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Dear Friends,

Over my desk, I keep a brass rubbing of an epitaph which I took many years ago in a Norfolk church. The text (with a little added punctuation) is:

LIVEST THOU, THOMAS? YEAS. WHERE? W. GOD ON HIGH.
ART THOU NOT DEAD? YEAS, AND HERE I LYE.
I THAT WITH MEN ON EARTH DID LIVE TO DIE
DIED FOR TO LIVE WITH CHRIST ETERNALLIE.

The faith expressed so simply and confidently is deeply moving, but hard to grasp today. Even at Easter as we ring our bells and shout for joy about the resurrection, we know that it can't be quite so simple. Belief that death was not necessarily evil is older than Christ. In Plato's *Apology of Socrates*, Socrates, in his address to his judges after he has been condemned to death says, "And you too, my Judges, must face death in hope, and believe this one truth, that to a good man, no evil can happen, either in life or in death."

But as we go through the readings at Eastertide, we realize that even for the early Church, Easter was not so much about the future after death; it was about the present, here, before death, but about a present transformed by the experience of meeting the risen Lord. The accounts of those experiences are as varied as can be, but all of them had the same effect, which was to galvanize a fearful lot of disciples to be a courageous band of apostles. They had ceased to think about themselves and learned that as they worked for the happiness of others, they became more and more happy themselves. The core of this message is that whatever life after death may be, in the risen Christ, it is a life that starts here and now. And in that new life, we may trust, as the otherwise unknown Thomas of my epitaph did, that whatever may be the nature of what is to come, we may look forward to it as people who have already begun to live it.

And so it comes time to say good bye. Happily, unlike Socrates, I am not addressing my judges! It's hard to know where to begin, though, as I am so grateful to so many of you for so many things over the last 20 months. It has been a great pleasure to have got to know so many of you, and to have been part of the life of this great congregation. I do hope that you have had some of the same experience. Next month starts a new ministry here, and so far as I can tell, both you and Judith have made a very good choice! May the Lord bless you and keep you!"

Bob

Goodbye, and Welcome

On Sunday 2nd May, we will be saying thank you to Janet and Bob for all the ministry and friendship they have given to Holy Trinity during their respective times with us. Sunday Eucharist will be followed by a soup and pudding lunch in the Trinity Centre. Do join us.



Judith and David move into the Rectory on Wednesday 5th May. Let's hope for some lovely weather and few hitches.

Everyone is welcome to Judith's Institution as Rector by the Right Reverend Brian Smith, Bishop of Edinburgh, on Monday 10th May at 7.00pm. What a wonderful occasion that promises to be!

This will mark the beginning of Judith's ministry in Haddington and a new chapter in the life of Holy Trinity. We will be enriched by her presence with us.

John Elcock
Chair of Vestry



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The Institution of
The Reverend Judith Walker-Hutchinson
as Rector of the
Church of the Holy Trinity
by
The Right Reverend Brian Smith
Bishop of Edinburgh
10th May 2010
at 7.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Haddington

The people, the ministry team and Judith come together with the Bishop to offer themselves afresh to God in the service of His mission in the world



Judith Walker-Hutchinson tells us a little about herself:

I was born in County Durham, daughter of Peter, a merchant sea captain, which meant we returned to the North East via the convoluted route of Glasgow (briefly), the Wirral and Mombasa. I'm married to David and we have four children, David, Sally, Victoria and Jon-James. David and Victoria live in County Durham, Sally in Brisbane. JJ is the only one still technically living at home although student life in York seems to be far more attractive. The youngest members of the family are granddaughter Grace and grandson Alfie.

David and I are both Chartered Public Accountants and were (as David continues to be) heavily involved in higher education in our field of strategic business and financial management and leadership. Prior to entering ministerial training I was CEO of Durham Students Union, heading up the 70 or so staff who provided a range of student services including a large nightclub, shops, bars, catering, accommodation and welfare services, newspaper, and radio station.

