

GLORIA



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Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this, my first newsletter as your Rector, we are in the middle of the celebrations of the Principle Holy Days of Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. This is a time in the church calendar which produces an emotional journey almost as disturbing as Easter. We move from the pain of the loss of the presence of the resurrected Jesus, through the surprise and challenge of the coming of the Holy Spirit, to the joy and celebration of our God who is three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As so often happens this journey in scripture reflects our own journey in discipleship. For David and me these past weeks have been all these things, pain at leaving people and places we love, surprise and challenge in new arrivals, joy and celebration in the grace of God. The journey arrives at a place of joy and celebration for us and for the disciples through God's grace but here in Haddington it is also manifestly brought to fruition through the gifts of the Spirit so evident in this congregation. The warmth of your welcome and the generosity of your hospitality have been wonderful, especially as we are all too aware that this has been a roller coaster of pain, challenge, joy and celebration for you too: *Pain* of past and recent loss, and I add my grateful thanks to Bob and Janet for all they have done in the building up of church here and for all their help and support in our arriving; they will I know, be sadly missed; *Challenge* in the discernment of God's will for you and for the future of Holy Trinity Church; and *joy and celebration* in His bringing us together.

As this letter reaches you we enter 'Ordinary' time once more and we might all be tempted to heave a huge sigh of relief that the excitement is over, the boxes unpacked and all the 'stuff' is in place for us to be church together. God has created, Jesus has ascended and the Holy Spirit has come among us. The Holy Trinity is complete. All of this is as true for us as for the Early Church, but post-Pentecost the disciples knew that far from being over, their work was only just beginning. God had challenged this willing but unlikely bunch to continue His transforming work in the world.

As it was then it is now and we, like them, will doubtless make our mistakes along the way but God made them and us in His image. He took a risk on us all to make a contribution to His purpose. By his grace He has given us the freedom to be fully human and that means we can make mistakes, but is also means we have the freedom to make a difference. He took a risk on weary and unlikely disciples then in love and hope and he has done the same now. We have taken a risk on each other in the same love and hope. My prayer for us all is that through God's grace and our action, we too, like the disciples then, may be an instrument of His transforming grace for all who have to do with us.

May the Lord bless us in all we do together.

Yours in Christ,

Judith

The Revd. Judith Walker following her Institution by
Bishop Brian Smith, 10th May, 2010



Canon Tomlinson's Sermon from the Institution of our New Rector

Will you, the people of Holy Trinity, take Judith to be your Rector? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you shall be together in this place?

You may well be thinking tonight – I knew it, I saw it coming, he's finally flipped! He thinks he's at a wedding instead of a licensing service!

Well, no I don't, but what I do want to suggest to you this evening is that the 2 services might not be as far apart as you think and that instead that they actually have a lot in common.

In both, for instance, two parties come together and start to journey together as one. Again, in both cases there are hopes and a real sense of expectation, but also some anxieties....."Will she change things?" Again at a licensing and a wedding there is a new beginning, something much longed for, but there is also some scar tissue present from the past which needs to be healed.

Very simply in the rest of this sermon I want to say some of the same things to you as I say to couples starting out on married life, hoping it will stand you in good stead.

Firstly, I tell couples it's good to talk; keep communicating with one another. Often when couples have problems and I meet with them, I think, "They don't talk". What I say to couples, I say to you; as well as talking, keep listening; more so in fact. Make true listening and honest and open speaking one of your skills. Don't take the easy option of notes or e-mails to say difficult things. They're blunt instruments – you can't see the person's face as they communicate – if you have something to say to Judith and she to you, just say it.

Secondly, what you're on is a journey together. Give yourself time to get to know one another as Rector, Team, congregation. So walk together, take time together, but also give one another space. Encourage Judith to take time to be on her own, to walk, to think, to pray and reflect, and so to come back with new insights which will deepen your relationship as Rector and congregation.

Thirdly, don't take one another for granted. Don't insist on getting your own way, thinking the other will just have to accept it. The human will is a great thing – it has led human being to do and achieve great things – but it has also led more falling outs than any of us can number in a lifetime.

Never forget that that the hallmark of the Christian community through the centuries has been service, sacrificial loving service of others, both within and out with the Church. The Church has had to learn and re-learn this truth time and time again as instead so often she has sought to Lord it over others.

When did the first disciples finally grasp it? Perhaps when Jesus rose from supper, took a towel and tied it round his waist and washed their feet? Or maybe even earlier when he took a child and set him in their midst?

As you may know, it was meant to be Kevin our Dean who was to preach tonight and he it was who chose our Gospel reading. Even in absentia, that reading is his gift to you – hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest its words about the need to lose our lives in order to find them, about Jesus saying, “Where I am, my servant must be too....” and perhaps most striking of all “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies.....” Make sacrificial service the hall mark of Holy Trinity.

