

# GLORIA



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## Dear Friends,

Coming to Canada for our annual January visit to enjoy the snow seemed a little unnecessary this year: In fact, we arrived in Toronto airport to find less snow than we had left behind in Glasgow! Coming further north, to where we stay near Owen Sound, we did find that the snow lived up to expectations, as, fortunately, did the efficiency of the snow clearance! As I set out yesterday morning at 8 a.m. to preach on the Marriage at Cana in the tiny village church, which is half of our parish here, the landscape could hardly have been more beautiful. An overnight mist had covered the trees with tiny ice crystals, and in the morning sun, everything glistened as if covered with diamonds.

The day before had been the funeral of our Parish Deacon; it was a wonderful gathering to celebrate the life of a very fine woman. It seemed particularly appropriate to turn to the beginning of Jesus' ministry in John's gospel, where we learn very little about marriage, but a lot about parties. As John begins Jesus' earthly ministry at a wedding reception, he ends it not far from Cana with a barbecue on the beach, and takes in several dinner and lunch parties on the way. All of the labour and suffering in the gospel is wrapped up in a message of joyful parties! And so it should be with us too. We have all been shocked by the devastation in Haiti, as we have been and should have been by the wars the injustice and the sorrow of our world. We do not live in a perfect world, and we are not perfect people. The message of Jesus is not that we should either ignore or be overwhelmed by all this, but that by sharing in his joy, we will be empowered to help overcome the evil about us.

The life of a congregation, like the Gospel of John, has its ups and downs and argument and suffering do come in between the parties. When we were asked at the start of the stewardship campaign, "What does the congregation do really well?" My immediate answer was "Parties!" Keep it up! The Vestry and search committee have worked very hard, and all looks set for a great new ministry here as Judith Walker comes as your new Rector. One thing I'm sure of is that the celebration party at the Institution will be a great one!

Love  
Bob

## **NEW RECTOR**

As I announced on 20 December, subject to the usual disclosure procedures, the **Reverend Judith Walker**, curate to the Penhill Benefice in Wensleydale within the Church of England Diocese of Ripon and Leeds, has accepted our invitation to become our next Rector. Judith will bring particular contemplative, ecumenical, pastoral and leadership skills. Her own continuing learning is central to her own spiritual and ministerial development. She expects to be joining us early in May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those involved, for the time, care and commitment they devoted to the appointment process. There are thrilling and exciting times ahead!

John Elcock  
Chair of Vestry

## **THANK YOU**

The East Lothian Amnesty International Group would like to thank the members of Holy Trinity who signed cards for prisoners of conscience as part of Amnesty's Greetings Card Campaign. A total of 108 cards were sent from East Lothian. Thanks also for donations towards the cost of postage, the sum collected in Holy Trinity paid for all the postage.

The Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the library; more information can be obtained from Martin Lugton who is the Group Secretary. (Tel 825101)

Colin O'Flaherty  
HM Prison Edinburgh

Jim McAndie  
Holy Trinity Parish Church  
Haddington

5th January, 2010

Dear Jim,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and the entire congregation of Holy Trinity Parish Church a very happy and prosperous New Year. Also I would like to thank you for your continued support for the Christmas gift scheme.

The 2009 gift scheme was a great success with approximately two hundred children receiving gifts.

I would like to thank you personally on behalf of all of the children that received gifts through the scheme. Christmas day was made all the more special for these children due to the kindness and generosity of the congregation of Holy Trinity Parish Church.

As in previous years I will be donating the surplus gifts to a deserving cause. A couple of my colleagues support our troops serving abroad with the parcels for troop's scheme that you may have heard of. I have donated the surplus gifts to the army family's centres that operate within the army camps. So the children of our troops serving abroad have benefited indirectly through the gift scheme.

In the six years that I have been involved in the scheme the 2009 was by far the best supported, the quality and quantity of the gifts donated was excellent.

Kindest regards,

Colin O'Flaherty

### **Some comments from the prisoners.**

From Brian

This is just a short note to say thank you very much for the gifts which were given to my family (kids). This thankyou comes from my family as well as myself. Thank you

From Stevie

Thank you for organising the gift scheme I did not no that I would be able to give my children a Christmas present when I was sent to prison thank you to all the people that give you the presents.

From Andy

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and all the people that donated gifts to the gift scheme. It was great to be able to give my children a present at this time of year.

From Paul D.

I cannot thank you enough for giving me the chance to five my family a Christmas present. Thank you very to the people that you collect the gifts from.

From Paul W.

Thank you very much for the Christmas gifts that you gave to my family it was very special. The children love the toys that they got. I am very grateful to the people that donate the gifts to you. I would like you to wish them a merry Christmas and a happy new year from me. Thanks again.

From CW

I am writing to express my thanks for all the gifts we were given for the children. I've been in now for five years so this is my fifth Christmas and the first time I have taken advantage of this scheme. I can't believe how good it felt for me just to see the joy on the children's faces knowing they were getting gifts from me. It has really cheered my up this year and can not thank everyone enough. So I would like to thank you and thank you on behalf of the children. They were delighted with everything that they got.



