

## Married in May

*"This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and  
sorrow."*

This is the time of year in Jeffrey Street when the sun begins to creep around the horizon and far enough up the sky to shine through the windows of Lauder House on a clear evening - a precious gift when winter means living in north-facing shadows. To Jeffrey Street residents it gives an edge to the theme of new light and new fire in Eastertide.

Eastertide, the fifty day season which begins on Easter Day and lasts until Pentecost, is the best time of year to celebrate all kinds of new life. So it is the best season for realising what the sacraments are about, since each of them is, in its own way, like a sun-burst into everyday life, a reality imbued with the hidden presence of God.

One of the major sacraments is marriage, meaning not the wedding service but the life in itself. In a marriage ceremony there is a great deal more going on than just the legal contract. It is a great act of worship, a profound expression of faith, a tremendous sign of unity. But it is a couple's commitment to share their life together and to reveal God's love to each other and others through their marriage relationship that makes marriage a sacrament. It is a human reality in which God can be met.

Incidentally, this does not deny the reality that sometimes marriages break down, nor does it mean that people who experience this are somehow failed Christians. Although the Church sees marriage as a lifelong commitment, it recognizes that sometimes marriages cease to foster the health and wholeness of both partners and relationships break down. Therefore, the church offers support to people who seek remarriage after divorce. The sacraments are about the renewal and healing of us all.

There are two couples being married in OSP during May, Tertia and Wes, and Maggie and Andy. All marriage services



*Above: New Light, lighting the Easter Candle from the new fire at the Easter Vigil*

are public occasions, but Maggie and Andy have asked to be married during High Mass on a Sunday as they regard the whole congregation as part of their 'family'. This will take place on Sunday 17th May, and will be part of the normal liturgy in the same way that a baptism or confirmation usually is. I think this will be a profound way of bringing together the two sacraments of eucharist and marriage, the celebration of a way of life and the celebration of the way of Christ.

The Marriage Liturgy is all about Covenant - between two people, of course, but also between God and his People. In Scripture a Covenant is something more than a contract, which is a legal form and can only be about the strict terms agreed e.g. about a task and payment for it. A Covenant is about the whole person, and is therefore about the ongoing relationship between persons (this is why it acknowledges sorrows as well as joys). The Covenant of Marriage is expressed in the vows, of course.

Actually, in our Marriage Liturgy there is a third Covenant expressed, between the community (represented by family, friends and congregation) and the couple. The liturgy says:

*Will you uphold and care for N. and N.*

*in their life together?*

**All:** *We will.*

*Will you support and encourage them in their marriage?*

**All:** *We will.*

These are serious promises, as serious as those of the couple themselves. When two people marry, it becomes an important moment for the whole community. Marriage is a personal relationship, but it is also a public one, a sacramental one, and that concerns all of us. It means that the couple have to regard their marriage as larger than just their private concern, and we have to be there in friendship and care for the couple throughout their marriage. The weakness of such care has sometimes led marriages to break down. When we all make these promises, we are acknowledging that both commitment and care are part of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Maggie and Andy, Tertia and Wes, we pray for the sun to shine on long years of happy marriage for you. And for God's grace to keep our part of the covenant too.

*Fr Ian*

## Music Evening

On Saturday 25 April, another musical evening get-together was held at Paul and Kathryn Jourdan's house. A most generous spread of food and drink awaited us when we arrived, so it was some time later that we drifted upstairs to the dark piano and splendid music room.

A programme of events was drawn up and it was clear that there were more eager performers than ever before: nine adults and seven children! There was singing, and a variety of instruments played: piano, cello, violin, viola, banjo, flute, guitar, recorder, drums and a dulcimer ...not played. I particularly enjoyed the children's performances - such unassuming talent!

A special thanks to Alastair whose idea all this was and to Jean whose piano versatility served so feelingly the demands of Telemann as it did the White Cliffs of Dover, the rousing and nostalgic conclusion to the evening.

Paul and Kathryn's neighbours, had they cherished thoughts of a quiet night and a deserved rest, must have been grateful all the same for the happy sounds lifted on the night air ...a total pleasure for all.

