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The Bishop writes:

Lambeth 2008

'Lambeth 2008' was unforgettable, a world away from what the media reported. For once I actually experienced reading news stories which were pure invention and clearly borne of desperation! Rather than the back-biting, argumentative and divisive squabbling the newspaper columnists wanted, the real Lambeth – even in its daily news Conferences – was about good news.

Lambeth began with a two-day retreat led by Archbishop Rowan Williams. Canterbury Cathedral – normally open daily to the public – was, for once, closed off to visitors to allow 670 bishops to walk its grounds, to talk, pray, or simply be quiet. The Archbishop's addresses were thoughtful, theologically riveting and they got better and better as he reminded us that every time we prayed, 'something *changed*'.

The actual Conference took place on the hill above the town and on the campus of the University of Kent. Here, on the third morning, when the delegates had all returned to the 'big top' – a tent used for all plenary sessions – Archbishop Rowan rose to speak to delegates as the conference proper began. He spoke quietly at first, and was on the point of apologizing for the fact that we were again 'having to listen to him ...' when he found himself interrupted in mid-sentence. For spontaneously, 670 bishops rose to their feet in deafening applause. For an Archbishop, who, has over the last few years borne burdens that might have broken another man, this standing ovation was an unforgettable emotional demonstration of affection and thanks. Thanks for a wonderful retreat, and a thanks for holding this burdensome office. The press never bothered to report it - it wasn't the story they wanted.

From across continents and cultures, bishops came together in daily bible study groups to share each other's understanding. The studies were one of the highlights of the conference as we struggled with the 'I am' sayings found in St John's Gospel. I doubt if I shall be able to read St John's Gospel ever again in quite the same way. In my own group two English bishops, an American and four Indians shared stories of how the faith impacts on their own communities and how for them Jesus becomes 'the bread of life' as the gospel is actually lived and explored.

Our discussion groups later each day were based on a Zulu method of dialogue, the Indaba Group. An Indaba is a 'purposeful meeting' and, in the bush at least, can go on all night! Here, we were forced to share the most difficult and contentious material in a fresh and invigorating way. Time was taken to explore the themes

in detail, uninterrupted talk was maintained, respectful listening became a priority. And it was from these encounters that the final reflections came. We shared questions of international poverty, and the threats to the planet from those who have to live alongside destroyed forests and rivers and whose whole livelihoods are disrupted. We heard of the ravages of HIV/Aids and we considered the churches part in each and every one of these situations. One thing I learnt day after day was that those of us who live in the peaceful west, might as well be living on another planet.

The issue of human sexuality and homosexuality simply had to take its place among other issues. But even here there were surprises: An African bishop from the Sudan quietly explained that not only was homosexuality an abomination where they came from, but that in some places the death penalty could be exacted against homosexuals. There were tearful Americans who confessed they had no idea that the consecration of Gene Robinson would do so much harm to the communion.

In the end these sessions too were about listening and they proved to be surprisingly calm and peaceful. Indeed, after a very lengthy exchange of diverse views, one Bishop remarked, 'This has been excellent; now we're really ready to dialogue!' We did, and much was achieved.

The rest of the conference was a mixture of funny moments and extraordinary encounters; some of them heartrending. We learned of the Melanesian Martyrs who were commemorated in the final

Eucharist, and I met a white South African priest a member of a religious community. He worked on the 'healing of memories' helping those who have suffered violence and trauma. His qualifications? He had had both hands blown off and was blinded in an eye following a letter bomb addressed to him from Zimbabwe.

Lambeth worked wonderfully as a place of prayerful meeting, lively exchanges, and frequently a meeting of minds. On the first week we all took part in the 'millennium march' through the centre of London; a colourful demonstration of the Bishops' commitment of the millennium goals of relieving poverty and improving education across the world. For once the papers were dumbstruck. But *The Independent* had the courage to tell it as it was; at the end of the March we were met at Lambeth Palace by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. 'This' he said with passion, 'has been the greatest demonstration of religious faith this city has ever seen'.

The problems of the Anglican Communion cannot be solved by Lambeth – it is for other bodies and 'instruments;' to deal with the contentious issues. What Lambeth proved was that apart from about four provinces that chose not to attend, most of the Anglican world was ready to sit down and kneel down together, to work and pray for a better world.

+ John

David Carnegie-Arbuthnott

David Carnegie-Arbuthnott was the 14th laird of Balnamoon, the estate at Menmuir near Brechin, the family home for 400 years. One of his forebears was James Carnegie ("The Rebel Laird") who fought at Culloden and was forced to take refuge for some months in 1746-47 in a cave in the hills above Glenesk.

David was born in London in 1925 and educated at Stowe. In 1944, he went out to India and joined the 2nd Battalion The Black Watch on an emergency commission. In due course, he became adjutant of the battalion.

On his return from India in 1947 he began an apprenticeship in Glasgow and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1953. Three years later he became a partner in the Dundee firm of R.C. Thomson and Murdoch C.A. where he spent the rest of his professional life. The firm became part of Arthur Young McClelland Moores and David was latterly the senior and managing partner in Dundee.

In 1955 he joined the Territorial Army rising to command the 4th/5th Battalion The Black Watch and was promoted brevet colonel in 1969 and made honorary colonel of the 1st Bn 51st Highland Volunteers (TA). He was awarded the Territorial Decoration. In 1959, he became a member of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland (the Royal Company of Archers) and was a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of the City of Dundee from 1973

until 1989 when he became a Deputy Lieutenant in Angus.

He readily gave his professional skills in the service of public bodies. These included the Northern College of Education, Inveresk Community Council and the Court of the University of Dundee, where he became an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1982.

The Carnegie-Arbuthnotts had a history of service to the Scottish Episcopal Church and David continued the tradition as a vestry member, as honorary treasurer of the Diocese of Brechin and for five years as convener of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church. In 1982, he became one of the trustees of the Church. He was a committed and exemplary churchman.

When he was still an apprentice CA, he had married Helen Adamson Lyell. She died in 2000 after 50 years of marriage, having been devotedly nursed by David during the last few years of her life. Sadly, he himself lost his sight and his memory in the last couple of years. Both David and Helen will be remembered for their courage, kindness and courtesy and for their hospitality at Balnamoon.

He died on 20 March at Edzell aged 82 and is survived by his four children – James, who has become the 15th Laird, Sarah, Hugh and Bridget, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edward Luscombe



St Drostan's Day Pilgrimage and Picnic

Members of St Andrew's Brechin, together with friends from Brechin Churches together and other churches in the Diocese, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at St Drostan's, Tarfside on the 13 July. The heather was in full bloom as we walked up to the historic cross stone on the Rowan Hill, above St Drostane's Church.



