



OUTREACH

St James the Less Scottish Episcopal Church, Penicuik



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From the Editor

The *Outreach* team hopes you all had an enjoyable Christmas, and that 2012 will be a good year for us all – despite its wet and windy start! We look forward to welcoming new contributors during the coming months – in particular, it would be great to justify our title, *Outreach*, by hearing from you about your involvement in the wider community. This could be about your work, or any organisations with which you have contact, or how you perceive the rôle of St James within such a community. This means also how that community impinges on our church family.

Below, you will see a reminder about *Outreach* subscriptions. Thank you for your continuing support, either as a regular contributor or reader.

The *Outreach* team.

Outreach subscriptions

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Service Times

Sundays: 11.00am Choral Communion; Evensong as announced
Wednesdays: 12.30pm 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.

Please join us in the Hall for coffee after the Sunday service. On most Sundays after the service, there is a Traidcraft stall in the Hall selling a range of items; the profits go towards "Penicuik for Africa" (PfA).

Groups and Activities

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

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

It was too much to bear. It really got up my nose. The Good News Bible referred to the Ark of the Covenant as "The Covenant Box". You may have noted a few hushed words between Faye Clerk and me as I got her to switch translations the other morning. The old priest Eli sleeps in his room next to "the lamp of the Lord" which has not yet completely gone out. The boy Samuel is asleep in the temple in proximity to the Ark of the Covenant – not simply a box – but a symbol of God's abiding presence in the midst of his people. The writer of *1st Samuel* wants us to feel the sense of hope – there is still time (the lamp

has not yet gone out) and we should expect something wonderful (God abides with his people).

“Life goes on without you” – a lesson best learned early. In fits and starts you learned it: when as a young man you suffered the indignity of being dumped by your girlfriend. In a fit of pique you imagined how someday she would rue the day she threw you aside. Privately, you let your friends know that it wouldn't be long before she came to her right mind.

Imagine your shock, then, when you met her at a house party a few months later and she was in the company of a young man who was infinitely your superior, and looked happy and had changed her hair. She didn't wait. She had no regrets. Your friends just shrugged. Life goes on without you.

You complain that your children never listened to your advice. You've sat down with them countless times and yet they seem intent on following their own path. There you are, years down the road, sitting at the end of your table like an Old Testament patriarch and there are your children and grandchildren, who have done more or less what they wanted to do, and seem to have made a sterling job of it notwithstanding your advice. Life goes on without you.

We see it in nature. You see it right in front of your house where you laid a perfectly good piece of blacktop over your driveway and within a few months the grass has poked its way through the surface.

There's a force out there to be reckoned with.

There is a trajectory to things which won't be defied.

Time has its arrow. Life goes on without us or in spite of us. And beyond our best efforts is a force which brings things back to the centre – a voice which speaks to the wayward and calls them back into line.

Things rebound. We have known men and women ripped apart by some terrible tragedy or merely set back by a disappointment or a challenge. We encounter them later on in the game and are amazed at the degree to which they have been able to rebound. We marvel at the

ability of ordinary people to get over things – to go beyond the limitations of whatever disaster has befallen them. We find that they, and we ourselves, are, as the Bible says, “fearfully and wonderfully made”. There is a healthful force that we had not reckoned with. The ‘worse case scenario’ has not taken place.

Our first reading the other morning was from the opening chapters of *The First Book of Samuel* which is part of a four-volume history – *1st and 2nd Samuel* and *1st and 2nd Kings*. The history contained in these four books runs from the birth of Samuel the Prophet until the Babylonian Captivity – an immense history – Saul and David, Solomon, Elijah and Elisha, wicked King Ahab and Jezebel his queen, Josiah the reformer. I could never hope to summarize them here. The other morning, however, we were in the opening chapters of this four-volume work and reading the story about a little boy in a dark place in the midst of an empty age. He is sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant. He hears a voice calling him. He misinterprets this, the first three times, for the voice of his boss – the old priest, Eli. It is Eli, however, who tells him to go back to his place and, the next time he hears the voice, to say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant hears”.

