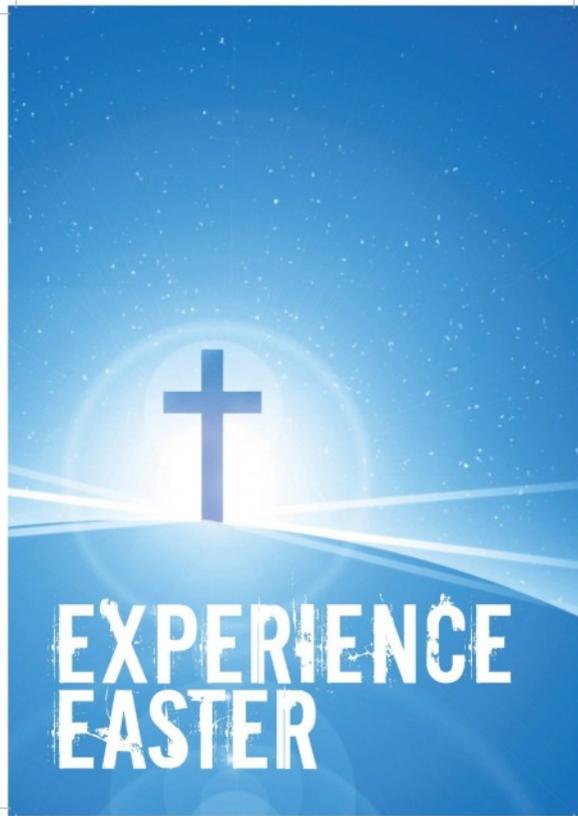


THE SHUTTLE

March/April 2018



marchmont st giles

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Meeting Matters

Every Saturday

10 - 12pm Morning Coffee

Every Tuesday

10.00 Prayers & Reflection South Transept

Every Wednesday

12.30 Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the over 60s

March

- 11 09.50 Family Service
- 10.30 Morning Service
- 18 09.50 Family Service
- 10.30 Morning Service
- 19 10.00 Toddler Church
- 19.30 Kirk Session - Skye
- 20 19.30 Guild - Georgina Hook - Air Ambulance Scotland
- 24 14.00 Wild Lent Worship - *see page 9*
- 25 09.50 Family Service
- 10.30 Morning Service - Palm Sunday
- 26 10.00 Prayers for Holy Week *see page 5*
- 27 10.00 Prayers for Holy Week
- 28 10.00 Prayers for Holy Week
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- 19.00 Seder Meal
- 30 10.00 Prayers for Holy Week
- 12.00 Graveyard Walk followed by Soup Lunch
- 19.00 Good Friday Service @ St Catherine's Argyle
- 31 10.00 Easter Family event - *see page 8*
- 19.00 Taize Service

April

- 1 09.50 Family Service
- 10.30 Easter Sunday - Service of Holy Communion
- 3 19.30 Guild - Business Meeting - Myra & Ian Wattie - Vietnam
- 8 09.50 Family Service
- 10.30 Morning Service

Reflections

At this time of Lent, as we move towards Jerusalem and the Cross, there are various stories of the encounters which Jesus has with the authorities, who would eventually seek his death.

When he arrives in Jerusalem, he goes to the Temple, the holiest place for the Jewish faith and finds the outer courts there being used as a financial centre of commerce, rather than a place where pilgrims would have a religious experience.

Firstly, there were the money changers, who sat in the outer "Court of the Gentiles" and who changed various currencies into Jewish money so that pilgrims could buy the animals for sacrifice. They also engaged in currency speculation as a part of the functioning of the general economy.

Secondly, there were the animal inspectors, who were employed to buy animals for sacrifice in the Temple, which were then sold on at a profit to pilgrims. The religious law stated that any animal offered in sacrifice, had to be perfect and unblemished. There was a fee to be paid to the inspectors, before the animal was inspected and even then, then animal would regularly be rejected. Once they were accepted, the cost of the animal would then soar. They could cost 15 times more inside the Temple than outside. The poor pilgrims would often have to borrow money from the money lenders or couldn't afford them, and therefore not perform their religious duty, and then be classified among the sinners, and be excluded from the number of the righteous. It was an exclusive, excluding, money making enterprise.

This corruption was the focus of the encounter between Jesus and the Temple leaders for St John. For St John, Jesus is the Lamb of God and he is, not only the sacrifice, but the perfect unblemished sacrifice, and there is no barrier between him and the people.

