



# OUTREACH

St. James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



**One year later....triple anniversaries!**

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**...and the cake  
for the triple  
celebration -  
thanks Rose!**



**Music on Mothering Sunday**

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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  
Thursdays : 7.00pm Choir Practice

## **Rector's Letter**

Some things are different and some things stay the same. We use a three year lectionary: Years A, B and C. Maybe you didn't know that.

We didn't invent lectionaries – there were appointed readings from the Torah and Haftorah throughout the course of the year in much of Jewish history.

When Jesus was visiting the synagogue in Capernaum he was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah – because that's where the appointed reading was to be found. He didn't pick it himself.

In years A, B and C we concentrate on different Gospels. Year A is mostly Matthew, year B is mostly Mark and year C is mostly Luke. John is read during Advent, Lent and Christmas "where appropriate".

So, for example, the Gospel readings for Easter Sunday across the three years are different and the Gospel readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter are all different. The only Sunday in the season between Easter and Pentecost which always sports the same reading is the 2nd Sunday of Easter – Low Sunday as we'll call it – when the Gospel reading is always identical. It's always "doubting Thomas" – year A, B and C.

Thomas, who was missing when Jesus first revealed himself to the disciples – Thomas who wasn't going to jump on any bandwagon – and protested that he certainly had not come down the Clyde in a banana boat. He wasn't going to believe on the basis of anybody else's testimony.

So why this one story – year in and year out? It's certainly not because the life and times of Thomas the disciple are, in themselves, that important.

It's important to remember the sort of "voice" that Saint John the Evangelist speaks with at the end of the Thomas story. The Gospel writer suddenly switches into his own voice. "Jesus said and did many things that are not in this Gospel that I have written. These things have been written down so that you might believe – you – man and woman in the pew - you – teenager up in the sanctuary fulfilling your turn on the server's rota - you – visitor to Penicuik who thought you'd drop in this morning. You"

These things have been written down so that you might believe and every year you'll be treated to poor doubting Thomas standing there wavering between belief and unbelief, between safety and risk, between yes and no, between 'Yes Lord, I believe' and 'no, go away and leave me alone'. Thomas stands there, year in and year out, because you stand there every day yourself. Thomas is you – he is Everyman. These things are written down to give you the opportunity to believe – the possibility of belief – but something must well up from within and not merely be 'made plain' from without. The days and years will roll on if the doubter merely stands and waits until it is made plain – until he has no choice. Don't go there. Don't be that man. These words are written to give you the opportunity to move faithfully.

It is enough.

*Father Rob Warren*

## ***Penicuik for Africa (PfA)***

**Chitambo Midwifery School** Our appeal to raise funds to re-open the midwifery school at Chitambo got off to a good start with the Fellowship Lunch, and subsequent sales of bulbs at St James' and St Mungo's has taken the tally over the £500 mark. Behind the scenes, Jo Vallis and I have been attending meetings in Edinburgh and London with people who know the Zambian scene well. What we have learned has contributed to a sounder project proposal which has been sent off to the Zambian Ministry of Health and the Regional Health Officials in Serenje

to see if our proposals match their priorities and are feasible. There is more to running a rural midwifery school than meets the eye. Of particular concern is how to retain and teaching staff in what might appear to be a 'dead end' post. Several tutors are required to achieve a critical mass and they require housing for a start - not that we envisage funding a house-building programme! However, this is the sort of problem that has to be addressed before we can expect to convince funding partners to join us. Meanwhile, our next opportunity to fund raise will be at Penicuik on Parade. If you can help to set up a stall in the park and/or have things that would sell on it, please let me know. With slightly better timing than in some years, I'm due back in Penicuik from holiday at around 2pm on May 30th. I can have items ready in my garage to be uplifted and help with the clear up at the end, but that's my lot!

**Africa Fair** The die is cast, the Town Hall booked and the invites have gone out for all workers for Africa in the vicinity to assemble in Penicuik on **Saturday, September 26th**. The fair will be officially open from 11am to 3pm to allow those with commitments elsewhere in the morning to drop in and savour the atmosphere. If our past efforts here and in Edinburgh are anything to go by, the atmosphere will be 'electric' and the hall transformed by colour, music and dance. Whatever else you do, note the date now and look in on the day. We shall undoubtedly need help to provide light refreshments and even a two-shift system to cover the four hours – any volunteers?!

