

# By the Way Together

The Magazine of:  
St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumbarton  
and  
St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church, Alexandria

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## "SHAKE IT UP BABY... TWIST AND SHOUT!"

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### ST AUGUSTINE'S

Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.30am	Eucharist
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Passover Supper, Stripping the Church & Watch
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Last Hour
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Joint Paschal Vigil and Baptism (starts in the Hall)
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	11am	Sung Eucharist

### ST MUNGO'S

Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	10am	Eucharist
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6.30pm	Eucharist
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10am	Eucharist
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Eucharist, Stripping the Church & Watch
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	11am	Walk of Witness starting at St Mungo's
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Last Hour
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	Joint Paschal Vigil and Baptism ( <b>St Aug's Hall</b> )
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	11am	Sung Eucharist

### ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	7pm	West Kirk
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7pm	St Andrew's, Bellsmyre
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7pm	Dalreoch UF
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	St Aug's, Passover & Stripping the Church
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	11am & 12pm	Walk of Witness & service in Dumbarton Town Centre
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Riverside, Communion



### BLAST FAE THE PAST

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April  
St Augustine's  
Church  
7.30pm  
BYOB

### WIN £200! EASTER PRIZE DRAW!

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM ST AUG'S  
OFFICE, CLERGY & 'FRIENDS'  
DURING LENT!

### EDINBURGH TATTOO!!



Come with us to see the Tattoo!

August 12<sup>th</sup>  
To be guaranteed a ticket  
see Margaret Hardie  
£55 each  
£10 deposit  
Last few seats left!

## From Kenny...

In February in St Augustine's we had a Stewardship Day, with Dr Jamie Hill preaching on Stewardship during the main service, and after lunch, conducting a discussion on the subject. The main message has always been the same: that we look at our time, talent and treasure, and decide how much we can or should give to God. Some of you will remember the first campaign that I was aware of. It took place in the sixties, and was called "To Serve Thee Better". I remember my parents being invited to a dinner, and coming home with a box of envelopes, into which they put their "pledge" every week, whether they were at church or not. From these days, I guess, the whole concept of Stewardship has been about money and how much we give. Mention Stewardship and most church folk run a mile!

It's not an easy thing to talk about as a member of the clergy, as it sounds as if we are asking everyone for more money to support ministry, and many of us are given huge houses to live in comfortably, while nearly everyone else has to scrimp and save and live in a two or three apartment, and pay rent, mortgage, and Community Charge.

The fact is that most people who came to the Stewardship Day will remember only a little of what was actually said! When it comes to money, the natural reaction is to close down and ponder how hard it is to get by in the age of austerity, and that I am giving as much as I can. But, the general message to both our parishes is the same. It's not just about money, although St Mungo's and St Augustine's are living perilously close to the edge. There are three things to think about when we consider giving. Treasure, yes, but time and talents too.

However, let's look at the money we give to support the parish we belong to, and have a



think. A pound a week in an envelope is not enough to cover the cost of printing the sheets, far less helping to pay power bills, support ministry or maintain our buildings.

Goodness, how much do you spend on a theatre or cinema ticket, a bar of chocolate, or on electricity and gas? How much do you put aside for a night out? Dr Hill was suggesting that every week or month, we should be looking at the things we need to pay, rent/mortgage, power bills, and all the other things that are crucial in our lives. How much we are giving to our parish, to God, should be put in that bracket of "must pay", rather than waiting to see how much we have left over. That's a different way of thinking.

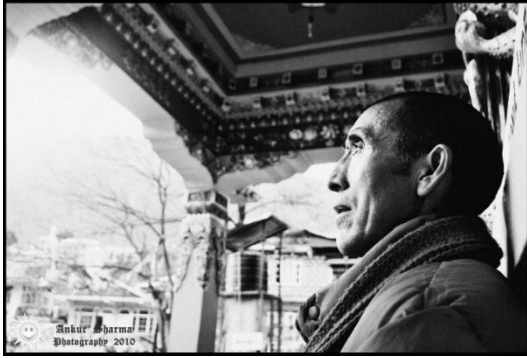
I am aware that there is poverty among the riches of both parishes, and living off a state pension or other benefits is hard to do. How much, though, is God and God's grace worth to you? Does your personal giving reflect that?