A pause at the stone with a Pictish cross incised on it
(bottom right)

At the site of this Pictish preaching stone, Father David Mumford gave a brief history of St Drostan and the development of the church in the Glen. Following a reading and prayers, the more able members trekked across the heather to the remains of one of the original site of St Drostane's church. Here a short service was held. Afterwards, we were all summoned by the vigorous ringing of the restored church bell to a Eucharist in the present St Drostane's Church. Following the service we enjoyed meeting and talking with each other for a good while, as we sat outside in the evening sunshine.

PORT CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

The Mission to Seafarers recently appointed the Revd Tom Allen as Chaplain of the Scottish Ports in order to meet the growing spiritual and practical needs of seafarers visiting our shores. While Tom spends a large portion of his time visiting ships in the port of Grangemouth where he is based, he also visits other ports wherever seafarers' needs exist.

As a missionary society of the Anglican Church the Mission to Seafarers depends entirely on voluntary contributions. With appreciation congregations and individuals are asked to please continue their generous support that has made possible this new ministry in Scotland. Sea Sunday focuses on the lives of seafarers and on the work of the Mission to Seafarers and may be observed on any Sunday convenient to the congregation.

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DREAMS ... OF AFRICA'S CHILD!

The stars light up my African sky.

My dear sleep has come again

I sleep in fear, for I live in a war-torn Africa.

Peace is nothing, nothing but a dream,

A dream so far away it cannot be harmed.

My dream of an African Paradise has arrived.

Every night my treasured dream returns.

Sleeping, I see my Africa, free from all.

Poverty is now history, extinct like the Mauritian dodo.

All of Africa's needs have been catered for.

AIDS has finally fled, gone like the Black Death.

Malaria and all illnesses have no name, no face, no place.

I dream of a united Africa, one country, one continent.

Corrupt and greedy leaders are no more.

Ghana's gold, Sierra Leone's diamonds, Nigeria's oil belongs to all.

My African soil overflows with food for all my people.

Hunger is extinguished as we all sit at Africa's great feast,

Hand in hand, step-by-step, we walk Africa forward.

My Africa, my homeland, my land rich in culture and spirit,

My motherland is now immortal, death has lost its icy grip.

Peace reigns in my Africa, war is now an archaic creature.

Africa's history has been rewritten, slave trade was a hallucination.

My dear continent is now shielded,

Free from oppression, safe from harm.

The African drums sound, Mother Africa sings the song of love.

Suddenly, the cock crows! The hot African sun lights up the land.

It was all a dream! A dream! These are the dreams of Africa's Child..

Dear Lord, PLEASE, bring them to life!

Afia Agyeman-Duah



At the end of June, St Mary's Arbroath had their annual sponsored walk along the cliff path to St Peter's, Auchmithie. In fine weather a dozen folk did the walk, raising almost £300 for church funds. Those not able to walk the 6 km went by car and got the barbecue ready. After a fill of beefburgers about 30 people went into church for a Songs of Praise.

A Beautiful Illustration:

James Nicolson and the Founding of St. Salvador's Dundee

"Dean Nicolson knows he is under sentence of death, and yet he goes on in his work quietly and to the full measure of his strength. Is he not a beautiful illustration of the power of real religion?" This question, once asked by a Scottish Bishop, was quoted by the preacher at a service in St Salvador's Dundee on the evening of Nicolson's funeral on 3 February, 1889. The Dean of Brechin, James Nicolson, had died at the age of 57 in the Rectory on William Street, on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 25 January, having bravely suffered a painful malady for four years. "A beautiful illustration of the power of real religion" is a phrase summing up not only the life of a faithful priest, but also the function, purpose and spirit of the congregation that he founded in one of the bleakest slums in Scotland.

St Salvador's was, from the first, considered a "poor man's church" by contemporaries. Although there were a number of well-off (and even titled) people associated with the congregation, at its heart were the children and adults living crammed into the tenements and working in the mills and factories that once hemmed the church in on every side. The exterior of the church building, sitting beside its fairly nondescript school and hall, promises very little to the passer-by. However, all who enter its glorious interior see it as it was intended to be seen. Inside one gets a glimpse of the glory of the Kingdom itself among working people living grey, hard lives, and one is aware that it is a place where life can be transformed by grace – in short, St. Salvador's too is "a beautiful illustration of the power of real religion".

James Nicolson was connected to two of the oldest high church Episcopalian families in the

north-east, the Nicolsons and the Skinners. He numbered among his Skinner kinfolk two Bishops of Aberdeen. Nicolson's father was a farmer in Aberdeenshire, and it was at Cruden, north of the city of Aberdeen, that Nicolson was born on 12 March, 1832. He was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and at Marischal College,



where he showed himself to be an able scholar. In 1853 he attained the A.M. degree. Already his thoughts were turning toward ordination in the Scottish Episcopal Church, so in 1854 he entered Trinity College, Glenalmond, for a theological education. There he came under the formative influence of, among others, Dr William Bright, who eventually was dismissed from Glenalmond for his "extreme" catholic principles. At Trinity College Nicolson once more showed his aptitude for learning and gained the Luscombe Scholarship. Bishop Forbes of Brechin, the examiner for the award, was so impressed by Nicolson that he appointed him his chaplain six months prior to the

young man's completion of his course and ordination.

Upon graduation in 1856, James Nicolson moved to Dundee and resided with Bishop Forbes at Castlehill. He was to remain part of the Bishop's household and one of his closest friends until Forbes' death in 1875. Nicolson was ordained Deacon in St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Blinshall Street, in July 1856, and served as assistant there. A few months later he began holding services on Monday evenings in two rented rooms on Elizabeth Street, in the Maxwelltown area of the city. In the meantime, while the mission work continued and prospered in 1857, Bishop Forbes ordained James Nicolson a Priest. Soon the accommodation of the mission in the rented rooms was inadequate for the numbers attending, and larger premises were required. It was decided to build something better. To that end James Nicolson turned his considerable practical energies and capacity for hard work.

Mr William Neish of Clepington and Tannadice, a local landowner of high church sympathies, donated land. By Nicolson's perseverance £1700 was raised by subscription for the erection of a building to the design of G. F. Bodley, a young architect whose eminence was growing. Bodley's design had a continental European flavour. The lower floor of the new structure was to be utilised as a school for the neighbourhood children. The upper floor of the new premises was to be used temporarily as a church, with seating for 300. When the building was completed and opened in 1858, it was called "St. Salvador's" – a designation for a number of churches in medieval Scotland from the Latin for "Holy Saviour". Bishop Forbes' personal interest in the mission enterprise

is evident in a number of ways, not least his initials with Nicolson's, and their coats of arms, above the entrance to Bodley's building. It may also be noteworthy that the congregation in Leeds with which Forbes had been associated, founded by his mentor Pusey, was called "St. Saviour's".

