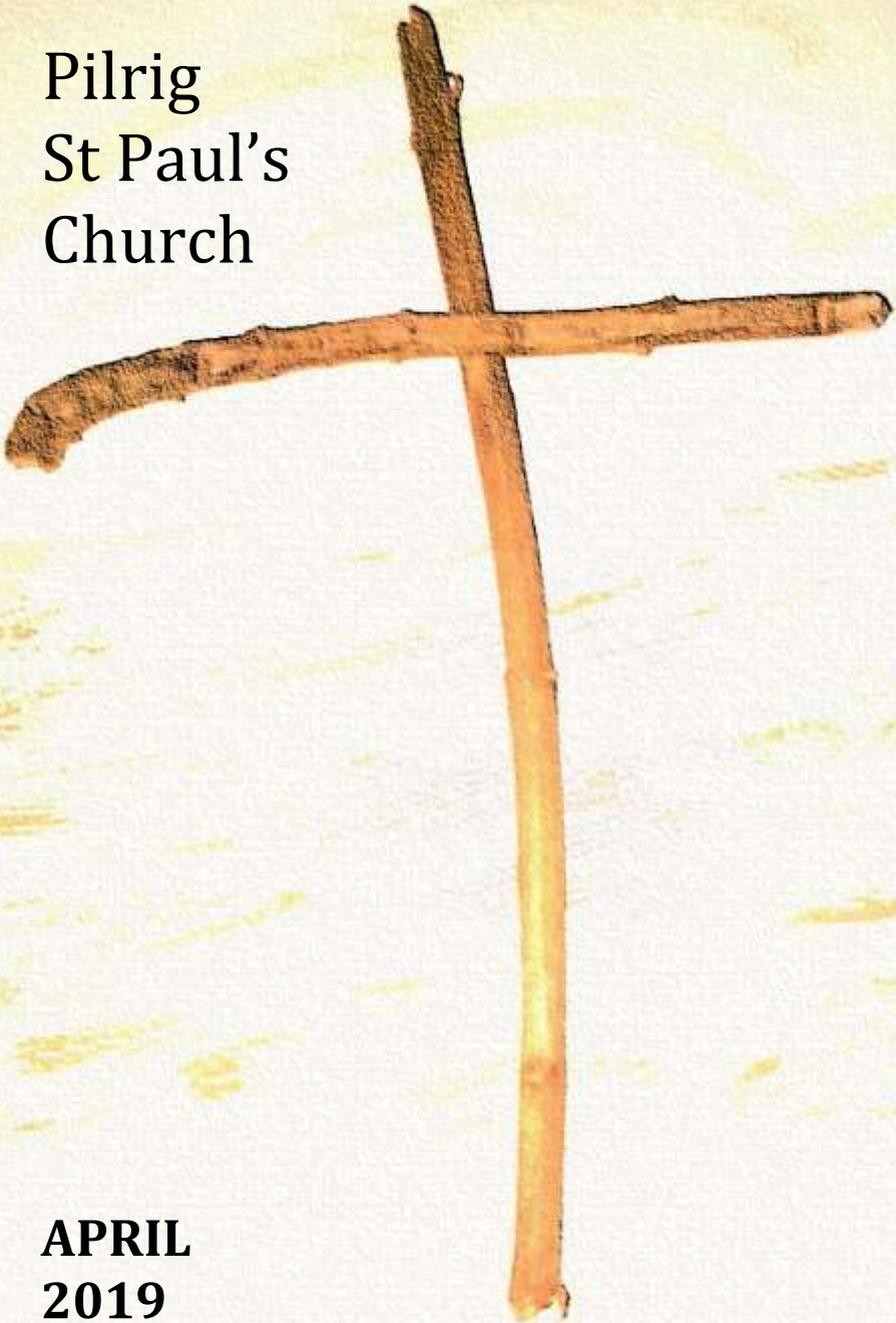


Pilrig
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INFORMATION re PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE

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 APRIL 2019

Thursday 4th April Lorne Primary Easter Service 10.30am

THERE IS NO OPEN DOORWAY THIS MORNING

2pm Knitting Bee on tour –Manderston Court see page 10

Friday 5th April Community Cinema see page 11

Sunday 7th April 11am Morning worship

Tuesday 9th April 2pm Guild Easter readings

Sunday 14th April 11am Palm Sunday Morning worship

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK ARE DETAILED ON page 8

Sunday 21st April 11am Easter Day Worship

Tuesday 23rd April 2pm The Guild AGM

Sunday 28th April 11am Holy Communion See page 8

PROVIDING FLOWERS IN APRIL 2019

7thApril Margaret Cameron

14thApril Frances and George McPherson

21st April Flower Fund

28th April Ella and Ronnie Gilfillan

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

2nd and 4th 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 ...

“After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” – Acts 1: 2

Dear All,

The book of Acts tells us that the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples numerous times over a forty-day period. He could have used that time to tell them what death and resurrection was like, how his grave clothes were left neatly folded, or what divine mechanism was used to roll away the stone from his tomb.

