



# OUTREACH

St James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



*All glory, laud and honour ...*  
**Palm Sunday procession at West Linton**

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## Service Times

Sundays: 11.00am 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

7.30pm Mauricewood Housegroup at 6 Arras Grove

Wednesdays: 7.00am "Earlybirds" Prayergroup

8.00am "Earlybirds+" Prayergroup

Thursdays : 7.00pm Choir Practice

## ***From the Rector***

A stone is rolled away from the mouth of a tomb. The earth trembles. Angels appear to two women in the early morning with a proclamation that Christ is no longer among the dead. Jesus appears to his disciples. It's a story which can be told, sung – even painted! But it all happened rather a long time ago, didn't it? You might be forgiven for asking what it means – here in the south of Scotland in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Because there are grand stories – stories of victory snatched from the mouth of defeat, or of heroes who overcame tremendous odds. They're great stories but they happened to somebody else. They don't necessarily change the lives of the people who hear them other than to remind us, perhaps, of just how ordinary we are compared to our heroes.

Because, if the point of the story is merely that everything bad turned out all right in the end for Jesus, with the Church's Hero alive again and, more importantly, "proved right" all along and his enemies very "wrong", then there is no automatic link with my life and our daily round.

We'd be tempted to say "Well, good for God and good for Jesus, but why does the Church proclaim that this is "Good News" for the rest of us"?

Does it serve as *definitive proof* – enough even to convince cynics and professional "debunkers" that death is not the absolute end of things and that there's something beyond it? Is that enough, frankly? Are we simply to be convinced that a continuance of sentient life in reasonable surroundings awaits us once we die? Is that what it's all about?

The Gospel writers painted quite a bigger picture, it would seem, and one that speaks about the earthly lives of the early community being changed in light of Jesus' death and resurrection. The point of the story to them, and the point of Easter itself, was that life could now be lived with a large "L". The Resurrection had an effect on the disciples which united a future hope with their present lives. Both the future and the present were illumined, inhabited, set alight, charged and filled with the endless light and power of the Risen Christ. The small community which burst forth from its known surroundings onto the roads of the Roman Empire into an unknown immediate future believed that what had happened **to** and **with** and **through** Jesus Christ had changed the

very nature of life – not only for him, but for them as well and not only for them but for a world which did not yet know the story.

What had been lifted from their shoulders (and ours) was not only the scandal of the Cross and the sadness of losing their master, nor was it only the fear of their own individual deaths. What was taken from them was but the very “taste” of fear and futility in the midst of life: Fear which drove people from each other and the sense of futility which kept them hemmed in, small and parochial.

The Easter message was not only sufficient, it was expansive. It passed from one person to another along the Roman roads, through word of mouth and via the printed page. Over the centuries it overflowed in hymns and worship, it overflowed over in Gifts of the Spirit. It overflowed in art and hospitals and movements to abolish slavery. It changed whatever it touched.

May the new Life, which Jesus not only lives **in** his Resurrection but which he imparts to the world **through** his Resurrection take root in your lives and your work, your families and your futures.  
God’s Blessing upon you this Easter!

*Father Rob Warren*

## **Choir News**

By a quirk of the *Outreach* rota and our Lectionary dates, I’m writing this on Palm Sunday after having played at St Mungo’s for their family service.

It was a sparkling morning for a drive to West Linton – Radio 2 with the Drifters, The Beatles, followed by James Blunt.

The music at the family service was good too, but the service was over in around 30 minutes. Members of three churches had decided to get together to hold a Palm Sunday procession through the village with Moses the donkey in the lead – all shepherded by Lothian and Borders Police. There was small band with four instrumentalists (with one

mobile music stand) providing a rousing accompaniment to the hymns; tourists and Sunday morning dog walkers all joined in on the green by St Andrew's Church. *[see front cover]*

The music on my return journey was good too – Radio 3, the European Broadcasting Union's day of Music for Holy Week, some of which we'd sung on Passion Sunday evening – 16<sup>th</sup> century Tomas Luis de Victoria and all that jazz – I had to turn the volume down on the radio slightly as I passed the folks flying their model planes by the moor road. Then fellowship lunch in aid of Penicuik for Africa – wonderful.

