

# THE SHUTTLE



**April 2021**

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



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## **Meeting Matters**

### **on Facebook, Zoom and YouTube**

11am Tuesday - Coffee'n chat

7pm Wednesday - Knit and Natter

See page 18 for information about all MSG's Zoom meetings

#### April

11	9.30	Junior Church on Zoom
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live/YouTube
18	9.30	Junior Church on Zoom
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live/YouTube
25	9.30	Junior Church on Zoom
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live/YouTube

#### May

2	9.30	Junior Church on Zoom
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live/YouTube
		<b>Last date for contributions for The Shuttle</b>
9	9.30	Junior Church on Zoom
	10.30	Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live/YouTube

#### **Front Cover:**

One Journey Many Roads was the theme of the of the Guild projects over the last three years, see pages 5 and 6 for more information

## Reflection

I was in the middle of a telephone conversation on Friday at lunchtime when the person I was speaking to said: "Oh dear, Prince Philip has died". It was one of those moments which will stay with me down through the years.



Prince Philip had a long life of service. He was, in some respects, a man ahead of his time, with his interest in things ecological and the protection of animals. He was at the heart of his family as a young man, when his wife had many duties, quite unlike other women of the time. He was also the mainstay of the Monarch as she steered the Crown through a rapidly changing world. Prince Philip's life is so much more than this, as is anyone who gets to the great age of 99, and today it is right that people reflect on his life and express their sadness, both for his death and for the sadness of his family, particularly Her Majesty the Queen.

In the past year so many families have experienced the death of loved ones whose long lives have drawn to a gentle end and in Covid it brings so many challenges. The Kirk Session was sharing their experiences on the challenges of Covid19 on Monday and one thing that came up was how attending a funeral online or not at all, did not always bring the closure which they might have had in attending. The Kirk Session are thinking of ways which we might acknowledge this and find a way to come together when it is appropriate and right, to mark the deaths of the people who have died during the Pandemic and say a farewell. There may not be one way which everyone will find acceptable, but we will consider this and make plans.

At this time of Easter, we think about the events of Jerusalem, and the death and resurrection of Christ. As Christians we hold firm to the belief that there is resurrection life promised by Christ, and that we each have access to that right here and right now, but it is easy to say that, but more difficult to embody and enact.

More and more I am drawn to the writings I read 10 or more years ago when I was preparing my Doctoral Dissertation of Trauma, Grief and Remembrance. The older I get the more I am convinced that death is not something we "get over": it is more something which we learn to live with and walk with each day of our lives. We are shaped and encouraged by those who are no longer with us. I am sure that some of you will know to what I refer. Sometimes when I am in the

front office and there is a challenge to work through, I am sure I can hear Sandy Dickson, who was the Church Officer for many years as well as Property Convener, growling at me and telling me to get on with it, and he is not the only one who informs my daily working pattern. There are many people who walk with me as I engage in the work of the Church.

The disciples were so influenced by the life and work of Christ that a whole new faith and practice of that faith began in the shadow of the Resurrection. The stories he told, the healing of the bodies and souls of Galilee, his teaching and preaching were so important that they were brought to mind and recorded, so that we have that unbroken chain, all the way back to his life. God's Son walks with us too each day and his Spirit's influence in the life of the world and in our life, assures us that we will never be alone.

Easter is a time when we celebrate new life and life in all its forms, which comes because of Christ's death. Death is the doorway to a closer life with Christ and so the Christian life assures us that we should not fear death. There are so many wise sayings I could share, but I will only choose one. It comes from JK Rowling in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, as Dumbledore speaks to Harry, he says: "To the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure."

*Karen K Campbell*

## Daily Lectionary

### April

11 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 133	21 <sup>st</sup> Proverbs 9: 1-6
12 <sup>th</sup> 1 John 2: 3-11	22 <sup>nd</sup> Acts 3: 17-26
13 <sup>th</sup> 1 John 2: 12-17	23 <sup>rd</sup> Acts 4: 1-4
14 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 26: 1-15	24 <sup>th</sup> Mark 6: 30-34
15 <sup>th</sup> 1 John 2: 18-25	25 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 23
16 <sup>th</sup> 1 John 2:26-28	26 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 95
17 <sup>th</sup> Luke 22: 24-30	27 <sup>th</sup> Revelation 7 13-17
18 <sup>th</sup> Acts 3: 12-19	28 <sup>th</sup> Micah 7: 8-20
19 <sup>th</sup> 1 John 3: 10-16	29 <sup>th</sup> Amos 8: 1-7
20 <sup>th</sup> 2 John 1: 1-6	30 <sup>th</sup> Amos 8: 11-13

### May

1 <sup>st</sup> Amos 9: 7-15
2 <sup>nd</sup> John 15: 1-8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Isaiah 5: 1-7
4 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 32: 9-20
5 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 65: 17-25
6 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 49: 5-6
7 <sup>th</sup> Isaiah 42: 5-9
8 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 98

# AROUND THE AISLES

## **The Guild**

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.



