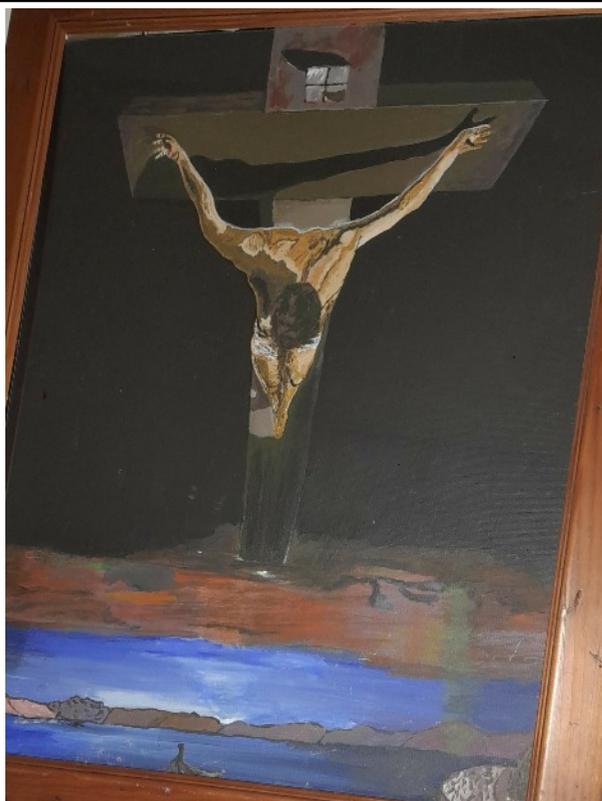




# THE SHUTTLE

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



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## Meeting Matters

### May

- 8        9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 14       10.00 Christian Aid Book Sale - Morningside United -5pm
- 15       9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship followed by Christian Aid Lunch :
- 13.00 Christian Aid Book Sale - Morningside United 5pm
- 21                Christian Aid online Quiz
- 22       9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship
- 29       9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship

### June

- 3        12.00 **Jubilee Street Party & Afternoon Tea - to 4pm**
- 5        9.30 Junior Church
- 10.30 Morning Worship

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### Front Page

A local artist's interpretation of the painting by Salvador Dali.

## Reflections

Several years ago now, there was a painting group at Homeros House and the Assistant Manager decided to paint Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross. After it was completed he gave it to me as a gift and it hangs in my study.

I love how it has Christ looking down towards Galilee

It is painted from a different angle from the usual paintings of Christ on the Cross. It has a dark brooding sky over a body of water, which would seem to represent Galilee, but also could represent any inlet with boats from anywhere in the world at any time.

However, Dali draws our eyes from Christ's eyes to the water. Perhaps it is the bridge between his calling of his disciples at the beginning of his Ministry and then his recalling them to action and faith after his Resurrection as a consequence of denial, betrayal and hiding in the upper room or getting out of town towards Emmaus. The fishermen and women were always being drawn back to their home, and he was calling them out, to fish for people who were reading to be drawn out of their own body of water to something new.



Dali painted it after he had a dream in 1950. He said that: "I saw this image in colour and which in my dream represented the 'nucleus of the atom.' This nucleus later took on a metaphysical sense; I considered it 'the very unity of the universe,' the Christ!"

I like the idea that Christ provides a unity in the universe. It provides a profound basis for how we see and perceive each and every living thing and also our relationships, because at the heart of everything we exist in our and because of our relationships with others.

The picture reminds us of the pull of gravity of each and every one of us, including Christ. You can see the muscles being drawn towards the ground as he hung, as each of us is drawn towards what we are called to do and who we are called to be.

This painting reminds of a friend who was inspired by this painting, but also of the draw of faith, to be together and to proclaim Christ crucified.

As discussions continue and we consider how we can best work together and worship as a united charge with our friends in St Catherine's and Morningside United, it is important to give thanks for the examples of faith we have in our own community and life as beacons of hope. They too hold this as important, but moving forward, it is important to honour the past, and look to a future, where we can continue but in a newly embodied way.

This was the challenge for the disciples long ago, and it is the challenge we have today. New relationships can add to our gathering and our faith as we may be blessed to see and encounter things from a slightly different angle. This is an important thing to remember as we progress towards working together with other congregations.