I trained for ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham, working ecumenically with Ushaw seminary and the Wesley Study Centre. I am immensely grateful to the Warden and tutors for their wisdom and nurture during the breaking and rebuilding that is priestly formation. Being taught by such gifted theologians kindled in me a love of theological study. This combined with a contemplative spirituality and a passion for Christ and His people, means I live my Rule of life following the Dominican motto "To contemplate and to give to others the things contemplated for their salvation."

For the last three years I have served in Penhill, a rural, four parish, seven church benefice spread across a large swathe of central Wensleydale. Ministry there has been diverse, often demanding and always a gift of grace. It has been a privilege to serve God's people in this beautiful place, they have enriched me both ministerially and personally. I shall miss them as much as I am looking forward to serving the people of Holy Trinity.

With apologies to Judith from the Editor for the incorrect printing of this letter in the April issue of Gloria.



A HUGE THANK YOU

to all the parents and children who turned out to help pick flowers and make up posies for our Mothering Sunday service. It was a tremendous effort from everyone, and once again, it was a beautifully sunny morning - even warm enough to go without jackets later on. We received a warm welcome from Sari and Robin as usual, and Sari took us for a walk around to see what flowers and plants were ready.

Unusually, this year because of the harsh winter and late spring, there were no daffodils, but we found snowdrops and heather a plenty to make up the posies. The pussy willow was wonderful and Robin cut down a whole branch for us, which made it easier for the youngsters to gather them.

David had provided drinks and snacks for the children and Sari brought out coffee which we had on the lawn as we made up the posies. We've been doing this for some years now, and have the expertise of Lottie Brown, so we managed to set up a kind of conveyer belt system, with some people making up the posies, whilst others tied them together and put on the foil wrappers. At this stage most of the children had disappeared and were enjoying playing on the lawn, and generally roaming about having great fun. It's a lovely atmosphere and so nice to spend a Saturday morning in the fresh air.

Once again thank you to Sari and Robin for their hospitality and to all the families who came along including the Hinleys, the Browns, the Stevens, the Actons and my own family. Sorry if I've forgotten anyone. We hope all the ladies in Church enjoyed their flowers.

Gail Craven



Too Late

Just the day before Brother Edward from Alnmouth Friary died I had heard that another dear old friend had past away. I met George on a working party at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales in the late 1990s. I had volunteered to be George's apprentice stone waller. When George was young, he worked on farms, ploughing with horses, later going into the building trade and stonewalling. He was a most delightful man, entertaining us with stories of a bygone age all in detail. He played the mouth organ and the bones and loved performing for everyone. George and friends Harry and Stanley, who we called the "Last of the Summer Wine" often called into our house for lunch on their way to Church House Dunblane, where they worked along side young people from many parts of the world, painting, decorating, walling, laying paths etc.

A widower for a number of years, at 80 years old he married Laura whom he had met at Scargill. Two years ago, he had a stroke but had recovered well enough last year to have a knee replacement. It was while he was out for his usual morning walk that he fell ill and was helped by a lady to a nearby garage, where he was given a chair and wrapped in a blanket while waiting for the ambulance. Sadly, he died before it arrived but was surrounded by kind people caring for him.

I phoned him after his stroke and sent cards after his operation but never managed to visit, after all Clitheroe is a long way from Gifford and it never seemed to be the right time, always too busy with this and that and anyway George was indestructible, wasn't he?

I could have gone, could have phoned more often. I am full of regret. I wish I had made the effort. Its so easy to put off contacting people you care about, even more difficult if there have been problems. Do get in touch, let them know you care and not like me, leave it too late.

Mary Wallace



FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funeral:

**Alexander Watson
5th March, 2010**

Death:

**Imogen Lugton
10th April, 2010**

May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.



Calling all Walkers

Following two successful Parish walks last summer I am arranging one each month this year on the following Sundays. Please make a note in your diary of these dates:-
23 May, 27 June, 25 July, 22 August, 26 September.

Each walk will depart after coffee in the Hall. Please join us if you can for good company, some exercise and hopefully some sunshine. More details later.

