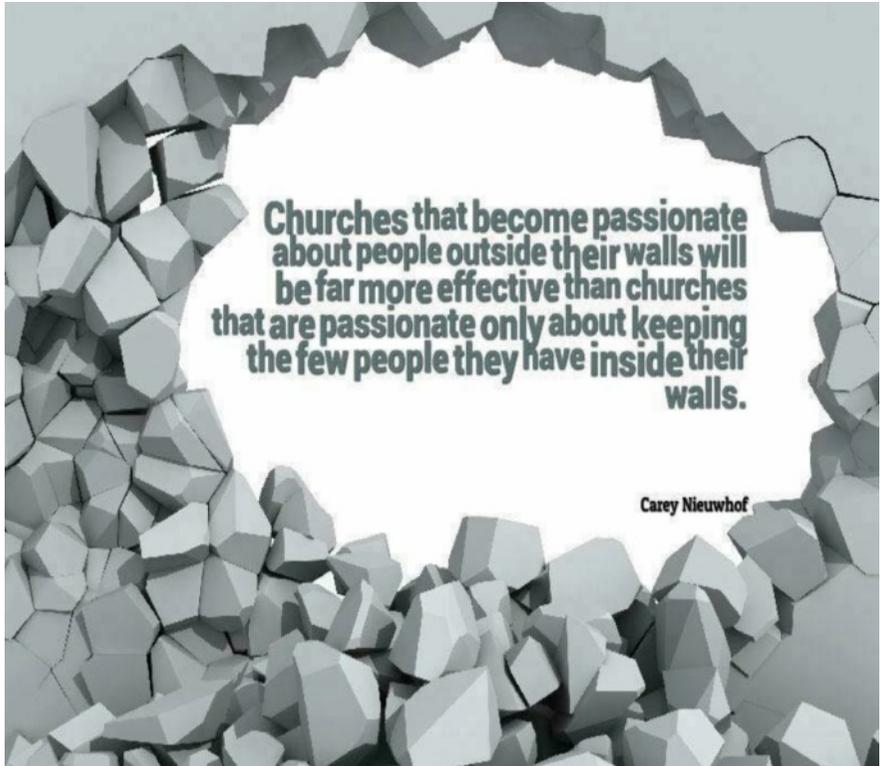


THE SHUTTLE

Summer 2018



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters

Every Saturday

10 - 12pm Morning Coffee until end of June

Every Tuesday

10.00 Prayers & Reflection South Transept

Every Wednesday

12.30 Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s

June

- 10 9.50 Family Service
10.30 Morning Service
- 17 9.50 Family Service
10.30 Morning Service
followed by Sunday Lunch and Annual Stated Meeting
- 24 9.50 Family Service
10.30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

July

- 1 10.30 Morning Service
- 8 10.30 Morning Service
- 15 10.30 Morning Service
- 19 10.00 Toddler Time see page 10
- 22 10.30 Morning Service
- 29 10.30 Morning Service

August

- 5 10.30 Morning Service
- 12 10.30 Morning Service
- 19 10.30 Morning Service
- 26 10.30 Morning service

September

- 1 9.00 Trip to Holy Isle
- 2 9.30 Family Service : Back to Church Sunday
Contributions for the next issue of The Shuttle to be submitted by today
10.30 Morning Service
- 5 10.00 Toddler Church see page 10
- 9 9.30 Family Service
10.30 Morning Service

Front Cover

This quote fits in with the Minister's article this month, the Butterflies Project and also with this month's "And Finally". It's about thinking out of the box and being there for others and not just ourselves. The church is changing and we need to change with it to ensure our place at the heart of the community.

Reflections

"We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

I have had a few days at the General Assembly and it has been quite an eye-opener. The Council of Assembly, who are the Trustees for the Church, placed before the Assembly a strategic plan for the Church of Scotland for the next 10 years.

There was one of those great debates in the Hall, which the Assembly is famous for, and a Commissioner stood up and presented an alternative view. He said that a 10 year plan is too far ahead and we needed more radical proposals in the next year. There were many reasons for this, including the prediction that in the next 4 years the Church of Scotland will have only 600 of the 1000 Ministers of Word and Sacrament, which it needs to serve all the parishes that currently exist in Scotland and beyond. There are many Presbyteries to the north of Scotland, which have a significant percentage of its parishes without a Minister, and in some cases, certain parishes have been in this situation for more than 5 years and a handful for more than 10. There were serious questions asked about whether the Church of Scotland should seek to continue to have a parish in every part of Scotland. I think that if this were to proceed, the Church of Scotland would lose something integral to the nature and practice of its calling. That might be easy for an Edinburgh Minister to say, when most parishes are served by a Minister and when a Minister leaves or retires most congregations are able to call a Minister quickly.

