



# OUTREACH

St. James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



**Happy daffodil pickers - with thanks to the Clerk family!**

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**Two contrasting Orkney churches!** (Photos: Nigel Johnston)



**The Presbyterian Cathedral of St Magnus, Orkney, built by the master masons of Durham, was founded in 1137 by the viking, Earl Rognvald in order to house the remains of his pious uncle, Earl Magnus, murdered by his cousin Hakkon's cook over a claim to the Earldom.**



**The Chapel built by Italian POW's in 1942 from two Nissan huts while they were assisting in the construction of the Churchill Barriers round Scapa Flow.**

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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**

*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"*

"Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go"

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following

them (this is the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said “Lord, who is going to betray you?”)

When Peter saw him he asked, “Lord what about him?”

Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.”

Peter turns around and sees John walking after them a few paces behind humming one of his new hymns. What about him? Peter asks Does he have to feed the sheep as well? Does he have to follow too? Does he also have to die in service?

There is a child’s question here - a question about Justice. Am I the only one who has to do this? What about him, what about her?

There is an adult’s fear of loneliness as well. Will I have company?

And the answer – the grown up answer is – yes and no.

Yes you are the only one who has to do ‘this’ and no, you will not always have company while you’re doing it.

But maybe I need to backtrack: Most of my early essays were filled with the words ‘this’ or ‘these’ circled by the professor because it was no longer clear from the context what ‘this’ or ‘these’ referred to.

Jesus asks Peter – Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? These ‘what’? More than ‘this’ life, represented by the items of a fisherman’s life scattered around on the beach – these nets, these spools of braided line, these floats?

Or – do you love me more than these other disciples love me? You, Peter, pre-eminent among my followers, do you love me more than these others do?

The question arising between a man and a woman, or a parent and a child, could be playful or maybe it probes at some perceived weakness:

Do you love me (of course you do)

Do you love me (I want to hear you say it)

Do you love me (I suspect that you do not)

Do you love me (I wonder if you know what that means)

I’ll roll the dice and will hold that:

1. When Jesus asked Peter if he loved him more than these that he was

referring to the other disciples gathered with them on the beach.

2. He asks the question three times because Peter has denied him three times and

3. That when he asked Peter whether or not he loved him he was wondering if Peter knew what that meant.

Because it is not clear that we always know what love means.

The general moves to the particular. The general, whether it is love (in general), ministry (in general), or the life of human beings (in general), is something that can be talked about but never experienced.

We will never meet humans in general. We will meet Stan and Doris and Tabitha and Rex. Or live in a neighbourhood which is typically working class or typically old money, but rather live and minister in a particular place with its particular population and its particular history.

God (in general) is the god of the philosophers, the idea of god, the possibility of God? We know almost nothing about God in general.

The glory of the Incarnation is that God wrapped himself up in the particular life of Jesus of Nazareth and achieves His highest moment not in the solitary being of a point of light but tied up with the smells and sounds of the Middle East, the dust of the road, the quiet of the Garden, guests at a wedding, the crowded roads of Jerusalem at Passover.

The local church is asked to interpret the fact of the resurrection. The request will be similar in most cases. What does the fact of God's love mean here? What does it mean for me in this moment in my life and in the life of my family?

What does Christ say about this? What does the Bible say about this? Where is God in all of this? In all this grief? In all this change? In this weakness of mine? With respect to this son of mine, this illness of mine, this loss that I have incurred?

Will you translate the generalities of the Bible, the generalities of the Mass, the generalities that my child is taught in Church school into something which can give me life? Does this beautiful field of wheat, blond, expansive and everlasting, ever become a loaf of bread?

And then, ministry of the congregation, like love, will become knowable and known...

We have the choice of extending our personalities and our energy and our time into the lives and fortunes of other human beings and we decide to do so rather than simply falling into line. We do so not because we are impelled by some Ghostly force (that would not be a gift on our behalf, but rather an empty reflex) but because we choose to - we want to - we feel we must.

There is a price to be paid for wrapping ourselves in the life and the environment of another person. Acts of love take their toll on our person, on our time, on our innocence and on our sleep.

