

# THE SHUTTLE

SEPTEMBER 2019



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

*Don't neglect to  
show hospitality, for  
by doing this some  
have welcomed  
angels as guests  
without knowing it.  
Hebrews 13:2*



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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

### Every Thursday

12.30 Bible Study

### September

- 8 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
10 7.30 Guild - Welcome Back  
15 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
22 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
23 2.00 The Lighthouse Group - first meeting  
24 7.30 Guild - Seema Project with Pam Cairns  
25 10.00 MSG CARES - first meeting  
29 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service  
30 11.00 Organ Recital by Philip Sawyer  
2.00 The Lighthouse Group

### October

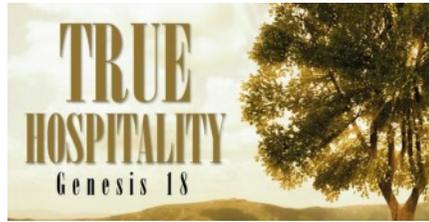
- 6 9.45 ~~High-Lites~~ Teen Group  
9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Harvest & Blessing of the animals  
**Contributions for the October issue of The Shuttle to be submitted to the Editors by today please**  
7 11.00 Graveyard Walk - Edinburgh Worthies  
2.00 The Lighthouse Group  
7.30 Kirk Session meeting  
13 9.50 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Service

### Front Cover

Hospitality was the the theme for the moderatorial year of The Very Reverend Dr Derek Browning and all his guests were invited to his "Table".

## Reflections

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*  
*Hebrews 13:2*



At the beginning of the new year of Church, we as a congregation look forward to the interesting events, the exciting challenges and the sad occasions which we will live through in the next year. Marchmont St Giles' at the heart of the community has been the aspiration of this from the day I arrived in 2002 to be your Minister. This has not changed and it is important to remember two things. Firstly, not every congregation has the ability to look beyond its doors to serve those in their parish and secondly, we have not only continued to do this but increased in our commitment and encouraged others to be involved in this call to service.

As we change as a national church and face the ongoing challenges of this time, it is important not to forget just how important the church is to people in our parish. I have had many people over the years say to me that they had not really thought much about the Church until they needed us and then they realised just what we had to offer.

The Centre has allowed us to engage with so many people and deliver support and encouragement for many people from the cradle to the grave. It is important that we not only do what we do, but find different and new ways to meet the needs and concerns of those whom we serve.

The challenge for this congregation is to have the confidence to realise what we are and have at our disposal; what we can be to people within and outwith the congregation and be able to listen, so that we might hear what the needs are. The word we need to consider is hospitality.

In ancient times hospitality was a central virtue and even one of the pillars of morality on which society was built. Hospitality was understood as a form of mutual aid. In Genesis 18 we hear the story of Abraham and Sarah offering hospitality to three strangers who turned out to be angels. Many events in the story of Jesus' life relate to the giving and receiving of hospitality. We are told that at his birth he was a stranger; as a rabbi a guest in many different homes and as a host to individuals, small groups, and huge crowds. With this example the early Church continued hospitality as they moved around sharing their faith. It was a common practice to regularly welcome stranger into their homes and early worship was often based in the home.

And now in this time and place we know that, just like the early Church, welcoming people into our lives, communities, and friendship networks, as we meet particular needs, transforms ordinary spaces into holy places of hospitality and transformation for vulnerable people.

The next year may mean a lot of upheaval and change on a day to day basis as we witness the changes to the building, enabling us to deliver that hospitality to strangers and a valuable and sustained welcome to the people in our parish. These changes will need patience and cooperation, as well as a lot of humour. I know that we can do this well and be an example to others of how the Church can be, sharing with each other and others as we move to the future in faith.

*Karen K Campbell*

## **SOCIAL MEDIA AT MSG**

As part of our funding applications we are once again working with Fenton Reid, our technical computing genius and this year our emphasis is on our heritage; ensuring that is is much more accessible to all. For example did you know that we have a time capsule which was buried in 1971 underneath a floor - if you didn't then look out for it under Heritage/Treasures on the website shortly.