Everyone throughout the Church of Scotland is to be asked to share this concern and plan for the future. It does not necessarily mean a reduction in congregations, although the Church is still overpopulated with buildings after the Free Church and the Established Church reunited in 1929 and did not reduce the number of buildings at that time.

What was proposed was for the Council to return in one year with a more radical plan and it was overwhelmingly supported by the General Assembly. As to the situation in Edinburgh, in the next few years the city will have a larger population than Glasgow, but with a significantly lower number of parishes. What it means in this area is that if the planned development on the Astley Ainslie site goes

ahead the numbers of people in Marchmont St Giles' parish will double. That will be a task and a challenge for us as a congregation and one that I am sure that we will rise to with our usual enthusiasm and commitment to the people in our parish.

What is important is that we are fit for purpose and we continue to hold our mission statement close to our hearts; that "as part of God's family, we are open to everyone. We seek to share God's love in worship, welcome, fellowship and service."

Our outward looking attitude and our commitment to engagement with the parish is important and we should not underestimate how well we do this. It is not every congregation, which has had the insight and courage to make and deliver the plans of the last few years. As we move forward into the future, we will need to work more closely with our neighbours and also continue to see what are our needs and the needs of the parish and plan for that carefully.

In the short term, the Presbytery has given us a bursary of £500 to support the work of a summer Intern to get our internet and social media presence fit for purpose and to work with the Families Worker with the Holiday Club and to deliver an IT Café. Once a week throughout the summer, older people who are bamboozled by their phones, Ipads, Laptops or just anything to do with technology can come along for a coffee and be supported in learning more or getting to grips with whatever evades them.

What you have just read may seem like bad news, but it is much more than that. We are in a privileged position in Edinburgh and Marchmont and we give financially to the Church to support those congregations who are not able to fully pay for their Minister. But we should neither be complacent nor think that we do not need to adapt to the future which the Church is facing.

We have a responsibility as God's people in this place to do what we can in our time, to the best of our ability and to recognise that what we do, we do so with God at the core of our being and as our example of what could be and what will be. We must go forward in faith and in trust and be prepared for the future.

Karen K Campbell

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS

On Sunday 17th June a buffet Lunch will be available after the service. Please donate what you would spend on Sunday Lunch and the proceeds will go to the Development fund. The Annual Stated Meeting will take place after lunch with presentations from the Treasurer, the Minister and Development Committee.



A church family outing to Lindesfarne on Holy Isle is being planned for Saturday 1st September. If you would like to go on the bus then please let the office know - the more the merrier (and the cheaper). Further details will be intimated nearer the time.

Sunday 2nd September will see us celebrate "Back to Church Sunday" to start off the new church year. We would be delighted if you would bring a friend with you.



We give thanks for the life and service of:

Omana Jacob, who died on the 14th May 2018.

Ian Dobbie, who died on the 1st June 2018

Notes from the Kirk Session

At the June Kirk Session, a lot of time was given over to discussing what GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) means for us.

There is a GDPR Privacy Policy in place for MSG and its staff which can be found on notice-boards in the church, centre and on our website and Facebook page. Personal data will be kept securely and Elders were asked to ensure that any personal information they have be kept safe at all times. Elders and staff will participate in training through a Webinar over the summer.

As a church we have a "legitimate interest" to fulfil our duties as a Church, employer and as a business (relative to the letting of our facilities). On certain occasions we may also make use of the "consent basis" where information is required to be shared for example via the Shuttle and or website.

There will be a fuller article in the September issue of The Shuttle.

New Book on Organs Pulls Out All the Stops

The magnificent sounds of a church organ might seem like the natural accompaniment to congregational singing. Many of us then will be surprised to learn that 19th century churchgoers were scandalised at the prospect of introducing organ music into Scottish Presbyterian services. (*Our forebears here in the Grange Church were no exception! Ed*)

Dismissed as "a kist o' whistles with the devil in every pipe", the instrument was scorned after the Reformation. In fact it wasn't until 1864 that the General Assembly agreed to allow them in Church of Scotland worship if presbyteries agreed. "Before this the Church of Scotland didn't tolerate their use", says Alan Buchan, a husband of the manse and organist for some 45 years. "Afterwards there was still often tremendous disagreement within presbyteries. "There was a view that only the human voice is a legitimate way to praise God."

