



# THE SHUTTLE

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



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## Meeting Matters

### June

- 12 9.30 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Worship  
19 9.30 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Worship  
26 9.30 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Worship and Baptism and Holy Communion  
followed by a Congregational Lunch and Stated Meeting.

### July

- 3 10.30 Morning Worship  
10 10.30 Morning Worship  
17 10.30 Morning Worship  
24 10.30 Morning Worship  
31 10.30 Morning Worship

### August

- 7 10.30 Morning Worship  
14 10.30 Morning Worship  
21 10.30 Morning Worship  
28 10.30 Morning Worship

### September

- 4 9.30 Junior Church  
10.30 Morning Worship  
Closing date for material for the next issue of The Shuttle

## CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



We give thanks for the life and service of :  
Mrs Margaret Maitland, a member of the congregation  
who died on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Front cover

Following tea at the Palace, the Queen and Paddington Bear stroll off with their marmalade sandwiches safely tucked away.

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## REFLECTION

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. (James 1:17-19)

As we enjoy the longer days, the colours of the flowers, and for some of us, time spent in the garden to achieve continued radiance in our gardens, we give thanks for the turning of the seasons. The long days of winter somehow seem worth it, now that we have the sun and the sweet smells of summer.

Throughout the we are reminded that God rejoices in the changing of the seasons, as well as the unique blessings of each aspect of them for his creatures. We are also reminded that each creature is cared for, no matter how small or large. He calls us more precious still.

No matter what we face, he is with us, and he walks beside us every step of the way. That might be easy to say, but we are made imperfect and as such, troubles and joys go hand in hand. We are not immune from challenges, but with faith, we can choose to interpret life through a particular lens which allows to see a world, held in love by a creator who cares even for the hairs on our head.

The Epistle of James reminds us that we should be quick to listen and slow to speak and anger. In challenging situations, and in life in general, it can be a very noisy place. We fill our world with noise too easily, rather than taking a pause to consider or think. Hurt might make us want to lash out, rather than breathing and taking in what we can see and hear.

I am aware that in the last week while, some of the words and actions of politicians, both at home, about parties and conduct, and abroad about the availability of guns, have led both to uproar and incredulity. Party politics seems to be more important than what keeps people safe and that rare ideal of integrity. We want to rage and shout, but perhaps silence and the integrity of the ballot box will speak far louder.

In the same way, when we see injustice in other aspects of our lives, we should think out the box, finding solutions to the challenges before us. Truth seems to have been hidden at times in our communal life, but that doesn't mean we should lose hope or stop searching for it. Truth sets us free. It allows us to live with integrity and in the moment. Truth can hurt, but it shows us exactly where we are and allows us to plan on that basis.

Art Garfunkel had a friend called Sandy, who developed Glaucoma as a young man. The diagnosis crippled him and for a while he stopped attending University. Garfunkel persuaded him to return and helped him get around. One day in Central Station in New York, he left Sandy to himself, and despite falling and other mishaps, he got himself to his train and home. When he arrived at his destination, as he was walking along the station, Garfunkel made himself known. He had watched at a distance as Sandy slowly got where he needed to go. Garfunkel gave him the gift of independence and an awareness of he could succeed, despite the new challenges of his life.

It must have been very tempting to speak up, and not to remain silent, but in giving this gift, he gifted a new offer of life. Sandy went on to achieve great things, as did Garfunkel.

This is the holy gift we are given from Heaven, as a creature loved beyond measure and held in love. We are never alone; despite the walls we build for ourselves and hide away behind.

Jesus reminds us that: "*if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*"

We see the beauty in the lily but sometimes fail to see God's hand at work and by extension fail to see Christ's hand at work in us. Those with eyes, let them see and even perceive!

Summer reminds us to get out and live and rejoice in beauty, to breathe and give thanks in silence, especially when there is time enough in the days of winter to stay indoors. God's love and provision for us will never fail. How will we reflect this in our own life? Will we be a friend like Garfunkel?