It's not all about money, though. How much of your time and talents do you give to God? In St Mungo's we are rather short on people coming forward to volunteer to do little things like reading, welcoming or fundraising. In St Augustine's, we need to help integrate new people into our rotas, making them feel wanted, needed, and part of our community. That is especially so when many will struggle to put large sums of their cash in the plate.

If you have talent, then use it for God's glory. If you have spare time, then offer it to God and God's Church. Have you good ideas of how to grow a church, how to raise more money, how to include others who are just waiting to be asked? Then please don't be shy! Great ideas should be shared.

This whole area of church work will not go away. Goodness, we have been on to it since the sixties! It's a time for reassessment. Let's take it!

*Kenny*



## The Monk who sold his Ferrari by Robin Sharma

**Robin Sharma is a leadership expert and a motivational speaker. He is devoted to the mission of helping organisations develop people.**

The monk who sold his Ferrari is a fable about fulfilling your dreams and reaching your destiny. It is an inspirational tale that provides a step-by-step approach to living with greater courage, balance, abundance and joy.

It tells the story of Julian Mantle, a hotshot lawyer forced to confront the spiritual and physical crisis of his out-of-balance life after he has a heart attack. The story tells of the wisdom he gains on a life-changing odyssey to the Himalayas where he seeks out, finds and studies under Yogi Raman the leading oldest sage in Nirvana. The experience enables him to reassess and change his life to one that is full of passion, purpose, joy and peace.

Julian is keen to pass on all he has learned to John who worked in Julian's law firm and who Julian sees as a younger version of himself. He wants John to learn from the mistakes that led to his ill health.

Telling a story told to him by Yogi Raman that is full of symbols, Julian opens John's eyes to the wisdom of developing good principles and virtues in life and by practising the ancient art of the 10 rituals of radiant living. He tells John that he, too, can create a life that is full of passion, purpose, joy and peace.

The group agreed that the theme of the book was thought provoking and full of insightful and profound passages. We found the symbols used in the story told by Yogi Raman to be peculiar, but agreed that once the meaning had been explained they reinforced the theme of the book. The very strangeness also helped us to remember and recall the principles and virtues that were being explored. We felt that the book's explanation and breakdown of the 10 steps to radiant living could benefit us all by encouraging even small changes to our daily lives and they were a good guide to a more fulfilling way to live.

### SMILE LINES

Comment from a parishioner: 'Our vicar's sermons always have a happy ending. The moment they've ended, everyone feels happy.'

Found in a diocesan magazine: A nun driving her jeep in the Middle East ran out of petrol. The only container she could find was a chamber pot, in which she collected petrol and with great difficulty refilled the jeep. Some Sheikhs looking on observed: 'Sister, we don't share your religion, but we admire your faith.'

Seen in a West Country church: Whenever I see a little church, I always pay a visit. So when at last I'm carried in, the Lord won't say 'Who is it?'

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

Seen in a parish magazine: Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.

A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. 'He looks a tough customer,' she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?' The Governor paused and smiled. 'Ah, actually, he is the chaplain.'



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### **January – Feb Update.**

On a day to day basis we are as busy as ever. Our volunteers continue to help with the emergency food aid part of Food for Thought and without them I would be working backshift as well as day shift! The hard physical work they do in carrying foodstuff up and down our Harry Potter stairs in Church is a workout in itself. As always we appreciate every one of them for their commitment and energy.

As you may be aware we had been supporting a couple with a baby who failed asylum. We supported this family for 8 months with food, assisting them to LIFE (who provided all baby essentials) and contacting Migration help. This family has now been moved to Glasgow by the Immigration Department and sadly we probably won't see them again. Our support did make the time they spent in Dumbarton comfortable and provided the wee one with all she required, thanks to the support we received from you.

