

PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2019

INFORMATION re PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE

We welcome articles and thank you letters from members and friends. These are published in both the printed magazine and on-line, unless otherwise arranged with the editor, (eg where personal information is concerned, including the names in the prayer corner, it would normally be omitted from the on-line version). All contributors must provide their name, please, which is normally attached to the article. We reserve the right to edit articles. Changes other than spelling or grammar will, where possible, be discussed with the contributor. Some copies of the printed magazine are available to the public in the open doorway. The views expressed are those of individual contributors and not necessarily those of Pilrig St. Paul's Church or the Church of Scotland.

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PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3rd February 11am Morning worship

Sunday 10th February 11am Morning worship

Tuesday 12th February 2pm The Guild: Roy Eprile, about antiques

Saturday 16th February 2pm Bruce Davies in concert see page 4

Sunday 17th February 11am Morning worship

Sunday 24th February 11am Morning worship

Tuesday 26th February The Guild: Afternoon Tea Outing

PROVIDING FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY 2019

3rd Kay and Millie Carroll*

10th Hilda Winton

17th Evelyn Torrance

24th Maria Croall

*In memory of our Mum and Dad, Ella

and Bob Carroll

Please speak to Aileen Fraser about providing Church flowers.



TINNED, DRIED, EASY COOKED FOODS ARE WELCOMED: eg UHT MILK, TINS OF MEAT AND FISH, RICE, JAM, CUSTARD AND TINS OF FRUIT AND VEG. THE DONATIONS BASKET IS IN THE VESTIBULE, THANK YOU!

We are collecting..... Plastic milk bottle tops. Blue or green with a 2 or 3 on them, please give to Maureen Eunson. Other colours and sizes please give them to Evelyn Torrance. Flower bags Please hand them to the person sorting out the flowers after the service. Stamps: Used postage stamps should be cut out (leaving a 1 cm margin) and handed to Maureen Eunson. Thank you.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES and INFORMATION

SUNDAY - 11am WORSHIP in the Sanctuary, followed by tea or coffee, and a chat, in the Session Room.

There is a creche for younger children, while those of school age join the congregation, including taking an active part in the all age 'Time to Talk'.

OPEN DOORWAY EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

10.30-12.30 come to the open doorway for coffee, a chat, and quiet time in the sanctuary.

CONTACTS and MEETINGS See also page

Alternate Tuesdays - The Guild (Jeanette Sime 552 9652)

The 5th Leith Scouts Pilrig (5th Leith) Edinburgh North East
(Evelyn Torrance 552 1657)

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts 5 3/4 - 14 years

Wednesdays - Lunch club 11.30 (Alex Allan 554 3174)

Guides Rainbows and Brownies Please send all enquiries to

www.girlguiding.org.uk

We have two groups associated with Pilrig St Paul's

THERE ARE MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES HELD ON OUR PREMISES,
PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD IN PILRIG STREET (MIDDLE ENTRANCE)

TO RENT OUR PREMISES, PLEASE CONTACT psp.halluse@gmail.com

There is on-street parking in Pilrig Street and Leith Walk (no restrictions on a Sunday) We have a step free entrance to the church via our side door, or the Hall entrances. The welcome team will be happy to assist.

The church is fitted with fixed pews, there is an area suitable for a wheelchair at the front left hand side

From the manse ...

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' – Matthew 11: 16-17

Dear All,

Jesus called out the hypocrisy of the religious Scribes and Pharisees, who never seemed to be happy with anyone other than themselves. He compared them to children who refused to play in one another's games - they pout and complain at one another and end up not playing at all. Sound familiar?

Contemporary politics has made us very familiar indeed with the game of reducing complex issues to ideals and platitudes, picking a side, yelling at one another, and refusing to co-operate or work with those of a different point of view. We have seen all of these games played out by politicians, and others, as part of the current Brexit negotiations that are being debated at Westminster.

While it is not for the Church to be party political, it is only right and proper that we exercise our voice on political issues that will have an impact on our society and on the lives of all those who live in our country. We must speak up for the poor and the marginalised in our society and we must tackle social injustice in whatever forms it takes. At the same time we must do so in a way that rises above the mud-slinging, name-calling games of contemporary politics and sets an example of good behaviour for others.

Jesus frequently challenged the political and religious authorities of his day as he sought to defend the rights of the poor, the sick, and the outcasts. He did so without resorting to sides or playing games – although he did a fair amount of name-calling. As Jesus'

followers we too are asked to hold those in political office to account for their actions and decisions.

Please pray for all those who hold political office in our country, regardless of their party, as they wrestle with the weighty decisions before them. Set them an example by listening attentively and debating respectfully with those who differ in opinion from yourself. And continue to hold them to account on matters of social justice and inclusion, food poverty, religious freedom, and care for others.