Alarming, **MFSE 19** is not too far off – the date **Saturday 11 June 2011 at 7.00pm**, with the usual mix of music and fun, interrupted by drinks and nibbles during the interval. Please mark the date in your diary.

There is always an open invitation and welcome to anyone, including children, who want to come and sing with us, there are no auditions – and do let us know if you have any favourite music or hymn that could be included in any of our worship

*David McGavin*

## ***From Ruth***

Sometime in June 2011, I will be starting my curacy at St Peter's Church in Lutton Place, Newington, so Michael and I will be selling up and moving to the Curate's flat overlooking the Meadows. It will be very strange to leave Penicuik after 25 years here, the longest that either of us has lived anywhere. I will be especially sad to leave my church family in St James.

It feels like a long journey, which started with several years of feeling strongly that I should look into exploring my vocation. Eventually I plucked up courage to ask Rob if he would discuss this about four and a half years ago. Then there was a long discernment process with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, leading to both a Scottish and an English Appraisal. Then the training – four academic years at New College, a simultaneous two-year training with the church, consisting of 40 evening sessions, two summer schools and ten weekends away in

Perth; 16 evening meetings with Bishop Brian, a monthly meeting with a Diocesan Advisor, and regular sessions with a Spiritual Advisor. And two church placements of a few months each, and four essays so as to gain a certificate from York St John University. And various other meetings and assessments. This is not for the faint-hearted or uncommitted, and I have really appreciated the encouragement and prayers of you all through this rather arduous journey.

It would be lovely to see any St James people at my ordination to be a deacon. This will be at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 5 June 2011 at 3.30pm. There will be three of us being 'done' on that day, and it will be a packed occasion, so get there early for a good seat!

*[Ruth will take her last service at St James on 29 May 2011, which will be Matins – Ed]*

## ***Situation vacant – and desperate!***

With Mike and Ros' imminent departure, I am desperately seeking a few folk who will join *Outreach* team. Two kind souls are lined up to help, but anyone else who is willing to share the load of assembling the material for printing, proofread, or print colour covers, is more than welcome. Please see Georgina. Thank you.

## ***The Leprosy Mission***

**Pancake Morning Saturday 4 June 2011 from 10 am.**

A wee reminder for your diary. Tickets from me or at the door, only £1 for a cup of tea or coffee and a buttered pancake. Come and support this cause and have an enjoyable morning with your friends from other denominations. Ecumenism in practice! If you can also lend a hand as well I would really like to know. Also donations of baking are needed. Thanks. *Marian Hunter*

## ***Care Van***

Thank you to the anonymous donor who left a box of clothes and men's boots and women's shoes outside the hall door last Thursday. Ros brought them in but there was no indication of who had actually put them there, presumably for the Care Van. *Barney Hunter*

# ***Fabric Report April 2011***

## **Chancel step handrails**

Following agreement at the AGM in December 2010 and confirmation by Vestry, the new chancel step handrails were commissioned from master craftsmen Taylor Woodwork of Dalkeith.

I am pleased to report that the handrails were installed in time for Easter Sunday, and are a very fitting tribute to Revd Frances McLean whose legacy has generously contributed towards the cost of the work. Quality craftsmanship does not come cheap, and I would encourage anyone who would like to contribute to the cost of the handrails to please consider doing so. If you are a taxpayer please consider gift aiding your donation which will increase it by a substantial 25%.

The handrails have been carefully crafted in solid oak. They are very functional but also fit very well with our beautiful rood screen and church interior. I am delighted with the result; however, I leave you to form your own views.

## **Quinquennial review Phase 1**

As a result of the survey and Quinquennial review we must undertake some fairly extensive essential maintenance and repair works to the fabric of our beautiful church. The costs were presented to the AGM in December 2010. However, many people who couldn't attend the AGM have understandably asked why the works are costing so much.

Part of the answer lies in the fact that there have been very few major repairs to the church for a long time and the church is now in its 129<sup>th</sup> year.

Below is a breakdown of the costs which amount to an eye watering **£110,800** including VAT.

