THE SHUTTLE

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



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1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters

Tuesday Butterflies Plus 12:30 - Lunch or Over 60s

Thursday Butterflies Baby and Toddler group in term time 9:30-11:30 £2.00 per family

October

13 10.30 Harvest Festival : Morning Worship with Round Table Communion

20 10.30 Morning Worship

27 10.30 Morning Worship and Holy Communion

November

3 10.30 Morning Worship
Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle

10 10.30 Morning Worship : Remembrance Sunday

Front Page

Consider the Lilies -

From the window in the north east corner of the church in memory of Very Rev David Paul BD LLD FLS, a son of the manse, who was a former Minister of the Robertson Memorial Church (now MSG) and Principal Clerk from 1912-1926, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1915. He was a very keen botanist and Fellow of the Linnean Society.

The Linnean Society of London, founded in 1788, has long been an important place in the study of the history of science. Fellows have belonged, and still belong, to such varied backgrounds as natural history, medicine and art. Scientific debates and lectures have been held at the Society since its inception, and many innovative scientific papers have been published in our Transactions.

A large number of Fellows have been involved in the development of groundbreaking theories, none more so than the eminent naturalists Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace.

Reflections

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? – Matthew 6:28-30

Last weekend I drove through the countryside and was surrounded by the gold of the hay-bales as they waited to be gathered - in some fields hay had also been gathered together for the animals and on that bright, warm Saturday, it was quite beautiful. Harvest is a time of year for us to stop and notice. I also had the experience of being in a traffic jam in, what seemed like the middle of nowhere, because the local farmers with the help of the police were moving an enormous combine harvester from one farm to another. It was so large it took up both sides of the road.

For that beauty to come together, hard work and the good grace of nature has come together to ensure that us townies have things to eat. The continued industry of our farmers is something that we should be so grateful for, and as we celebrate Harvest this year, as we do every year, it is important that we do not take for granted things, which for many people in the world is a luxury.

We live differently from the past, where the harvest and bringing in the harvest dominated everyone's lives. Now we often fail to value the turning of the seasons and the changes which happen, not only in nature, but in each of our lives. Each of us have gifts which God has blessed us with and we should not take them for granted. When the Church was established, the people then gave thanks to God for bringing them together, as they lived in places where their faith was neither tolerated and sometimes not legal. Despite all the challenges the Christian faith thrived and grew because the people of the Church engaged not only in looking in to gain strength from each other, they also looked out into their locale. The Christian faith grew because there was something in the way Christians conducted themselves, engaged in the world and treated each other and strangers which drew the attention. God was at work and they wanted to know more.

Today we are still called to be like those first Christians and to recognise that beauty often lies in simplicity and acknowledging, as in the sentiments of the Gospel, that we too often expect to see love other than where we are and who we are with. God loves us just as we are. In this so called post-Covid world, we are still coming to terms with what has been and are not quite where we need to be, as we work with other churches to get to "normal". However, it is in the journey that we are meant to hold strong and to show our faith that all will be well.

This Harvest, we may not see the rewards of the seeds we have sown as a church, but still we are called to give thanks, still we are called to see the beauty all around us and still we are called, like the first Christians to engage in the world as Christians and to care for those who need our support.

Have a good Harvest and we hope that the children will have a good half term, and we can plan for good things and plant seeds of hope for the future.

Karen K Campbell

Attention ALL TEENS

A planning meeting to start a TEEN GROUP will take place on

Sunday 27th October.

6pm - 7.30pm

Come along and have how your say on what sort of group you want, what activities you could do, what to call it etc.

The floor is yours!

Moderator's statement on the one-year anniversary of the 7 October attacks

There are no words that can adequately sum up our feelings and emotions as we reflect on a year of conflict in Israel and Gaza.

The massacre in Israel on 7 October 2023 and the war, with widespread destruction within Gaza, that followed has brought suffering to hundreds of thousands and elevated tension between communities throughout the world.

It is hard to imagine that we are still witnessing scenes of horror and devastation, and yet it is a reality. Innocents are still suffering; families are still mourning; what we see through media images is an everyday reality for so many. We are horrified by the extensive loss of life. While we cannot articulate words to describe what people are living through, we must use words to bring about a resolution to this dreadful situation.

Last year, my predecessor, the Very Rev Sally Foster Fulton made comment about the conflict: "We call for calm and active consideration for the innocent civilians who are suffering in Israel and Gaza. Peace in our world can never come through violence. Peace in our spirits can never come through revenge."

As events continue to unfold, we too pray for an end to the war on Gaza and Lebanon, an end to the attacks, and for a just resolution for all the people of Israel and Palestine, and call upon all parties to lay down their weapons and enter meaningful dialogue to bring this conflict to an end.

Our prayers are with those who are suffering the effects of this year of conflict that they might be comforted. We pray also for an end to hostilities and for meaningful dialogue that gives Israelis and Palestinians their rights to safety and self-determination. We pray that the familiar words from Isaiah will become a reality: "they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4)

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



We give thanks for the life and service of Beth Buchanan, a long term dedicated Elder and former Guild President, who died on 11th September.

We give thanks for Maureen Sprott, a friend of the Church, who died on 3rd October.



A warm welcome to Romina who has joined the team at Butterflies Cafe.

"I'm excited to join the team at Butterflies Café as a café assistant, where I'll also be cooking for our community lunches once a week.

I love baking and decorating different cakes, so get ready for some seriously delicious treats coming your way! I'm also looking forward to sharing some traditional Iranian dishes and desserts with our lovely customers.

