

# White Rose Newsletter

The Parish Newsletter of Old Saint Paul's Church

March 2008.

## Options, Decisions, Decisions ...

In 1689 Bishop Alexander Rose didn't have many options. He'd no sooner sworn his oath of allegiance to King James VII, than the king fled the country and he and those remaining loyal to him had to leave St Giles. "Beggars can't be choosers". They had to accept what was offered; a building in a cramped, steep close. We still live off the drama-

-and the inconvenience!

After the new church was begun in Jeffrey St and the second phase was being built, the possibility was explored of turning the whole thing round so as to concentrate on entry from Jeffrey Street (see picture right for an artist's impression). Get your magnifying glass out ...

... but declined - and the entry from Carrubbers Close maintained.

With three properties; the Church itself, the Laurie Halls and Lauder House, demanding our attention, where do we start? Over recent years various groups, committees and sub-committees have pondered and considered options and priorities.

"You've got to make a start somewhere".

On 27th February, the Vestry agreed to apply for grant aid from Historic Scotland. The closing date for the completed form to be in to the offices of Historic Scotland in Salisbury Place was 28th February 2008 - and no allowance for Leap Years!!

This was not as the result of a moment of madness by the Vestry. Over recent years the Vestry, the Property Committee and, at least, two groups have looked at the



Above: An artist's impression of what we could have had

matter of "Where do we start?"

We've done Stage 1 with our Autumn of Stewardship so that we cover our running costs.

Stage 2 involves ... you've guessed it! Money! So we start by looking for Grants. The grant-giving bodies ask "What effort are you making to raise your 40%?"

Watch this space ...

Jim Wynn-Evans  
Property Committee Convenor

## Holy Week at OSP

### **PALM SUNDAY (16 MARCH)**

- 8.00am Mass
- 10.30am Palm Procession and High Mass
- 6.30pm Stations of the Cross



### **MONDAY (17 MARCH)**

- 12.20pm Mass

### **TUESDAY (18 MARCH)**

- 8.00am Mass

### **WEDNESDAY (19 MARCH)**

- 8.00am Mass
- 7.30pm Tenebrae (a traditional evening liturgy for Holy Week)

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (20 MARCH)**

- 11.30am Chrim Mass in St Mary's Cathedral
  - 7.30pm High Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Followed by the *Watch of the Passion* until noon on Good Friday

### **GOOD FRIDAY (21 MARCH)**

- Noon - 3pm Three Hours' Devotion including
- 1.30pm Liturgy of the Passion

### **HOLY SATURDAY (22 MARCH)**

- 10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross
- 2.30pm The Easter Play, West Princes Street Gardens

### **EASTER DAY (23 MARCH)**

- 5.00am Easter Vigil Mass (Followed by breakfast & a climb up Arthur's Seat)
- 8.00am Mass
- 10.30am High Mass
- 6.30am Evensong & Benediction

Full details of the Holy Week & Easter services are on the website:  
[www.osp.org.uk](http://www.osp.org.uk)



## Young St. Paul's Returns!

When in the church hall, you may have noticed invitations on the announcement board for young people to come together for a new class. Several people have enquired about what's happening with our young people as a result. To fill you in, the Children's Ministry Team is re-starting Young St. Paul's, a youth group which will involve bible study, service projects, social activities, and time in worship together.



This time around, however, the age group is slightly different. Recognising that we have a significant number of young people aged 9-13 who are aging out of the younger Sunday School/Godly Play group, we decided to build a youth program specifically geared towards ministering to this age group. As the years go by, we'll adapt the group, moving towards two groups in Young St. Paul's (one group for students in P5-P7 and the other group for students in S1 and above).

We meet about twice a month from 9am to 9:45am in the church hall. Those young

people who sing in the choir or serve are then able to move along to their other roles on a Sunday morning. Meanwhile, the remaining young people are able to go with a volunteer up the sanctuary for High Mass together. The Sunday morning activities are coupled up with either a social event or a service project on a Saturday afternoon once a month. Our first such activity will be painting a mural designed by Theo Upton in the crèche on April 19th with the help of John Thompson.