*Frank Pottinger*

## Thinking Theology

Would anyone be interested in a group to read and discuss a serious theological book and theological ideas and questions?

I would like to start with a highly commended book, *Why Go to Church?*, by Timothy Radcliffe (Continuum, 2008, £9.99). Tuesday evenings 7.30-9pm work best for me, though Wednesday might sometimes be possible.

If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back, and tick which day(s) are good for you. I hope we can start in May.

*Fr Ian*

## Holy Week in Morocco



***Jennifer Scarce was abroad over the Easter holidays and shares her experiences of Holy Week in a muslim country***

Morocco is a truly remarkable place. Apart from its appeal to both discerning travellers, who have long appreciated and recorded its richly textured history and culture set within a diverse landscape of coast, mountains and desert, and also to the writers of travel articles, who dream up clichés about the delights of "boutique" riad hotels, souks and medinas to entice the tourist, it yields many surprises to those willing to look for them.

One of these is the observance of Holy Week not necessarily expected in an Islamic country but Morocco, as ever, is different. Historically Morocco has long been familiar with Christianity beginning with Tariq ibn Ziyad's "jump" from Tangiers across to Gibraltar in 711 which opened the way to the Muslim Arab and Berber conquest of Spain by 721. Spain's Christians were subjects of Morocco during the 11th and 12th centuries where Berber rulers at the height of their power controlled vast territories across north and west Africa, until the last Muslims were defeated at Granada in 1492.

Christian contacts continued during the following centuries through diplomacy, war, piracy and trade. A formal Roman Catholic presence was only secured in Morocco between 1912 and 1956 when the country was divided between the protectorates of the Spanish zone of the north and of the French zone of the centre and south. Here the Dioceses of Tangier and Rabat administered churches and monasteries which have survived

admittedly in much reduced form since Independence in 1956. The French Diocese of Rabat, for example, while centred on the visually spectacular Cathedrals of St Peter in Rabat and Our Lady of Lourdes in Casablanca built respectively in 1921 and in the 1950s, still maintains a network of modest communities throughout Morocco to celebrate the liturgy for resident and visiting Christians and to carry out a strictly practical mission of teaching, nursing and social work in co-operation with the government and the Islamic authorities. Personnel keep a low profile in public as they are required to wear secular dress with a discreet cross usually pinned to a jacket.

It is in this context that I found myself this year in one of the furthest outposts of the Diocese of Rabat during Holy Week, Essaouira a delightful town and fishing port on the Atlantic coast of Morocco which still preserves a traditional medina of white-washed houses within impressive walls and towers. Essaouira has always been open to foreign influences as during its heyday of the 19th century it was open to European trade and housed British merchants and a large Jewish community with their own consulates, churches and synagogues. Today there is little evidence of this intense mercantile past apart from the poignantly dilapidated Christian and Jewish cemeteries to the north of the town.

Christianity, however, survives in the modest Catholic Church of Our Lady of the



Assumption built in 1936 outside the medina and for the last twenty eight years in the charge of Father Jean-Claude, a priest who interprets secular dress in his own individual way, is bilingual in French and Arabic and is much -loved by the local Muslims. I have known him for several years and have attended his Sunday masses when possible. Holy Week promised more and I chose to attend Mass on Maundy Thursday (Sainte Cene) at 6.30 pm and the Liturgy of the Passion (L'Office du Passion) on Good Friday also at 6.30 pm.

I was familiar with the order of the liturgy thanks to attendance at Old St Paul's Easter services so I had some guidelines and managed to follow the rapid French of Pere Jean-Claude and Pere Andre Joguet who had come down from Rabat to assist on Maundy Thursday. This Mass began informally with Pere Jean-Claude briskly whisking the church cat off my knee before disappearing to robe himself. The congregation was small and mixed - a middle-aged French couple, a Swiss and Indian couple with four children, a young Senegalese , an elderly Vietnamese and me.