Karen K Campbell

# Daily Lectionary

## June

13 Psalm 124  
14 Proverbs 8:4-21  
15 Daniel 1:1-21  
16 Psalm 22:19-28  
17 Isaiah 57:1-13  
18 Isaiah 59:1-8  
19 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a  
20 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
21 Psalm 59  
22 2 Kings 9:30-37  
23 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
24 Psalm 16  
25 Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43  
26 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

27 2 Kings 2:15-22

28 Psalm 140

29 Psalm 75

30 Psalm 30

## July

1 Jeremiah 51:47-58

2 Zechariah 14:10-21

3 Isaiah 66:10-14

4 Acts 19:21-27

5 Psalm 6

6 Joshua 23:1-16

7 Psalm 82

8 Psalm 25:1-10

9 Amos 2:12-3:8

10 Amos 7:7-17

**Calling all choral music lovers!** Would you like to sing Mozart's Coronation Mass in the beautiful surroundings of St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, in front of an audience of friends and family?

The Soko Fund is organising another Come and Sing event to raise money for women's education in Malawi.

Directed by the inspirational John Kitchen MBE, this unmissable event will take place on Saturday 24th September 2022. Rehearsal will be from 2pm until 5pm with the performance from 6.30 – 7.30pm. All singers of every level and experience are welcome. Singers can bring their own score (Breitkopf version) or hire one on the day for £1. Singers are asked to give a suggested donation of £15 to take part and audience tickets are £5 per person.

Book your place on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-sing-mozart-coronation-mass-music-for-malawi-tickets-209954929847>  
To find out more about the Soko Fund visit <https://www.thesokofund.org/> or find us on social media.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# AROUND THE AISLES

**Thanks** - The various activities at Marchmont St Giles' could not happen without the assistance of a varied group of volunteers who make up Butterflies Cafe team, the choir, the stewarding team, the coffee team and the sound team all of who make Marchmont St Giles' tick even though some members wear different hats/ aprons at different times.

Our team who provided the Jubilee Afternoon Tea and Street Party are to be congratulated aided by Cameron and Fraser Watson and the Rev Nigel Robb, it was a most enjoyable event.

There's plenty opportunity for other members to be added to any of the teams who make MSG tick. Please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk.

## My Favourite Words

*Pipette and plectrum, obumbrate and flimsy,  
Balderdash, spatchcock, flapdoodle and whimsy,  
Obnubilation and nontrepreneur:*  
These are a few of my favourite words.

Can you resist  
singing this by the  
end of the last  
verse

A poem by Brian  
Bilston

*Sachet, humdudgeon, haboob, hurly-burly,  
Scroddled and dottle, goluptious and surly,  
Mumpsimus, tawdry, decumbent and blurb:*  
These are a few of my favourite words.

*Susurrus, zephyr, rubescent, boondoggle,  
Reboant, gaggle, hubris and hornswoggle,  
Refulgent, plethora, plinth and perturb:*  
These are a few of my favourite words.

When the rose *droops*  
When the branch *snags*  
When I'm *lachrymose*  
I simply remember my favourite words  
And then I don't feel *morose*.

## **Notes from the Kirk Session**

The meeting on Monday past was a new experience, it was a hybrid meeting where it was attended by members in person and online and seemed quite successful. The meeting a couple of technical points to be resolved for the future

It was reported that the Jubilee Street Pary had been a sucesful event and well attended by the community. A review of the eevmt will take place to learn any points for future activities. Cafe Manager Nicci Owen was congratulated for the success of the event.

We have a new defibrillator which will be located in a cabinet giving public access to this vital life saving equipment.

Covid - it is now a matter of personal choice as to the wearing of masks but for the meantime we will retain our one way system into and out of the church.

The Pastoral Care team continues to give appropriate support to members of the congregation.

Mrs Sue Wilson had been appointed as Safeguarding Co-ordinator and the appropriate administrative tasks were in hand to effect a handover from Mrs Catriona Moss

The Christian Lunch had been well received. Bible Study will resume soon, Currently we are using a

Mr Sandy wake has agreed to continue as our Presbytery representative.