If you are interested in helping out with Young St. Paul's or know of a young person we should be inviting along, then please speak to Michelle or email her at [michelle.brown@osp.org.uk](mailto:michelle.brown@osp.org.uk)

## Our Newborn Crèche

Over the past two months, our crèche room has been lovingly redecorated with the wonderful help of Jim Wynn-Evans, the property committee, Nigel Cook and the Vestry. As toddlers, infants, volunteers and parents enter our crèche room, they are now greeted by lit up animal shapes on our walls which have also received a fresh coat of paint. Spotlights on the pin board showcase the artwork of our children as well.

New safety features, such as our barn style split door (for easy communication to the Godly Play group in the hall) and our permanent children's safety gate/bookshelf in the drop down corner of the room have made a world of a difference in protecting our toddlers from falling down steps in the crèche, while the bookshelf also provides extra storage space which is always welcome!

The furniture and toys have been placed around the room to create designated

spaces for reading, art work, rest time and play time. Curtains are next to be added, providing a bit more warmth to the room. Meanwhile, the youth group have designed a mural to be added to a wall of the crèche in April.

Children, families, volunteers and congregation members who have passed through the room in the past few weeks have been sharing such positive responses to the changes. The children's ministry team and I are incredibly thankful to all involved in the revamp of our dedicated space for children. We welcome you to come by and have a look during coffee time after High Mass some Sunday.



## From the Rector

First, I want to thank you for your prayers, phone calls, letters, cards, flowers, fruit, biscuits and chocolate! I have been quite overwhelmed by your kindness and concern.

I am also happy to tell you that all is going well - so far, so good. The operation was long but, according to the surgeons, successful and since then I have been making steady progress which I hope the next lot of tests will confirm.

Although I am enjoying the chance to relax, read and watch TV - a treat for me - I do miss you all and hope that it will not be too long before I am allowed back to work.

With my thanks and love

*Ian.*

## Can you help?

Do you have one Sunday a month to share your morning with our youngest members of the congregation? Could you share God's love with our wee ones by playing games, looking out for their safety and being a positive presence in the crèche on a Sunday morning?

If you have a heart for seeing our youngest part of the church family grow in faith from birth through to Sunday School then you could be exactly who we're looking for! You could be a crèche volunteer! If you're interested, please speak to Michelle Brown after Mass or email her at [michelle.brown@osp.org.uk](mailto:michelle.brown@osp.org.uk)

## Children's Corner

Our new children's corner is at the back of the Lady Chapel during High Mass. This is for any family with young ones in need of a space to play quietly with their parents at the end of Mass.

## Spirituality Festival

The Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace runs from 1 to 11 March. Details on their website: [www.mesp.org.uk](http://www.mesp.org.uk)

## Treasurer's Report

The table shows financial activity for the 3 months to 31 December 2007, compared with the Vestry's budget and the previous year activity for the same period.

The significant increase in giving will be noted, although the benefits of the stewardship programme do not fully come through until the second quarter. We continue to see a welcome rise in income from space letting and other fundraising.

Increased income has helped to cover some over-runs on budget. Some of these are timing differences (where actual costs are falling earlier than budgeted).

Other budget variances are the result of policy decisions made by the Vestry which can now be implemented following the result of the stewardship programme. For example, these include additional expenditure relating to children's ministry and our continuing programme to maintain and preserve our buildings.

I shall be happy to answer any questions on the church accounts which anyone may have. (*Nigel can be contacted at [finance@osp.org.uk](mailto:finance@osp.org.uk)*)

*Nigel Cook,  
Treasurer*

## Art Fair

On Saturday 8 March from 11am-5pm in the hall, there will be a showcase for Edinburgh art students and local professional artists. Food will be on sale and there will be live music. The profits will go to Shelter.

## Gifford Lectures

The subject of this year's Lecture Series is 'Friendship and its place in life', delivered by Alexander Nehamas.