Nearly finished! I always tell couples getting married to keep looking outwards in their relationship, otherwise it grows stale. Share freely with others. Holy Trinity is set in the midst of a lively wider church community with ecumenical links which are the envy of many other areas, and it’s good to see the local churches represented here tonight. Judith I know has a strong heart for this, and will lead you even further into new ways of discovering with others what it means to be together the church in Haddington, ministering to its people, sharing together the love of Christ in new ways.

Lastly, remember I tell couples that God is the third partner in your marriages. He has brought you to this point, has brought you together, and he it is who will journey on with you, enriching your marriage in years to come. Never forget that the same is true for you here at Holy Trinity. God has brought you together and God will bless your life together as the years go by. He is faithful and has great things planned for you. Take time as, especially as Rector, Team and Vestry, to discern His will, to gain His vision, and He will lead you on.

Let me finish with the question I asked at the start.....

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We will!

A message from Edna Gill

Thanks to those of you who responded to my article in the April edition of Gloria concerning replacement of the tree removed last year. I have now summarised your suggestions and forwarded them to the vestry to consider, and they will be making a decision as to what should be done.

I am also aware that some of you feel that there is no need to do anything except a simple replacement of the tree, and that precious church funds should not be spent on such a scheme. I have sympathy with this view, and probably my original suggestions sounded more complex than I had intended. There is no plan to make a formal garden, or to spend much money I hope.

My thanks again - Edna



A Note from Janet McKinnell

Thank You

This brief note is hardly a sufficient thank you to you for your love and support over very many years. My sense of vocation was nurtured and grew at Holy Trinity and it has been both my privilege and my pleasure to serve as a member of the ministry team in recent years. I will miss you.

I especially want to thank you for your many gifts on my last Sunday at Holy Trinity: John Elcock's kind and generous words; Christine's flowers, which brightened up my living room for an amazingly long time; and the bottle of wine to share with Duncan! It wasn't until after the 11.45 service that I finally had time to open the card and found your very generous cheque inside, which I intend to spend on the black cassock and surplice I will need at St Peter's. Thank you all very much indeed.

With love,
Janet

TAIZE PRAYER

There will be no Taize worship at the end of June in St. Anne's, Dunbar as previously advertised. It has been discontinued in the meantime.

TRAIIDCRAFT

The next Traidcraft Stall will be on Sunday, June—13 the last one before the summer break.

Traidcraft have asked me, as the Fairtrade representative for Holy Trinity, to invite you to participate in the 'The Great North Run', which takes place on Sunday, 19th September.

They have 150 places. The deadline for entry is 9th July. Details are on the notice board in the Church porch and on the one in the Trinity Centre.

TRINITY CENTRE FILM CLUB

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD
2.00pm in Trinity Centre



A Good Year **With Russell Crowe**

Filmed in the south of France with Russell Crowe as a hard bitten financier who inherits a vineyard from his uncle, played by Albert Finney (remember his great character in "Amazing Grace"?) To help us get into the mood of the film we will serve a free glass of wine. It should make for a good afternoon.

We then take a summer break and restart on September the 2nd. A letter will be sent out to members in August with details of films to come in the autumn

REPORT FROM THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Following on from last year's successful events, the group has put together a programme for this year.

Jeremy Willing has agreed to organise some walks after church on the following Sundays:

27th June, 25th July, 22nd August, and 26 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**

The Holy Trinity Garden Scheme is set to continue and these are the potential dates and venues.

June 13th Fountainhall, Pencaitland, (Alison and Robert

Cowe)

June 20th Eaglescairnie (Sari and Robin Salvesen)

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

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.

Watch this space for more details!

Tomatoes for sale!

**I now have tomato plants for sale—Alicante and also
“Gardeners’ delight”, (a cherry tomato)**

Sheena Wood

HOLY TRINITY BIENNIAL SALE

The church sale will be held this year on 14th August in the Corn Exchange from 10am—1pm

Preparations will start immediately but the set up will be on Friday evening 13th August from 6pm—8pm

Please note in your diary

The usual stalls will be operating and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to organise the running of a particular stall. There will also be a raffle and you may be asked to sell a few tickets in advance of the big day.

Please look out any unwanted items which might be appropriate for the bric a brac stall and let Jim McAndie have them as soon as possible.

Further bulletins later!

Judith Wilkinson, Convenor

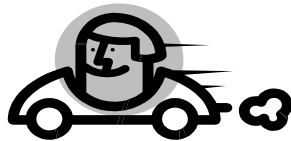
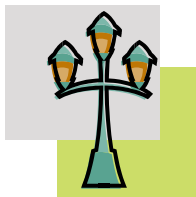


ANYONE FOR (TABLE) TENNIS?

Exercise is good for you! How about some fairly gentle—or very energetic—exercise in the form of table tennis? Haddington Table Tennis Club meets on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 in the Corn Exchange and is desperate for new members of all ages and all levels, from complete beginners to very skilled. It's really good fun and very good value - a modest membership fee and £2 a night. If you are interested speak to Rosemary Brannan.

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of Lot's wife who looked back when forbidden to do so and was turned into a pillar of salt.

One of the youngsters in the class nodded and said knowingly "My mummy looked back once while driving and turned into a lamp post!"



