

# THE SHUTTLE

**MAY 2019**



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



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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

## May

- 12 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Christian Aid Dedication Service  
18 10.00 General Assembly opening session  
19 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
1pm Heart & Soul - Princes Street Gardens  
26 9.45 **'HIGH-LITES'**  
9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

## June

- 1** 10.00 Meadows Festival  
2 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
**Contributions for the Summer issue of The Shuttle to be submitted to the Editors by today please**  
11.00 Meadows Festival  
3 7.30 Kirk Session meeting  
9 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service

## Front Cover

In order to thoroughly embarrass Robert, our brilliant organist, on the occasion of his recent birthday (number is a closely guarded secret) the Editors thought he should make front page news. Happy Birthday Robert. See page 5  
PS Unfortunately Robert let go of the balloon and it will be floating about the church for some time!!

## Reflections

Do you know the musical "Fiddler on the Roof?"

Tevye and his wife Golde, have been married a long time, but had never met before the day of their wedding. Still, they have shared a life and children and when a suitor arrives to ask for one of their daughters, Tevye asks:



"Do you love me?  
Do I what?  
Do you love me?  
For twenty-five years I've washed your clothes  
Cooked your meals, cleaned your house  
Given you children, milked the cow  
After twenty-five years, why talk about love right now?  
  
Then you love me?  
I suppose I do  
And I suppose I love you too  
It doesn't change a thing  
But even so after twenty-five years it's nice to know"

At the Eastertide when we consider, not only the Resurrection, but also the reactions and behaviours of the disciples, we turn to Peter, when he denies Jesus, and effectively casts himself out into the darkness. After the Resurrection, he stands by the shore of Galilee, and 3 times Jesus asks:

*"Do you love me?                      Feed my lambs.  
Do you love me?                      Tend my sheep.  
Do you love me?                      Feed my sheep."*

In doing this, Jesus restores Peter's sense of purpose and personhood; and he gives him a job in the new Resurrection Community. He is to love *all* the sheep, even the ones who walk or

run away, even the ones who cause trouble or harm, means that sometimes we have to speak the truth to power. And like Peter, Jesus invites us into a community where we can look each other in the eye, no matter what we've done, with a lifetime of work worth doing and with a sense of purpose; forgiven and forgiving.

*"Do you love me?"* Jesus whispers.

*"Follow me."*

How easy do we find it to love the sheep: those we live with, those who let us down, those whom we are called to care for and lead? The business of living would be easy if we did not have to deal with other people, wouldn't it? But, as we all know, the reality is that we all have to rub along with each other and find a way to do it, so that for the most part, we get along.

We now live in a world where people of faith are targeted for that faith. Violent people around the world openly target Christians, Jews and Muslims. More than ever we are called to look beyond the borders of our safe space and engage with people whose faith and customs are, in so many ways, similar, yet different.

The challenge we face is not with interdenominational tensions, and not between faiths, but with both those who would use extreme views and those who promote the concept of the banality of faith, to end the practice of faith.

*"Feed my lambs      Tend my sheep      Feed my sheep"*

Now more than ever, we need to hear the call of the Shepherd and tend and feed each other and live in hope for the future.

*Karen K Campbell*

# CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



to our **Minister**, Karen Katrina Campbell for putting up with us for the last 17 years and being OUR shepherd. Her induction took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2002.

to the **Marchmont Rainbows and Brownies** who raised the amazing sum of £500 for their funds by holding a Cake Sale. Their cakes looked wonderful and well done to Leaders, parents and children for all their hard work on the night.

to **Robert Parsons**, our Organist Extraordinaire, who celebrated his birthday recently and you can see his picture on the front page.

## A Bit of a Do!

**And last but not least to Butterflies Cafe for reaching the finals in the "Best Cafe in Edinburgh" category of the Scottish Cafe Awards 2019.** The award ceremony takes place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Glasgow Marriott Hotel with an evening of announcements, fine dining and entertainment. Thank you to all who voted for us and in particular Louise Ogilvy who started the ball rolling by nominating us in the first place.

