

THE SHUTTLE SUMMER 2016



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Meeting Matters

Saturdays until 25th June - Guild Morning Coffee

June

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| 12 | 9.50 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship - Move-up Sunday |
| 13 | 10.00 | Toddler Church |
| 19 | 9.50 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship - Upside-Down Service |
| 26 | 9.50 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Sacrament of Holy Communion |
| | | Last Junior Church before Summer Break |
| 30 | 10.00 | Last Toddler Group |

July

Every Sunday

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| | 10.00 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| 21 | 10.00 | Toddler Time - Inchcolm Hall |
| 25 | 10.00 | Toddler Church |

August

Every Sunday

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| | 10.00 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| 21 | | Junior Church resumes after Summer Break |
| 22 | 10.00 | Toddler Church |

September

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| 3 | 10-12pm | Guild Morning Coffee - resumes today |
| 4 | 9.50 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| | | Deadline for Articles for the September Shuttle |
| 11 | 9.50 | Family Service |
| | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| 13 | 7.30 | Guild - Welcome Back |
| 25 | 2.00 | Kids' Club |

FrontPage

Starting line for the Luxembourg Marathon (see page 11)

Reflections

Seamus Heaney wrote this poem "Miracle" after he had his stroke in 2005:

*Not the one who takes up his bed and walks
But the ones who have known him all along
And carry him in —*

*Their shoulders numb, the ache and stoop deeplocked
In their backs, the stretcher handles
Slippery with sweat. And no let-up*

*Until he's strapped on tight, made tiltable
And raised to the tiled roof, then lowered for healing.
Be mindful of them as they stand and wait*

*For the burn of the paid-out ropes to cool,
Their slight lightheadedness and incredulity
To pass, those ones who had known him all along.*

It takes the story of the healing of the paralysed man, not from the perspective of the onlookers, or the man, or Christ himself, but the friends who brought him to the place of healing.

How often do we read familiar stories of the bible and read them from a one dimensional perspective?

As people of faith, we need to look at each story, each encounter with the Eternal from different aspects, to fully grasp all that which happens within the influence of God. People are motivated to seek God, to help friends, to dip a toe in and see whether they might be blessed, to move a little closer to words and acts of salvation without fully understanding or being able to explain why. Our responsibility as the church is to ensure that we encourage this type of conduct and behaviour and not hinder those who would seek to help others and get closer to the Eternal nature of God.

The friends in this miracle clearly have a great love and commitment to their friend. We have all been those friends who try to help, who go a little further than we might normally do, or take a risk (although perhaps not removing a roof of a neighbour's home) to try and find relief for a friend who is suffering and is

removed from the society which they once enjoyed. That is both our human and religious duty. We would help a friend if we could and that is right and proper.



Like the friends of the paralysed man, we do not seek the light to be shed in our direction. We do it because it is the right thing to do; it is the proper thing to do and we do not wish thanks or praise. Yet through the actions of these four people, a life is transformed and the person can return to their place within their community and the Temple, which they would have been unable to attend. Within the influence of God in Jesus time, people were denied access to the rites and rituals of the faith. In these stories of the Gospel we are reminded and challenged again and again, not to deny and bar God's people from the love of God or the abundance of God's salvation. Our doors and our hearts must be open to all, even those who may not have darkened the doors of the Church for a very long time.

This summer if you are away for a few days or a couple of weeks or even more than once, I would encourage you to send a postcard to the Church so that we can be reminded that although we all travel far and wide, we are all still part of the family of faith. We can then display them and see all the places this family of faith have journeyed to, as we think of all the journeys which other people of faith have embarked on and completed in faith and hope.

Karen K Campbell

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Elizabeth and William Beattie are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their little brother, George David Marek. Mum and Dad both doing well!



Many of you will remember Ania Prokop who worked in Butterflies Cafe when it first opened. We are delighted to announce that Ania gave birth to a baby girl, Maya, on 31st May in Melbourne, Australia.

Congratulations to both our students, Katherine Taylor and Barry Hughes, on passing their exams - another step along their path to becoming Ministers.



Congratulations to Tanya & Holly Anderson on completing the Edinburgh Marathon and the 1.5km children's race respectively.

Congratulations to Greg, our cleaner who won a Guitar playing competition recently and spent an afternoon with the renowned guitarist, Steve Vai, as part of his prize.



Daniel Johnson, the newly elected MSP for this area will be holding surgeries on the second Saturday of the month starting on the 11th June and continuing throughout the summer. These will take place in Mull from 10 - 11am.