Our service at the end of the June will comprise a Baptism, Holy Communion, our Stated Meeting and a Congregational Lunch

Nest Kirk Session meeting 03/10/2022

## Jubilee Street Party 3<sup>rd</sup> June



HM The Queen on a brief walk-about during her flying visit between events on Friday



After the Rain Jazz Group in mid set during the afternoon





Butterflies cafe set for Afternoon Tea

Bettina posing with  
HM The Queen



Jubilee flowers in the church



# CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ 2022

## *Literature at the Movies or on TV*

### **Books that became movies**

1. Dihydrogen monoxide for a mammal with shorts  
Water for Elephants
2. A royal daughter is newly married  
The Princess Bride
3. Usain Bolt sprints through a labyrinth  
The Maze Runner
4. The third traffic light colour at 1760 yards  
The Green Mile
5. Citizen of the largest country in the United Kingdom plays the waiting game  
The English Patient
6. Initially Louis Armstrong is intended to be kept secret  
LA Confidential
7. Doctor Who's female partner perhaps  
The Time Traveller's Wife
8. Prohibited land for senior males  
No Country for Old Men
9. First meal of the day at a jewellers  
Breakfast at Tiffany's
10. An alcoholic apple drink at a domestic dwelling's laws  
The Cider House Rules

### **Books that became TV shows**

11. The Beach Boys' vibrations meet troubling signs  
Good Omens
12. Tic-tac-toe with a British accent  
Noughts and Crosses
13. Pay a visit to the person assisting on giving birth  
Call the Midwife
14. The sum of living beings of considerable size and wee  
All Creatures Great and Small
15. Living quarters made of aces or kings  
House of Cards
16. A small female child is a timpanist  
The Little Drummer Girl

17. Ordinary folks  
Normal People
18. Little red riding hood's enemy in a large meeting room  
Wolf Hall
19. Ego, Hamlet's uncle  
I, Claudius
20. Rose's prickles tweet  
The Thorn Birds

**Plays that became TV shows and/or movies**

21. A lot of fuss over nothing  
Much ado about Nothing
22. Feline on a scorching metal can building top  
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
23. MGM's beast hibernates  
The Lion in Winter
24. What the teddy bears have in the woods  
Picnic
25. Miniature home  
A Doll's House
26. A study of past events by young lads  
The History Boys
27. Roman goddess with poacher's lot  
Venus in Furs
28. Perfectly suited male spouse  
An Ideal Husband
29. Blood sucking insect in a pack for groceries  
Fleabag
30. Directly below tea whitener and an area full of trees  
Under Milk Wood

And the winner is Sharon Ho with a score of 29.5!

And finally the quiz, donations and the Christian Aid Lunch raised the sum of £563.81 .

Grateful thanks to all who participated or donated, your contribution in whatever form will help the work of Christian Aid world wide.

**Rev Moira McDonald** will formally join her Majesty's Household as a Chaplain-in-Ordinary on the 6th of June.

The minister of Corstorphine Old Parish Church in Edinburgh said she was "shocked" and "surprised" to be appointed to the prestigious role which dates back to the 15th century.



It is today largely a ceremonial honour with members of the Chapel Royal taking part in formal state occasions and conducting services at significant national events.

Ms McDonald said she was caught unaware when Rev Professor David Fergusson, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, asked her to consider taking on the role. "When he phoned me and began talking to me about his role as Dean of the Chapel Royal and the duties of chaplains to the Royal Household, I assumed he was phoning to put a few names before me and to ask if I could recommend one or another," she explained.

"So, when he then asked me if I would allow my name to go forward, I was shocked and surprised to say the least. "My thought was that if someone had felt confident enough in me to put my name forward then I should say yes."

Ms McDonald grew up in Renfrew in the west of Scotland and was called to ministry when she was 22, first serving in East Lothian before taking up her current role in Edinburgh.

"The things of life where I thought I would be out of my depth have been the happiest and most fulfilling times I could have asked for," she said. "So here is another call - or a nudge - to do something that feels daunting. "But that the few people whose counsel I've sought have all said 'go for it' says to me that I should stop worrying about being out of my comfort zone, and enjoy the adventure."

Professor Fergusson said: "I'm very pleased indeed to receive the announcement of the Queen's appointment of Rev Moira McDonald to the Chapel Royal.

