

# THE SHUTTLE

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MARCHMONT ST GILES' PARISH CHURCH  
AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

HOME IS  
WHERE MY  
HEART IS



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## Meeting Matters

### Every Saturday

10 - 12pm

Morning Coffee (**Note - not 20<sup>th</sup> October**)

### Every Tuesday

10.00

Prayers & Reflection South Transept

### Every Wednesday

12.30

Butterflies Plus - Lunch for the Over 60s

### October

14 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service

21 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service

23 7.30 Guild - The Yard

**28 2.00 Clocks go back 1 hour**

28 9.45 **'HIGH-LITES'**  
9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

### November

3 2.45 Kids Club - GROW, GROW, GROW

4 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service

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

5 7.30 Non-business Kirk Session meeting

6 19.30 Guild - Rock Trust - Night Stoppers

11 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Service of Remembrance

### Front Cover

Our theme this month is about the place we call home and where we put down roots with those we love.

Over the next few months we will be trying out different looks for The Shuttle and look forward to hearing your thoughts

# Reflections

***For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.***

(Hebrews 3:4)

From the beginning to the end of his life, Jesus had many homes. His life began in a nomadic style and completed in the same way. We know of the many places he inhabited throughout his time on earth. However, the one we probably know least of all about is his family home in Nazareth, where he grew and was nurtured, was taught his trade and plied it for many years before he became an itinerant preacher and holy man.

His life began in the midst of a journey with his parents, as they went to be registered for a census, which quickly turned into another journey fleeing from the evil intentions of the first Herod he encountered. From the pastoral scene of the stable, soon they were refugees making their home in the uncertainty of Egypt.

When they returned, family life took on a settled air until he began his journeys around the Galilean countryside, spreading the Good News.

But even then, he found places and people to call home. Whether this was with Peter or with Lazarus and Mary and Martha, or in the many other places where we learn he ate and taught and laid his head down.

Then he arrived in Jerusalem. Whoever owned the Upper Room, it must have been someone he and the disciples trusted and valued, perhaps even one of the disciples themselves.

All these places were stopping places along the path of his life with one thing in common; they were inhabited by people who loved him. From birth until death his home was where his heart was.

In the 91<sup>st</sup> psalm we hear the words:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,

Too often we hear of people who move homes again and again for work and they never put down roots. The psalmist reminds us, however, that no matter where we are; no matter where we go, we are always within the care and keeping of God. Jesus exemplified this in his life through the way he made a home no matter where he was. We are not only under His care but the strength of God will see us through no matter what we face in life.

Engagement within a community, no matter where we are and no matter how short a time we may be there is important. Too often people are scared to make contact and a sense of community is beyond many in this day and age. However, I think in these uncertain and challenging times, it is important for us to be part of communities who engender hope and encourage others to be part of these types of communities.

An example of this is the rhododendron bush or even the rhubarb plant. They are both from the Far East, but both have not only adopted Scotland, they have thrived and are now part of the cultural landscape of Scotland.

Through their colour and taste they add to our lives; are so part of our heritage that you would think they had always been part of our national story.

We should take a leaf out of their story and consider how we might be or even think about ourselves within the story of faith. We are loved without limit from our birth until our death as valuable children of the Most High. This place may only be our dwelling place for a short time, but it was made for us to live and dwell and thrive in. When we don't look and see the beauty around us; or engage with each other, we fail to embrace the call, as God's creatures, to be good stewards of this world.

At this time of Autumn with the magnificent colours reflecting God's love bursting from trees and plants, let us spend even just a short moment, reflecting on God's love for us and how we can make a good home here and all the ingredients which make a good home.

Karen K Campbell

# CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS

## CAREY MILLS - our new Administrator



I'm very happy to have been welcomed so warmly into the Marchmont St Giles' family. I am married to Alan and have one son, James or Jamie, as I call him. He is 27 and in his final honours year at Queen Margaret University doing Drama. I came from John Lewis Partnership where I worked for 35 years when I took early retirement in order to work in God's community and feel like I have come home.

I have many and varied interests including nature, walking, reading, baking, scrapbooking, singing and am just becoming interested in building miniature scenes.