Jeremy Willing

AN INVITATION

**From St. Mary's Catholic Mothers
To join them for an evening Meeting
At 7.30pm on Thursday, 13th May, 2010
In Little St. Mary's Church Hall.**

**The Speaker is Jim Martin , Actor
On "Theatre and Directing"**

Please let Margaret Fairbairn (01620 825 472)
know if you would like to go.

Keith Ward: What the Bible Really Teaches (A Challenge for Fundamentalists)

Book Review by Sandy Wilkinson

SPCK London 2004 £9.99 pp184 ISBN 0-281-05680-3

Keith Ward, a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford and a priest in the Church of England, was formerly Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford and Professor of History and Philosophy of Religion in the University of London. Despite, or perhaps because of, those formidable academic credentials he is able, in this book as in all his work designed for lay readership, to combine complete command of his subject with an easy and readily comprehensible style and lively presentation.

The book is to some extent adversarial, as the subtitle indicates, although the author is much gentler with fundamentalists than many would say is merited by the obscurantism and harshness of their position and the harm it can cause. The challenge to fundamentalism is necessary because an important issue of truth is at stake -- -- how to interpret the Bible. The basic error of fundamentalism is a highly selective and crudely literal reading of the text which undermines and distorts the meaning of Scripture as a whole. Ward not only demonstrates that fault, to my mind entirely convincingly, but shows how Scripture is to be read if we are to reach its real meaning. Christ-centredness and a spiritual interpretation are among the principles on which he lays stress. Many readers will not, however, linger on the critique of fundamentalism or even on the principles of interpretation, although they should keep these in mind, but will turn to the core of the book which is its treatment, pursued with great insight, of what the Bible does really teach. That teaching is considered under eight main headings: the Coming of Christ in Glory; Salvation; Evil and Divine Love; Sin and Grace; the Sacrifice of Jesus; Resurrection; Judgement, Heaven and Hell; and the Moral Law. The list may sound conventional, even in some respects overly pious and old-fashioned, but the result of Ward's discussion is to give the central beliefs of the Christian faith a new and vigorous life rich in its response to contemporary problems and conditions and illumined by a truly modern understanding. At the same time that understanding is richly biblical and there is none of the reductionism by which some contemporary views are marked.

Keith Wård considers himself to be an evangelical and writes from that viewpoint, but he is open to and assimilates much that also belongs to a Catholic perspective. It would be difficult to find another book which so clearly and comprehensively, but in short space and in contemporary terms, demonstrates the relevance of the Christian faith and its biblical basis to the modern world and the modern mind.

When Judith Walker and her family arrive here in Haddington in early May, they will just have returned from visiting family in Australia, and that combined with moving house will mean that they are likely to appreciate being left in peace until she IS our Rector, after the 10th May. They will need time to settle in.

In the meantime for Pastoral needs contact John Wood.

TESCO VOUCHERS COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS

We try to collect as many as possible for Elphinstone school. If you have any to contribute please drop them into the box at the back of the church. Together we can make a difference!

Congregational Events.

There will be no Soup and Pudding Lunches during June, July and August. These will be replaced by visiting the gardens of members of the Congregation which will be open to Visitors from the Church as notified in Gloria or the Pew leaflets.



Trinity Centre Film Club

**Thursday, 6th May
2.00pm Trinity Centre**

**West Side Story
With Natalie Wood**

Winner of 10 Academy Awards, it is the retelling of the old story of love across the divide of rival gangs, as in Romeo and Juliet. With an unforgettable score and groundbreaking choreography, come and sing along and tap your feet.

Tea, biscuits and gossip to follow.

A letter from Susan Paul.

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity.

As many of you know, last summer John and I bought a flat in Edinburgh and were getting it ready to move into when he died. I have now accepted an offer for our Gifford house and expect to move to 29/9 Fettes Row before the end of April.

One of the reasons John and I retired to this area was that we both liked Holy Trinity so much! You made us very welcome. We have experienced a great deal of kindness, and made good friends amongst you. It was always a great joy for John to be invited to celebrate the Eucharist. Since his death, I have been grateful for your sympathy and concern—and particularly am I grateful to Bob, John, Sari and Janet—and Gifford members of the congregation.