Shalom
Mark

The Magazine

Thank you for all the articles and cards of thanks received. Please may I have articles for the March magazine by 17th February?

Thank you,
Catriona Blackwood

CONCERT IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

On Saturday 16th February 2019 our Church is hosting a concert with international singer songwriter BRUCE DAVIES at 2.00pm. His music is well known throughout the UK and also in Canada and the U.S.A. where he is called Scotland's John Denver. Tickets will cost only £5 and can be bought at the Church any Sunday. All profits will go to the work of our Church. Bruce has made 24 albums, over some 30 years, as a professional musician and I can guarantee a great time at this concert. See also the poster on the back cover

Eric Fisher

Lily Gilhooley

Fellow officebearers, members and friends were all sad to hear of the death of Lily Gilhooley on 17th December. We had seen her in Church just the day before. Lily was involved in most activities of Pilrig St Paul's, and took an interest in everyone she met. Anyone who has organised anything in the Church will have had practical support and ideas from Lily. Her vast and diverse knowledge was much appreciated throughout our membership and the wider Church in Leith. She put a huge amount of effort into everything she did. Anyone reading the minutes for any of the Church and other committees in the area would soon find Lily's name and contribution - a wise and thoughtful comment, or a question to set people thinking along new lines. Her ability to encourage others to move on to new ideas was inspiring to many of us.

Lily will be remembered with fondness and respect among the people she nursed and worked with. Being a good, knowledgeable nurse was very important to her, and she achieved that.

She belonged to many groups and gave as much to them as she did to the Church.

With all that to fit in, Lily found time to prioritise being a wife, sister, aunt and loyal friend. No comment about her would be complete without mentioning how much she enjoyed her holidays, whether staying with her sister or going abroad.

On Wednesday 16th January we remembered Lily at a Service in the Church, followed by a committal at Seafeld Crematorium.

Catrina Blackwood

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers brought to me by Mark Wexelstein on 23rd December. Thanks also to the minister and all friends for their kind support at this sad time. John Brown.

We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes by cards, phone calls, home visits, flowers and Christmas gifts received over the past months when we were unable to join and share with you in worship and fellowship, and particularly our kind friend and neighbour, Catriona Blackwood for her support and keeping us up to date on Church news..

With Love and Blessings to you all, from Joy and Murdo MacLeod.

Thank you for the Christmas present. Thank you also to Eric for delivering it and the chat we had. Charlie Forman

Thanks so much to Mark and all the members of Pilrig St Pauls for the lovely gift I received at Christmas and to the lady who brought it to me. Maisie Ritchie

I am not long home from treatment in the Royal Infirmary. Your flowers cheered me up. Jessie Todd

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers I received recently. Maureen Eunson

Thank you for the lovely flower delivered by Eric Fisher and for all the phone calls and cards received in support of Lily's so sudden passing. Antje Armstrong

Many thanks for the lovely flowers I received when I was down with a throat infection. Alexander Fleming
Apologies, this was omitted in error from the last magazine Editor

Thank you for all the texts, phone calls and enquiries during my recent stay in hospital. Catriona Blackwood

Thanks for all the good wishes, cards and the Christmas gifts received recently. The support is very helpful. Ann Gowans

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received after Guild Service. I love flowers and really appreciate the thought. Mary Moore

I would like to thank all those who came to my aid on Sunday 9th December. Good people like Linda Gill, Lily Gilhooley, Nancy and Alex and Fiona, and to the people who enquired after me. Thank you all. Alex Allan.

(Written and received prior to Lily's sudden passing. Editor)

Thank you to Linda and other members who got Session Room painting project up and running, and to Linda and David who both rolled up their sleeves and took part in painting. Thanks also to Maria Croall and Aileen Fraser who have been busy clearing out under the stage, to make room for cinema storage.. CB

Circle offers a range of whole family support services that promote children's healthy development and potential.

Circle has sent thanks for the gifts given by our members to distribute to families at Christmas.

Leith Community Cinema

This year we have kicked off with some practical work with a team of folks redecorating the Session House over the course of two days in January. They were graduates from RBS on a Community Giving Back programme, the Inspiring Leith team, volunteers from Leith Timebank and members of the cinema team. We pass on our thanks to everyone involved.



In addition, a friend of our family, who also happens to be a decorator arranged for a discount on the cost of the materials and lent us equipment. Thank you to Kevin for your help. The room is looking great and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our first audience of the year to our February screening.

Work is now under way to announce the schedule for this year and we are delighted to have a number of new collaboration opportunities as well as some interesting new initiatives and funding opportunities, it is going to be an exciting year for the cinema.

Linda Gill
Leader, Leith Community Cinema

08.01.19

Dear Mark,



Our throng of angels is jumping for joy at the generous response of Pilrig St Paul's Parish Church to the CrossReach Christmas Appeal!

