



# OUTREACH

St. James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



**Memories of Summer.....**

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**Picnic afternoon - the High Pond at Penicuik House ...**



**...and some happy picnickers!**

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## ***Service Times***

Sundays:       8.00 am   Said Communion  
                  11.00 am Choral Communion  
                  Evensong as announced

Thursdays:   11.15 am Informal Said Communion as announced.

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

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

For the many (X minus ten) who could not make the recent 'Africa evening' at which we attempted to highlight the past successes of PfA and her promising future, here is what you missed.

**Itipini** In the first two years of our existence, we sent £1000 to Itipini, a shanty town on the outskirts of the city of Umtata, named after the dump on which it is built. The major source of income for those living there is the dump, from which useful items are scavenged for sale on market stalls. Children consider themselves blessed when



they find an old pair of shoes that fit and can make the scavenging safer. Itipini is unarguably one of the poorest places on earth and, for 20 years, nurse Jenny McConnachie ran a clinic and feeding station in Itipini with her late husband (Dr. Chris). Jenny still runs the clinic, treating about 50 patients every day, and overseeing the feeding station, run by volunteers which hands out weekly rations of maize, rice and cooking oil (see pictures).

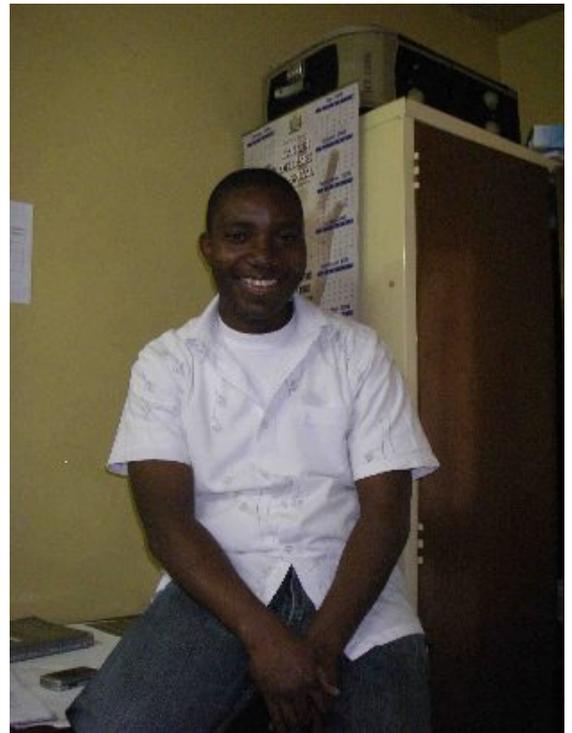
**Chitambo Ambulance** Jo Vallis showed slides of her recent visit to Chitambo, which was intended to culminate in the Hospital's Centenary celebrations and formal handover of our ambulance but didn't because of the sudden death of Zambia's president on the eve of the celebrations. The ambulance has gone into service without the pomp

and ceremony and hopefully will become part of something even bigger. There will be an opportunity to see more of the Chitambo visit in an exhibition in the Town Hall on the morning of Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Scottish Zambia Consortium** The Scottish Executive has an International Development Fund from which it is offering £1m for a project in Sub-Saharan Africa. Jo Vallis has worked up a project to re-open a Midwifery School at Chitambo hospital on behalf of PfA

and, in partnership with NHS Lothians, NHS Borders, and Waverley Care has formed a consortium which has submitted a joint bid for funding. If the bid is successful, our project will enable the local workforce to be increased through student subsidies, infrastructure (such as a satellite link) to be installed that will facilitate midwifery tutoring from Scotland, among other things. Benefits of partnership are that a longstanding twinning arrangement between NHS Borders and St. Francis hospital, Katete, will lead to 'spin off' to benefit the new school at Chitambo. A key player in the scheme will be Levi Chifwaila currently 'matron' at Chitambo Hospital, whom Jo met at Lusaka (see picture) where he was studying for his Masters in Public



Health. The Scottish Episcopal Church has supported the St Francis Hospital for many years. The new ambulance will serve as a mobile clinic/health & advice centre, carrying new found skills to scattered communities. The ongoing role of PfA will be to encourage, see that goals are met and government get value for money and we will need one or two more dedicated supporters to do this adequately.