I am sad to be leaving Holy Trinity, Haddington, but leave with a grateful heart and so many happy memories, not least of John's Celebration of his Golden Jubilee of Ordination a few years ago. With my love and thanks,

Susan



Institution of Judith Walker-Hutchinson

The Institution will be followed by a Finger Buffet.
A list will be put at the back of the church for people willing to contribute to the evening.

Alternatively you can contact
Margaret Fairbairn on 01620 825 472

Contributions can either be brought to the
Trinity Centre on Sunday 9th May,
or by 5.00pm on Monday 10th May.





FLOWERS IN HOLY TRINITY, EASTER 3

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 June issue is Sunday 16th May, 2010

Please send all material to Wendy at
wiwilkinson@yahoo.co.uk
Or Phone 01620 822891

Lectionary readings

May Readings

2nd	Acts 11 1—18, Revelation 21 1—6, John 13 31 –35
9th	Acts 16 9 - 15, Revelation 21 10, 22 1-5, John 14 23-29
16th	Acts 16 16-34, Revelation 22 12-14, 20-21, John 17 20-26
23rd	Pentecost Acts 2 1-21, Romans 8 14-17, John 14 4-17 (25-27)
30th	Trinity Sunday. Proverbs 8 1-4, 22-31, Romans 5 1-5, John 16 12-15

DAILY READINGS

May

1st	St. Philip and St. James	17th	John 16	29-33
	John 4 1-14	18th	John 17	1-11a
		19th	John 17	11b-19
3rd	John 14 27-31a	20th	John 17	20-26
4th	John 14 27-31a	21st	John 21	15-19
5th	John 15 1-8	22nd	John 21	20-25
6th	John 15 9-11			
7th	John 15 12-17	24th	Mark 10	17-27
8th	John 15 18-21	25th	Mark 10	28-31
		26th	Mark 10	32-45
10th	John 15 26-16,4	27th	Mark 10	46-52
11th	John 16 4b-11	28th	Mark 11	11-26
12th	John 16 12-20	29th	Mark 11	27-33
13th	Ascension Day, Luke 24 44-53	31st	Mark 12	27-12
14th	John 16 12-20			
15th	John 16 23b-28			



ROTAS

MAY	TEA AND COFFEE	
2nd	Jean Blackadder	Alison Brown
9th	Ena Briggs	Alison Cowe
16th	Kay Kemball	Helen Willing
23rd	Jennifer Green	Liz Wilson
30th	Wendy Wilkinson	Sheena Wood
	FLOWERS	
1st	Aileen Lamb	Rosemary Plumb
8th	Christine Glass	Margaret Glass
15th	“ “	“ “
22nd	Penelope Ogilvy	Margaret Alder
29th	“ “	“
	SIDESPEOPLE	
2nd	Julian Tennent	Jim McAndie
9th	Mary Wallace	Peter Green
16th	David Hinley	Elizabeth Cooper
23rd	John Elcock	Kathy Warrender
30th	Jeremy Willing	Margaret Fairbairn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- 1st St Philip and St James
- 2nd All Age Worship. Farewell to Bob Gould and Janet McKinnell
- 8th Christian Aid Week begins. St. Andrews and St. Georges
Book Sale , George St., All week
- 9th Easter 6. Sunday next before Ascension. Rogation Sunday
- 10th Institution of The Reverend Judith Walker-Hutchinson
as Rector of this Charge.**
- 11th Vestry Meeting. 7.30pm
- 13th ASCENSION DAY Eucharist 7.30pm
- 16th Sunday after Ascension
- 18th or 19th Area Council
- 23rd PENTECOST
Janet McKinnell to be licensed as Lay Reader in St. Peter's,
Luton Place, Edinburgh.
- 25th Trinity Centre Management Committee meeting 7.30pm
- 30th Trinity Sunday
- June 6th All Age Worship. End of Haddington Festival Service.
Community Council attends.

Watch pew leaflets for announcements of Garden Openings, Congregational Walks and Cycle Rides. This applies to the next four months Where known they will appear in Gloria.

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