



THE SHUTTLE

**Marchmont St Giles'
Parish Church
At the Heart of the Community
April 2022**



1a Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2DW

Meeting Matters

Facebook Live : **Thought for the day - Lent** 10am

Monday to Friday

Zoom : **Lent Bible Study** 12.30pm & 7.30pm

Wednesday

Email kkcampbell@churchofscotland.org.uk for Zoom links

April

- 10 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 14 19.00 Maundy Thursday Service - Morningside United
- 15 19.00 Good Friday Service - Marchmont St Giles'
- 16 19.00 Taizé Service
- 17 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Celebration of Easter Day and Holy Communion.
- 24 9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship

May

- 1 9.30 Junior Church on Zoom
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle
- 8 9.30 Junior Church on Zoom
- 10.30 Morning Worship

Front page -

Sunflowers are spectacular, highly productive and a major agricultural export of Ukraine. They are also the national flower of Ukraine and are a powerful symbol of the resistance of the Ukrainian people to the invasion by Russia. Russia and Ukraine between them produce 60 per cent of the world's sunflower oil.

Reflections

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said" (Matthew 28, 5-6).

In Church this year you will hear the traditional Christian greeting, which you hear every year: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

As I am preparing for Easter, this affirmation of hope in life feels quite strange as we watch and read about the events of Ukraine. Our prayers are with them as is our support. We have taken clothes to the Ukrainian Church in Edinburgh and I know many of you have been generous in your support of them online.

Far closer to home we are still contending with the Pandemic and so many people I know are living with illness at the moment. The world and our lives are still tilted and have not yet got to a place which we could call normal.

Easter will still be affected this year. Easter services will happen and Communion will still be celebrated, but not as we might have done in the past. We are now in a position to choose not to wear a mask, but the individual cup, the passing of the plate both for bread and for our offering will have to wait for another time.

Soon you will hear more about the Presbytery Plan. Each Church in Scotland is being asked to work more closely with its neighbours. We are being asked to work with St Catherine's Argyle and Morningside United. The Session Clerk, Treasurer and a few representatives will be meeting with the Presbytery soon about what this means. It leads to uncertainty, but we are asked to maintain hope and perhaps even wonder what the future could bring in a positive way.

Since the splits in the Church of Scotland and coming together again in 1843 and 1929 there have been too many buildings. This challenge has not been addressed before and so we are the ones whose challenge it is to do something about it. It will require respect, humility, generosity and imagination and Christian friendship, all of which we have here in this community of faith.

Easter is a reminder that Christ loves and cares for the whole world, overcoming death and conquering fear and is with us every step of the way, no matter what we face or live through.

The tomb is empty; Christ is Risen!

Karen K Campbell

EASTER SERVICES 2022

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

7pm

**JOINT SERVICE AT MORNINGSIDE UNITED
HOLY CORNER**

Good Friday - 15th April

MIDDAY

WALK AROUND THE GRANGE CEMETERY

7pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ MSG

Easter Saturday - 16th April

7pm

TAIZE SERVICE @ MSG

Easter Day - 17th April

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION AND THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS

Last month The Shuttle reported the passing of Jean Calder, the following article is extracted from an obituary by Scottish Hockey telling the story of her involvement in the sport at all levels

“Even compared to those of the modern jet set, Jean Calder was an incredibly well-travelled person. Although many of these early journeys were by sea rather than by air. Much of this was as a player, umpire or official of the Scottish Women’s Hockey Association. We of the hockey world join in the sadness of her family, her golf and bridge friends and neighbours on learning of her recent death, aged 92, following six months of two falls, hospitalisation and Care, but always with the hope of a return home, until sadly succumbing to Covid.

Born in Edinburgh in 1929, schooled at George Watsons, she naturally played for Women Watsonians, then East District – a forward before switching to left back in the Scottish team in 1957. There she played continuously, latterly as Vice-Captain, until deciding to retire from representative hockey on her appointment as Principal Lecturer in Physical Education at the newly established Callendar Park College of Education in Falkirk in 1964. After the threat of College closures, she accepted redundancy in 1978 and turned her attention again to the SWHA.

As well as the annual Home Countries fixtures, Jean had toured in Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, the USA and Canada, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany and Kenya, including the four yearly International Federation of Women’s Hockey Associations Tournaments in Sydney, Amsterdam and Baltimore, USA.

Turning to administration, Jean became President of the SWHA in 1974 and during her three year term of office was hostess to the IFWHA Conference and Tournament in Edinburgh in 1975. This two week event must be a highlight in our history for all involved. In 1977 she was awarded the Queen’s Jubilee Silver Medal in recognition of this undertaking.