Not satisfied with the accomplishment of founding the mission and installing it in a new building in so short a space of time, Nicolson then set about fund-raising to build a permanent church home that would more adequately reflect the catholic principles he held and taught. General appeals were made, as well as a number of personal appeals by Nicolson himself. He also embarked on exhausting tours round cities in northern England and elsewhere to raise money for the enterprise. Enough came in for work to begin on what may be considered Bodley's Scottish masterpiece. It is one of the architect's earliest attempts to reproduce a pure medieval northern gothic style, Bodley's hallmark and unique in Scotland, which makes it of special interest to historians of church architecture. On 15 September, 1868 the completed nave was opened for public worship.

A follow-up donation of £1000 inspired Nicolson to continue his fund-raising to complete the building. He was indefatigable, carrying on his demanding parochial duties alongside the massive project. The chancel and sanctuary of the church were eventually added and the new St. Salvador's was consecrated by Bishop Forbes on 29 October, 1874 – a year before Forbes' death. It was the same year that the bishop appointed his friend Dean of the Diocese of Brechin. Even with his added diocesan responsibilities, Nicolson's fund-raising continued, in order to properly equip and furnish the church. In the following years the fine organ, the vestries, ancillary areas, high quality decorations, the iron screen, the stunningly

ornate reredos and the Lady Chapel altar (in memory of Bishop Forbes) were all added. It is reckoned that the amount raised and spent to build and furnish St Salvador's was at least £10,000 – a very large sum at the time. The erection of the new church meant that the school could be extended in the temporary church premises next door to accommodate 800 pupils and a Sunday School of 350. By any standards, the whole project was a remarkable achievement, and one made in a relatively short space of time in an inhospitable place for such a unique artistic and architectural treasure to be situated.

At the same time as he was bringing the building of St Salvador's to completion, Dean Nicolson was also concerned with starting a school and mission in an adjoining district, on Derby Street. There, in 1876, St Martin's was established to serve the working poor of its area. By the time of the Dean's death in 1889 there were 350 children attending the school and some 90 in the Sunday School. Services at St Martin's on Sundays and Thursday evenings were also well attended.

As to personal character, James Nicolson, the man who made all this possible, appears to have been (when you cut through the effusive eulogising at his death) no more and no less than a faithful missionary and priest – "a beautiful illustration" among the urban poor of the God-given vocation to seek out and serve the lost. He was considered a staunch upholder of the Church's catholic heritage and historic role in Scotland, and belonged to the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC), but he was neither an intellectual nor the romantic and visionary that Forbes and many other high churchmen were. The preacher of his eulogy, J. M. Danson, who knew Nicolson for fifteen years, said: "Soundness of mind was his great characteristic. His strength was not in oratory, or in any realm of the imagination. His bent of mind was decidedly practical. To

realise an idea, to give it substantial form, to see the outcome of a thought was with him almost a passion."

It was reckoned upon Nicolson's death that the congregation of St Salvador's numbered 2600, of whom about a quarter were regular communicants. He had plunged himself into two of the most deprived neighbourhoods of one of Britain's most industrialised cities. There, Nicolson served and educated his people, and raised the money to build two schools and churches, one of which is an unsung treasure of ecclesiastical art and architecture in Scotland, "a beautiful illustration" in wood, stone and paint of everything he believed was important and true. Appropriately, he is buried in its chancel. Essentially, in the founding and building of St Salvador's, the practical, hard-working James Nicolson took the great romantic vision of Victorian Anglo-Catholicism, itself echoing the divine romance of the Shepherd searching for His lost sheep, and gave it glorious substance in a Dundee slum.

Fr Clive Clapson

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Swaziland Update

Bishop Meshack brought us the latest news from Swaziland when he was here in July.

Swaziland is a small beautiful country of approximately 17,000 square miles, bordered to the north, west and south by South Africa and by Mozambique to the east. It is a former British colony which was granted independence in 1968. There is a population of about 1 million of which more than 70% live in rural areas.

There is very little manufacturing and agriculture is the backbone of the economy. Agricultural products include sugar, wood pulp, citrus fruits, livestock and cassava which is a bush with tuberous roots which can be ground into a flour to make bread or porridge.

Like many other poor countries, Swaziland is now growing crops for bio-fuels instead of for food. Cassava is one crop being exported for the production of bio-fuels. This is something they can ill afford to do when they have so many with nothing or very little.

70% of the population live below the poverty line. The richest 10% control about 40% of the national income whilst the poorest 40% control only 14% of the national income. Unemployment is currently running at over 40%.

The country has been experiencing drought conditions for the last 6 years. Poverty is so bad that stories of suicide and dumped children are common place. 650,000 people – over two thirds of the population – live on donated food. Many are selling their assets to buy food, limiting their portions, reducing or skipping meals, some consume wild green crops ... if they can find them.

Governance of the country is by an absolute monarch. Whilst elections are held every five years and there is a parliamentary system, parliament is not independent. Political parties have been banned since 1973, when the constitution given at

independence was repealed. A new constitution has been passed still banning parties, and the rule of law is often violated with impunity. Human rights are violated; nepotism and corruption are common place; resources are directed to the wrong priorities at the expense of social services; extravagance is the order of the day and because of this the country has been unable to attract aid and investment.

The first case of Aids was recorded in 1987. The incidence of HIV/Aids is amongst the highest in the world. 26% of people aged 15 - 49 are infected. This figure has risen from 3.9% in 1992. In 2007 there were 130,000 orphaned and vulnerable children and it is estimated this will rise to 200,000 by 2010. There are only 2,000 hospital beds in the country to cope with the 20,000 who die each year from HIV/Aids. Not many are able to afford a hospital bed: the majority die at home cared for by family relations or volunteers from the churches.

Children who have been orphaned are mostly looked after by their grandparents and in some cases by great-grandparents. This in itself presents a problem for the future: as the grandparents die, these very vulnerable children will be left without a support network. If these children do not have the opportunity to develop adequate social skills then the country is likely to be left with a dysfunctional generation of citizens.

The supply of anti-viral drugs is erratic and some of those taking the drugs abandon them because of hunger.