An event we look forward to celebrating soon will be the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. We hope to mark that special weekend at the beginning of June with a Street Party with Afternoon Tea in the grounds and in the Café. What an incredible milestone to reach and we celebrate with Her Majesty and her incredible example of steadiness and faithfulness in serving the Commonwealth over such a long period.

With very best wishes.

*Karen K Campbell*

# Lectionary

9: Psalm 100

10: Ezekiel 45:1-9

11: Jeremiah 50:17-20

12: Psalm 148

13: Daniel 7:13-14

14: Daniel 7:27;

15: Acts 11:1-18

16: Psalm 133

17: 2 Samuel 1:4-27

18: Leviticus 19:9-18

19: Psalm 67

20: Proverbs 2:6-8

21: Proverbs 2:9-15

22: Acts 16:9-15

23: Psalm 93

24: 2 Chronicles 15:1-15

25: 2 Chronicles 34:20-33

26: Acts 1:1-11

27: Psalm 97

28: Exodus 33:18-23

29: Acts 16:16-34

30: Psalm 29

31: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

1: Ezekiel 3:12-21

2: Psalm 104:24-34

3: Isaiah 44:1-4

4: 2 Kings 2:1-15a

5: Day of Pentecost

## **Presbytery Plan Update**

At its March 2022 meeting, the Kirk Session agreed that it was broadly supportive of the draft plan in Presbytery's consultation document which proposed the union of Marchmont St Giles', St Catherine's Argyle and Morningside United churches. Our response to Presbytery confirmed that we thought the draft plan was a workable way forward and outlined ways in which collaboration had started. The Holy Week services held jointly with Morningside United (and the German Speaking Congregation) are a good illustration of us working constructively.

The April Session meeting focused on change and ways in which we as a congregation can navigate change successfully. The Kirk Session was positive about the upcoming union, but recognises that some members of the congregation may have concerns. We are therefore keen to hear those concerns so that they can be addressed. Our aim will be to "honour the old and embrace the new".

On 3 May, Karen, Jessica and I met with representatives from St Catherine's Argyle. This was very much an opportunity to share information and to explore ways in which we might operate together following union. Further meetings will take place in due course.

Presbytery is currently engaging with churches to listen and to explain ideas within the consultation. Karen and I are due to meet with Presbytery representatives on 17 May. Adjustments will be made to the plan in June following the engagement process, with further engagement and consultation between July and September. The updated plan will be voted on at a Presbytery meeting in October. It is therefore intended that the initial approved Mission Plan will be in place by 31 December 2022, with an annual review.

Updates will be provided throughout the process. Please contact Karen or me if you would like to discuss.

David Beattie  
Session Clerk

## **Supporting the poorest in society is the "gospel imperative"**

The Church is set to reaffirm its steadfast commitment to supporting the poorest people in society at the "heart of all that it does".

This is one of the key messages in the Faith Nurture Forum report to the General Assembly and highlights the invaluable mission of Priority Area congregations in areas of social deprivation.

However, it stressed that supporting the most marginalised is the "gospel imperative of the whole Church, not just the Church in the poorest places".

Priority Areas are parishes which sit within the 5% most deprived rankings in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Described as "good places", the current list includes 64 areas and the 2021 General Assembly endorsed a widening of support to a supplementary list of 112 parishes which have some part of their population within one of the SIMD zones.

The report states: "Mission weaves through these good places, offering an inviting and welcoming church model and often doors are open seven-days-a-week.

"Typically, there will be community meals and other food poverty initiatives, outreach into the streets around the church, worship not just on Sunday but in other spaces in the week, work with older people, children and youth work, employment initiatives and more. "The best places have a continually outward focus, joining up with local people and organisations to support the community."

Congregations are encouraged to contribute to government consultations such as ending the need for foodbanks and supporting the doubling of the child payment campaign. The report stated: "We took part in and promoted Challenge Poverty Week, a Poverty Alliance-led campaign to end poverty.

"With the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) being held in Glasgow in 2021, the focus of our Challenge Poverty Week content was themed around poverty and climate change.

"It highlighted that those already in poverty faced the greatest impact from climate change, that they contributed the least to bringing it about, and that our responses to tackling it need to be done in a way which does not push people further into poverty."