As is his custom Pere Jean-Claude assembled the congregation together to practice the responses as the music is always a CD of chants sung by a French choir. The service proper followed with an entrance hymn, the Kyrie and the Gloria. I kept up with the French of the readings - first the departure of the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 12, 1-14) and second the narrative of communion (1. Corinthians 11,23-26), the Gospel of the Last Supper (John 13,1-17) but was defeated by Pere Jean-Claude's volubly delivered sermon.

Then the Washing of the Hands (not the feet) followed where Pere Jean-Claude poured water from a large Moroccan copper kettle over our hands into a bowl held by Pere Andre together with a towel. After the peace the liturgy of the sacrament continued as in the order at Old St Paul's. We were invited to link hands and recite the Lord's Prayer in French before receiving communion in bread only although we could individually choose to serve ourselves with the wine. The service ended by taking the reserved sacrament to a side altar and much genial chat not a departure in solemn silence.

I returned on Good Friday for the Liturgy of the Passion attended by a very modest congregation - two French men, one Italian, the young Senegalese and again me. Two German Protestants departed just before communion. The church's statues, crucifix and lectern were draped with purple and red cloths. Alone this time Pere Jean-Claude, clad in red vestments, prostrated himself before giving a superb reading of the Passion (John 19,1-28) kneeling, as did we all, at the point where Christ declares "It is finished".

He then began a very long intercession praying for the world, the Pope. Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Christians, also for the Jews at their Passover, the Arabs and all our "Muslim brothers", and finally for the sick and persecuted everywhere. We then proceeded to venerate the Cross (appropriately fashioned from the thuya wood, whose carvings into boxes, trays, furniture etc are one of Essaouira's main handicrafts) and receive communion from the reserved sacrament in bread only. Again the service ended informally as I chatted with Pere Jean-Claude about

**Far Left:** The walls of the medina in Essaouira  
**Left:** The port of Essaouira  
**Above:** A street market

Essaouira, the church and incidentally Old Saint Paul's and left promising to return.

On reflection I enjoyed my experience of an expatriate French mass and my thoughts remain positive about the survival of the church in Morocco. Pere Jean-Claude is genial, tolerant and realistic well aware of the constraints which he observes in his dress and manner and of the requirement of his mission to celebrate the liturgy for resident and visiting Christians. My next task is to discover his involvement in local charitable work which is an ongoing responsibility in Morocco.

I end this somewhat anecdotal account of Holy Week in Morocco with a random observation. While waiting at the beginning of my Moroccan journey at Marrakech's smart new railway station for the night train to Tangiers I found the Sale in Rail shop whose stock of confectionery included neatly stacked rows of foil-wrapped chocolate eggs! I wondered - is this a smart marketing move, has the egg now become a completely secular sweet or does God move in mysterious ways?

*Jennifer Scarce*

*If you would like to share some of your recent experiences, we would be delighted to hear from you, either speak to Steve Harries after Mass or email Newsletter at: newsletter@osp.org.uk*

## Children's Rota

### MAY 3 - GODLY PLAY - THE EXILE AND RETURN

Storyteller: Michelle Brown

Doorkeeper: TBA

Creche: Beth Stewart and Sheila Miller

### MAY 10 - GODLY PLAY - THE PROPHETS

Storyteller: Carrie Upton

Doorkeeper: TBSA

Creche: Beth Stewart

### MAY 17 - JOHN 15: 9-17

Leader: Paul Lugton

Helper: TBA

Creche: Emma Johnston

**YSP 9:15** Nooma Video Discussion with Michelle Brown and Alastair Hulbert

*High Mass* - Michelle Brown

### MAY 24 - PSALM 1

Leader: Paul Lugton

Helper: TBA

Creche: Michelle Brown

### MAY 31 - ACTS 2: 1-21

Leader: Kathryn Jourdan

Helper: TBA

Creche: Sheila Miller and Rosemary Williams

*If you want to know more about our Children's ministry, please speak to Michelle Brown after Mass or email her at [michelle.brown@osp.org.uk](mailto:michelle.brown@osp.org.uk)*

## Help Wanted

Great opportunities are available to volunteer in children's ministry. We are currently looking for crèche help one Sunday a month. You will be paired up with another volunteer for your shift and training is available.