*Neville*

## ***Vestry Moments***

This is a summary of matters discussed at the Vestry meeting of 4th March 2009.

- Memorial to Frances discussed
- Revision of Parish List in hand
- Points raised at AGM checked to ensure action taken
- The Rector's Clergy Retreat in Rome had been inspiring; he will be visiting Ghana for 2 weeks 26th April - 8th May; outreach with schools working well; General Synod in June
- Fabric: quote received for repair to St Margaret window; provision of handrail to Chancel discussed; Quinquennial Review under consideration

- Curry Night planned and a programme of fund-raising events has been drawn up
  - Concern expressed over state of Garden of Remembrance
  - Next meetings: Thursday 30th April and Tuesday 16th June
- Georgina Phillips, Minutes Secretary*

## **Choir News**

The church year always seems to pass at an amazing rate (must be the result of choir-magisterial-ageing), and here we are with Easter past and the next Music for a Summer Evening looming - if that's the right word! The date has now been fixed, after many yo-yo like changes, for **Saturday 6 June at 6.30pm.**

The programme, as always, is subject to inspiration, but will almost certainly include Monteverdi's "Beatus Vir" - a setting of Psalm 112 "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord". We also hope to include Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord alway", known as the Bell Anthem because of the bell-like introduction. We've performed both of these works before, and they certainly stand a second hearing - and then some! A new venture will be some music, led by Alison Cole, in the "Sacred Harp" style of robust four-part harmony. Those who were at our Passion Sunday evening service will have heard a setting of "Twas on



that dark and doleful night" in the same style - but don't worry, the repertoire includes lots of cheerful stuff as well! As usual, complimentary refreshments will be available during the interval, and the second half will be the "normal" more secular, and possibly more silly, things. We will also be welcoming back our very good friend John Longley, whose inspired piano playing many of you will remember being amazed by. So

please put the date in your diaries now!

I've already mentioned Passion Sunday evening; the service was the inspiration of Alison Cole and was really a most memorable and meaningful evening. It also marked Alison's first, and very successful, foray into directing and conducting the choir, allowing the choirmaster, for the first time for many years, simply to sing at a choir event (thanks to David for accompanying!). I'm sure this will be the first of many times that Alison will lead us - very many thanks to her for an excellent piece of work!

The big festivals always place considerable demands on the choir, and to them my thanks for the commitment they show in supporting the many things that we do to help us all to see the true meaning of these times and seasons. It is much appreciated!

*Mike Hay*

## ***Harmony Singing Workshop***

**with Craig; Morgan; Robson**

Sunday 10th May 2009, 2.00pm in St. James the Less Church Hall.

Following the success of the previous Workshop by this a-cappella trio, there will be another opportunity to participate in this highly enjoyable experience. You do not have to be in the choir or able to read music. To quote: "their workshops are always accessible, informative, inspiring and fun!" Cost for the afternoon is £5/£4. Further information from Alan Murray.

**They will also be in concert at The Roadhouse, Penicuik on Tuesday 12th May, 8.15pm (£7/£5)**

*Alan Murray*

## ***Summertime Coffee Morning***

St Mungo's West Linton

Saturday 30th May, 10.30am in the Bowling Club

Access via Chapel Brae, turning right before hitting the water! (*We organists have to negotiate this most Sunday mornings! - Sub-Ed*)  
Parking available at the Club, or park in the village beside Lower Green and walk over the footbridge.



## ***To God .com***

Dear Lord,  
Every single evening  
As I'm lying here in bed,  
This tiny little Prayer  
Keeps running through my head:  
God bless all my family  
Wherever they may be,  
Keep them warm  
And safe from harm  
For they're so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing  
I wish that you could do;  
Hope you don't mind me asking,  
Please bless my computer too.  
Now I know that it's unusual  
To Bless a motherboard,  
But listen just a second  
While I explain it to you, Lord.

You see, that little metal box  
Holds more than odds and ends;  
Inside those small compartments  
Rest so many of my friends.  
I know so much about them  
By the kindness that they give,

And this little scrap of metal  
Takes me in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them  
Much the same as you.  
We share in what life brings us  
And from that our friendships  
grew.  
Please take an extra minute  
From your duties up above,  
To bless those in my address  
book  
That's filled with so much love.

