

# THE SHUTTLE

May/June 2018

COME ONE, COME ALL



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

## 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

## May

13 9.50 Family Service

11.00 Christian Aid Dedication service at the **GSCC**

20 9.50 Family Service

10.30 Morning Service

27 9.50 Family Service

10.30 Morning Service

## June

3 9.50 Family Service

10.30 Morning Service

**Contributions for the next issue of The Shuttle to be submitted by today**

4 7.30 Kirk Session meeting

10 9.50 Family Service

10.30 Morning Service

17 9.50 Family Service

10.30 Morning service followed by a Fundraising Lunch & ASM

## Helping to make Marchmont St Giles' Tick

**May** Flower Arranger

Beadle

Coffee

13

Andrew Noble

Helen Bennett

20 Judith Stewart

Charles Stewart

Charles Stewart

27 Shirley Farquhar

Jessica McCraw

Gillian Hoehnke

## Front Cover

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## Reflections

Having just returned from Islay to commemorate the sinking of 2 ships, the Tuscania and the Otranto, which were wrecked in 1918 off their west coast, it has made me appreciate the strength of the human character and what people will do for strangers and how these acts last through generations.



I was invited to conduct a service on board HMS Raider on the site of the sinking of the Tuscania and Lord Robertson, the former Head of Nato, would lay a wreath to remember those who died and survived and the islanders who came to give help and support, including his grandfather, who was the local police sergeant. His grandfather, Malcolm McNeill, wrote notes on the bodies of those who had died, so that they could be identified and given a

burial, while others took the survivors into their homes and fed and clothed them, while some made coffins and a few women made an American flag for the funeral service. It was both a moving moment when we stood in silence to remember, but also a memorable one as we were surrounded by warships from Britain, America, France and Germany.

The next day we headed to the American War Memorial on the Mull of Oa, which looms on the headland over where the first ship went down. From the car park it was a good 25 minute hike up the boggy peat filled hill, but worth the view from the top when we got there. Again another service of Remembrance and wreaths laid by Legion Scotland, The Lord Lieutenant, the local police officer and the American Naval Attaché.

While there I met a man, whose father had survived the sinking of the Tuscania and he was forever grateful for all that the Islay people had done for him and his comrades, both alive and dead, and it gave his son a great deal of pleasure to finally make the journey to where his father had been saved.





During the service attended by the Princess Royal and the American Ambassador, I sat with the family again and next to a young woman from Islay whose great aunt was one of those who helped sew the American flag 100 years ago. She has just completed her Masters in Gaelic education and is returning to Islay to teach at the school there.

St John's Gospel tells us again and again to love one another, because God has loved us first as well as words about friendship which God has extended to us without qualification or any requirement of action on our part. The last few days have impressed upon me the heights which the human spirit can attain, for no reason, other than empathy and humility to do the right thing.

We may never face either what the American soldiers or British and French sailors experienced off the coast of Islay, nor be one of those islanders who heard and responded to their cries. However, there are many ways in which friendship and love can be experienced and practiced in our attitude to life and our fellow human beings.

Christ's love for the world and for us encourages us to make space for life, even when it seems there is none and to encourage other people to flourish. That includes everyone. Socrates said that the most precious gift and greatest blessing that a person could possess was friendship. Let it be our prayer and our practice that friendship and love be part of who we are and how we live our lives, so that we might show God's love for the world and create bonds that bind communities together, in order that we might all work for a better world.

*Karen K Campbell*

## CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



We are delighted to welcome Kate Jackson, a Reader in the Church of Scotland, who has come to spend some time with us to discern where her future lies within the church. Her background is in nursing and caring and she has a special interest in working with vulnerable and frail people. (A reader can preach and take part in the life of the congregation.)



Celebrations took place for two of our members recently on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Helen Gray, who was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and Pat Black who was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918. Both received a beautiful card from Her Majesty The Queen and we send our warmest congratulations to them both.



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Pasha Korniyenko on the occasion of their marriage on Easter Sunday. Pasha is the leader of the Meadows Explorers who are play a big part in the life of our church family. We wish them every happiness for their future life together.



### **We give thanks for the life and service of:**

Beryl Poole, Homeross House, a regular at Butterflies Plus who died on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in a tragic accident.