I look forward to meeting you all so please pop in and say Hello. So many of you have done so already.

Thank you for having me.

Carey Mills

## Helping to make MSG tick

### October

### Flowers

### Coffee

### Beadle

14th

Mhairi Wilson

Jessica McCraw

Judith Stewart

21st

Jessica McCraw

June Wilson

Jessica McCraw

28th

Charles Stewart

Frances Brown

Jessica McCraw

### November

4th

Dianne Beattie

Carole Byers

Charles Stewart

11th

Judith Stewart

Helen Bennett

Jessica McCraw



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

Isobel Scott, a member of the congregation, who died on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## **LATEST FROM THE GUILD**

On October 23rd, we have a speaker from The Yard, based in Canonmills. Karen - but not "our" Karen - is coming to tell us about the provision of play experiences for disabled children. They seem to be an adventurous bunch, so prepare to be amazed.

Still in the vein of the Year of Young People 2018, but older ones this time, on November 6th, we will hear about Nightstop, the Rock Trust's provision of safe emergency accommodation for young people. Last year's Christmas offerings were donated to this charity and Nicci, who works in the Cafe, is one of their hosts.

Please join us, and bring a friend, on any of these evenings at 7.30, or for coffee any Saturday morning from 10 till 12, except October 20th which is a holiday.

We appreciate your support!

## **NEWS FROM THE SESSION**

The Communication Team presented some options for change to the Church Magazine and it was agreed to keep the size and name but to investigate more use of colour and quality of paper. As this would increase costs the Editors would produce an externally printed issue using local advertisements to cover the costs in December. It would be useful to see how many online visits the Shuttle has online to aid production numbers.

It is planned to have a weekly blog during the development to show how the build is progressing which will be available on movable notice boards and online.

The Kirk Session agreed that MSG should sign up to be a Rest Centre during an emergency in conjunction with the Council's emergency response plans. Due to the quality of our facilities MSG is in a prime position to offer support. Charles Stewart, as Health & Safety Officer, agreed to be the primary key-holders.

It was agreed that our Christmas offerings would go to Serenity Cafe who work towards reducing alcohol and drug problems locally.

## Fundraising & Development News



The Building Warrant Application has been submitted to Edinburgh City Council by DRD, and the Development Committee is now turning their attention to preparing the Tender documents and fine-tuning the design concept. There is a real feeling of excitement growing within the Committee that this is really happening and the realisation that very soon they will be knee deep in plans, decisions and "How much will that cost?"

The Kirk Session ratified the appointment of Thomas & Adamson as our new Quantity Surveyor and approved the professional fees for the next stages at the recent session meeting.

The intermediate level of fundraising is about to commence and will be in the very capable hands of Kate Jackson and team. This level concentrates on the smaller applications and bigger fundraising events. Look out for further details on the website, and in the Shuttle.

It was originally planned to have a St Andrew's Night Ceilidh on the 1<sup>st</sup> December as a fundraiser but this has been changed to a **St Andrew's Lunch with a Scottish theme on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** after the service and you are asked to donate the cost of Sunday Lunch. There will be an opportunity to buy some different home-made items that are being produced especially for the occasion.

Some rather nice stylo pens have just been ordered in a variety of colours with our website and phone number engraved on them and will be available from the Office, Cafe and in the Church Centre on Sundays. As with all the best things in life POA - (in other words we don't know the selling price yet!!!)

Another way of adding to the pot is to buy home-made goodies from the Cafe - subject to availability. Butterflies has already raised over £800 for the fundraising effort by doing this and is looking forward to reaching the £1000 mark. Remember the Sweetie Jar awaits your change and donations as does the moneyspinner in the Cafe. Your generosity in filling the smartie tubes has quite overwhelmed us and the Treasurer will have some further updates for us later on.

## YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE - IONA MCKINNON-RAE

This month we are focusing on one of our own young people who deserves a big mention for her personal achievements.

Iona wanted to support McMillan Cancer by baking some goodies to sell and raise funds for this important charity. Little did she know how successful this would be. Iona made raisin flapjack /chocolate flapjack/ rocky road (made with some melted easter eggs/ bunnies!) And lemon biscuits that spelt out Macmillan and raised the fantastic total of £112.68.

