who helped tidy up.

Choir News

"Welcome dear feast of Lent: Who loves not thee; he loves not temperance or authority"

George Herbert's poem sets out a contrast, the fast for the body and a feast for the soul. Musically there is always a fear that worship in Lent will be dull as we "give up" singing the Gloria, Alleluias and other triumphal words. Grasping for thoughts (as I do) I stumbled on some wise words on worship during Lent where the Royal School of Music suggests that:

"Lenten worship should include plenty time for silence and reflection. Well-chosen organ, instrumental music or choral pieces within an act of worship can greatly enhance this".

So that's our aim during this Lent. We began with the anthem that we sang a couple of weeks ago, "Gentle words kindly spoken" by Sister Polly M Rupe, and on the second Sunday of Lent, "Come my Light, illumine my darkness" by Timothy David Lee. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday 14 March, we will be singing "A Clare Benediction" by John Rutter.

Passiontide begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 21 March, and there will be an evening service of music and readings that will include just such a time for silence and reflection.

I mentioned before that March 2010 marks the 80th Anniversary of our affiliation to the RSCM. We hope to arrange a few occasions where we can invite past members to come and sing with us. Additionally it will be



great to collect items of memorabilia that relate to the choir's history, which is all part of the story of the congregation of St James the Less Penicuik.

Val and I think that the photograph shown of the choir huddled together where our hall now stands is one of the earliest photographs in our



possession. The photograph may have been taken in the late 1940s as you will spot the Rev C.A.W. Harvey lurking in the ranks. The other photograph shows a small section of the choir. It is simply entitled "One Sunny Sunday".

Do you have any other photographs, or memories? Did you sing in the choir, do you know of people that were members? Please let us know.

David

[There are some more photos on the choir web-page:

<http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk/choirarchive.html> including the one below! - Sub-Ed]:



The town of Kvelaer, Germany

(contributed by Mike Hay)

Last summer, Ros and I, with our German friends Franz and Margret whom many of you have met, visited the beautiful German town of Kvelaer (see the photo of the Basilica interior on the back page). They both cycle the 80km route regularly on pilgrimage with others from their church, and I thought that the story of how this town became a place of pilgrimage was interesting:

“Pilgrimage to Kvelaer began during the 30 Years War. Around Christmas 1641 a travelling merchant, Hendrick Busman, stopped to pray at a wayside crucifix near Kvelaer and heard a voice, ‘In this place you shall build a chapel.’ This happened to him three times. Hendrick was poor but he took the order seriously and was worried how to fulfil it. Some months later his wife Mechel had a vision at night. She saw a bright light and a shrine with a printed image of the Madonna, just

like those she had noticed in the hands of two soldiers some time earlier. She had wanted to buy one but the price had been too high. Now Hendrick and Mechel searched for the soldiers and asked for one of the images. The picture was first kept in Geldern and then brought to Kevelaer on May 31, 1642. Hendrick had a shrine erected in the same shape his wife had seen in her vision. From that same day on many people from all over the country have been coming to the shrine to venerate the image.”

You can see more details at <http://www.wallfahrt-kevelaer.de/> - unless you can read German it's better to click on the small Union Jack to get the English version!

Keep Penicuik Tidy

As part of the Keep Scotland Tidy campaign www.keepsotlandtidy.org which will run throughout April, Penicuik & District Community Council have arranged 3 litter picks. Penicuik residents are again asked to turn out in numbers. It is your opportunity to make Penicuik a nicer place to live. Safety gloves and litter pickers provided (and there may even be a wee refreshment).

The first litter pick will be held on Saturday 10 April (Cuiken Glen) at 9.30am. Meet in the car park at the YMCA Queensway. The second at Lowrie's Den on Saturday 17 April 9.30am (new car park at the entrance to Penicuik Estate) and the last at Beeslack Woods on Saturday 24 April (meet in Tesco car park 9.30am).

For more information, please email Chris Leavy chris.leavy1@btinternet.com or phone 01968 677181.

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, Ruby Graham, John Ford, Irene Hair, Jim McGarva, Ruth Haig, Eric Marchant, Bob Horne (Georgina's cousin), Mairi (Ian Fuge's sister) awaiting ongoing

treatment. Pray for the family of Pat Early. Also for Kathryn Topham's aunt and uncle, Paddy and Geoff, in Hull who are still going through a difficult time. Give thanks for the continuing recovery of Alan Murray Jean Lindsay and Richard Phillips. Pray for the family of Charlotte McAulay's brother, Chris, as they mourn his death.

Pray for the people and nation of Haiti; for those who died and those who mourn their loss; for the volunteers seeking to bring aid; for the leaders who must strive to rebuild their country after such devastation. Pray for those continuing to suffer as a result of previous natural disasters. Pray for the victims of the flash floods in Madeira.

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 people of countries torn apart by conflict and civil war. Remember also the British troops and the families of those overseas or about to go overseas, particularly those based at Glencorse Barracks.

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. For all who have suffered in any way during the recent severe cold weather. *(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...

Please note that the PfA Fellowship lunch will NOT now take place on March 27th, as announced in the last Outreach, but will be served one month later on April 25th

March 2010

Wed 10 Mar

7.30pm Lent Course final session (soup at 7.00pm)

Sun 21 Mar 6.30pm Music, readings and reflection for
Passiontide

April 2010

Saturdays 10,17,24 Apr: "Keep Penicuik Tidy" Litter Pick - see article
Wednesdays 7,14,21,28 Apr: Omega Group at 44 St James Gardens
Sat 10 April 10.00-12.00 Daffodil Tea in St Mungo's Hall
(Penicuik)
Wed 14 April 7.30pm Vestry
Sun 25 April 12.30 Penicuik for Africa Fellowship Lunch

August 2010

27/28 August 2010 Congregational Weekend at St Drostan's (tbc)

Holy Week Services

28 Mar Palm Sunday Choral Communion 11am
St Mungo's, Penicuik 7.00pm
Mon 29 Mar South Kirk 7.00pm
Tue 30 Mar North Kirk 7.00pm
Wed 31 Mar Sacred Heart 7.30pm
Maundy Thurs 1 Apr St James 8.00pm Eucharist and Vigil
Good Friday 2 Apr St James 10.45am Stations of the Cross
St James 2pm
St Mungo **West Linton** 7.30pm
Easter Eve 3 Apr Easter Vigil St Mungo's, Penicuik 9pm
Easter Day 4 Apr Dawn service, starting at the Old Cemetery
6am followed by breakfast in the hall
Choral Communion 11am

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**“Interesting”
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**GUSTAVA
GUMERSINDA
GUTIERREZ
GUZMAN**

1934-1989

Rest in peace

**A memory from all
your sons(except
Ricardo who did not
pay any money)**



**Here rests
PANCRAZIO
JUVENALES
1968-1993**

**He was a good
husband, a wonderful
father, but a bad
electrician**



**TOMAS
JIMOTEO
CHINCHILLA**

1967-1989

Rest in peace,

Now you are in Lord's arms.

Lord, watch your wallet



CWF members enjoying a meal

**The beautiful roof of the
Basilica at Kevelaer in
Germany** *(photo Mike Hay - see
article)*