## Helping to make MSG tick

<b>May</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Beadle</b>
12th	Judith Stewart	Ann McGhie	Jessica McCraw
19th	Dianne Beattie	Liz Mack	Charles Stewart
26th	Joan Ellam	Jessica McCraw	Stephen Cowley
<b>June</b>			
2nd	Charles Stewart	Frances Brown	
9th	Mhairi Wilson	Carole Byres	
16th	Shirley Farquhar	Joan Smith	

# Fundraising & Development News



Lots to report this month with the **Meadows Festival coming up on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Our application is in and we await with eager anticipation to see where our pitch will be this year - hopefully in a really busy part with lots of footfall!

We are still looking for more items to sell and can collect if necessary. Please note we are **not** taking clothes this year.

If you can spare an hour or more on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> then please put your name down on the rota available through the Cafe or the Church Office.

We have received so many quality items that we are having a sale of pictures, toys, DVDs and lots of other goodies in Inchkeith and Inchgarvie on **Monday Tuesday and Friday weeks beginning 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Help is required to set up and sell these items and there is also a rota available for these days (See page 10 )

Other collectable items are going to auction over the next few weeks and the clock face which was mentioned last month is up for sale at Bonham's Scottish Sale on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May starting at 11am**. You can follow its progress live on [www.the\\_saleroom.com](http://www.the_saleroom.com) website and our lot number is 375.

So what can you do to help?

- Give an hour of your time to support the sale in the Centre
- Put your name down on the rota for the Meadows Festival
- Donate your unwanted items (no clothes this year)
- Come and support us on Saturday and Sunday by visiting our stall.

PS Remember there are still a few pens left for sale.

PPS Jams and Chutneys available for sale - all available from the Cafe and the Office.

PPPS We hope to have reusable coffee cups with our logo on them available for sale soon. You can use them in Waitrose as they will only give you a coffee if you bring a cup.

# More Fundraising & Development News



Our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is now in and we hope to have a positive response from Cornerstone when we meet with them on 16<sup>th</sup> May. If we get to the second stage of the application then HLF will appoint a Project Officer to work with Emma and ourselves to ensure that our application is successful.

Part of the work for this application encompasses preserving and recording our heritage, old and new, and to this end a series of information booklets are being produced - A Graveyard Walk, The first 100 years of Grange Church and Our Moveable Heritage.

Fundraising comes in all shapes and sizes and the ladies of the Guild recently knitted little finger dolls for our Mini Spanish classes for one of the childrens' songs. A donation was made by Felicity Mayne to the Development Fund as a thank you.



Edinburgh City Council has granted our Building warrant which gives us permission to move to the next stage of the project as and when we are ready.

The Development Committee has met to shortlist chairs and benches for your perusal in the next few weeks and we have acquired a sample of one of the main lights planned for the church. This will be wired up so that we can see how the light filters out from the fitment and satisfy our requirements.

## Moderator Designate 2019



Rev Colin Sinclair, the minister of Palmerston Place Church Edinburgh, will take on the year-long role of ambassador for the Church of Scotland in May 2019 at the General Assembly.

He says: "I am honoured to be selected for this opportunity to represent the Church of Scotland nationally and internationally. It will be a pleasure to encourage church members in their faith and to see the

impact of their faith in communities across our country. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a parish minister and despite the challenges we face I believe the Christian Faith is still relevant to Scotland. Our message is still Good News and it still changes lives.

It was as a pupil at Glasgow Academy, that Colin first became interested in the Christian faith. To escape getting into trouble after a prefect saw him taking the wrong staircase, Colin dodged into a darkened room where a Scripture Union camp video was showing.

"I enjoyed the film, thought the activities looked great and I felt I could put up with the "religious stuff," he says.

In 1981 Colin married Ruth Murray, a medical social worker and the couple went on to have four children, Joanna, 35, Timothy, 31, Rachel, 28 and Bethany, 22.

Colin's contribution to the Church of Scotland has included serving on many Councils and committees at both local and national level. Most recently, from 2012 to 2016, he was Convener of the Mission and Discipleship Council which also involved serving on the Kirk's governing body, the Council of Assembly. S

Since 1996, he has been the minister at Palmerston Place. Somehow, he also found time to write "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Bible". Colin's enthusiasm and the happiness he finds in faith seem to be infectious. His greatest satisfaction is seeing how their faith impacts their lives.