In retirement Jean was widely travelled - to Kathmandu and trekking in the Himalayas to celebrate her 60th birthday, several Round the World trips and visits to many European countries as well as enjoying many different parts of Britain.

While mourning the loss of a good friend, we celebrate her long and well-lived life.”

AROUND THE AISLES



Flowers! As we ease towards a reduction in Covid restrictions we can look forward to the return of flowers to adorn our services from Easter Sunday onwards. The Flower Convenors, Mhairi and Shirley will be delighted to hear from anyone who has a penchant for flower arranging or would like to develop their skill in the floral arts. Flowers in Marchmont St Giles are often donated in memory of a loved one or to mark a

special event, such as a birth or wedding anniversary.

Please contact Mhairi or Shirley (*details on the back page*) if you would like to be involved in adding colour to the life of Marchmont St Giles. Open to all ages and genders!

Southside Guild



After a rocky start with restrictions, cancellations and working with seven churches the combined Guild has been growing in numbers.

Our last meeting for this session was last Tuesday with an inspiring speaker from Edinburgh City Mission.

Next Guild session begins on October 4th at Craigmillar Park Church hall. We have decided to keep meeting in the same place and in the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. This is to avoid confusion! We have people coming along from six churches. We are still hoping that people from Morningside United would like to join us.

Lectionary

April			
11	Isaiah 42:1-9	25	Psalms 122
12	Psalms 71:1-14	26	Esther 8:1-17
13	Isaiah 50:4-9a	27	Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
14	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	28	Psalms 30
15	Psalms 22	29	Isaiah 6:1-4
16	Job 14:1-14	30	Genesis 18:1-8
17	Acts 10:34-43	May	
18	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1	John 21:1-19
19	Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a	2	Acts 9:19b-31
20	2 Samuel 6:1-15	3	Ezekiel 1:26-2:1
21	1 Samuel 17	4	Psalms 121
22	Psalms 150	5	Psalms 23
23	1 Samuel 17:32-51	6	Ezekiel 20:39-44
24	Acts 5:27-32	7	Ezekiel 28:25-26



A Prayer for Easter Day

Christ in whom we live and move and have our being
In the darkness You emerged:
mystery incarnate
incarnate resurrected;
before the dawn
before the women
before a new epoch proclaimed:
you left behind the betrayal and denial
the cross and nails
the dice and the bitter wine
and you stepped out
Christ crucified and risen;
with the marks still on your body
with the promise of eternity on your lips.

This Easter Day,
with our wounds and our baggage
help us to step from what was to what could be
to walk with intention
to inspire inspite of the things we think hold us back
to see You as the Hope of the world
and the Love which surrounds us.

This Easter Day,
help us to celebrate Your victory over death
which cannot hold us nor diminish us
but promises that we will ever be held by You.
Equally, good God,
help us to raise prayers of concern
where torture and murder reign
where denial and betrayal are normal
and people cower in fear,
waiting in hope for a Resurrection
to warm them in their darkness.

Our prayers
we join with everyone from around this beautiful world
AMEN.

MARCHMONT ST GILES'
PLATINUM JUBILEE
STREET PARTY

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE
MIDDAY-4PM



AFTERNOON TEA, STALLS,
ENTERTAINMENT, BBQ
ALL WELCOME

Easter is one of the most significant festivals in the Christian calendar, where Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Easter around the globe is normally among the well-attended Sunday services with a massive number of people.

Just like all other festivals, Easter is celebrated in different ways with many exciting and fascinating activities.

In Africa, Easter is both a social and spiritual celebration. Churches are filled up and one could think church is compulsory for all Africans on that day. On Easter, families come together to feast and share a special meal which is usually a luxurious one like goat's meat or chicken.

However, in Ethiopia Easter is one of the most honoured festivals, celebrated after 55 days of fasting. Believers of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church offer daily prayers at the church and do not eat until 3pm apart from Saturday and Sunday when prayers are conducted early in the morning.

"In Rwanda, most families celebrate the Easter period by going to church and then on Easter Sunday we cook a special meal and invite over a few friends and relatives to share with us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ," said Anastacia Teteli, a resident of Kimoronko.

In Europe, Easter is celebrated by lighting giant bonfires on hilltops and in churchyards on Easter Eve while in Britain it is celebrated through the exchange of Easter Eggs and other gifts like clothes, chocolates or holidays packages.

Easter in Portugal is celebrated with sweet bread called Folar da Pascoa. The bread is usually served at breakfast on Easter morning but more often as a dessert after Easter dinner.

Portuguese serve a meat plate at the dinner table as the feature dish on Easter Sunday. Roasted pork 'Leitao' is popular accompanied by roasted potatoes and other vegetables, along with fresh bread.