Who can offer help in these circumstances? The church has a vision for their country to be free from HIV/Aids and has a strategy and a programme to bring this about. This programme has seven priorities: fighting stigma, mitigating the effects of HIV/Aids, alleviating poverty, pastoral care, prevention, care and support and

theological reflection. This work is carried out in parishes where they are co-ordinating help mostly from volunteers, delivering support and carrying out training. Basic teaching of reading, writing and life skills is given.

Education is not free in Swaziland and the fees are prohibitive for the majority of the poor. School fees increase as the child gets older and moves to higher grades.

The diocese of Iowa actively supports various projects, one of which is to provide clean water for rural communities. Various projects are also supported by churches and individuals from our own diocese.

The Diocese of Swaziland celebrates its 40th anniversary as an independent diocese in October. Hopefully they will be able to share with those visiting from across the world some respite from their ongoing problems and have some fun.

From time to time I get information from Bishop Meshack regarding the situation in Swaziland. When I get this I always give a copy to my local Member of Parliament asking for the article to be passed on to Minister in charge of Overseas Development for action. I also pass the news to all the clergy in the diocese with the same plea.

A prayer for the people of Swaziland:

Loving God, give strength to the powerless: give them strength to survive, to hope and to work for a better future. Give help to those who campaign for freedom, peace and justice. Grant that those who are strong may help the weak, so that their voices may be heard and the rights of every individual are respected. Amen.

I would ask you to continue to remember the people of Swaziland in your prayers.

*Angela Kilby
World Church and Link Diocese*

TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER



During Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on 13 April Bishop John installed the Rev'd Fay Lamont and the Rev'd James Milne as Canons of the Cathedral.

Sitting with friends listening to the choir rehearsing in Saint Paul's Cathedral, Dundee on 13 April 2008 Francis Wilson from St Mary's & St Peter's, Montrose wrote:

And as the choir sings
One remembers,
As a choirboy
The Psalms, Chorales, Hymns
Of ancient timers.
Three thousand years and more,
David's psalms and music,
Mary's Magnificat,
Simeon's Nunc Dimittis.
Not memories
But living words
From then to now
And evermore.

Pre-Lambeth Visit by Leslie Walker, Bishop of Mpumalanga

We were pleased to welcome Bishop Leslie Walker and his wife Marian to the "North" of the Diocese as part of the Pre-Lambeth hospitality programme.

The Diocese of Mpumalanga is situated in the north-east of South Africa, next to the borders of Mozambique and Swaziland, and is adjacent to the Kruger game reserve. The Diocese of Mpumalanga (The Place where the Sun rises) was inaugurated in 2004 and in September of the same year Leslie was elected as the first Bishop. He was consecrated and enthroned in February 2005.

During the visit we showed them round the local area, Aberdeen, and we also visited Dufftown and Deeside. As part of the introduction to Scotland we sampled some Scottish favourites: "Haggis and Neeps" and a "Wee Dram", which went down well, but we did not attempt the fried Mars Bar!

Although not involved in any services, we had an informal social evening at our home with the Priests from St James', Stonehaven, the Lay Reader from St Ternan's, Muchalls, the Lay Reader from the local Church of Scotland and some of our neighbours, all bringing along their partners. Bishop Leslie showed us a PowerPoint presentation of his Diocese, where it is, how it is organised, some of the churches and people, and the key issues facing them in delivering their vision of "To Know Jesus and make him Known". This created a lot of discussion amongst us all and really "broke the ice". It was a great evening of

informal fellowship and everyone went away having learned something about each other.

Although Les and Marian enjoyed seeing the area, they have told us that they really appreciated being able to live informally with us, sharing our everyday life and also the fact that we did not have a "fixed" programme, just taking each day as it came. They valued being able to just relax quietly with us, or by themselves, in our house, as they prepared themselves for Lambeth.



Marian Walker, Bishop Leslie and Jane Nelson

We have really enjoyed having Les and Marian stay with us and are sure that we will keep in contact with each other in future.

Jane & Peter Nelson

Visit of St John the Baptist Choir, Dundee to USA

At the end of June this year 8 members of the Choir of St John the Baptist Church, Dundee spent 2 weeks in the USA.

First on the list was a hectic 5 days taking in the atmosphere and delights of the city that never sleeps, New York. Although a number of tourist landmarks were visited and various sightseeing tours by land and water taken, we only scratched the surface of what this cosmopolitan city has to offer.



Fr Pat and Mrs Sue Genereux with the St John's Choir

After bidding New York farewell it was back on a plane for our journey to Chicago en route to Burlington in our twin Diocese of Iowa. St John the Baptist Church, Dundee is twinned with the congregation of Christ Church, Burlington and both congregations have successfully maintained this link over the years. This visit was going to be an opportunity to strengthen these links and to renew and establish friendships.

The members of the Choir were met at Chicago Airport by the Rector of Christ Church, Burlington, Pat Genereux and his wife Sue, before embarking on the long journey by road to Burlington. Unfortunately this journey was made even longer due to the terrible flooding that the area had experienced not long before we arrived. During the journey to Burlington those who stayed awake were able to see some of the remnants of these floods. Over the coming days we would see again and again the destructive power of water.

Over the following week the Choir was chauffeured around in the church minibus by various members of the Christ Church Congregation. We visited the community of Nauvoo just over the state border in Illinois, the original home of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – and no, they didn't convert us! We also visited the home of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, but there was no sign of

the Simpsons! One evening we were able to sample the atmosphere at a Minor League Baseball Game but unfortunately the local team, Burlington Bees, couldn't manage a win for us. That didn't matter as there was a real family and fun atmosphere at the game and at times the baseball seemed of secondary importance.

The Choir also had the privilege of visiting the Cathedral Church of St Paul in the state capital, Des Moines, and being hosted by members of their congregation overnight. During this visit we were able to attend their midweek Eucharist and also meet with the Provost, Cathleen Bascom and Bishop Alan Scarfe. On the journey back from Des Moines we briefly met again with the Bishop and members of the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Iowa in Grinnell.

Whilst some of the Choir escaped to go shopping, Angela Kilby and I went to a meeting with Melody Rockwell who had travelled from Iowa City and Terry Shrively who had journeyed from Spirit Lake to meet us. Melody is Global Missioner and Terry is the co-ordinator for the Swazi Companions for Iowa. Swaziland was high on the agenda as was any help which we can give them. We have agreed to keep in touch regularly and share any information we receive about Swaziland.

We are very keen to establish or re-establish parish links between ourselves; this will hopefully lead to visits in both directions.

