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# *St. David's Dalkeith*

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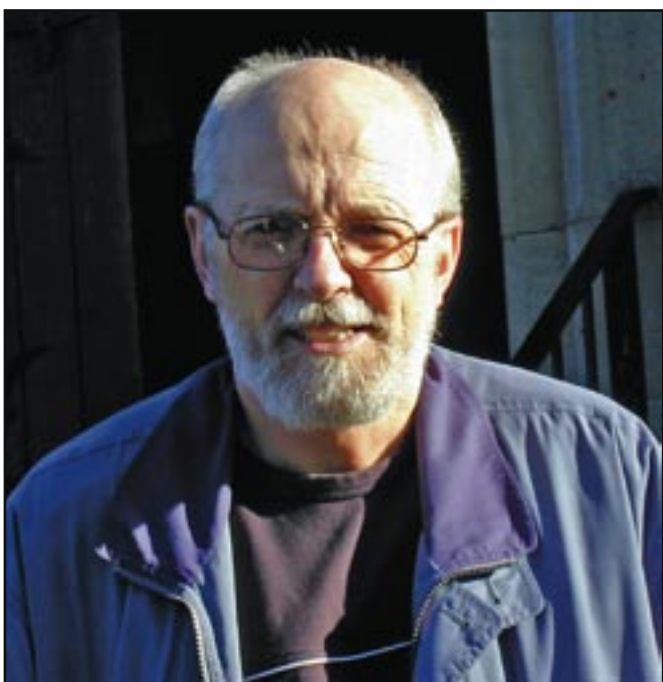
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***Monsignor Allan 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1980 - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010.***



## 200 Club (to join or not to join?)

To help you with this dilemma I will answer the questions we are asked most on a Sunday.



### Q. Where's the toilet?

Out the double door on your left!

### Q. What exactly does the club do?

The club raises money to pay for various expenses incurred by the parish/parishioners.

Large donations were made to fund the new lighting, new boiler etc. and most recently £2000 was donated to the roof repair fund.

Much smaller payments are made to keep the church in good order e.g. for cable, cement, paint and switches. Money is only reimbursed when the work is completed and receipts handed in.

The club tries to keep/save money for the proverbial rainy day, but a current lack of members is making this very difficult. The club was originally 300 then dropped to 200 but realistically we should be the 140 club and dropping...

### Q. Can I have a bite of your scone, Mary?

No!

### Q. Why should I join?

Well, where can you put money into the church with the chance of getting more back?

No, it's not a miracle! It's the 200 club!

Almost 50% of the money collected is given to the church and the rest is returned as prizes to club members. We have a monthly draw and then at the end of the 40 weeks session there is a Grand Prize Draw. In the monthly draw you can win £20.

In the Grand Prize Draw there are three prizes of £300, £150, £50!

### Q. Did my paper plane land beside you?

No, it landed in Ian's coffee, you wonderful little man. (I think that's what he would call you.)

### Q. How much does it cost?

At the moment it costs 25p/week for a 40 week session. You can pay weekly, monthly, a half-session or a full session i.e. £10.

If you have any suggestions with regard to improving our 200 club, we'd be happy to hear from you!

### Q. Can I borrow your pen, John?

No!

### Q. When/where can I join?

We are available to take on new members on Sundays, after Mass, in the hall, first table behind the door. You are given a number and it will be put into all draws thereafter.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mary and Ian Allen for their sterling work in running the 300/200 club for so long. They are going into semi-retirement while myself (John) and Veronica will struggle on. Knowing that we can always call on them for help is a blessing.

Didn't they do well!!!



\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Miss Charlene Mason sang  
'I will not pass this way again,'  
giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir  
They need all the help they can get.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

## ***News from the St. Madeleine Sophia Foundation School in Montalban, Philippines.***

The people in Montalban have been rebuilding their lives since the onslaught of the floods and the monsoon in September and October last year.