This is how it begins – this great “rebounding”. God begins to speak regularly to the boy Samuel and an age of prophecy begins again in Israel. The emptiness is filled and the dullness sharpened. Whether we are talking about the history of Israel or the historical life of an individual member of St James’ Church – it may be thought of as a river. It has rapids and it has a few calm bits behind rocks. There are places where you can rest and places where you need to keep your wits about you. Above all, you need to recognize that you’ve placed your little kayak into something which has a force about it – one which needs to be reckoned with.

The great readjustment in Israel – in the Books of Samuel – begins with hope and courage. It begins when a boy listens to a voice within and around him. The great readjustment in the lives of our congregation will begin no less with such courage, curiosity, hope and determination. We stand at the beginning of a new year when much can be different – if we will open our ears and our hearts.

Revd Rob Warren

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 Mae Mann, John Ford, Eric Marchant and Philip Crosfield; for Julia Clerk in New Zealand. Pray for the families and friends as they mourn the deaths of Isobel Collins, Ralph Hindle, Annie Reid and Jean Wasson.

Pray for all victims of the recent bad weather; for those left mourning after the Italian ship sank.

Pray for the work of all the organisations that folk from St James are involved with – pray for the work of Penicuik for Africa; 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; pray for the work of L'Arche with those who have learning disabilities. Pray that we might all be more caring for others.

(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!)

Financial matters

Collections	November	December
Cash	265	357
Gift aided cash	20	155
Envelopes	645	799
Direct Giving	<u>1,533</u>	<u>1,533</u>
Total	2,463	2,844

Graham Smith, Treasurer

Vestry moments

Summary of meeting Wednesday 11 January 2012

- A warm welcome was extended to Joan Douglas who has joined the Vestry team and to Geoff who is no longer a co-opted member but a full member of the team. Thanks were recorded for all the work that Adrian Marchant had put in during his time on Vestry.
- Nigel Johnston and Graham Smith were unanimously re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Nigel is currently on an extended holiday and Catherine Pow was elected Asst. Secretary to carry out his duties in his absence.
- Rob and Andy will be updating the Church Diary on the Website as it still shows the Healing Service, also the proposed Burns Supper is still showing in the Diary and this has been cancelled.
- Marion has a new fund raising plan for this year and it kicks off on 10th February with Bella's Bistro.
- Alice Dickson is going on a Zoology Trip to Madagascar and is holding a fund raising event in Penicuik Bowling Club on 9th March. This will be a games evening with food provided.
- The election of our new Bishop will take place on 4th and 11th February. There are 3 candidates who have been put forward for election.
- Rob is planning a pilgrimage to Spain in April he will be walking the 780k of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), he is planning to take 6 weeks sabbatical to do this, and he will be organising cover for the time he is away.
- Geoff has had a formal letter and contract from the Heritage Lottery Fund/Historic Scotland with the offer of £66,500. He hopes that the work may be able to start in July, so that gives us 6 months to really get the fund raising going!!

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 March 2012 at 8.15pm

Isobel Stenhouse
Minutes Secretary

Choir News - February 2012

Welcome to the first choir news of 2012, and, after a very mild winter so far, I hope that we haven't lost our competency in coping with deep snow gained over the past two winters.

I hope too that you enjoyed the music that was on offer throughout Advent and Christmas. For me, two particular highlights were the nativity presentation organised by our Young Church leaders and the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The turn out for the carol service in particular shows how much the service is appreciated by the people of Pencuik. It is an important form of outreach to the town. The service seems to grow in parallel with the Hope4Pencuik carol event in the Town Hall. All the churches provide information on Christmas services in a specially designed Christmas card which is delivered to every home in Pencuik. Thanks to everyone at St James who helped out with the delivery of our share of the cards.

We had a great Choir Party on 14th January and welcomed our friends from other churches who have sung with us during the year. We also welcomed Georgina and Richard who couldn't attend the last two parties because of deep snow! The now traditional quiz was won by Alison's table group – three in a row??

Already as I write this choir news, the Church lectionary has us looking ahead to a wedding in Cana and then ... the season of Lent. Musically we hope to include some anthems before Lent. Ash Wednesday is **22nd February** and Passion Sunday on **25th March** when we will have an evening devotional service of music and readings for Passiontide.

The mere mention of February *Outreach* reminds me that Irene Hair (MIL) will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 5th February; perhaps she might like to select a special hymn at the family service?