Whilst Guild branches are currently closed we are still providing support, information and ideas through our weekly newsletter and on our Facebook page.

## **Annual themes**

Annual themes were introduced to encourage guilds to plan their programmes more effectively. These imaginative resources were introduced in the 1950s to give a focus for guilds but are sufficiently broad to allow for imaginative planning. The Theme for 2020- 2021 was The Extra Mile.

## **Topics**

Topics were a later introduction. They offer a chance to explore a particular issue of current concern, possibly leading to some local action.

Resource material for each theme and topic is prepared and circulated before each new session and training days are offered to help local leadership teams use the theme and address the topic in their local groups. Additional material and notes for speakers are available on our resources area.

Our Discussion topic for 2020-21 was The end of the road

## **Strategies**

From 2018-2021, the work, worship, and focus of the Guild falls under the strategy: One Journey, Many Roads, we now stand at the end of our three-year strategy 'One Journey Many Roads'.

1. Seeking the Way - strong in the knowledge that God's will be done.
2. Companions on the Road - sharing the load with each other through His plan.
3. Going the Extra Mile - rising to the challenges set out by Covid-19

All six of the current projects supported by Guild members relate to the theme of the three-year strategy and raised £296,016.54 in total. The project partners are:

**CrossReach:** Join up the dots, enabling people of all ages to overcome loneliness and isolation. £57,826.84

**Boys' Brigade Scotland:** Faith in young people, developing, challenging and supporting young boys and men. £65,373.14

**Sailors' Society:** A chaplain for our ports, supporting sailors who arrive in Scottish ports to feel cared for and valued. £41,236.80

**Free to live Trust:** Seema's project, ensuring that children of sex workers in Pune, India are cared for. £50,918.51

**Malawi Fruits:** Growing the future, encouraging young farmers in Malawi to develop more sustainable farming. £43,161.87

**World Mission Council:** Empowering teenage mothers in Zambia to gain education and training. £37,499.38

Guild projects have often been at the leading edge of the Church's work - addressing issues such as drugs, prostitution and AIDS, as well as support for training and initiatives for young people. Since 1997 the Guild has supported 36 projects and raised more than £3 million.

Guild groups are free to choose to support any or all of these projects, both prayerfully and financially, while at the same time deepening their understanding of the underlying issues presented by each project.

The committee of the Marchmont St Giles' Guild will be getting together (virtually) soon to plot the way forward.



Easter Bonnets from Jessica McCraw (l) and Kate Jackson (above)

## Thank you!

Over the course of last year and into this one some work has been ongoing and largely unseen as we have not been in and around the church buildings on a regular basis to see works done.

Some time ago it was discovered that some old nails protruded from the boundary wall on the south side of the church causing a safety hazard. Over several months Dave, our caretaker has carefully removed these and re-pointed the entire length of the wall, meanwhile behind the wooden fence Beatrice Wickens, a friend of the congregation has been working away cutting and removing copious amounts of ivy which had engulfed the remainder of that wall.

Out in the front garden of the church Helen Bennett has been tending to the colourful array of spring flowers and shrubs which enhance the view from the road and Andy Macrae, our gardener has been tackling some of the greenery in the back garden and the grassy areas.

But our inner needs are not forgotten with Karen attending to our spiritual needs and the technical team assisting by broadcasting our worship over the internet and Ann McGhie who continues to supply some sweetness for us in the form of jams and chutneys.

We thank them all for their effort in enriching our lives and surroundings at Marchmont St Giles', if you would like to contribute to the life of the church using your time and talents please contact the Minister or Session Clerk, there will always be a job needing done somewhere.



Jessica Naylor modelling her Easter Bonnet

## **Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland**



Each year, The Queen appoints a Lord High Commissioner to represent the Sovereign at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Monarchs have sworn to maintain the Church of Scotland since the sixteenth century. The duty to "preserve the settlement of the true Protestant religion as established by the laws made in Scotland" was affirmed in the 1707 Act of Union between England and Scotland.