## **Summary of costs**

### **Church building including Nave Chancel and Tower**

Repairs to ridge tiles, roof, lead flashings, gutters and downpipes	£27,055.00
Masonry repairs and lime mortar re-pointing	7,115.00
Joinery work and improved tower access	2,600.00

Repair to weathervane	500.00
Repainting ironwork and timber	1,279.75
<b>Sub total Church</b>	<b><u>£38,549.75</u></b>

### **Hall**

Repairs to ridge tiles, slating, removal of moss, repair/replacement of gutters and downpipes, masonry repairs, repainting, repair to west wall	2,576.75
<b>Sub-total including Hall</b>	<b><u>£41,126.50</u></b>

Inflation allow 3%	1,373.50
Cost of scaffolding	15,000.00
General preliminaries: (Site set up costs, huts, loos etc)	14,500.00
Contingencies allow 10%	7,500.00
VAT @ 20%	16,000.00
<b>Total building costs</b>	<b><u>£95,500.00</u></b>

### **Professional Fees:**

Architect, Quantity surveyor and CDM Co-ordinator	12,750.00
VAT @ 20%	2,550.00
<b>Total fee costs</b>	<b><u>£15,300.00</u></b>

### **Total Project costs** **£110,800.00**

I am hopeful that the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme will refund most, if not all, of the cost of the VAT on the works, but not the VAT on the professional fees.

Along with the fund raising events organised by Marion and her team, Vestry has agreed to convene a special fund raising group to investigate innovative ways in which we can raise the substantial funds required to pay for the work. I will also be putting together funding applications to appropriate grant awarding trusts and organisations.

If anyone requires further details or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Geoff Mather*

*Fabric Team Leader*

## ***Church Women's Fellowship***

23 May 2011            7.15pm for 7.30pm at 64 Deanburn, Penicuik  
27 June 2011            supper outing t.b.a.

## ***Christian Aid Week***

This year, Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011 inclusive. There will be a **Christian Aid lunch at North Kirk on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**, after morning service. Please put the date in your diary and support this worthy cause. We're always looking for new house-to-house collectors. If anyone can help, please contact me on 01968 678081.

Thanks *Geoff Mather*

## ***Congratulations ...***

Stephen McCluskey, who was 21 on 18 April 2011.

Sue Owen, who celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21 April 2011.

May is a busy month for the Topham family! – Kathryn will be 50 on 1 May 2011, Charlotte will be 21 on 5 May 2011 and Nigel and Kathryn celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 10 May 2011.

## ***Vestry Moments***

This is a summary of the vestry meeting of Thursday 7 April 2011.

**Mission:** Rob will lead a Strategy committee to look into the way forward and will report to Vestry.

**Fundraising:** With the cost of repairs to the church buildings in excess of £100,000, much discussion centred around ways to attract funds and this will be explored by the Fund-raising group, while the repairs themselves will be handled by a second group. Geoff will apply for grants but it was noted how important it was for the church to be seen to be raising finance.

**Fabric:** Geoff reported that the Chancel steps handrail will be installed in the next few weeks.

**Doors Open Day:** It was agreed to join in Midlothian's Doors Open Day on **Saturday 10 September 2011**, both as a means to attract people and bring attention to our need for fundraising.

*Nigel Johnston, Vestry Secretary.*

# ***Aachen Cathedral***

We recently spent a day in Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle for our French speakers or Aken for any who prefer Dutch or Flemish). Aachen is tucked into the corner of Germany where it meets the borders of both Belgium and Holland, so much so, that the suburbs of the city seem to spill over into the other countries. That is appropriate for the city of Charlemagne, whose empire encompassed vast tracts of Europe.

From the outside, the cathedral is not unlike many small cathedrals or large churches across northern Europe, except that it has a high level covered walkway between the base of the dome and the tower over the west door. Inside, it is rather a different matter. For a start, unlike most cathedrals which manage, to my mind, to appear larger inside than they do from outside, we thought that this one appeared smaller inside. This is probably due to the construction and layout. The core, what is now the nave, was built at the behest of Charlemagne at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> century as his chapel (the eponymous 'chapelle'). Galleries surround the nave at ground and first floor level, the upper one containing Charlemagne's throne which faces the High Altar. The throne is made of huge slabs of marble transported, certainly from Italy, probably from Rome. The slabs are thought to be from a floor, as one of the side panels has markings scratched into it corresponding to the layout for the board game we know as nine-men's-morris – or a similar precursor.