Happy birthday Irene xx

David McGavin

Make a Mother's Day – 18 March 2012

Mothers' Union is working through a grassroots membership of 4 million people in 84 countries to support families and communities around the world.

This Mothering Sunday, as you remember your mother, we are asking you do something a little different. Instead of flowers or a box of chocolates, why not buy her an ethical gift that will support another mother? Will you give an ethical gift this Mothering Sunday and change a life?

Whatever gift you choose, you can know that it will be funding our work in some of the world's most deprived communities. Each gift represents part of the cost crucial to running a Mothers' Union project. A gift, however small, can make a real difference to a mother's life.

You will be sent a card to give to your mother or you can get the card 'in memory' of your mother. In order for you to receive the card in time to send to your mother for Mothering Sunday, the deadline for ordering is **Wednesday 7 March 2012**.

Either phone for a catalogue to Hilary on **01475 686213** or email, hilary.moran@btinternet.com or go on line to the website <http://www.makeamothersday.org/>

Mothers' Union

8 Feb 2012 – Lunch
22 Feb 2012 – Ash Wednesday: Lunch & speaker tbc
2 Mar 2012 – **7.30 pm World Day of Prayer:** Service in St James.
All are welcome to join us, it is not just for women, it is for all to take part. The service has been produced by the women of Malaysia.

Margaret Coull

[reminder from Cathy McIlwhan (MU Treasurer) that £20 subs due asap please, thank you]

Church Women's Fellowship

Dates for meetings: Mondays 20 February, 19 March and 16 April 2012.

It was decided that the money given for January's lunch should go to the Church Tower Fund. Jean Hindle had been able to attend, and much appreciated the time of fellowship with friends.

Jean Wright told the ladies that she and Isobel Stenhouse would be catering for the 'Bistro' night in February, and the Tower Fund is to benefit.

Cathie McIlwhan

[see photo, below, of the recent lunch – Ed]



Penicuik for Africa (PfA)

Thanks to all who bought our Christmas table decorations or made a seasonal donation to one of our funds: we have another £300 or so to support Chitambo and our next project. The news from Chitambo is that the Nurse Training School opened on January 15th 2012, a year behind schedule. The delay was caused by a change of political power after last year's elections in Zambia. *African Medical Aid Films* were there to record the ceremony and we hope to show clips at our spring fellowship lunch. Levi Chefwaila has suggested that if we had spare funds, the gift of a new training mannequin would be much appreciated. Jo Vallis' multi-group IT project has enabled the distribution of PCs to several training schools, including Chitambo's, and identified a 'local hero', who is being trained by our collaborators, Macha Works.

Neville Suttle

Baptisms

Baptised on Sunday 4 December 2011 were **Annie Rose Broughton** (granddaughter to Sir Robert and Lady Faye Clerk), and **Stephen John Doyle**. Stephen also underwent total immersion in the North Esk!



Congratulations ...

... to **Irene Hair**, who celebrates her 90th birthday on 5 February 2012 and

... to **Margaret** and **Ian MacLennan**, who celebrate 60 years of marriage on 16 February 2012 – their diamond wedding anniversary.

Best wishes from everyone at St James the Less.

RIP

Ruth Green's mother, **Jean Mary Wasson** died on 24 November 2011, aged 92.

Isobel Collins, mother of Lady Faye Clerk, died 12 December 2011.

Annie Reid died on Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Ralph Hindle, died 19 January 2012

[remembrance of Ralph in next issue]

Our thoughts are with their families and friends at this sad time; they will be sorely missed by those who knew them.

Annie Reid

27 March 1918 –10 January 2012

Annie lived all her life in Penicuik. Although brought up in the North Kirk, she was confirmed at St James the Less when, in 1940, she married Robert (Abie), who was a choir member for 64 years, and Crucifer. She sang alto in the choir until Anne was born, but attended faithfully every week when there were very few in the congregation. Annie was a member of the Mothers' Union, helped with sales of work, coffee mornings, cleaning the church and helping Robert with the grounds and painting when necessary. Although she did not attend in later years, she was always kept up to date through the magazine taken to her by her friend Mona Bennett.