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1pm - 5.30pm**

**Theme: Jesus said, "Follow Me"**

On Sunday 19th May the Church of Scotland's Heart and Soul festival opens its gates for everyone. Entry is free, and there's no need to book — just come along! There are three stages with full programmes and over 60 exhibitors (congregations, presbyteries, committees and councils of the church and much more) all ready to share with you their journey and work.

Some of the interesting speakers In Conversation include:

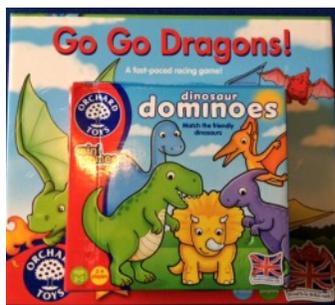
- Faith and Activism - the world movement for action on climate change with Rev Michael Mair and Heather O'Connor
- Remembering Srebrenica with the Very Rev Lorna Hood, Ruth Davidson MSP and Iain Gray MP
- Journeys of faith - Jane Haining and the pilgrims of Santiago with Alison Elliot, Rev Dr Richard Frazer and Mary Millar

With live music, arts, exhibitions and a massed open-air service in the gardens' Ross Theatre, the event is successful in bringing our church family together for an afternoon of entertainment and praise.

Rev Bryan Kerr, chair of the event organising board, "There are some really exciting developments taking place at Heart and Soul this year," said Bryan.

"The biggest of these is our live hosted broadcast for 'Heart and Soul Live and Local' where people, no matter where they are, at home alone or with friends, or in a church hall with a congregation, can join in and experience the event.

"We are taking Heart and Soul to every community in Scotland to help us celebrate the life of the Church of Scotland.



# Marchmont St Giles' Church Fundraising Sale

**Pictures, Prints, Jewellery, Gifts  
DVDs, Toys and Books**

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1 - 5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>11 - 3pm</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1 - 5pm</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1 - 5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11 - 3pm</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1 - 5pm</b>





**Marchmont St Giles'**  
**Fundraising Summer Ceilidh**

**For All The Family  
With Ceilidh Kids**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**2 - 4pm**



**Tickets £ 8 under 12's £4**

**Family Ticket £ 22 (2 adults & up to 3 kids)**

**Juice and Snacks included**

**Tickets from Butterflies or Office**



## Tenneh's Story

Tenneh plays with her precious baby Ansumana. She blows raspberries on his belly. Lifting her baby up high she beams with joy. Tenneh gave birth to Ansumana three months ago. Thankfully, he's a happy, bouncy baby. But Tenneh has lost and loved another baby before.

When Tenneh's labour started during her first pregnancy, there was no health centre in the village. Her mum took her to a traditional birth attendant. For the two days of her labour, Tenneh was in agony. She fell unconscious and was bleeding heavily. With very little medical training, the birth attendant was way out of her depth.

In the days and months after her labour, Tenneh felt very weak and her baby wouldn't breastfeed. Tragically, her baby died when he was three months old.

'That day I will never forget,' she recalls. 'I felt sick like I've never been sick before. If God would not have saved me, I would not be alive today.'

## New hope

Through our partner RADA (Rehabilitation and Development Agency), Christian Aid saw how difficult the situation in Sawula village was and began working to ensure that mums and babies have fullness of life.

RADA has been working locally to help vulnerable women access healthcare, improve hygiene with simple interventions like hand-washing and, with your support, build a bigger, better health care centre.

Thankfully, when Tenneh was pregnant a second time, things had changed for good. This time, she had nurse Judith by her side. With her expert love and care, Judith helped Tenneh deliver her baby safely.

Tenneh said: 'During my second labour, I was scared. But nurse Judith was with me, assuring me of everything. When I delivered, I felt so good.'

'With the coming of Judith, so many lives have changed,' Tenneh continued. 'We know that with Judith, as long as we see the light at the end of the tunnel, we'll be OK.'