The Series will be held on 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20 March at 5.30pm in the Playfair Library. For more information contact Elspeth Strachan, Adventures in Faith, Diocesan Centre, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL, Tel 0131 538 7033 Email [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

# Quarterly Financial Report

## Old Saint Paul's Church

### Unaudited accounts for the 3 months ended 31 December 2007

#### Summary of general fund

	Actual	Budget	Prior
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<i>Voluntary income:</i>			
Giving	23,643	21,726	20,330
Legacies and donations	2,220	1,346	2,362
	<u>25,863</u>	<u>23,072</u>	<u>22,692</u>
Space letting & fundraising	3,410	2,725	2,126
Investment income	1,774	1,930	1,683
Income from activities	621	865	624
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>31,668</b>	<b>28,592</b>	<b>27,125</b>

#### Resources expended

Cost of generating funds	812	433	3,619
<i>Charitable activities:</i>			
Clergy costs	10,327	9,736	10,262
Worship costs	3,646	3,268	3,489
Premises & fabric costs	10,288	9,961	8,895
Office costs	3,216	2,956	2,851
Activity & Other costs	3,014	1,714	802
Diocesan quota	990	1,247	1,188
Grants & donations	5	-	30
	<u>31,486</u>	<u>28,882</u>	<u>27,517</u>
Governance costs	3	-	294
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>32,301</b>	<b>29,315</b>	<b>31,430</b>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	-633	-723	-4,305
Transfers to other funds	-300	-300	-300
Net movement in general fund	-933	-1,023	-4,605
General fund balance 30 September 2006	440,297		419,461
<b>General fund balance 31 December 2007</b>	<b>439,364</b>		<b>414,856</b>

#### Summary of other funds

	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment fund
Legacies and donations	-	200	2,564
Investment income	60	534	355
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2,919</b>
Premises & fabric costs	6,771	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-
Grantmaking	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>6,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	-6,711	734	2,919
Transfers from general fund	300	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-6,411</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2,919</b>
Fund balances 30 September 2006	128,824	47,528	39,493
<b>Fund balances 31 December 2007</b>	<b>122,413</b>	<b>48,262</b>	<b>42,412</b>

# Together at Lambeth



In July this year the bishops of the Anglican Communion will meet in Canterbury for the latest Lambeth Conference. As the press is all too keen to point out, this will be steeped in controversy, with some bishops refusing to attend and planning an alternative conference in Amman, Jordan. Talk of schism within the Communion is rife, with the issue of homosexuality taking pride of place, a sad indictment when so much of the world is suffering from poverty, HIV/AIDS, lack of water, inequality and injustice - issues on which the Church should surely be concentrating.

Edinburgh diocese recently organised two pre-Lambeth conferences at Holy Trinity, Haddington, the first discussing the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) and the second being a wider discussion of the SEC's role within the Anglican Communion. Before attending, my views about the Anglican Communion were ambivalent - would it really matter if we did split? Differing views seem so bitterly polarised that dialogue has all but failed. But by the end of the conferences, I realised that it did matter and I did not want to see the end of this worldwide fellowship.

The first conference contained very interesting presentations on the history of the SEC, its socio-political profile, its role in Scottish public life including academic involvement and ecumenical relationships. Descriptions such as 'inclusive', 'freedom within diversity', 'flexibility of structure', 'less judgemental' and 'prophetic' were

used within the plenary sessions and the Bishop stated that, although we were not the established church, we were embedded in society and, although statistically small, we do punch above our weight. I came away feeling quite smug and rather superior to the Church of England!

The second conference was widened to the Anglican Communion and we heard an informative and fascinating presentation by a guest speaker, Kevin Ward. There followed presentations about the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), one of the instruments of the Anglican Communion, the International Anglican Youth Network and a speaker who has spent many years in an advisory capacity in various parts of the Anglican Communion.

The SEC has shown that dialogue is possible over difficult issues. Indeed, Edinburgh diocese itself contains very differing views but, as was pointed out in the plenary session, we have managed to contain all these views within our fellowship and have not resorted to schism. Perhaps the Anglican Communion should follow our example?

Lynne Niven

## Diary Dates

### March

**WEDNESDAY 5TH**

**11.00am:** Hall Mass followed by a light lunch

**7.00pm:** Fairtrade evening on the hall - see page 2 article for details.

**FRIDAY 7TH 7.30PM**

Concert - Edinburgh University Singers & the RSAMD Chamber Choir under John Kitchen and Michael Bawtree. Tickets £7 (£5), see page 6 article for details.

**SATURDAY 8TH 11AM - 5PM**

Art Fair in the Hall - see page 6 for details.

