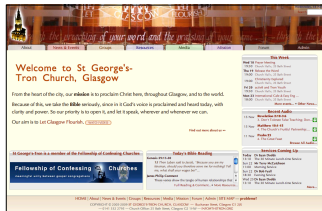


David Rowbory

Software Development – Web Design – IT Systems

Select Web Design Portfolio



St George's-Tron Church

2004-date

<http://www.thetron.org>

Custom CMS (PHP + MySQL on Apache/Linux), online audio, video, substantial extranet supporting organisation administration as well as web content.

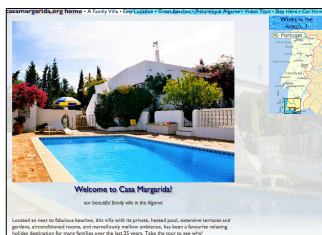


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<http://negstletter.rowbory.co.uk>

WordPress-based monthly email newsletter for Graduate University with web archive. Administered from Kenya.

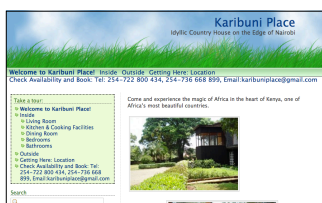


Casa Margarida - Algarve Villa

2005-6

<http://www.casamargarida.org>

Custom minimal CMS for photo/video-rich family business showcase. Sophisticated Google Maps / Earth KML integration; affiliate scheme.



Karibuni Place - Nairobi B&B

2008

<http://www.karibuniplace.com>

WordPress-based small property business showcase. Consulted and recommended options, templates etc but left content to the client.



Cornhill Scotland

2005-7

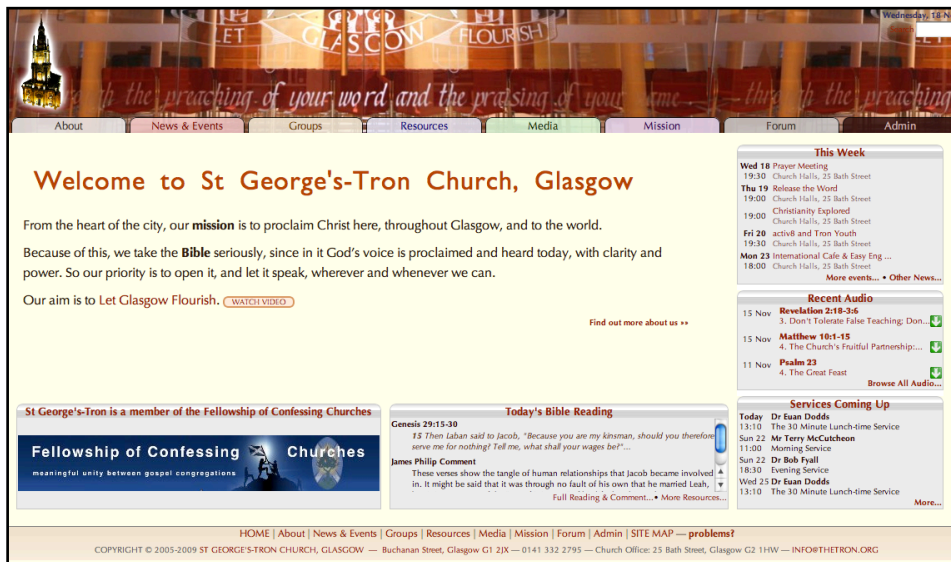
<http://www.cornhillscotland.org.uk>

Custom PHP + MySQL extranet; Custom HTML/CSS front end complying with wider branding. (Front-end subsequently replaced by a Joomla! installation.)

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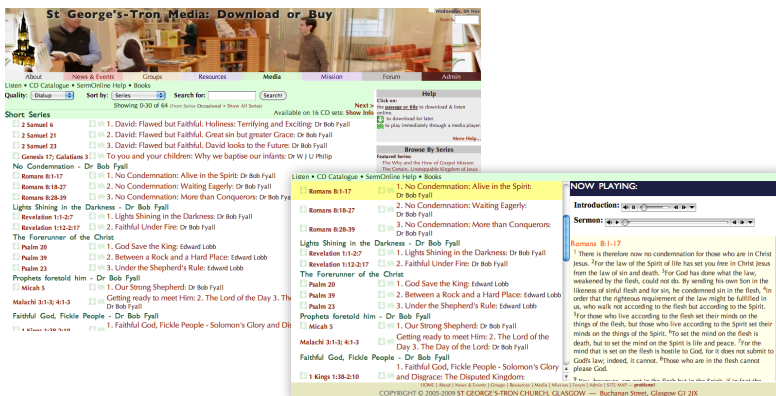
2004-date



- **Customer:**
 - Non-profit, city centre church with growing media / internet requirements.
- **Initial Part-Time Involvement**
 - Helped improve appearance, navigation, W3C compliance etc.
 - Added more dynamic content.
- **Then Employed Full Time (web / other IT):**
 - Consulted interested parties, researched solutions and introduced completely new database-driven site with rich media features and podcasting.
 - Custom CMS in *PHP/MySQL*.
 - Integrated various Open Source solutions.
 - *RSS* feeds; *iCalendar* support; *iTunes* integration (podcasting).
 - Automated audio processing and upload.
- **Impact**
 - Page views and unique visitors grew over 10x from 2006–9.
 - Audio site serving 24,000 downloads / month.