The Queen made this pledge at the first Privy Council meeting of her reign in February 1952.

The Queen's relationship with the Church of Scotland was symbolised by a Service of Dedication in St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh on 24 June 1953, three weeks after the Coronation. During this ceremony Her Majesty was blessed by the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The Church of Scotland is a Presbyterian church and recognises only Jesus Christ as 'King and Head of the Church'. The Queen therefore does not hold the title 'Supreme Governor' of the Church of Scotland; when attending Church services in Scotland Her Majesty does so as an ordinary member.

The Sovereign is represented at the General Assembly by the Lord High Commissioner, who attends as an observer and is appointed by Her Majesty on the advice of the Prime Minister. The Lord High Commissioner's role is to maintain the relationship between the State and the Church, and a long-standing tradition of appointing a Lord High Commissioner originated in the latter part of the 16th Century.

The person appointed to the role is a Scottish figure, whose appointment is based on merit and their contribution to society. Members of the Royal Family have also been appointed in the past and The Princess Royal, The Duke of Rothesay, The Duke of York and The Earl of Wessex have all been appointed to the role, The Princess Royal twice. Prince William, Earl of Strathearn has been appointed to the role in 2021 for a second time for a virtual Assembly.

The Lord High Commissioner makes opening and closing addresses to the General Assembly and reports to Her Majesty on its proceedings. For the duration of the General Assembly, the Sovereign grants the Lord High Commissioner permission to reside at the Palace of Holyroodhouse and, during this time, His or Her Grace receives a Guard of Honour, a 21-Gun Salute and the keys to the City of Edinburgh. It is also customary for the Lord High Commissioner to invite distinguished guests to stay at the Palace,

During the 'week' of the Assembly, the Lord High Commissioner attends the Assembly to observe the debates. He or she also carries out a programme of engagements to reflect the work of charities and the Church. For instance, Sir George Reid, Scottish politician and former Presiding Officer, who was appointed in 2010 and 2011, used his programme to celebrate the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent. In 2012 and 2013, Lord Hope of Craighead, formerly Scotland's most senior Supreme Court judge, undertook a programme of visits that highlighted themes of justice and inclusion.

### **General Assembly 2021**



The General Assembly for 2021 will be held online for a second year and will open on Saturday 22 May with commissioners and other attendees joining together from across Scotland and around the world.

Plans are being made by Business Committee for this online Assembly, which will again be facilitated via Zoom and the "Assembly Hub".

On Saturday 22 May, there will be an opening session at 10am, including the installation of the Moderator, Jim Wallace, Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness and an afternoon session at 1pm. To limit screen time, business sessions Monday to Thursday will be across two afternoon sessions 1pm and 4pm, with anticipated latest end times of 3.30pm and 6pm respectively.

General Assembly will again be live streamed where those who are not commissioners can view the proceedings and will close on the Thursday afternoon.

Sadly Assembly Sunday in West Princes Street Gardens will be missing from the calendar once more.

**Church leaders across Scotland have made “remarkable adaptations” during the COVID-19 pandemic to effectively preach the Word of God and serve their communities in new ways.**

A new study found that 96% of 369 congregational leaders spanning 27 different denominations continued with ministry and mission work despite the most serious challenge facing the country since the Second World War.

“The necessary shift to online church life has drawn us into a much wider field for mission, ministry and worship and we must learn to live a new blend and balance of engagement which could release us into new partnerships and places.”

A total of 184 Church of Scotland ministers took part in the study, accounting for 50% of the responses which came from all 32 local authority areas.

The report has made five recommendations to the Scottish Church.

- Online worship is here to stay, and must be adequately resourced
- Online worship must be adequately reflected upon
- The Scottish Church should not rush back to pre-lockdown ministry and mission
- Cross-denominational partnership in mission should be better understood and extended
- Further research into the social capital generated should be undertaken

Rev Mark Slaney, convener of the Scottish Church Leaders Forum said: “I am encouraged that the Church appears to have adapted and changed more in a period of months than over several generations.



“I trust that the research will provide more than a window on our lock-down experiences but also inspire us to move forward, rather than going back to how things were, and discover a broader, deeper contemporary offering of Christian witness, work and worship together.”

Online Morning Services from Marchmont St Giles’ can be viewed on Facebook Live or from a link on the Facebook page or YouTube to watch later or can be supplied as a DVD.