For those who heard this story for the first time after the Jewish War of AD70 when the Temple was destroyed and the newly established Christians were no longer allowed to worship with the Jews, the writer of St John was assuring them that they no longer needed the Temple, even if they grieved over its loss.

Jesus' whole being was sufficient and is sufficient to mediate God's grace, love, mercy and peace. No Temple, no money changer, no inspector, no barrier required.

Jesus is the one who introduces the whole world to the heart of God; the one who mediates the human of earth and the divine of heaven.

What do we learn from this encounter? Do we have the equivalent of money changers and animal inspectors today, who limit God's love for those who would seek it and deny people the right to explore their faith in the Church?

We come to church, not because it is the best or only place to experience God, but because at Church we are afforded an opportunity to experience God's presence in company with other people who seek to express their faith.

In hymn singing, in silence, in listening to the music, or reflecting on the sermon or entering into the prayers, in the bread and wine and water of the sacraments, we share in the proclamation and promise that God is with us and for us.

Part of worship is to be enriched and encouraged and then to return to our daily lives, to share and continue to experience God's presence and work in the world in all the places where we will live life this week.

Our call is to invite people to Church because, having experienced God during this one hour, they might leave more able to detect God's presence the other 167 hours of their week.

Our call is to help and encourage people and discover and perhaps even make the many places of their lives the place where God's presence permeates and inhabits, with the promise of grace, compassion, love and courage.

So let us not be barriers to God's love and grace and let us not place any barriers which would suggest that the Church is a Holy Club only for specific people. The Church is for everyone.

Karen K Campbell

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



Congratulations to June & Bill Wilson on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd March 2018.

We give thanks for the life and service of:



Ellen Beaton, a member of the congregation who died on the 13th February 2018.

Alexander H Anderson, Elder, former Session Clerk, former Clerk to the Board who died on 9th March 2018. A tribute from the Kirk Session will appear in the next issue of the Shuttle.



Welcome to our new Administrator

I'm Astra Foster, raised in Wester Ross, lived in Aberdeen-shire for a little while, and then spent 13 years in the USA. I've been told I have an Irish, American, West Coast Scotland accent so if you talk to me on the phone then I'll try and refrain from speaking Gaelic, Doric or Texan.

My children have both flown the nest and now attend Scottish Universities, and I have a dog called Millie at home, a cross between a dalmatian/potted-bellied pig/labrador, I also enjoy the outdoors and volunteer for both the NTS and the Botanic Gardens.

I'm very excited and happy to be working as Administrator for Marchmont St Giles' among a great group of caring and dedicated people and look forward to getting to know the regular church users too.

Helping to make Marchmont St Giles' tick

	Flower Arrangers	Beadle	Coffee
March			
11	Ann Arthur	Andrew Noble	Carol Byers
18	Mhairi Wilson	Mike Affolter/Anne Laing	Joan Wareham
25	Judith Stewart	Jessica McCraw	Ann McGhie
April			
1	Shirley/Mhairi	Charles Stewart	Liz Mack
8	Charles Stewart	Jessica McCraw	Frances Brown

AROUND THE AISLES

Kirk Session Please note the change of date to 19th March and the venue for the forthcoming meeting is Skye.

The Guild in Spring In February we enjoyed a premature taste of spring with John Graham's introduction to the flowers and trees of Chile, some of which have survived a change of surroundings over the years to be enjoyed in our Scottish gardens.



By the time this reaches you, weather permitting! we will have heard from Iain Whyte on "Breaking the cycle of FGM" (Female Genital Mutilation), which is the second project we intend to support this year. Holding community forums and workshops in Kenya is beginning to educate and persuade families to resist this practice.

On March 20th, (7.30), Georgina Hook will speak to us on Air Ambulance Scotland, which should be an interesting insight into this life-saving service.

Then, all of a sudden it seems, we arrive at our last meeting of the session, on 3rd April, when we hold our business meeting and decide how to distribute the funds raised throughout the year from our Saturday Morning Coffees; after the official business, we will relax to enjoy hearing more from Myra and Ian Wattie on Viet Nam, People and Places.

Please remember that anyone is welcome to join us for any meeting, you don't have to be a card-carrying member or even female!

The same is true of Saturday Morning Coffees, 10 till 12.

Frantic knitting has been taking place in recent weeks to produce Easter Chickens - now on sale during the week @ Butterflies and at our Saturday Coffee.



Recently the Butterflies Cafe team became aware of a new initiative to tackle loneliness - the Chatty Cafe Scheme.