An entrance vestibule was later added at the west end, with a tower topped by a spire. Various chapels were added to the north and south. To the east, beyond the High Altar, a choir was added at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. This virtually doubles the size of the cathedral. It is known locally as 'the glasshouse' because of the stunning windows round the apse – 1000 sq m of stained glass, each window an unbroken height of over 25 m between slender mullions. They are said to be among the tallest stained glass windows in the world. The actual glass is new, but has been done to try to give an impression of what the original, destroyed during WW2, would have been like. Vying with the glass for visual impact, is all the mosaic work on the inside of the dome and on walls and ceilings elsewhere, giving the original core and galleries the feel of a Byzantine building.

Around the choir – at the base of each mullion and down each side – are fourteen statues. There is one of each of the apostles, one of Charlemagne and one of Mary, to whom the cathedral is dedicated. Below the corbels on which the statues rest are the figures of musicians. St James the Less (at least, I assume it is he, for he carries a large club) is standing on top of a mandolin player!

Two of the most striking things about the cathedral are the geometry of the layout and the chronology. The original core is an octagon. It is topped by a dome, the first to be built north of the Alps. It is not of the usual hemispherical construction but is ribbed to match the octagonal layout below. The surrounding galleries have two faces for each side of the octagon, but three faces of the resulting hexadecagon were removed when the choir was built to allow access to it. The apse of the choir is nine-fourteenths of a tetradecagon. The two faces springing from the side walls are therefore angled outwards from the choir, before the remaining faces work round to form the apse. The 25m high windows are the faces of the part tetradecagon, with the mullions forming the angles between.

As for the chronology, in three years time, it will be the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the choir extension – and that was built to commemorate the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Charlemagne. And by the time he had died, the octagonal chapel had already been in use for a decade or so. By contrast, our Authorised Version of the Bible, whose 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary we celebrate this year seems very much a Johnny-come-lately. Or should that be a King-Jimmy-come-lately?

*Ian Fuge*

*[see photos on back cover – Ed]*

## **Quizzes**

A reminder from Marion that if you took Daffodil Tea quizzes to sell, please would you hand in the money to her as soon as possible so that she can finalise her total. If you want to win the prize, remember to return all completed quizzes to Georgina by Sunday 8 May 2011 – still plenty of time to track down those answers!

# Rotas

## May 2011

	1 May	8 May	15 May	22 May	29 May
	<b>Low Sunday</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	<b>Easter 6 (Matins)</b>
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David	Mike
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	Mike	Jean	David	Mike	Jean
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	McGarvas	Catherine Pow Tom Moffat	Frantoms	Richard Phillips Margaret Coull
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Leavys	Barretts	Sibleys	-----
<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</i>	<i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	<i>Acts 7:55-60</i>	<i>Acts 17:22-31</i>
	Gillian Little	Joyce Black	Margaret Coull	Georgina Phillips	Brigitte Fuge
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:17-23</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:13-22</i>
	Alan Murray	Glynis Murray	Sue Owen	Richard Phillips	Ian Fuge
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	<i>John 10:1-10</i>	<i>John 14:1-14</i>	<i>John 14:15-21</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Elizabeth Clark	David McGavin	Alan Murray	Val McGavin	-----
<b>Pray for</b>	Pastoral Care Group	Early Birds Prayer Groups	Care Van	Fabric Team	Bible Study Groups
<b>Server</b>	Angela/ Annie	Martin/ Stephen	Val/Alice	Angela/ Annie	-----
<b>Coffee</b>	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Marchants	Barretts	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Frantoms
<b>Flowers</b>	----- Georgina Phillips -----				
<b>Cleaning</b>	Clerks	Clerks	???????????	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isabel Stenhouse
<b>Welcomers</b>	Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	McGarvas
<b>Care Van Pentland House</b>			<b>St James</b>		

