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Dear Friends,

Looking through old sermons for Advent, I came across one I had preached 15 years ago which I shall certainly *not* revise for use this year, you will be glad to hear! It was based on a week in my life in which everything possible seemed to have gone wrong. One thing I had had to do was to collect, for a lecture course I had given, a student questionnaire, the most incisive entry in which read, “Dr Gould not only gives useless and muddled lectures, he is so disgustingly patronising...” Happily, not all of them were like that, and the pain was somewhat lessened by the fact that I had, some years later, to assist that particular student in a project to do with teacher training! It is useful, albeit painful, to be caught up from time to time in that way. All criticism has some validity for us fallible human beings, and it is good that it hits us hard from time to time. One great gift, that few of us have, though, is to spot the point at which criticism or thanks can be given gently and helpfully without bringing out the nuclear arsenal, and leading to healing rather than destruction.!

At a team meeting recently, we were noticing how few comments are ever given on sermons. While we hope that these are not muddled, useless, nor, perish the thought, patronising, even such comments would be welcome! No, we are not going to start issuing questionnaires, or getting someone in Mumbai to phone you up anonymously on Sunday afternoon to get your views, but we do welcome them!

On a very different note, though, what a wonderful party you organised on November 15th for the “Homecoming”. I realized that there was huge culinary talent in this congregation, but not the all-singing-all-dancing talent! There was a wonderful air of fun, which our visitors certainly appreciated, and which also shows, I think, the progress you have made during the year. The Charis campaign, as we never tire of saying, wasn’t all about money, and the building of friendship and fellowship was plain in the fun we all had.

Advent is the Church’s New Year. A very Happy New Year to you all!

Bob

From the Chair of the Vestry

As authorised by the Vestry, the Core Group has drawn up a shortlist of three from those candidates who submitted an application for the post of Rector of Holy Trinity. Interviews of those candidates have been arranged for the three consecutive Tuesdays of 17th and 24th November and 1st December.

It is expected that each interview will follow exactly the same pattern. A short Eucharist is followed by a formal one hour's interview in the Trinity Centre meeting room with the Core Group. After coffee in the Church, each candidate is asked to make a short 15 minute presentation to the Vestry after which every Vestry member has the opportunity to ask questions of the candidate.

A meeting with the Team at the Trinity Centre is followed by lunch, prepared by members of the Vestry but kindly hosted by Bob and Rosemary Plumb. Candidates are then shown round the Rectory, Trinity Centre, the Church and its environs by members of the Vestry. Tea and biscuits back in the church marks the formal end of the proceedings for the candidates, but the Vestry meets again to review the day's events.

Following the interviews, Bishop Brian will meet with the Vestry in preparation for an appointment being made. Please continue to pray for all those involved.

Can I add my thanks to **everyone** who played their part in the Homecoming celebrations, the Back to Church Sunday, the Area Council Service and the Area Council Quiet Day. November's been quite a month, hasn't it!

John Elcock

A group enjoying their meal at the Homecoming Party.



“Out of the darkness... comes light... life... and hope...”



*Advent is traditionally a time of ‘waiting’ and ‘preparing’ for THE LIGHT
And with THE LIGHT does, indeed, come LIFE... and HOPE...*

I wish you a Joyful Christmas and a 2010 filled with light, life and hope !

*“Out of the Darkness comes Light” is a 6 ft x 3 ft tapestry by Leila Thomson
It hangs in the Hoxa Tapestry Gallery on Orkney, SCOTLAND*

CHURCH LETS

All requests for use of the Church outwith normal service times should be made, with details of the event, to one of the following:

E-mail admin@holytrinitychurch-haddington.co.uk

**In writing to Mrs. D. Briggs, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Centre,
Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX**

Or by telephone to 01620 825 355

NOTELETS (instead of Christmas Cards)

There will soon be available for sale bundles of 6 notelets with envelopes, 3 each of 2 sketches of HT, inside and out. £2.00 in the honesty box/wall safe. There is a rumour going round that you will like them!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - 5th DECEMBER 2009



Time is flying towards 5 December!

The Trinity Centre (TC) is booked from 8.30pm on Friday 4 December until 2pm on Saturday. If you can lend a hand to set up on Friday evening or would like to help on one of the many stalls or in the cafe please let me, Jim or Margaret know as soon as possible.