Your help is needed to look after the website. Please get in touch with Charles, Shuttle Editor, it would be hugely appreciated.

# CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Seb Bessom and Julie Welburn on the birth of their daughter, Celeste, who was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. Big brothers Gabriel and Hugo are sure to be a big help!

**WELCOME** to Julia Catto who is spending her probationary placement at MSG. We look forward to getting to know her over the next 19 months. (See page 9 )

**WARMEST GOOD WISHES** go to William Watt who spent his third placement with us last year and is now, like Julia, on the final furlong of his training at Carricknowe Parish Church with the Rev Fiona Mathieson. William spent a month in Islay doing pulpit supply and was very well regarded by all.

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

Robert Beaton, a member of the congregation, who died on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Bruce McKenzie, a friend of the congregation and regular customer of Butterflies Plus, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

Betty Timson, a member of the parish and an elder at Gullane Parish Church, who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## **Helping to make MSG tick**

### **September Flowers**

8th Joan Ellam  
15th Judith Stewart  
22nd Mhairi Wilson  
29th Shirley Farquhar

### **Coffee**

Frances Brown  
Charles Stewart  
Eileen Dickson  
Joan Wareham

### **Beadle**

Andrew Noble  
Charles Stewart  
Andrew Noble  
Alistair Mitchell

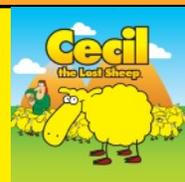
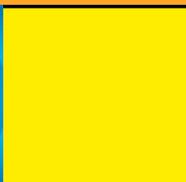
### **October**

6th Charles Stewart  
13th Ann Arthur  
20th Jessica McCraw  
27th Dianne Beattie

June Wilson  
Ann McGhie  
Helen Bennet  
Liz Mack

# HOLIDAY CLUB

MARCHMONT ST GILES'  
1A KILGRASTON ROAD



OCTOBER  
MONDAY 21ST & TUESDAY 22ND

9:30-12:30



REGISTER BY CALLING 0131 447 4359 OR email  
family@marchmontstgiles.org.uk

£2 per day

## Family Focus September 2019

### *That was the week that...we were Superheroes!*

Our summer holiday club in partnership with Mayfield Salisbury Church saw 21 children, 17 volunteers and young leaders in shifts, 2 skateboards and what felt like a tonne of craft, snack and games materials. Human hungry hippos, burning bush snack craft, inflatable palm trees and a 'Jesus is my superhero' theme song, not to mention the costumes.



Picture 1 Good Shepherd Obstacle Course

Picture 2 Palm Trees at Butterflies

Picture 3 The relevance of the costumes from the bible hero stories are as follows;

- Capes: like Joseph's coat - God uses us
- Cuffs: God helped Deborah in battle
- Masks: Moses kept his eye on God when he did not think he could do it himself
- Shields: Esther protected her people

We had a fabulous time! We made new friends both from the children & families that came and the volunteers from both congregations. We explored the bible heroes of Joseph, Deborah, Moses, Esther and our ultimate superhero; Jesus.

Best play-dough prayer goes to the red group (ages 7-9) for Jesus in a swimming pool! A lesser known bible story about making something special (Jesus/a bowl to keep treasures in) out of something messy as part of the Esther story. Then a small step when putting them together for the photo!

Thank you so much to all those involved in the team or indirectly during the week, ahead of time, clearing up, praying for us, social media gurus, cardboard tubers and especially the families that came along; we loved spending time with you!

And last but not least, a big thank you to Hillary, Youth worker at Mayfield Salisbury Church, for being such a fun and gracious colleague to get to know and work with.

The summer may be passing but the pace is hotting up again! Following the success of the summer holiday club, we are in preparation with other local congregations for the next one in October half -term.

***Holiday Club for primary aged children, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October mornings; see p 6.***

***Congratulations!*** We are glad to hear that our high- schoolers and students have all done very well in their respective exams and stages and have had exciting and productive summers and we wish them well in the next stages coming up.