## Marchmont/Grange Christian Aid News

- Book Quiz now on sale and available in the church centre - please hand in completed answers to the office or cafe.
- Filled envelopes can be handed into the church office, cafe, GSCC or Kings the Chemist. Why not pick up a spare one and ask a friend to contribute- remember to sign it if you are a taxpayer to claim Gift Aid.
- Annual Book Sales are on at St Andrew's and St Georges' west and also at Morningside United.

## **FAMILY FOCUS**

### **Toddler Church.**

Monday's, 14th May & 18th June, 10-10.30am

We are reviewing the time and day of Toddler Church over the next couple of months, so come along or get in touch for suggestions and feedback.

### **Exam time.**

It is the time of year when we think of young people and students of all ages who are taking exams, final stages of study and coming to the conclusion of a stage of life and being on the brink of what comes next.

Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers; for focus, rest and sense of purpose. For their families who live with and support them and the teachers and advisors that guide and encourage them.

### **Breaking News!**

We are running our first Summer Holiday Club this year for primary aged children.

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August mornings for Bible themed fun, games, activities and more. Booking opening soon!

More details to follow or from Bettina.



There are plans afoot to have the weekly sermons on the website and available to be emailed out on request as well as on CDs. Please contact Andrew Noble if you wish to receive the sermon by email on [agsnoble@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:agsnoble@blueyonder.co.uk)

The Church of Scotland has recently held training sessions for those involved in data Protection such as Session Clerks, Editors and Rollkeepers and there will be more information on this important subject in next month's Shuttle.

## **Out of hours help takes a new turn**

Since the church centre opened we have responded to a number of calls over the years for some assistance by users but nothing could have prepared us for the latest 'there's a bird of prey flying about in the hall'.

Sure enough on arrival we found a bird perched on the south end window in the Inchcolm Hall. All the blinds had been drawn down, the lights dimmed and the doors left open.

It transpired that the Scouts were using the gardens as part of their evening's activities and had both sets of doors open and the sparrow-hawk had just flown in, probably trying to catch his dinner and perched on the high level window.

Calls to various animal welfare bodies were unable to achieve any assistance that night so all that we could do was to try and entice the bird out through the garden door but it was much too comfortable on its high level perch - it just went to asleep. Ensuring that there were no hazards to pose any threat to its safety we locked up leaving some water and raw mince (part of Butterflies Plus' lunch for that week) available and await the arrival in the morning of the SSPCA.

The SSPCA Inspector extended a net on a long pole which the bird just looked at for a minute or two then hopped on to the rim, the pole was retracted and the inspector walked slowly to the garden door where the sparrow-hawk extended its magnificent wings and flew off leaving us all rather bemused by our experience but armed with photographic and video images .

The officer from the SSPCA was absolutely delighted at how quickly she managed the rescue and commented that in her 10 years of experience this had never happened before. Just as well it was a lovely day as the Playgroup had to stay outside to give the bird some peace and quiet.

Check out Marchmont St Giles' Facebook page.

# Heart & Soul 2018

Celebrating the life of the Church



On Sunday 20th May, the main event is back for its seventh year running, with an all-new format, more acts and performances, and more exhibitor organisations than ever before. Join us from 12:30pm for an afternoon celebrating the life and work of the Church!

Some of this year's highlights include a number of VIP guest speakers and presenters throughout the afternoon including;

Louise Macdonald OBE, CEO of Young Scot talking with the Very Rev Lorna Hood OBE and one of the YOYP youth ambassadors.

Anna Magnusson with Rev Dr Margaret Forrester discussing the 50 years since the ordination of women ministers.

Ross Greer MSP discussing young people and faith with retiring NYA Moderator Robin Downie and the Very Rev Dr Derek Browning.

Hugh Pym discussing this year's end of WW1 Commemorations in London with the Scots in Great War London group, including Rev Angus MacLeod, Minister of St Columba's Church, Pont Street.

## **YOYP 2018: National Youth Moderator & Clerk**



The Church of Scotland's National Youth Assembly (NYA) has appointed Tamsin Dingwall as its Moderator and Seonaid Knox as Clerk for 2018.

Tamsin, 25, from Aberfoyle, is a volunteer youth worker both at her own church and a neighbouring church. She is also a member of the local high school's chaplaincy team.