## Where in the parish?

Last month we posed a few picture questions of various points of interest within the parish, did you identify all of them?



Love Over?



Display of net worth?



St Roque



First in the Loan

**Love Over?** - At the southern end of Lovers' Loan bordering the Grange Cricket Club stands a griffin or wyvern, one of a pair which formerly marked the entrance to Grange House which began its life in the 16th century and was extended by William Playfair in 1827. These imposing pillars formed the gateway to the house before its demolition in 1937, the other is located about 100m to the east.

**Display of net worth?** - this imposing grave stone is located on the north wall of the Grange Cemetery and is in memory of William Stuart of Musselburgh whose family perfected the techniques required to manufacture fishing nets by machine, previously a very labour intensive task. The stone was designed to echo the 'Egyptian portal to the land of the dead'. The memorials record the lives of several members of the family who served with distinction in the armed forces in World War 1 and World War 2.

**St Roque** - This copper topped building marks the gatehouse to the site of Astley Ainslie Hospital on Grange Loan. It is thought that the origin of St Roque was Monsieur Roque in the 13th century who had a reputation of caring for victims of the plague, chapels were founded in his memory across Europe, one such is on the hospital site. It is believed that James IV prayed there prior to leading his army to Flodden in 1513.

**First in the Loan** - This imposing rope knot forms part of a rope arc over the gateway to St Margaret's Convent on Whitehouse Loan, which was the first post-Reformation convent in Scotland of the Catholic Church, it had several educational roles during its life until 1993.



## Christian Aid Week 2021

10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May

1.7m people in need reached by our Humanitarian programmes	57k volunteers who gave their time and talents during Christian Aid week	12k churches took part in fundraising activities
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### Virtual Events

#### Quizian Aid

Our fun filled online quiz has returned and is suitable for all of the family.

It'll be hosted by special guests Tobi and Prisca Bakare, Rhidian Brook, Kris Marshall, Kate Bottley and Rowan Williams.

Use this link to sign up

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/virtual-events>.

When **Saturday 8 May** Time **7pm**

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#### Song of the Prophets

Join us virtually on Wednesday 9 June to witness the debut performance of a new orchestral work Song of the Prophets: A Requiem for the Climate. There will be an address from Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and a panel discussion with climate campaigners.

Christian Aid has collaborated with Chineke! Orchestra - Europe's first majority-BME orchestra - and St Paul's Institute, on the performance of a new piece of music based on Christian Aid's climate change work.

Where Online

Use this link to sign up

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/song-prophets-sign>

When **Wednesday 9 June,** Time **7-8pm**

## Rose's story



Rose fights hunger every day. This is her climate crisis. This is her story.

Rose is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water.

When she was a child, Rose remembers how often the rains would fall, giving fruit to the baobab trees and providing plenty of nutritious food to eat.

'When I was a young girl, there was plenty of food,' Rose says. Now, the rains are totally unreliable. The climate crisis has galvanised extreme weather and Rose's community are feeling the brunt of it. For months at a time, Rose and her family lives with drought.

Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be.'

Rose strives to provide for her grandchildren who live with her. She does all she can to give them happy childhoods, like the times she remembers when there was plenty of food. But the climate crisis is driving her to the brink.

In times of drought, Rose sets out on a long and dangerous journey every morning to collect water for her family. She walks on an empty stomach.

'Because I am old, I can't walk very fast. When I get home I just rest in the evening. I have no energy to do anything else,' Rose says.

Even when the rains do come, relief for Rose is often short lived. There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline. But it's not wide enough or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly.

Imagine how dispirited Rose must feel watching the rain fall for days, only to find the dam empty just a short while later. What's more, the rains are much heavier than they should be, putting Rose's community at risk of flooding.

Rose is over 60 years old and simply won't have the strength to fetch water from further afield for much longer. We need to fight this climate crisis together.

I believe God gives me strength and helps me persevere. I pray that God will help people to help me. **Rose Rose Katanu Jonathan.**

With a reliable source of water, people like Rose would be free from long, painful journeys. They would be able to grow fresh vegetables to eat. And they would be able to protect themselves from the dangers of coronavirus. With such dire need, every last drop of water that falls in Rose's community is precious.

This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Rose for every last drop and help them fight the climate crisis?

Rose is part of the Itukisya earth dam project, Dili Village, Kitui. Her community are working together to clear the weeds and rubbish from the Dam. Your gifts could help communities build better earth dams to harvest more water; sow drought-tolerant crops that grow even with the fewest of drops; or set up an advocacy group to demand change at the highest level and put a stop to this climate crisis.