"As a parish minister in west Edinburgh for many years, she has served her congregation and presbytery with distinction.

"Moira will have much to contribute to the work of the Chapel Royal with her proven skills as a pastor and communicator, and I look forward to working with her.

"I am sure that her congregation at Corstorphine Old will be equally delighted by this news."

Ms McDonald studied English Literature at the University of Dundee then worked at the University of London for two years as an ecumenical assistant chaplain.

She met her husband Ian there and they conducted a long-distance romance for three years while she studied divinity at New College in Edinburgh before getting married in 1995.

The minister did her probation at Cramond Kirk in Edinburgh under the supervision of Very Rev Dr Russell Barr, who later asked her to become one of his chaplains during his year as Moderator of the General Assembly in 2016-17.

Ms McDonald said: "Ian and I moved to the East Lothian mining village of Wallyford on the same day Tony and Cherie Blair moved into 10 Downing Street and I was ordained and inducted into St Clement's and St Ninian's Parish Church.

"Our son Ben was born in 2001 and in 2005 we moved to Corstorphine Old Parish in Edinburgh, the city where our daughter Sophie was born in 2009.

"The Old Parish has a mixed and busy life, involving two primary schools and one secondary school, it is a place with lots of history and a strong community and it is a pleasure to serve the people here.

"The Old Parish church itself, founded in 1429, is a special place to gather and share and worship and support one another as we muddle through life and celebrate God in our midst."

When not being kept busy with parish ministry Ms McDonald enjoys gardening and learning to play the piano, and as her daughter is about to take Spanish at school she has also started learning the language thanks to Duolingo.

She confesses that so far she is only able to say 'Juan eats apples'.

# The Chapel Royal in Scotland

The Chapel Royal is an establishment in the Royal Household serving the spiritual needs of the sovereign and the Royal Family. Historically it was a body of priests and singers that travelled with the monarch.

In the 15th century it is believed that the Chapel Royal referred to a prebend in the Church of St Mary on the Rock, St Andrews. In 1501 James IV founded a new Chapel Royal in Stirling Castle, but from 1504 onwards the deanery of the Chapel Royal was held by successive Bishops of Galloway with the title of Bishop of the Chapel Royal and authority over all the royal palaces within Scotland. The Deanery was annexed to the Bishopric of Dunblane in 1621, and the Chapel Royal was moved to Holyrood. In 1688, following the Glorious Revolution, a mob in Edinburgh broke into the Abbey, entered the Chapel Royal and desecrated the royal tombs. From then on the building fell into decay, and became a roofless ruin. The restoration of the Abbey has been proposed several times since the 18th century – in 1835 by the architect James Gillespie Graham as a meeting place for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and in 1906 as a chapel for the Knights of the Thistle – but both proposals were rejected.

In times past as well as Stirling and Holyrood there was a Chapel Royal at Falkland Palace in Fife.

There are 10 chaplains to the Queen in Scotland and each normally holds office until the age of 70.

The chaplains, along with a physician, a surgeon, an apothecary, a sculptor, an astronomer, an historiographer and some others form part of Her Majesty's household.

The Queen is also served by her two domestic Royal Chaplains, the Rev Neil Gardner of Canongate Kirk and the Rev Kenneth Mackenzie of Crathie Kirk.

All chaplains are all personally chosen by the Queen and are people in whom she has placed her trust.

Rev Professor David Fergusson  
Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland



And finally .....



### **After the Party**

“Well,” said the Queen to the little bear

“where do you go from here”

“I am not sure your majesty” Paddington bear answered with a tear

“You see the Browns have all grown up and gone on their separate way”

Paddington continued “I am now homeless as I have nowhere else to stay”

“Well, my little friend” the Queen replied to him “this will never do at all”

“I too am all alone you can move into my palace. I’m sure we will have a ball”

The little bear looked up and asked “will there be marmalade dear Queen”

Of course, she replied “the biggest spread of sandwiches you’ve ever seen”

“And cups of tea and crockery that you can drop and I will never never mind”

The little bear replied “your majesty I accept your offer you are very very kind”.

By John Sullivan

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