

# OUTREACH

St. James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



**Breakfast at St James before the  
Nativity presentation (spot the  
potential angels!)**

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**A musical Wise Man  
(and an also  
musical wiser man  
in the background!)**



**Little angels  
- and one  
rather older  
one!**

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## Service Times

Sundays: 11.00 am Choral Communion  
Evensong as announced  
Wednesdays: 12.15pm Midweek Eucharist

On the first Sunday of the month the 11.00am Sunday Service is a Family Communion; on the other Sundays the young people go out to Young Church during the first hymn and return in time for Communion.

## **Groups and Activities**

*(please contact the appropriate person listed inside the back cover)*

Sundays:	7.30pm	Youth Group for 10-16s
Tuesdays:	9.30am	“J-Tots” Playgroup
	10.00am	Bible Study at 24 Mauricewood Park
	7.30pm	Mauricewood Housegroup at 6 Arras Grove
Wednesdays	7.00am	“Earlybirds” Prayergroup
Thursdays :	7.00pm	Choir Practice

## **Rector's Letter**

Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, according to the Telegraph, was to be “the most miserable day of the year”. Taking into account the time remaining before most January pay packets were to become available and after enduring all those December bills, the small number of daylight hours, the prevalence of colds and flu, this data was then handed over to clever men and women who gather around a large work table with their drafting squares and compasses making intersecting lines and circles. They stood back and stroked their beards and looked with sincere alarm at the darkly shaded bit a little over halfway along the month. “It’s the 19<sup>th</sup>,” they said. “Somebody call the Prime Minister. While you’re at it, call the Telegraph as well”

I only found out about this next day when I was looking at the previous day’s newspaper. The 19<sup>th</sup> hadn’t seemed that bad, actually.

It’s easy to say that “misery is a state of mind”. This sort of adage comes from the mouths of people for whom the physical necessities of life are more or less in place.

Not to minimise the distress of people who live beside us upon whom things *do fall* with a mighty crash as marriages dissolve or loved ones die, it is important that we do not generalise our experience around the world. We are often our own worst enemies and our discomforts are often of our own making. Where these miseries are objective and come to us from outside we still have safety nets which keep us from sliding too far down the ladder.

Our eyes are not as open as they should be to the world we live in. The experience of people in Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of Congo

or the Gaza Strip ought to give us some perspective. Notwithstanding the present economic crisis we still inhabit a temperate and prosperous corner of the planet. Resources still regularly flow from ‘them’ to ‘us’ where ‘they’ (in many cases) constitute a community of people for whom misery is no state of mind.

Both Penicuik and West Linton have a history of reaching out beyond the social and cultural borders of their congregations. Through Penicuik for Africa and the as-yet-embryonic plans in West Linton to involve ourselves with funding and supporting a village Sunday School in the Diocese of Cape Coast, we have the opportunity to take our own experience – as children and adults – and see it in light of other people’s lives.

We have been blessed. Our country has had much to be thankful for. Fortunes rise and fall in our world too but we remain in a place where we can do much to relieve the misery of others.

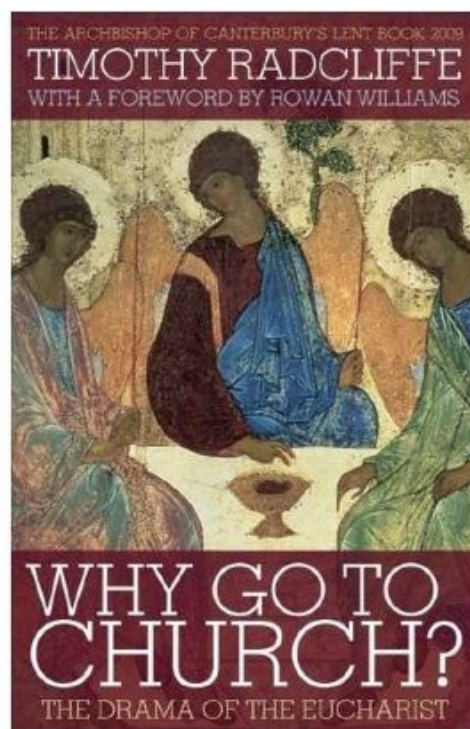
*Father Rob Warren*

## ***Lenten Course***

Advance notice that this will take place at St James on Wednesday evenings 11,18 and 25 March. The “set book” is The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book for 2009 - available at Cornerstone Bookshop underneath St John’s Church in Princes Street. Telephone number of the bookshop is 0131 229 3776 and the website for ordering the book online is

