

# GLORIA



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## DEAR FRIENDS

In early June we celebrated the life and work of Saint Columba, one of the 'superstars' of the world of saints, and as I said in my sermon on the Saints day it is easy for us to feel inadequate in the face of such transformative ministry. The lives of saints and great men and women can easily make us feel as though it's not worth ordinary folk like us bothering to try to make a difference. So it's interesting to dig behind the hagiography, where the saints are depicted as - well- saints, and to try to see the real people that they actually were. Columba we know had, shall we say, something of a temper, and another of my favourite saints, Saint Cuthbert, apparently had smelly feet, but with the passage of time and through the working of the spin doctors, we only remember the good, transformative, elevated bits, not the real people.

We do the same with the real people of our own time too. It was fascinating to listen to poet Simon Armitage and physicist Brian Cox speaking on the radio recently when they were each announced as recipients in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Armitage is a multi-award winning poet, playwright, and novelist and Wikipedia tells us that Prof Cox

*...is a particle physicist, a Royal Society research fellow...a member of the High Energy Physics group at the University of Manchester, and works on the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider, CERN near Geneva, Switzerland. He is also working on the R&D project of the FP420 experiment in an international collaboration to upgrade the ATLAS and the CMS experiment...he is best known to the public as the presenter of a number of science programmes for the BBC. He also had some fame in the early 1990s as keyboard player in the UK pop band D:Ream.'*

Well quite – and he is a mere 42 years old!

As I neither write poetry nor managed to retain an interest in physics beyond the retirement of my wonderful but stereotypically eccentric secondary school teacher, each of these men seems as a colossus to me – a giant in their field. But in their interviews it was obvious that neither had expected public acclaim, and in receiving it there was genuine surprise and humility.

Cox concentrated on praising the University of Manchester which had enabled him to do the things he enjoys and Armitage was stunned that someone who did 'such a quiet, still thing, should be recognised at all.' In their time and space they, like Cuthbert, like Columba, don't feel any different from 'regular' people – their difference is they gave it a go; they tried to make a difference. So I think it's wonderful that someone has bothered to say 'well done'.

How different the situation in the church in the time of Saint Paul. Paul knew that the body of Christ has many members and that *'If the foot were to say 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body' that would not make it any less a part of the body.'* (1 Corinthians 12 v 15). But when the emerging church of Jesus Christ in Corinth was blessed with not one but three great leaders in Paul, Apollos and Cephas, instead of celebrating the richness in diversity, they split along "party lines" following one of the three or even choosing to prefer the self-superiority of personal discernment by claiming to follow Christ alone rather than any human leader (see 1 Corinthians 1 verses 10 to 17). Instead of celebration, there was envy and division.

That was then I hear you say, but for anyone following the goings on in the Anglican Communion there is a depressing 'Groundhog Day' effect in today's Church.

The Queen's birthday honours list may seem to many to be an anachronism but what it does manage to achieve is time out from the media driven anxiety, factionalism and self-interest with which we seem so obsessed. Time out to say thank you, to acknowledge the richness of diverse gifts, God given gifts that as disciples of Christ we are charged not only to exercise for His purpose in the world, but to enable in others.

We, like Armitage and Cox are often not best placed to see the difference we might make, which is why it is so important that we encourage one another for His sake. A church without diversity would be as impoverished as a world without poetry or science, so let's celebrate our difference, say thank you to each other and challenge ourselves to encourage one another's gifting. You never know, together, by God's grace, we might create a poetic masterpiece or crash a proton.

In God's love, your Rector

Judith

## **St Peter's PCEA. Ihindu Kenya**

Since the new church was dedicated last October, an addition to the building has had to be made. Money sent out in December was used to purchase and affix guttering to the building, there had been heavy rain and where it was running off the roof it had made a hole under the foundations, so the guttering was a priority, which unfortunately delayed the purchase of a swing for the nursery school held in the original church building.

In March a coffee morning held in the Trinity Centre raised £460 which with other money raised, was enough money to pay for a swing, and a slide to be made for the nursery school, by a local craftsman and is now in place.



I have heard recently that the water from the roof will need to run into a water tank, which will require building as it will be around 10ft diameter, I was hoping that any money gathered in future would be used for the children, but it seems that fund raising will have to be for the tank, which I understand will be available for use by members of the congregation who do not have a water source, which will be a good thing as it can't be easy to live without having a water supply at home.

Thank you to all who have helped in raising money for St Peter's, without your help they would still be in the tin building and there wouldn't be a nursery school.