The school has now reopened and at present has more than 70 young pupils enrolled.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December one of the teachers, Mercy, was in the local market when a fight broke out, and she was shot in the knee. She was left lying for a few hours amongst other injured and dead people around her, before being given medical attention. She has had several operations on her knee and is now on the road to recovery. Mercy hopes to be back to work soon, albeit on crutches.

There have been volunteers from New Zealand, Japan and Germany visiting the school, and some medical missionaries, examining and treating the children for various ailments.



Thank you to people in the parish who have donated money or goods which have been passed on to Montalban, and a special thanks to parishioners who have joined the Sponsor a Teacher Scheme, it is working out very well. If anyone else is interested in joining the Scheme, please see Iris.

## ***News from the Schools.***

### ***St. David's High School Chaplaincy.***

The first year pupils have settled in well in the school and are now looking forward to August when they will no longer be the newcomers.

Before Christmas the first years brought various items of groceries and toiletries into the Chaplaincy and we made up six hampers, one for each class in the year group. The hampers were given out to



three families from the school community, two were delivered to senior citizens, and Father Allan donated one to a newly released prisoner. The pupils enjoyed this venture and said they would like to repeat the gesture next Christmas.

We had services of Stations of the Cross during Lent to which all first year pupils attended, and in the last week of term during Holy Week, there were Lenten Services for all year groups in the assembly hall.

The S6 pupils have had various fund raising events, led by the pupil S6 chaplaincy group, Amy Lucchesi, Katharine Weatherhead and Lucille Dick.

All S6 pupils are now looking forward to the end of their exams and attending their prom on 4<sup>th</sup> June, and eventually going on to higher and further education or employment.

### ***St. David's Primary School - Mundum Pro Christo Vincamus.***

#### ***Fair Trade.***

For our enterprise P6/7 of St. David's Primary were focusing on Fair trade. To start off the enterprise we went on a trip to Coldstream Farm. When we arrived at the farm the class were divided into two groups.

The first group stayed in with Sally and made Fair Trade Banana Oat Muffins. Sally showed us how Fair Trade products were the same as other products. The muffins tasted YUMMY.

The second group went outside with Allan the farmer. With Allan we went to the corn field and then we went to see the Highland cows. They were so cute. Allan also told us how important Fair Trade was to farmers, how farmers needed to be paid a fair price for their goods.

Back in school, on the 5<sup>th</sup> March we held a Fair Trade coffee morning which raised £479.68  
(Nicola Waddell)

**St. David's Primary School**  
**- Mundum Pro Christo Vincamus.**

**Head Teacher's news.**

Following on from a hugely successful Review from Midlothian Council, where our school ethos was highly commended, everyone in the St. David's Primary School Community has worked tirelessly to bring warmth and optimism through a long winter-time and to look forward with confidence to the joys



of spring and summer.

Our school theme, Eco Schools, provided us with the opportunity to work with a range of partners such as EcoLab and EcoDrama to help bring our learning to life through real and meaningful activities and the teamwork of the class teachers and our visiting staff. Each Thursday, P1-7 classes focused on a different area of the school theme. We worked with recycling and nature's natural recyclers; we worked on road safety and transport as well as promoting Fair Trade. P6/7 led the whole school in a fantastic Fair Trade coffee morning to help promote the Fair Trade message to a wider audience. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and opportunity to lead such an enterprising activity whilst promoting and strengthening the school's efforts to becoming the first Fair Trade school in Midlothian.

The morning also provided pupils with the opportunity to share and celebrate their achievements through the school theme with one another, parents and local community by leading presentations and displaying

and sharing their work in and around the school. This required a tremendous effort from everyone, especially our extremely talented pupils. Next on the agenda was the small, ahem, measure of a school play, Resurrection Rock!