People like Rose need every last drop to survive this climate crisis. Your gifts will help ensure they can. Give today and help ensure people like Rose have the water they need to live.

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The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, is donning his kilt and supporting Christian Aid at Scotland's virtual Kiltwalk event in April.

This popular fundraising event gives Christian Aid Scotland supporters the opportunity to get active in their local area while raising funds for Christian Aid. The Kiltwalk takes place over the weekend of April 23-25. You decide which day and time suits.

You can take on any local Kiltwalk inspired challenge: go for a walk (short or long), cycle, skip, jump on a trampoline or take the family on a scavenger hunt! It's up to you. While it isn't compulsory to wear a kilt, the moderator has indicated that he will be wearing his.

### **Fundraising 2021**

**Look out next month for the Marchmont Christian Aid Quiz!**

As door to door collections, book sales, coffee mornings etc are not possible at present please use this link to make a donation to the work of Christian Aid

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate>

**Your assistance is greatly appreciated**

## Reminiscences of The Sick Kids Shop



Last month we noted the imminent transfer of Children's hospital services to Little France and that a long association had existed between members of MSG and Sick Kids, here are a few memories of the shop.

Frances Brown recalls that the first shop was opened in 1983, by the League of Friends, in a small room where toys, sweatshirts, tea towels, t-shirts, mugs, bags and children's coveralls all with the teddy bear logo were sold. The shop moved around as changes took place in the hospital.

The fundraising TASK Appeal company merged with the League of Friends in September 1992 and the name became the Sick Kids Friends Foundations. The logo changed to the pyjama person holding a teddy bear.

SKFF were asked to expand into a self-service shop. The room chosen was in the ground floor next to the Hospital entrance and had been the Waiting Room, Night Sister's room, the Cashier's and finally the smoking room over time! The SKFF Shop opened in May 1998 and I became the part-time manager with the help of 20 volunteers. It stocked newspapers, magazines, crisps, sweets, soft drinks, toys, soft toys, greetings cards, Christmas cards, ice cream, books and balloons, plus the items we had already been selling. This meant parents did not leave their child for too long. Over the years I expanded the stock. A larger fridge was purchased for more cold drinks and milk and eventually hospital catering agreed we could sell Margiotta sandwiches.

I enjoyed chatting to the parents and listened to them if they wanted to talk about their child. As a paediatric nurse I could understand what they were saying. Long-term patients would pop in to see me when back at outpatients. My volunteers, including Beth Buchanan, Muriel Anderson and Ann McGhie, were wonderful and never let me down. I do remember the day Nicola Sturgeon arrived unannounced, and marched into the shop. It was the morning before she was being sworn in as First Minister and I was speechless, all I was thinking was "why did you give the money meant for a new hospital in Edinburgh to Yorkhill in Glasgow"!! She then asked for a photograph with her and Muriel, Penny and myself for the archives.

I was part of the SKFF meetings planning for the new hospital and as a result of the change in the name of the hospital to The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People the charity became the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity. I had hoped to move to the new hospital, but as the opening was being continually delayed decided to retire after 20 years.

Ann remarked that she enjoyed her time at Sick Kids shop in Sciennes Rd though there were times when the ancient internet went down that were more challenging. Sundays were often quiet so it was a chance to speak to parents. One particular patient had very severe problems with a swollen leg and she and her Mum visited the shop often. We were a listening ear for them. I was pleased to meet up with her again when she came to work at Oxfam; she was a student and living independently. There was a good team spirit among the volunteers and I think the staff appreciated us being there especially as latterly the canteen was being run down. Since lock-down I have felt we have been more needed, particularly by staff

Many of the staff had worked at the old hospital for 25 years or more so there was a sense of sadness at moving to Little France. However, the facilities there are much better though the family feeling will probably not come back as it is too big a building.

Working in the shop has made me very aware of how lucky we are in Edinburgh and to have a National Health Service.

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Many of us will have personal memories of the hospital and to preserve that link with the past a virtual time capsule has been created, follow this link to view - <https://virtronix360.world/rhsc/> and once loaded, press click to start. You will see the historic Sick Kids building appear in front of you. At the top of the page, in the right hand corner of the red banner, you will see an image of a box with the text '*open your memories time capsule*'. This is where all memories, images and photos are stored. Open this and you can either press play to begin the slideshow or use the search function (top left) to find a specific contribution.