A simple idea, designate a table in a cafe/restaurant as a Chatter and Natter table where customers can come and sit if they are happy to talk to other customers.

A Chatter & Natter table creates a space for people to talk; whether it is for five minutes while you drink a brew, or an hour of good conversation. We're not trying to build friendships - just simple interactions to combat loneliness and to just maybe have a big impact on someone's day. Look out for the Chatter & Natter Table @ Butterflies and other cafes when out and about.

Butterflies Cafe will be closed on Friday 30th March and re-open on Monday 9th April for a short break over Easter. Butterflies Plus will not be available on Wednesday 4th April.

Butterflies Cafe has decided to wind down its event catering section of the business due to logistical and operational issues

Rev Teri Petersen After a wee touch of 'best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a'gley' due to the weather recently Teri was inducted into her new charge of Gourock: St Johns on Thursday 8th March. A group ventured westwards by car to attend the induction and celebration of a new chapter in her life and the life of Gourock: St Johns.

The MSG contingent arrived home safely having navigated around road works, snow storms, bridges, roundabouts and Glasgow airport. To add insult to injury that diversion cost £2 for each car to leave the airport!

Volunteers are urgently required to help on the coffee rota on a Sunday morning. It would only be once every 3 months and if you wanted to work as a pair then that would be fine. It is very simple really - you just have to set up a tray for the Family Service and Choir and then for coffee after the service and clear up. Please speak to June Wilson if you can help.

Family Focus - Upcoming Events



Family and intergenerational event at Blackford Hill.

'Wild Lent Worship'

Saturday, 24th March,
2-4pm

All Welcome

Explore Lent through creation, reflection and fellowship.

Wellies/walking boots and a sense of adventure is all you need.

Bring a drink but cake provided.

Meet at Midmar allotments, beside Braid Bowling Club on Midmar Drive.

More details from Bettina.

Toddler Church: Mondays, 19th March, & 23rd April, 10-10.30am

Easter Family event: Saturday, 31st March, 10 am–12 pm: All about Easter; The story so far, reflection, hand-washing, bread-making, egg decorating & crafts.

As we are having a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday instead of a Hand-washing Service we are holding an all-age short service on Saturday at 11.30 and this will include hand-washing. So if you would like to participate in this then please come along either for the whole event or just come for worship.

Come and join us! We look forward to seeing you.

The Year of Young People 2018

This National initiative, set up by the Scottish Government, and supported by the Church of Scotland has coincided with the launch of our new group for high school aged young people which started at MSG on Sunday March 4th.



We had doughnuts, pastries, chat, chair-balancing (table-top game!) finishing with 'Thought for the Week' all with a hint of God.

Our aim is to create a relaxed space to explore life & faith on 1st Sundays of the month 9.45-10.30am for young people who are anywhere on the 'forever or never' faith journey.



Next group Easter Sunday,
1st April with Hot Cross Buns and chocolate!

More details from Bettina and continue to watch this space for upcoming events and ongoing projects at Marchmont St Giles'.

Holy Week Services 2018

10 am Monday - Friday

Prayers for Holy Week
at Marchmont St Giles'

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday

Joint Seder Meal with St Catherines' Argyle
at Marchmont St Giles'

Please let the office /cafe know if you would like to come for
catering purposes.

12pm Graveyard Walk

Followed by a Soup Lunch at Butterflies

7.00 pm Good Friday

Joint Service at St Catherine's Argyle

10am - 12noon Easter Saturday

All age event - see page 8

7.00 pm Easter Saturday

Taize Service at
Marchmont St Giles'

Easter Sunday

9.45 Family Service
10.30 Service of Holy Communion

Taking time to consider the unthinkable

Many people find the thought of their own funeral a difficult subject to discuss with family and friends or even sometimes their minister but what if you could fill in a form, leave it in a safe place or send it to your minister and have peace of mind to know that you are helping your family at a difficult time.

By expressing your wishes for your funeral in advance, you are not only saving your loved ones a lot of heartache and decision making but encouraging them to fulfil your final wishes.

The form on the next page will allow you to make the relevant decisions at your leisure and give you comfort for the future. Copies are also available in the office and the minister is available to discuss any questions you might have on the subject.

Suggestions for my Funeral Service

To those who will make decisions for my Christian funeral or Thanksgiving Service: I have given prayerful thought to the service of worship following my death, remembering that it is full of hope, even as it is a time of grieving. The following express my preferences. I realise that circumstances may apply which will make it impossible to fulfil every suggestion. This information supplements but does not replace my will, living will, or other such legal documents. I offer these preferences as a gift to those who will gather for worship following my death.