<http://>

[www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk/catalogue/index.php](http://www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk/catalogue/index.php)



# Penicuik for Africa (PfA)

The suggestion before Christmas that we reverted from a community group to a St. James group has been met with stoney silence so here's



another suggestion: we hold our customary spring Fellowship Lunch on March 15th and while everyone is sitting comfortably and replete, we quickly address the issue and agree a way forward. We were pleased to hear from Chitambo that, after the upheaval caused by the

untimely death of the Zambian president, the formal handover of our ambulance had taken place, the hospital were delighted with it and were putting it to good use. We were represented by Kim Farmer of the Kasanka Trust who had stored the vehicle for us meantime and one picture shows her handing over the keys to the new minister.



After the disappointment of failing to get Scottish



Government funding for a joint proposal that included the setting up of a Midwifery School at Chitambo Hospital, we are seeking separate funding for the School from another source. We have been invited to a reception at Holyrood this month and hope

to do more than rub shoulders with people who had a few purse strings! If anyone has detailed knowledge of a poverty-breaking initiative that is called for in any part of Africa please let me know: it could become our next project! If you would like to take more than a casual interest in PfA, please make contact at our stall after a service. We are carefully nurturing some of Frances' plants so you should soon see some green shoots amongst the customary Traidcraft goods - they tell me everyone is anxious to see some!

*Neville*

## ***World Day of Prayer***

This year the World Day of Prayer is to be hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Penicuik at 7.30pm on 6th March (Friday). A warm welcome awaits you and light refreshments will be served in the Michael Room after the service.

A meeting to prepare for the service is being organised by Sacred Heart Church in the Michael Room, probably early in February and the usual representatives will be contacted. The usual 'Fliers', Posters, etc., will be issued at this meeting.

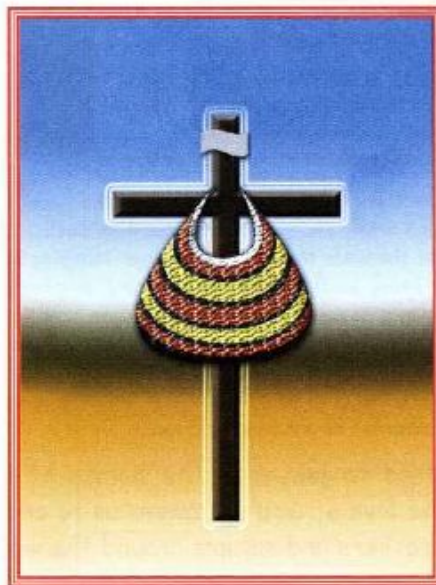

### **Excerpt from a press release:**

"Christian women of Papua New Guinea, who wrote the service, invite men, women and young people from around the world to share with them in the 2009 World Day of Prayer Service.

The chosen theme is "In Christ There Are Many Members, Yet One Body" The invitation is extended to come with them to the land of the

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
In Christ There Are Many  
Members, Yet One Body

The World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee and  
Christian women of Papua New Guinea, invite you to share in  
prayer and worship with people from all around the world.



unexpected. Be prepared to have the confidence of Ruth, from the Old Testament, who could leave the familiar and travel with Naomi to a foreign land. Be prepared to respond as Ruth did both personally and as a community. Come with respect and openness to see what new understanding God shall reveal as we worship together in the service they have prepared.