# Holy Corner Booksale

SCOTTISH  
COLLECTIBLE BOOKS

ART

FICTION

HISTORY

CHILDREN'S

AND OTHERS

No book  
donations  
please - we  
have enough



**Saturday 14 May 10 – 5**

**Sunday 15 May 1 – 5**

**Morningside United Church, Holy Corner, EH10 4DJ**

In Main Hall - enter from Bruntsfield Place

Tea & Coffee in Small Hall Saturday only 10 - 4



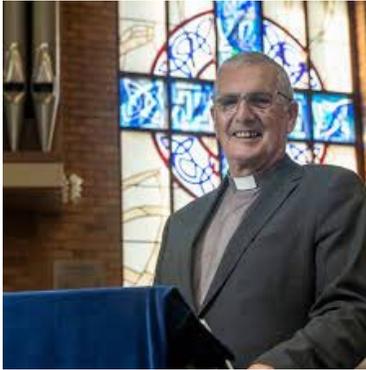
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MARCHMONT ST GILES'  
PLATINUM JUBILEE  
STREET PARTY

FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2022  
MIDDAY-4PM



AFTERNOON TEA, STALLS,  
ENTERTAINMENT, BBQ  
ALL WELCOME



## Moderator-Designate 2022

A minister who personally believes that drug possession should be decriminalised has been named as the next Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Rev Iain Greenshields, who thinks addiction should be treated as a public health issue, said he is "honoured" to have been nominated to take up the 12-month ambassador role later this

The 67-year-old minister of St Margaret's Community Church in Dunfermline, Fife, said locking up people who are often "self-medicating" to cope with psychological challenges and severe life issues did not work and instead they should be treated in high-quality residential rehabilitation centres.

'There are a great many challenges facing our society today including climate change, poverty, mental health, social isolation, addiction and the Church is active in supporting those in genuine need.'

Mr Greenshields, who became a Christian at the age of 22 and was ordained in 1984, said: "I am honoured and humbled to have been chosen as Moderator Designate and I aim to represent the Church and God in a way that is positive, instructive and hopeful.

Mr Greenshields spent eight years serving as a chaplain at the former Longriggend Young Offenders' Institution in Airdrie, North Lanarkshire and nearby Shotts Prison and has served parishes in various parts of Scotland.

Born and brought up in the Drumchapel area of Glasgow, Mr Greenshields is married to Linda, a Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies teacher at Levenmouth Academy in Buckhaven, Fife.

The couple have six children – Alistair, 31, Ross, 30, Caitlin, 27, Eilidh, 18, Siona, 15 and Suisaidh, 10, and a grandson, Oran, who was born in August. Their three youngest daughters come from different parts of China.

After adopting Eilidh in 2004, he and his wife set up a charity called Hope4China's Children the following year and it has raised £1.2 million to provide education, support, medical care and foster care for around 800 girls in Guangxi Province.

# AROUND THE AISLES



**The Guild** -Next session begins on October 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**jAM jARS** - As we approach fruit picking season Ann McGhie would be very grateful for jars for the wide selection of jams and chutneys that are produced by members of the congregation.

**Lovely Jubly Jubilee Street Party and Afternoon Tea** - This fun event is taking place in the grounds of the church (or indoors, depending on the weather), on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12Noon to 4pm. The tickets for the church/ street party will be available later this week. and are priced £6 which will include a scrumptious afternoon tea which can be enjoyed indoors or outside. We are hoping that the Scouts may run a BBQ, yet to be confirmed

Ice cream will be available to purchase as will jams, marmalade. and pickles/chutneys. Thank you Cathie and Ann.

This will be a fun event with surprises along the way and we very much hope that you will manage to attend. The more the merrier.

## CHURCH FAMILY & PARISH NEWS



On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May we celebrated the Baptism of Coraline Sondra Lockerbie-Barbe the daughter of Richard Lockerbie and Vanessa Barbe



We celebrate the significant birthdays this month of David McCardel and Mrs Helen Gray. Many Happy Returns

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINNING 15th May.**

Join us this Christian Aid Week and help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.



We have lots of ways for you to get involved and donate from 50<sup>th</sup> Book Sale to the Christian Aid Quiz.