My Full name

My Date of Birth

Name & Contact number of my
Next of Kin

Service Details

If the Minister of my Church is not available, I would like _____ to be asked to preside

In addition to the Minister, I would like the following person / people to be asked to assist.

I would like the following Scripture passages to be read:

I would like the following poem/s to be read:

I would like the following hymns to be sung by the congregation:

I would like the following other musical selections to be played, sung, or otherwise included:

I would like Donations in my memory to be made for the following charity/charities:

I would like the service to take place:

in my home church, which is:

at this Crematorium

at the graveside in this cemetery

I prefer:

a **Funeral Service**, at which my body or ashes are present

a **Service of Thanksgiving**, at which my body or ashes are not present

I prefer that the **Service for Committal** of my body take place:

after the Funeral Service

before the Service of Thanksgiving

My Remains

I prefer that my body be:

embalmed before burial

embalmed before cremation

cremated, without embalmment

donated to medical research, for which I have made the following arrangements:

Regarding my ashes after cremation, I prefer that my ashes be

buried in the ground at _____

scattered at this location _____

no particular preference or : _____

I have made arrangements with this Funeral Directors/ or would like to use:

Other information for my family (use additional pages if necessary)

Signature

Date_____



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
2018
13th - 19th May 2018**

Hi Folks,

I find it hard to believe it is a year since I asked you for your help in fund-raising for Christian Aid.

One of the projects the Committee is focusing on is the humanitarian catastrophe which is gripping South Sudan. Children are weak with hunger and a desperate lack of nutrition means mothers can no longer produce milk something we, in this country, find difficult to comprehend.

Our format for this year is different from previous years. The Christian aid Committee decided that envelopes would be **delivered only and not collected.** The filled envelopes will be deposited in the church centre or designated shops and information on these will follow later.

I am passing the baton to Eileen Dickson regarding the distribution and collection of envelopes and she will keep you up-to-date with further information. We will still be requiring people to distribute the envelopes during Christian Aid week and Eileen will look forward to hearing from you.

We would much appreciate help with the envelope stuffing on Monday 16th April at 6.30pm. Many hands make light work!

Another date for your diary is May 12th when our annual fundraising Coffee Morning is taking place. Frances Brown will have information on this event nearer the time.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

June Wilson

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS



On the 20th February 2018 Edinburgh City Council granted us full Planning Permission to progress with our proposed development.

The next stage is to prepare the Building Warrant which will show that our plans meet all the current standards and legislation. This is a complex piece of work which the Architect and Quantity Surveyor are currently working on and the Development Committee will continue to work closely with them to finalise all the details. This stage is expected to take up to 6 months and we will keep you up-to-date as much as possible.

With regards to fundraising, we can now really get going with Cornerstone, our appointed Fundraisers, who can only start applying for funds once planning permission has been granted.

At the beginning of this journey we felt that we had a mountain to climb but it is amazing where funds come from - be it £1.50 for a jar of marmalade being sold in the Cafe to a cheque for a £1,000 being sent to the Treasurer to a grant of £50,000 being received, it all adds up. We made the decision this time to raise monies via professionals but if you would like to contribute financially in any way then we would be delighted to receive your contributions, big or small. All donations are confidential but if you are a taxpayer then we would be very grateful if you could gift aid it. Jessica McCraw, our Treasurer, would be delighted to help you.

Butterflies Cafe has just ordered a money spinner and we hope our customers, young and old, will have fun putting coins into it. We are also making goodies to sell in the cafe and the proceeds will go to the development fund as well.

There are lots of ways in which we can all contribute eg fill a smartie tube with coins or put the price of a coffee aside a couple of times a week, pop it in an envelope and hand it in.

And finally.....

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumours that his neighbour was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later he was proven innocent. After being released, he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In court, the old man told the judge, "They were just comments, they didn't harm anyone."

The judges, before passing sentence on the case, told the old man, "write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut it up into little pieces and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out of your car window. Then tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

The next day, the judge told the old man, "Before receiving the sentence, I want you to go out and gather up all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said, "I can't do that! The wind spread them all over the place and won't know where to find them."

Then the judge replied, "The same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honour of a person to such an extent that a person will not be able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all. Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words."

"Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honour, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore.

So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance but when your tongue slips, you can never recover your words!"

"Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." ~ Proverbs 21:23

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