Papua New Guinea is one of the most heterogeneous and indigenous populations in the world. There are several thousand separate communities and more than 800 languages are spoken. The diversity is described well in the Folk saying "For each village, a different culture" The rugged terrain of Papua New Guinea with its dense, impassable rain forests, its high mountains and its widely separated islands adds a dimension of isolation as well. Within the context of so much diversity and few commonalities the Christian community draws deeply upon the New Testament assurance *'in Christ There Are Many Members Yet One Body'*.

Through the lens at the women of Papua New Guinea we come to deeper understanding of how we are one body in Christ. They lead us to pray together for our own communities and for the world. Offerings from the services will be given to Papua New Guinea through the Scottish Bible Society, Feed the Minds and other projects of an ecumenical nature."

World Day of Prayer calendars are now available from me.  
*Jean (Penicuik Organiser for The World Day of Prayer)*

## ***Vestry Moments***

This is a brief summary of matters discussed at Vestry meetings of 16th December 2008 and 15th January 2009.

- Adrian Marchant and Andy Longmore (co-opted) welcomed to Vestry
- Rector has been granted his permit to remain in country
- Rector to attend a retreat for clergy in Europe in Rome in February and to visit Ghana later this year; attended meeting of Borders

Clergy Chapter –peer appraisal, isolation of clergy and importance of support for new clergy

- Fabric: repair to St Margaret and other windows to proceed; Quinquennial Review to be refreshed and implementation assessed; provision of chancel steps handrail in hand; Chubb has checked fire extinguishers
- Need for better organisation and communication: revised volunteer form to be distributed to congregation, revision of Parish List in hand, photos of “Contacts team” in production, long-term planning of events shown on church website and elsewhere
- Gift Book now updated; Burials Register and Book of Remembrance in course of update
- Christmas collections shared between Aberlour Trust and Bethany Trust

Next meeting: Wednesday 4th March

*Georgina Phillips, Minutes Sec*

## ***Choir News***

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas contributions. It was particularly good to see a packed church for the Nine Lessons and Carols including many members of other Penicuik churches. Some people have been asking why we haven't sung 'Christus natus est' for a year or so - don't worry, by popular demand it's been pencilled in for Tuesday 22 December 2009. Don't say you didn't get enough notice!

Onwards into the New Year we go; if you're reading this on the day of publication (1 Feb), tonight at 6.30pm is the Candlemas Evensong, with some good hymns, and a number of choir contributions. These include a robust gallery setting of Robert Herrick's poem "Candlemas Eve" - it's worth pointing out that the opening "Down with the rosemary and bay" is not expressing discontent but marking the old custom of using different plants to decorate churches depending on the season! We'll be starting with Christopher Tye's setting of "O come ye servants of the Lord", and the anthem is a beautiful setting "Come, my light" by Timothy David Lee. Please come!

Our thoughts are also turning towards planning for Passiontide, and on Passion Sunday evening (29 March), there will be a service of music

and readings designed, planned and directed by Alison Cole. Her choice of items is highly appropriate and moving; please come and support this as well. Never a dull moment for choirs, organists and choir leaders!

*Mike Hay*

## ***Cornbank PS: Christmas at St James***

St James Episcopal School was founded by Canon Elrington in 1887, on the site of our Rectory. Ninety-seven pupils initially attended the “Tin School”, and would have been to services in the church. I do not know how often, if ever, pupils from its successor, Cornbank St James Primary School, trekked down to our church since 1968!

However, on the last day of term before Christmas, there was a sight which surely would have gladdened the heart of Canon Elrington.

Our church was packed with close on 300 children, plus staff and requisite helpers, as Cornbank St James School celebrated its Christmas Assembly with readings and carols. Some of the readings were based on the children’s class work, some songs taken from Nativity productions; the recorder group played and two classes had prepared a special carol. Mike accompanied the singing on the piano and treated everyone to some organ pieces before and afterwards.

The children played their part wonderfully and all enjoyed themselves. Even the weather co-operated, as icy pavements would have meant cancellation.

The logistics of walking that number of children from the top of Cornbank along to St James was a tour de force on the part of Mrs Brady and her staff. Much preparation had gone into planning and rehearsing the service, with Alison Cole liaising between school and Rob, even co-opting Murray into manning the sound desk!