In France, Easter is known as Paques. The main celebration usually kicks off on Good Friday but in a grave mood. Church bells are not rung for three days to mourn the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Different countries may celebrate Easter in various ways but what is most important is to take time off and thank God for having given His life for us and remember His resurrection.

More Easter Traditions from around the world

Fly Kites This Good Friday tradition initially gained traction in Bermuda, where it's believed that a local schoolteacher used a kite to demonstrate Jesus's ascension into heaven for his students. Since then, Bermudians have flocked to Horseshoe Bay Beach for the annual Good Friday Kite Festival.



Bake a Cake This is the one non-negotiable Easter tradition. There should always be Easter cake. Simnel cake has been eaten since medieval times as both a rich, sweet treat and a symbolic ritual. The fruit cake is topped with eleven marzipan balls to represent the eleven apostles of Christ, minus Judas.

Wear an Easter Bonnet... with all the frills upon it! As the 1933 Irving Berlin song goes: "You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

Watch a Classic If you must watch something, make it a classic family film, like one of our favourite Easter movies, 1948's Easter Parade, starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

Make Hot Cross Buns Adorned with crosses as a religious reminder, the traditional Easter treat has been made and enjoyed on Good Friday or Easter Sunday for decades.

Make an Omelet Residents of Haux, France, serve an enormous omelet on Easter Monday. They use more than 4,500 eggs and feed up to 1,000 people

Red eggs in Greece Easter is known around the world for multi-coloured, decorated eggs. But in Greece you will find only red eggs. Red is the colour of life, you see, as well as a representation of the blood of Christ. From ancient times, the egg has been a symbol of the renewal of life, and the message of the red eggs is victory over death

Read the Easter Story Easter candy and hunts are nice, but earlier generations remembered to reflect on the Easter story in the Bible, too.

Telephone of the Wind



In a corner of the Pacific Northwest, muffled by moss and trees that are centuries-old, sits an out-of-place relic – a rotary phone that's connected to nothing, except the wind.

Every few weeks, Andre and Erin Sylvester and the rest of their young family trudge out to Priest Point Park, outside Olympia, Washington, to use that phone to call Joelle, their four-year-old daughter. Without warning, Joelle died last year from an infection.

But out here, Joelle is somehow there on the other end of the line.

"I, literally ... I can hear her," said Andre.

Erin said, "I always feel lighter, ready to go back into the real world of, you know, without my daughter."

The phone mysteriously appeared shortly after Joelle died, put here by photographer and amateur carpenter Corey Dembeck as his way to grieve.

At a park in Washington State, a rotary telephone, not connected to any line, has become a tool for the grieving to connect with lost loved ones - a source of solace for those left behind.

"I just couldn't imagine if something like that happened to my daughter," Dembeck told correspondent Lee Cowan. "It was just something I had to do."

One of his own daughters was friends with Joelle – she's now five.

"I don't think I got, really got, how many people would really, really needed something like this," he said.

For weeks that phone was there, and few knew, but then word quietly spread. Soon, complete strangers were braving the Northwest rain, making the longest of long-distance calls.

Lori Provoe was one of them: "When you're grieving, you look for any avenue to try to connect that you can, to make that emotional connection. And that's what the telephone, I thought, would do for me."

Cowan asked, "And did it?"

"It did.

She lost her 27-year-old son Tyler last year. "Of course, it's very emotional," Provoe said. "As soon as you pick up the phone, the tears flow. And I've been out here several times, and it's been the same experience every time. I have Kleenex in my pocket. You can't explain why the emotions are flowing as soon as you pick up that phone, but they do."



The desire to connect with lost loved ones is universal, especially when the end comes so quickly. In 2011, in the wake of Japan's devastating tsunami, survivors started flocking to a small phone booth high on a hill, put there months earlier by a man who just wanted to talk to his

cousin who had died of cancer. All the lost souls who the sea never returned, that "Telephone of the Wind" became one of the few places to offer a kind of inexplicable solace.

That idea had blown across the Pacific. Corey Dembeck heard about it, and it stuck for reasons he still doesn't know. "I just thought it would be perfect for now, and as far as I know, at the time, there wasn't one that I knew of in the United States," he said.

Much to his surprise, that old phone helped Dembeck, too: "When my mom passed away, I never really, like, dealt with it, I guess."

The impulse to call her, he says, just came out of nowhere.

"Hey, Mom, it's me ... I miss you and I guess I'll talk to you later. Bye. Love you."

The Sylvester family makes a call to the daughter they lost.