Please see Michelle Brown or another children's ministry committee member after Mass to volunteer or contact [michelle.brown@osp.org.uk](mailto:michelle.brown@osp.org.uk)

### CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR

Lesley Blackmore

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## Walking With Jesus



On Holy Saturday, eleven children and their families joined Jennie Gardner, Michelle Brown, Revd. Simon Tibbs and Mthr. Carrie for a Walk through the Stations of the Cross. With Theo, Lydia, Bartholomew and Christopher representing Young Saint Paul's as our guides through each station, the children had a unique opportunity to experience the Gospel, rather than just hear it.

We began at the back of the church on the Godly Play story rug where Mthr. Carrie shared a story explaining the Mystery of Easter using puzzle pieces which eventually formed the cross. Then the children were invited to the Chancel steps where we created our own crosses to carry throughout our walk with Jesus that day. The children used various arts and crafts materials for this activity so each cross was as unique as the children. Revd. Simon taught us how to walk through the stations and then Jennie taught us the song we'd sing as we walked together from station to station. As we then gathered at each station, our Young Saint Paul's guides read to us the story that coincided with that particular station and then Revd. Simon explained the symbolism of what we would do at each station.

In the Memorial Chapel we had our hands washed. Then we received bread and juice in the Lady Chapel. Next we gathered at the back of the church where thirty coins were dramatically scattered across the floor. Afterwards, we carried the Crucifix and Crown of Thorns to the front of the church and then we brought Jesus to the Children's Chapel for burial in the tomb before returning to the back of the church to hear about the Easter Garden and to help plant our flowers there. Our youngest child who took part in the walk even planted his cross next to Jesus' cross in the Easter Garden. Soon after, several other handmade crosses joined the garden too. After we learned about the Resurrection, we sang together in celebration before sharing in Hot Cross Buns and juice.

It was a blessing to share the Easter story with the children and it was an even greater blessing to see the children and youth group involved in telling the story as this ministered to the adults present as well. Thanks to all involved in helping to prepare for the children's Holy Saturday program!

*Michelle Brown*





When everybody else had finished on Holy Saturday, the servers crack cleaning team swept into action. Once we had moved the crucifix back to Lady Chapel, opened the reredos and re-hung the lamps (easy to say but you try doing it!), we started removing the wax from the High Altar, cleaning all the candlesticks and replacing the candles. Kim and Aggie would be proud of us!

Cleaning completed we then moved on to long process of setting everything up for the Easter Day masses. Now what did we do with the font plug ...



## Generations sans Frontières

Despite a couple of objections to the name on the grounds of pretentiousness, 'Generations sans Frontières' really does describe what we are: a group with no age boundaries or membership and a lightness of heart!

These are the factors which brought GSF into existence three weeks ago:

- Most of us only see each other on Sundays at Mass - when there isn't much time for chat; and we're busy with work or other commitments during the week.
- Coffee after Mass - though appreciated - can be socially rather daunting for those of us who are not fizzy extraverts - specially if we come to church on our own.
- Many of us share the experience of returning home after work, or reaching the evening after a day of various activities, and thinking how nice it

would be to meet up with someone for a meal or a drink - yet we lack the energy or motivation to organise anything.

### Where and when does GSF meet?

Thursdays from 7pm onwards, at Henderson's in Hanover Street is the place we've decided on as our base, and we've met three times so far.

### What does GSF do?

Chat, eat, drink - so far. We've also discussed various things individuals among us might arrange for any who are interested, and details will be circulated by email or other means.

### Who is GSF for?

Anyone and everyone - whether or not a worshipper at OSP.

### How do you join?

Nothing to 'join' - just come on a Thursday!

