



**PILRIG ST PAUL'S CHURCH MAY 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 MAY 2019**

**Sunday 5th May** 11am Morning Worship, including the Stated Annual Meeting, see page 9

**Tuesday 8th May** LCT 1pm joint service – South Leith Parish Church

**Sunday 12th May** 11am Morning Worship

**Christian Aid Week**, see page 9

Saturday 18th May Leith Community Cinema see page 10

**Sunday 19th May** 11am Morning Worship

**Sunday 26th May** 11am Morning Worship

2.30pm Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance see page 9

### **PROVIDING FLOWERS IN APRIL 2019**

5th May Aileen Fraser

12th May Margaret and David Fraser

19th May Eric Fisher

26th May John Brown

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 flower organisers 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays - The Guild (Jeanette Sime 552 9652)

The 5<sup>th</sup> Leith Scouts Pilrig (5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 ...*

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,  
nor rulers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor  
anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ  
Jesus our Lord”.

- Romans  
8: 38-39

Dear All,

I cannot reflect on the Easter story without recalling my recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the opportunities that were afforded me whilst journeying in these lands. To stoop through the Door of Humility and touch the star in the Grotto of the Nativity at Bethlehem; to worship at the site of Jesus’ baptism in the River Jordan; to stand on the Mount of Olives and look out over Jerusalem; to pray the Lord’s Prayer at the Church of Pater Noster; to walk the Via Dolorosa and stop at the Stations of the Cross; and to walk by the shores of Lake Galilee – are all experiences that will continue to influence my life of faith for many years to come.

The same can be said for many of the people I travelled with and met during my time there, such as the children at Al-Shurooq School for the Blind, in Bethlehem; our Arab Christian guide, Bassam; and others who shared and challenged my understanding of witnessing to our faith in today’s world.

Yet one of the most powerful images that will remain with me is that of the Separation Wall, which divides the people of

Israel and Palestine in ways that go far beyond its sheer physical nature. As a pilgrim I passed through the wall with very little inconvenience, but I know that for many ordinary Palestinians this barrier restricts their freedom of movement. In many cases the wall denies them the ability to earn a living from their own land; reach their work places; access adequate water resources; reach essential health care, and travel to worship with the same freedoms that we enjoy in Scotland. The wall has not only created a physical barrier between Palestinian and Jewish citizens it has also created a barrier in the hearts of the people from these two nations.

The Easter story reminds us that God's love knows no barriers at all. Indeed, by overcoming the barrier between life and death God sought to bring an end to all that separates us from God's love. The season of Easter stands as a reminder to us that all barriers - be they between countries, nationalities, religious communities, or individuals - tear at God's heart and are contrary to our faith.

As people of a resurrection faith we must seek to bring down the barriers that we create in our own lives; the barriers that we put up between ourselves and others; the barriers that some seek to impose on our Church; and the barriers that divide our brothers and sisters in humanity. We must strive for unity and embrace diversity if we are to become the people that God wants us to be. It will, hopefully, be through the power and example of us living and working together that barriers such as the Separation Wall will one day be broken down too.

Shalom  
Mark



## Leith Churches Together

The A.G.M. of the Leith Churches Together (L.C.T.) was held on Thursday 4th April in Ebenezer Church at 7.30pm.

Our guest speaker this year came from the Scottish Churches Housing Action, who spoke of their work and of their planned WALK OF UNITY 2019 which will take place on Friday 7th June at 10am from St John's Episcopal Church, West End to the United Reform Church Duke Street, Leith. The final leg of the walk will set off at 11.30am walking to St. John the Evangelist's Roman Catholic Church, Portobello. Further details will be announced nearer to the event.

Election of office bearers for this coming year then took place:

Chair - Sally Fraser (Pastoral Associate, St. Mary's R.C. Church)

Secretary - Joan Graham (Duke Street U.R.C.)

Treasurer - Anne Lamont (North Leith C of S.)

Eric Fisher.

### The Magazine

Thank you again to all the contributors to the magazine. Please may I have articles for the June magazine by 19<sup>th</sup> May? This is the last magazine before the summer, thank you.

Catriona Blackwood

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

## Leith Community Knitting Bee



This month we enjoyed another outing of the Knitting Bee when we visited Manderston Court where Flo, one of our members, lives. It was lovely to meet some of the residents to share examples of our work over the years.

Ellen, had knitted and crafted a range of Easter gifts for us to sell so we also made a start at raising funds to go towards our fundraiser.

We are now all very much focused on the final preparation for the craft fair in May at Out of The Blue Craft in Dalmeny Street. The money raised at this event will be donated in memory of one of our members, for the charity Mary's Meals, a cause that was very close to her heart.

Please come along and support us.

Craft Fair, Out of the Blue, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 12noon-5pm.

Our project for the second half of this year is to knit Trauma Teddies. The teddies are made and donated free of charge to children who need a smile due to trauma, illness or difficult circumstances. They are gifted by emergency services and other organisations in the course of their work. If you would like to be involved and help out with this project please let me know.