Mum Michelle took them to her workplace at Crew 2000 and Dad Mark took some to Venture Trust where he works to sell these gorgeous goodies. Iona went round our neighbours after school too.

Iona has got even more plans for helping others - see below  
Have you got a good news story to share?



Please will you sponsor Iona who is getting her hair cut off (at least 7 inches!) and giving it to the Little Princess trust to help make wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair due to illnesses such as cancer.

She would like her sponsorship money to go to the Yard which is a project that supports children with special needs across Scotland. This means 2 great charities benefit from Iona's big hair chop! All you need to do if you wish to donate is click on the link below and you can donate to Iona's fundraising page at the Yard ( this means more money goes directly to the Yard rather than just giving fees) <https://www.theyardscotland.org.uk/appeal/ionas-big-chop>

Thank you very much for supporting Iona.

Saturday, November 3rd

2.45pm to 4.30pm

Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church  
Centre

# KIDS CLUB

## 'GROW, GROW, GROW!'

Games, crafts, fun & more with a  
Bible theme  
for Primary aged children.  
£1 per child

### Bookings via Family Worker:

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**Family Focus:** Breaking news: the Teen Group has a name!

**‘HIGH-LITES’** (high-schoolers, short amount of time!) meets on the **last** Sunday of the month 9.45am to 10.25am for pastries/ doughnuts, friendship, wonder and mulling over faith and life; most recently prompted by Psalms and the Spill the Beans material which we are using across childrens’ groups. All this, often, while having a go at a coffee table challenge, such as Jenga.

Some of the group went on a ‘field trip’ to a Sunday evening Youth Worship evening to try out worship in a wider group of young people. Do encourage friends, family and teens that you may know to come along for a warm welcome, whatever stage they are at, from “just looking” to absorbed into church life here.

For more encouragement, there was a visitor in church for Harvest Sunday from overseas who told me afterwards how impressed and moved she was by the children being in the whole service that day. Her experience of Sunday groups and children in worship where she lives looks very different and can be a struggle. She was delighted by how the congregation felt like a family where the children were involved and participated. We strive to nurture our children to be able to worship as a whole congregation at times, by understanding times of quiet and reflection, prayer, praise and listening. I think we are on the right track. I hope our visitor felt encouraged too.

Our young people are becoming more and more involved in the life of our congregation and community, from volunteering with groups or in the café to helping with communion or singing with the choir for festivals and we love to have them with us.

There are practical requirements and Safeguarding procedures that goes with that involvement for leaders/ helpers and families, to ensure we meet the Church of Scotland protocols in caring for people and information appropriately. This leads me to say that we are due to update our consent forms and media permissions information for the under 18's that come to our groups, so families and leaders, pens at the ready please!

Booking is now open for **KIDS CLUB: GROW GROW GROW!** (See page 9) Saturday, 3rd November, 2.45pm to 4.30pm for primary-schoolers. Spread the word!

Bettina

## Fire Road by Kim Phuc Phan Thi



People of a certain age may remember the iconic photograph of a young Vietnamese girl running down the road with her skin on fire as a result of being sprayed with napalm gas. The event took place on 8 June 1972. The girl was Kim Phuc. She was nine years

old. Till that day she had enjoyed a happy childhood, untroubled by the events of the war being waged around her. She was so badly burned that she was not expected to survive but after fourteen months in a Saigon hospital and sixteen skin-graft surgeries she returned to her village to begin rebuilding her life.

The book tells the story of her life before the event through to the present day. It is at times a harrowing read reducing the reader to tears. The writer takes you through her struggles with physical pain and the impact the injuries had on her emotional wellbeing. Kim also had to deal with the fact she was being used as a propaganda tool by the communist government, which monitored her every move. In 1986 she moved to Cuba to pursue her education. There she experienced personal hardship which resulted in continuous physical discomfort. She thought, scarred as she was, that she would never find anyone to love her but during her time in Cuba she met and married a young Vietnamese student, Toan Bui. When returning via Canada from their honeymoon in Russia in 1992 they sought and were granted asylum there. There is a happy ending to the story. Since setting up home in Canada Kim and Toan have been reconciled with her family in Vietnam and have dedicated their lives to promoting peace. Today, Kim is the founder of the Kim Foundation International in Ontario, Canada, and a UNESCO Goodwill ambassador. She and her husband live in the Toronto area with their two children, Thomas and Stephen.