She said: "I am so honoured and still slightly shocked that I have been chosen to be the Moderator of the National Youth Assembly this year. I am overjoyed that I will have the privilege of leading the discussions on end of life issues, ecumenism and social media. These are such topical issues and I feel some of the discussions may be rather difficult and emotional; I can't wait to see what people have to say regarding these topics. I would like to help other young people new to faith and NYA see what amazing things they can achieve with such an amazingly supportive Church".



Seonaid, 23, was brought up in St John's Church in Gourock. Her involvement in church life included being a youth group leader, taking part in the annual summer club, singing in the praise band and now serving as an elder. She first attended NYA as a 16-year-old, and has been a small group leader and a youth rep twice.

Seonaid said: "Over the past 10 years I've gone from someone who doubted their faith to someone who is fully committed to the Church and its work. I've thrown myself into Church life and am looking forward to the next chapter as Clerk of the National Youth Assembly.

"The NYA, and Church of Scotland as a whole, are forward-thinking, progressive entities that I'm thrilled to be a part of. As NYA Clerk I seek to balance open-mindedness with conscientious judgement, ensuring that I remain open to new ideas and perspectives but still rooted in my faith to continue the amazing work of those who have held this position before me."

## **What can YOU do to help?**

Although Marchmont St Giles' employs various members of staff, who all work very hard on our behalf, there are several areas within the church where more help would be very much appreciated and is not within the remit or working hours of the staff.

**Please, please, please do not wait to be asked to help but come and offer to help instead - the more help the quicker the jobs get done.**

Your help would be much appreciated in the following areas:

- Beadling on a Sunday morning - 2 people could do this together or one do before and one do after the service
- Help Bettina clear up after Kidzclub on a Sunday morning
- Help operate the sound system and recording of the Sunday service - training will be given
- Join the Coffee Rota on Sunday mornings
- Help tidy up the cafe, wipe tables etc on a Sunday. There are usually bookings on a Sunday afternoon and it doesn't do us justice if people are coming into a untidy dirty space.
- Volunteer to join a committee

As one past Moderator recently said "We are custodians of our congregations and buildings for the next generation as well as ourselves and must not be complacent about where we have come from but must keep looking forward to where we are going to ensure a vibrant church for our children and future generations which does not just revolve around a Sunday morning."

Marchmont St Giles' has very healthy Beavers and Cubs packs but unfortunately both groups are desperately needing new leaders/assistants and they would be delighted if a member of the church community would be interested in taking on one of these roles. If you would like more information then please contact [dcbraid@gmail.com](mailto:dcbraid@gmail.com) for Beavers and [jonrae123@gmail.com](mailto:jonrae123@gmail.com) for Cubs.

## Fundraising & Development News

Butterflies has donated its first £100 towards the kitty by selling lots of lovely home-made goodies in the cafe and many thanks to all our volunteers who have worked so hard to produce them.

The Development Committee invite you to a fundraising Buffet Lunch in the Cafe on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June after the service and this will be followed by the Annual Stated Meeting. They would be delighted if you could donate the cost of a Sunday lunch towards the fundraising for Phase 2 of our building project. Home-made goodies will also be available for sale on the day and there will be an opportunity to watch the video produced by Sonia Mitchell, scrutinise the updated plans, ask questions and see what has been going on behind the scenes.

Due to personal circumstances, the Quantity Surveyor who had been contracted to work on our project has resigned and the Committee will undertake to interview and appoint his successor as soon as possible.

Our local MP Ian Murray popped in to visit us recently in answer to our request for "Statements of Support" to help our fundraising applications. He was very interested to see our proposed plans and very enthusiastic about our ongoing and future commitments to the community and has assured us of his support.

**"Go For It "** is a monetary Fund operated by the Church of Scotland and was established in May 2012. It's all about funding change in church and community. The Fund aims to encourage creative ways of working, which develop the life and mission of the local church, and are transformative for both communities and congregations.

The latest batch of awards have been announced and Marchmont St Giles' was delighted to receive word that their application to help fund the **Butterfly Project** has been successful. There will be a detailed article in next month's Shuttle explaining more about this exciting project which will review and evaluate our church and community outreach

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Stamps** are being collected by the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland and its 2018 stamp appeal will support young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in the Ukraine. Proceeds from the annual appeal will go to support centres run by the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, a World Mission partner in an area of western Ukraine.