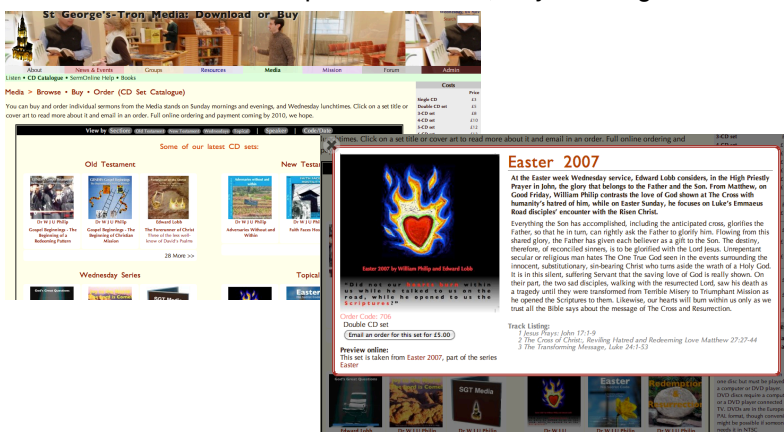
Media Player

- Enforces Fair Use / rationing policy to ensure site performance and allow good SEO.
- *MySQL/PHP* query caching to conserve resources



Ajax-style CD catalogue

- Flexible sorting and ordering options
- *Jquery* and *Ext* integration
- E-commerce in development for sales; *PayPal* integration



Custom CMS simplifies administration

- Easy to keep content current & relevant.
- Varying user privileges enable segmentation and delegation of content management.
- Very successful address/contact database with email, google maps, label printing, grouping and export functions.



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News and Views from the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology

Headline

The Vice Chancellor speaks: hopeful signs



Dear friends,

I recently addressed the NEGST campus regarding the current state of our finances, and I wanted to speak to all of you as well. I am committed to speaking frankly and openly with all of the people who matter to us, and our financial matters are no exception.

The economic valley

You may be aware that NEGST has gone through a period of severe cash flow constraints, with income not meeting expenditures for the past six months. This was difficult for me personally, and I suffered through some of the difficult decisions, such as delaying the payment of salaries, less than desirable service delivery to students, and the inability to put into place some things we have been planning, as we implemented an austerity budget. I want to thank our staff, faculty and students for their grace, understanding and patience throughout this time.

One of the main reasons for our difficulties is that we needed to make hefty back payments of some bank debts. For example, we were found to owe Kenyan back taxes dating from the 1990s. The principal was 12 million shillings, with penalties and arrears amounting to 27 million shillings. The amount was so great that 40-50% of our budget was going into paying back loans. At the same time, we were unable to collect debts that were owed to us. With God's help, we were able to [Read more](#)

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A Lesson Learned:



"Dr. John Jusu's Curriculum Studies course opened my world view. I have learnt that, as an learning facilitator, I go to the people to discover what their needs are. As I develop the curriculum, I do so to meet those needs." Lucy Muliya, 2nd year, MDiv in Christian Education

NEW!!:

This month marks the end of our year-long 25th anniversary celebration. This just in from an old and dear friend:



Dear NEGST,

Thank you for twenty five years of ministry by training pastors and church leaders all over Africa and beyond! My wife and I myself are very happy being part of the NEGST Community for eleven years (1987 - 1998). By God's grace we could help building up most of the physical facilities of the school and could be helpful in many ways. We went with NEGST through ups and downs and

We have been heard

Africa Bible Commentary Series-Dr Ngewa author

Our own Dr Samuel Ngewa, academic dean and NT lecturer at NEGST, has written the first volume in the Africa Bible Commentary Series, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, which has now been published.

Dr Ngewa highlights the relevance of biblical concepts on the life of the church by recapturing the books in current generation contexts. 1 Timothy is

- **Customer:**
 - A growing International Graduate University in Nairobi, Kenya
- **Primary focus: emailed newsletter**
 - So optimised for display in most common browsers and email clients (massive challenge!)
 - Web-based archive
- **CMS: Wordpress**
 - Simple, robust, open-source
 - Easy for non-technical contributors
 - Works well with poor internet connection
 - Custom theme developed:
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 - minimises page size,
 - degrades well,
 - simple CSS made inline for emailing.
- **Integrated with PHPlist**
 - open source email list solution
- **Documentation & training:**
 - simple written & video documentation and users trained

Mailing in Mac OS X Mail

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The extension program is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds, with [Read more](#)

We have been heard

African Missiology published: NEGST editor and authors


African Missiology: Contributions from Contemporary Theology is now available. Edited by our own Dr Cakes Kiti, and with contributions from NEGST faculty Drs Stephen Sak, Josephine Sait, Almyahye Mekonnen, Henry Muya, Steven Raymussen, and Prof Mark Shaw, and with a

In Brief

NEW!!:

NEGST editors and authors: Africa Missiology book hot off the press.

A Lesson Learned:



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