Linda Gill



## **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

This month has seen changes for the Pastoral Care team, but we will be working hard to keep up the support and caring put in place by Linda. Please keep us up to date with information (if the person concerned agrees) and we will send out cards, flowers and visit as appropriate. In particular, this is an excellent way of keeping up with our less able members, most of whom have been very involved with our worship and activities when they were able, and sometimes pushed themselves when others would have reduced their responsibilities! We work closely with the Minister, Elders, magazine visitors, flower delivery team and the prayer corner. Many members who are not on any of these groups also keep up with the less able and these visits are much appreciated by all.

Catriona Blackwood,  
Team Member

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> September

## THANK YOU

Many thanks for the lovely flowers, they were very much appreciated. Linda Gill

Thank you very much for the lovely colourful roses which Irene delivered to me. I appreciated them very much. Hilda Winton

Thanks for the cards, letters, phone calls, flowers and good wishes I have received during my illness. Thanks to Mark and Joanne for their visit. Roy Eprile

Many thanks to everyone for the beautiful flowers I received on Sunday. It was a very pleasant surprise and thank you to Margaret for delivering them to me. Chrissie Blacklaw

We were delighted to receive the beautiful gift of church flowers. It was such a lovely surprise. Wishing you all a joyous Easter season. Joanne, Mark and Rannoch

Thank you to everyone for the lovely flowers received on Mothering Sunday. It was a real surprise and thank you for thinking of me. Antje Armstrong

## **STATED ANNUAL MEETING**

This will take place during Morning Worship on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. There are copies of the 2018 accounts on the table outside the Session Room for anyone who wishes a copy. If you have any questions, please speak to Mark Wexelstein



Information about donating to this will be given in the intimations during May

## **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE**



Our Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance will take place in the church at 2:30 pm on Sunday 26 May. This short service is held especially for all those who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend in recent years.



In March we screened Nae Pasran in collaboration with three charities, Bikes for Refugees, CRIBS (a charity that supports refugee mothers in Greece and Refugee Community Kitchen) to a full house. There were short talks from the charities who benefitted from the money raised - £700 shared amongst the three organisations.

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. We were delighted to be joined by many people with direct connections to Chile through family or friends and some who had been part of the original crowd funding that was sourced to help make the film and allow this amazing story to be told. The film has not yet been released in Chile and so a number of people in our audience were going to be sending messages back home to tell them about the film.

Here is some of the feedback from the evening.

- Do it again soon please!
- Great thanks. Really nicely prepared and great choice of film. Delicious food too.
- Lovely to be offered food and drinks
- It was great! Friendly environment and excellent movie
- Powerful moving – inspiring. Join a trade union!
- The programme was a bit of a mystery! We didn't know about the talks from the charities. Film was v good – it did make for a longer evening than expected!

- Very enjoyable
- Thank you!
- The soup was fantastic
- Thank you to Linda and all the volunteer cinema team for supporting this beautiful evening of solidarity
- Lovely to enjoy in a social setting
- More hankies, was a tearjerker!
- First time viewing – very good event tonight
- Well done for vegan cake
- I didn't know it existed until now.

Peter Rabbit also went well with large numbers including a group booking to celebrate a birthday party. Here is a selection of the feedback.

- Great morning
- Very well organized - we enjoyed very much
- Very good. My kids love to come again and again. They want movie every week!
- More beanbags
- Very family friendly – thank you
- You are doing a great job!
- No suggestions – café was great. We look forward to coming next time
- Thanks – keep it up!

We have also held our collaboration screening with the UnDependence team. It was a quieter event held in the Session House however it provided a thought provoking programme with good post screening discussion.

Many thanks to those who have put forward suggestions for how we might be able to secure funding for our hot food café. We are

following up these suggestions and will keep everyone posted as things progress.

We are following up on some potential collaborations with Tailor Ed who support children with autism and their families as well as an organisation that supports adults with autism. Plans are also under way to pilot a screening supported by visual description for those with visual impairment.

Our May screenings have been launched now so please join us on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May when we will be showing Incredibles 2 and Mamma Mia Here We Go Again!!

Soon to be launched are our June screenings when we have Christopher Robin and A Star is Born on the programme on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Linda Gill  
Leader, Leith Community Cinema

### **Doing on-line shopping?**



Please see the notice board outside the Session Room to help raise funds for Pilrig St Paul's.

## 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.



### CONTACT DETAILS

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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](mailto:helpinghands@pilrigstpauls.org.uk)

Postal address: Pastoral care team,

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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Pilrig St Paul's Church participates in.....



Leith Churches Together



*PILRIG ST. PAUL'S CHURCH  
EDINBURGH*

*A Service of  
Thanksgiving and Remembrance*

**Sunday 26 May 2019  
at 2:30 pm**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**