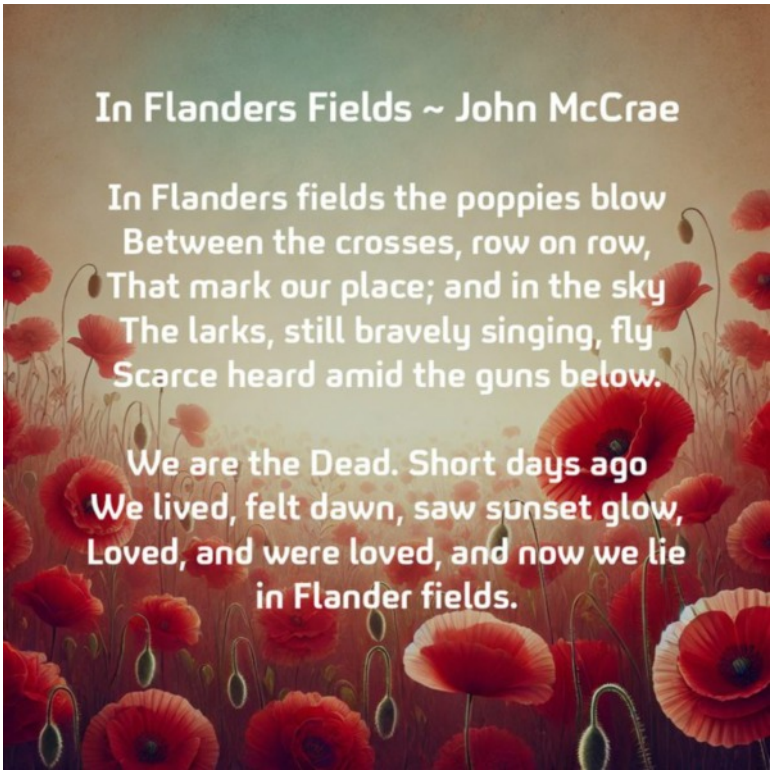
THE SHUTTLE

Marchmont St Giles'
Parish Church
At the Heart of the Community
November 2024



marchmont st giles
church of scotland

1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters

November

10	10.30	Morning Worship - Service of Remembrance
12	12.30	Butterflies Plus _ Lunch for the Over 60s
14	10.00	Butterflies Baby & Toddler Group
17	10.30	Joint Morning Worship @ Reid Memorial Church
19	12.30	Butterflies Plus _ Lunch for the Over 60s
21	10.00	Butterflies Baby & Toddler Group
24	10.30	Morning Worship
26	12.30	Butterflies Plus _ Lunch for the Over 60s
28	10.00	Butterflies Baby & Toddler Group
30	12.00	Christmas Market & Afternoon Tea

December

1	10.30	Morning Worship
		Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle
3	12.30	Butterflies Plus _ Lunch for the Over 60s
	14.00	Guild Victorian Christmas @ Mayfield Salisbury
5	10.00	Butterflies Baby & Toddler Group
7	18.00	Winter Series Concert - see page 9

Front Page



The timeless words of Canadian doctor, John McCrae who was inspired to write them on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

It is one of the most quoted poems from the war. As a result of its immediate popularity, parts of the poem were used in efforts and appeals to recruit soldiers and raise money selling war bonds.

Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world's most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict.

Reflections

Can a woman forget her nursing child
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these might forget,
yet I will not forget you.
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.
Your builders outdo your destroyers
and those who laid you waste go away from you.
Lift up your eyes all around and see;
they all gather; they come to you.
Isaiah 49:15-18

As we enter the Season of Remembering, there is a promise which God keeps his people; they will never be forgotten. We are God's people and no matter where we go or what we do, we are held in the palm of his hands.

One of the heartbreaking things about various types of dementia is that for many people who watch those whom they love, slowly forget, is that the relationship that they had as siblings or partners or even as parents, slowly fades with the person who is forgetting. All that they shared and said is but a reflection of a once lively and meaningful part of being family.

Even in our forgetting or a loved one's forgetting, we are held in the presence of God and we are offered the certainty that the eternal Spirit of God holds as and all that we were, are and will be.

For loved ones who lost a child too early, for a partner who did not get to share the life of a child with their partner, or a child has no memory of what a parent looked or smells like, remembrance allows a family to say a name or to once more acknowledge they are still part of a family.

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy was a Army Chaplain during the First World War. His nickname was Woodbine Willie because he handed out cigarettes at railways sidings to his men who were going to the front and to the wounded and dying, giving inspirational speeches.

He was awarded the Military Cross for running to his men under fire at Messines Ridge. The citation for the medal read:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed the greatest courage and disregard for his own safety in attending to the wounded under heavy fire. He searched shell holes for our own and enemy wounded, assisting them to the dressing station, and his cheerfulness and endurance had a splendid effect upon all ranks in the front line trenches, which he constantly visited."

