



**PILRIG ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
MAY 2022**

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Church website: <http://www.pilrigstpauls.org.uk>

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### **INFORMATION re PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE**

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## **PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH MAY 2022**



### **ALL WELCOME**

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT 11AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ARE ALSO LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK, TO WATCH LIVE OR LATER. RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED, INCLUDING MASKS. THE PEW CUSHIONS ARE BACK, YOU**

**CAN SIT WHERE YOU WANT, NEXT TO ANYONE.**

**(Hand sanitizer and 1 metre spaced seating are available. You are welcome to wear a mask while walking round or during the service, if you prefer.)**

### **Weekday events**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Session meeting, venue to be announced**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Guild AGM venue to be announced**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 1 pm §Leith Churches Together Service, Pilrig St Paul's**

**please bring your own lunch**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Board Meeting venue to be announced**

*From our minister:*

*“Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed.”*

– 1 Corinthians 15:51

Dear All,

Easter is a mystery! There are so many aspects about resurrection that we can't understand or explain using our current understanding of the world. But the good news is that we don't have to understand the resurrection to be inspired by it, to be raised up by it, and to be transformed by it.

The power of Easter doesn't lie in the explanation of how Jesus came back from the dead. Instead, it comes from its ability to transform our lives. The power of Easter is found through the comfort of knowing that death is not the end. It is found in the realisation that we don't need to earn our way into eternity. It is found through the discovery that it is easier to forgive, knowing that eternity is far too long to bear a grudge. Death has been defeated, so we take a step toward heaven, not by dying, but by realizing that our eternity has just begun.

Sadly, the Easter message often starts to fade from our lives and our worship not long after the daffodils have wilted, and we return to the tasks and routines of our daily lives again. We behave as if the victory of life over death is just a temporary one. The challenge for us, is to continue to live out the Easter message in our lives and proclaim the Risen Christ in our worship.

Like the first followers of Christ, we must discover the power of Easter for ourselves and apply it to our lives and the life of our

world. Like them we must take Easter and transform it from mystery to revelation and from puzzlement to proclamation. The message of Easter still has the power to continually challenge and transform our lives, our worship, and the life of our world if we let it.

Blessings

Mark



THANK YOU

We have received thanks from members for prayers, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, texts and support received following illness, celebrations, bereavements and accidents.

### Flowers in the Sanctuary

We have moved to a system of seasonal artificial displays most Sundays, and fresh displays for significant events in the Church calendar. We are still sending flowers or plants to members and friends to support them through joyous or difficult times. Members who prefer to donate to the flower fund in a particular month are asked to contact Catriona Blackwood who is updating the rota. Contact details on page 8



**There will be opportunities to donate via the Church.  
Details will be given in the intimations.**

Here are some of the Christian Aid events they have advertised for this year in Edinburgh:

Christian Aid Book Sale and Festival | Data Thistle  
<https://www.datathistle.com> › event › 82122-christian-a...

HOLY CORNER BOOK SALE (@corner\_holy) / Twitter  
[https://twitter.com/corner\\_holy](https://twitter.com/corner_holy)

**Christian Aid** Booksale Morningside United Church, 15 Chamberlain Rd EH10 4DH, Sat 14/Sun 15 May 2022.  
CURRENT STOCK ONLY. no book donations ...

The **2022 Christian Aid Book Sale** returns to St Andrew's and St George's West. Saturday 14 May 10am – 4pm. Monday 16 May – Friday 20 May 10am – 3.30pm.

## **Calton Youth Ministry Trust**

The Calton Youth Ministry Trust (the “Trust”) was established to support a Christian ministry caring for and advancing the education of, in the main, the youth in the local community. For many years the Trust ran a community facility from the Calton Centre in Montgomery Street. In its day it was a much-valued community asset and served the people of the Calton area and beyond.

When in 2006 the Centre’s building needed wide ranging and costly repairs, the Centre was closed. The building was sold in 2009 and the Trustees decided to implement the Trust purposes by distributing the sale proceeds of the building back into the community through a grant awarding scheme. The main target group was individual young people and charities working with and for this age group.

In 2013 The Rev Mark Foster was appointed to be one of the Trustees, alongside members of Greenside Parish Church and the former London Road Church of Scotland congregations, as well as other representatives from the Presbytery. In Autumn of the following year the Trust awarded its first series of grants.

In April of 2022 the Trust came to an end after distributing all its remaining funds. The total amount has been awarded to local charities is not yet available. Priority was given to charities supporting young people but others who met the award criteria also benefitted. Some of the charities who have benefitted are Pilmeny Youth Centre, Citadel Youth Centre, Impart Arts, Strange Town, Cannongate Youth Project, Ripple Project, Sikh Sanjog, Street Pastors and several more including our own Leith Community Cinema. Individuals have also benefitted from modest awards. On reflection the Calton Youth Ministry Trust has been privileged to be able to make a real

difference to the lives, development and support of young people and others in our local area.

All that has been achieved by the Trust is due to the hard work, commitment and vision of all those involved through the years. Local churches, their ministers, members who have taken on a number of roles and the Edinburgh Presbytery who has provided Trustees all of whom deserve a warm and grateful word of thanks.

Isabel McNab



## **PASTORAL CARE AND MAGAZINE**

Hello Everyone,

It has been so good to sit on pew cushions, walk round and talk to others before the service, and to see friends who have not been able to come during the restrictions. We look forward to having our halls back, which should be soon, but we have no date yet.

I will continue to post magazines out to the housebound and those who send stamps, but thanks you to all those who are collecting magazines now. I hope to have deliveries organised after the summer, if you can help, please let me know.

Articles for June, the last magazine for the season, should be with me by 22<sup>nd</sup> May, please.

Catriona Blackwood

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## **GIVING TO PILRIG ST PAUL'S**

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If you shop online you can support the church when you shop on Amazon. If you are using their webpage can you go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and you can select Edinburgh: Pilrig St Paul's Parish Church of Scotland as the charity. For certain purchases we will receive up to 1.5% as a donation. You can now change the settings on their app and select the same charity name.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Wexelstein

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*Helping Hands*



Do you know someone who would appreciate being remembered in our prayers, a visit, a phone call, a card in the post or perhaps some flowers from us? Please provide the details below and put this card into the box in the Open Doorway or contact Catriona Blackwood 554 6183, [magazine@pilrigstpauls.org.uk](mailto:magazine@pilrigstpauls.org.uk)

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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You can now join a **WhatsApp Prayer Group** to receive daily prayers. To join, reply to the intimations email with your name and phone number. You obviously need to be signed up to WhatsApp on your phone as well. We are also looking for people who are prepared to write prayers for the group, please let us know if you can do that too.

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 the minister or me know of someone to include in this section. Catriona Blackwood



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