It makes no logical sense, to dial a phone connected to nothing, and yet for the Sylvesters and countless others, speaking their grief to the wind seems to offer a certain kind of connection that heals.

Erin Sylvester said, "I think one of the most dangerous things that you can do to yourself is to keep your feelings, whatever they are, locked up inside. Something so simple, an old rotary phone on a tree, it's just crazy how much impact that that has."

Whispers in the wind ... you might not hear them, unless you listen.

FreshStart

Our Mission is to 'help people make a home for themselves'. The words are simple, but behind those words are the passion and commitment of our staff, volunteers and donors to break the cycle of homelessness.

We have developed our Services to provide support for those who have been homeless with the following aims:

1. To enable people who have been homeless to resettle in their community;
2. To provide volunteering opportunities that offer practical and emotional support to our clients;
3. To help our clients develop life skills;
4. To involve church members and the wider community in our work to end homelessness

To support their services and raise funds FreshStart undertakes a number of activities, this year they are promoting an amazing cycle event - '**Ride to the Sun**' www.ridetothesun.co.uk . The challenge involves cycling the one hundred miles from Carlisle to Cramond overnight, arriving in time to see the sunrise on Sunday 26th June.

They have also developed an opportunity to donate through JustGiving using a QR code. Scan the code with your phone and follow the directions or you can donate by text. All you have to do to donate £5 is text FRESHST to 70970, this will be added to your phone bill.



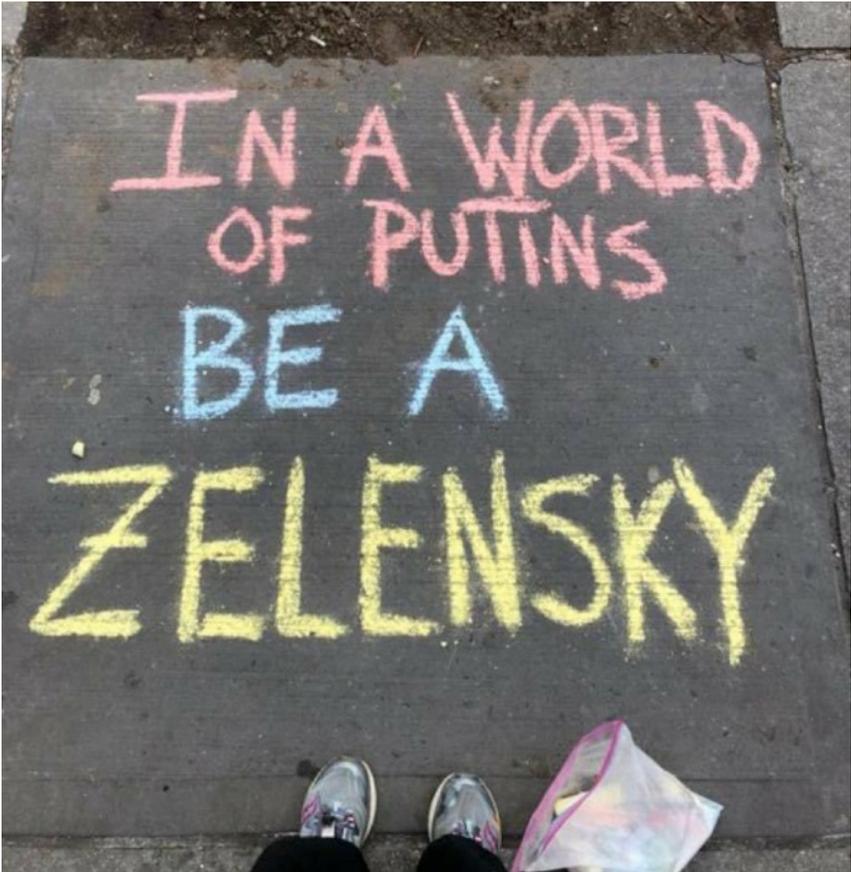
They also operate the Fresh Start Your Local Pantry which was set up in 2020 in order to provide the local community with 'food with dignity' and as part of our new community Hub.

For a small weekly subscription of £4.50 or £18 for 4 weeks, members of this pantry will be able to buy food, including fresh fruit and vegetables and store cupboard favourites that will often value £15-20 or more!

And following the completion of their kitchen in November and the relaxation of Covid restrictions they have been able to hold cooking sessions and Community Meals in the Hub for local families.

Finally there is excitement about Lauriston Farm. There are ambitious plans to develop the 100 acre farm into an urban food production and community hub to include 40 allotments, an organic market garden,

And finally



An Irish Blessing

May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you
A moonbeam to charm you
A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you
Faithful friends near you and whenever you pray,
heaven to hear you

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