We are supporting a growing number of people at present who have ongoing life difficulties and they are proof that if we give a little time and care that maybe together we can work out even the most complex issues. This part of the project has the most satisfying outcomes for me as we see chaotic lives turn into ones of stability, and isolated people who come to belong. Thursday drop in lunch is well attended as is the bi-weekly group, Leap of Faith, which many of us attend.



Funding – In case I haven't told you, the one person in the Congregation I must have missed, (sorry!) - I HATE funding. Currently Liz, Morag and I are completing and sending out applications. Each one has different criteria so has to be tailored to the charities specific outcomes. I now wake up in the middle of the night with a great, or sometimes not so great, sentence in my head which I know I have to include in the current application! Awards for All have given us £10,000 which will help to protect the project for another year and

we are awaiting news of 5 others, which hopefully will help towards the cost of my wages.

In December we were contacted by Dumbarton Academy asking if we would take part in the Young Philanthropy Initiative (YPI). This is a national programme for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who choose a local charity, find out about it and then present the findings to a panel. Jennifer, Natasha, Eilidh & Connor came to us for 4 weeks and helped to sort the toys and gifts we gave out at Christmas. All were very interested in what we do and a little surprised that our project was needed in Dumbarton. We are delighted to say that last Tuesday they won the YPI award for 2016. In due course we will receive the £3,000 prize awarded to the winning charity. Congratulations to these 4 young adults for winning this award and for thanks for taking the time to come along every week to help us provide toys and gifts to children and adults who may not have received them otherwise.

Lastly without the donations we receive from this congregation from other individuals and organisations we could not offer the support to the most vulnerable members of our community so thank you for your continued support.

*Caroline*



## **i am the vicar, i am**

I am the vicar, I am.

I am the pastor, the carer, the listener  
the one with the time to drop everything and  
I also understand global politics and immigration  
and

I am the one who knows about Afghanistan  
and cares about 'our boys'  
and I care about speed-humps  
graffiti  
litter  
and the positioning of zebra crossings near schools.

I am passionate about school assemblies,  
council meetings  
mums and toddlers and also  
I am good at one-to-one and small groups and  
I listen and empathise and at the same time  
I am the one who plans and strategizes and  
I am the one who understands budgets and decides if  
we can buy any staples  
or replace the heating system.  
I am the vicar, I am.

I am the quiet reflective prayer and  
I am the speaker, the enthuser, the motivator, the  
learned teacher and  
I can engage a room of 10, 50, 300 people with no  
problem because  
I am the one who relates particularly well to children  
older people  
the middle-aged  
the jobless  
the employed  
the doctors  
teenagers and  
I am the one who is always one step ahead and  
I am the one who is endearingly disorganised.  
I am the vicar, I am.

I care passionately about church politics  
I care passionately about domestic abuse  
I care passionately about the plight of Anglo  
Catholics  
women priests, gay clergy  
evangelicals and  
I listen to the pope  
the archbishop and Rob Bell.

I am up-to-date with theological developments.  
I understand the history of the reformation  
the armed forces, the war  
the government,  
the deanery  
the Jewish background of Jesus and  
I care about the excluded and  
I manage my admin and

I know how to access children's services.  
I am the vicar, I am.

I am the one in whom trust is placed  
I am the one in whom grumbles are placed  
I am the one who is always talking to everyone else  
I am the one who models worship  
marriage  
family  
gardening  
conversation  
baking  
prayer  
listening  
talking  
planning.  
I often get it wrong.



I am the one who has to keep my doubts under  
wraps and  
I am also the one who is vulnerable and  
dependable  
stable  
trustworthy.

I am the one who chairs meetings  
I am the one who manages group discussions  
I am the manager of an organisation that employs  
only me  
I am the volunteer co-ordinator  
the opinion co-ordinator  
the trespasser on the territory of people who have  
been around a lot longer than me  
and will be there after me.  
I understand the heating system  
the financial system  
the rota system.