Mary

## **Marcus Borg: The Heart of Christianity - Rediscovering a Life of Faith**

Marcus Borg is a distinguished American writer and lecturer and a leading figure in contemporary Christian thinking. He is to be in **Edinburgh from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2010** for a series of events at St John's Church, Princes Street organised by the Progressive Christianity Network. It is a measure both of his talents as a communicator and of the importance of what he has to say that a lecture he is to give on the evening of 10th September is already fully booked. Hope of hearing him speak need not, however, be abandoned. He is to preach at the service in St John's on the morning of **Sunday 12th September** and, at the time of writing this note, there are still some places available for the conference on "Being Christian in the 21st Century" to which he is to give **three talks on 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

This is a deeply personal book, the fruit of the author's own Christian journey as he faced the challenges of a changing world and changing patterns of thought. And it has grown out of the author's response in the course of an extensive lecturing experience to questions by audiences about the contemporary meaning of Christianity and the terms in which it can be understood. It is also a deeply God-centred book and deeply biblical. The Bible is Borg's central, almost exclusive, point of reference and it is the God of the Bible to whom he relates. There is, perhaps, some neglect, which may owe something to Borg's Lutheran roots, of the enrichment of the Christian tradition by the experience of the Christian community throughout the ages. But our understanding of scripture has been defective. If we are to relate to the modern world and live in it with a faith which is alive, God and the Bible need to be understood anew and to be seen with a new vision. It is to the development of that vision that the book is devoted. The vision is new, but if the Bible is properly understood the biblical basis for it is already there. The tradition is conserved by recovering it and envisioning it afresh. That theme is pursued with recurrent reference to the imagery of the heart (itself a central and frequently recurring biblical concept) through a discussion of faith as the way of the heart, the interpretation of the Bible as the

heart of the Christian tradition, God as the heart of reality, Jesus as the heart of God, being born again, dying and rising as newness of heart and as new life, the kingdom of God as the heart of justice, self and the opening of the heart, sin and the transformation of the heart as salvation, love as the key to the Christian way of life and the heart of the matter in Christian practice (paying attention to God, formation of Christian identity and character, nourishment, compassion and justice, living “the way”). The result is a very profound and at the same time very practical spirituality which meets the needs of both heart and mind for contemporary Christians.

It has been said that Marcus Borg is one of a handful of writers of whom one can say "read everything they write". The Heart of Christianity is not his most recent work but for those who cannot “read everything” it is an excellent overview of his thinking on what it means to be a Christian today and for those minded to read further an equally excellent introduction. The ideas and, occasionally, the language require attention and thought but the effort is fully repaid.

A copy of the book has been placed in the library at the back of the Church. Details of the Edinburgh conference in September can be obtained on the Progressive Christianity Network website at <http://www.pcnbritain.org.uk/>, and the Edinburgh group of PCN can be contacted through

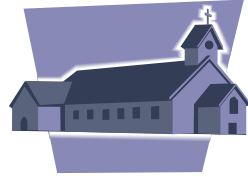
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## The Notice board

If you are travelling to a different place over the summer and visit a church there, remember to carry greetings from the Congregation of Holy Trinity with you.



### **Trinity Centre Film Club**

There will be no films shown in the Trinity Centre until September.

Further details of the next showing will follow in August.

## A Church for All Ages

Many of you will be aware that a small, dedicated working group has been working with Michelle Brown, the Youth and Children's Officer of the Diocese to move Holy Trinity forward in our aim of being a 'Church for All Ages'. The Diocesan aim and strategy are set out in a phased planning document of the same name. Michelle has guided the group through the process and offers ongoing support to us as we move forward. Much of the preparatory work has already been achieved and I am grateful to David Hinley, Sari Salvesen, Gail Craven and Lottie Brown for their dedication and hard work thus far. My thanks too to Margaret Fairburn and Jean Blackadder who with me joined the group recently. The enlarged group, representing a range of views across the congregation has now worked with Michelle to develop a core set of proposals to both expand the appeal of our regular worship and to seek new ways of making Holy Trinity a place where all can, in a variety of ways, explore and develop their journey with Christ. We have an exciting set of proposals which we will be placing before the Vestry at its next meeting. However you may well have noticed some small changes already.

It is my strong view, shared by the group, that all worship is for all ages. To reflect this we have re-titled the 10:00am Sunday service on the first Sunday of the month 'First Sunday' rather than 'All Age Worship'. The aim of this particular service is to make worship as accessible as possible to those on their exploratory steps in faith whilst retaining a pattern familiar to those mature in worship. To that end I have redesigned the liturgy using the usual SEC 1982 liturgical framework, but in a slightly less wordy form, reproducing the service on a one page sheet which those unfamiliar with 'the blue book' will hopefully find a little easier to use. As always the service delivery will aim to engage all ages and stages in faith, with, as has become the regular pattern on these first Sunday's of the month, particular emphasis on the inclusion of the younger members of our congregation. I hope those of you who experienced the new liturgy on 6 June found it helpful.