Jean Keltie

## Book Group

In Seamus Deane's *Reading in the Dark*, the narrator is a boy, one of a family of seven. His story, set in Derry, involves his family and their many wily relatives, and describes a lengthy, troubled, feuding past with references to events in the 1920s. Although the novel begins in 1945 and ends in 1971 when the boy leaves University...we never know his name. Its main unhappy theme is betrayal and the complicated double crossing and deceptions which seem inevitably to follow. A number of unlovely people appear in this tale: hateful bullies, traumatised half-wits, a devious police sergeant - and not least, the boy's inconsolable mother, whose sepulchral shadow falls wherever she goes.

I read this book in the same week that three men were murdered in Belfast, so it seemed to me for a moment at least that little had changed there, and this contributed I'm sure to my 'dark' reading of it. However, there are brilliant vignettes and funny and sensitive encounters: a priest gives a 'facts of life' talk to the boys, another delivers a hilarious algebra lesson, there's an eerie chapter about two enchanted children; and much else that was humorous...an experience indeed almost as good as sharing in the witty and entertaining perceptions of the book group itself.

Frank Pottinger

## Gifford Lectures

Professor Diana Eck will deliver the Gifford Lectures on the theme 'The Age of Pluralism' at St Cecilia's Hall, Cowgate, Edinburgh at 5.30pm on 27, 28, 30 April and 4, 5, 7 May.

Diana Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and the Frederic Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry, Harvard University. For more details or to book a place, phone the University on 0131 651 3166.

The post-Gifford lecture discussion is on Thursday 7 May 7.30 - 9pm in the University Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square. It will be chaired by Bishop Brian. For further information on this event, please contact Adventures in Faith on 0131 538 7033.

## Christian Aid Books

This Year, St Andrew's and St George's Christian Aid Booksale runs from Saturday 9 May to Friday 15 May. The opening hours are: Saturday 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday 10am - 3.30pm, with late night opening on Thursday until 8pm

If you want to donate any books you can still do so up to 6 May, but be warned, due to the tram works there are special arrangements in place for dropping off books. See their website for details: [www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk](http://www.standrewsandstgeorges.org.uk)

## Retreat & Talk

On Friday 19 June from 10.30am - 3.30pm, Esther de Waal will be leading a retreat in Holy Trinity, Haddington, exploring religious imagination in our spiritual lives. On Saturday 20 June, she will be in the Chaplaincy Centre, Bristow Square. Full details are on the Hall noticeboard.

## Art & Prayer Day

A day focusing on the resurrection stories of Jesus, who appeared to many of his friends, followers and doubters reassuring, encouraging and equipping them for the journey ahead. This workshop offers a day of quiet reflection, combined with practical artwork through word, image, music and touch. No artistic experience is needed. It will be led by Carol Marples of 'Soul Marks' and will take place on 16 May at Leith School of Art, 25 North Junction Street, Edinburgh. from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The cost of the day is £35 per person (concessions are available). This includes all art materials, coffee and biscuits. Please bring your own lunch. There are many cafes near by. To book, please contact: Therese Christie, Administrator, on 554 5769 or email: [enquiries@LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk)

June issue deadline : **27 May**

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

## Servers' Christmas Meal



On 30 April the servers finally had their Christmas meal in Giuliano's, no one could ever accuse us of rushing in to things without adequate preparation! By this time it was also Robb's birthday. Being a frugal and restrained lot, we were delighted to help out a neighbouring table who couldn't finish their birthday cake and donated it to Robb instead. Whilst we were missing some regulars, we all had a very good time (judging by the hangovers on Friday!). Thanks to Nigel for organising it.



## Round and About Innerleithen

Having got off to rather a shaky start owing to First Bus changing its point of departure the previous week (mea culpa for not checking in advance), we all gathered as one group at the Hill Fort just above Innerleithen in the Tweed valley. There we admired the views and the modern sculptured stone circle depicting the ancient and modern history of the area.

We then retraced our steps through the wood and across the early 18th century Cuddy Brig., through a pretty residential area and up to St. Ronan's Wells. This is a well-kept Victorian spa with a rather ornate pavilion where one can still partake of the curative waters. Behind it is a sloping garden, landscaped to great effect in 2007 by the BBC Beechgrove Garden team. Adjoining it is a small but adequate Museum displaying much of the history of Innerleithen and of the exploits of St. Ronan with the devil. Unfortunately, the Museum is not open on a Saturday morning, but, conveniently, there was someone there to open the toilets.