One of the main reasons for going to Iowa was to take part in the events celebrating the ministry of Father Pat Genereux who was retiring at the end of June. Over the weekend the Choir attended a barbecue and Parish Party which included a 'This Is Your Life' segment for Pat & Sue. On the Sunday morning the Choir of St John the Baptist joined with the members of the Christ Church Choir to sing at the final Eucharist Pat would celebrate in Burlington. An emotional time was had by all, not least Pat & Sue.

After an interesting meal at a Japanese restaurant in Burlington and a spot of Ten-Pin Bowling it was time to say our farewells before our very early start (5.30 a.m.) the next morning to catch our flight from Chicago back to Scotland.

Everywhere we went in Iowa we experienced nothing but friendliness and, at times, curiosity from the people we met. During the trip friendships were renewed and new ones made. It did help to strengthen the links between this Diocese and the Diocese of Iowa which will hopefully exist for years to come.

Steven Cassells
Choirmaster at St John the Baptist Church, Dundee

M. U. at Arbroath

At the beginning of the summer, the Mothers' Union branch at St Mary's Arbroath went "Tea-potty" for Save the Children. Tea and cakes were served, and tea-pots with home-knitted cosies were sold along with some other craft-work. £450 was raised, including £60 which the Sunday School had raised separately.



Alison Allen hands over the Sunday School cheque to Ros Fletcher, a member of St Mary's and a local Save the Children organiser, with Margaret Christison, president of the MU branch looking on.

Christian Aid Event in Perth

Want to make a fairer world, one free of poverty and injustice? We like change at Christian Aid. That's why we do what we do. Now, to help us do it more and do it better, we are hosting nine regional **Transformation** events.

The aim is to bring people together to share ideas and fuel one another's determination. You will find out about the issues that are keeping people poor – and what we can all do about it. There will be updates on how you can get involved in all aspects of Christian Aid's work, as well as opportunities to worship and take action for change together.

Practical and fun

The one-day event will include practical sessions to polish up your campaigning skills. You'll also hear directly from other activists from around the world – over the web, so there are no air miles involved. And because change can be fun, there will be loads to do for the whole family, with all-age activities, games and challenges for children and young people, and an on-site crèche.

When and where?

6 September Perth at Dewars Centre, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Attendance is free, but a donation of £5 – 10 is invited from each adult. Sign up by calling 020 7523 2012, or online by visiting: www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/events/transformation.aspx

HOLY CROSS DAY 2008

This year we at St. Salvador's are celebrating 150 years of service on this site which still has many of the challenges that inspired Bishop Forbes to establish a school and church here in the nineteenth century. On our special festal day – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – we hope that we shall be joined by as many of our friends as possible.

The celebration begins on Saturday, 13th September, with the First Evensong of the festival (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) at 5 p.m. This will be followed by a reception in the Lower Hall next door.

On Sunday, 14 September, there will be a Solemn High Mass at 11 a.m. and as always we are happy to welcome our Diocesan Bishop, Dr. John Mantle, who will be Celebrant. We will be especially pleased to have as preacher on that occasion the Rev'd Prebendary William Scott, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal and an old friend of St. Salvador's. There will be a festive fellowship time afterwards in the church.



Icon from Yaroslavl by Gury Nikitin, 1680
now in the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow

At 7.30 p.m. in the evening of 14th September the Renaissance choral music specialists "Cantiones Sacrae" will give a concert in the church to raise funds to help us to continue our congregation's journey into the next 150 years! Tickets £7/£5 from Dundee City Box Office and at the door.

It would be wonderful if you would come and share our celebration with us.

*The Rev'd Clive Clapson
Rector of St. Salvador's Church*

Professor Alistair Bissett-Johnston

As many of you will know Professor Alistair Bissett-Johnston was Chancellor of the Diocese of Brechin and it is in this capacity that you may have come into contact with him. He belonged to a generation of gentlemen lawyers who were always courteous and helpful towards those they made contact with. The Diocese owes a great debt of gratitude for the professionalism and intellectual insight that Professor Bissett-Johnston brought to the work of chancellor.

He was "a man of achievement". A distinguished academic who had a long career, starting at the age of 22 at the University of Sheffield, through Monash University, Leicester University, McGill University, Dalhousie University (where he was the youngest professor) and then to Dundee to the Chair of Private Law in the University of Dundee. He contributed to the reform and formation of law in several countries, particularly focussing on Family Law issues. In his own way and well before his time, he promoted a "feminist" agenda within Family Law. His major contribution to Scots Law was the reform of the law regarding the "division of pensions on divorce". There are many women in Scotland who will have gained much through his work in this area.

He was a man of achievement; indeed a man of great intellectual wealth and human capacity.

However, for me as a friend, Alistair was a man of achievement because of the quality of relationships he had with those whom he touched. His love and commitment to his wife Ann and her family was a mark and example of Christian marriage. He had a wide range of friends and acquaintances throughout the world and you only had to visit his home at Christmastime to see the large number of cards that came from the airts 'n pairs of our world.

We should give thanks to God for the way in which he related to people. Alistair returned to Scotland when his first wife, Dr Winnie McPherson, was dying from cancer. She was an ovarian cancer expert in Canada but wanted to come home when she developed her terminal disease. In true character, Alistair focussed on her and returned to Scotland to allow her her last wish.

After the death of his first wife Alistair was, naturally, very lonely and during that period he met, again, Ann who had been a childhood friend. They became a couple of great loving companionship. Ann and Alistair simply enjoyed each other. This was the quality of relationship that this man of achievement enjoyed. Alistair would tell you openly, unlike many men, how blessed he felt to have a wife like Ann and how much he treasured their time together.

On the night on which Alistair died, he expressed to me how much courage he had gained from Ann and his wish to live to spend time with her. He also, in his usual incisive style, despite being very weak and speaking with a hoarse voice, argued with me about the Glasgow by-election and the tactics and personalities involved in that contest. He was interested and lively, even a few hours before he died.

Another example of the quality of relationships this man of achievement fostered can be seen in the way he related to both staff and students at the university. He contributed fully to academic life and had been a member of the university senate but, above all, his kindness to students and staff is recognised by all who came in contact with him. He encouraged the able, supported the struggling and provided food and drink in his house for many a student and staff alike to share with them the

special relationship he and Ann had through their hospitality. He was a man who went the extra mile with those who he came into contact with.

He had a wealth of interests, ranging from helping those who he made contact with to joining the Former Academics, Researchers and Teachers coffee mornings in the Queens Hotel to his love of wine and classical music. He was, as I have stated, a lawyer of his own generation who grew in expressing his humour and views as he grew older. An example of his interest can be seen in his knowledge of wines and, while at university in Canada, he wrote regularly in the university newspaper under an article known as "BJ's Best Buy". This was an article that underlined Alistair's philosophy about wine, in which he attempted to get the best wine for the cheapest price and I believe, primarily, so that his friends and those to whom he extended his hospitality could enjoy it.