Wherever else this prayer may  
reach  
To each and every friend,  
Bless each e-mail inbox  
And each person who hits 'send'.  
When you update your Heavenly  
list  
On your own Great CD-ROM,  
Bless everyone who says this  
prayer  
Sent up to GOD .com  
*Amen Contributed by Carol  
Meaden*

## ***Can you help?***

Dear Friends, Penicuik North Kirk intend to start a 'CosyCoffeeHouse' Cafe in our Kirk on Tuesdays from 12.45 – 1.45pm during the school term. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to anyone in your Church who would be interested in helping on a regular basis: either weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

This is a Church of Scotland initiative which is for the youth of our town. They would come during lunch time with their packed lunch or chip suppers and our job would be to provide them with tea, coffee or hot

chocolate, pool or table tennis opponents and, most importantly, fellowship. At this stage we have the enthusiastic support of Penicuik High School head teacher, Mr Edie, but we still have much detail to complete.

All volunteers will require to be cleared through the Church of Scotland Safeguarding process. We would appreciate if all the Penicuik Churches could draft a volunteer or two to this project so that all aspects of our church life could be made available to the young people if they want to explore our beliefs.

We anticipate that we will start this venture on 2 June 2009, as the present First year become the new Second year – giving us all a chance to evaluate the progress during the summer vacation.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Jan Naylor 673222 or 07740621814.

Many thanks, *Jan Naylor, Way Ahead Team, Penicuik North Kirk*

## ***Book review***

**“Through the Mill” by Ian MacDougall (ISBN 978-0-9559981-0-2)**

Some of you will have heard about this book, may even own a copy by now. I have been asked to tell you a little about the book.

"Penicuik the Paper-making Town" is not a phrase familiar to most people but Penicuik was simply that, it said so on the signs at the road side as you came into Penicuik. It was also fact but sadly nothing remains of this proud heritage except old mementos and the memories of a fast dwindling number of veteran workers and it is the latter that this book is about.

It has been 13 years in preparation but well worth the waiting. It is life in the mills as it was, in the veterans' own words. It is informative and hilarious in parts, I suppose knowing some of those interviewed makes it even more interesting. St James gets a mention, Isaac Palmer and Douglas Gordon whose parents were caretakers of our old Hall. The book lets us know the importance of the Mills to all aspects of life in the town. If you want to learn about Penicuik's past and have a jolly good read and enjoy a smile or two, I highly recommend this book. You can dip in and out of it as the mood takes you. For people interested in social history this is a must. Available at "The Best Seller" or I have some. *Margaret Coull*

# ROTAS

## May 2009

	03-May-2009	10-May-2009	17-May-2009	24 May-2009	31 May 2009
	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost
<b>11.00 am Organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	David	Mike	David
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	Mike	Jean	Mike	David	Jean
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	MacLennans	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Isobelle Stenhouse Alan Sibley	McGarvas
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Barretts	Sibleys	Johnstons	Dicksons
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<i>Acts 4:5-12</i>	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>	<i>Acts 10:44-48</i>	<i>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>
	Young Church	Georgina Phillips	Ruth Green	Jo Bullough	Elizabeth Clark
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<i>I John 3:16-24</i>	<i>I John 4:7-21</i>	<i>I John 5:1-6</i>	<i>I John 5:9-13</i>	<i>Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21</i>
	Young Church	Bridget Fuge	Ian Fuge	Mike Hay	Adrian Marchant
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 10:11-18</i>	<i>John 15:1-8</i>	<i>John 15:9-17</i>	<i>John 17:6-19</i>	<i>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Angela Sibley	Geoff Mather	Jean Hindle	Sue Crosfield	Mike Hay
<b>Pray for</b>	Pastoral Care Group	Vestry	Young Church	Youth Group	Bible Study Group
<b>Server</b>	Angela	Valerie/Steven	Angela/Sara	Valerie/Alice	Angela/Alice
<b>Coffee</b>	McGarvas	Hays Smiths	Joyce Black ?	Isobelle Stenhouse Jean Wright	Gillian Little Marion Mather
<b>Flowers</b>	<<<<<<<<<	<<<<<<	Marian Hunter	>>>>>>>	>>>>>>>>
<b>Cleaning</b>	Marion Hunter Ruth Frantom	Marion Hunter Ruth Frantom	Chris and Margaret Leavy	Chris and Margaret Leavy	Jennifer Edge Moira Rendall
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore
<b>Care Van</b>			*		
<b>Pentland House</b>		*			