Morningside United Church is holding a shortened two day book sale for Christian Aid on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am-5pm and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-5pm. Refreshments will be available on the

Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help serve teas and coffee at the booksale. Any offers of help should email Lesley Donald [lesley.donald1@sky.com](mailto:lesley.donald1@sky.com)

The 50<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid book sale takes place on 14<sup>th</sup>, 16-20<sup>th</sup> May at St.Andrews and St George's West Church, George Street.

Since it started in 1973 the sale has raised over £2 million for Christian Aid's work to end poverty.

During Christian Aid week over 500 volunteers from Edinburgh and beyond work together to create the UK's biggest fundraising event.

The Christian Aid service will be held jointly with Morningside United and the German Speaking Congregation at 10.30am at Marchmont St Giles on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Following the service a soup, bread and cheese lunch will be available and everyone is warmly welcome. A donation to Christian Aid will be much appreciated.

The following Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May a Christian Aid Quiz is being held on zoom and it should be fun, questions not too difficult, I've been told, a link will be available next week to those interested.

Fiona Brown has produced her popular quiz for Christian Aid which is always interesting but not for the faint-hearted. It is on the theme of Literature at the Movies or TV. I have yet to complete one. The quiz is available from the Church Centre @ Marchmont St Giles'.

Christian aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Back then they worked with partner churches to help alleviate suffering by raising the equivalent of 3 million plus in today's money, we supported

,equipped and enabled partner churches in mainland Europe to provide what people needed. Nearly 80 years later, we are doing the same.

**Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.**

Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families.

Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.



One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

**'My children crave a good meal, but I can't provide.'** Jessica says. **'It pains me to send them to bed**

**hungry.'**

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.



Please give generously either online or in person

Thank You June Wilson

## **Christ of Saint John of the Cross**

The painting and intellectual property rights were acquired and included the copyright, which has earned Glasgow Museums back the original cost many times over.

The purchase was controversial and a petition against it, arguing that the money should be spent on exhibition space for local artists, was presented to the Corporation by students at Glasgow School of Art. The controversy caused Honeyman and Dalí to become friends, corresponding with each other for many years after the original acquisition.

The painting first went on display at the city's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum on 23 June 1952. In 1961 a visitor attacked the painting with a stone and tore the canvas with his hands. It was successfully restored over several months by conservators at Kelvingrove and returned to public display. In 1993, the painting was moved to the city's St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, but returned to Kelvingrove for its reopening in July 2006. It won a poll to decide Scotland's favourite painting in 2006, with 29% of the vote.

This painting has continued to generate controversy. At the time of its purchase by Honeyman, the verdict by modern art critics was that producing such a traditional painting was a stunt by an artist already famous for his surrealist art. In 2009 The Guardian art critic, Jonathan Jones, described it as "kitsch and lurid", but noted that the painting was "for better or worse, probably the most enduring vision of the crucifixion painted in the 20th century." [

# And finally .....

## **Over in Ukraine**

"Sorry, I stole your car. Saved my family!" - an incredible story from a resident of Kyiv.

"I left the bomb shelter and saw a car with keys in the ignition near the store. I watched it for two hours, waited for the owner - I didn't wait. I took my family, got in the car and drove to Vinnitsa to visit relatives. I found a phone number in the glove compartment and called the owner:

- Sorry, I stole your car. Saved my family.

- Thank God, don't worry, I have 4 cars. I took my family out in my jeep. The rest of the cars I filled with fuel and left in different places with the keys in the ignition and the number in the glove compartment.

I received calls back from all cars. There will be peace - see you. Take care of yourself!"

There is kindness in the world! Ukrainians are heroes!

## **Meanwhile in Cumbria**

A young lad's Dad posted on Twitter that his son who created a variety of wooden bowls and spoons to raise money to buy a bike only had a few followers on social media and asked folks to follow to encourage him - the post went viral and orders flooded in- so many it would take 32 years to make and deliver them all.

So instead he decided to make one bowl - *a Gabriel's bowl for Ukraine* - to be given in a lottery to anyone making a donation to Save the Children. The initial target of £5000 was surpassed in hours, celebrities retweeted the appeal to their followers - Gabriel's followers rose from 6 to 227,000 in days and in the end the JustGiving appeal raised an amazing staggering £254,678 for Save the Children

"This bowl will be one of my most treasured possessions. It represents hope, compassion, and kindness. It will have pride of place in my home." Said Renuka Chapman whose name was the first drawn

**WORLD TOGETHER WITH UKRAINE**

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