Alistair was a committed Christian and churchman and enjoyed greatly the two churches he was associated with. First, Logie St John's, where he loved the people, and then St Mary Magdalene's, where he loved the language and order of the liturgy.

As a diocese, we say thank you to God and give thanks for Alistair in the way in which he served his God and his church and we commend him into the Father's hands where, I have no doubt, he will hear the comforting words:-

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into your Father's rest."

Our prayers and love are with Ann at this time and we can be assured that Alistair will rest in peace and be raised to glory.

The Rev'd Canon Dr Joe Morrow

Provincial Conference 2009

The next Provincial Conference will be held at the MacDonald Highland Resort, Aviemore from 2 to 4 October 2009.

The theme of the Conference is **Living Well: Proclaim, Discover, Respond** and the underpinning Bible passage is John 4: 3-43 - the *Woman at the Well* narrative where Jesus encounters a woman at a well and defies tradition by asking her for a drink of water and then engaging with her in a theological discussion. She is transformed by the encounter. The theme of the Conference also encompasses the 5 Marks of Mission agreed by many Christian denominations:



- † Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God.
- † Teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- † Respond to human need by loving service.

- † Seek to transform unjust structures of society.
- † Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

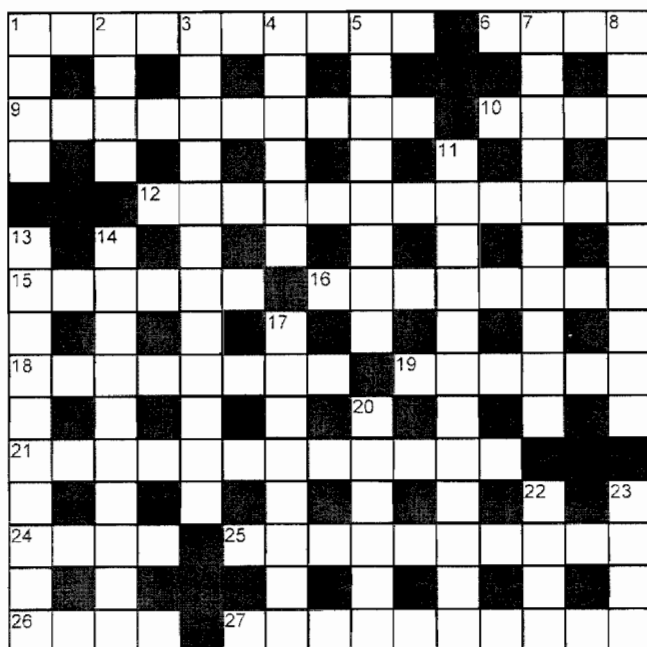
The speakers will be Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Reading, Ms Annabel Goldie MSP and the Rev'd Erik Cramb of the Church of Scotland.

We hope to have 300 participants, including delegates from the Provincial Youth Network and some ecumenical delegates, to share in what will be an exciting, challenging, and thought-provoking experience.

CRYPTIC PRIZE CROSSWORD

(with a few local references!)

Send your entries in to the editor at the address on the back page by Friday, 31 October and make sure you attach your name and address.



CLUES ACROSS:

- 1 Tiny occupant of a POW camp? (10)
- 6 The girl for a couple of US soldiers (4)
- 9 Teetotal bears have a black mark against them (10)
- 10 Eyes can look to the horizon (4)
- 12 The sages realise that sore soil is doubly acidic ... or alkaline (12)

- 15 Next day's canon? No, today's (6)
- 16 Warn this Lisa that she is a shallow thing (8)
- 18 Trivial innovations imitate weighty envelopes (8)
- 19 The Poet Laureate doesn't tell the truth but is still upright (6)
- 21 In the mean time ride out early (4,8)
- 24 A cool version of dice (4)
- 25 Diminutive animal hugs a heavenly high point ((6,4)
- 26 Oh dear! this battered book is missing its oriental part (4)
- 27 A circle of wise men bring nothing to the attack (10)

CLUES DOWN:

- 1 Brimstone on hard wood results in a drenching (4)
- 2 The peas are rounded, but not round (4)
- 3 The unmarried girl swallowed the fish (10)
- 4 Clothed in purple? Well, he dines at the National Trust (6)
- 5 Movements of water a long way off? No, close at hand (8)
- 7 Unbelievable - the lake is filled with frozen salt water (10)
- 8 Jupiter's moon is apparently not round (10)
- 11 A pint of cleanser is located on the headland; how appropriate (12)
- 13 A thousand and one circle the garden door leaving the place (10)
- 14 Did the fire-stealer quietly move the eternal city to the Americas? (10)
- 17 Surrounded by a cover it becomes a border (8)
- 20 Alternatively Edward got it (6)
- 22 A mature fairy! (4)
- 23 The band raises a smile (4)

Lambeth Bishops In Cathedral Dialogues

On the Sundays before and after the recently held Lambeth Conference, St Paul's Cathedral had the rare opportunity of welcoming no less than four visiting bishops from Canada, Africa and the United States. These services were highlighted by dialogue conversations in which the visitors, along with our own Bishop John Mantle, were able to offer their views of the conference in Canterbury, both in anticipation and retrospect.

Since two of the recent Episcopal visitors – The Rt Rev'd Meshack Mabuza, Bishop of Swaziland, and The Rt Rev'd Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa – were from our companion dioceses, they were already familiar figures in the Diocese of Brechin. But the other two – The Rt Rev'd James Njegovan, Bishop of Brandon, Canada and The Rt Rev'd James Waggoner, Bishop of Spokane in the Washington State, U.S.A. – were newcomers.

In the most recent of these events, which took place after Lambeth on the 10 August, our own bishop invited Bishop Waggoner to join him in conversation about the conference and to share some American reflections on the historic event. The dialogue was co-ordinated by The Very Rev'd Lindsay McKenna, Provost of St Paul's. (The Rev'd Cynthia Sweigert, Rector of The Church of the Redeemer, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., also took part in the Eucharist as a concelebrant.)

A New Maturity

In his comments about Lambeth, Bishop Waggoner said that he felt the event had been a success. In particular he felt it had helped to foster the deeper understanding that will be needed as the Anglican Communion moves into what Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of the

Episcopal Church in the U.S. has called a "new maturity". He likewise expressed his appreciation of the leadership of Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who convened and presided over the Conference.