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

# June 2009

	07- June -2009	14- June- 2009	21 -June- 2009	28 -June -2009
	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Pentecost 2</b>	<b>Pentecost 3</b>	<b>Pentecost 4</b>
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Mike	Jennifer	David	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	David	Mike	Mike	David
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Des Frantom Elizabeth Clark	Tom Moffat Margaret Coull	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Isobel Stenhouse Alan Sibley
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Children	Clerks	Leavys	Barretts
<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>	<i>1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22-24</i>	<i>1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11,19-23), 32-49 or Job 38:1-11</i>	<i>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 or Wis. of Sol. 1:13-15, 2:23-24</i>
	Val McGavin	Geoff Mather	Andy Longmore	Jean Hindle
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<i>Romans 8:12-17</i>	<i>2 Cor 5:6-10; 14-17 or 2 Cor 5:6-17</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</i>
	Gill Amos	Marion Mather	Sue Crosfield	Gillian Little
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 3:1-17</i>	<i>Mark 4:26-34</i>	<i>Mark 4:35-41</i>	<i>Mark 5:21-43</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Georgina Phillips	Elizabeth Clark
<b>Pray for</b>	Choir	CWF	Early Birds Prayer Group	Fabric Team
<b>Server</b>	Angela	Val/Steven	Angela/Alice	Val
<b>Coffee</b>	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk	Mrs Neish & family	Frantoms	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan
<b>Flowers</b>	Joan Douglas	Joan Douglas	Joan Douglas	Joan Douglas
<b>Cleaning</b>	Jennifer Edge Moira Rendall	Sibleys	Sibleys	Mona Bennett Ruth Green
<b>Welcomers</b>	Nigel Johnston Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin Andy Longmore
<b>Care Van</b>			*	
<b>Pentland House</b>			*	

# July 2009

	05 - July - 2009	12 – July - 2009	19- July- 2009	26 -July- 2009
	Pentecost 5	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	David	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	Mike	Jean	Jean	David
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	Tom Moffat/ Mgt Coull	Nigel Johnston/ Andy Longmore	Isobelle Stenhouse/Alan Sibley
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Children	Sibleys	Hindles	Johnstons
<b>1st reading</b>	<i>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 or Ezekiel 2:1-5</i>	<i>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 or Amos 7:7-15</i>	<i>2 Samuel 7:1-14a or Jer 23:1-6</i>	<i>2 Samuel 11:1-15 or 2 Kings 4:42-44</i>
	Joyce Black	Alan Murray	Georgina Phillips	Jo' Bullough
<b>2nd reading</b>	<i>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>	<i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>
	Margaret Coull	Fay Clerk	Ruth Green	Elizabeth Clark
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 6:1-13</i>	<i>Mark 6:14-29</i>	<i>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i>	<i>John 6:1-21</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Ruth Green	Val McGavin	Jean Hindle	Angela Sibley
<b>Pray for</b>	J Tots	Mauricewood House Group	Clergy Team	Vestry
<b>Server</b>	Angela	Val/Steven	Angela/Sara	Val/Alice
<b>Coffee</b>	Kathleen Cox Sue Crosfield	Hays Smiths	McGarvas	Joyce Black
<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth Frantom	Ruth Frantom	Ruth Frantom	Ruth Frantom
<b>Cleaning</b>	Mona Bennett Ruth Green	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield
<b>Welcomers</b>	Nigel Johnston Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin Andy Longmore
<b>Care Van</b>			*	
<b>Pentland House</b>				

## ***Prayer Group Proposal***

Would anyone be interested in joining me in a Prayer Group? The idea would be mainly to pray for and support each other, pray for our families and our church and any other relevant topics.

If this is something you might like to do, please speak to me about it and time and venue can then be decided.

*Valerie McGavin*

## ***Church Women's Fellowship (CWF)***

Dates of meetings:

18th May at 64 Deanburn

15 or 22nd June - Supper evening (date to be confirmed)

## ***Mothers' Union News***

*MU Scottish web address is: [www.muscotland.org.uk](http://www.muscotland.org.uk) or via St James web page link. Theme for this year is: "Time for Relationship 2008".*

Sue Crosfield giving a power point presentation to Diocesan MU Council of her MU trip to Uganda with the help of George, from



Bermuda, a member of the office staff at Christ Church Morningside. George demonstrated the African 'bottom wiggle', which Sue says in her Uganda Blog concerning Worship:

"The word to describe African worship is 'exuberant'. We had a real taste of this when we attended the the Ugandan special centenary service held in a field near the

cathedral. Some MU members, as they arrived, literally screamed with joy. The service itself was a wonderful mixture of solemn Anglican

liturgy and excited African dancing. With a gospel band, they can make a four lined hymn last a good quarter of an hour - all at a pop festival level of decibels.