# June 2011

	5 June	12 June	19 June	26 June
	<b>Ascension 1</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Pentecost 2</b>
<b>11.00am Organist</b>	Jean	Jennifer	Mike	David
<b>St Mungo's Organists</b>	David	Jean	David	Jean
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Young Church	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Isabel Stenhouse	McGarvas
<b>Bread and wine</b>	Young Church	Johnstons	Dicksons	Frantoms
<b>1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<i>Acts 1:6-14</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</i>	<i>Genesis 22:1-14</i>
	Young Church	Adrian Marchant	Marion Mather	Gill Amos
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<i>1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 13:11-13</i>	<i>Romans 6:12-23</i>
	Young Church	Valerie McGavin	Geoff Mather	Sue Crosfield
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 17:1-11</i>	<i>John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39</i>	<i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>	<i>Matthew 10:40-42</i>
<b>Prayers</b>	Sue Crosfield	Geoff Mather	Mike Hay	Andy Longmore
<b>Pray for</b>	Young Church leaders	MU	Choir	CWF
<b>Server</b>	Martin/Stephen	Val/Alice	Angela/Annie	Martin/Stephen
<b>Coffee</b>	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Kathleen Cox Sue Crosfield	Hays Smiths	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black
<b>Flowers</b>	..... Joan Douglas .....			
<b>Cleaning</b>	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield	Ros Hay Sue Crosfield	Marian Hunter Ruth Frantom	Marian Hunter Ruth Frantom
<b>Welcomers</b>	Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Robert Clerk	McGarvas	Elizabeth Clark Andy Longmore
<b>Care Van</b>			<b>St James</b>	
<b>Pentland House</b>	<b>St James</b>			

## ***Penicuik for Africa***

Our Fellowship Lunch has so far raised a magnificent £502, thanks hugely to a generous donation of £180 from a family in our congregation. Our funds for purchasing the final instalment of furniture for the Chitambo Nurse Training School now stand at £3,302. With an upcoming stall in the Park on the last Saturday in May (28 May 2011) and our proposed bag-packing at Sainsbury's (still under negotiation!), we should be able to cover the anticipated bill of £4,000. However, we will be competing with our church and Broomhill for volunteers in the park, so please let Neville or someone on the Sunday stall know if your allegiance on the day will lie with PfA!

*Neville*

## ***Omega 3***

Watch this space!

Nothing

happening? That's probably because Omega 3 works best in company. Please come along to our house group at 44, St James Gardens, Penicuik, for a perusal of ***Relationships in John's Gospel***, beginning on the first Wednesday in May (that's the 4<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm. We will look at five relationships: Jesus and Father, Jesus and Spirit, Jesus and the Beloved Disciple, Jesus and Thomas, Jesus and ourselves (The Way). This will take six weeks (with a break in the middle on May 25<sup>th</sup>), bringing us to Pentecost (June 12<sup>th</sup>) with fresh expectations.

Remember: **Wednesday 4 May 2011 at 7.30pm**

*Neville*

## ***Fundraising***

There are already a few changes to our projected fundraising events, so here is the latest update. Please note the changes in your diary or on your calendar.

**Saturday 28 May 2011– Penicuik in the Park**

We'll have a stall with games and a Lucky Dip. We need lots of boxes from biscuits, cereal, Mr Kipling cakes and the like, along with gifts to go inside them. There'll be a box at the back of the Church. Please get your contributions in soon so that they can be wrapped ready for the event. We will not be staging a Duck Race as the Rotary Club does one every year.

## **Friday 28 October 2011 – Ceilidh**

The Ceilidh has had to be brought forward and will be in the Bowling Club with a buffet supper. Please invite friends and family along.

**Bella's Bistro** will now take place in November. Date to be confirmed.

If you have good ideas for fundraising, please let us know. We're always looking for new ways to bring in funds.

*Marion Mather*

## ***From the newsletters***

**100 years ago** ... At this time, the newsletter was a small, approximately A5-sized single sheet, a printed inset to the Scottish Standard Bearer. St James was still a Mission charge, having not yet attained Incumbency status. Therefore, Charles Elrington, who had arrived in 1884, was Priest-in-Charge, not Rector. Provincial Synod discussed what might be omitted or used in services, as they were now about one and a half times the recommended length; some even urging an hour's length as opposed to the two or three hours of the past!

**50 years ago** ... Again it is noted that Mr Broadbent was not in good health.

## ***Bryn Haworth***

The original planned visit was cancelled because of the snow.