Bishop Waggoner also commented on the fact that although, regrettably, the Bishop of New Hampshire, The Rt Rev'd Gene Robinson, had not been invited to the Lambeth Conference because of a current controversy



Bishop James Waggoner (centre) with the Provost and Bishop John

over his sexual orientation, he was very much a presence at the event, having been welcomed at a number of unofficial Anglican gatherings in Canterbury. Bishop Robinson also preached at a packed church in London and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. (One church member from the Diocese of Brechin who travelled to Glasgow for the latter event said afterwards that they were deeply impressed by Bishop Robinson and that, in their view, the Church "needs people like this as bishops".)

Our Scottish Roots

During the dialogue at the Cathedral in Dundee, Bishop Waggoner provided eager listeners with a brief description of the Diocese of Spokane, with its rich history, diversity and missionary origins. He also compared eastern Washington State and northern Idaho with the

part of eastern Scotland covered by the Diocese of Brechin: both dioceses are rich in farmland and scenic diversity; and in both Episcopalians, though a distinct minority, provide an effective voice for what might be called Anglican values.

Both our own Bishop and Bishop Waggoner placed special emphasis on the shared roots that bind Episcopalians together in both Scotland and the U.S.

Readers of *Grapevine* will be aware of the fact that the first indigenous American bishop, Samuel Seabury, was consecrated in Aberdeen in 1784, to serve as the Bishop of Connecticut (he later became Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.). The Scottish influence did not end there, however, as the development of the American Prayer Book was strongly influenced by the Scottish liturgy.

The Lambeth Tradition

The Lambeth Conference is an assembly of the bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion that first took place in 1867. It meets every ten years under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. While it has no legislative authority, it does strive to express the mind of the Church at the time of meeting.

The conference takes its name from the fact that until 1958, the bishops held this gathering at Lambeth Palace, which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's official residence in London. Nowadays it meets in Canterbury.

A highlight of the most recent Lambeth Conference was a huge march through central London in support of the eight Millennium Goals agreed by the U.N. in 2000. The Millennium Goals are a set of targets to reduce global poverty and improve living standards by 2015.

Rev'd Hugh Magee

A Year to celebrate Paul the Apostle, Patron of our Cathedral

2008-2009 has been designated as a year of celebration to mark what has been commonly agreed to be the two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Paul the Apostle in 8 A.D. It is reckoned that for over 1000 years there has been a Christian community in Dundee dedicated to Saint Paul. Our Cathedral was given his name and opened for worship in 1855.



The Conversion of Saint Paul
by Michaelangelo Caravaggio
in the Cerasi Chapel, Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome

Visitors to the Cathedral will have noticed a few changes at the west door designed for the Jubilee, including a tented installation (Paul was a tentmaker by trade), and a large reproduction of Caravaggio's *Conversion of Saint Paul*. These will remain in place for the duration of the Jubilee Year.

Amongst a number of other exciting things happening in and around the Cathedral in the Year of Saint Paul, is a short series of lectures which will hopefully open our understanding of the 'apostle to the Gentiles': **Talking around St Paul ...**

Wednesday, 10 December 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Talking around Gender

The Rev'd Dr John Bell, a long standing friend of St. Paul's Cathedral, is a Minister of the Church of Scotland; as well as being a renowned preacher, he is a writer, composer, occasional broadcaster, and a member of the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community, working in the areas of liturgy and spiritually. He opens our series of talks around Saint

Paul by reflecting on Paul's often controversial views on gender, women and sexuality.

Wednesday, 4 February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Talking around ethics

The Rt Rev'd Richard Holloway is a former Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. He is an acclaimed theologian, having worked on both sides of the Atlantic. In retirement, as well as chairing the Scottish Arts Council, he continues to pursue his interests in politics, religion and ethics. In the second of our talks around Saint Paul he addresses: The Organist and the Jazz Pianist: Improvising Ethics.

Friday, 24 April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Talking around mission

The Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell is Bishop of Reading in the Diocese of Oxford. A former Missioner in both the Diocese of Wakefield and then of Peterborough, he is a much sought-after authority on Mission. Who better to conclude our talks around Saint Paul than Bishop Stephen, on Paul's missionary activity and how that presents a challenge to us in our own day to spread the gospel and build God's Kingdom with a talk entitled: We're all Athenians now! Learning from Paul's missionary journeys how to be a missionary church.

Please come along to any or all of these events. You are very welcome.

In addition, we ask you to pray for the mission and ministry of your Cathedral Church, as we seek to serve our Diocese and minister to the people of Dundee.



St Paul's Exchange

Sunday, 1 February 2009 at 11 a.m.

Canon Martin Warner is Canon Pastor of St Paul's Cathedral in London. He is also Master of the Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. He will preach at the Sung Eucharist on the last Sunday of Epiphanytide, bringing greetings from our (much larger and slightly older!) sister Cathedral south of the Border.

In a reciprocal gesture, the Provost will preach at St Paul's' in London on the 5th Sunday in Lent, 30 March 2009.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THREE COMPANION DIOCESES

Each year Amnesty International publishes a report. This year's edition shows that, 'sixty years after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations, people are still tortured or ill-treated in at least 81 countries, face unfair trials in at least 54 countries and are not allowed to speak freely in at least 77 countries'.

Among other comments the report expresses the opinion that 'the biggest threat to the future of human rights is the absence of a shared vision and collective leadership'. Progress towards collective leadership is a matter for the citizens and governments of each nation, but shared vision is one of those areas where global thinking and local activity go hand in hand.

The Lambeth Conference, has provided us with a welcome reminder of the fact that we share our vision of the Kingdom of God with fellow-Christians from vastly different societies. Human rights must be part of that vision. What does Amnesty's report say about Swaziland, about Iowa, or about Brechin?

Starting in gospel form (the last shall be first), I quote:

- The EU must investigate the complicity of its member states in "renditions" of terrorist suspects and set the same bar on human rights for its own members as it does for other countries.
- The USA must close Guantánamo detention camp and secret detention centres, prosecute the detainees under fair trial standards or release them, and unequivocally reject the use of torture and ill-treatment.
- More than two-thirds of Swaziland's population live in poverty, and more than a quarter are infected with HIV. Only 28 per cent of those needing antiretroviral treatment are receiving it. Funding enabled more orphans and other vulnerable children to have access to education. Access to justice improved with new judicial appointments. Reports of sexual violence continued to increase and legal reforms affecting women's rights were delayed. Police continued to use excessive force against criminal suspects and against peaceful demonstrators.

How will our vision influence our action? For more information about Amnesty's work on terrorism and security go to:

www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10224.