Resurrection Rock! is a contemporary celebration of the Easter story through music and song and was performed by our P4-7 pupils. Led by our Principal Teacher, Mrs. Young, the staff team and pupils rehearsed beautifully to create a most sincere and enjoyable production for parents and the wider school community. Special mention must also go to our soloists: Christopher McNeil, Nathan Quinn, Carla Pinkney and Bailey Humphries. Well done to everyone for such a beautiful performance!

Our Lenten preparations, however, were not finished there, with class Mass celebrated in the Church each Friday and a final assembly, Stations of the Cross, at the school. Congratulations also to our P3 pupils on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the start of Lent and to your fellow pupils in P2/3 for their support throughout your preparation and on the day itself. Thank you also to Monsignor Allan for his ongoing spiritual guidance and support of the school community and its pupils.

We look forward to the summer term with renewed optimism, not only for the Scottish weather but for the growing confidence and achievement of our pupils. P4 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 at 11am Mass in St. David's Church.





P5/6 will prepare a DVD compilation as part of their project to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinned towns of Dalkeith and Jarnac, France. We will also enjoy many opportunities for continued sporting success in retaining our Midlothian Athletics and Basketball Championship trophies, respectively, as well as enjoying forthcoming football festivals, P7 outdoor education residential experience at Benmore as well as class excursions and our whole school outing to Dalkeith Country Park. Our school focus for the summer term, Health and Wellbeing, will provide many opportunities to investigate and explore further how we can improve our understanding of food, nutrition and the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle as well as looking into areas of safety such as fire, road, rail, water and internet safety.

The summer term is also a period of great change in a school where we prepare P7 pupils for their transition to St. David's High School as well as welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils through induction days before the join us in August 2010.



This year we also say farewell to our janitor of two decades, Mr. John Traynor, who retires following many years of committed and dedicated service to our school community. John is an extremely popular personality within the school and local community and

we will miss him dearly as a janitor, colleague and friend – we wish John and his family many happy and healthy years to come following an extremely tough period in recent years and months. God bless.

It leaves me to thank you, the school and parish community for your continued support of our excellent school. With such a talented pupil group and extremely supportive parent body, St. David's has so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to in the coming months and years. Our continued success can only be achieved with teamwork,

enthusiasm and a shared vision for our school and its pupils. I ask you, therefore, to remember the school and its pupils in your thoughts and prayers and to continue to support the Parish school as we continue to take the school from strength to strength.

I finish by celebrating the 20 years dedicated service of Mrs. Patricia Morgan and Mrs. Gwen Somerville, respectively who retire this year. Between them they have prepared hundreds of pupils in our Parish community and beyond for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We wish them many happy, healthy and enjoyable years in retirement.

(Mr. Anthony Currie, Head Teacher, and the St. David's Primary School staff team)



## **Two Teachers plan to retire from St. David's Primary School.**

**Mrs. Patricia Morgan.**



Over the last twenty years, I have had the privilege of teaching hundreds of children from St. David's Parish and seen them grow from shy, awkward five year olds into confident and mature adults. Many have returned for work experience in St. David's Primary School and some have graduated as teachers themselves. I have also had the pleasure of teaching the children of former pupils over the last few years. I've lost count of the number of Nativity costumes I've washed, tears I've dried, shoes I've buckled and coats I've zipped up, but, I can honestly say, I've loved every minute of it!

Staff at St. David's have come and gone, children have moved on and the curriculum has vastly changed, but one thing that has remained constant is the warmth and friendliness of the school, clearly shown by the number of students and former pupils who return for a visit each year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at St. David's but knew it was time to retire when a child affectionately called me 'Gran'!

I will miss the enthusiasm of the children, the satisfaction of teaching and my good-humoured colleagues, but not the early rises! I look forward to a long and happy retirement with time to travel, do 'lunch' and take up some hobbies.

If someone asked me what qualities a teacher needs, I would say the following – a caring attitude towards children, a great deal of patience and above all a good sense of humour!