IN CONCERT: Saturday 7 May 2011, 7.30pm, Craigiefield Hotel  
The acclaimed slide guitarist and singer/songwriter in an entertaining and uplifting evening of Gospel Blues and Country Rock.  
Adults £7.50 (4 for £25) Children and concessions £6 (4 for £20)

Sunday 8 May 2011, 7pm in St Mungo's Church, Penicuik  
BRYN HAWORTH will lead a service of praise and worship.  
Free entry (An offering will be taken to cover costs)

Tickets and information from Joan Cape 01968 674276  
[capefamily@talktalk.net](mailto:capefamily@talktalk.net)

# **Mothers' Union News**

MU Scottish web address is: <http://www.muscotland.org.uk> or via St James web page link

The Provincial Retreat was held from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th April 2011 and was led by the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, the Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan. Paul Hindle's wife, Pat, is now the Retreat organizer. It was attended by Angela Sibley; below are extracts from her report:

"Learning from the Psalms" was the theme for the retreat. Julia Mason and I enjoyed it very much. Bishop Gregor chose Psalms which had a meaning for him, and included personal information while talking about these Psalms. The Psalms he chose were –

Psalm 8, 19, 23 (perhaps the most well known of all the Psalms), 51 (a penitential Psalm) and 84.

Each address ended with a musical setting of that psalm, some of which sent shivers up my spine. There were many well-known verses, phrases in these Psalms which I recognized but did not know where they came from. Many are attributed to David. There was also time to ourselves to pray, think read. There was Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline plus two Eucharists.

Saying the Psalms together helped with the understanding and to appreciate the poetry of them."

*Photos are available to look at on the web.*

## **General Meeting:**

General Meeting on Thursday 9 June 2011, 10.30am – 3.30pm in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Our Worldwide President Rosemary Kempell, will be there to tell us about her travels to members around the world. Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear about the good work done World Wide – it will mean only a day trip for us. The service on Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral is over-subscribed, and will be overflowing into St John's, Princes Street. Imagine singing and worshipping with 1,000 like-minded friends.

## **Branch Meetings:**

11 May 2011 – Communion followed by lunch – Favourite hymns, readings, poems

25 May 2011 – Lunch outing t.b.a.

## ***Father Norman Wagstaff***

Father Norman has published his memoirs. It is called "*Bits of my Life*" and it is a very good read. I couldn't put it down once I started reading it. It includes, of course, his memories of being with us here in Scotland.

He says that if people from St James would like to have a copy it is 15 dollars (Australian), and that 5 dollars from each copy sold will be donated to one of his favourite charities: Hearts for Africa Foundation see

[www.heartsforafricafoundation.org](http://www.heartsforafricafoundation.org)

If you would like a copy of Norman's book and don't have his contact details, then please let me know and I will give them to you.

*Val McGavin*

## ***Roland* – a brief reflection on his life and requiem mass**

'The death of Father Roland Walls (1908-2011) leaves a significant gap in Scotland's spiritual and ecumenical resources'. Thus opened Michael Turnbull's obituary in the Scotsman (13 April 2011) but it may underestimate his legacy. In birth, life and death, Roland was extraordinary. He was born on Corpus Christi day and by the tender age of twelve had expressed a desire to become a priest. His father protested that such ambition could never be realised from their impoverished status. Roland knew that poverty should be no barrier to such a calling and gained a place at Kelham College, which catered for his like. For 20 years of his academic life, he was Fellow, Chaplain and finally Dean of Chapel at Corpus Christi College, briefly interrupted by a return to Kelham as Lecturer. However, it was his inspired appointment as chaplain of Rosslyn Chapel in 1962 that allowed Roland to make his biggest waves on God's ocean. It was a sinecure and allowed him space and time to establish a fraternity which matured into the Community of Transfiguration. Within rules of poverty and silence, there was space and time to welcome all-comers. And come they did, from all corners and dispositions, drawn to an oasis of love.