For one suggestion about how we might help our fellow-Christians in Swaziland, read on.

Last August, Ntokozo Ngozo told a journalist that the police intended to kill him. A week later officers from the Serious Crimes Unit did just that. According to witnesses, police called for him to come out of a house in the Makhosini area and he emerged naked to the waist with his hands in the air. He was shot in the thigh, abdomen and back at close range.

Police delayed taking him to hospital. The initial police statement that he had been shot running away was inconsistent with the medical evidence. Witnesses complained that they had been assaulted by police, including Nsizwa Mhlanga, who was arrested and held until 16 August without being brought before a court. He was eventually released on bail pending possible charges. No inquiry into the shooting of Ntokozo Ngozo had been announced by the end of the year.

Action: Write polite letters to the Swazi Minister for Justice (who should probably be addressed as either 'Dear Minister...', or 'Your Royal Highness...'), pointing out the inconsistency of the police statement with the medical evidence, and inquiring whether an independent inquiry into the shooting has taken place. For further guidance on letter writing, go to: www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=949#easy

The address to write to is:

Prince David Dlamini, Minister for Justice
Ministry of Justice Building
Mhlambanyatsi Road
Mbabane
Swaziland

To read the full version of Amnesty's report on Swaziland, go to:

www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=11288

Rev'd Ashley Cummins

A Pre-Lambeth Snack



Bishop Jim Ndjegovan and his wife Bernadette (Diocese of Brandon, Manitoba) stayed at Arbroath, and he celebrated and preached at St Mary's on 13 July in the morning. So, to misquote the old song "since we knew they were coming, we baked them a cake". The Cuthberts had a lovely time showing Bishop Jim and Bernadette around Angus and Glamis Castle, letting them taste Arbroath Smokies, and sampling one or two different malt whiskies.

The International Anglican Youth Network at the Lambeth Conference

The Lambeth Conference, held this year from the 16 July to the 3 August was surrounded by speculation as to what decisions would be made over what were seen as the main issues of the eligibility of homosexuals and women to be bishops. However, this was far from all that was happening during these two weeks. Amongst many other events, representatives of the International Anglican Youth Network (IAYN) ran a stall in the conference market and also two sets of prayer stations in the crypt of the Cathedral during the first week of the conference.

Volunteers from around the Scottish province joined up with the International Youth Representative to the Anglican Consultative Council, Sarah Tomlinson, to run a set of twelve prayer stations based around three primary aims:

- To offer a space of peace and quiet;
- To provide a guided meditation in which the participants could explore their own ministry and consider how they might encourage others in their ministry; and
- To present the thoughts of young people as recorded by them.

Initially the focus was to provide a fringe event for the bishops, however they decided to open up the experience to the general public. Visitors from both the conference and the public from all over the world, of whom they had over two thousand, responded incredibly well to the stations saying that they were moved by it and that it had changed their outlook both in terms of themselves and others. In fact there were many that asked for a copy of the prayer stations in order to take it back to their own parishes.

The prayer stations and the stall at the market acted to boost the profile of the IAYN, but more importantly boosted the profile of young people in the Anglican Communion.



The Rev'd Margaret Jackson was instituted at St James' the Great, Stonehaven on 24 March

Bishops in the diocese before Lambeth

being shown around R. S. S. Discovery before dinner



after lunch at the Nantles' house



at Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral



formally at the Civic Reception



Diary Roundup

Friday - Sunday, 12 - 14 September

Women's Retreat, led by the Rev'd Jane Nelson
St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside

Sunday, 14 September, 6 p.m.

Choral Evensong

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 20 September, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Tayside Opera Chorus

Paul's Cathedral

Sunday, 28 September, 6 p.m.

Bishop Forbes Diocesan Festival Choral

Evensong, with the Diocesan Choir

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 4 October, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Duo Lisme (Frank Lamm &
Peter Thissen, *a dutch guitar duo*)

St Paul's Cathedral

Sunday, 12 October, 6 p.m.

Choral Evensong

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 18 October, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Nicholas Nowicki, piano

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 1 November, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Kenneth Murray, baritone

accompanied by Stephen Armstrong, *piano*

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 8 November, 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

Coffee Morning

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee

Sunday, 9 November, 6 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Remembrance Sunday

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 15 November, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Frevo Quartet (Aisling

Agnew, *flute*, Feargus Hetherington, *violin*, Matthew
McAllister, *guitar* & Douglas Whates, *double-bass*)

St Paul's Cathedral

Saturday, 29 November, 1 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert – Piano Concert: Bella Boyd,

Johnny Boyd, Much McCrory, Aisha Schofield, Scott
Smith & Kirsty Watson

St Paul's Cathedral

Alex Watson

The death of Alex Watson will have left many at St Martin's with a deep sense of loss. He was one of the last of a generation of servers who ministered within the Diocese. Alex was trained as a young boy in the "old" St Martin's as a server and he continued to carry out this ministry until only a few weeks before his death at the age of 78.

He was trained by a generation of Anglo-Catholic priests who were born in the 1920s and 30s. They had a sense of order and an eye for detail. Alex never lost the need for precision within the liturgy that was taught to him by these priests. He carried out this ministry and assisted priest after priest in St Martin's during his long ministry there. There are little details in the church that the undiscerning eye would miss. For example, the additional votive candle that would be lit when the Bishop was making a visit to St Martin's.

When I arrived at St Martin's it was my first charge and Alex told me very firmly, "*This is the way that we do it at St Martin's and, by the way, I sleep during the sermon*".

As a young priest of 26 years old, I was not sure what this was all about, but discovered later as I grew in friendship with Alex that this was a mixture of his sense of humour and him laying out his own territory. I spent seven very happy years being ministered to by Alex at St Martin's and, also, on some occasions, hopefully, keeping him awake during the sermon.

Alex's love and care for people marked his Christian life. There are many examples throughout his life of how he helped and cared for people. In particular, I would draw the attention to the care and love he showed to the Reverend John Morrison during his last months. His ministry to John was exceptional as he provided for his needs and, in particular, his companionship during the last stages of his life.

Alex brought great pleasure to many people and not only through his personality and humour but through his flower arranging, which always lifted the St Martin's congregation and added to the quality of the worship.

Along with his family, St Martin's and his friends, we give thanks for his life of service and for his great love of St Martin's and its people.

May he Rest in Peace.

Rev'd Canon Dr Joe Morrow

The next issue of **Grapevine** will be coming out for December 2008.

All articles, letters, comments should be with the Editor by 7 November, 2008.

Preferably no article should be longer than 500 words.

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