**Mrs. Gwen Somerville.**

I graduated as a teacher on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1971 and here I am on the brink of retirement. How time flies!

I was a student at Craiglockhart College when the big announcement came that we would be allowed to wear trousers (but not jeans of course) to lectures in future. Yes, times have changed!

I have a pile of spare roof slates in my garden and I was outside just the other day with my daughter and grandson Finn. He picked up a stone and started scribbling all over one of the slates. I commented to Gillian that I used to use a slate like that to write on in class when I first went to school. She laughed but it made me think of the numerous changes there have been in education and how confident the children are nowadays using new technology.

Was teaching the correct career choice for me? A big resounding YES. I have loved my job at St. David's Primary School and I always feel so proud when I hear about how well the children I have taught have done at high school and beyond. I have worked with so many great colleagues and met so many wonderful and supportive parents over the years. Yes, I am looking forward to spending more time with my husband, children and my two lovely grandsons, Finn and Sam but I will also be sad to leave a job I have loved so much in the friendliest, happiest and best school ever.



\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon

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## Parish Groups and News.

### Racy Rhyme for Choir and Organ.

Up narrow steeply winding stair we go.  
Young, less young, wrinklies, plus veteran Joe.  
Here two creaky knees,  
There a chesty wheeze,  
But once up aloft we bubble and glow.  
With Sanctuary so distant, links are, perforce,  
Largely by Semaphore, haply by Morse.  
Brisk hymns strike up; Father's rich baritone  
merges.

(Even in Lent shun the too solemn dirges!)  
"Keep smiling through" is our honest endeavour,  
Be it Passiontide, Easter, Ascension, whenever.

#### NOTE of Reassurance:-

In the previous issue there was mention of the weight of the Choir's full-music hymnbooks. But people who favour the back pews should not worry. Choristers are scrupulously careful not to let heavy tomes slip over the edge of the balcony.  
(Frank Nicholson)

### Knitting Group.

Teddies for tragedies is growing, first it was teddies and their cloth bags, then came baby hats, mitts and bootees. Added to this now are baby cardigans and baby blankets. The finished articles are sent world wide to where children have lost everything through major disasters such as wars, floods, famine etc.  
From the picture you can see that the group is

growing, also shown are some of the items knitted with the generous donations of wool from the parish

#### THANK YOU.

The group meets in the Convent on Thursday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. and the tongues go as quickly as the knitting needles. Some members had not knitted for some years and are finding it quite relaxing. Anyone interested is welcome to come along on Thursday afternoons.

There is also "Sister Betty's Cupboard" from which she does a good trade in selling soft toys, novelties and baby clothes. The money she makes from this goes to various charities such as the Homeless, CHAS and Street Children Africa to name a few. There is always something in the cupboard. Ask Sister Betty

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Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'  
Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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This evening at 7.00 p.m. there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7.00 p.m. Please use the back door.

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## **Aid to the Church in Need.**

Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity. It was founded at Christmas time 1947 by Father Werenfried van Straaten who was born in Holland to devoutly Catholic parents. He was ordained priest in Belgium in 1940.

Aid to the Church in Need supports Christians anywhere in the world where there is need.

In the last two years, it has responded to more than 5000 requests for aid from bishops, priests and religious.

It helps to train priests. Bibles and religious literature are printed in 150 languages. Churches are built and restored.

ACN is committed to helping Christians and in particular, Catholics, who are persecuted or oppressed because of their faith. Many millions of people throughout the world are still persecuted today because of their beliefs either verbally, physically or some suffer death.

Father Werenfried published an article in a magazine in Belgium in 1947 appealing for help, clothing and food for the vast numbers of German refugees who were homeless following the Second World War. The article was entitled, "No Room at the Inn."

The response was enormous and among the food stuffs he received huge chunks of bacon, which earned him the name, The Bacon Priest. He also became known as the greatest beggar of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

As well as practical help, he also helped to provide 'Chapel Trucks' which enabled priests to minister in areas where churches had been reduced to rubble.