This was a truly joyous occasion; roll on the next event! *(Photo: back cover) Georgina*

## ***Service changes***

Attendance at the 8.00am Communion service on Sundays has become very small over the last few years, so this service now will not normally be held, but will be replaced by a midweek Communion at 12.15pm each Wednesday in the church. Everyone is of course welcome!

## ***Care Van***

I would like to thank all those, (often anonymous), who have donated clothes and toiletries in recent months. It is so encouraging to the van teams when clothing suitable for the clients is handed in. The response to our appeals has been generous.

Special thanks to the van volunteers themselves without whom the outreach to the homeless would not be possible and this also applies to the soup makers, this month Margaret Levy and Moira Rendell. It is no mean task, making fourteen to sixteen pints of soup (*see back cover!*).

St James team is going out again on February 14th , but then there is a few months break as we have a 'holiday' in April and St Mungo's, West Linton have volunteered to do March, May and June.

*Bernard Hunter - Coordinator*

## ***Silverburn Study Group***

### **Paul's Letters to the Corinthian Church**

The group is currently meeting on Wednesdays at 8pm at the Crosfields.

These letters are full of themes which are as relevant today as they were then. Threats of schism, one-upmanship, pride in success, false rhetoric when scoring points is more important than reasoned argument; these are a few examples. We could still squeeze in a few more members. Please let Tony Bramley or me know if you'd like to join us so that we can have a bit of an idea of how many to expect.

*Philip Crosfield*

# ROTAS

## February 2009

	01-Feb-2009	08-Feb-2009	15-Feb-2009	22-Feb-2009
	Epiphany 4	Epiphany 5	Epiphany 6	Transfiguration Sunday
St James Organist	Jean	Jennifer	David	Mike
St Mungo's Organist	David	Jean	Mike	David
Sidesmen	Young Church	Isobel Stenhouse Elizabeth Clark	Margaret Coull Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston Des Frantom
Bread and wine	Children	Clerks	Leavys	Barretts
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i>	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i>	<i>II Kings 5:1-14</i>	<i>II Kings 2:1-12</i>
	Young Church	Adrian Marchant	Ian Fuge	Jean Hindle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	<i>I Corinthians 8:1-13</i>	<i>I Corinthians 9:16-23</i>	<i>I Corinthians 9:24-27</i>	<i>II Corinthians 4:3-6</i>
	Young Church	Mike Hay	Brigitte Fuge	Valerie McGavin
Gospel	<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	<i>Mark 1:40-45</i>	<i>Mark 9:2-9</i>
Prayers	Andy Longmore	Valerie McGavin	Jean Hindle	Geoff Mather
Pray for	Pastoral Care Group	Vestry	Young Church	Youth Group
Server	Angela/Alice	Valerie/Steven	Angela/Sara	Valerie/Alice
Coffee	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk	Mrs Neish & Family	Ruth and Des Frantom	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan
Flowers	Marion Mather			
Cleaning	Marion Hunter Ruth Frantom	Alan & Angela Sibley	Alan & Angela Sibley	Chris & Margaret Leavy
Welcomers	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas
Care Van			*	
Pentland House			*	

(Where an alternative reading is given, the first reading is used unless clergy notify readers otherwise)