But we are not called to suffer for suffering's sake but for Christ's sake. We should be up for a little adventure - the demolishing of a few horizons. We'd like to see things go 'boom'. We should cultivate a healthy and godly curiosity about what people are like on the inside, and entertain the fancy that maybe - just maybe - the parish or the ministry we are a part of might just turn a corner and bring the whole Church with it and that we might have had some small part to play in that transformation.

And why not?

God knows that we've waited long enough for something more than this: that we should simply preserve ourselves at all costs - our buildings and our congregation as it stands. We've been there - we've done that. We are ready for something more. We might be ready to participate in what God is about in the world - at the risk of seeming foolish, or credulous and at the risk of falling flat on our faces.

John likens it, in the larger story about fishing. We have cast our nets the better portion of the night and have gained only questionable purchase on anything remotely resembling a school of fish.

So why not now - with us - with our particularities of history and personality? That we would cast our nets for the five hundredth time this time at a different angle, and at the behest of something akin to a voice which you hear within yourselves, and that something would, in fact, pull back. That to our surprise our net would actually grab on to

something and we would find ourselves hauling in a miraculous catch of fish?

*Robert (Father Rob Warren)*

## ***J-Tots Birthday Celebrations***

Please join us on Sunday 9 May 2010 for a special Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark J-Tots 10th birthday. This will take place at St James' during our morning service at 11am, followed by cake and nibbles in the hall. Current and former members and all friends of J-Tots are most welcome to attend and help us celebrate.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Alison, Tricia, Ros and Cyril*

## ***Omega - who are you?***

The newly-formed Omega house group has just held its second meeting, gingerly working its way through the first three chapters of Marcus Borg's *Meeting Jesus Again for The First Time*. None of the 11 stalwarts from our congregation will, I suspect, have found the going easy because Marcus takes his reader into waters that, while well chartered by modern biblical scholars, are unfamiliar to many Christians. A further difficulty is that the leader has set the study in a wider, forward-looking 'Change or Die' context for the church and it is not immediately obvious that the book addresses that need. Borg has introduced us to someone commonly described as the 'Jesus of History' or 'Pre-Easter Jesus' as he prefers to call him.

It is the 'Post-Easter Jesus' or 'Christ of Faith' that is far more familiar to us, since our worship is dominated by Him, but the Jesus of History may be more credible and accessible to the occasional churchgoers that packed St James and all other churches at Christmas and Easter. There can be only one Jesus, of course, but the 'Jesus of History' is a unifying figure, in that those who unreservedly believe in life after death believe that death did nothing to change Jesus while to non-believers or doubters, the Jesus of History may be all there is. In the last chapter of John's gospel (Ch. 21), we read of an encounter between the disciples, who had returned to their fishing, and the 'Post-Easter Jesus' who had prepared a meal for them on the lakeshore. In Luke's Gospel (Ch.5) we read of a similar encounter with the 'Jesus of History' in which Jesus

again advises them to cast their nets in a different direction. In both encounters the advice is reluctantly taken but the hauls threaten to break their nets. Death neither diminishes nor enhances the fruitfulness of the encounter.

The Omega group are casting their nets in a different direction, fishing the waters of the 'Historical Jesus', and have already hauled in two fish, Spirit and Compassion, that summarised his ethical teaching, his very being and his 'take' on 'God'. We have pondered the extent to which Spirit and Compassion shape our worship and outreach and see opportunities for change. Paradoxically the 'Jesus of History' may prove to be a powerful force of change today!

If you would like to 'come fishing', you can do so by either by joining the group in person or following our progress through a powerpoint presentation on the St James website. By the time you read this we will have 'met' Jesus the teacher and embodiment of Wisdom: we will be preparing to meet Jesus the social prophet and politician on election eve (May 5th). Why not vote for 'Change That (Really!) Works for You' and join us!

*Neville*

## ***Vestry Moments***

This a summary of matters discussed at the Vestry meeting of 14 April 2010.