Father Werenfried travelled in various disguises behind the Iron Curtain to find out for himself what were the real needs of the church under communism.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII was so impressed with his work that he asked him to extend it to Latin America. By the end of the decade ACN was also at work in Africa, but it was his relationship with Pope John Paul II that Aid to the Church in Need blossomed into a partnership that made it what it is today.

Aid to the Church in Need needs your help -

- to learn more about the charity log on to the website [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

The charity now has its own office in Motherwell which was opened in early autumn last year. The opening ceremony was performed by Bishop Joseph Coutts of Pakistan. The opening of the office was a great pleasure to our own Cardinal Keith O'Brien.

Father Werenfried died in 2003 aged 90. He is buried near his project headquarters in Belgium.

Let us consider how fortunate we are to practise our faith openly without fear or threat anywhere.

Let us pray for the continuing success of Aid for the Church in NEED.

(Mary Walker)

## **Deanery Lenten Station Mass.**

Penicuik's Sacred Heart Church hosted its first ever Deanery Lenten Station Mass for the St. David's Deanery on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

His Eminence concelebrated Mass with Priests



from North Berwick/Dunbar, Gorebridge/Bonnyrigg/Rosewell, Dalkeith/Mayfield, Loanhead, Prestonpans and of course Penicuik.

After the uplifting service, during which His Eminence preached the Homily, an excellent buffet was served in the Parish Michael Room.

Pictured are His Eminence and Monsignor Allan together with Parishioners and members of the congregation.

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Pot luck supper Sunday at 5.00 p.m.

- prayer and medication to follow.

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## ***Diocesan Choir.***

I was totally taken by surprise when sometime in 2005 some members of the Archdiocesan Choir asked me to take over as musical director. My reaction was, "Surely some mistake? Isn't that a job for a well known highly qualified professional musician and experienced conductor?". Eventually I decided to accept the destiny of fate and reluctantly agreed.

There were around 25 singers, with a number of veterans from the time of the Papal open air Mass at Bellahouston in 1982. Conducting a choir is a rather unique activity - you are not making any sound yourself (or shouldn't be) but you must provide a visual representation of the "groove" of the music.

I had to give myself a crash course. "The Armchair Conductor" had a few useful tips! The choir was very patient during my apprenticeship (which is still continuing!).

We have endeavoured to give an airing to some of the compositions that can be found within these huge published hymn collections. Overall this has worked well and it is always rewarding to inject harmony into these pieces and create some musical 3D so to speak.

The Choir's main assignments are the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent and the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. Once the first is completed we are hard at work preparing for the second. Both of these are very rewarding to do.

We have also done a number of other services such as a Service for Peace which included a movement from Jenkins' "Armed Man" and a Marian Service for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lourdes. During the month of November we do an evening service (vespers) for the Holy Souls which this year will hopefully be in the Cathedral.

Also we have an end of year Mass (difficult these days as the clergy are very busy). We have tended to opt for an Advent service rather than a Christmas carol concert. This helps to give some emphasis to the season.

By 2006 the old pipe organ in the Cathedral had finally expired and we have had great fun singing round the piano during the Rite of Election and Chrism Mass. In 2008 the new Copley pipe organ was in action and it was thrilling to have the Lourdes Anniversary Chrism Mass started off with a fanfare on it!

The Cathedral has now become a very busy place and rehearsals in it were hard to arrange this year. As it turned out the hand of fate intervened in the form of a power cut just as the Chrism Mass was about to begin. It was back to "community singing round the piano"!

(John Holden)

## ***Working for the Cardinal.***

I have worked for the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh for 22 years and have been the Cardinal's secretary for almost 18 of those years.