We give thanks for the life and service of:

David Welsh, a resident of the parish, who died on 12th May 2016 and

Diane McCue, a local resident, who died on 2nd June 2016.



A LITTLE BIT SLOWER. A WHOLE LOT BETTER.

The speed limit on many of Edinburgh's streets is changing from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour.

Around 50% of Edinburgh's streets already have a 20mph limit. The project extends the 20mph speed limit to the city centre, main shopping streets and residential areas while retaining a strategic network of roads at 30mph and 40mph. Councillors approved the new speed limit network in January 2015 after three years of public consultation and research.

Reducing traffic speed helps people feel more confident about using their local streets. It is safer for children to walk to school, while older people feel more able to travel independently and safely. Calmer road speeds lead to better health, less noise, more social interaction and stronger communities.

Did you know

- Pedestrians are 7 times less likely to be fatally injured if hit by car at 20mph compared to 30mph
- 20mph creates a better environment for people to walk and cycle
- 20mph neighbourhoods have higher levels of social interaction
- 20mph streets allow children to play outside safely and be more physically active
- 20mph streets have less traffic noise
- 20mph encourages a smoother driving style with less stopping and starting leading to reductions in emissions and fuel consumption
- 20mph is designed to be self-enforcing with no new speed bumps
- 20mph gives drivers more time to react
- Research shows that every 1mph reduction in average speeds is likely to result in a 6% fall in the number of casualties
- Police Scotland are supportive of lower speeds and are working with the Council to achieve this
- Impact on car journey times is expected to be minimal with no significant change to bus journey times
- Businesses can benefit from a more pleasant environment for shopping, work and leisure.

AROUND THE AISLES

Butterflies Plus will finish for the Summer on Wednesday 29th June and recommence on the 7th September. A big Thank You to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Butterflies Cafe has had a very busy time over the General Assembly and has provided external catering for approx 800 people from all around the world. Carrying on the ecumenical theme to this issue, Butterflies will be catering for the the Scottish Episcopal Church at the end of their Synod this month.

Coffee and biscuits are provided on a Sunday by the cafe after the service and donations are very much appreciated to help cover the cost.

Lorna Bain has given 10 years of sterling service as Roll-keeper and we warmly thank her for this dedication. The Business Committee are now looking for a new Roll-keeper and the Session Clerk would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in taking on this role. If you are hiding your talents under a bush then don't - the Session Clerk would be delighted to hear from you!

The **annual maintenance week** will take place on w/c 25th July when the Cafe and Inchcolm hall floor will be getting attended to and there will be various jobs which the Church Officer will be very happy to have assistance with. Keep an eye on the intimations for further details.

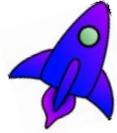
The Shuttle will take a break over the summer and reappear in September. The Eds would **love** to receive articles of interest for future editions from members of the congregation.

Last but not least a huge "Thank You" to all of you who work behind the scenes, be it flower arranging, making coffee, washing dishes - and without whom MSG would not be the amazing place that it is, the heart of the community!

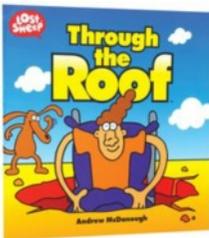
FAMILY FOCUS Summer 2016

As this goes to press, we are nearing completion of the BACKPACK Challenge from the Church of Scotland National Youth Assembly, collecting backpacks and contents for Refugee children in this country and abroad. Thank you to all who have taken part; it is much appreciated.

'Move – up' Sunday on 12th June will celebrate all we have done over the last academic year in Junior Church. The children also get to 'move-up' to their next age groups; particularly those starting school in August, who will move upstairs to Skye and join the 'Rockets'. We have the very happy situation whereby we are seeing more children on Sundays and the age range is widening. Of course, children get older! This means that after the summer holidays we aim to add a new group to Junior Church for ages 10+. Details of who, how, where, how often and the name to be confirmed! Watch this space.



Upside - down Service, Sunday 19th June is back! After the encouraging response last year, we will be having another Upside-Down service. Children and adults in the congregation get to experience different styles of worship including music, poetry, art work, bible study and reflection topped and tailed by collective worship. Social time after the service may also be thrown in!



Kids Club 'Through the Roof' was great fun. We told the story of the four friends that took their friend to see Jesus to be healed and lowered him through the roof as the house was too crowded. As a nod to health & safety, we did not practice abseiling with children, however we did "make" people and carry them as a team on mats and 'posted' them through the roof of a house! So successful that the action shot photos don't do it justice! Songs, snacks in the garden and make'and'do made for a lovely time. Thanks to all who helped. It was great to welcome new families and make new friends.