**AGM** The formal public review of our finances and fortunes will take place in North Kirk Cafe at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, November 25th; with MSPs asking questions like ‘who or what exactly is PfA?!’, we hope for a good show of support.

**Fund-raising** The customary pots of Christmas bulbs and Table Decorations will be available again this year, supplemented by two ‘specials’ from Traidcraft, jewelled (!) bracelets at £1 each and large, lichen-coloured, tassled scarves at £12 (spotted on Tie Rack at £20).

*Neville*

## ***Mission News***

### **Botswana**

We are all familiar with the writings of Alexander McCall Smith, especially in the enjoyment in reading the wonderful series about life set in Gabarone, the capital of Botswana, and following the ups and downs of Mrs Ramotswe’s Ladies Detective Agency. Here is a bit of news from the mission angle.

Away back in 1950 or there about, I spent a holiday visiting a nursing friend who was working in the Livingstone Hospital in Molopolole. After a three day train journey, I arrived in Gabarone, which, at that time had one main street, lined with trading stores, a petrol pump and I cannot remember much more. It was dusty and hot as I descended from the train, (also dusty and hot from the long journey!) even the trees were dusty. Passing vehicles churned up the dusty road. I think it was about a 30 miles drive south from Gabarone, in a hospital truck, to the mission, along a dry sandy road. Yes, we did get stuck in the sand, but drivers were always well prepared for this frequent happening, for sacks and lengths of wood were an essential part of car and truck equipment.

Another visit was in 1976, the year before leaving S. Africa. I went on a Safari holiday with friends into the Okavamba National Park, flying from Jo’burg to Gabarone, where we changed into a small aircraft for the flight to Maoun in the North (but that’s another story). Gabarone had become a large, modern and busy town, a very different place. Today, Botswana remains one of Africa’s most stable countries, economically and politically. On 1 April this year, the Nation welcomed their fourth president.

In a letter to USPG, Fr. Andrew Mudereri writes from the Anglican diocese of Botswana.

Botswana is a largely desert land. We thank God for the rich mineral resources, especially diamonds whose profits benefit the society in health and education. This does not mean that there are no poor people. The government is doing its best to see that the whole population benefit from our God-given wealth. Programmes are being put in place to maximise the arable land to produce food for consumption and export.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic remains Botswana's greatest challenge, with a third of its 1.8 million population estimated to have the virus. A second challenge is the influx of refugees from Zimbabwe. The Anglican Diocese of Botswana, which is the whole country, has only six full time clergy, including the bishop and two non-stipendiary clergy. This is a big challenge, and, funds permitting, a House of Study is to be established for the purpose to train clergy. There are many young enthusiastic church-goers, who might be prepared to serve the Lord in this way. Bishop Trevor Musonda Mwamba seeks staff to fill 13 vacant parishes. Father Andrew asks for prayers for this project.

Pray also for the Mother's Union in Mahalapye and the church work among those with HIV/AIDS, the Day Care Centre in Mogadisthane, and the Holy Cross Hospice.

For the San People (Bushmen), for justice in their pursuit to preserve their cultural heritage.

Give thanks for the many thriving Sunday schools and youth groups, that they will bring hope, enthusiasm and new life into the church.

And for the country's big heart in welcoming the refugees, and for those living with HIV/AIDS.

*God of all ages, you have revealed yourself to all people on earth in various ways. Teach us to acknowledge your presence in all your Creation, to honour, love and serve you in the same in peace that only you can give. Amen*

Some news from Mozambique, the country which has suffered so much from floods, famine and fighting and bush fires.

The Diocese of Niassa, in the North, has started an ambitious venture to plant thousands of hectares of indigenous and exotic trees on forest

land that was degraded by uncontrolled bush fires. Launched a year ago with funding from America, it has the support of the university in Maputo, private forestry companies and church groups. It will be reviving damaged land and generate employment in a region where the average life expectancy is 39 years. 46 per cent of the people live with chronic malnutrition, and one in seven children die before the age of five. The venture has been titled Chikweni, which is a Yao word for forest.

The Rt. Revd. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop of Niassa, said: 'Something must change, life demands we dream of something better. Chikweni has created 400 jobs, stimulated secondary industries, and attracted substantial investment from major international partners. But it is more than commerce, it also means conserving the indigenous forests of Mozambique, better food security through farmer co-operatives, adult literacy, community health care and a team to fight HIV/AIDS. The Anglican Church of Mozambique is a key to community stake holder: living, working, laughing, crying, striving together in community as community.'