Margaret Coull

1662 and All That

Haddington Conference 2012:

The 350th anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer will be marked throughout the land in 2012, three-and-a-half centuries after it was introduced. Here in the Diocese of Edinburgh we will hold a conference in historic Haddington to celebrate this anniversary. It will look back at the history of liturgy in the Scottish Episcopal Church and the influence of the Book of Common Prayer over the years and also forwards to how we pray and use liturgy today and our hopes for the future.

Saturday 25 February 2012 10am-4pm Cost £7.50/£5.00

Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX

Please send your completed form (available online) to: Elspeth Strachan, *Adventures in Faith*, Edinburgh Diocesan Centre, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

email: adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org

or telephone 0131 538 7033 for more details or visit: www.edinburgh.anglican.org

For details of other courses/events, visit Diocesan website or see our notice board.

Don't forget to hold in prayer those attending the **Electoral Synod on Saturday 4 and 11 February 2012 to elect our new bishop. The candidates are:**

The Very Revd Dr John Armes (born 1955), Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh and Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh; Rector of St John the Evangelist church, Edinburgh

The Revd Michael Parker (born 1954), Senior Minister for English-speaking congregations, All Saints Cathedral, Cairo

The Revd Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen (born 1951), Canon Theologian of Worcester Cathedral

Rotas

February 2012

	5 February	12 February	19 February	26 February
	3 rd Sunday before Lent	2 nd Sunday before Lent	Sunday next before Lent	1 st Sunday in Lent
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	David	Jennifer
St Mungo's Organists		Jean		David
Sidesmen	Elizabeth Clark Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore Isobel Stenhouse	McGarvas	Catherine Pow Des Frantom
Bread and wine	Young Church	Leavys	Barretts	Sibleys
1st reading	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i>	<i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i>	<i>2 Kings 2:1-12</i>	<i>Genesis 9:8-17</i>
	Brigitte Fuge	Adrian Marchant	Gill Amos	Marion Mather
2nd reading	<i>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i>
	Ian Fuge	Val McGavin	Geoff Mather	Sue Crosfield
Gospel	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	<i>Mark 1:40-45</i>	<i>Mark 9:2-9</i>	<i>Mark 1:9-15</i>
Prayers	Elizabeth Clark	David McGavin	Geoff Mather	Sue Crosfield
Pray for	MU	Choir	Clergy team	J-tots
Server	Martin/Steven	Val	Sue Owen/Alice	Angela
Coffee	Mona Bennett Margaret MacLennan	Kathleen Cox Smiths	Margaret Vesco Joyce Black	McGarvas
Flowers	----- ??? Marion Mather ??? -----			
Cleaning	Sue Owen Gillian Little	-----	Clerks	Clerks
Welcomers	McGarvas	Nigel Johnston	Andy Longmore	Robert Clerk
Care Van			St James	
Pentland House				

March 2012

	4 March	11 March	18 March	25 March
	Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Lent 5
11.00am Organist	Jean	Jennifer	David	Jennifer
St Mungo's Organists		Jean		David
Sidesmen	Tom Moffat Richard Phillips	Marchants	Andy Longmore Isabel Stenhouse	Margaret Coull Elizabeth Clark
Bread and wine	Young Church	Dicksons	Frantoms	Clerks
1st reading	<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>
	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	Fay Clerk	Joyce Black
2nd reading	<i>Romans 4:13-25</i>	<i>Corinthians 1:18-25</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>	<i>Hebrews 5:5-10</i>
	Gillian Little	Glynis Murray	Georgina Phillips	Margaret Coull
Gospel	<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	Andy Longmore	Alan Murray	David McGavin	Elizabeth Clark
Pray for	MU	Pastoral Care Group	Care Van	Jubilee Scotland
Server	Martin/Steven	Val	Sue Owen/Alice	Angela
Coffee	Gillian Little Marion Mather	Isobel Stenhouse Jean Wright	Marchants	Barretts
Flowers	----- Lent -----			
Cleaning	-----	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	Gill Amos Isobel Stenhouse	-----
Welcomers	Nigel Johnston	McGarvas	Robert Clerk	Andy Longmore
Care Van			St James	
Pentland House				

S Jacop de Kle

In modern German, the inscription on the front cover picture would be St Jacob der Kleiner or, in English, St James the Less of course. It is not in a church, but in the Council Chamber in the city hall in Münster, a city just north of the Ruhr in Germany. The room, known as the Friedenssaal (Peace Hall) is where the Peace of Westphalia, ending the Thirty Years War, was hammered out in 1648. The room is lined with exquisite sixteenth century carved wooden panelling. One wall has 14 panels – Christ, the twelve apostles and St Paul (the dedicatee of the city's cathedral).