There will be all the usual stalls - baking, books, tombola, gifts, deli, raffle- and I would ask you to please contribute gifts, prizes, cakes and candy, jams, marmalades, chutneys etc to the various stalls. Below is a list of people who will need your help:-

Jim - Christmas gifts (eg unwanted birthday or Christmas gifts you may have received in the past)

Sari - any items for the deli

John - Books

Margaret - mince pies or biscuits for the cafe

Judith - Tombola and raffle prizes



Please bring perishable items to the TC on Friday evening or first thing Saturday morning (i.e before 9.30). Gifts and prizes by Wednesday 2nd Dec to Jim and Judith please so that they can be priced or ticketed.

If you are unable to help in these ways, please do support us on the day by bringing yourself and friends and family to see us at 10am on the 5th.

Tel nos to help: Judith 07940 786935, Jim 01620 822335, Margaret 01620 825472

Thank you,

Judith Wilkinson



VISIT TO ST. PETER'S PCEA IHINDU, KENYA

On 21st October I arrived at the Airport, Nairobi at 6.30am. to be met, as arranged, by Sammy Karanja. We spent a pleasant morning visiting the Railway Museum, and the Elephant Orphanage recently featured on a TV documentary, after which we travelled to Ihindu, on the way calling in to a wayside garden centre, to purchase small shrubs for the church garden. The first view of the completed church is from the highway, the brown roof clearly seen. We entered the church to find people busily cleaning the floor and arranging the cream coloured plastic chairs, matching the walls that my husband Henry had donated. The next morning was taken up with visiting members of the Women's Guild in their homes where we were given Kenyan tea and bread. Later that day I went with Terry and Sammy to a local market where Terry purchased ingredients to be used for the lunch on Sunday before proceeding to the town of Naivasha for more supplies.

The next day Sammy and I travelled to Nakuru to friends there where I stayed for 2 nights. I travelled back with the friends to the church on the Sunday morning. After greeting one or two old friends, we entered into the church where they had already started singing and clapping. We were seated on special velvet chairs at the front and the service began. Members of the local Presbytery including the St Peter's Minister Rev Joseph Iteri, and the Moderator sat on the platform. Six churches were represented and each took part in the worship by coming forward, singing, and dancing to the sound of drumbeats. The St Peter's Church Sunday School came forward in bright red t-shirts with the name emblazoned on them, sang, and danced. There followed several readings and blessings of various items within the church, the font, lectern, pulpit etc. I gave a speech with Sammy translating although many could understand English, and there was a sermon from an excellent speaker who talked of the people of the church being more important than the building, and how we must all do our best to bring more people to God, as by his way is the only way to live, caring and loving each other. This was spoken in English and Swahili. The friends and I were presented with soapstone gifts and I was given some to bring home to other people who had visited St Peter's in the past. At the very end of the service, I unveiled a plaque on the porch wall commemorating the occasion. Everyone was given lunch which had been provided and prepared by the Women's Guild who had worked on Saturday evening and slept in the church overnight. Sammy had provided a lamb for the feast. It was a splendid, joyous and wonderful day and I was very privileged to be part of it, my only regret that no one from St Mary's was able to be present.

I spent a further week in Kenya, first in Voi, halfway between Nairobi and Mombassa, where I first attended church with Sammy in 2005. There I met the Pastor and his wife at the African Inland Church in Voi and then on to Mombassa for three days of sightseeing before returning to Voi, where we were able to attend the 9.30 am English service in the AIC before returning to Nairobi and my flight home.

Mary Wallace



The nursery class now using the old tin church building in Ihindu.

Homecoming Celebration on Saturday 14 November

The party held in the Trinity Centre was a great success and everyone there enjoyed themselves, savouring all the performances by talented musicians, dancers, comedians and reciters and, of course, the ceilidh band who gave us plenty of opportunity to dance. The traditional light supper was tasty and plenty of wine flowed!

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this event "work"; those who peeled potatoes and neeps, those who helped to put out the tables and chairs (and put away!) and those who helped decorate the hall and tables.

And of course a big "thank you" to everyone whose attendance made it such a splendid evening.

Individual performers will be personally thanked by letter.