*All above news comes from Anglicans in World Mission.*

*Frances*

## ***Vestry Moments***

The last Vestry meeting was 18th September. This is a summary of matters discussed:

- Updating of Gift Book
- Church attendance- publicity, services, welcome etc
- Treasurer's report
- Fabric report- vandalism to St Margaret window, additional notice-boards, etc
- Success of Doors Open Day
- Margaret Coull, our Archivist, reported on visit by Midlothian's Archivist to advise on storage and conservation; a probe is in place to measure temperature and humidity; future need to supply specialist storage
- Fun-raising flower demonstration to take place in October
- Advent study course, Quiet Day and Lenten retreats

Next meeting: **Thursday 30th October**

*Georgina Phillips, Minutes Sec.*

## ***Energetic souls!***

Saturday, 11 October, saw two intrepid souls participate in the Balerno Ladies Triathlon. Our own Dyane, and Helen Kallow (ex-St James) swam the 400 metres, cycled 6 miles and ran 3 miles in a good time. The weather was fine, and a small band of friends and families cheered on the field of 62 competitors. The race was over in not much more than an hour,



but made us feel very tired watching all that activity!!  
Congratulations, ladies!  
*Georgina*

## ***World Day of Prayer Calendars £2:***

These cover March 2009 to February 2010 - ie the World Day of Prayer year. Please let me know if you would like to order a calendar.

*Jean Hindle*

## ***Vestry News - Fair Trade***

We are now officially a Fair Trade church, having signed up to the Fairtrade Foundation. This means that we will use only Fairtrade tea and coffee at all the functions that the church itself organises, and that we will work towards using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit. We are also to promote Fairtrade Fortnight, though Neville is already doing an excellent job with our Sunday morning stall. The Diocese will also be happy, as 31 out of 56 of the churches now have FT status, well over the 50% required to be a FT Diocese.

## ***Christmas hampers***

We are once again providing hampers for families in Penicuik. In order to meet Gladys Johnson's deadline, I shall need to have names of groups or families willing to donate a hamper by Monday 17 November. If you would like to take part in this very worthwhile work, please let me know before the 17th.

*Many thanks, Lorna Bramley*

## ***Reflection***

People cease to interest us  
when we discover their limitations.  
As soon as we come up with people's limitations,  
it's all over for those people.  
Have they talents? Have they initiative?  
Have they knowledge? It matters not.

Though yesterday we may have found them  
infinitely alluring and attractive – a sea to swim in –  
today we have found their shores,  
found it to be not a sea after all but only a pond,  
and we couldn't care if we never saw it again.

But none of us can see into the depths of another person,  
or even into our own depths.  
Only God can.  
He knows us through and through,  
yet he does not tire of us or reject us.

He helps us to believe in ourselves,  
and to draw out all that is hidden in our depths,  
good things we ourselves are not even aware of.  
*Anon - contributed by Catherine Pow*

## ***Pentlands Writers' Group***

*presents*

AN EVENING OF READINGS

with multi award-winning Scottish writer

ALAN SPENCE

and members of the PWG

Saturday 8th November 2008 7.30pm Carlops Village hall

Tickets £6 (includes 1st glass of wine)

*available from Georgina (01968 661039)/on the door*

*Information & bookings: (01968) 660248/660337*

## ***Tearcraft***

Our annual Tearcraft Sale and Coffee Morning will be held this year on  
**Saturday 8th November.**

As well as Tearcraft goods there will be the usual stalls of baking and  
plants, if Neville can find a "stand in" as he will be in New Zealand!

Please come along and bring your friends and enjoy the fellowship as  
we meet together and raise funds for a very worthy cause.

Donations of baking will be most welcome.

I am assured that we won't clash with St Mungo's W.L. Coffee Morning  
as it is on *22nd November\*\** so you can attend both this year!