Roland was a spiritual genius: many could not fathom his decision to join the Roman Catholic church in 1981, made so that his community

would experience the pain of a divided church every time they celebrated Eucharist. They made a habit of sharing suffering – on their ‘Table’ was an old tobacco tin (a relic of Roland’s only indulgence – see photo!) containing soil from Auschwitz. At his Requiem Mass in St Mary’s Roman Catholic Cathedral (on Friday, 15 April 2011) the penny dropped as we each had to choose whether or not to receive the host. Was I mistaken or was he was running the show?! He had prepared a farewell commission (printed below) a decade or more ago before dementia dulled his mind and it was discovered by Brother John Halsey, tied up in a dusty box. When asked if he wanted it read at his funeral, Roland beamed and said, ‘What a good idea!’ Many had read it before mass began and will have read it again and again (as you may already have done!). That commission may have contributed to the strangely subdued atmosphere because Roland was putting everyone on the spot, not least the presiding Cardinal O’Brien. Roland often poked fun at church and priest, reckoning they took themselves far too seriously. Here they were in full regalia at their most serious to bid him farewell! The contrast was echoed by the ‘stations of the cross’, glittering from a side aisle and so unlike the equivalent in the Community’s hut: two spent matchsticks pinned together! The retiring procession was drawn up by a radiant Patty Burgess, for so long a member of the community and now noticeably crippled. She more than any other may have realised that the ‘Mole Under The Fence’ \* had returned having completed his work on earth.

*Neville*

\**Mole Under The Fence* was the title of Roland’s biography, reviewed previously in *Outreach* (November 2006).

### **TESTAMENT TO MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS**

*Whom I bless in the Threefold Name  
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit AMEN*

*I bequeath to you my vocation which I received from God and unworthily fulfilled in this life, in His mercy he called me to shew His Love for all creatures and His Compassion on poor Man. He called me to sing the Praises of His Love, to study and to speak of His Love, in*

*words but also through silence. He shewed me the quiet tenderness of His Love which is Himself*

*Keep therefore LOVE to be praised, shewn, and treasured in silence – bring all things, all mankind, all circumstances into the Light of that Love. Keep to the poverty of LOVE which is the secret of joy, and by which you will make many rich. So great is this calling that I leave you that to fail in it is worth more than success in any other. Keep to Love as LOVE keeps you and still keeps my poor soul that in earthly life so often betrayed HIM whom it loved.*

*May He who was transfigured by LOVE,  
transfigure us all as He brings us to GLORY.  
AMEN*

## ***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.

Pray for Florence Petrie, Mae Mann, Elizabeth Black, John Ford, Eric Marchant and Mrs Wesson (Ruth Green's mother). Pray for Julia Clerk in New Zealand and all her family. Pray for Father Weatherall in India. Also for Kathryn Topham's aunt and uncle, Paddy and Geoff, in Hull who are still going through a difficult time. Pray for the continuing recovery of Jim McGarva, Alan and Glynis Murray, Bill Little. Give thanks for the return home from hospital of Philip Crosfield, and pray for his continuing recovery. Pray for the families and friends of Lily Neish and Frank Lindsay as they mourn their loss. Pray for Jean and Ralph and their family; pray for all those suffering from depression.

Pray for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan: for the thousands killed; for those left without family, shelter or food and water. Pray still for the earthquake victims in New Zealand. Pray for all victims of natural disasters throughout the world; for the helpless and the helpers as they seek to rebuild their lives. Pray that aid reaches those for whom it is intended.

Pray for continued progress towards peace and reconciliation; for the work of Penicuik for Africa. 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 the people of North African countries torn apart by conflict. Remember also the British troops and the families of those overseas or about to go overseas; bless the returning troops and their families at Glencorse.

Pray 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.

*(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!)*

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

### **May 2011**

Wed 4 May	7.30pm start of 5-week Omega course at 44 St James Gardens (not 25 May)
Sat 7 May	Quiz Night/Sue Owen birthday in Hall
Sat 14 May	Diocesan event: Fischy Music at St Thomas, Corstorphine
Sun 15 May	start of Christian Aid Week: lunch North Kirk
Thurs 19 May	8.15pm Vestry
Sat 28 May	Penicuik on Parade stalls in the Park

### **June 2011**

Sat 4 June	Leprosy Mission Pancake Morning 10am-12 noon
Sat 4 Jun	Zoo; + exhibition at later date tba
Sat 11 Jun	Diocesan children's Pentecost party; venue tba

Sun 12 Jun Music For a Summer Evening 19  
Sat 25 Jun **Sponsored walk** along railway

### **July 2011**

Sat 2 Jul 'Scotland Sings for Water' – see *March Outreach*  
Sun 3 Jul Sea Sunday + pot-luck lunch