- Plaques for Frances McLean and John Farrant in hand
- Funeral Register has been updated
- Upcoming events see *Events coming soon...* elsewhere in this issue, and calendar on St James website:  
<http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk>
- Rector: 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination; progress of college course; holiday to Canada in July
- Finance: encouragement to increase giving; benefits of Legacy Giving and Gift Aiding
- Fabric: all broken windows repaired; précis of Quinquennial Review report to be circulated to Vestry; roof inspection completed; hand rail - discussion re Canon 35 necessary
- Constitution updating changes to be discussed

- Glenalmond funding for youngsters
- Decline in church attendance

Next meetings: Wednesday 2 June 2010 and Tuesday 6 July 2010

*Georgina Phillips, Minutes Secretary*

## **Choir News**

Just as the last edition of Outreach was going to print we were given the opportunity by the Penicuik Community Development Trust (PDLT) of producing an exhibition based on the choir's 80th anniversary of its affiliation to the Royal School of Church Music. The exhibition has been arranged for 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 8 May as part of the ongoing PDLT "Saturday Open House" programme in the Town Hall - it seems that PDLT hope to combine this with photographs recording stained glass in Penicuik. Our strategy will be to start with a modest exhibition that can be developed and expanded to include information on the life of the choir and church which could be used for future open days. Have you any memorabilia that could be incorporated in such an exhibition?

It seems incredible that you are now reading the May 2010 edition of Outreach. This year it has snowed heavily after I have prepared each Choir News. Last month's picture of crocuses was obscured as over a foot of snow was dumped on top of them; surely it can't happen again? Now we are looking forward to the J-Tots' 10th Birthday celebrations, Ascension and Pentecost. We hope that the music selected will make each of these celebrations special.

Next month – **June: Music for a Summer Evening 18 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm**, where we plan to bring together all the musical resources available at St James for an intoxicating evening of music, wine and nibbles! As usual the programme is just at the planning stage (it is still April as I write this).

However, we offer an invitation - both to any past members and any potential new members of choir - to come and sing with us.



.....Specifically .... join with us during MFSE18 and experience the fun of choral singing - and sing from Handel's Messiah - The Hallelujah Chorus.

David

## **Flower Festival**

We shall be staging a Flower Festival at St James on the weekend of **2-3 October 2010**, the weekend of our Harvest Festival. The theme is to be **The Church Year in Music**. We have not held such an event for many years, and this will be a major fundraiser, involving the whole congregation. Penicuik Floral Art Club will be arranging the main displays for us, with additional arrangements by our own Flower Team. This will cost over £300 before we even start to make a profit.

We very much need volunteers to take responsibility for a specific area such as refreshments, stewarding, music, stalls, parking, publicity etc. Ideally, the organiser in each area will find their own volunteers to work with, thus freeing Marion to oversee the floral side of things. Please speak to **Marion Mather**, or sign the list on the notice board, if you feel you can organise a particular aspect of the event. As always, the more who volunteer, the wider the load is shared.

This is a big “ask”; however, this will be not only a major fundraising event, but also result in wide outreach to the community of Penicuik and beyond. A huge “thank you” in anticipation!

***Please note this date in diaries and calendars.***

## ***Church Women's Fellowship***

The date of the next meeting is:

17th May - venue 64 Deanburn.

## ***LINKS afternoon***

There will be a LINKS meeting at St James on June 26th from 1.00pm - 4.00pm. This is an opportunity to hear about the work of the Overseas group in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Do try and come to hear what is being done for us/by us in the world.

*Angela*

## ***Churches have always had a way with words!***

*submitted by Elizabeth Clark*



## **Thanks!**

Richard, Fiona, Alistair and Lesley( Proctor) wish to thank Rob for a lovely service and everyone at St James' for making their family and friends feel so welcome (*see photo inside back cover*).

## **Penicuik House Garden Open ...**

Penicuik House will open its gardens on **Sunday 6th June 2010** from **2pm-5pm**. Admission £5 to include homemade tea in the House. There will also be a plant stall, and homemade chutneys, herb oils and vinegars. 20% of the proceeds to St James Church. All offers of help will be gratefully received!

Thank you,  
*Faye Clerk*

## **Mary's Meals**

On 14th April, John Halliwell gave a PowerPoint presentation about Mary's Meals (last year's Bishop's Lent Appeal). This is a charity of which only 7% of the donations are used for running the charity. Over 300,000 children currently receive a meal in school - a lifeline to children trapped in chronic poverty.