*Val McGavin and the Mauricewood House Group*

*(\*\*Please note the change of date for the St Mungo's Coffee Morning -  
Ed)*

## ***Apology***

In the previous edition, Kathryn Topham was welcomed as a new  
member of the Mothers' Union. Kathryn has of course been a member  
for some time, and the new member was Kathryn's mother-in-law,  
Karin. This was the sub-editor's (my) fault - many apologies! Welcome,  
Karin! *Mike Hay*

# November 2008 Rota

	2-Nov-2008	9-Nov-2008	16-Nov-2008	23-Nov-2008	30-Nov-2008
	Trinity 19	Trinity 20	Trinity 21	Trinity 22	Advent 1
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Jean	David	Jennifer	Mike	David
<b>St Mungo's Organist</b>	Mike	***	Jean	David	Mike
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark/ Margaret Coull	Nigel Johnston/ Andy Longmore	McGarvas	Angela Sibley/ Des Frantom
<b>Bread and Wine</b>	Young Church	Sibleys	Dicksons	Johnstons	Clerks
<b>1st Reading</b>	<i>Joshua 3:7-17</i>	<i>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-25 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 &amp; Amos 5:18-24</i>	<i>Judges 4:1-7 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18</i>	<i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</i>	<i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i>
	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark	Andy Longmore	Jean Hindle	Geoff Mather
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<i>I Thessalonians 2:9-13</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>	<i>I Thessalonians 5:1-11</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:3-9</i>
	Young Church	Gillian Little	Mike Hay	Val McGavin	Gill Amos
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>	<i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>	<i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	Mark 13:24-37
<b>Prayers</b>	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark	Val McGavin	Ruth Green	Jean Hindle
<b>Pray for</b>	Youth Group	Bible Study Group	Choir	Church Women's Fellowship	Early Birds Prayer Group
<b>Server</b>	Angela/Sara	Val/Steven	Angela/Alice	Val/ Sara	Angela/Alice
<b>Coffee</b>	Margaret Vesco/ Joyce Black	Isobel Stenhouse/ Jean Wright	Gillian Little/ Marion Mather	Elizabeth Clark/ Robert Clerk	Mrs Neish & family
<b>Flowers</b>	Gill Amos				Advent
<b>Cleaning</b>	C & M Leavy	C & M Leavy	Jennifer Edge/ Moira Rendall	Jennifer Edge/ Moira Rendall	Mona Bennett/ Ruth Frantom
<b>Welcomers</b>	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark
<b>Care Van</b>			*		
<b>Pentland House</b>				*	

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

# December 2008 Rota

	7-Dec-08	14-Dec-08	21-Dec-08	24-Dec-08	25-Dec-08	28-Dec-08
	<b>Advent 2</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>
<b>11.00 am organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	David	tba	Mike	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	David	Jean	Mike	tba tba	tba	David
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark Margaret Coull	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	?McGarvas	? MacLennan	Isobel Stenhouse Des Frantom
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Leavys	Barretts	?Clerks	Children	Hindles
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i>	<i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i>	<i>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	<i>Isaiah 61:10-62:3</i>
	Young Church	Marion Mather	Andy Longmore	tba	tba	Alan Murray
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<i>II Peter 3:8-15a</i>	<i>I Thess. 5:16-24</i>	<i>Romans 16:25-27</i>	<i>Titus 2:11-14</i>	<i>Titus 2:11-14</i>	<i>Galatians 4:4-7</i>
	Young Church	Sue Crosfield	Ian Fuge	Ian MacLennan	tba	Joyce Black
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	<i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Angela Sibley	Geoff Mather	Mike Hay	tba	tba	Andy Longmore
<b>Pray for</b>	Youth Group	Bible Study Group	Choir	Church Women's Fellowship	Early Birds Prayer Group	Fabric Team
<b>Server</b>	Angela/Steven	Val/Sarah	Angela/Alice	Val	Angela	Val/Steven
<b>Coffee</b>	Frantoms	Mona Bennett	Kathleen Cox Sue Crosfield	-----	-----	Hays Graham Smith
<b>Flowers</b>	Advent					Nan McGavin
	Mona Bennett Ruth Green	Clerks	Clerks			Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse
<b>Welcomers</b>	Elizabeth Clark	C Hodgkin/ A Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk			McGarvas
<b>Care Van</b>			*			
<b>Pentland House</b>						