After the War he became an outspoken proponent of the rights of the working class and a pacifist due to his experiences in France. He wrote the poem *Roses in December*, which JM Barrie used as part of his Rectoral Address at the University of St Andrews in 1922.

GOD GAVE His children memory
That in life's garden there might be
June roses in December.
But sin the Father's goodness scorns,
And weaves of them a crown of thorns,
That wounds when they remember.

Sharp, stabbing points of vain regret
Around my soul forever set,
Turn June into December.
Ah, Christ, Who wore my crown of thorns,
Have mercy on the heart that mourns,
Forgive, when I remember.

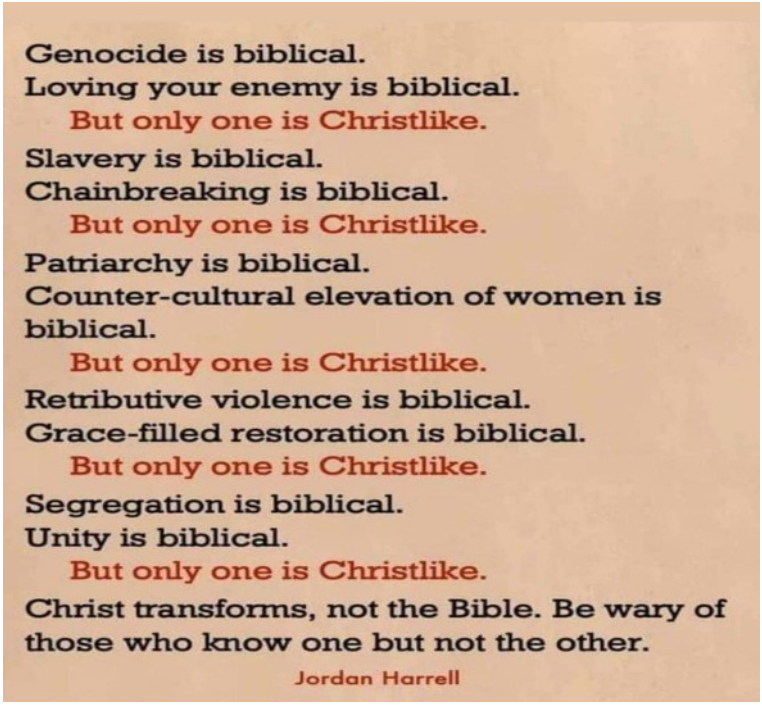
His death at the age of 45 was met by indifference by the Dean of Westminster, who refused a request for him to be buried there because of his "socialism". However, the King sent a telegram to his family and 1,700 people filed past his coffin in a single day as it lay in his previous Church in Liverpool. He was loved by ordinary people who showed their love of his commitment to care for them.

As we remember this November, let us remember the people we love whom we miss and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the case of peace and all the people who cared for them in extremis.

Karen K Campbell

Lectionary

11 Psalm 113;
12 Genesis 24:11-27;
13 Genesis 24:28-42;
14 1 Samuel 2:1-10;
15 1 Samuel 2:18-21;
16 1 Samuel 3:1-18;
17 Mark 13:1-8
18 1 Samuel 3:19-4:2;
19 Deuteronomy 26:5-10;
20 1 Kings 8:22-30;
21 Psalm 132:1-12;
22 2 Kings 22:11-20;
23 2 Kings 23:1-14;
24 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93
25 Psalm 63;
26 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5;
27 2 Samuel 2:1-7;
28 1 Timothy 2:1-7
29 Psalm 25:1-10;
30 Nehemiah 9:26-31;
01 Jeremiah 33:14-16
02 Psalm 90;
03 2 Samuel 7:18-29;
04 Isaiah 1:24-31;
05 Luke 1:68-79;
06 Malachi 3:13-18;
07 Malachi 4:1-6;



AROUND THE AISLES

POPUP CAFE @ Reid Memorial

Friday 29th November, 11am - 2:30pm

Come along for morning coffee or lunch. Meet up with old friends and new.

Funds go to the Pancreatic Cancer Charity.

We resume our cafe in the new year on Friday 31st January 2025, 11am to 2:30pm. Our Pop Up Cafes have been a huge success in not only raising funds for worthy causes but has also brought people together in the community and beyond.

Tap into IT

Do you face issues in getting the best out of your smart phone, tablet or laptop? Help is at hand on Thursday 14th and 21st at 2.00pm -4.00pm in the Church Centre

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



We give thanks for the life and service of

Maureen Sprott who died 3rd October 2024, a member of the parish

Mr Alan Furneaux, brother in law of Beth Buchanan, who died on 17th October 2024.