Another Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary had taken Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

News from around our Area.

St. Mary the Virgin, Dalkeith have been and are still having problems with their building, but the church windows are now restored.

St. Leonard's, Lasswade, are preparing to celebrate their 120th anniversary. All are welcome to join them in Songs of Praise at 7.30pm on Saturday, 19th June.

St. Anne's, Dunbar have had a tough winter in many respects, but are pulling out now and have positive plans for the future.

St. Peter's, Musselburgh and St. Andrew's, Prestonpans, are at a very exciting point. They have invited a priest to serve as their rector and are expecting the response shortly. Listen for news!

St. Baldred's, North Berrwick and St. Adrian's, Gullane are rejoicing in the happiness of the rector, the Rev. John Lindsay who is to be married shortly.

Our Area Council shared information, learned from each other about work with children and young people, organs, Quinquennial reviews, and prayed together. The Area Council is struggling to find an appropriate way to increase our relationship with each other as congregations in the same area within our diocese. Any ideas?



Sunday Lectionary readings

JUNE

6th 1 Kings 17 8-16 (17-24), Galatians 1 11-24,
Luke 7 11-17

13th 1 Kings 21 1-10 (11-14) 15-21a, Galatians 2 15-21,
Luke 7 36-8 3

20th 1 Kings 19 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a, Galatians 3 23-29,
Luke 8 26-39

27th 2 Kings 2 1-2, 6-14, Galatians 5 1, 13-25,
Luke 9 51-62

Daily Readings

JUNE

1st	Luke 17 11-19
2nd	Luke 17 20- 37
3rd	Luke 18 1- 8
4th	Luke 18 9-14
5th	Luke 18 15-30
7th	Luke 18 31-43
8th	Luke 19 1-10
9th	St. Columba, Hebrews 11 8-16
10th	Luke 19 11-17
11th	St. Barnabas, Acts 4 32-37
12th	Luke 20 1-8



Daily Readings (continued)

14th	Luke	20	9-19	
15th	Luke	20	19-26	
16th	Luke	20	27-40	
17th	Luke	20	41-21	4
18th	Luke	21	5-19	
19th	Luke	21	20-28	
21st	Luke	21	29-36	
22nd	Luke	21	37-22	13
23rd	Luke	22	14-23	
24th	Birth of John the Baptist,			John 3 22-30
25th	Luke	22	31-38	
26th	Luke	22	39-51	
28th	Luke	22	52-62	
29th	St. Peter, Acts 9			32-43
30th	Luke	23	1-12	



A Lovesome Thing

Could any of you busy people find a few hours on a Wednesday or a Saturday to do a bit of digging/weeding/planting or any of the other tasks involved in creating and maintaining a garden? Just to the east of Haddington, beyond the golf course, is Amisfield walled garden which used to be the garden of Amisfield House, long since demolished. After some years as a council tree nursery it was leased by a group of enthusiasts with the aim of re-creating a garden. It is a vast project which will take many years to complete, but little by little, through the efforts of a band of volunteers, progress is being made—grass laid out, trees and hedges planted, huge herbaceous borders developed, salad crops sown in the greenhouse and polytunnel, other crops planted in the open and even an asparagus bed in the course of being established!

It is intended that produce will be sold to generate some income, and that eventually the garden will be opened as a pleasant place for the public to visit. A number of grants have been obtained so that this worthwhile project can continue; now the greatest need is for volunteers. If you are interested, please speak to Rosemary Brannan or simply turn up on a Wednesday or a Saturday around 10 o'clock. It is a beautiful place and seems a long way from financial or political problems. Very therapeutic.!

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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 July/August issue
is **Sunday 13th June 2010**

Please send all material to Wendy:
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Or phone 01620 822 891

ROTAS

JUNE	TEA AND COFFEE	
6th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
13th	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
20th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennent
27th	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
	SIDESPERSIONS	
6th	Jean Blackadder	Effie Bowman
13th	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
20th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
27th	David Hinley	Elisabeth Cooper
	READERS	
6th	To be arranged	
13th	Rosemary Brannan, Jim McAndie, Felicity Mackenzie	
20th	Effie Bowman,	John Elcock, Alison Cowe
27th	Judith Wilkinson, Vicky Fletcher, Sandy Wilkinson	
	FLOWERS	
5th	Angela McCrone	Wendy Wilkinson
12th	“ “	“ “
20th	Judy Simpson	Lottie Brown
26th	“ “	“ “

Dates for the diary:

JUNE

- 1st Vestry Meeting 7.30pm
- 3rd Trinity Centre Film Club, 2.00p.m.
- 6th All Age Worship. End of the Haddington Festival
- 8th Children and Young People working group
meets 7.00 p.m.
- 10-12th General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal
Church
- 13th Fountainhall, Pencaitland, Garden Opening
- 19th Songs of Praise at St. Leonard's, Lasswade
- 20th Eaglescairnie Garden Opening
- 27th Walk with Jeremy Willing

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
Wednesdays	Eucharist	10.00am