# January 2009 Rota

	04-Jan-2009	11-Jan-2009	18-Jan-2009	25-Jan-2009
	Christmas 2	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3
<b>11.00 am organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	David	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	Mike	Jean	Mike	Jean
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Elizabeth Clark/ Des Frantom	Margaret Coull/ Nigel Johnston	McGarvas	Andy Longmore/ Alan Sibley
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Children	Sibleys	Dicksons	Johnstons
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-5</i>	<i>I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)</i>	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i>
	Margaret Coull	Georgina Phillips	Jo Bullough	Adrian Marchant
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>	<i>Acts 19:1-7</i>	<i>I Corinthians 6:12-20</i>	<i>I Corinthians 7:29-31</i>
	Faye Clerk	Ruth Green	Elizabeth Clark	Brigitte Fuge
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 1:(1-9), 10-18</i>	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>	<i>John 1:43-51</i>	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Alan Murray	Georgina Phillips	Elizabeth Clark	Ruth Green
<b>Pray for</b>	J Tots	Junior Choir	Mauricewood House Group	Mothers Union
<b>Server</b>	Angela/Sara	Val/Alice	Angela/Steven	Val/Sara
<b>Coffee</b>	McGarvas	Margaret Vesco/ Joyce Black	Isobel Stenhouse/ Jean .Wright	Gillian Little/ Marion Mather
<b>Flowers</b>				
<b>Cleaning</b>	Gill Amos/ Isobel Stenhouse	Ros Hay/ Sue Crosfield	Ros Hay/ Sue Crosfield	Marian Hunter/ Ruth Frantom
<b>Welcomers</b>	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas
<b>Care Van</b>			*	
<b>Pentland House</b>	*			

## **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".*

On the 8th October we had an excellent talk given by Padre Rory MacLeod of 1 SCOTS. He spoke about why he had become an Army Padre and what his work involved especially during their last deployment in Iraq. Rory told it as it was which was what impressed the ladies - there were no embellishments. He spoke of times good and bad, and how even at the time of repatriation of a comrade's body the



insurgents still saw fit to launch an attack. Drill kicks in but when it is over the solemn ceremony continues. Rory had brought his kit with him so we were able to see what went with him. Reminders of home, his little cross, Communion set and to quote him "the Padre doesn't carry a weapon but he takes his pipes." They would often provide the music for services. The meeting finished with him giving us some music on the pipes.

Rory's daughter, Isla, spoke to us previously about her gap year in India.

October was a busy time for MU members birthdays - Rose Mackenzie celebrated her 80th birthday on Sat 11th Oct, and Cathie McIlwhan her 77th on Oct 7th.

Rose had made a cake for Margaret McLennan whose 79th birthday was on Oct 8th.



## **MU Programme:**

5 Nov Diocesan MU Council at Christ Ch. Morningside. Afterwards, Sue Crosfield will speak about her visit to the Worldwide Council held in Uganda

## **Branch Meetings:**

12 Nov Noon - Lunch in Church Hall Speaker: Jennie Ritchie – Women of the Bible

26 Nov Wave of Prayer: 2.00 - 3.00pm at 64 Deanburn

The Bird Marrow was an interesting specimen on display at St Mungo's Harvest Festival on Oct 12th.

*Margaret Coull*



## ***Mothers' Union Emergency Relief in DR Congo***

Mothers' Union members in Eastern DR Congo report a huge rise in the number of people displaced through the escalating violence in the region. Currently the charity is feeding 250 families of vulnerable, displaced mothers and children in the Boga region and are on standby for news from the Bukavu area.

An immediate relief grant of \$5,300.00 is being sent to facilitate delivery of relief in the area. Local grassroots workers are appealing for help feeding the hundreds of people needing their assistance.

Mugisa Isingoma, from Mothers' Union DR Congo, reports from Boga, that the teams need Cassava, soya beans, maize flour, sugar, rice, cooking oil and salt to meet the needs of increasing numbers of displaced families. An additional provision of mosquito nets for small children and plastic sheeting to protect families from the rains, which are just starting, are also required.

Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, Rosemary Kempzell, spoke yesterday to highlight the particular risks to women caught up in the war. "Women are, we hear, increasingly being subjected to rape and worse. We [Mothers' Union] need to do all we can to support the relief efforts of our team in DR Congo at this time."