The generous gift of £60,00 from Pilrig St Paul's Parish Church will help make the dark, dreary days of the early months of 2019 so much brighter for those who find this time of the year particularly difficult.

Thank you so much to everyone at Pilrig St Paul's Parish Church for sharing, with CrossReach, your concern for the people such as:

- a young mum left alone to struggle with postnatal depression after her family has returned home at the end of the holidays
- a child left scared and anxious because of his father's binge-drinking over Christmas and New Year
- a homeless person fearing a repeat of the 'Beast from the East'

Thank you for being a Guardian Angel this Christmas.

Yours gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Tennant'.

Rebecca Tennant
Angels' Support Officer



Pastoral Care

I can't write this article without referring to the loss of Lily Gilhooley who was part of our wider team delivering flowers from our services. Apart from this, Lily was also always encouraging, enthusiastic and very positive about the work of the Pastoral Care Team. She found ways to provide practical as well as emotional support to me that I always valued. It can be challenging when you are working to deliver your responsibilities and it made a huge difference to have her active encouragement. On a practical level most of the pastoral cards that are sent to our members were gifted to me by Lily and every social occasion we arranged she selected napkins that always were chosen with care to reflect the theme of the event. She will be missed dearly.

Looking ahead though a new year, new opportunities lie ahead for us. The team is looking forward to exploring some new activities for 2019 and making sure that the focus remains on visits, phone calls and support through the delivery of flowers each Sunday and cards being posted to members in need of our support.

The flower delivery rota for 2019 has been provided to all those involved and will also be noted on the intimations each week now. Thank you to John for arranging this for us.

The new activities and development we are looking to implement this year are to achieve recognition through becoming a Dementia Friendly Congregation and undertaking the Church of Scotland Mental Health First Aid training to enable us to be more aware of this area when providing support. If you would like to be involved in either of these initiatives, please let me know.

As ever, we can only achieve this mission with your help and support, so please accept our thanks for your continued willingness to keep us informed with news of members of the

congregation and the wider local community, supporting us with making phone calls and visits to those in need of support. The delivery of flowers from the service each Sunday is always a welcome gift, both the flowers and the visit are appreciated so a hug thanks also goes to the team of people who undertake this for us as part of our overall Pastoral Support.

Please remember to let us know if you would like a visit or phone call from us or would like to arrange this for a member of our congregation you feel would appreciate this type of support. All you need to do is complete a Helping Hands form and pop it into the box in the Open Doorway of the Church or speak to any of our team.

Join the team

If you would like to get more involved with Pastoral Care for our congregation and the wider local community please let us know. We would be delighted to have a few more members on the team. For more information about what is involved please speak to any of our team members.

Linda Gill
Pastoral Care Team Leader 669-7409
or helpinghands@pilrigstpauls.org.uk

Leith Community Knitting Bee

Our year kicks off with the first of our 'Knitting Bee On Tour' events when we will be visiting the Jameson Place Sheltered Housing development. One of our members, who lives there is delighted that we will be visiting and is encouraging residents to come along, see examples of our work and hear about some of the projects we have undertaken over the years. There will, of course, be tea and cake with the guarantee of lots of chat along the way. We will also be discussing and agreeing the plan to raise funds, in a late member's memory, for the charity Mary's Meals, a cause that was very close to her heart.

We would welcome your support with our fundraising activity and will share details in next month's article.

Linda Gill

Doing on-line shopping?



See the notice board outside the Session Room

Using text to make your offering

You can make your offering by texting **PSPC10 £5** to 70070 (You can change the £ amount as preferred).

To receive our news (Intimations) by email every week please visit: <http://eepurl.com/bXxvVn>

Prayer Corner

Please remember in your prayers members and friends of the congregation who are ill or infirm at this time. A full list is available in the printed version of the magazine.

Please let Roy Eprile know if you would like someone included in the prayer corner and also make sure Roy knows about any changes, thank you.



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Helping Hands



Do you know someone who would appreciate being remembered in our prayers each Sunday, a visit, a phone call, a card in the post or perhaps some flowers from us? IF THEY ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THEIR NAME PUT FORWARD, Please provide the details below and put this card into the box in the Open Doorway or contact:

Linda Gill on 669-7409 or helpinghands@pilrigstpauls.org.uk

Postal address: Linda Gill, Pastoral Care Team Leader,

Pilrig St Paul’s Church, 1B Pilrig Street, Edinburgh EH6 5AH

Member’s Details

Name

Address

Phone number.....

Please choose from the following, which you think would be most appropriate.

You can tick more than one option

Remembered in our prayers each week

Visit to their home

Flowers from the Service

Phone call.....

Card posted to their home.....

Would you like to help with this? Yes / No

(If you select yes please also provide your contact details)

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