Thanks to nurse Judith and the medical training you helped provide, Tenneh could hold her beautiful baby boy in her arms.

## **A Health Centre for All**

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs. The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby checkups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds.

Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away. When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by. In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs. 'I need help,' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

For Tenneh, and many mums like her, a new health centre would be like a dream come true.' We'll dance for three days when we have the new health centre,' she says. With your support today, we could work alongside Judith's community to build a bigger, better health centre to help more mums like Tenneh give birth safely.

Christian Aid Week brings Christians together with a common purpose to achieve something incredible. Can Marchmont St Giles' come together to raise £300 this Christian Aid Week?

A gift of £300 could provide a delivery bed for a new health centre giving mums a safe place to deliver their babies. We need your support now, more than ever. With every envelope, every Big Brekkie, every click. Every one of us can help deliver babies safely.



## **Dedication Service**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Marchmont St Giles' Church

Preacher - Rev Verena Jantzen

An interesting and inspiring service has been put together by the Ministers of Marchmont St Giles' and the German Speaking Congregation Church with one of Christian Aid's moving stories being shown during the service.

You can watch several other videos on You Tube and many of them are quite hard hitting. Learn what happens to your donation and the difference you can make.

By the time this issue is printed the annual very successful Coffee and Sale will have taken place and many thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

The Christian Aid Quiz is now available priced £1 and the theme is DOGS. Completed entries can be handed into the office and the winner will receive a gift token.

Do you receive an envelope for Christian Aid through your letterbox?

If not you can pick up a spare one in the church centre for your donation and hand it into the Office. If you are a UK tax payer then please fill in your details to allow gift aid to be claimed. Why not take another envelope for a friend or neighbour?

There's still time to volunteer to assist with the House to House collection, please contact June Wilson on 447 7572 if you have some time available.

# Christian Aid Books Sale



The annual Christian Aid Book sale was launched this week by this year's patron, journalist Kirsty Wark, ahead of the official public opening on Saturday 11 May. Kirsty Wark said: "Books fire the imagination and are also a great source of solace. I am so delighted to support the book sale and I hope the crowds rush in in search of a good read."

Star items this year include first editions of George Orwell's 1984 (1949) and 'Animal Farm' (1945) plus a signed, limited first edition of TS Eliot's Dante (1929). The renowned artist Victoria Crowe has also generously donated her painting 'In Santa Trinita, Florence'.



Volunteers and experts in their hundreds from as far afield as the United States have been keenly sorting and pricing some 60,000 donated books and collectables. Buyers will be queuing from the early hours on Saturday 11 May, eager to uncover a rare find.

A remarkable library of Scottish books has been donated to Christian Aid by the family of Margaret Street MBE, founder of the Leith Civic Trust, who died last year. She was a notable Scot who made a unique contribution to Scottish life and culture in the 20th and 21st Centuries.

The Christian Aid Sale takes place from 10am on Saturday 11 May until Friday 17 May at St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George Street, Edinburgh. The annual sale also includes antiques, ephemera, pictures, records, sheet music and toys and has raised more than £10million for Christian Aid.

Other sales will be taking place across the city for Christian Aid.

## **Morningside United at Holy Corner**

11 - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - 10.00am - 5.00pm

## **City of Edinburgh Methodist Church**

11 - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - 11am - 4pm

## Family Focus May 2019

Easter round-up: from foot -print journeys on Palm Sunday via Hot Cross Buns, gardens and foot washing during the Easter Saturday family event to the bubble- blowing and egg hunt of Easter Day, we are well and truly Easter people! Thank you to all who provided egg boxes, plastic trays, sourced pebbles and moss and helped in the kitchen for the Hot Cross Bun event.

This last week, I presented about Marchmont St Giles' at a Church of Scotland paid workers networking event. We meet bi-monthly, one session a speaker from an organisation such as Street Pastors the next presented by someone about their own church situation, take questions and lead relevant discussion. This was my week. I shared the Heart of the Community video that we made a while back and talked through the life and work of us here at MSG throughout the week and year, as well as some of the specific things that I do. Feel encouraged, Marchmont St Giles', it was very well received by other church folk across Edinburgh.