Next Kids Club Saturday - 25th September.

Toddler Time – Thursday 21st July 10am -12noon.

Our weekly Toddler Group is also taking a break over the summer holidays, but we are having a one –off ‘Toddler Time’ with songs, crafts and stories as well as the usual toys and snacks to break up the long holidays for those families with little children not yet in school. Families with children under 4 will find us in the Inchcolm Hall, so spread the word.

Toddler Church – Mondays 25th July & 22nd August.

10 -10.30am in Church for young children with Bible story, songs and tea trolley

Junior Church summer holidays (3rd July to 14th August inclusive). We will be taking a break from regular groups and using the side chapel in church for colouring, quiet games and toys for any children and their parents to use during the 10.30am service. I will be there with a rota of other church members so we can be a church community as a whole, the families can get to know more of the congregation better and also to give the regular leaders a break.

A couple of these Sundays we hope to do some Big Craft or Challenge sessions in the hall...dates TBC and subject to availability of helpers! Please volunteer for some fun!

Early Service will continue at 10am throughout the summer with Bible story, songs and craft.

Thank you to all the Children and Families Team for the last few months of rotas, Toddling in various forms, singing and support for the young folks (and not so young worker!).

Have a great summer!



NEWS FROM THE KIRK SESSION

The Hall Development Committee (HDC) reported on the progress they have made lately with regards to the next stage of the planned development, including a very informative visit to St Paul's & St Georges' church to look at their audio visual systems.

Tanya Anderson, convenor of the Fundraising Committee, gave a brief talk on the next steps to secure funding.

The Fundraising Committee will have responsibility for building an integrated plan for three levels of fundraising to tie in with the proposed timing of the development spend. The aim will be to raise c.£400k (roughly half the estimated spend) as in order to apply for external grants etc it is necessary to shadow matched funding internally.

The three levels of fundraising can be summarised as follows:

1. High level fundraising via external grants such as the Heritage Grant and National Churches Trust.
2. An intermediate level focusing on Community Engagement;
3. Smaller scale fundraising including congregational events such as pamper nights and social events.

The recruitment of a part-time Trusts and Foundation officer (as previously approved by the Kirk Session) is progressing well with interviews taking place shortly.

Catrina Moss, Chair of the HDC, asked the Session for their agreement to apply for planning permission and listed Building Consent, which was granted after some discussion. It is hoped that this will be through by the autumn but in the meantime there will be a lot of work going on behind the scenes in conjunction with the Architect, Presbytery, the General Trustees and the Art & Architecture Department of the Church of Scotland and our own Finance team.

The vision behind this next stage of development is to "Nourish, Nurture and Grow" which is very much part of our SMART goals for the future enabling us to tie MSG into the heart of the community and beyond.

Reflections from Luxembourg

This year saw the 10th annual InterFaith Conference in Luxembourg - an event which has grown from small beginnings and now welcomes around 70 delegates from across Europe. I was fortunate to attend and represent the Church of Scotland for the second time, joining other Christian ministers and leaders from other faiths including Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism and Bah'ai.

The conference's strap line is 'run for a united world', and this gives a clue as to one of the things we were doing - the conference coincides each year with the annual Luxembourg Night Marathon and all the conference delegates take part! Most delegates run the marathon as a relay, with a smaller number (myself included) running the whole race. The Interfaith label is particularly strong in the race - the symbolism of watching a Christian handing over the running baton to a Muslim, then to a Sikh, and then to a Hindu is particularly poignant and encouraging.

On the Saturday we had the opportunity to visit the Muslim Cultural Centre in Luxembourg - a thriving hub for the local Islamic community which includes the equivalent of a Sunday School (very well attended), prayer and worship space and community facilities. There was the opportunity for dialogue about key aspects of the Muslim Faith and honest questions were asked and answered - all in the right spirit! The Sikh faith was well represented by a group from London - I learned much that I did not previously know about Sikhism, including the importance of baptism for Sikhs. Also of particular interest was the group of Muslim Imams from the Netherlands, all of whom are prison chaplains in their country.

As well as being an Interfaith event, the conference also provided much opportunity for ecumenical discussion, with representatives of the Lutheran Church in Germany, the Protestantische Kirche in Luxembourg, the Roman Catholic Church and the United Protestant Church in France.