Below is a view of the Friedenssaal giving an idea of the extent of the carvings. On the left, you can see the end of the run of the apostle carvings. Above these are portraits of all the delegates that attended the peace negotiations. At the far end of the room, each of the carvings is a door to a cupboard in which the city's most important documents were once kept.

Ian Fuge



Alice's adventure

"I am going to Madagascar from the 6th of July until the 6th of August 2012. While I am there, I will be carrying out conservation work to aid the Malagasy government with their effort to preserve their rare unique species – this will involve taking a week long course about the Malagasy ecology and then using trapping and transect surveys to record the species observed. I will also be experiencing a different culture while in the capital for a short length of time.

I got involved in this opportunity while studying evolution in action as part of my course: *Operation Wallacea* came and spoke to us at the start of one of the lectures and, along with three other students also studying zoology, I booked to go on the Madagascar expedition. This year *Operation Wallacea* is operating in 11 different countries, including Honduras, Peru, Egypt and Mozambique, with 25 different programmes throughout these countries. Their achievements include discovering 30 new vertebrate species as well as three species thought previously to be extinct. This expedition will give me a first hand view of possible career opportunities as well as teaching me key skills that may be useful in my future study.

To enable me to carry out this expedition requires a lot of fundraising, and therefore I am having a fundraiser night in **Penicuik Bowling Club sometime in March 2012**. This will be an evening of dining and activities (themed around Madagascar and animals in general). The expedition is costing approx. £1,875 for accommodation, food and insurance, added to which I have the cost of flights, equipment and injections."

Thank you
Alice Dickson

[Congratulations on being selected, Alice, and good luck with your fund raising. Look out for further details on the notice board, and do ask Alice about her trip – Ed]

Recycle resolutions and save the planet!

Those of you who were at the One World Week service in October may remember a little ‘activity’ we did to focus our minds on the careless and wasteful things that we did, and how we might change our lifestyle to be more considerate towards our precious inheritance. We hung autumn leaves on a bare branch as we went forward to receive communion: they carried our resolutions to discard our careless ways. As we left church, we put green leaves on another branch: they bore witness to our determination to act more responsibly in future.

If you have not bothered to make any New Year resolutions, you could do worse than take a leaf off those branches and recycle our good intentions. Here are some of the *confessions* and *vows* that were made.

I confess I ...

I vow to ...

I eat too much cheese	Cut down my portion sizes
I must stop using the tumble drier for socks	Use the clothes horse and outdoor line
I keep the house too warm	Turn the thermostat down
I waste water	Find out more about drought
I use the dishwasher too much	Put up a reminder to switch lights off
I use too much unsustainable fuel	I can cycle and walk more

Neville Suttle

Omega group

From time to time, the term *progressive Christianity* has cropped up under the *Omega* heading, and may have left you wondering what it meant. It probably means different things to different *progressives*, and to cover a multitude of *sins* by some *conservatives*. To members of the burgeoning *Progressive Christianity Network (PCN)* in the UK, it means this:

We are Christians who ...

- Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus
- Recognise the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the gateway to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us
- Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples
- Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
 - believers and agnostics
 - conventional Christians and questioning sceptics
 - women and men
 - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities
 - those of all races and cultures
 - those of all classes and abilities
 - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope;
- Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe
- Find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty, more value in questioning than in absolutes
- Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people; protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation; and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers

- Recognise that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege

I suspect that this may cover the views of many at St James, including two correspondents to recent numbers of *Outreach*. Could we fairly be described as a congregation of predominantly *progressive Christians*? What are the advantages and disadvantages of being so known and described? Do we live up to such aspirations? This will be the topic for discussion when *Omega* begins a new spring session of three meetings on Wednesday, 1 February 2012, 7.30 pm, at 44, St James Gardens, Penicuik. New and old associates will be most welcome to our informal, relaxed and pragmatic gatherings.