This book is so much more than a memoir of war and hurts. It's a testimony of finding peace in all circumstances and ultimately of the transformational power of finding faith in Jesus.

Kate Jackson

**Marchmont St Giles' is delighted to introduce Mike Ellis who is our new "Fenton" and he will offering free help with your IT problems.**

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17th Oct -21st Nov 2018** - free & friendly help at  
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Tap into IT Where You Are

More info:Mike Ellis 228 5716/ 07505555011..

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Thank you** very much for your wealth of Harvest donations which were taken to Richmond Craigmillar Church where they were very much appreciated.

**Butterflies Cafe** will be on holiday from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October for 1 week and will reopen on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Cafe has signed up with a local company called Be Vocal which is a bit like Tripadvisor but only you can see comments. This allows you to deal with any issues privately and still post the comments you want other people to see.

Nicci and Judith were invited as guests to a 40th birthday singing workshop for one of the regulars who volunteer at Singing4fun (Parkinson's UK) every week. It brought the real meaning of our "Church family" to life and a great time was had by all.

**Butterflies Plus** will also be on holiday on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**Edinburgh Presbytery's** December meeting is going to be held at Marchmont St Giles' on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. As a previous Moderator, our minister will be in the chair and it is customary to serve communion at this meeting. If you are available to help with the elements please pass your name onto the Session Clerk if you have not already done so.

**Welcome** to William Watt who is going to be a student with us for the next year. William was the organist at South Leith Church. He has already been initiated into the ways of the dishwasher and we look forward to getting to know him better.

**Stephen Cowley** has been appointed to the Facilities Management Committee and, along with Ian Moss and Al Mitchell, are training to be Beadles (Hoorah!!). However there are still lots of duties which require new volunteers so please get in touch with the Minister if you would like to help.

**Poppies** are growing profusely in MSG's office but we still need MORE.... It is a long way down from the top of the pulpit. Get your friends involved and have a cuppa and chat at the same time.

## More Around the Aisles

**Remember** the clocks will go back an hour on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 2am so remember to change your clocks on Saturday night.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and our own Meadows Explorer Scouts will be on duty as in previous years. We also hope our younger uniformed organisations will be able to attend. Immediately after the service the Scouts will accompany the Minister to Edinburgh Castle where she will be conducting a Drumhead Service at the National War Memorial at 1pm.

**The Communication Team** are preparing an exhibition of photos of all the men on the Warrender War Memorial who gave their lives for their country. The Team has only got pictures of Warrender so far but work is going on behind the scene to complete the records for the Grange and West St Giles and eventually produce a booklet.

**Home is where is the heart** is our theme this month and this has partly come about due to statements of support which we received from SJM Performance Academy and Braid District Scouts when we were researching for our fundraisers. Both these groups made it very clear that Marchmont St Giles' was their home base and we are delighted to have them as part of our Church Family - both groups bring so much energy to our buildings

**The 8th annual Christian Aid Autumn Art and Scottish Books Sale** takes place from 10am - 3pm on 25-27 October at St George's and St Andrew's Church West, George Street, Edinburgh. Among the high-quality prints and original art works this year is a water-colour by John Bellany, one of Scotland's most renowned artists. This is the first time the painting, 'Star of Hope', has been for sale or indeed on public display. The painting depicts Fraserburgh harbour.

Proceeds from sale will go to this year's Christian Aid Harvest Appeal and will be match funded by the European Union. Every £1 you spend will be worth £5 for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi.

## And finally.....

A woman came out of her house and saw three old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?" they asked. "No", she said. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in," he said. The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a house together," they replied. "Why is that?" she wanted to know. One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!" he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!" his wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the three old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest." Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other two also got up and followed him.

Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!"

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