I love committees.

I drink tea with older people  
And coffee with younger people  
I listen to stories of bus routes and hospital visits  
and  
I believe in transforming our community through the  
power of Jesus.  
I am the one who is very tired.  
I am the one who hates wearing dresses but still  
smiles  
and would love to be muddy all the time.

I am the one who only works one day a week.  
I am the one who loves this job.  
I am the one who is making it up as I go along.  
I am the one who would not swap this for anything.  
I am the vicar, I am.



It's probably safe to say that we all occasionally grumble about the weather. The dreich mornings... the endless greyness of the daylight hours and the darkness of the early evenings...they go

on for what seems like forever! As we live through them I am sure we all dream of the warm rays of sunshine on our faces and the joy of being free from raincoats, scarves and gloves (if only!!).

But then I think this cycle of experiencing darkness before enjoying the light is written into our very DNA.... into the depths of our souls. The long cold hours of night are followed by the welcoming light of day. The dark of winter is followed by the clear light and abundant growth of spring and summer. In many ways we instinctively fear the dark... but because we have lived through it, when we reach the light we enjoy it even more.

Even in our childhood story telling the hard / dark times are followed by the good / light times. How many times have you read the fairy story of Cinderella? There's poor young Cinders forgotten, alone, sitting in the ashes, in the cinders since she was wee, knowing only emptiness and powerlessness until suddenly her life changes. The fairy godmother appears, waves her wand, and Cinderella finds she can go to the ball, wear the wonderful clothes, and dance with the prince. What a happy ending! But it is only happy and fulfilling because she has done her time experiencing the harder side of life. So many of our stories follow this trend – a plotline of little and hardship followed by the celebration of 'living happily ever after'!

A similar pattern is seen in ancient Native American culture. In the days of simple structures which boasted only a central fire for warmth and cooking, it was accepted practice for everyone at some point in their lives would spend a little time sitting in the ashes beside that central fire in

quietness and solitude, withdrawn from everyday activities. Nobody would ask why. Nobody questioned it. It was understood and accepted that the person who did this was working through some crisis or trouble and needed space by themselves to deal with their inner chaos and demons. Once they had sorted themselves out they would then get up and resume normal life. In short 'time out' was a necessary and expected part of life... and it would be followed by the participation of the joy of daily living.

Today, our spiritual life, and certainly our church calendar, follows the same pattern. We have the reflective and penitential period of Advent followed by the celebration of Christmas with all its candles and promise of the coming of the birth of the Prince of Light. And at the moment we are living through Lent – the 40 days of inner, spiritual examination before we experience the joys of Easter.

Some of us are very good at Lenten disciplines... and some of us are very good at attending all the services through Holy Week. My experience is that the more we join in with the pattern of reflection and self-examination (or the 'darkness and ashes' of Lent) the more joy we experience at Easter. If we attend the Eucharist early in Holy Week, AND the service on Maundy Thursday, AND the Last Hour on Good Friday, AND the Vigil on Easter Saturday the joy we get from hearing for the first time "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed" is unforgettable.

Sometimes we can only know the heights if we have known something of the lows, exercised restraint, undertaken some self reflection. I hope as many of us as possible take advantage of the services and of our beautiful liturgy. The more we put in – the more we will get out of it!

*with love, Liz*







## **The Star o' Robbie Burns Mungo-style!**

Well done to Morag Fairley and her crew who organised and pulled off a successful Burns supper in St Mungo's Hall despite the serious illness of one of her main musicians and performers. A wonderful haggis meal was enjoyed, music played and the Star O' Robbie Burns was sung with gusto and flag waving!



**A HARD DAY'S NIGHT!**







## **DOWN IN THE BOWELS.... OF GLASGOW CENTRAL STATION**

Train enthusiasts David Ansell and Tim Rhead had a wonderful time exploring the heights, depths and darkened innards of Glasgow Central Station. For David it was a time of memories as he rolled back the years and remembered working at the station when he was much younger. He was able to not only learn about the place but also contribute a few stories of his own!