# March 2009

	01-Mar-2009	08-Mar-2009	15-Mar-2009	22-Mar-2009	29-Mar-2009
	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Passion Sunday
St James Organist	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David	Mike
St Mungo's Organist	Mike	Jean	David	Mike	Jean
Sidesmen	Young church	Des Frantom Elizabeth Clark	Tom Moffat Margaret Coull	Nigel Johnston Andy Longmore	Isobel Stenhouse Alan Sibley
Bread and wine	Young church	Johnstons	Hindles	Sibleys	Barretts
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Genesis 9:8-17</i>	<i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>
	Young Church	Marion Mather	Andy longmore	Alan Murray	Margaret Coull
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	<i>I Peter 3:18-22</i>	<i>Romans 4:13-25</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:18-25</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>	<i>Hebrews 5:5-10</i>
	Young Church	Susan Crosfield	Gillian Little	Joyce Black	Fay Clerk
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Mark 1:9-15</i>	<i>Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9</i>	<i>John 2:13-22</i>	<i>John 3:14-21</i>	<i>John 12:20-33</i>
Prayers	Susan Crosfield	Mike Hay	Andy Longmore	Jean Hindle	Alan Murray
Pray for	Bible Study Group	Choir	Church Women's Fellowship	Early Birds Prayer Group	Fabric Team
Server	Angela/Steven	Val/Sara	Angela/Alice	Val/Steven	Angela/Sara
Coffee	Kathleen Cox Susan Crosfield	Hays Smiths	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black	Isobel Stenhouse Jean Wright	Gillian Little Marion Mather
Flowers	Lent				
Cleaning	C & M Leavy	Mona Bennett Ruth Green	Mona Bennett Ruth Green	-----	Robert Clerk Fay Clerk
Welcomers	Elizabeth Clark	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark
Care Van			*		
Pentland House					*

# April 2009

	05-Apr-2009	12-Apr-2009	19-Apr-2009	26 Apr-2009
	Palm Sunday	Easter Day	Easter 2	Easter 3
St James Organist	Jean	David	Jennifer	Mike
St Mungo's Organist	David	Jean	Mike	David
Sidesmen	Young Church	McGarvas	Des Frantom Elizabeth Clark	Tom Moffat Margaret Coull
Bread and wine	Young Church	Dicksons	Clerks	Leavys
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>	<i>Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9</i>	<i>Acts 4:32-35</i>	<i>Acts 3:12-19</i>
	Young Church	Robert Clerk	Jo Bullough	Georgina Phillips
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	<i>Phillipians 2:5-11</i>	<i>I Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>I John 1:1-2:2</i>	<i>I John 3:1-7</i>
	Young Church	Ruth Green	Joyce Black	Adrian Marchant
Gospel	<i>Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)</i>	<i>John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>
Prayers	Georgina Phillips	Elizabeth Clark	Ruth Green	Valerie McGavin
Pray for	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark
Server	Angela/Sara	Val/Alice	Angela/STeven	Val/Sara
Coffee	Elizabeth Clark Robert Clerk	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Mrs Neish & Family	Kath;een Cox Susan Crosfield
Flowers	Lent	Easter		
Cleaning	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Ros Hay Susan Crosfield	Ros Hay Susan Crosfield
Welcomers	Carol Hodgkin/ Andy Longmore	Nigel Johnston/ Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark
Care Van			*	
Pentland House				

## ***Prayer Group Proposal***

Would anyone be interested in joining me in a Prayer Group? The idea would be mainly to pray for and support each other, pray for our families and our church and any other relevant topics.

If this is something you might like to do, please speak to me about it and time and venue can then be decided.

*Valerie McGavin*

## ***Mothers' Union News***

*MU Scottish web address is: [www.muscotland.org.uk](http://www.muscotland.org.uk) or via St James web page link. Theme for this year is: "Time for Relationship 2008".*

Best wishes for 2009 to everyone from the Mothers' Union!

We finished the year with some interesting meetings. Jenny Ritchie, Diocesan Faith and Policy representative, gave an excellent talk about the new theme for this year, 'The Cost of Relationships' at the beginning of November. The end of the month saw the annual worldwide Wave of Prayer at Rose Mackenzie's house. December, of course, saw our annual visit to St. Leonard's, Lasswade for their Advent service followed by tea. Peter Harris, Rector led a very good service which was on a Tuesday for the first time, allowing their lunch club members to take part.

The following week was our own Advent Lunch and carols. We have already had our first meeting of 2009 when Angela Sibley led an excellent Bible study on 'The Cost of Relationships' centred around the Virgin Mary. She had us working hard and many interesting ideas and thoughts came out of the discussions.

As I announced in Church, the boxes for the Soldiers are up and running again. Although none of our own local Battalions are on deployment the treats are appreciated by all and lets the troops know that their are people other than their families and friends thinking about them; it is a real boost to morale.