To support Mothers' Union DR Congo's vital relief work visit [themothersunion.org/donate](http://themothersunion.org/donate) or call 020 7222 5533. The latest news is that "the horrors for the women in particular of rape and worse is worse and it amounts to ethnic cleansing". The Episcopal Church news says the same and that UN peacekeepers have been stationed around Bunia to quell the violence but tension remains high as govt troops clash with the rebels in neighbouring regions only 6 miles away from Bunia. Displaced people continue to seek shelter in Bunia churches. The Episcopal Relief and Development fund have sent emergency assistance and one of their programme officers has met with Congolese representatives in Uganda about the troubles. It is unclear when the rebels will disperse and allow families to go home.

The Mothers' union is sending a further Relief grant to help - we have been in contact with the Mothers' Union in the area and they will distribute the much needed food and mosquito nets for small children and mothers.

## **Choir News**

Firstly, a reminder of the hour of meditation in the Sacred Heart church at 6.30pm on **Sunday 9 November** (possibly "this evening", if you're reading this on the day of publication). The St James choir is providing some of the music: the first movement of Fauré's setting of the Requiem Mass, and Sir Charles Parry's very evocative setting of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar". I thought that it might be worthwhile including the words of this poem below:

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

Then Christmas is coming.... and the choirmaster is trying and failing to lose some weight before putting it on again during the festive season! Just the usual reminder that there is still time (just!) to give me suggestions of carols to include in the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which this year will be on **Sunday 21 December at 7.00pm**. In particular, the congregational carols tend to be very similar from year to year, but if there is one well-known carol which you'd like which we don't often sing, please let me know. Please, too, put the date in your diaries and come to what is always a very special evening.

*Mike Hay*

## ***Lambeth Hymn***

This hymn (which we sang at the Eucharist on 12 October) was written by the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral for the recent Lambeth Conference. It goes well to the the tune Richmond, A&M 373

*I am the light whose brightness shines  
On every pilgrim's way,  
And brings to evil's darkest places  
The glorious light of day.*

*I am the Gate that leads to life  
Along the narrow way,  
The Shepherd who will tend my sheep  
That none are lost or stray.*

*I am the Well from whose fresh springs  
Life giving water flows*

*And on each side a tree of life  
With leaves for healing grows.*

*I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,  
Sent down to satisfy  
That hunger which cries out for food,  
Who eats shall never die.*

*I am the Vine whose branches grow  
United in one root;  
Who dwell in me, and I in them,  
Shall live and bear much fruit.*

*I am the Resurrection life,  
The power of God whereby  
Whoever truly trusts in me  
Shall live and never die.*

*I am the Way, the Truth, the Life  
And truth shall set you free  
To seek and find the way to life  
And live that life in me.*

*--Words: Robert Willis*

## ***Outreach on the Web***

The current edition of the magazine, and previous editions, can be viewed on the church website: <http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk/> . Just click on the appropriate link near the top of the page.

## ***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:

The Fraser family in their tragic loss, John Ford, Rose and her family, June Virtue, Florence Petrie, Mae Mann, Elizabeth Black, Ruby Graham, Ralph, Eiliah, Cliff, Lorna Coleman and Margaret Paton. Give thanks for the continued healing of Margaret McLennan.

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

Pray for the peoples 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.

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 Rev Charles Makonde and 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!)*

## **Collections**

	Sept
Cash	239
GA Cash	23
Envelopes	1063
Direct giving	1498
Total	2823

### **Special Collections:**

Bishop's Lent Appeal	130
Chest, Heart and Stroke	225

## **Events coming soon...**

Sun 2 November	6.30pm	Evensong for All Souls
Sat 8 November		Tearcraft Sale and Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Pentlands Writers' Group, Carlops Village Hall
Sun 9 November	6.30pm	at the Sacred Heart: Meditation for Remembrance
**Sat 22 November	10.00	St Mungo's Coffee Morning, West Linton
Tue 25 November	8.00pm	PfA AGM, North Kirk Café
Sun 21 December	7.00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**\*\*Please note change of date**

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**Piper extraordinary - see MU News!**



**Ian Fuge saw these plaques in Malvern Priory - making some of us mere whippersnappers in terms of choir service!**



**Another St James the Less, from St Lawrence, Upwey in Dorset**

**Imitation is the sincerest..... etc.! Not only has Burton Bradstock Parish Church pinched the name of the event, but they have even sneaked in the name of one of our previous Rectors as well! (Photos - Ian Fuge)**