He could have explained to them the physics of suddenly appearing in locked rooms, divulged where he got the fish he fried for them on the beach, or helped them understand the seemingly physical characteristics of his risen presence. He could've addressed post-ascension practicalities, equipped them with doctrines, vision statements, and a list of achievable goals for the early church.

He did none of these things. Instead he continued to tell them about what he spoke of pre-crucifixion at the lakeside; on the mount; in the temple precincts; at Capernaum; on the road to everywhere. He spoke to them “about the kingdom of God.”

In life, in death, in life after death, it seems that the kingdom of God is all that he can talk about – perhaps because it's all that they needed to know. The banquet feast, the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the sower, the mustard seed, the yeast, the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, ... the list goes on and on.

Over 2,000 years later and we often get bogged down by trying to

answer impossible questions about the resurrection and the appearances of the Risen Christ to his first disciples. Instead we need to be telling people about what really mattered to Jesus, to the Risen Christ, and to his disciples. That is, the kingdom of God. That place where the lost are found, where the hidden is revealed, where all are invited to the table, and all are welcomed back with open arms.

May you all experience something of the kingdom of God in your own lives this Easter.

Blessings

Mark



Leith Churches Together

There is no LCT Service in April. The next one is on 8th May at 1pm in South Leith Parish Church.

Our AGM will be held on 4th April at 7.30pm in Ebenezer Church. Doors open 7pm for tea and coffee. There is a vacancy for another committee member from Pilrig St Paul's. This is open to all, not just office bearers. If you are interested, please speak to Eric Fisher.

Postcard search 2019: The theme of this year's search is "Earth, Wind, Water and Fire". Please send in a card that shows one of the four elements and write the bible verse where it appears on the back of the card. All entries should be sent to the Church Office (1b Pilrig Street, Edinburgh, EH6 5AH) by Sunday 22nd September.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Be shepherds of God's flock of God that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock

1 Peter Chapter 5 V 2-3

After eight years looking after Pastoral Care for our congregation, I feel that the time is right to hand over responsibility and encourage others to take the lead going forward. I believe it is important for the life of our congregation to find ways to involve new people in the work we undertake.

It is a role I have very much enjoyed and in coming to this decision I have reflected about the time I have been in role and the aspects of Pastoral Care we have delivered as a team for our Church.

- Reviewed, documented and communicated Pastoral Care activities.
- Recruited and set up the team.
- Arranged and attend training for the team – Bereavement Support, Pastoral Visiting, Dealing with Loss, Dementia Friendly visiting approaches, learning from other congregations about their Pastoral Care activities.
- Attended external courses held by the Church of Scotland on Bereavement and Loss strategies and pastoral activities. Then shared with the team.
- Hosted a number of meetings and social events to thank people for their support with our work and to gather in suggestions for new activities.

- Developed and delivered contact programmes for the congregation to ensure visits, phone calls or cards of support were delivered to all in need.
- Review of the flower delivery teams increasing from 6 to 10 and bringing in new people to be part of the team.
- Provision of informal on-going support to members through phone calls and face-to-face interactions.

The opportunity to involve someone new will enable a fresh look at our Pastoral Care and the various activities undertaken and of course to introduce new and different ideas.

In the planning for this change we have come up with a new approach to how the role will be undertaken. There will be two people each taking on specific aspects of the Pastoral Care responsibilities.

I am delighted that Catriona Blackwood has taken on responsibility for the delivery of the flowers from our service each Sunday, preparing the cards, identifying who the flowers might be sent to and looking after the delivery rota. If you know of anyone who would appreciate flowers from our service please let Catriona know.

We are still progressing the hand over for the other part of the role which relates to pastoral visiting and contact arranging for visits, phone calls and sending cards to people to show our support to them. More information will be provided about this next month.

The new leaders will take forward our plans to gain accreditation as a Dementia Friendly Congregation and undertake the Church of Scotland Mental Health First Aid training to enable us to be more aware of this area when providing 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.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported me while in this role.

Pastoral care is an ancient model of emotional and spiritual support that can be found in all cultures and traditions. It has been described in our modern context as individual and corporate patience in which trained **pastoral** carers support people in their pain, loss and anxiety, and their triumphs, joys and victories.

Linda Gill
Pastoral Care Team Leader

Pastoral Care Team

Mark Foster - Minister
Catriona Blackwood – Elder, Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Magazine Editor
Christine Edington – CrossReach Co-ordinator
Linda Gill – Elder and Pastoral Care Team Leader
Michelle Muhammad – Congregational Board Member
Cathy Purdie – Contact for Special Needs
Fiona Rankin – Elder
Jeanette Sime – Elder and Roll Keeper

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

Thanks to Linda for her enthusiasm and all the work she has put in to leading the team. (Team member)

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 14th April 11am Pilrig St Paul's Palm Sunday

Monday 15th April 7.30pm Leith St Andrews

Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm Pilrig St Paul's

Wednesday 17th April 7pm South Leith Parish Church

Thursday 18th April 7.30pm North Leith Parish Church

Friday 19th April 7.30pm St Mary's Star of the Sea (Stations of the Cross)

Sunday 21st April 11am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Pilrig St Paul's

**The Minister and Kirk Session of Pilrig St Paul's
Church**

invite you

to

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

on

Sunday 28th April 2019 at 11 am

This is the Lord's Table. Anyone who loves God and responds to Christ's invitation to join together in this feast is welcome to join us in the celebration.