After a picnic lunch in the sun at the Pavilion we made our way up through a

wood - cared for by the Woodland Trust - sprinkled with flowering currant, wild violets and wood sorrel. Back into the open we ascended to a welcome, well-sited bench affording a grand view down the Tweed valley. Some of us sat and admired this, while others climbed up Caerlee Hill for a more panoramic vista.

Altogether again, we entered another wood over a stile with an ingenious device for allowing access to dogs without having to lift them. Here were spotted three swallows and a field of Shetland ponies. Leaving the wood, we crossed the main road and followed a dismantled railway line along the Tweed, back to Innerleithen and into the welcoming Traquair Arms. However, a small group chose to forgo the sunny, beer garden and walked on to Walkerburn, getting the bus back from there.

If you do not already know Innerleithen and its environs, I would thoroughly recommend a day trip there.

*Margot Alexander,  
Group leader.*



**Above:** Now, before we go any further, have you all filled the Myers-Briggs type indicator

No, we haven't started reporting minor European football, but this was perhaps one scoreline from recent Vestry activity. Every so often, the Vestry door opens and its members escape to some remote location, leaving behind balance sheets and drainpipes. Usually, the agenda for such affairs is of visionary nature. This year, the Vestry escaped to the Trinity Centre, Haddington, for an exploration of personality.

Surely, we all know that the Vestry is stuffed with personalities; however, on 25 April the Vestry explored the nature of these personalities through the mechanism of the Myers-Briggs type indicator (or MBTI). This with a view to better understanding each other, and maximising working relationships.

The MBTI was developed in the early 20th century by Katharine Cook Briggs and her daughter Isabel Briggs Myers, and was based on the works of Carl Jung. It holds that there are only 16 personality types, based on scoring for four dichotomies - Extravert or Introvert, Sensing or iNtuitive, Thinking or Feeling, Judging or Perceiving. Through completion of a questionnaire any individual can be typed, and can gain a better understanding of themselves.

Grand facilitator for the day was MBTI expert Father Malcolm Goldsmith, formerly Rector of Colinton and eminent author on personality. In the morning, he expounded the history of the MBTI and ran through the nature of the dichotomies. In the afternoon came the dreaded moment when the results of the questionnaires completed by Vestry members during the week were disclosed.

The Vestry was discovered to have no fewer than 3 ENTPs - Extraverted iNtuitive Thinking

Perceivers, and 2 ISTJs - Introverted Sensing Thinking Judgers, with a smattering of other combinations. The scientific 4-letter labels have also been given more user-friendly names, so ENTPs are the Inventors and ISTJs are the Inspectors. The Rector's Warden is apparently a Field-Marshal.

Following the results, Malcolm took the Vestry through some "help" - how each could utilise their own indicator, and how best to relate to other types. An important message was that MBTI is fun and everyone's a winner - each type has value, and having identical type doesn't mean you're a clone.

One of the fun aspects of MBTI is to seek out individuals from history and public life, even fiction, with whom one shares type. Sadly, there was not time for this on the day, but the Newsletter can reveal that ENTPs - you know who you are - share type with Alexander the Great, Alfred Hitchcock, Bugs Bunny, and Horace Rumpole. ISTJs share type with St Thomas, George Washington, Queen Victoria, and Warren Buffet.

You can just see Thomas queuing up for his result at an Apostles awayday in Capernaum, can't you? He's so obviously an ISTJ - he'd be wanting to go over the scoring, double checking all the way!

The loose canon did the test at home, but got it wrong - he came out as Margaret Thatcher, but it should have been Queen Victoria. He's now suggesting that the Vestry should present a tableau vivant in which each member dresses up as one of their type characters. Now, would that be a fundraiser for the restoration and renewal project?

*Nigel Cook*

## Challenge Europe

Do you care about the effects of climate change and its impact on people and the environment? Are you passionate, curious and want to make a positive difference to the world? They are now recruiting individuals to volunteer to become Climate Advocates in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for the British Council's pioneering Challenge Europe programme. If you are early on in your career and can give up to twelve hours of your free time every month, then they want to hear from you!