## **Fairtrade Fortnight**

At the Fairtrade stall on Sunday, 17 January, we took a gratifying £98.35. Thank you to all who supported it.

22 February to 7 March has been designated 'Fairtrade Fort-night'. We are hoping to mark it with a special Service on one of these three Sundays. We intend following it with a 'Tea Party' in the hall, supplementing our usual coffee and tea with

Fairtrade biscuits.

Watch the weekly pew leaflet for an update.

## **School Humour**

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire during the night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.  
The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

Christians have only one wife. This is called monotony.  
When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.

The seventh commandment is Thou shalt not admit adultery.  
The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Soloman, one of David's sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

**From Mary Jamieson**



*From the Registers*  
*Funeral*  
*David Linekar*      *13th November, 2009*

*May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

## **CONCERT - 10 JAN - CANCELLED**

**Sadly the weather caused the Mozart evening to be postponed. Thanks to all who bought advance tickets (and who I hope have retrieved their cash by now) and to Philip and all his players for the thought of supporting our organ fund. We hope they resurrect the concert sometime in the Spring when the weather improves.**



## **TRINITY CENTRE FILM CLUB A.G.M. AND FILM**

Owing to the cancellation of the A.G.M. In January because of the weather, the postponed A.G.M will be held on

Thursday 4th February, 2010

At 2.00pm

It will be followed by the film which was to have been shown in January.

Miss Pettigrew lives for a day.

There will be tea and biscuits and chat to follow.

What good is it to me  
By Charles de Foucauld

What good is it to me  
if this eternal birth of the divine Son  
takes place unceasingly  
but does not take place  
within myself?

And what good is it to me  
if Mary is full of grace  
and if I am not also full of grace?

What good is it to me  
for the Creator to give birth to a Son  
if I do not also give birth to him  
in my time and my culture?  
then, is the fullness of time:  
When the Son of God is begotten in us.  
In this birth you will discover all blessing.  
But neglect this birth  
and you neglect all blessing.  
Tend only to this birth in you  
and you will find there  
all goodness and all consolation,  
all delight, all being and all truth.

Amen

**TAIZE PRAYER**

**The next Taize Prayer meeting will be in  
the Abbey Church, North Berwick  
at 7.30 on Friday, 26th February.**

**EDINBURGH 1910—2110**  
**Two Conferences on**  
**200 Years of Mission and Theology**

**Saturday 6 February and Saturday 27th February**  
**10.00am - 4.00pm**

**£10 for two conferences / £7.50 for one**

**An exploration of past, present and future changes**  
**in mission and theology since the**  
**1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference**

**Holy Trinity Church, Haddington**

**Saturday 6 February**  
**Looking Back:**  
**100 Years of Mission and**  
**Theology since 1910**

**The Rt. Rev. Brian Smith**  
**Introducing a Century**  
**of Theological Change**

**Professor Larry Hurtado**  
**'A Century of**  
**Biblical Studies'**

**Rev. Dr. Jolyon Mitchell**  
**'A Century of Engagement**  
**with Film'**

**Saturday 27 February**  
**Looking Ahead**  
**100 Further Years of**  
**Mission and Theology**

**The Rt. Rev. Brian Smith**  
**'The Perspective of Diversity'**

**Captain Paul Little**  
**'Fresh Expressions of Church'**

**Rev. Dr. Duncan McLaren**  
**'The Challenge of Secularism**

**Rev. Canon Anne Dyer**  
**'The Spirituality of the Future'**

For further details on any course please contact **Elsbeth Strachan** at  
Edinburgh Diocesan Centre, Grosvenor Cr., Edinburgh, by phone  
**0131 5387033** or by Email at **adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org**

See leaflets at back of church for details and booking forms

## CHURCH LENDING LIBRARY



We told you of the intention to set up a library during the summer. Now Vicky Fletcher has catalogued and categorised all the books in our collection which have all been donated by members. She has made an inventory in a large book which has all the volumes listed by subject/category complete with a short resume. A mighty labour.

A second small book is for recording the "Outs" and "Ins" you should note your borrowings and returns. It has been a huge effort to put this collection together and to catalogue. It deserves your support for no other reason.

## CHURCH FLOWERS HELP



We are looking for new volunteers to join our happy band of flower arrangers. It does not have to be ladies, men are very welcome, even teenage members can join. If interested please contact either Christine or Margaret Glass on Haddington 01620 822965 Thank you

## **Sunday: Monthly Soup and Pudding lunches**

First a big thank you to all who provided soups and puddings last year, and all who joined us for the fellowship of those occasions, and helped to make them such a success.

We hope to continue them this year following “All Age services” beginning Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday), 4<sup>th</sup> April, (Easter Day).

A list is at the back of church if you are able to provide either soup or pudding for one of these days. Please sign the list, and do try to join us for lunch.