**Papa Kenny baptises his grandson!**

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Welcome to the church

Ewan George Kenneth Macaulay!!

Candle expertly held by

Ewan's gorgeous big sister, Hailey!

**A happy day of celebration!**



## **Leap of Faith Group Every second Wednesday**

As 1 o'clock approaches the food is coming out of the oven.... the people are gathering.... and it's another fun-filled meeting of the Leap of Faith Group. There is always plenty of laughter and sharing – the telling of our daily joys and moans, and the catching up with lives and concerns. Young Mirrin joins in with excited squeaks and exclamations – which we all know will soon turn into conversation and proper words! At 1.30 (or thereabouts!) the table is cleared and discussion begins. Whatever the subject of the week we try to connect our faith and our lives. Through our conversation we try to support each other in our individual endeavours – and respect and encouragement is paramount in our interactions with each other. Every week is different. Every group meeting is a joy and a privilege to attend. If you are at a loose end when the group is on – drop by.... join in.... enjoy the company.... you would be made most welcome!



## Stewardship Sunday – a response to St Augustine's MAP for 2015/16

*"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have".*

(2 Cor 12)

Dr Jamie Hill, in his address to St Augustine's congregation, opened by saying that stewardship is living out our faith, showing gratitude to God and God's gifts to us. It is not fundraising just to gain money.

Like Jesus, who in his life was given hospitality and food by those whom he met, the church depends on the generosity of those around it. For us we can exercise our discipleship and offer to our church the generous use of our Time, Talents, and Treasure.

Time and Talents can take effort but both are valuable contributions to the life of the church. However, in many ways 'Treasure', ie money, can be a simpler option – for some writing out a cheque is easy. Dr Hill went on to say that money should be given with generosity and joy and not as a percentage of income (as in the Old

Testament concept of tithing). We should be focussing on giving back what we have received from God, rather than the actual need of the church.

Whatever or however we give to the church we should think about our giving as:  
a priority, planned (ie regular), personal from us, practical (not go into debt) and proportional (a fair proportion and not feel guilty).

We should feel in our hearts that what we give is acceptable, as our giving should be done with joy. Free and cheerful self-giving is not an obligation, it's a privilege.

*Fran*



I'm still not convinced that what works for Disneyland will work for us!



"Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I've been praying for 75 years!"



NOAH'S DOG.

## NEW CANON MISSIONER APPOINTED



**The Bishop is delighted to announce the appointment of the Rev Audrey O'Brien Stewart as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.**

Audrey comes from the US based Episcopal Church and is currently the Interim Priest for St Dunstan's Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Speaking about the announcement, Bishop Gregor said, "I'm looking forward to Audrey's ministry amongst us. She brings new skills and new experiences into the diocese and we are delighted that she has accepted this role".

As Canon Missioner, Audrey will also have a role at St Mary's Cathedral. Responding to the announcement, the Provost, Kelvin Holdsworth said, "I'm delighted that this appointment has been made and hope that it will lead to increasingly rich connections between the cathedral and the churches of the diocese."

Audrey will be moving to Glasgow in the early summer and is expected to be taking up her post in August. She will be coming to the Diocesan Synod in March.



## VERDICT: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

As one of the newest (and as yet unconfirmed) members of St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church I first felt moved to go there for two reasons:

1. It was local – right at the bottom of my street
2. I felt that God wanted me there

As a newbie everything was strange. But I need never have worried about anything as I was made so welcome and have been ever since initially going to the Carol Service at Christmas.

Since Christmas I have attended St Mungo's every Sunday and on a Wednesday when I can make it. I have to admit I find the service complex to follow – but I am sure I will get the hang of it!

I have also started my first adherence to Lent and am attending my very first Lent Group which is very different from anything I have ever gone to before. I find that receiving Communion every week is now part of my personal connection with God. Other members of the congregation help me to the altar and back to my pew due to my mobility problems which I

appreciate.