You can also walk through the hospital building to take a digital trip down memory lane. When looking at the outside of the hospital, simply click on the white 3D VR button in front of the doors and click through to explore.

## **Butterflies Café will be returning soon.**

Mark your calendars and set your alarms! Monday 26th April is the big day. Opening hours will be weekdays, 10am - 2pm.

For those who visited us in the fleeting weeks we could be open in Autumn little will have changed. For those who couldn't manage to come out here's a quick lowdown.

We've opened up the space so that the side rooms, Inchkeith and Inchgarvie are now part of the café seating area. This has given us lots of room to allow everyone to keep to the social distancing rules. As with other eateries masks need to be worn when not sat down, and hand sanitizer is just about everywhere. We have plenty so go to town on it! We have a one way system all marked out and we will ask for contact details when people order, for Test and Protect purposes.

Other than that very little has changed from the Butterflies Café you knew in February 2020. The same soups, cakes and scones made on site, orange juice squeezed to order, and our ever popular chicken and avocado sandwich is still on the menu.

As it sold like hot cakes, better than hot cakes even, we've put the sausage, stuffing and chutney filling into the permanent sandwich list too.

Children are most welcome. While we cannot put out our collection of toys we can offer crayons and paper, and the back garden will be open for children to have a run around and burn off a bit of energy. If you have any queries please contact us. No one will be in the building regularly until 26th to answer phone calls, however you can contact us by email at [butterflies@marchmontstgiles.org.uk](mailto:butterflies@marchmontstgiles.org.uk), or find us on Twitter or Facebook.

We hope to see everyone again soon, and maybe a few new faces too

### **Attending Church?**

**While we still face restrictions of fifty attending worship in the church please ensure that you book a seat ahead each week, please phone /text Charles Stewart on 07831 374007 or email**

**[theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk](mailto:theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk) .**

# Keeping in touch in lock-down

- Sunday - Family Service on Zoom at 9.30am
- Tuesdays at 11.00am, if you are able to join Zoom, there's a coffee morning. Make a cup of tea or coffee and join in for a chat. The Cafe in the past was a member of the Chatty Cafe scheme, over the last few months a virtual Chatty Cafe has evolved since meeting in person is restricted.
- Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom there's a Knit and Natter meeting. You can sew or knit or join the meeting just to chat.
- As we welcome people into the church in person for our Sunday Services, we will continue to broadcast the services live on Marchmont St Giles' Facebook Page and also on MSG YouTube Channel. There is coffee on Zoom after the service at 11.30am.
- For either of these meetings email Karen to receive the Zoom joining codes: [kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk)
- Ann McGhie has marmalade and strawberry jam for sale and can deliver if anyone is interested, please call Ann on 667 8325.
- Services are also recorded on to disc to be viewed on laptop or a tv with a disc player. Contact Andrew Noble for info on 667 1180.

## **Photos for Hymns:**

Please email interesting photos or photos of cute animals, beautiful flowers or picturesque scenes to the Minister to use along with hymns in the Sunday Services. Each hymn needs about eight photos so your photos will be very welcome.

**The Shuttle** is published from February to July and September to December on the second Sunday of the month. Paper copies are available for people without access to the Internet. It is printed in A5 and is also available in large print on A4 and published on our website and there's a link on our Facebook page.

Contributions of articles and photographs for inclusion should be sent to The Editor, [theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk](mailto:theshuttle@marchmontstgiles.org.uk) no later than the first Sunday.

Space limitations may govern the need to edit contributions.

## **And finally**



For the past 19 months Julia has been part of the Team and it has been a learning time for all of us. We were only five months or so together when the Pandemic struck and not that long to get to know each other. In that time Julia showed her ability and her commitment to preparing for whatever she was involved with. As the Pandemic hit Julia joined with us on the roller coaster ride as we all adjusted to this new form of doing Ministry and rethinking what it is to be Church.

She has been an integral part of the team, thinking through how and why and when. As Julia seeks to discern where the future takes her, we thank her for her time with us, and with a commitment to continue the journey with her, we look forward to discovering where the Spirit is leading her. We wish her well and all hope to be at her Ordination, wherever and however that will take place.

The Photo is of Julia holding one of her gifts of a Cross Brooch from Sheila Fleet of Orkney, the original piece having been discovered at Mays Howe on Orkney

# WHO'S WHO @ MARCHMONT ST GILES'

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