**Branch Meetings** - all lunchtime at 12.45pm in the Hall following the Service in Church at 12.15

28 Jan Enrolment of Karen Topham as new branch member followed by lunch and business.  
11 Feb Speaker - The Rector  
25 Feb Ash Wednesday- Speaker - Philip Crosfield  
6 Mar World Day of Prayer - Sacred Heart  
11 Mar In house topic, The Cost of Relationships

Tues 17 - Thurs 19 March Provincial MU Retreat at Kinnoull Perth, to be conducted by Bishop Bob Gillies. Cost £80. Contact Joyce/Margaret Coull. Numbers needed asap.



*Margaret Coull*

Food and other supplies arrive for the displaced peoples of Boga in the Congo

## ***St James Calendar of Events***

We now have a church online calendar which can be used to note forthcoming events.

It can be viewed by going to the church website:

<http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk>

and clicking on the link "Church Calendar" at the top right of the page. If you wish to put an event onto the calendar, just click the link immediately below which will open an email for you to fill in the details. If you don't have access to the internet, just give a note to me.

By making sure that planned events, services, etc are all on the calendar, we can hopefully reduce the likelihood of "clashes", or weeks where everything happens at the same time! Please make use of this facility when appropriate.

*Mike Hay*

## **Thomas Joyner writes:**

' All is well here. I am officially ordained a priest (*Photo: back page*). Hooray! It was a lovely service (a little long for my taste but lovely). I'll send along some pictures when I get them from my parents. Please pass my love on to all in Penicuik and West Linton'. [*...and our love and very best wishes to you, Thomas. God bless!*"]

This is the church where Thomas served as Curate. The Parish of the Holy Comforter was first established in the year 1864. Nineteen years later a very attractive, frame church building was built - which later became the Montgomery Little Theatre - on what is now Goldthwaite. Changing demographics prompted a move and in 1959 the new parish hall was completed at 2911 Woodley Road, the church's present location, and the new Church of the Holy Comforter was finished and has been in use since September 1960. The pencil sketch is by Montgomery artist Karin Johns.



Church of the Holy Comforter - Montgomery, Alabama

## **Who knew this??**

I have been driving for almost 50 years. I would think I should have noticed the little secret on my dashboard that was staring me in the face the whole time...I didn't...and I bet you didn't either... Have you ever rented or borrowed a car and when arriving at the petrol station wondered...mmm, which side is the petrol filler cap? My normal solution was to stick my head out the window, strain my neck and look, try to see in the side mirrors or even get out of the car!!!! Well, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to share with you my little secret so you will no longer look like Ace Ventura on your way to the petrol station or put your neck at risk of discomfort or injury.

If you look at your petrol gauge, you will see a small icon of a petrol pump? The handle of the petrol pump will extend out on either the left or right side of the petrol pump? If your tank is on the left, the handle will be on the left? If your tank is on the right, the handle will be on the right (see photo). It is that simple!

I don't know how you feel right now but when I found out this morning I felt cheated!

WHY don't the dealers share such important information with car buyers? I don't understand why this isn't in the Highway Code or even the car manufacturers manual?? I don't get why

any mechanic I have ever been too or know has even thought of mentioning this to me?? The only possible explanation can be that all these people probably don't even know!



Go out and share the world's best kept auto secret with your friends as this information is way too important to be kept secret.

*Contributed by Hilary Moran via Angela Sibley [Not a specifically Christian message, but useful tips like this are not to be ignored! - Ed]*

## ***The Golden Phone***

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. He bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'. The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way. Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a

nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American. He then travelled all across America, Africa, England, Japan & New Zealand. In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American decided to travel to Scotland to see if Scots had the same phone. He arrived in Scotland and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 pence per call.' The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign.

'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Scotland now, son - it's a local call'.

## ***Your prayers are asked for.....***

Please pray for all those known and unknown to you who through sickness, need, bereavement or any other trouble are in need of God's comfort and support, remembering in particular:

Those who have recently lost loved ones including Frances' family, the Fraser family in their tragic loss, John Ford, and Rose and her family.