A Scottish Borders minister who is happy to be described as "a cheerleader for the Church" has been chosen to be the next Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



Rev Rosemary Frew, minister of Bowden and Melrose Parish Church, will become the Kirk's ambassador at home and abroad next May, succeeding current Moderator Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson.

Rosie, as she prefers to be known, comes to the 12 month role with not only experience of parish ministry in Fife and the Borders, but of church involvement at presbytery and national level including as convener of the Faith Nurture Forum.

She will begin her year as Moderator at next year's General Assembly in May. "It is incredibly humbling that other people see in you the qualities and experience that they think a Moderator should have," she said.

"A very small number of people knew I was going forward for interviews and they all said the same thing: 'You have got to be yourself. That's what I will bring to the job: I am bringing myself and my faith, my hope, my passions and my enthusiasm.

"Someone described me as 'a cheerleader for the Church' and I love that, I still have that passion and enthusiasm that I had when I was licensed for ministry despite all the hard times we have gone through."

Originally from Clarkston on the south side of Glasgow, Rosie feels incredibly grateful that Church, and especially Giffnock South Parish Church where she began attending Sunday school, has always been part of her life.

After training at New College and charges in Fife Rosie took on roles in the wider church, from Presbytery Clerk in Fife leading to becoming to convener of the Faith Nurture Forum

Although the Church has been going through a sometimes painful period of restructuring as churches close and congregations unite, Rosie is looking ahead to a positive new phase for the Kirk.

"Much of the hard, difficult work has been done and all these new things are being launched - that's the positive," she stated.

Christmas Market & Afternoon Tea at Marchmont St Giles

Saturday 30th November

from 12:00

Made possible with the help of volunteers from the Marchmont St Giles Congregation & the local community.

Entry to market; Free

Bouncy Castle & outdoor play area;
£3 per child (subject to weather).

Afternoon tea tickets;
Adults; £12 if booked before 23rd November
£14 thereafter & on the day.
Under 12s; £6/£7, Under 3s; Free
Family ticket (2 Adult, 3 Under 12s); £36/£42

For further information pop in or email;
butterflies@marchmontstgiles.org.uk



Vegan & "made from gluten free" options available.
If you have any food allergies or dietary requirements please advise us when booking. All food produced in the same kitchen.
We cannot guarantee zero cross contamination.







Winter Concerts to Warm your Heart



Early bird tickets £10
pay at the door £13



Saturday 2nd November 2024 at 6pm
Featuring songs from Jojo, Avengers. Gundam Seed, Shrek, Naruto & Disney
Performed by:- Edinburgh Youth Art and Friends
(Piano, Strings, Wind, Percussion and a Children Chorus)

Saturday 7th December 2024 at 6pm
Details of programme to follow
Performed by:- Pupils from St Marys Music School



Sunday 15th December 2024 at 5pm
Piano Works by Hong Kongs Composers, Russian, British delights, A Chopin & Jazz mix
Performed by:- W Leung, Christine Cheng

Saturday 4th January 2025 at 6pm
Details of programme to follow
Performed by:- Ailsa Aitkenhead

EDINBURGH YOUTHARTS

Visit the website or facebook for all information

St Mary's Music School
EDINBURGH



Reid Memorial Church

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 16th November

10am - 2pm

Free Admission. Refreshments.

Knitting

T-shirts

Crochet

Decoupage

Plant Pots



West Savile Terrace, EH9 3HY

Charity No : SC014027

And finally …….

And God created Cat

On the first day of creation, God created the cat.
On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.
On the third day, God created tuna, mice, and all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the cat.
On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the cat.
On the fifth day, God created the ball of yarn, the feather thingie on a string, and the catnip mouse so that the cat might or might not be amused.
On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.
On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the cat woke him up at 5:00 AM.

MARCHMONT ST GILES' PARISH CHURCH

Minister	Rev Dr Karen K Campbell kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk	662 9353
Session Clerk	Mr David Beattie sessionclerk@marchmontstgiles.org.uk	447 4359
Intergenerational Worker	family@marchmontstgiles.org.uk	447 4359
Treasurer	Mrs Jessica McCraw treasurer@marchmontstgiles.org.uk	667 4514
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr Robert Parsons	557 1257
Flowers	Dianne Beattie Dianne.beattie@hotmail.co.uk	07817593965
Safeguarding	Mrs Sue Wilson safeguarding@marchmontstgiles.org.uk	
Pastoral Care		
The Shuttle Editor	Charles Stewart theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk	668 1970

Church Centre Booking Enquiries

Email : office@marchmontstgiles.org.uk

0131 447 4359

Marchmont St Giles' Parish, Church of Scotland
is a registered Scottish Charity SCO09338