I moved to Edinburgh with my husband and children very recently, to be close to family here. Before Edinburgh, we lived in Manchester where I worked at another church, in their World Cafe. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us here. It's a pleasure to bring a taste of my culture to the community and to be part of creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere here at Marchmont St Giles.. I can't wait to meet more of you.

AROUND THE AISLES

Butterflies café will be closed from Monday 14th October and will open again on Monday 21st October for the October holidays Butterflies Plus will resume on Tuesday 22nd October.

Here at Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church Centre we are having a **Christmas Fair and Tea** on the 30th November 12:00-16:00. We still have a few stall spaces available for £10. Please email office@marchmontstgiles.org.uk if you would like a stall.

Events at Marchmont St Giles' Church Centre

Singing4Fun
Tuesday term time 14:00-16:00
Inchcolm Hall, Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church Centre
Community singing designed for those with Parkinson's,
their carers, family, friends and anyone who wants to join in.

Contact: Olivia Bell secretary@edinburghparkinsons.org
Call:07531150097

Baby & Child First Aid for Parents and Carers
2 Hour Class
Saturday 2nd November - 10:00 to 12:00
Butterflies Cafe
Marchmont St Giles Parish Church
Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW
£30.00 per person

Pre-crawling babies welcome. At the end of the class there will be the opportunity to purchase some family first aid items.
Please pay contact-less where possible.
No refunds however transfer to another class may be possible, subject to availability. There is a £5pp transfer fee.



Earlier this week our friends at the German Speaking Congregation celebrated the very beautiful introduction service of Pastor Matthias Kaffka, together with senior priest Silke Halfmann from London, and Upper Church Councillor Olaf Wasmuth from the EKD. Pastor Kaffka has now officially taken up his office for the parish area of Scotland and the north-east of England. The service was also attended by congregants from Glasgow and Newcastle. Many thanks to everyone who made the trip from near and far. And also many thanks for the abundant Thanksgiving donations, which will benefit the Salvation Army.

Verena Jantzen will be inducted into her new role in the coming weeks in Aachen




EDINBURGH YOUTHARTS
EYA & Friends Fundraising Concert
Marchmont St Giles Parish Church
All ticket sales will go towards funding a new piano for the church
2nd Nov, 2024 | 6pm
3 Kilgraston Rd, EH9 2DW
Ticket £13 | Early bird offer £10
Free entry for a child under 10 with a ticket
Featuring
Piano | Strings | Wind | Children Chorus | Percussion
JoJo
GundamSeed
SHREK
AVENGERS
NARUTO
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Lectionary

October
13: Job 23:1-9, 16-17
14: Psalm 39;
15: Job 28:12-29:10
16: Job 32:1-22
17: Job 36:1-16;
18: Job 37:1-24;
19: Luke 22:24-30;
20: Isaiah 53:4-12
21: Psalm 75;
22: Job 41:1-11;
23: Job 41:12-34;
24: Psalm 34:1-8; ;
25: Nehemiah 1:1-11;
26: Job 42:7-9; ;
27: Jeremiah 31:7-9
28: Psalm 28;
29: Ezekiel 18:1-32;
30: Ezekiel 14:12-23;
31: Psalm 146;
November
01: Ruth 2:1-9 ;
02: Psalm 146;
03: Ruth 1:1-18
04: Psalm 18:20-30;
05: Ruth 3:1-7;
06: Ruth 3:8-18;
07: Psalm 127;
08: Ruth 4:11-17;
09: Ruth 4:18-22;

"Butterflies Baby & Toddler Group" is now on during term time on Thursdays 10am to 11.30am. Leaders are Lorraine and Liz. Meet other mums/carers with lots of new toys and climbing frame with story-time and song time!



And finally …….

What's a Noddy ticket for the buses?

Question

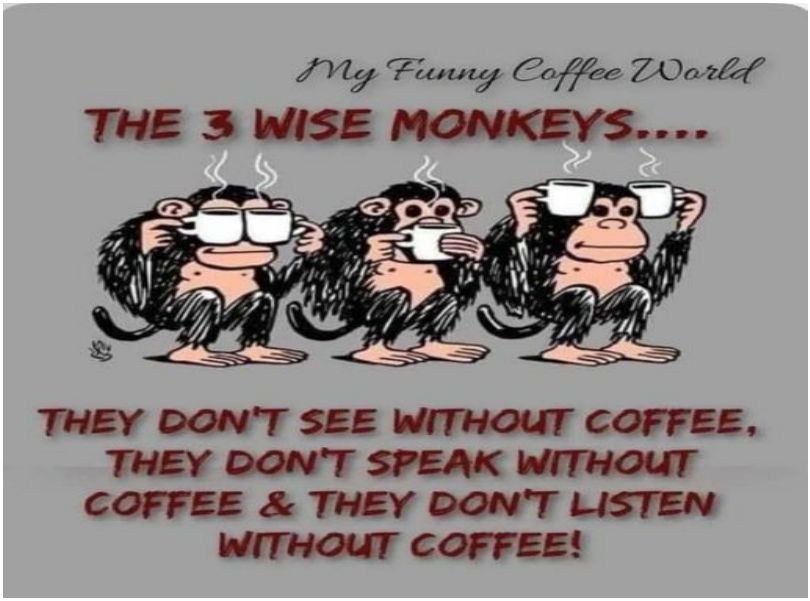
I'm visiting a friend in Glasgow but he had to leave for a family emergency. As he was going out the door he said I should ask the bus driver for a Noddy ticket. I can't see any promotions involving Noddy for First buses but maybe it's slang I don't know about or something or is he just trying to wind me up?

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"An aw day ticket."

To last you the rest of the day



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