The average cost per child is only £9 a year. It is proposed to run a fellowship lunch in aid of this charity - details/date later. Donations can be gift aided to the charity.

*Update: they are currently feeding 413,900 children worldwide including 12,500 in Haiti.*

*Jean Hindle*

## **News from the Whites**

Betty and Arthur White send love and greetings. Betty writes that they love to catch up with us through 'Outreach'. They have sent a generous contribution to help with the cost of producing 'Outreach' and postage, for which many thanks. Arthur sings at Evensong once a month. It takes him all that time to learn the words. Sandra tapes it for him and he sits with headphones on to practise the words as much as he can.

*[Well done Arthur! Betty and Arthur were long term members of St Mungo's West Linton, with links to St James - Ed]*

# Rotas

**May 2010** ((Where an alternative reading is given, the first reading is used unless clergy notify readers otherwise))

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

## June 2010

	6 June	13 June	20 June	27 June
	Pentecost 2	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4	Pentecost 5
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	David	Jennifer	Jennifer?	David
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	Mike	Mike	David	Jean
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Isobel Stenhouse	McGarvas
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Leavys	Barretts	Hindles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<i>1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)</i> <b>or</b> <i>1 Kings 17:17-24</i>	<i>1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a</i> <b>or</b> <i>2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15</i>	<i>1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a</i> <b>or</b> <i>Isaiah 65:1-9</i>	<i>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14</i> <b>or</b> <i>1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21</i>
	Young Church	Adrian Marchant	Alan Murray	Joyce Black
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<i>Galatians 1:11-24</i>	<i>Galatians 2:15-21</i>	<i>Galatians 3:23-29</i>	<i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</i>
	Young Church	Fay Clerk	Georgina Phillips	Jo Bullough
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Luke 7:11-17</i>	<i>Luke 7:36-8:3</i>	<i>Luke 8:26-39</i>	<i>Luke 9:51-62</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Angela Sibley	Elizabeth Clark
<b>Pray for</b>	Bible Study Groups	Choir	CWF	Early Birds Prayer Groups
<b>Server</b>	Angela/Alice	Val/Stephen	Martin/Angela	Val/Alice
<b>Coffee</b>	Hays Smiths	McGarvas	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black	Isobel Stenhouse Jean Wright
<b>Flowers</b>	----- Nikkie Dickson -----			
<b>Cleaning</b>	Clerks	Clerks	Isobel Stenhouse Gill Amos	Isobel Stenhouse Gill Amos
<b>Welcomers</b>	Robert Clerk Andy Longmore	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston Elizabeth Clark	Robert Clerk Andy Longmore
<b>Care Van</b>			*	
<b>Pentland House</b>				

## July 2010

	4 July	11 July	18 July	25 July
	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8	Pentecost 9
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	David	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	David	David	Jean	David
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Catherine Pow Des Frantom	Elizabeth Clark Tom Moffat	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull	Adrian & Karen Marchant
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Sibleys	Johnstons	Dicksons
<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-14 or Isaiah 66:10-14</i>	<i>Amos 7:7-17 or Deuteronomy 30:9-14</i>	<i>Amos 8:1-12 or Genesis 18:1-10a</i>	<i>Hosea 1:2-10 or Genesis 18:20-32</i>
	Elizabeth Clark	Brigitte Fuge	Adrian Marchant	Val McGavin
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<i>Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16</i>	<i>Colossians 1:1-14</i>	<i>Colossians 1:15-28</i>	<i>Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)</i>
	Richard Phillips	Ian Fuge	Mike Hay	Gill Amos
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</i>	<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	<i>Luke 11:1-13</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Geoff Mather	David McGavin	Val McGavin	Sue Crosfield
<b>Pray for</b>	J Tots	Fabric Team	Jubilee Scotland	Mauricewood House Group
<b>Server</b>	Angela/Steven	Val/	Martin/Alice	Angela/
<b>Coffee</b>	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Frantoms	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk
<b>Flowers</b>	-----Joan Douglas -----			
<b>Cleaning</b>	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield	???????????????	Marian Hunter Ruth Frantom
<b>Welcomers</b>	Nigel Johnston	McGarvas	Robert Clerk Elizabeth Clark	Andy Longmore Nigel Johnston
<b>Care Van</b>			*	
<b>Pentland House</b>	*			