We are looking forward to getting back into full swing on Sunday mornings; how the children have grown up since June! I missed my chance in the last issue to say "Thank You" to the team that volunteer with children & young people on a regular and occasional basis and I am looking forward to the next few months.

***Bettina***

## **Looking for a Job**

Marchmont Playgroup are recruiting for a suitably qualified and experienced Playgroup Manager/ Lead Practitioner. This is a part-time position (Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings plus admin time). The playgroup is currently located at St Catherine's Argyle for the academic year 2019/20. For a full job description, person specification and salary details, please contact Sarah Foster (Playgroup Chair) on [marchmontstgilespg@gmail.com](mailto:marchmontstgilespg@gmail.com) before the 11th September 2019.





I am so grateful for the warm welcome I am receiving as I begin my journey with you at Marchmont St. Giles'. Thank you.

For those of you who have not yet met me, Marchmont St. Giles' is my fourth and final placement (Probation) in my training to become a full time Minister of Word and Sacrament. I look forward to working here over the next nineteen months.

I began my theological studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. However, I didn't receive my Call to ordained ministry until a decade later. I finished my academic requirements for my training at New College here in Edinburgh, graduating this past June. Over the years, I have been inspired by working alongside people whose faith motivates them to contribute to making the world a better place. My background includes women's issues, human rights, multifaith relations, communications and development and writing.

Upon meeting me, you might notice from my accent that I am not from Scotland. I grew up in Germany and speak fluent German and English (American). I have lived in Edinburgh for almost 9 years now and have worked here as a freelance development consultant for Scottish charities. My husband, Ian, and I are parents to two boisterous boys, Hamish (6 years) and Max (3 years), and spend considerable time looking for beasties, playing dinosaurs and building forts.

I am encouraged by the words of Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world." I look forward to our journey together and getting to know one another as individuals and as Christ's church in this world.

In gratitude,

Julia

**Marchmont St Giles'  
Harvest Service  
And  
Blessing of the Animals**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am**

**ALL WELCOME**





# HUMAN LIBRARY®

*unjudge someone.*

*The Human Library is a global human rights organisation which publishes people as open 'books' to challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue.*

*At a Human Library event, participants (our 'readers') are invited to select a book title at our librarians' desk and take out a 'book' for a 30 minute conversation. Books' titles reflect the stigmas and stereotypes they face, and readers are encouraged to engage in conversation, asking questions they might not otherwise have the chance or courage to ask.*

*The Human Library's aim is to act as a platform for thoughtful conversation between stigmatised individuals and those who may have preconceived ideas about them or prejudices against them. We accept that everyone harbours some prejudices to a degree, so we choose to celebrate our readers for taking steps to realise and overcome some of their own. We don't judge, but instead create a safe environment to meet the people that we so often 'other' or label.*

Butterflies recently catered for the first event in Edinburgh for the Human Library and found it a fascinating story. They have asked whether Marchmont St Giles' would be willing to host some of their upcoming events. In many ways this fits in with our profile of being at the "Heart of The Community".



# MSG CARES

**LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**



## A PLACE TO BE HEARD

FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AFTERMATH  
OF BEREAVEMENT

Drop in whenever you wish between 10 and 11.30am  
for tea or coffee and a chat

in a friendly and understanding atmosphere.

A quiet space is always available for one-to-one support  
with a member of the Pastoral Care Team if required.

You will be sure of a warm welcome.

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# **THE LIGHTHOUSE GROUP**

**AT**

**MARCHMONT ST GILES'**

**A GAMES**

**AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

**FOR THE OVER 70s**

**EVERY MONDAY 2-4PM**

**ALL WELCOME**

**FIRST MEETING 23rd SEPTEMBER**



My name is Kirsty Noble. I am in my 6th year at James Gillespies High School. When I leave school in Summer 2020 I plan to work abroad for a year. I have applied to and been accepted by Project Trust. This included an intensive selection process during June on the Isle of Coll. Project Trust is an educational charity which provides opportunities for young people to volunteer in projects abroad.