**THURSDAY 13TH 8PM**

Finance Committee meeting

**SUNDAY 16TH PALM SUNDAY**

Fairtrade stall after Mass.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

See front page for details

**SATURDAY 29TH**

OSP Walking Group: Cockburnspath & St Abbs Walk, time to be announced see Alastair Learmont for details.

### April

**WEDNESDAY 16TH 6.45PM**

Vestry Meeting

**SUNDAY 20TH**

Fairtrade stall after Mass.

April issue deadline : 26 March

Send any details to **Jean Keltie** or email: [newsletter@osp.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@osp.org.uk)

## Reloku

No. 29

This is a version of Sudoku, using letters and with a religious theme. Fill the grid in so every row, column and 3x3 box contains the following letters:

**G I V E R O U N D**

When completed, the grid will reveal a word appearing in a familiar Easter hymn. This month's puzzle is rated easy. Solution next month.

*This month's puzzle is rated easy.*

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Last month's solution was Candlemas, which we celebrated at the beginning of the month.

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N	U	A	S	M	E	D	C	L
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D	L	M	U	S	N	C	A	E
E	C	U	A	D	M	N	L	S

# Calendar & Rotas for March 2008

Day & Observance	10.30 am High Mass				6.30 pm
	Readings	Readers	Intercessor	Offertory	Readings & Reader
<b>March 2</b> 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	1 Samuel 16.1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41	James Campbell  Hilary Campbell	Frank Ribbons	Anthea Orr Jimmy Blair	Numbers 21.4-9 John 3.14-21  Jennie Gardner
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon 3</b> - John and Charles Wesley, priests and evangelists, 1791, 1788 <b>Tue 4</b> - Adrian of May Island, abbot, and Companions, martyrs, 885; <b>Thu 6</b> - Baldred, bishop, 608 <b>Fri 7</b> - Perpetua and Companions, martyrs at Carthage, 203; <b>Sat 8</b> - Duthac, bishop in Ross, 1068				
<b>March 9</b> 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 1.11-45	Andrew Kerr  Susanna Kerr	Youth Group	Dick & Marjorie Turkington	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>  John Thompson Reader tbc
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon 10</b> - Kessog, bishop in the Trossachs, c 700				
<b>March 16</b> SUNDAY OF THE PASSION Palm Sunday	Matthew 21.1-11 Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 27.11-54	Jean Keltie  Robin Carmichael	Jim Wynn-Evans	Tina Wood Pam Gilchrist	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>  John Thompson Reader tbc
<b>March 20</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY (7.30pm)	Exodus 12.1 4-14 Psalm 116.1-2,12-19 1 Cor 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35 Mark 14.26-72	Mary Jackson  Jimmy Blair		Rosemary Williams Sheila Miller	
<b>March 21</b> GOOD FRIDAY (1.30pm)	Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Psalm 22 Heb 4.14 16; 5.7 9 John 18.1-19.42	Janet de Vigne  Frank Ribbons			
<b>March 23</b> THE EASTER VIGIL (5am)	Genesis 1.1-2.4a Ex 14.10-31;5.20-21 Ezekiel 36.24-28 Romans 6.3-11 Psalm 114 Matthew 28.1-10	Sheila Brock Tim Blackmore Reader tbc Ginger Franklin		Trevor & Michelle Harding	
<b>March 23</b> EASTER DAY	Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18	Robin Carmichael  Mary Johnston			Isaiah 51.9-11 John 20.19-23  Michael Thrusfield
<b>March 30</b> 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 2.14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31	Jim Wynn-Evans  Maggie Stanfield	Pam Gilchrist	Jennifer Scarce Margot Alexander	Exodus 14.5-22 John 14.1-7  Richard Calvoceressi
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon 31</b> - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD; <b>Tue 1</b> - Gilbert of Caithness, bishop, 1245				

Month	Coffee Setup (9.30)	Coffee Server (10.30)	Morning Steward	Morning Sound	Evening Steward	Evening Sound
<b>March</b>	Volunteers wanted. Contact Janet de Vigne: 477 8197		H. Davies-Cole, J Burnside, S Rimmer, T Birch	David & Elfrida Nelson		
<b>April</b>	Volunteers wanted. Contact Janet de Vigne: 477 8197			Alastair Learmont		Paul Lugton

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