The Cardinal's house and office at 42 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, called 'St. Bennet's', where the Cardinal's housekeeper, Theresa, and I work, was built around 1859 in the Scottish Baronial style and has been the official residence of the Archbishops of St. Andrews and Edinburgh since 1890. In 1907 a small Byzantine chapel was added to the property.

In my job I carry out the usual secretarial duties, namely typing from audio transcription the Cardinal's replies to the many letters and emails he receives each day; typing his sermons, pastoral letters, reports etc., noting diary appointments, filing of correspondence; answering all telephone calls; dealing with callers and welcoming visitors to St. Bennet's etc., etc.

Each year the Cardinal hosts a New Year Reception to which many dignitaries of Church and State are invited. This year among the 115 or so guests were: the Secretary of State for Scotland and other MPs and MSPs; the Lord Advocate; the Lord Justice Clerk; the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland; leaders of other Churches and Faiths; members of the media, etc. and Miss Susan Boyle. Susan was the centre of attraction and all the dignitaries wanted to speak to her and have a photograph taken with her. When most of the guests had gone, Susan sang the hymn from her album 'How Great Thou Art' for the Cardinal in his chapel.

However, we look forward to welcoming our most distinguished guest, Pope Benedict XVI, when he visits Scotland on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and comes to lunch at St. Bennet's!

(Norah Magennis)



## Memories.

After being born and brought up in Fife, and before coming to the Lothians and St. David's in 1970, I knew quite a lot about the area and the church from my father. He spoke about the places here frequently and had a great affection for them.

When he was young he attended school in the grounds of the church run by the Sisters, Sister Mary Columba comes to mind. Dad's family lived in Newtongrange and Eskbank.

When I was nine in 1936 Dad brought me to St. David's. We travelled by train, (great excitement for me) and I remember getting off the train at the station which was where the bus depot is now. Dad was visiting Father Hobart whom we found in the garden beside a holly hedge. I've always remembered that holly hedge and who would have thought my own sons would help to cut that same hedge more than fifty years later. We then went into Father's study and my memory there was Father's big studded leather armchair. While the adults talked, I sat still and quiet until it was time to leave.

Dad always spoke affectionately about the Lothians - he left, before being married, to stay with his widowed elder sister in Fife who had a big family and needed help. Some of my cousins were baptized in Dalkeith - I've seen their names in the Baptismal Register but, of course they are all at peace now - it's a long time ago.

I have many pleasant memories on which to look back.

(A Pensioner)

## Pat Flynn (at 80)

Pat celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Best wishes and many happy returns from us all to Pat.



## Footprints in the sand.

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.



Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

“You promised me

Lord, that if I followed You, You would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed You most, have You not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,

“The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you”.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Please use large double door at the side entrance.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7.00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'

Come early and listen to our choir practice

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

## ***My favourite things?***

Facebook and Bebo and E-bay and Twitter,  
Texting and typing - they won't make you fitter,  
Sore eyes and fingers and all that they bring,  
They're not remotely my favourite things!

Viruses, Trojans and spamming and phishing,  
Data on laptops that seem to go missing,  
Sitting on trains when a telephone rings,  
These aren't exactly my favourite things!

When they break down - when they spam me,  
When they make me mad...,  
Then I remember how things used to be,  
And then I don't feel so bad!

Letters from loved ones in handwritten packets,  
Walks in the park with no phones in our jackets,  
Capitals used when a sentence begins,  
Those were a few of my favourite things!

For these old days and those old ways,  
When I sometimes feel sad,  
I switch off my laptop, tv and mobile,  
And then I don't feel so bad!

## ***Cartoon by local artist.***

The cartoon below was commissioned by an  
impassioned car driver after a recent gardening trip...



## ***Lost and found - a leprechaun.***

After the recent St. Patrick's Day dance, a  
leprechaun was found lost and alone in the hall.