Mr Buchan has spent seven years compiling every pipe organ ever to exist in Scotland, a labour of love that has given us his recently published book 'Organs in Scotland'.

Whilst much of the book is an in-depth catalogue that records every organ in Scotland, it also contains some fascinating insights into the history of the organ. "Originally organs would play to give monks or cathedral clergy a break from chanting," he says, noting that initially the Benedictines were pro and the Cistercians against the addition of the instrument in worship. After the Scottish Reformation, organs were frequently destroyed in acts of iconoclasm. In 1687, for example, James VII's organ installed in the Royal Chapel at Holyrood was destroyed by an anti-Catholic mob, who "pull'd it all to pieces". The first Church of Scotland organ unveiled after the 1864 decision was at Anderston Parish Church in Glasgow on 15 January the following year.

Meanwhile, as the book reveals, Scottish American industrialist Andrew Carnegie was passionate enough about the value of the organ to part-fund more than 7,600 of them around the world.

At a time when women were excluded from many official aspects of the church, Mr Buchan says that they took up roles as organists from the very beginning.

Asked about the appeal of playing the organ Mr Buchan explains that it's a unique instrument. "I took it up when I was 16. Like a lot of boys I liked making a lot of noise", he says. "It's a very exciting instrument to play. You have a whole orchestra at your disposal." Unsurprisingly he has a preference for traditional organs. "I prefer those which are in their original state - you feel closer to the music if you have mechanical action", he says. Although the peak time for new organs has passed, there are still a healthy number of players in Scotland.



Schemes such as Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme(SCOTS) are helping to support the musicians of the future.

The book is published by the Edinburgh Society of Organists.

GUILD 2018 NEWS The Guild says thank you!

We completed an interesting Guild year in April, with our funds allocation and a taste of Viet Nam from Myra and Ian Wattie. We had enjoyed a varied and informative programme of speakers.

We had around £2000 to share out, and agreed to give £450 each to two Guild projects (Breaking the cycle of FGM, and Street Pastors). Charity Air Ambulance Scotland are to receive a similar sum, and Richmond Craigmillar will also benefit, as will our own congregation. Other groups who figured in our syllabus will also receive donations of varying sizes.

At this point in the year, we have a better idea of our income from Morning Coffees, and we agreed to augment the amounts for Richmond Craigmillar and the Air Ambulance appropriately at this time.

Next year's syllabus is being arranged already, and looks very promising - do come and join us in September! Also remember to drop in for Saturday Morning Coffee, until later in June. All are most welcome! And your contributions are very much appreciated.

Christian Aid 2018

A stylized, handwritten-style red text that says "Thank You!". The letters are thick and have a slight shadow, giving it a 3D effect. The text is slanted upwards to the right.

The Christian Aid Committee would like to update you on our envelope distribution

The format was different this year as envelopes were only delivered, not collected. I must be honest that I was pessimistic about this new format and thought the delivery and collection of envelopes had run its course, however I am delighted to be proved wrong, we collected £1264.00.

We would like to thank all those who delivered the envelopes for us including the Meadows Explorer Scouts whose younger legs more ably coped with the many stairs in our area.

Grateful thanks too are extended to the many bakers, waitresses, coffee-makers and sales staff for your contribution of time and goodies including a quantity of hand made cards, I personally thank you for your donations to the raffle . The Coffee Morning raised £516.00

Our thanks also go to our own quiz guru - I didn't finish it but many found it a tad easier than last year. The German Speaking Congregation once again were very generous in their support.

Thank you so much to everyone in the Marchmont St Giles' Parish and further afield who donated to such a worthwhile cause, it is very much appreciated.

June Wilson

PS The answers to the Quiz will be available to see on the noticeboards shortly.

The Butterflies Project

Marchmont St Giles' At the heart of the Community



Through the work the church, pastoral care team, cafe and centre are already doing in the community, in line with our mission statement, various needs such as loneliness, relationship issues, faith challenges and postnatal depression have been identified throughout the generations. This project has been designed **“To encourage creative ways of working which develop the life and mission of the local church and be transformative for communities and congregations”**. It is another step in our outreach to all and funding from “Go For It” will allow us to provide more resources to carry out this vital work in God’s name.