These centres provide support to children and young people living with disabilities, offering individual and group therapies, educational activities, games, music and craft work. The families of the young people are also given support, and opportunities to meet other parents of disabled children. Please remember to leave one centimetre border around the stamp and then hand them into the Church Office.

**Richmond Craigmillar Church** is delighted with our donations and urge us to keep on giving as and when we can. They are very appreciative and it is wonderful to see how we can all work together with members and users of the centre contributing so generously.

**Butterflies Cafe** has greatly reduced its outside catering side of the business but Judith and Nicci would like to emphasise that the cafe will **continue as normal** and they look forward to seeing you soon.

The Stewart Family were delighted and honoured to be invited to 121 George Street for Tea and Cakes recently as a Thank you from past and present Moderators for all the catering Butterflies provided for them over the last 12 years. They were presented with lovely cards, gifts and a beautiful cake.

Every day at the Cafe brings something different - one day recently a loud scream was heard coming from the accessible toilet and, when investigated, a despairing mum was found severely telling off her toddler as she pulled him out of the toilet feet first - he just wanted to see down the toilet!?!?!!

The **Annual Stated Meeting** will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April in the Church Centre. There will be a fundraising buffet lunch in aid of the Development Project after the service and this will be followed by the meeting. Please join us and give what you would spend on a Sunday Lunch.

**Bible Study** has resumed on Thursdays at 12.30pm and the group will be led by Kate Jackson.

**Planning Permission** has been granted for the base station to be installed in the Bell Tower. Gallifordtry are awaiting confirmation from the power company as to a commencement date for the work.

**Staff Changes** Our Caretaker, Dave Alexander, has requested a change in his working week and from August will only work Monday - Thursday. We are delighted that Greg Belchik, who does all our cleaning at the moment, is going to work the remaining hours over Friday and Saturday as we are so busy now at weekends.

**New recycling bins** with the relevant stickers will be available in the cafe from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. They will cater for landfill waste, food and general recycling. Please help us recycle as much as we can and reduce our carbon footprint.

**Please** remember to take a bag of rubbish on a Sunday morning if you have room at home as our bins are really struggling to cope.

**Spanish classes** for all ages have just started in the church center with classes running on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm. For more information contact Emma Weaver lcfedinburgh@gmail.com

**Rosalie Millar School of Dancing** pre-school Highland Class has just resumed and new pupils are very welcome. Contact Rosalie on for further information.

### **Meadows Festival**

After talking for several years about applying for a stall at the Meadows Festival, which takes place this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we have finally sent in our application for a pitch to promote "Marchmont St Giles' at the Heart of the Community".

If we are successful then we are planning to sell Bric -a-brac, books etc and hopefully some home-made food items if possible. Help with manning the stall and promoting the church and centre each day will be required and if you can help, even just for an hour, then that would be wonderful.

As soon as we know if we are successful there will be more information in the intimations and a rota available

## Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May 2018

***'You feel as though  
you're not really  
living when you  
don't have a home'***



When Hurricane Matthew struck, Jocelyne lost her home, animals and safety. She was forced to live 'in mud', with only a tarpaulin between her and the elements. When the tarpaulin shook in the wind, it sounded like another hurricane.

Even now, her new home – made of sheet metal, wood and tarpaulin – is not secure. Once, she says, a man told her that if he wanted to hurt her, he could just rip through the tarpaulin wall. It's hard not to feel threatened.

Jocelyne has shown incredible resilience, but her makeshift home would offer no protection in the event of another hurricane. With hurricane season set to arrive in June, Jocelyne and thousands of other displaced people are in grave danger. So, this Christian Aid Week, will you build hope in Haiti?

We know how to make it happen – of the 700 houses we built after the 2010 earthquake, just one needed to be repaired after Hurricane Matthew. But we're relying on the kindness of people like you to be able to do more, and reach more of our global neighbours in their hour of need.

Will you "StandTogether" with your global neighbour Jocelyne and give a donation to help build a disaster-proof home in Haiti? You can do this by supporting our local Christian Aid Committee or by donating online.

**And finally.....**

## I Opened a Book

"I opened a **book** and in I strode.  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a **book** inside me."

– Julia Donaldson

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