I have never experienced such a welcoming community. You even get a cuddle if you want one! If you have ever thought about going to church but thought perhaps it wasn't for you, I'd personally recommend you give St Mungo's a try. You might surprise yourself and actually like it! Peace be with you.

*Anne Bardsley*



"I put them all in one basket on purpose.  
I like to live dangerously."



"I didn't say I was unfulfilled. I said I was hollow."





## *'Wait Till I Tell You...'*

*Janette bids a fond farewell to winter with our fabulous February Beatles Bash and looks forward to the joys of spring despite the current political ongoing on both sides of the Atlantic.*

### **MARCH - A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE.**

Spring has sprung and March has come in like a lion –which means it will go out like a lamb just in time for Ghislaine's Blast from the Past on 1<sup>st</sup> April. At least we won't be chasing our Easter bonnets on the 27<sup>th</sup> or picking up roof tiles from amongst the daffodils! At the moment we're struggling through the sombre days of Lent while worrying about the 15<sup>th</sup> when we have been told to *'beware the Ides of March'*. March takes its name, not from the yummy chocolate treat or the mysterious red planet, but from the Roman god of war. Perhaps that's why there's so much aggro about just now! And what about those flashing lights in the sky on the last day of February – was that really meteors or is the soothsayer alive and well and living somewhere north of Stirling? OK, before anyone succumbs to the depths of despair, remember that March is the time to pay off your summer holidays and is a whole eight months away from gloomy November and the pre-Christmas *sprachle*. Tempus fugit right enough!

### **'ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE'.....**

And not fried onions! Oh, dear, the idea of going dancing after a feed of fried onions used to be unthinkable. So, the romance killing vegetable did not make an appearance. Happily, that was the only complaint about the Friends' tribute to the Beatles organised by Anne and held in the Church, disguised as the Cavern, on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The onion-less hot dogs were delicious, the entertainment very lively and the atmosphere just right for the occasion. There were some serious attempts at dressing up in 60's / 70's fashions, though David Ansell's long black wig was more caveman than Cavern. Liz's Abba style kick flare trousers were described as 'sensational' and Kenny's ubiquitous long black coat brought Father McKenzie (of Eleanor Rigby's parish) back to life! Favourite outfits were psychedelic mini dresses, white boots and baker boy caps as worn by Linda Jenkinson with flower power very much in evidence. Anne and Carol were at the door checking that no

one 'juke'd in' without paying under the atmospheric lighting that was reminiscent of the current High Street variety being provided for us by WDC. The girls tore up hundreds of raffle tickets for a record number of prizes. There was a Beatles Quiz – the answers to which those who had been contemporaries of the Beatles had long forgotten. Roddy Dyer claimed to have had the most expertise – a fact disputed by Kenny, so their very large team took home the prizes. Since Paul McCartney couldn't manage, an artiste called Kenny Woods - all the way from Bellsmyre - kept the joint jumping until 11.30pm. Then the clean-up team moved in and transformed the Cavern back to St. Aug's with around £500 profit. Watch this space for details of further Friends' events for this season and keep on paying up your Tattoo tickets.....please!

### **POLITICAL THEATRE? BEST STICK TO DPT!**

As February rolled on, the media began hyping us up with exciting news of political theatre –a production entitled 'Europe, In or Out?'. **Act 1.** Set at the Brussels summit where our esteemed P.M. would play the lead and stop at nothing short of a tantrum to achieve a modicum of reforms. Also starring Mrs Merkel in supporting role and customary jacket as well as EC President Donald Tusk (pronounced Toosk). This Act took longer than expected, becoming a '3 shirt summit' or in Scotland better known as 'a 3 semmit summit'.