HT Fellowship Group

A PLACE THAT OFFERS LIFE

by Daniel P. Smith and Mary K. Sellon

"Finances are tight, and our numbers are dwindling. The congregation is looking to me to turn things around. So is my denomination--that's exactly what I was told when I was appointed here. And, frankly, that's my expectation too. Isn't that my job?" says a pastor of a congregation that has been experiencing decline for many years, voicing the belief of many congregations, denominations, and pastors that when a congregation is declining, it is the pastor's job to fix it.

Here's the hard truth. If you're a layperson in a congregation that's experiencing decline, whether the congregation thrives is ultimately up to you and the other members. Your pastor can teach, guide, lead, support, inspire, even cajole. But in the end, congregational health is a function of how people in the congregation relate to one another, to God, and to their community. A congregation is a microcosm of the greater church, a local embodiment of the body of Christ. In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). We believe this is one of the primary messages that a healthy congregation embodies for its members and its surrounding community.

A congregation that is truly being church brings people into a loving, life-giving relationship with God and others that is transformational. This is the nature of the *kin-dom* of God, where covenant relationships model the best aspects of family. People find hope. They experience belonging; they extend and receive forgiveness. They discover a sense of purpose and direction. They learn to live with appreciation and joy no matter what the circumstances. Although a pastor can preach and teach this message, the message has power only to the extent that the people in the congregation live it and practice it with one another. Practicing loving, life-giving relationships transforms congregation members. Witnessing such benefits draws others who want something similar for themselves and their families.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS, TRINITY CENTRE, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2009



Well we are ready, so let the proceedings commence.



Rosemary Brannan addresses the Haggis, intently watched by Gordon.



Two of the many very enjoyable performances during the evening



Recent Fellowship income has been £60 (30 each to TC and HT) from Margaret Glass for her recipes ; and £340 from the Homecoming Party.

The Gospel according to St. Luke.

This Advent we move into St. Luke's Gospel as our main Gospel for the year. Recently Canon Alex Black preached for and to us on St. Luke's Day. Part of the Sermon is printed here, with Alex's permission, as an introduction to this Gospel.

I was once in the Troodos Mountains in Cyprus and felt quite close to St. Luke. And that was in spite of the place being the Monastery which trained Archbishop Makarios: the Kykkos monastery. But it was in that monastery that a certain icon is kept which purports to be by the hand of St. Luke and is a portrait of the Blessed Virgin with the child Jesus - and although I am very sceptical about the icon's authenticity, yet something of St. Luke's outlook on Jesus and the humanity of both came over to me then and has never left.

Today we honour Luke, who in a letter of St. Paul is described as "the Beloved physician," as well as providing my text from his last days in a Roman prison when all the others had left or deserted him, "only Luke is with me."

So who was he, this physician and writer?

New Testament Scholars tell us that "the opening of the Gospel is the smoothest and most polished piece of Greek prose in the whole New Testament." And it was with that same good Greek, but in a more street easy style, that he completed the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

So he was most probably a well educated Greek gentile (from Antioch in Syria or Philippi in Greece) who came to Jesus to find the way and having been persuaded and baptised, followed Paul on his journeys to convert the wider world, away from the Jewish Christian Church in Jerusalem. A well educated Greek doctor who, if he did not actually paint icons, painted beautiful word pictures of Christ, his childhood, his message and his healing power, and there provides the fullest picture we have of the coming into being of the Church and its early years in Acts.

Eugene Peterson offers a brief description of what Luke felt Christ's Gospel was about in his Luke in The Message.

One clear example is in the way he portrays Christ's attitude to women. (1) Easily overlooked is the fact that though Jesus chose 12 men as his disciples -- behind them and round them were a group of resourceful women, and such women could never have been far away. Incidentally, we learn that Mary Magdalene was not a woman of the streets but a sufferer from some mental illness - a woman who became the Apostle to the Apostles, bringing them the news of the Resurrection.

(2) A crippled arthritic woman healed on the Sabbath, telling her "You're Free."

(3) An example of women and contamination. She had been haemorrhaging for 12 years. She took the risk of polluting Jesus by touching him. Jesus knows. She comes out of hiding and he says "You took a risk touching me, now you're healed and whole. Live well, Live blessed.