I have chosen Chile as my 1st choice and that is my likely destination, but this won't be confirmed until May next year. I will be paired up with another girl and there may be a few others fairly close by depending on the project (my other choices are Honduras and Senegal).

I will be helping to teach English to local children and will also get the opportunity to start up or maintain after-school activities. I will stay with a family which will give me a great opportunity to learn Spanish which I hope to study, along with French, at university when I return.

Project Trust require all participants to fundraise through a variety of sources, including personal contribution, seeking donations and grants from companies and trusts and fundraising events. I currently have two jobs which will help fund my personal contribution and I have been successful so far in gaining funding from a number of trusts

My main fundraising event is the Kiltwalk. My friends and I will walk 15.5 miles on Sunday 15th September. If you would like to sponsor me, please see the link below. Kiltwalk add another 40% (from the Hunter Foundation) to all the money I raise for my charity. Any gift aid goes to Kiltwalk which allows them to keep their costs down.

<https://edinburghkiltwalk2019.everydayhero.com/uk/kirsty-21>

If you would prefer to donate cash, I have a sponsor sheet - please speak to Andrew Noble. Any support towards my fundraising for this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



## **Kirsty Noble**

In July 2019, I was one of 10 girls from Scotland chosen to represent Girlguiding at Our Cabaña, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

world centre in Mexico. Before the trip, I had the daunting task of raising £2,000. I owe a huge thank you to the congregation of Marchmont St Giles' Church who helped me raise over £450 through donations and sales at my 2018 Christmas craft sale.

After a 23-hour journey (including a 5-hour delay), we arrived at the WAGGGS hostel in Mexico City where we spent an amazing 2 days exploring the colourful markets and Chapultepec, the huge 1,695-acre park in the city centre. Soon it was time to set off for another adventure, an 8-night stay at Our Cabaña, in Cuernavaca.

This was probably the best experience of my life which I am sure I will always remember. We were allocated to groups in which we stayed in the whole time. These were made up of girls from 6 different troops from all over the UK, Canada and America. By living and sharing with these girls the whole week, I was able to learn all about guiding elsewhere and I formed lifelong friendships. It is impossible to list everything we did during our stay as every day was so different and action-packed but some of my favourite things were visiting the city of Tepoztlan, waterfall jumping, learning about the WAGGGS Stop the Violence campaign, volunteering with a local school and of course learning about Mexican food and culture.

When the end of the week arrived, we spent the last few hours exchanging email addresses and phone numbers with our new friends and before we knew it, we were heading back to Mexico City where we spent a final two days doing more sightseeing and enjoying the Mexican food. The preparation for Mexico helped me to realise how much I can achieve and I started to research the opportunities available to me after I finish school. This led me to Project Trust. In August 2020, I hope to be spending a year in Santiago, Chile as a volunteer, teaching English.

# Fundraising & Development News



The start of a new session brings a report on the ongoing quest for funds for the build with the final total for the Meadows Festival reaching approx £2000 (double our original target).

The Summer Ceilidh raised £200 and was a very happy afternoon. It is hoped to have another one in the Spring of 2020.

Nearly all the pens are sold so make sure you get a spare one!!

Jams and Chutneys are selling fast - people are even contacting us on Facebook to see where they can buy them.

Promotional re-usable cups are being sought and a very handbag friendly little notebook has been ordered which will also make very useful little gifts.

However the big news is that our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund has gone in shortly to be followed by Historic Scotland and Landfill Funding. A myriad of smaller applications have been filled in and sent off by the Minister and Kate Jackson and we await word on how successful they have been.

Now that our HLF application is being "read" we will be able to instruct the Architects to send out the Tender Documents.

Glasgow Architectural Salvage Yard has been in to have a look at our pews with a view to buying them but if you are interested in getting one for yourself then please contact Judith Stewart and your name will be added to the list. You can even choose your favourite one!

A very positive meeting was held with John Andrew, Property expert at St Giles regarding our AV system and he is bringing in an expert to have a look around and make recommendations for us.