Neville Suttle

Future fundraising events

We start the year with “Bella’s Bistro”, a candlelit, 3-course home-cooked meal in the Church Hall, with entertainment provided by Graham McDonald, well-known local pianist. This will be on **Friday 10 February 2012**, 7pm for 7.30pm. To assist the caterers, please pre-order your choices from the menu. Tickets £12, (BYOB), from Marion Mather (01968 678081) or Kathleen Cox (01968 673567).

Proposed events for this year include a slide show of old Penicuik (March), Daffodil Tea (April), Penicuik in the Park (May), a lapidary demonstration (June), Tesco bag pack (July), Penicuik Street Fair (August), a Folk Night (September), sponsored cycle (October) with a grand finish at a St Andrew’s Day Ceilidh (November). Plenty there to whet the appetite – these events have yet to be confirmed and dates booked, so look out for details in *Outreach* and on the notice board at church. Thank you again for all your support.

Marion and the Team

Fundraising for Free

Do you shop online? Do you 'Google' (or 'Yahoo' or 'Bing')? Would you like your shopping and/or searching to benefit St James financially? This is possible at no cost to you and for minimal effort.

There is a website (easyfundraising.org.uk) that has links to over 2,000 online suppliers, including many of the biggest names. If, instead of going direct to the supplier's website, you go to it via *easyfundraising's* link, the supplier will make a donation to St James. The link re-directs you to the supplier's own website, so the look and, most importantly, the price are exactly the same as if you go there direct. The donation is in the form of a percentage or lump sum discount applied by the supplier and given to *easyfundraising* who forward the full amount to our treasurer.

There is a one-time registration which takes a couple of minutes to complete

1. Go to the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Click on 'Register'.
3. A new page is displayed. In the 'Support Your Cause' box, start typing 'St James the Less'. A list of causes is displayed. When you see 'St James the Less, Penicuik', click on that.
4. A new page is displayed. Enter your name, your e-mail address and your choice of password as instructed.
5. Tick or not the remaining boxes as you wish.
 - If it is your computer, I suggest you consider ticking 'Remember me' – it will save you having to log in each time you go to *easyfundraising*
 - If you tick to receive messages, you will get two or three e-mails a week listing all sorts of offers from the suppliers. It's up to you to decide if you would find that useful. You can change your mind later by going into 'Account' and changing the settings.
 - You need to tick to agree to the terms and conditions
6. A new page is displayed and you can start shopping or searching

Now you can start raising the money.

1. Go to the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. If you did not click on 'Remember me', you will need to log on with your e-mail address and password.

3. If you wish to shop, click on 'Retailers', 'Categories' or use the search facility – I'm sure you'll soon figure it out. It takes no more than three clicks to get to the supplier's website. If you use a particular supplier frequently, it will appear on the drop-down menu 'Favourites' in the top right hand corner of the window.
4. If you wish to search, click on 'easysearch' on the drop-down menu under 'Raise More' on the blue banner across the top of every page and follow the instructions.

To make life easier, you can bookmark both the shopping and the search websites. And there are more things that should make life easier still. I will investigate and report in future editions of *Outreach*.

Is it worth it? Consider this example:

New RAC Home Insurance policy		Lump sum	£22.50
Books at Amazon	£50	2.5% Disc	£1.25
Furniture at John Lewis	£1150	1.5% Disc	£17.25
A weekend at a Hilton hotel	£250	3.0% Disc	£7.50
A box of wine from Waitrose	£50	2.5% Disc	£1.25
50 web searches @ 0.5p per search			<u>£0.25</u>
		TOTAL DONATION	<u>£50.00</u>

Remember – all of that £50 will be provided by the suppliers; you won't have paid a penny extra and it will have been for very little effort. If you have any problems, speak to me and I will try to help. And please persuade your family and friends to use it too.

Ian Fuge [at request of Vestry & Fundraising Committee]

Another 'mad scientist'?