This is the first stage of the implementation and once the Vestry have approved the main proposals I will write again setting out our ideas on expanding the worshipping family at Holy Trinity. These are exciting but demanding developments, please continue to pray for the working group as we seek by God's grace, to put plans into action.

Yours in Christ,  
Judith

## Holy Trinity Garden Scheme

is set to continue and these are the potential dates and venues:



**Sunday 11th July Redcot, Tweeddale Avenue,  
Gifford (Jean Blackadder)**

**Saturday 17th July 1.30 - 5pm**

**1 Yestermains,  
Gifford (Mary Wallace)**

**Entrance £3 includes cream tea. Plants, Tombo-  
la, etc**

**Proceeds to Holy Trinity and to St Peter's Church  
Kenya**

Other participants (dates to be arranged) are Margaret and Bill Alder, Peter and Jenny Green, but if you would like to show off your garden, please let one of the group know, even if it's for next year.

**Jeremy Willing** is leading some more walks after church on the following Sundays:

**25th July, 22nd August, and 26th September.**

Routes to be announced later.

If you are interested in joining Jeremy, please let him know during the week prior to the arranged date, on **01620 823152** or sign the sheet at the back of the church where you will find more details

**Watch this space for more details!**

## IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

In the months of March and April two communications were sent to everyone, an Easter Card and a Review on the Anniversary of the Charis campaign

At the May Vestry we had a quick round up and it appears no one in the congregation had mentioned either to any member. We are particularly anxious to hear your thoughts on the Easter Card with details of the Easter Week programme and if you think we should repeat the exercise next year, or at any season like Harvest Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Your comments, please, to any member of the Vestry but particularly to Jean Blackadder, now Chairman of our publicity sub committee.

## 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 September issue  
**is Sunday 15th August, 2010**

Please send all material to Wendy  
At 01620 822 891 Or  
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# Holy Trinity Biennial Sale

The church sale will be held this year on

**14th August in the Corn Exchange**

from 10am - 1pm with the set up being on Friday evening  
13th August from 6pm -8pm.

**Please note in your diary.**

However, preparations must start immediately if it is going to be as successful as in previous years!

The usual stalls will be operating as follows:-

Bric-a-brac, cakes and candy, nearly new, tombola, fruit and veg, pantry, raffle and cafe.

These stalls cannot function without volunteers to run them so, if you are able to do so, would you please let me know as quickly as possible so that we can meet to organise this event. It's our biggest single fundraiser and your church needs you!! So please, please, please get in touch with either me or Jim McAndie if you are interested. We need as much help as possible.

I shall also need items to sell on the said stalls, so please let me have items for the pantry (tins, packets bottles), unwanted clothes/shoes/jewellery/birthday and Christmas gifts/bric-a-brac/tombola and raffle prizes. Obviously fresh produce and cakes will have to be delivered to the Corn Exchange on Friday evening if possible or early Saturday morning. Items other than these may be delivered to me or Jim at home or left in the church or vestry for me to pick up.

I look forward to being inundated with appropriate sale items as soon as possible!



Many thanks,  
Judith Wilkinson



## SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC READINGS

### JULY

July 4 2 Kings 5 1-14, Galatians 6 (1-6) 7-16,  
Luke 10 1-11, 16-20

July 11 Mission to Seafarers  
Amos 7 7-17, Colossians 1 1-14, Luke 10 25-37

July 18 Amos 8 1-12, Colossians 1 15-28, Luke 10 38-42

July 25 Hosea 1 2-10, Colossians 2 6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11. 1-13

### AUGUST

August 1 Hosea 11 1-11, Colossians 3 1-11,  
Luke 12 13-21

August 8 Isaiah 1 1, 10-20, Hebrews 11 1-3, 8-16,  
Luke 12 32-40

August 15 Isaiah 5 1-7, Hebrews 11 29-12 2,  
Luke 12 49-56

August 22 Jeremiah 1 4-10, Hebrews 12 18-29,  
Luke 13 10-17

August 29 Jeremiah 2 4-13, Hebrews 13 1-8, 15-16,  
Luke 14 1, 7-14

### TRAIIDCRAFT

No Traidcraft stall in July. The next one will be on Sunday,  
8th August.

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My thanks to all who bought tomato plants from me. We  
raised £25 which I will put to the Organ Fund.