I have also met with my 'opposite number' from Carrick Knowe this week and shared our experiences. I am intrigued to visit her and see her toddler singing group in action and she will visit our holiday club in the summer.

Our young people are mid-way through their exams season, so continued prayers for them appreciated. Catherine took a break from study to come along to Junior Church this week; she and I were put through a rigorous workout by the youngsters on the 'Follow Me' theme! Discussion about if Jesus really did play 'Mirror, Mirror' (the pairs copying game!). Continued on from the 'live discussion' in the Children's Address about Jesus being alive. The Junior Church leaders earned their biscuits that morning!

**Super Heroes Summer Holiday Club** booking opens via Evenbrite shortly; watch the website and notices for when it goes live. Meantime, save the date and spread the word: **Monday 5th to Friday 9th August, mornings for Primary school aged children.**

***Bettina***

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Thanks** go to all who helped make Easter weekend such a moving experience for all. From the thought provoking and inspiring services to the hot cross buns and loaf used during the Easter Day communion service, to the weather being good enough to allow us to start our Sunday service outside in the garden and finding an extra Easter egg hunt in the church another year of memories were created.

Some of **Ruth Thomas'** beautiful paintings have been turned into cards and will be on sale at the Fundraising sale starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Guild** are on holiday until September but will still be providing Saturday Coffees until the end of June. After this they will allocate funds to their various projects and charities and this will be reported in the June issue of The Shuttle

**Butterflies** are delighted to welcome their new Friday volunteers, Ye Eun and Eryn. Two sets of young legs on a Friday afternoon are very welcome and the girls are proving to be a fantastic help in the Cafe.

**Why not** bring a friend to Afternoon Tea at Butterflies - only £6.

**Tap-into-IT** continues on a Wednesday afternoon - if you have problems with your smart phone/laptop/tablet then this is the place to come and solve them.

**Many thanks** to Sue Wilson and family for all their efforts on our behalf with regards to Social Media. We have Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now and are reaching a much wider audience than ever before. Please contact Sue if you would like her to put something on one of our accounts .

**Please remember** to hand in your stamps for World Mission projects.

## Whatever The Future Holds

As we approach the European Elections for which MSG is a polling station the Moderator of the Church of Scotland has urged voters to take part in the upcoming European Elections on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May "Whatever the future holds".

In a message sent to ministers, Rt Rev Susan Brown said: "As the European Elections approach there will be mixed emotions within our communities given the uncertainty of the UK's position within the European Union. Whatever the future holds politically however, we will remain, geographically, a part of the continent of Europe and we need still to give the issues facing this part of the world careful consideration.

These elections provide the vital opportunity for conversations and discussions to take place around the challenges and dreams we all have across borders and they will help to shape our thoughts on the kind of Europe we want to live in both now and in the decades to come."

The Church of Scotland has previously spoken out against a possible no-deal Brexit outcome. Research and Resource Development Officer for the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office Irene Mackinnon said: "We would encourage congregations to vote in these elections to select people that will represent Scotland in the European Parliament.

The UK Government must make a commitment that the UK will not leave the European Union without a "comprehensive agreement" in place, the Church of Scotland has said.

Rev Dr Richard Frazer, convener of the Church and Society Council, said a no deal scenario would be "reckless" and cause damage to the nations of the UK for generations to come. The Westminster Parliament and UK Government must look beyond party politics and maintaining or gaining power and focus first and foremost on the good of the country and everyone who lives here. The minister said both bodies must "work actively towards consensus in all parts of the UK" about the future relationship with the EU and use whatever mechanisms are necessary to create the time for this to happen.

## **And Finally.....**

An American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The Mexican replied, "Only a little while." The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish? The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs. The American then asked, "but what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siestas with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine, and play guitar with my amigos. I have a full and busy life."

The American scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat, you could buy several boats, eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually New York City, where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But, how long will this all take?"

To which the American replied, "15 - 20 years."

"But what then?" asked the Mexican.

The American laughed and said, "That's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions!"

"Millions - then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siestas with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."

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