**Act 11. Saturday.** This scene was set in London outside 10 Downing Street where the cabinet would make an entrance to hear the good news of the concessions just prior to their hero announcing a referendum date to the waiting world. Backstage, his wife, Sam, would be busy ironing the 3 shirts from Act 1. Act 11 included a chorus of extras and a narrator from the media who kept on talking and missing the arrival of key players. Awards for best actors here must go to jolly old Michael Gove whose hand props included what appeared to be two shopping bags! Boris, in woolly beanie more appropriate to the Westcliff bus, looked unsure of his words. Then at last – with a fanfare – the referendum was announced for 23<sup>rd</sup> June!

**Act 111. Sunday.** Tension had set in for this – the climax. It would appear that every man, *wumman and dug* had something to say about 'Brexit' - even those who had gone for their messages and missed Act 11! There were others who thought the changes to the Eurovision Song Contest were a



great idea and would prevent further UK embarrassment! *That'll be right!* The SNP were unhappy with the 23<sup>rd</sup>. '*Too close to the Holyrood elections*', they moaned, '*and the punters won't like it*'. Who are they kidding? Too close to the Scottish Fair Holidays to be bothering folk with politics is a more likely response! But Boris was still working on his script so the country held its breath for a decision. Would it be a 'Yes' from London's blonde bombshell? Oh no, it wasn't! This 'no' vote from Boris would mean the outers now had a 'big beast'. There was no final curtain – 'Europe, In or Out?' will be continuing – on every occasion when a politician gets in front of a microphone!

### **FRUITBREAD, A SCONE OR A CROISSANT?**

Growing in popularity amongst the Francophiles of the Newtown who attend our Friends' Saturday Coffee Mornings are those hot, flaky, curvy, messy croissants, served with butter and jam. But this delicacy is being threatened by Tesco who insists that the straight variety is preferred by today's shoppers and considered to be more sophisticated! '*Help ma Boab' it's a bun we're talkin' aboot – no' a designer froak!*' And Rocco Currie from St. Mungo's, who never misses the Saturday coffee, woofs '*any shape will do for me!*'

Oh, the current argument over the croissant shape has nothing to do with Mr Cameron's EU concessions. The name croissant means crescent in French and the pastry originated in Austria. They were created in the crescent shape in 1683 to celebrate the victory over the Turkish army which has a crescent as an emblem on its flag. So there - think on all that history as you munch your way through your Saturday treat. Just watch out for the crumbs or you'll be in trouble! St. Aug's Saturday Café is open every week from 10am till 12noon – why not come in for a gossip ....and a croissant?

### **ROYAL 'DOO' AT EAST LOTHIAN CO'ONCIL FLATS.**

The poor bird was traumatised when found frozen, lost and hungry in Haddington. Aw.....ww! Happily it was rescued with the help of a plastic washing basket and returned to its royal home at Sandringham. Unfortunately it will never be the same again. But who can imagine Her Majesty out the back green shaking a tin to attract her racing pigeons back to their hut?

### **BRING BACK THE GLAMOUR!**

Remember when anything associated with Hollywood meant glamour, glitz and pure escapism? When going along to the Picture House or the Rialto transported you to a world far away from Dumbarton or even the Vale? Nowadays the Holy Grail of all movie making - the Oscars presentations - is all about problems, causes and reality. This year we had protests about racial discrimination, LGBT affairs, domestic violence and the state of the planet. Bring back the wow factor!

### **COMING THIS APRIL – NOSTALGIA BY THE BUCKETFUL!**

Who remembers 'Little Women' – the Louisa May Alcott story of four girls growing up in a large house near Boston in the USA? Long ago it was unmissable reading for all schoolgirls and the play was presented in St. Augustine's old hall by St. Augustine's Players. Well, in April DPT will present an adaptation of the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy in the Denny Civic Theatre opening on the 27<sup>th</sup>. So if you want to wallow in nostalgia and have an evening of sweetness and light make sure you get a ticket – only £5 and available soon at McDermid's Keystore.