## **Diocesan Conferences, 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Holy Trinity are hosting these, and hope to provide soup, and teas and coffees. If you can make soup for either of these days it would be greatly appreciated. Also if you have an hour to spare from 10.30am – 11.30 am or from 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm to help serve, please contact Margaret Fairbairn either at church or by phone or Haddington 825472

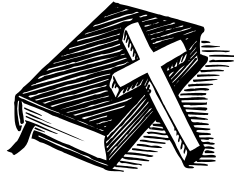
## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party February 16<sup>th</sup>**

6.30 pm.. Short service in church, followed by pancakes and fun in the Day Centre.



## Sunday Lectionary readings

- Feb. 7th All Age Worship. Isaiah 6, 1 - 8 or 13,  
1 Corinthians 15, 1—11, Luke 5, 1—11
- Feb. 14th Jeremiah 17, 5—10, 1 Corinthians 15, 12—20,  
Luke 6, 17—26
- Feb. 21st Lent 1, Deuteronomy 26, 1—11,  
Romans 10, 8b—13, Luke 4, 1—13
- Feb. 28th Lent 2, Genesis 15, 1—12, Philippians 3, 17—4 1,  
Luke 13, 31—35 or 9, 28—36



### Daily Eucharistic Readings

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| <p>Feb. 1st Mark 5 1—20<br/>2nd Mark 5 21—43<br/>3rd Mark 6 1—6<br/>4th Mark 6 7—13<br/>5th Mark 6 14—29<br/>6th Mark 6 30—34</p> <p>Feb. 8th Mark 6 53—56<br/>9th Mark 7 1—13<br/>10th Mark 7 14—23<br/>11th Mark 7 24—30<br/>12th Mark 7 31—37<br/>13th Mark 8 1—10</p> | <p>Feb. 15th Mark 10 17—27<br/>16th Mark 10 28—31<br/>17th Mark Joel 2 1—2,<br/><i>Or Isaiah 58 1—12,</i><br/><i>2 Corinthians 5 20b— 6,</i><br/><i>Matthew 6 1—6, 16—21</i><br/>18th Luke 9 18—25<br/>19th Matthew 9 14—17<br/>20th Luke 5 27—32</p> <p>Feb. 22nd Matthew 25 1—46<br/>23rd Matthew 6 7—15<br/>24th St. Matthias,<br/>John 15 6—17<br/>25th Matthew 7 7—12<br/>26th Matthew 5 20—26<br/>27th Matthew 5 43—48</p> |
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## Lent 2010

LENT is a period of 40 days, perhaps patterned on Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness, a period of spiritual discipline observed by the church since the late 3rd/early 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD. It has traditionally been kept by Christians as a period of Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. Initially Lent was a period of preparation and training for Baptism at Easter and we in Holy Trinity once had the great joy of welcoming a new Christian who was baptised on Easter Day.

In this congregation we support our Bishop's Lent Appeal, details of which will be available in the next edition of Gloria, as a focus for giving to God in the form of money, though it is likely that some of us find other ways of doing this. We make our own decisions re the time and patterns of prayer we use, and in Holy Week we join with other Christians in Haddington for prayer in varied patterns. We have over the years set aside time to deepen our faith by gathering in small groups in either the daytime or evening, mainly in Haddington though also in Gifford.

This year the team proposes three options and will put notices out at the back of church to see whether any of these are appropriate to our needs. It is also possible that some of us may wish to propose other ideas.

The York course for Lent. We have used these before and found them profitable

The Lord's prayer, using a small book written by Sister Wendy and Archbishop Rowan Williams

A series of Biblical Posters from Turvey Abbey to stimulate our imaginations and encourage our shared reflection and prayer

We recognise that it will not be possible to meet each person's wishes at the desired time, but will do our best to be helpful!

With this month's magazine you will find an envelope in which we hope will be placed donations towards the cost of producing Gloria. We would be grateful for whatever you feel the magazine is worth to you.

## 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 March issue is **Sunday 14th February, 2010**

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

### **Some insults from a more articulate age.**

I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it. Mark Twain

He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others. Samuel Johnson

He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary. William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway.

If anyone has any matchboxes to spare, Sari would be delighted to receive them. She uses them to make furniture for dolls houses.

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	<b>TEA AND COFFEE</b>	
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7th	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
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14th	Wendy Wilkinson	Julian Tennant
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21st	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
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28th	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown
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	<b>SIDESPERSIONS</b>	
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7th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
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14th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
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21st	Julian Tennant	Jim McAndie
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28th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
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	<b>FLOWERS</b>	
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6th	Margaret and Christine Glass	
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	<p><b>No Flowers until Easter.</b>  <b>See note from Margaret Glass earlier in magazine.</b></p>	
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## **Dates for the diary:**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 2nd Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Vestry Meeting 7.30 pm
- 6th Diocesan Mission Conference at Holy Trinity
- 7th All Age Worship. Soup and pudding lunch
- 16th Shrove Tuesday.  
6.30 Service of Light., followed by  
Pancake party
- 17th Ash Wednesday  
10.00 am and 7.30 pm Holy Communion
- 21st Geof Mason to be licensed as a Diocesan Lay  
Reader in St. Peter's, Musselburgh
- 24th St. Matthias.  
Area Council meets at St. Mary's, Dalkeith.
- 27th Diocesan Mission Conference at Holy Trinity

### **WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES**

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