There is an expressed need for contemporary, vital expression of Faith and its outworking in 21st Century context. Younger families are challenged by relationships issues, apparent exclusion because of their ethnic origin and postnatal depression; and older single people or those who are also carers who experience loneliness and isolation and are referred to the Centre by GPs to access care, support, food and companionship.

This unique cradle to grave project has developed and changed over many years to where it is now. The Kirk Session and Congregation have long had an aspiration to be at the “Heart of the Community”. This continued in 2006 with the building of the Centre, which allowed the development of vital links with the parish which had been challenging in the past because of the lack of suitable accommodation. As soon as the Centre and then the Café opened, it was young families who used the facilities on a regular basis, and were open to what the Congregation was offering. Along with the facilities it became clear very soon that they also had pastoral and spiritual needs which the congregation were able and willing to meet. The older people needed similar bespoke care and concern and over time we were able to respond to the needs they told us about.

It cannot be stressed enough how important the work which is done by all of our volunteers has become and how much our users, customers and visitors appreciate it. We would love you to join us.

Family Focus Summer 2018

A big "Thank You" to Catherine!

We have been delighted to have a Duke of Edinburgh Award student volunteering with us for the last few months. Catherine has been part of the Sunday Children's Team working towards her Bronze Award. Catherine fitted in straight away with the other volunteers, kept up with the '*thinking on our feet*' nature of the sessions and quickly had a fan club with the children, especially the P2 & 3's! We have loved having her with us and wish her every success in her next endeavours. Let us know if we can help you with your Silver Award, Catherine!

Toddler Church is having a make-over!

From September 2018: Toddler Church is moving to the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am. We have heard through consultation and review that a Monday is too close to the weekend, families would appreciate coming straight after school drop-off, and the variable dates are tricky to remember so we will be piloting a new slot until Christmas.

We love being able to meet up and worship with families mid-week. We meet grandparents that look after grandchildren while parents work, parents where only one at home feels drawn to church or those that have 2 church bases and any family or carer of little children that like to come for an informal Bible story, songs, friendship and tea trolley! A warm welcome awaits; little or loud, vocal babies to wriggly pre-schoolers!

Look out for our new publicity material over the summer. See you Wednesday, 5th September 9.30am to 10am!

Meanwhile...

...to keep the families of little children going over the summer break, we are having Toddler Time Thursday 19th July, 10am-12 noon. The usual toys, friendship and fun but in the large hall, activities, mini make & do culminating in a Toddler Church-style time in the church sanctuary with story & songs for those that wish to join us.

Holiday Club 2018: Base Station: U

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

Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August, 9.30am to 12 noon for Bible themed fun, games, activities and more. Booking and details via family@marchmontstgiles.org.uk

Summer Sunday's at MSG from 10am.

During July & August this summer the welcome mat will be out and the coffee on from 10am for fellowship before the 10.30am service. There will be a low-key children's programme during the 10.30 service with 'Pew Projects' for older ones and side chapel area for littlies.

Moving on up!

We are thinking of various children & young people in our community, especially those we know in our immediate church family, who are transitioning to a new school, high school or off to University. We wish you all the best in your next steps and we will be praying for peace, excitement, new friends and opportunities for you and your families.

Bettina

BASE STATION:U
A Summer Holiday Club for those in Primary 1-7

FREE entry

Monday 30th July - Friday 3rd August 2018 • 9:30am - 12noon •
Marchmont St. Giles' Church Centre

More details and registration from Family Worker 0131 4474359 /
family@marchmontstgiles.org.uk or online via marchmontstgiles.org.uk

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Fundraising & Development News

As mentioned in the last issue of the Shuttle, we had just applied for a pitch at the Meadows' Festival to promote awareness of our presence in the community, show off our exciting plans and do some fundraising at the same time. We were delighted to be successful. Then it was all hands on deck as word went around that we needed bric-a-brac, clothes, books etc. The week before the event was spent collecting, pricing and packing all sorts of items for the stall and the Cafe volunteers went into major production of jam, marmalade and tablet. Eight o'clock saw us with two fully laden cars waiting in the queue to get onto the Meadows with two hours to go before opening time. We had practised putting up the gazebo and in between selling items which had barely been unpacked to various dealers we were ready to go with a full rota of volunteers to man the stall. The weather was roasting and everyone was raring to go.