Pray for healing and support for June Virtue, Florence Petrie, Mae Mann, Elizabeth Black, Ruby Graham, Ralph, Eiliah, Cliff, Lorna Coleman and Margaret Paton. Give thanks for the continued healing of Margaret McLennan.

Pray for continued progress towards peace and reconciliation between Lebanon and Israel and especially for the people of Gaza. For those suffering as a result of natural disasters, remembering in particular those affected by extreme weather and from famine and drought. Pray

for the release of all who are enslaved, for those held captive unfairly or illegally and for the work of Amnesty International. Pray for those suffering under corrupt and uncaring political regimes, remembering especially the people of Zimbabwe.

Pray for people of countries torn apart by conflict and civil war in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Iraq, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan, remembering especially the MU in St George's Church Baghdad and in Harare. Remember also the British troops and the families of those overseas or about to go overseas, particularly those based at Glencorse Barracks. Pray for those who have been victims of terrorism, remembering especially the tragic events in Mumbai.

For those who staff the Bethany Trust Care Van as they minister to the homeless on the streets of Edinburgh, and for the homeless themselves. For the work of Penicuik in Africa, remembering especially those working to combat the ravages of AIDS in Mombasa and other African countries.

*(The Prayer Request book is either to be found in the chapel or on the altar, waiting to be used. Please do make use of it by adding your concerns and prayers. The requests are prayed for on other days as well as on Sundays. Also let the clergy know the progress of the person held in prayer, The list is updated every two to three months. Thank you!)*

## **Collections(£)**

	Nov	Dec
Cash	250	482
Gift Aid cash	47	85
Envelopes	612	1155
Direct giving	<u>1443</u>	<u>1623</u>
Total	2352	3345

## **Special Collections/Charitable Giving**

	Dec
Erskine Homes	90
USPG (for Frances)	610
Children of Africa	50

## **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

The Appeal for 2008 raised over £19,000 across the diocese. Many thanks to those at St James who contributed. Details of the 2009 recipients to follow.

## **Births**

Alexander Michael Hodgkin, 12.25 27 September 2008, 7lb 1oz (*pictured opposite*). First child of Carol (nee Dickson) and Michael.

Melissa Lily Higgins, 9 October 2008, Cologne, 8 lb 10 oz. first child of Anna (née Fuge) and Steve (*see inside back cover*)

Congratulations to both sets of parents and of course the grandparents!



## **Marriage**

10 January 2009 Kenny McGavin to Gill Campbell

## **Events coming soon...**

Friday 6 Mar	World Day of Prayer (from Papua New Guinea) at Sacred Heart
Wednesdays until 18 Feb	Silverburn Study Group
Wednesdays	11, 18 & 25 March 7.00pm Lenten Course
Sunday 15 Mar	PfA Fellowship Lunch
Sunday 19 April	2.00 - 5.00pm Gardens Open Day

“Outreach” can also be viewed on the St James website: <http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk> *The March 2009 (Lent) edition will be published on Sunday 1 March. Information about events, and contributions, should be with the Editor, Graham Smith 673012, 1 Caplaw Way, EH26 9JE, [caplaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caplaw@hotmail.co.uk) ,by Wed 18 February at the latest. If sent by email, please copy to Mike Hay, [mike@hayfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@hayfamily.co.uk).*

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**Congratulations to Sharron who graduated in Bute Hall at Glasgow University on Dec 5th as Master of Research with Merit in Molecular Parasitology! Sharron continues studying for a further 3 years with funding for her PhD. Her work is to find a way to prevent the malaria parasite from reproducing. Seen here with proud mum!**



**Melissa Lily Higgins, with proud parents Anna (née Fuge) and Steve. Photo taken when Melissa was 1 day old.**



**...and another proud moment - Thomas Joyner ordained to the priesthood!**



**Excited  
Cornbank PS  
pupils at  
their  
Christmas  
Assembly**



**Youth Group members  
making soup and rolls  
for the Care Van**



**...and task accomplished!  
Well done!**