## ***Congratulations ...***

... to Michael Fass, who has recently been awarded a Ph.D. – after a long five years, he says. Michael was a curate at St James and St Mungo's under John Farrant in the 1990s, and later non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge at Rosslyn Chapel before retiring to Herefordshire.  
*[sent in by Ian Fuge]*

***Happy Birthday ...*** to **Elizabeth, Lady Clerk**, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April (*see also back cover!*)



*["Thank you. I'd like to thank everyone for the overwhelming kindness surrounding the celebration of my birthday. Both my family and my church family gave me a wonderful weekend." Elizabeth Clerk. We enjoyed it too! - Ed]*

... and to **Bea Bremner**, 95 years young in March.  
*[Best wishes and love from all at St James to both the birthday ladies – Ed]*

# **Mothers' Union News**

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

The March edition of Edinburgh Mothers' Union Newsletter can be read in colour online. The May - August Intercession Leaflet is also on the web page.

**General Meeting:** Thursday, June 24 2010 in the Guild Hall Preston - 10.30am – 4.00pm Tickets: £7.50 plus an additional postage and handling fee per order. Order through Catherine Pow.

## **Branch:**

19 May - 12 noon for 12.15 Eucharist followed by lunch at Emmaus House, 13 Gilmore Place.

23 June - Lunch outing to Whitmuir Farm organic restaurant (Halmyre) - to be confirmed.

**Mothers' Union members and guests enjoy lunch together**



We are also collecting “Treats for Troops”, and the boxes are available at the back of the Church. These gifts are greatly appreciated by the soldiers, and it boosts their morale to know that non-family members are behind them and thinking of them.

## ***Penicuik Flower Club***

“On behalf of the Flower Club Committee, I would like to invite you and other members of your team/congregation to come along to our monthly meetings. These are held in Penicuik Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. On most occasions, we have a demonstrator who usually makes 5 arrangements which are raffled at the end of the evening. These meetings are instructive, relaxing and entertaining, and, if you have not been to one of them before, I am sure that you would enjoy yourself and be made most welcome. The cost for visitors is £5. Refreshments are served at the end of each meeting.

Our programme for the next 2 months:

12 May            *Around the World* by Elizabeth Forster  
9 June            *Stage Struck* by Irene Parker

For further information, please contact Chairperson: Irene Young 01968 674064”

*[An extract from a letter sent to Marion Mather, St James Flower Convenor. As the Club will be a major participant in the upcoming **St James Flower Festival in October**, it was felt that we might try to support their meetings if possible; it really is an enjoyable evening – Ed]*

## ***Climb Kilimanjaro 2010***

### **for the Mothers' Union**

In June, four members of staff at Mary Sumner House, the headquarters of the Mothers' Union, are going to climb Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Overseas Fund which has been severely hit by the financial crises.

Work in some of the poorest countries of the world has been shelved, projects already running will continue, but not be expanded to other areas, e.g. the Literacy programme in sub Saharan Africa.

The Development Officers, (previously called MU Workers) have had their travel grants cut by two thirds!! Some already walk up to three days to visit isolated villages not always on dusty, rutted roads, but on jungle tracks some of which wind round or over the mountains! They encourage worship, Bible study and Prayer groups, teach good basic hygiene and encourage family life. They also help start income

generating projects for the village. This is **not** only to mothers' Union members or Christians, but to the **whole village** regardless of faith. These girls are not climbers, but see the escalating need for our work to continue and expand and want to help.

During the next weeks, we will have a Donation form if you wish to support this venture. Remember, we are tasked by Jesus to help our neighbour and His answer to "Who is my neighbour?"

With our thanks

*Angela*

## ***Choir Exhibition in Town Hall***

On Saturday 8th May there will be an exhibition of St James' Choir memorabilia to mark the 80th Anniversary of the affiliation of the Choir to the School of English Church Music (now the Royal School of Church Music). St James' Choir was the first Scottish choir to be affiliated!