At one stage we were brought in to join the dancing and did our best but there is no doubt that European bottoms don't wiggle nearly as well as African ones!



We learnt too that African time means little. The service programmed to last for an hour and a half actually lasted over three hours, but no one seemed to worry.”

The full account of Sue's trip can be viewed on the new

<http://www.muscotland.org.uk> - navigate to Edinburgh Diocese where you will find Sue's 'A Uganda Blog'. Also there you can download or read the March edition of the MU Newsletter.

The Lady Day Service was held at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday March 28th. It was attended by 60 people, members and guests. Around £420 was raised by the collection, stalls and refreshments.

According to the latest News from Mary Sumner House MU Headquarters in London, The *Make a Mother's Day* project has so far raised £153,000. This provides for items such as, chalk & blackboards, vegetable patches, latrine & hand washing bicycles, transport, birthing kits, hen houses, chickens, training parenting facilitators etc.

### **Future Activities**

13 May 12.30pm Visit to the Central Mosque, Edinburgh.

27 May - Visit of World Wide President, Rosemary Kempshall.

18 June - AGM, Fairfield Halls, Croydon

## ***The MU Provincial Retreat***

Our annual silent retreat provides an opportunity to be quiet and feel God's presence. It is held at the welcoming and comfortable setting of St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull beside Perth.

The retreat is run mid-week from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday lunchtime, usually in March each year. The monastery is on the side of Kinnoull Hill where there are extensive walks and beautiful views over Perth and the River Tay and the surrounding countryside. The 2010 Retreat will be held from 16th to 18th March and the cost per person will be £90.

In March 2009 the Retreat leader was Right Revd. Bob Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney. He explored the various aspects of the healing ministry of the church.



(There is a more detailed report from Angela in the MU Newsletter, a copy of which will be available to circulate.)



**A view of the Monastery**



## ***News from friends!***

**Helen & Graham Yapp** in Australia write:

"We are still drowning in roses, dahlias and Japanese windflowers. Autumn is coming but today was bright and sunny. We think Graham has finally retired so he has Gone into Gardening with Gusto, enjoying every minute of it.

Jeremy, Sophie and Clancy came for a few weeks in Feb/March, so that was lovely, and we are feeling their absence. Nice for us that both the girls are still in Canberra but Lucy has itchy feet.

Our love to you both, all the family and all we know at St James the Less. xx *Helen & Graham*"

.....**Jean and Frank Lindsay** wished us all every blessing at Easter; they will be in Penicuik on the weekend of 10 May, so we look forward to meeting them then!

...and **Thomas Joyner** writes:

I am still in Montgomery Alabama and at Holy Comforter. Most of my work is centered around the children's Sunday school and the youth group. So far all is going well and I often think of you and the many kind people I met in my summer there. I have really appreciated the cards and letters people have written me; it helps me still feel connected to what was a wonderful experience for me. Hopefully I'll get to return and visit in the not too distant future.

I do have some wonderful news from my family. About two weeks ago my sister Rebecca (who lives in Birmingham) gave birth to a 7lb 5oz boy. His name is Micah Xavier Mason and he, his mother and father are all well. My sister created a web blog for updates (in case you can't get enough of my new nephew) and that site is: <http://micahxavier.shutterfly.com/> but a nice picture of me holding him can be seen at <http://micahxavier.shutterfly.com/55>. ...and here it is (Ed)

Needless to say we're all excited and very happy and that seems to



be the big news in the Joyner home. Please give my best to all there and thank you for keeping in touch with me and letting me know what's going on at St. James and St. Mungo's. Blessings on you all this Holy Week and Easter. You remain in my prayers.  
with love, *Thomas*

## ***Free offer to a good home!***

Hewlett Packard genuine print cartridges for ink-jet.



No.56 - Black  
No. 57 - Tri-color  
No. 58 - Photo

Surplus to my requirements as I've had to replace my original printer.

Value for all three about £50. Offered free to a good home (although I am sure Graham would accept a small donation to St James' funds in lieu).