If anyone has lost the one in the photo, or knows  
where he comes from, would they please come  
forward to reclaim him.

pp The Hall Committee

## **St. David's Brass Band.**



Your local brass band, pictured above, recently competed in the Fife Brass Band Festival Third Section and took first prize under the baton of conductor John Dickson.

### **St. David's Parish Web Site.**

Visit our parish web site and keep up to date with the latest weekly bulletin, plus the parish magazines are available to read on the downloads page.

All this available for viewing at

[www.stdavidsdalkeith.co.uk](http://www.stdavidsdalkeith.co.uk)

### **Pro-Life Chain 2010.**

Time was when Pro-life demonstrations were about expressing very strong personal feelings via very blunt language and arresting images. That has now generally moderated as was evidenced at the Pro-life chain in Edinburgh on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

About 80 participants held placards with a helpful message. Occasionally a passing car tooted and indicated support. All this together with the increased number of participants leads to a feeling that the tide may be very gradually turning as society slowly comes to grips with the difficult issues involved.

One thing that always seems to oblige: the weather. Another fine day for the occasion!

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

\*\*\*\*\* jokes from church magazines \*\*\*\*\*

### **St. Patrick's Missionary Society.**

Netta recently received this letter of thanks following on from a donation of funds raised during a good causes Sunday Teas & Coffees session.

"Dear Netta,

Thank you and the morning coffee group at Saint David's for your very kind and generous donation of £40.00 towards the Society and our missionary work. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and support.

During this Easter season we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It is a celebration of goodness over evil, hope over despair. Our missionaries daily struggle to live their belief in the Easter message of hope and through their lives and ministry help others to have hope.

Many of the people among whom, and with whom, they work are oppressed by poverty and injustice and are struggling to survive. They need to be offered hope. They need the opportunity to gain a sense of their own dignity and worth.

I pray that you will experience the joy of Easter - of knowing that Jesus is risen and is with us, that good will overcome evil. May that 'knowing' reassure you in times of stress, and difficulties and worries in your daily life.

May the glory and the promise of Easter bring peace and happiness to you and to those you hold most dear.

Yours sincerely,

John M. McLaughlin (Fr.)

Saint Patrick's Missionary Society"

*Kiltegan missionaries work in Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Sudan, Cameroon, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Grenada, America, England, Scotland and Ireland.*

***Some 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Mass photos from in the Hall.  
.....There are more photos at the back of Church.....***

*Many thanks to Mr. Tony Crolla  
of the Cavaliere Restaurant  
for his very generous help  
with the food and drinks.*



## Looking Forward.

### • Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Newbattle Abbey's Celtic Festival - 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Come and join us for a celebration of Celtic culture and woodland heritage in Newbattle Abbey College's historic setting. The festival offers activities for all ages and the chance to learn new skills.

- *Ceilidh Tent* • *Traditional Dance Workshops (Scottish, Irish, Breton)* • *Bugs & Bees & Bird Boxes* •
  - *Celtic Jewellery* • *Organic Cooking* •
  - *Who do you think you are? Search for your family roots* •
  - *Local History* • *Traditional Music Sessions* •
  - *Plant Sales* • *Yurt* • *Gypsy Caravan* •
- Entrance & all activities are free---

### • Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dalkeith - St. David's Brass in Concert.

Come along and listen to your prizewinning band. Enjoy the smooth sound and varied programme.

### • 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July - Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The pilgrimage this year takes place from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, flying from Edinburgh.

For further information contact Access Travel,  
6 The Hillock, Astley, Manchester, M29 7GW;  
tel: (01942) 888844;  
email: office@access-travel.co.uk.

### • 17<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July - Taize Pilgrimage.

This pilgrimage is from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July and is for 16 – 29 year olds.

It is being run by Strathclyde University Chaplaincy and will cost £225 including accommodation and travel to and from Glasgow.

Please contact Marjory Macaskill on marjory.macaskill@strath.ac.uk if you have any questions about the trip.

More info re Taize at <http://www.taize.fr>.