Early notice of a talk from Professor Murray Campbell (whom you might know also for his music) on Thursday 1 March 2012, entitled '***A physicist's view of faith***'. This will start at 8pm in Carlops – either in the church or the hall next to it – watch for confirmation of details later. Professor Campbell is Senior Honorary Professorial Fellow in the School of Physics and Astronomy at Edinburgh University, and a member of Carlops Parish Church.

From the archives

Recent *Outreach* issues have included some snippets from back numbers of the church magazine, but as we do not hold a complete run, it has become more difficult to trawl for material. We hope you enjoyed the peek into St James' past. We might revisit at a later date, if there is interest.

Perhaps you also heard Rob mention in a sermon the glimpse he has from his place in the stalls on Sunday, through the open door, of the photos of our past ministers. At a recent funeral, the choir members sat on that side of the chancel, and ... I saw exactly what Rob meant! Maybe *you* also wonder who they were, what their lives were like before coming to St James. The Church Archive seems to hold no definitive study of these men – I am happy to be corrected if anyone knows different. My curiosity had already been piqued, and I have, for a while, been sporadically ferreting around in the Archive, in other documents and online. Much of the resulting material is pretty mundane – vital records and censuses etc – but complemented by mention in our Archives. If anyone has any relevant material they would be willing to share (originals could be scanned and returned), or memories of more recent incumbents, I would be very grateful.

As space permits, I'd like to include in *Outreach* some of these findings. We cannot stay put in the past, we need to grow and move on, but I feel strongly that we also need to be aware of our origins, those who came before us at St James.

Remember – any queries or information, offerings of material for the Archive, should be passed to St James' Archivist, Margaret Coull.

Georgina Phillips

Biblical misquotes

1. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
3. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark
4. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears
5. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night
6. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals
7. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah
8. Sampson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
9. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients
10. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments
11. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple
12. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery
13. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. The Oshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol
14. The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him
15. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins a race of people who lived in biblical time
16. Solomon, one of David's sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines
17. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta
18. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager
19. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption
20. St John the blacksmith, dumped water on his head
21. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man does not live by sweat alone
22. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance
23. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels

24. The epistles were the wives of the apostles
25. One of the opposiums was a St Matthew, who was also a taximan
26. St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage
27. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony

***Quiz answers – Christmas Carols & songs as never before!
(previous issue)***

1. O come all ye faithful
2. O little town of Bethlehem
3. Silent night
4. Deck the halls
5. I saw mummy kissing Santa Claus
6. All I want for Christmas is my 2 front teeth
7. Angels from the realms of glory
8. The little drummer boy
9. Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer
10. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
11. We 3 kings of Orient are
12. We wish you a merry Christmas



Seen outside Grantham United Reform Church
Submitted by Gillian Little

Events coming soon...

PfA: Penicuik for Africa; CWF: Church Women's Fellowship

February 2012

Web 8 Feb **Omega (2)**
Fri 10 Feb **Bella's Bistro - 7.00 for 7.30 in the Hall**
Wed 15 Feb **Omega (3)**
Mon 20 Feb **CWF**
Tue 21 Feb **Shrove Tuesday**
Wed 22 Feb **Ash Wednesday**

March 2012

Fri 2 Mar **World Day of Prayer at St James**
Thu 15 Mar **Vestry – 8.15 p.m.**
Mon 19 Mar **CWF**
Sun 25 Mar **Evening Passiontide service**
tbc **PfA Fellowship Lunch**
tbc **Jim Baird's Penicuik Slides show**
tbc **Alice's Fundraiser in the Bowling Club**

April 2012

Mon 16 Apr **CWF**

Outreach can also be viewed on the St James website:

<http://www.stjamespenicuik.co.uk>. The next issue will be published on Sunday 4th March 2012. Information about events, and contributions, should be with the Editor, Georgina Phillips 01968 661039, Merlewood, The Loan, West Linton, EH46 7HE phillg13@toucansurf.com, by **NOON Wednesday 22nd February 2012** at the latest

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To Keep a True Lent

Is this a Fast, to keep
The larder lean,
And clean,
From fat of veals, and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go
Or show
A downcast look, and sour?

No; 'tis a fast, to dole
Thy sheaf or wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent,
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.

[with Lent starting at the end of February, it seemed apt to reread this poem by Robert Herrick (1591-1674)]