Contact Elizabeth Clark after 7 May – Tel: 674669;  
or email: [elizaclark@talktalk.net](mailto:elizaclark@talktalk.net)

## ***Fair Trade***



Ruth Green serving at the Fair Trade stall (not sure if the daffs are Fair Trade though!)

# ***Financial Pages***

## **Half yearly summary**

Having just passed the halfway point in our financial year it is an appropriate time to reflect on just how we are doing. Overall giving is up 3.9% on last year which is just over half the 7.3% increase required to balance the books. So thanks to all who have increased their giving and in anticipation of those who are about to do so. Fund raising is already c. £200 above budget so particular thanks to Marion and the rest of the team for their sterling efforts.

Expenditure overall, to date is c. £1600 below budget – encouragingly the recently arrived insurance premiums are £185 less than anticipated, and we are anticipating that the combination of falling energy prices and our switch to Argyll Energy will ensure that heat and light will be within budget by the end of the year (we are currently slightly above budget).

## **Outreach subscriptions**

You will note from the envelope enclosed in this edition of Outreach that, after several years held at £5, we have reluctantly had to increase the magazine subscription to £10. The reasons for this will be apparent from the table below which clearly shows that in 5 of the last 8 years the Outreach account made a loss. Although costs of paper, colour printing, postage etc have risen, these could have been met by the £5 subscription if all recipients had contributed. For instance, last year, even though we produced 150 copies per issue there were only 50-60 payments, and allowing for (say) 50 complimentary/visitor copies we should have been able to raise around £500 rather than the £369 collected even though a number of people gave £10.

YEAR	INCOME	EXPEND-ITURE	DIFFER-ENCE
2007-08	369	452	-83
2006-07	478	620	-142
2005-06	766	116	650
2004-05	440	847	-407
2003-04	445	567	-122
2002-03	319	222	-97
2001-02	609	524	85
2000-01	414	281	133

I am sure that you will agree with me that, thanks to Mike's dedication and skill, Outreach is an top class magazine, representing excellent value for money and hence worthy of your support. So I would strongly encourage you to make sure that your subscription is paid!

### **The 2009 Bishop's Lent Appeal**

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal recognises the importance of two projects targeting contrasting needy groups. Faith in Older People is an Edinburgh diocese initiative whose work is now countrywide. Mary's Meals is another Scottish charity which provides school meals daily to over 350,000 chronically hungry children in 14 countries. Please support the work of these deserving outreaches and give generously. If you are a UK taxpayer you can increase your giving by 28p in the pound by using the gift aid envelopes in the pews. Cheques should be made payable to 'St James the Less Church'.

*Graham*

### ***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, remembering in particular:

Those who have recently lost loved ones including Georgina and Richard, Frances' family, the Fraser family in their tragic loss, John Ford, and Rose and her family.

Pray for healing and support for Margaret Vescoe, Florence Petrie, Mae Mann, Elizabeth Black, Ruby Graham, Ralph, Eiliah, Cliff, and Margaret Paton.

Pray for continued progress towards peace and reconciliation between Lebanon and Israel and especially for the people of Gaza. For those suffering as a result of natural disasters, remembering in particular those affected by extreme weather and from famine and drought, and those in Australia whose lives have been devastated by the bush fires. 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 in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Iraq, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan, remembering especially the MU in St George's Church Baghdad and in Harare. Remember also the British troops and the families of those overseas or about to go overseas, particularly those based at Glencorse Barracks. Pray for those who have been victims of terrorism, remembering especially the tragic events in Mumbai.

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 the work of Penicuik in Africa, remembering especially those working to combat the ravages of AIDS in Mombasa and other African countries.

*(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...**

Sunday 10 May	2.00pm	Singing Workshop by Craig;Morgan;Robson (St James Church Hall)
Tuesday 12 May	8.15pm	Concert by the above in the Roadhouse
Saturday 30 May	10.30am	Coffee Morning St Mungo's West Linton (at the Bowling Club)
Saturday 6 June	7.00pm	Music for a Summer Evening No.16
Sunday 14 June	7.30pm	Concert at Penicuik House ( <i>details tba</i> )
Saturday 26 Sept		Africa Fair Town Hall

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**Happy Wanderers at the St Mungo's Retreat in Fife!**

*Photo: Rob Warren*



**...and the fruits of the young people's labours**



**Breakfasters after the Easter Morning 5.30am Service. They deserve it!**



**A little later!**