### • 16<sup>th</sup> September - Papal Visit to Scotland.

Pope Benedict XVI will visit Great Britain for four days in September 2010.

He will arrive in Edinburgh on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and will be received by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

In the afternoon he will travel to Glasgow to celebrate Mass in Bellahouston Park at 5.15 p.m. This Mass will finish at 7.15 p.m. and the Pope will leave Glasgow Airport at 8.00 p.m. for London.

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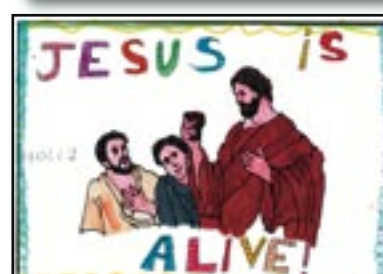
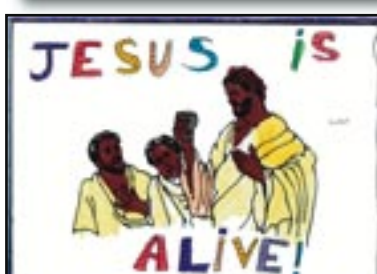
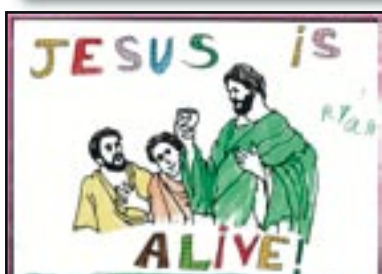
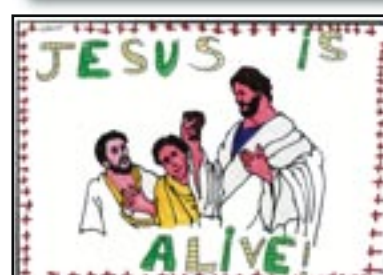
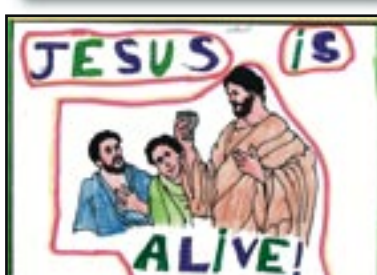
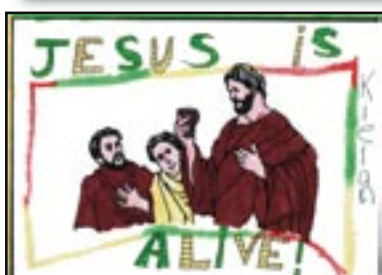
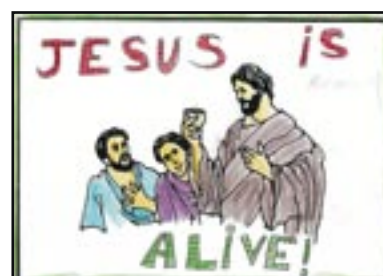
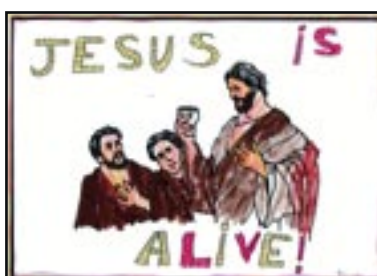
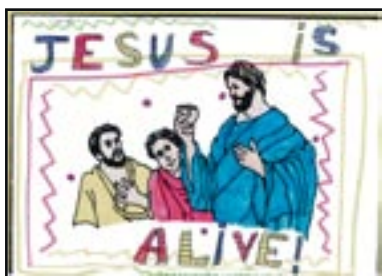
### Some of our recent Enrolment Mass Candidates.

Names in  
alphabetical order :-

Aleksandra,  
Alexander,  
Cameron,  
Ciarán,  
Dawid,  
Kacper.



### Some Easter Artwork from our Primary School pupils.



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