### **August 2011**

Sat 6 Aug Scald Law climb, then Flotterstone Inn  
Sat 20 Aug Darts evening; venue tba  
Sun 28 Aug Parish Picnic at Penicuik House

### **September 2011**

Sat 3 Sept **Curry night** in Hall  
Sun 4 Sept Start-up Sunday; + tba  
Sat 10 Sept 'Doors Open' St James  
Sat 24 Sept **Treasure hunt** + barbecue

### **October 2011**

Fri 28 Oct **Ceilidh** + buffet at Bowling Club

### **November 2011**

tbc **'Bella's Bistro'** meal in Hall

### **December 2011**

Fri 9 Dec **Nigel's slide show**; + wine & cheese

### **2012**

Sat 28 Jan **Burns Supper**  
Fri 2 Mar World Day of Prayer at St James

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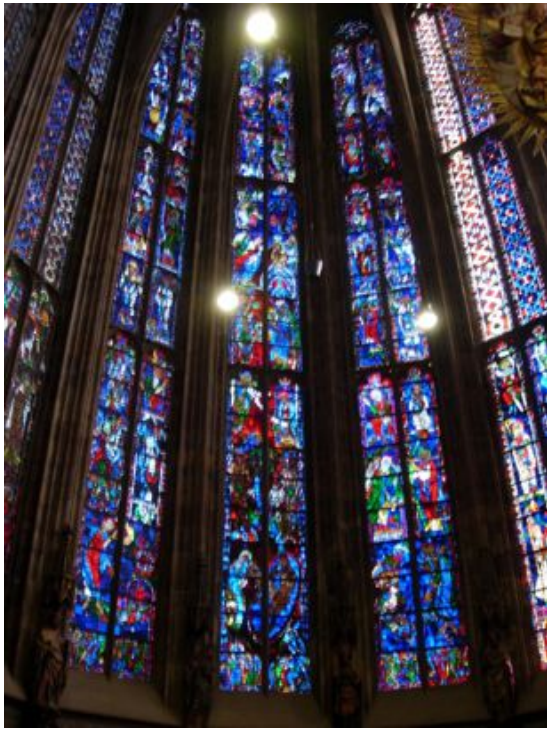
Joshua Matthew Owens was born 17 February 2011, a son for Kerry and Mark. He is grandson to Neil McLennan, and a great-grandson for Ian and Margaret McLennan



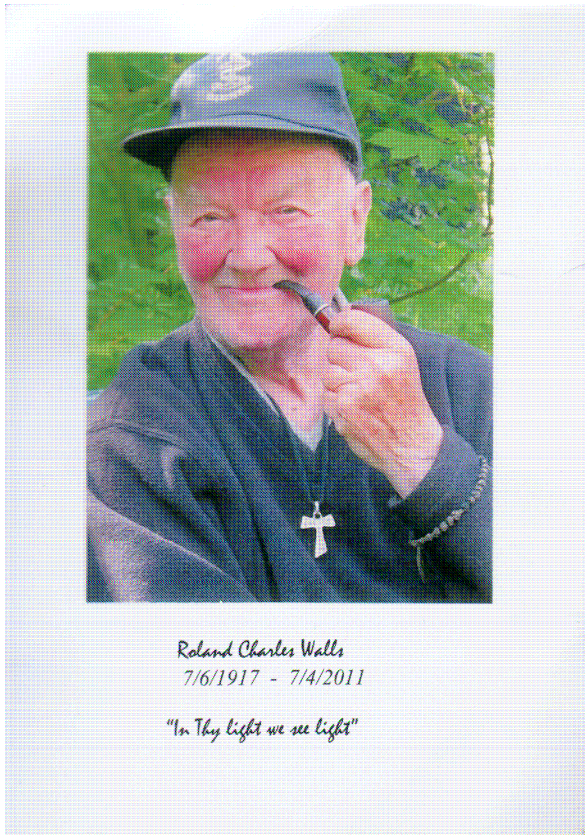
Ishbel and Rosina with the Mothering Sunday gifts they and Caitlin prepared!



Congratulations to Stephen McCluskey – 21 on 18 April 2011



Aachen Cathedral  
(see article on page 10)



See page 17 for Neville's reflection  
on the life of Roland Walls