As well as wine, there are cups of plain water on the serving trays. You are welcome to choose which to take.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the lovely flowers which we received at Church last Sunday in celebration of the birth of our little grandson, Matthew. We really appreciate them and the good wishes which came with them. Christine and Alex Edington

I would just like to say a big Thank you to the Church (and all its helpers) for a lovely lunch on 24th February, also for the beautiful flowers given to me then by Eric. Very much appreciated. Alison Kennett

Thank you to everyone for the lovely bunch of flowers given to me after the recent death of my sister-in-law. So very kind and much appreciated. Thank you also for the card. Charlie Forman

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received on Sunday. It was such a lovely surprise and really cheered me up. Sadie Duffy

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers we received recently. The thought was much appreciated. Maureen and Ron Eunson

Many thanks for all the kind wishes you sent to me by card and telephone following my hip operation. Things are coming along at a "steady" pace and looking good. Both Catherine and I would like to thank John, Lisa and Jeanette for bringing a lovely display of flowers from the church, following the service. Your get well massages were a great pick me up. Eric Fisher
Sorry, this was omitted in error last month. Ed

Lily Gilhooley's sister has asked the Church to pass on thanks from the British Heart Foundation. The donation of £500 collected after Lily's funeral will go towards their pioneering care and research programmes.

Leith Community Knitting Bee

As you know, this year the Knitting Bee is on tour and we have had two successful events to date. Our first was an afternoon at Jameson Place Sheltered Housing development in January and then a visit to Victoria Manor Care Home in February. The residents joined us for a cuppa and cake followed by some time for us to share examples of our work and to let them know about some of the projects we have undertaken over the years.

The next tour stop will be Gordon & Manderston Court Sheltered Housing Development on 4th April and that will conclude our tour for this year.

In the mean time we continue to work hard preparing items for our fundraiser event that will be taking place in May when we are going to be holding a stall at Out of The Blue Craft Fair. The money raised at this event will be donated to the charity Mary's Meals, a cause that was very close to the heart of a member who died recently.

We would welcome your support with our fundraising activity so please come along to the Craft Fair.

Linda Gill

The Magazine

Thank you again to all the contributors to the magazine. Please may I have articles for the May magazine by 21st April? If anyone in the church collects old greetings/Christmas cards, and would like the information put in the magazine, please let me know.

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

Thank you,
Catriona Blackwood



Leith Community Cinema Update

The cinema has had a great start to 2019 with four films and eight screenings in total, as we are able to offer our screenings in both halls now so we are fully accessible.

Paddington 2 and The Greatest Showman were our February screenings and brought some really positive feedback.

Very good – keep as is!!

Everything is lovely and the staff were helpful, friendly and kind!

Loved having the tables for refreshments, kids loved bean bags, you are doing a grand job

Really enjoyable and welcoming atmosphere- excellent value too
Wonderful we will definitely be back – Thank you

Excellent

Superb

Really enjoyed it

I came here first time. It's really good when we cannot afford to go in cinemas.

Thanks, it was great. Loved the refreshments

My little boy really enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The comfy cushions, beanbags were perfect!

Everything was very very good. We enjoyed it so much today, it was superb!!!!

A children's choice on Saturday morning is fab!

A big thank you to David Gill who attended a graduate event at RBS Gogarburn and secured 13 new volunteers for the cinema for this year.

Last weekend we screened a film called Nae Pasran in collaboration with three charities, Bikes for Refugees, CRIBS (a charity that supports refugee mothers in Greece and Refugee Community Kitchen. The film is set in a Scottish town in 1974 when factory workers refuse to carry out repairs on warplane engines in an act of solidarity against the violent military coup in Chile. Four years pass before the engines, left to rust in factory yard, mysteriously disappear in the middle of the night. The screening is a fundraiser with funds being split equally across the three charities. It was fully booked almost since we launched it.

We are also screened Peter Rabbit on our popular Saturday morning slot.

Both screenings were fully attended and enjoyed by all.

Next month we are holding our collaboration film festival with the Undependance team. The event is being held on Friday 5th April from 6pm. Tickets can be booked via our website and social media pages.

This year we were not successful in our application for funding through £eith Chooses however we enjoyed a lovely afternoon meeting lots of people and telling them about our cinema. It has

also given us some great contact and suggestions for collaborations for our programme this year. This includes a screening supported by visual description for those with visual impairment and an autism friendly screening for adults with autism.

We have had success as well with developing the sound systems for the cinema and thank you to John Innes and Mark Wexelstein for ordering and fitting the new sound bar.

We are being helped to re-organise the cinema equipment storage to make the set up and clear away easier and quicker. Thanks goes to Maria, Aileen and Mark W for this.

Finally watch out for the May films being launched soon – Saturday 16th May when we are will showing Incredibles 2 and Mama Mia Here We Go Again!!

Linda Gill
Leader, Leith Community Cinema

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).

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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