My mental picture of Luke up in the Kykkos Monastery was of a man who learned of kindness, love and courage from Christ, even at second hand, and then dedicated his life to help and heal a wounded world with the power of his Lord's Word and Life.

**AN EXCITING ALL MOZART CONCERT
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
HADDINGTON**

IN AID OF THE ORGAN REPAIR FUND

SUNDAY 10 JAN 2010 AT 7.30pm

**BY EAST LOTHIAN PLAYERS
LEADER OUR OWN PHILIP TAYLOR
CONDUCTOR ROBERT DICK**

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SYMPHONY No. 40 IN G Minor

**A CONCERTO FOR FLUTE & HARP
Katherine Wake (flute) and Fiona Hyslop (harp)**

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**Entrance £10.00 (£8.00 concessions)
includes
programme and post concert refreshments of
wine, soft drinks and savouries**

Tickets from Peter Green 01620 824433, and
Kelsey's Bookshop, Vicky Fletcher and Flux in North Berwick.



**Congratulations to Janet McKinnell who
graduates with a MTh from Edinburgh University at
the McEwan Hall on the 26th November. We wish
you well, Janet, and hope you have a very Happy
Day.**

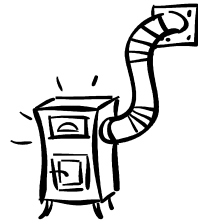
TRINITY CENTRE SALE

Thank you to all those who supported our fund-raising event on Hallowe'en Saturday. It was hugely encouraging to see how many people turned up on the day, especially when there were competing events in Haddington that morning. Our 'Scarecrow' competition even attracted the press.

We made just short of £400 for our new boiler fund and we will all benefit from that.

Thank you again, Holy Trinity.

Pat Fawcett,
Chairman, Trinity Centre
Management Committee.



TOYS

H.M. Prison Edinburgh

Monday, 5th October, 09

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year when I start to plan for the Christmas Gift Scheme 2009. I am writing to you all to ask for your support once more for the Christmas Gift Scheme. This is the twenty fifth year that the scheme has been running.

Last year was very successful with hundreds of children benefitting directly or indirectly from the gift scheme.

Kindest Regards

Colin O'Flaherty

(Letter received by Jim McAndie)

THE HOLY TRINITY TOY SERVICE IS ON 6TH DECEMBER

Toys for different age groups, including vouchers for teenagers, welcome.

They can be wrapped or unwrapped, but an indication of the suitable age-group, particularly if wrapped, is essential.

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**Two conferences on
200 Years of Mission and Theology
Saturday 6 February
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**An exploration of past, present and
Future changes in mission and theology since
the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference**



**In
Holy Trinity Church
Church Street
HADDINGTON
EH41 3EX**

THANK YOU FOR THE AREA COUNCIL SERVICE.

A small note to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the Service at Holy Trinity.

I for one was encouraged and enjoyed our time together. My thanks to Holy Trinity for their hospitality and wonderful soup.

With appreciation

Peter Harris , Rector of St. Mary's Dalkeith, St .Leonards, Lasswade



CHRISTMAS AGAIN



We will be decorating the Church on Thursday
the 24th December at 10am.

All helpers are welcome.

Also a big THANK YOU to all the ladies and gentlemen for all the work you have done in the decorating of the church flowers throughout the year. The harvest baskets were warmly welcomed by all who received them and we got several letters or e-mails expressing their appreciation.

Thank you again

Christine and Margaret Glass



TRINITY CENTRE FILM CLUB

Thursday 3rd DECEMBER 2009

2.00pm Trinity centre

Christmas Event

OUT OF AFRICA

The film is a classic starring

Meryl Streep and Robert Redford

With visually stunning African landscapes for you to see in
December, in
Haddington.

With Sherry and mince pies to follow. How can you miss
that?