### **SPRING- A POEM.**

*'Tis dogs' delight to bark and bite  
And little birds to sing.  
But if you sit on a red hot brick  
It's the sign of an early spring!*

And this year it's an early spring with an early Easter. You're well over the hill if you find yourself remembering the following:

- a) Getting a new outfit for Easter (including the hat).
- b) Church on Easter Sunday being almost mandatory.
- c) Painting a hard-boiled egg – from a real hen!
- d) Rolling the egg down Binnie's Brae – now Mansewood Housing Estate.
- e) Receiving your very first chocolate egg – hollow and from Woolworths!
- f) Going for a walk to see the lambs.

So, until the April edition of 'By the Way Together', have a really happy Easter and watch out for those mad March hares that seem almost sane this year when compared with some of the folks we encounter on the telly!

*Janette*

## ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

Chalice Bearer for every Sunday is Tom M

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Reader/Intercessions

Pat Brooks

Sidesperson

Tom & Ian Marshall

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Reader/Intercessions

Lewis Kennedy

Sidesperson

Tom & Ian

Marshall

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Reader/Intercessions

Clergy

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Reader/Intercessions

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Marshall

## CLEANING

6<sup>th</sup> March Finella

13<sup>th</sup> March Margaret

20<sup>th</sup> March Iona and Mary

27<sup>th</sup> March Eveline

3<sup>rd</sup> April Finella

## ROTAS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

### Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>

Readers

Kirstin Wiggins & Linda Macaulay

Intercessions

David Rowatt

Chalice

Sharon Rowatt & Margaret H

Sidespersons

Margaret Swan & Ronnie Blaney

Sunday School

Sandra & Margaret Swan

### Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>

Readers

Ghislaine K & Evelyn O'Neill

Intercessions

Fran Walker

Chalice

Sharon Rowatt & Barbara Barnes

Sidespersons

David Ansell & Maggie Wallace

Sunday School

Sandra & Linda Jenkinson

### Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Readers

David Ansell & Morag O'Neill

Intercessions

Evelyn O'Neill

Chalice

Fran Walker & Maggie Wallace

Sidespersons

Lyndsey Spencer & Linda J

Sunday School

Sandra & Barbara Barnes

### Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Readers

David Rowatt & Janette Barnes

Intercessions

Linda Macaulay

Chalice

Margaret Hardie & David Rowatt

Sidespersons

Chrissie Ashman & Roberta Mailley

Flowers

Maggie Wallace & Moira McGown

Sunday School

Sandra & Margaret Hardie

### Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Readers

Barbara Barnes & Fran Walker

Intercessions

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SEE THAT PALM TREE?

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(See psalm 100)

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MOM SAYS WE SING HYMNS TO MAKE A JOYFUL  
NOISE UNTO THE LORD ... I PERSONALLY  
LIKE TO YELL "YIPPEE" EVERY NOW AND THEN

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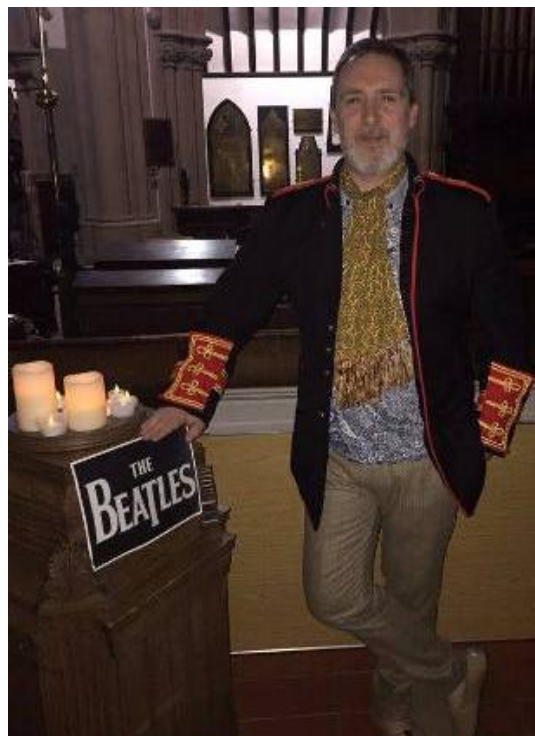
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