The exhibition will be on view from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm; please do come and learn more about the choir's long history! Coffee and cakes are served.

If anyone has material they would like included please see David McGavin or Ros Hay.

## ***"Minister and Humanitarian"***

*With Christian Aid week 9th to 15th May, this excerpt from an obituary to the father of one of Nigel Johnston's Aberdeen classmates which was in the Herald on 15.4.10, is interesting.*

"The Reverend Douglas Lister, who has died aged, 89, was a rebel for a good cause who defied the authorities to save starving refugees in post-war Germany and helped establish Christian Aid. He was horrified to discover around 80,000 refugees close to death when, as an Army chaplain, he was sent to Luneburg in Northern Germany. He found babies wrapped in newspapers and the stench of boiling cabbage filling the air: a people who had nothing.

On the advice of Captain John Althorp – later to become the father of Diana, Princess of Wales – who was in the same regiment as Lister, he fought the high command and won. After persuading his superiors, he sent letters across Scotland asking people to donate what they could to

help. They replied in huge numbers, saving many lives. Churches across Europe also became involved in the effort and the charity now known as Christian Aid was formed.

Mr Lister later wrote a book, *The Luneburg Story*, about his experiences, and the grateful town of Luneburg named the street Douglas Lister Strasse after him.”

## ***ICE alert!***

Have you put ICE in your mobile telephone?

Bob Brotchie, a paramedic, found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were usually mobile phones with patients, but he didn't know which number to call to contact the patient's next of kin or other emergency contact. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there were a nationally recognised name for this purpose, and ICE - In Case of Emergency – began.

Mobile phone users entered the name 'ICE', and the preferred emergency telephone number. First responders, such as paramedics, police, and other emergency personnel, can quickly find this number to ring to identify victims and obtain important medical information. Additional numbers can be entered as ICE1, ICE2, ICE3. If you also have the same entries, but with the ICE word preceded by a space, these are then filed at the 'top/beginning' of the contacts directory. This makes it easier for the emergency helper to find the numbers because they become visible immediately the contact directory is opened.

The idea began to spread around the world. However, peoples that do not use or recognise the Roman alphabet cannot readily identify what the term "ICE" represents, and this is a problem. However, regardless of what alphabet they use, most peoples today use Arabic numerals. So now there is an update, following a recent standard from the ITU (International Telecommunications Union).

By prefixing the Arabic numbers 01, 02, 03, and so on to a nominated contact, such as "01Father", "02Wife" or "03Husband" written in any script in the mobile telephone directory, this will help emergency

workers in any part of the world identify contacts in order of priority to notify them.

Have you put ICE in your phone? Do it now – tomorrow might be too late! Because the newer ITU standard is not yet so well known, it might be worth entering both methods. It costs only a few minutes now – it could save your life or relieve a loved one of some worry. Tell your ICE contacts that you have designated them. You should also make sure your ICE partner has a list of persons to contact on your behalf, such as your place of work. In addition, he or she will need to know about any medical conditions that could affect your emergency treatment, including allergies or medication.

If you're under 18, your ICE contact should be a parent/carer or an immediate member of your family authorised to make decisions on your behalf. For those with a medical problem and more at risk, a recognisable emblem (such as a bracelet) is more reliable than ICE and provides more vital information. MedicAlert® is a non-profit making, registered charity providing a life-saving identification system for individuals with hidden medical conditions and allergies. For more info, visit: <http://www.medicalert.org.uk/>

*Submitted by Richard Phillips*

## ***Treasurer's Report 31 March 2010***

### **October 2009-March 2010**

- 2008-09 accounts have been approved by our Independent Examiner and forwarded to OSCR with the appropriate reports.
- Collections were £1909 below budget and only 2.6% up on corresponding period last year (c.f. budgeted 12% rise). N.B. direct giving rose by 7.7% and Gift Aid by 3.9%, but all other sources fell.
- Overall expenditure was £1044 below budget but is 19.2% (£4957) up on last year, largely due to unpaid quota from previous year and outreach costs.
- You should be aware that it was agreed at AGM in December that we would need a 12% rise in collections to meet our projected expenditure. If you have not increased your giving so far this year I would urge you to do so as soon as possible

## Remainder of the year

- Insurance premiums (due 12 May) as per last year so within budget.
- We have now changed gas supplier to Scottish Gas which will in the long term reduce heating costs. However, in the short term we have had to reimburse npower £3,579 for gas used last year. The net result is that heat+light costs for the year will exceed the budgeted figure by over £3,100.
- Fund raising (currently at £1,350) is unlikely to reach the budgeted figure, but as the Quinquennial review does not seem to have identified any major outlays this may not be too critical.
- It now seems unlikely that we will end the year in surplus and if we do it will be considerably less than the £7,000+ of last year.