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

- Nov. 29th Advent Sunday
Jeremiah 33 14—16, Thessalonians 3 9—13,
Luke 21 25—36
- Dec. 6th Malachi 3 1—4, Luke 3 1—6
13th Zephaniah 3 14—20, Philippians 4 4—7,
Luke 3 7—18
20th Micah 5 2—5a, Hebrews 19 5—10,
Luke 1 39—45 (45—55)
24th (midnight) Isaiah 52 7—10, Hebrews 1 1—4
John 1 1—4
25th Christmas Day
Isaiah 9 2—7, Titus 2 11—14, Luke 2 8—20
27th St John
Genesis 1, 1 John 1—9, John 20 1—8
- Jan. 3rd Epiphany. Isaiah 60 1—6, Matthew 2 1—12
10th Isaiah 43 1—7, Acts 8 14—17, Luke 3 15—17,
21—22
17th Isaiah 62 1—5, 1 Corinthians 12 1—11,
John 2 1—11
24th Nehemiah 8 1—3, 5—6, 8—10,
1 Corinthians 12 12—31a, Luke 4 14—21
31st Candlemas Malachi 3 1—5, Hebrews 2 14—end
Luke 2 22—40

GLORIA

DEADLINES... You can greatly assist the production process by submitting information and articles as soon as possible and not waiting for the deadline.

The deadline for the February issue is Sunday 17th January 2010

Please send all material to Wendy:
By email at wiwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk
Or phone 01620 822 891

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2009



Sunday 20th Dec. ADVENT 4

08.30am Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight—*a joint service with St. Mary's Parish Church - All welcome*

Thursday 24th Dec. CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm “No Room at the Inn” - come and follow the donkey, prepare a cradle and find Mary, Joseph and the baby. (lasts approx. half an hour. Out of doors so dress warmly.)

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Friday 25th Dec. CHRISTMAS DAY

08.30am Eucharist

10.00am Festival Eucharist with Christingles

Sunday 27th Dec. St. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist

08.30am Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 3rd Jan. EPIPHANY

08.30am Eucharist

10.00am Festival Eucharist for all ages:

The wise men follow the Star bearing their gifts.

6.00pm Evening Prayer

ROTAS DECEMBER 2009

DEC'BER	COFFEE AND TEA	
6th	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
13th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent
20th	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
27th	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown
	FLOWERS	
	No flowers until Christmas	
	24th Decorating the church for Christmas	
	READERS	
6th	All Age worship. Toy service	
13th	Sandy Wilkinson Davina Briggs	Alison Cowe
20th	Vicky Fletcher Wendy Wilkinson	Margaret Wastie
27th	Julian Tennent Felicity MacKenzie	Mary Wallace
	SIDESPERSIONS	
6th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
13th	David Hinley	Elisabeth Cooper
20th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
27th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn

ROTAS JANUARY 2010

JANUARY	COFFEE AND TEA	
3rd	Ena Briggs	Alison Cowe
10th	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
17th	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
24th	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
31st	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
	FLOWERS	
2nd	Liz Wilson	John Elcock
9th	“ “	“ “
16th	Mrs. Alder	Penelope Ogilvy
23rd	“ “	“ “
30th	Margaret Glass	Christine Glass
	READERS	
	At the time of printing no readers known.	
	In future Readers will not be in Gloria. Readers will have their own lists.	
	SIDESPERSONS	
3rd	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
10th	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
17th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
24th	David Hinley	Elisabeth Cooper
31st	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

- 1st Vestry Meeting
- 5th Christmas Bazaar
- 6th All Age Worship - Toy Service
Soup and Pudding Lunch
- 10th Pumpkin Patch Carol Service
- 15th Day Centre Carol Service
- 20th Carol Service, Joint with St Mary's in Holy Trinity,
6.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies
In the Trinity Centre.
- 21st St. Thomas
- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE,
Church decorating/Christingle making
"No Room at the Inn" outside the church.
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist.
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY. See Christmas Block details.
- 26th St. Stephen
- 27th St. John
- 28th Holy Innocents

JANUARY

- 3rd Epiphany—All Age Worship. Soup and Pudding lunch
- 5th Vestry Meeting
- 13th St. Kentigern
- 17th Tradecraft stall
- 18th—25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
United prayers daily in Holy Trinity at 12.30pm
- 19th Trinity Centre Management Committee
- 25th Conversion of St. Paul
- 29th Taize Prayer, St. Martin's R.C. Church, Tranent
- 31st Candlemas

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays Eucharist	8.30am
Family Eucharist	10.00am
Eucharist	11.45am*
<i>*(First Sunday of the month only)</i>	
Evening Prayer	6.00pm
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Wednesdays Eucharist	10.00am