Sheena

## DAILY READINGS

July 1 July 2 July 3	Matthew 22: 1-14 Matthew 22: 15-22 Matthew 22: 23-40	Aug 2 Aug 3 Aug 4 Aug 5 Aug 6 Aug 7	John 1: 1-18 John 1: 19-28 John 1: 29-42 John 1: 43-51 The Transfiguration of the Lord 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 John 2: 13-25
July 5 July 6 July 7 July 8 July 9 July 10	Matthew 23: 1-12 Matthew 23: 13-26 Matthew 23: 27-39 Matthew 24: 1-14 Matthew 24:15-31 Matthew 24: 32-51	Aug 9 Aug 10 Aug 11 Aug 12 Aug 13 Aug 14	John 3: 1-21 John3: 22-36 John 4: 1-26 John 4: 27-42 John 4: 43-54 John 5: 1-18
July 12 July 13 July 14 July 15 July 16 July 17	Matthew 25: 1-13 Matthew 25: 14-30 Matthew 25: 31-46 Matthew 26: 1-16 Matthew 26: 17-25 Matthew 26: 26-35	Aug 16 Aug 17 Aug 18 Aug 19 Aug 20 Aug 21	Mary the Virgin ( <i>moved from Sunday 15</i> ) John 2: 1-12 John 5: 30-47 John 6: 1-15 John 6: 16-27 John 6: 27-40 John 6: 41-51
July 19 July 20 July 21 July 22 July 23 July 24	Matthew 26: 36-46 Matthew 26: 47-56 Matthew 26: 57-68 St. Mary Magdalene Mark 15: 37 – 16: 7 Matthew 27: 1-10 Matthew 27: 11-23	Aug 23 Aug 24 Aug 25 Aug 26 Aug 27 Aug 28	John 6: 52-59 St. Bartholomew - John1: 43-51 John 7: 1-13 John 7: 14-36 John 7: 37-52 John 8: 12-20
July 26 July 27 July 28 July 29 July 30 July 31	James, Apostle ( <i>moved from Sunday 25</i> ) Mark 1:14-20 Matthew 27: 32-44 Matthew 27: 45-54 Matthew 27: 55-66 Matthew 28: 1-10 Matthew 28: 11-20	Aug 30 Aug 31	John 8: 21-30 John 8: 31-47

# ROTAS

<b>JULY</b>	<b>COFFEE AND TEA</b>	
4th	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown
11th	Ena Briggs	Alison Cowe
18th	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
25th	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
	<b>SIDESPERSIONS</b>	
4th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
11th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
18th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
25th	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	
3rd	John Elcock	Liz Wilson
10th	“ “	“ “
17th	Margaret Wastie	Margaret Glass
24th	“ “	“ “
31st	Aileen Lamb	Rosemary Plumb

# ROTAS

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>COFFEE AND TEA</b>	
1st	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
8th	Alison Brown	Shirley Whaley
15th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
22nd	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
29th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent
	<b>SIDESPERSIONS</b>	
1st	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
8th	David Hinley	Elisabeth Cooper
15th	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
22nd	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn
29th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	
7th	Aileen Lamb	Rosemary Plumb
14th	Penelope Ogilvy	Margaret Alder
21st	“      “	“      “
28th	Angela McCrone	Wendy Wilkinson

## Dates for the Diary: July & August 2010

July 4	First Sunday – ‘Being Washed Clean’
July 6	Vestry meets 7.30pm
July 11	Mission to Seafarers Sunday
July 11	Open Garden, Redcot, Gifford
July 12	‘A Church for All Ages’ working group meets with Diocesan Adviser 7.00pm
July 17	Open Garden, 1 Yestermains, Gifford
July 22	St Mary Magdalene
July 25	Walk with Jeremy, after church
July 26	St James, Apostle (moved from Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> )
July 27	MAP Group meeting 7.30pm
August 1	First Sunday – ‘Storing up Treasure’
August 6	The Transfiguration of our Lord
August 14	The Holy Trinity Summer Sale
August 16	Mary the Virgin (moved from Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> )
August 17	Area Council meets 7.30pm
August 22	Walk with Jeremy, after church
August 24	St Bartholomew, Apostle Trinity Centre Management Committee meets 7.30pm

### WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday	Said Eucharist (SEC 1970)	8.30am
	Sung Eucharist (SEC 1982)	10.00am
	Eucharist (SEC 1982 abbreviated)*	11.45am
	<i>* (first Sunday of the month only)</i>	
	Evening Prayer (SPB)	6.00pm
Wednesday	Eucharist (SEC 1982)	10.00am