<b>March Collections</b>	£
Cash	238
Gift Aid Cash	7
Envelopes	984
Direct giving	<u>1745</u>
Total	2974

*Graham Smith*

## ***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, Ruth Haig, Eric Marchant, Bob Horne (Georgina's cousin), Mairi (Ian Fuge's sister) awaiting ongoing treatment. Also for Kathryn Topham's aunt and uncle, Paddy and Geoff, in Hull who are still going through a difficult time. Continue to pray for the continuing recovery of Alan Murray. Pray for the families and friends of Robert Blair and Sally Mclean, as they mourn their loss. Pray for the family and friends of Pearl Adams, who died at the age of 96, St James' oldest member. Give thanks for the success of Jim McGarva's hip operation, and pray for his continued speedy recovery. Pray for Lauren, experiencing a very difficult pregnancy.

Pray for all who are victims of natural disasters throughout the world; for the helpless and the helpers as they seek to rebuild their lives. Pray that aid reaches those for whom it is intended.

Pray for continued progress towards peace and reconciliation; for the work of Penicuik for Africa. Pray for the release of all who are enslaved, for those held captive unfairly or illegally and for the work of Amnesty International. Pray for those suffering under corrupt and uncaring political regimes, remembering especially the people of Zimbabwe. Pray for 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...***

### **May 2010**

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| Sat 8 May  | 10.00am - 2.00pm Choir Exhibition in Town Hall  |
| Sun 9 May  | 11.00 J-Tots 10th Birthday Service<br>Christian Aid Lunch St James to mark start of CA Week |
| Sun 23 May | Pot-luck supper to celebrate 25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination                    |

### **June 2010**

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| Wed 2 Jun  | Vestry 7.30pm                     |
| Sun 6 Jun  | Open afternoon at Penicuik House  |
| Sat 12 Jun | 7.00pm Music for a Summer Evening |

Sat 26 Jun 1-4pm Links meeting in Church Hall

### **July 2010**

Sun 4 Jul Sea Sunday  
Tue 6 Jul Vestry 7.30pm

### **August 2010**

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

### **October 2010**

Sat/Sun 2-3 Oct Flower Festival in St James - **much help needed** ;  
*please note in diaries now!*

## ***Outreach subscriptions...***

...are now due. Producing a publication partly in colour is not a cheap undertaking, and £10 for 10 copies seems a pretty good deal! So if you regularly receive the magazine, please do contribute using the enclosed envelope, either in the church offering plate, or directly to the Treasurer, Graham Smith, 1 Caplaw Way, Penicuik, EH26 9JE.

***Outreach*** can also be viewed on the St James website: <http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk> ***The June 2010 edition will be published on Sunday 6 June. Information about events, and contributions, should be with the Editor, Georgina Phillips 661039, Merlewood, The Loan, West Linton, EH46 7HE, [phillg13@toucansurf.com](mailto:phillg13@toucansurf.com), by Wednesday 26 May at the latest. If sent by email, please copy to Mike Hay, [mike@hayfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@hayfamily.co.uk).***

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**This is Amelie Belle Herriot Morgan - pictured here with her very proud great-granny, Jean Wright, and mum, Jane Herriot. Born on the 11th March 2010, she'll be in church to say hi (and for her baptism) on the 6th June.**



**Aaron Alexander Proctor and Lucy Ishbel Proctor were Christened on Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010.**



**90 Years young!**

**Julie McGavin and Craig Avery  
after their marriage at Houston  
House Hotel on 28th March  
2010. The ceremony was  
performed by Rev Tony  
Bramley.**