**Help is always required to help with our fundraising efforts and the Committee would be delighted to have you on board.**

## News from the Guild

Indeed all are welcome to our opening meeting, on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 pm when we will hope to see new faces join the gathering. The syllabus is available, listing our fortnightly dates, so come along for a reminder of what the Seema Project (Pam Cairns, 24th September) is all about and catch up on each other's news. And of course, Saturday Morning Coffees are in full swing from 10.00 till noon, giving us more opportunities to meet up.

Last years financial allocations are as follows:

Marchmont St Giles	£350	Sailor's Society	£450
Malawi Fruits	£450	Sleep Scotland	£150
The Yard	£150	Rock Trust	£150
Police Scotland, Hearing Dogs and Poppy Scotland			£50

**As ever The Guild does not shy away from difficult subjects as we see in the following article.**

### Seema's Project

Seema's project began initially in 2014 with the aim of building a home for abandoned street children from the red-light district of the city of Pune, India, and to build a rehabilitation centre for rescued victims of the sex industry. Over 3,000 women and girls are enslaved in the city of Pune's brothels. As happens in red-light districts globally, children of the prostitutes are thrown out of the brothels onto the street where they are at risk of exploitation in all its forms. The Free To Live Trust partners the Rev Haribhau Waghmode Foundation in India.

By April 2017, thirty-two children were in residence in the children's centre in Bori, a village outside Pune. With the support of the Guild we will develop the project further by rescuing more children and some of the trafficked women. We will introduce a feeding programme to support the children and encourage them back into education.

The inspiration for this work comes from Seema Waghmode, a Christian lady, who has worked to improve the sexual health of the prostitutes for over 25 years, also rescuing their children. Seema explained that the motivation for this difficult and dangerous work is her faith.

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Thanks** to all who helped Dave and Greg with all the cleaning and maintenance over the summer especially JanChlebowski.

**Bible study** will resume on Thursday 3rd October and will be studying the Gospel of Luke. All welcome.

**Butterflies Plus** has recommenced and open for bookings.

The next **Graveyard Walk** on Edinburgh Worthies will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am as usual.

**Philip Sawyer** is giving a talk on organs followed by a recital at 11am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the church

**Tap-into-IT** has received funding for another block of classes and will finish on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and recommence on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - if you have problems with your smart phone/laptop/tablet then this is the place to come and solve them.

**Items for Harvest** will be going to Richmond Craigmillar again this year. Please help by donating dried and tinned goods, pet food, baby and toiletry items. They are hugely appreciative of all our donations. Items can be brought to the office during the week and to church on Sunday.

**Two new groups** are starting later this month - **MSG Cares** which offers bereavement support and **The Lighthouse Group** which is a games and friendship group for the over 70's. ( See pages 12 and 13 ) for more details

**Kirsty Noble**, one of her older teenagers, has written about her proposed trip with Project Trust and her fundraising plans for next year. There are leaflets in the centre with all the details and please see pages 14 and 15 in this issue where Kirsty tells us what she did with your help this past summer.

# And Finally.....

## Some things never change!

### The 1884 Model Minister

He must be young but mature; have all the flash of modern times but be prudent and calm.

He must have executive ability so he can arouse the enthusiasm of the congregation but be willing to do all the work to ensure success.

He must be willing to bear all the mistakes made by the board of management.

He must be original in style and method, yet do everything in accord with the pre-conceived notions of the people.

He must be noted for depth of thought, but be able to engage in all the light conversation of the social circle and tea meetings. He must be poor in order that he may be humble.

He must head the list in every charitable subscription and never be known to be in debt.

He must spend most of his time visiting but always be at home to receive the calls of polite society.

He must be orthodox and preach *short* sermons, every one of which must include all the essential doctrines of the church.

His discourses must include modern controversy and research and should never conclude without calling attention to all the practical rules necessary for a religious life.

He should be a man of piety but not make it offensive.

Choose prayerfully as well as carefully and the Lord will send a regenerated David, not an unregenerate Saul.

# WHO'S WHO @ MARCHMONT ST GILES'

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