As for the race itself - there is a trophy for the fastest InterFaith runner in the marathon, which I was fortunate enough to win in 2015. With about 5 kilometres to go this year I was overtaken by one of the German runners who proved to be a worthy winner and took this year's trophy back to the Lutheran Church.

The InterFaith Conference has grown into an international event and has provided me and others with firm and lasting friendships, across nations and faiths - whilst providing opportunity for some robust and good natured debate between faiths also! Walking past the Luxembourg Synagogue during the weekend and seeing the high level of security surrounding it was a reminder of the troubled times in which we live - but the warmth of the welcome extended to all at the conference, and the mutual respect and love between all who were there, show that the scenes we have all witnessed in Paris, Brussels and elsewhere do not represent the true picture. I hope to be back next year, to meet up with dear friends - and hopefully to regain my title!

Barry



Marchmont St Giles' has long been involved with other faiths, including the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community who meet in our centre. We have also recently joined the Interfaith community and leaflets are available in the church centre.



FINAL GUILD NEWS, 2015-2016

At a recent Guild committee meeting, it was decided that, further to the allocations mentioned in last month's edition of The Shuttle, the amounts for the Sick Kids Friends Foundation and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People should be increased to £300 each.

This is made possible by all who attend the Saturday Morning Coffees, especially our regulars from Tumble Tots and the Chinese Cultural group who meet in the centre and allow us to give away substantial sums at this time of the year.

These coffees continue (10 till noon) until June 25th, and will recommence in September when the Guild ladies wielding flasks of tea & coffee will be back in action on Saturday 3rd September

Syllabus planning is under way, and our opening "Welcome Back" meeting which will be held at 7.30 on Tuesday 13th September.

Please put this date in your diaries, and/or join us at our remaining morning coffees, and look forward to another busy year.

Thank you for your support.

SCOTTISH REFUGEE WEEK
Syrian Refugee Trail:
25 June,
10.00am-12.00pm,
Polwarth Parish Church, Edinburgh.

As part of Scottish Refugee Week come along to meet the various Edinburgh-based organisations working along the Syrian refugee trail.



Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May 2016

The breakdown of monies collected is as follows:

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| Coffee Morning including quiz and raffle | £523.02 |
| Door to door collection of envelopes | £2,812.52 |
| Collection at Dedication Service | £185.23 |
| Dinner party & donations - Heinz Brinkmann | <u>£375.00</u> |
| Grand Total | <u>£3895.77</u> |

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to extend a massive Thank you to all who have contributed so generously - in particular to the bakers for the wonderful baking which was donated to the Coffee Morning and it was much appreciated by all. Once again everyone involved has worked so hard and I applaud you all.

It is with great sadness that this will be the last year of our mind puzzling Quiz. Miss Minck will be greatly missed.

Once again, the young energetic Venture Scouts have been so helpful delivering envelopes in the Marchmont area. It saves our weary legs and we extend our thanks to them as well.

The volunteers who deliver and collect the envelopes once more have triumphed and the amount collected has surpassed our expectations, considering some streets in our area have opted to have a "No collection zone". Hopefully, because you have done so well, I shall be asking you once again next year!

Our friends from the German Speaking Congregation Church are very much a part of our Christian Aid Committee and donate very generously towards the final total.

Much as the Grange Committee appreciates all the monies collected, think of the help it will bring our global neighbours. Well done everyone!!

June Wilson

And Finally.....

Mortal: God, What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Mortal: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Mortal: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.



An angel was feeling rather blue with the uniform sameness of heaven and went to see St. Peter. "All I do," the angel said, "is play the harp endlessly, and I'm getting bored."

St. Peter asked, "What would you rather do?"

The angel answered, "I like to dance."

"We don't allow dancing here in heaven," St. Peter said, "but I can see you need a change so I will allow you to take advantage of a once-in-an-eternal-lifetime offer. I will allow you 24 hours leave to return to earth and dance."

"I'm gone," the angel said and in a trice the angel was in California and quickly found a dance hall run by Samuel Frank. Checking the harp and wings, the angel boogied and danced and had a great time until just seconds remained of the leave.

The angel grabbed up the wings and immediately was in heaven again. Returning to St. Peter, the angel said, "I'm back and I am so happy. I'll never feel bored again."

St. Peter said, "That's wonderful, but where is your musical instrument?" "Oh, no," the angel said,

"I left my harp in Sam Frank's Disco."

MARCHMONT ST GILES' PARISH CHURCH

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