Challenge Europe is part of the British Council's global International Climate Champions initiative that aims to make a lasting impact in finding local solutions to the global challenge of climate change.

As a Climate Advocate, you will accelerate awareness, address its impacts in your community through low carbon activities and contribute to the growing international consensus on the need to tackle climate change. Challenge Europe is your chance to join a growing global network of 1000s of passionate individuals across 60 countries who are already making a difference in their community.

For more details and an application form visit the project web site:  
<http://challengeeurope.britishcouncil.org>

The deadline for applications is 11 May.

## Election Hustings

As part of the 2009 Edinburgh World Justice Festival, the local branch of the World Development Movement is holding a hustings for candidates in the forthcoming European Parliamentary elections on Friday 22 May from 7.00 to 9.30pm at St John's Church, Princes St.

The focus will be on fair trade, climate change and international development, though other issues may also be addressed. The hustings will be introduced and chaired by Benedict Southworth, the Director of the World Development Movement. This event is open to all, so please feel welcome to attend.

# Calendar & Rotas for May 2009

Day & Observance	10.30 am High Mass				6.30 pm
	Readings	Readers	Intercessor	Offertory	Readings & Reader
<b>May 3</b> 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18	Tim Blackmore  Sheila Brock	Jim Wynn-Evans		Numbers 27.12-23 John 10.22-30  Hope Murray
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Fri 8</b> - Julian of Norwich, mystic, c 1413				
<b>May 10</b> 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 8.26-40 Psalm 22.25-31 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8	Margaret Aspen  Trevor Harding	Frank Ribbons		Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 John 13.31-35  Lynne Niven
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Tue 12</b> - Thomas Rattray, bishop of Brechin, 1743; <b>Thu 14</b> - St Matthias apostle				
<b>May 17</b> 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17	Mary Johnston  Margot Alexander	Lorraine Simpson		Ezekiel 37.1-14 John 14.23-29  Michael Thrusfield
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon, Tue, Wed</b> - Rogation Days of prayer for the fruits of human labour				
<b>May 21</b> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (7.30pm Thurs)	Acts 1.1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1.15-23 Luke 24.44-53	tbc  tbc	tbc		
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Sat 23</b> - William of Perth, martyr, 1201				
<b>May 24</b> 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 1.15-17,21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19	David McLellan	Helen Tyrell		Ezekiel 36.24-28 John 17.20-26  Reader
<b>Weekdays</b>	<b>Mon 25</b> - Bede the Venerable of Jarrow, teacher; <b>Tue 26</b> - Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, c 604				
<b>May 31</b> THE DAY OF PENTECOST	Acts 2.1-21 Psalm 104.24-34,35b Romans 8.22-27 Jn 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Helen Tyrell  Stephen Burge	tbc		Isaiah 11.1-9 John 14.21-29  Ginger Franklin
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon 1</b> - The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth; <b>Wed, Fri, Sat</b> - Ember Days of prayer for the vocation of all God's people; <b>Wed 3</b> - Charles Lwanga & Companions, 1886; Janani Luwum, bishop, 1977; martyrs of Uganda <b>Thu 4</b> - John XXIII, bishop of Rome, reformer, 1963; <b>Fri 5</b> - Boniface of Mainz, bishop missionary, martyr, 754				
<b>June 7</b> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17	Stuart McIvor  Maggie Stanfield	tbc		Sirach 43.1-12,27-33 John 1.1-18  Margaret Dickson
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Mon 8</b> - Ephrem the Syrian, deacon & teacher, 373; <b>Tue 9</b> - St Columba of Iona, abbot, 597				

Month	Coffee Setup & Servers	Morning Steward	Morning Sound	Evening Steward	Evening Sound
<b>May</b>	Volunteers wanted. See Hall noticeboard	Peder & Margaret Aspen	Carrie Gooch Catherine Harkin	Helen Reid Thomas	Helen Reid Thomas
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