After a very successful first day only marred by quite heavy rain as we packed up (very quickly!) we were ready to go again on Sunday albeit at the slightly later time of 8.45. We unpacked in the rain and worried that we would not be very busy because of the weather but luckily as opening time came around the rain stopped and the sun shone. We came back early to pack up but the stall was still very busy so we had to go and have a wander around the other stalls (as you do!). On both days as we were busy packing up we made a big sale at the very last minute.



Our remaining stock was donated to Cancer Research and the books have been selling in the Church Centre and will also be passed on to a charity shop.

Then to count our takings! Our grand total stands at **£715.50** and is still growing. We had a few items which we took to get valued and sell privately and await the results hopefully. We are hugely grateful to everyone for all their kind and generous donations and to all who helped in any way. It was a lot of hard work and late nights but very well worthwhile and we hope to do it all over again this time next year.

We have also had an extremely generous offer of a very large custom built doll's house and furnishings which will be sent to auction in due course.



As part of our contract with our professional fundraisers, we have been asked to write to our users and various people in the local community for statements of support and we have had some lovely responses eg *We advertise that we have a 'safe and comfortable environment for students to express and creatively grow'. This environment is Marchmont St Giles' and will continue to be our home in the future. We will continue to work alongside them to have this amazing space that people can come and use and enjoy and feel part of the community - SJM Creative.*



Our original quantity Surveyor recently informed the committee that he was planning to retire soon and felt it would be an opportune time for us to appoint a new QS. With the help of DRD Architects we have agreed to their recommendations and await their official agreement to work on our project.



Some of you may have attended a wine-tasting event last summer organised in conjunction with Chris Mitchell from Cork and Cask - one of our local businesses. This was so successful that we are planning to run another one in the Church Centre on the 25th August. It is also an opportunity to show off our updated plans.

AROUND THE AISLES

Butterflies Cafe will be closed for its annual summer break from 3pm on Friday 20th July until 10am on Monday 13th August. As ever Nicci and Judith are hugely grateful to all their volunteers not just for helping in the cafe but also for all the lovely home-made goodies they have produced for us to sell in aid of the development. We wish all our customers a happy and healthy summer.

Butterflies Plus will stop at the end of June and resume on the first Wednesday of September. We wish all our customers a good summer and look forward to seeing them on our return.

Maintenance Week - this year the Maintenance week will commence on Monday 23rd July and Dave Alexander, our church caretaker, would be delighted to see you if you have a spare couple of hours one morning to come and help with some of the work that needs to be done.

The Shuttle will be on holiday for July and August and the next deadline will be Sunday 2nd September.

Please note The Shuttle is published on the Second Sunday of the months of September to December and February to June. All contributions must be in the hands of the Editors by the first Sunday of the month of publication otherwise we cannot guarantee inclusion in that issue. To facilitate inclusion it would be useful to send the contribution by email, using the font Verdana, 10pt. Putting the magazine together requires a fair bit of 'shuttling about' and takes quite a while and the Editors have frequently had to burn the midnight oil on the Saturday night before the issue date so they would be very grateful if contributors can get their articles in on time.

Church Centre Front Door - due to the heaviness of this door, the HDC are speaking to a specialist company who install electronic kit which will allow us to press a button to open the door and/or still have it in an open position in good weather. This should make access much easier for all and we will still be able to retain our wooden door.

And finally.....

The Perfect Answer

I once asked a very tricky question during a job interview and the answer hasn't left me since.

"You are driving in your car on a stormy day, you pass by a bus stop and three people are waiting there. The first is the perfect woman of your dreams, the second is an old friend who once saved your life and the third is a lonely old woman who looks really sick.

If you only had one seat in your car who would you offer a ride to?

Let's think about it; this is a moral or ethical dilemma actually used as part of a job application.

Do you pick up the old woman because she is in a critical condition and you should save her first?

Do you take the old friend because he once saved your life and this would be the perfect opportunity to pay him back?

However both choices leave you missing out on the woman of your dream.

The candidate who got the job - one of 200 applicants - had no trouble answering. He simply said "I would give the car keys to my old friend, let him drive the old lady to the hospital and stay behind to wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams." He left me stunned. It completely changed my outlook and it reminded me to "Think outside of the box."

Everyone is born with an instinct of success and ability to make it but only those who think out of the box succeed.

Remember "Big ideas come from forward thinking people who challenge the norm, think outside the box and invent the world they see rather than submitting to the limitations of current dilemmas.

The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible." Arthur C Clarke

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