



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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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If you wish to follow the readings that we use in church each Sunday you can access them at

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the guild www.pilrigstpauls.org.uk

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INFORMATION re PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE

We welcome articles and thank you letters from members and friends. Articles 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. 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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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, BESIDE OTHERS.

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

Thursday 9th June 1 pm Leith Churches Together Service, South Leith Parish Church Please bring your own lunch

Friday 10th June 2022, 18:30-21:30 Songs of Praise recording of hymns and songs at Canongate Kirk. All are welcome so please join us! See page 7

Many of our organisations and groups take a break over the summer. For more information, find contact details on page 2 and the back page.

From our minister:

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' – *Matthew 25: 34-36*

Dear All,

The opening session of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland began, as always, with its traditional pomp and ceremony, including the reading of the letter from the Queen. She applauded the role of Church of Scotland congregations in offering support to Ukrainian refugees and 'welcoming the stranger', as well as providing Christian concern for God's creation in tackling climate change and supporting communities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I was reminded of an occasion early on in my ministry when a visitor from England challenged me at the door of the church, saying that we didn't recognise the Queen in the Church of Scotland. I replied that they were wrong and that Her Majesty, or her appointed representative, held the title of Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland each year. They came back at me to say that may well be the case, but that the Church of Scotland didn't recognise the Queen as Head of the Church. I told them that they were correct on this point. They then proceeded to inform me why this was wrong, before asking who we considered to be more important than the Queen and therefore Head of the Church. I told them that the Head of the Church (as far

as The Church of Scotland professes) is Our Lord, Jesus Christ. They suddenly became very quiet at this point and quickly withdrew.

This year's General Assembly of The Church of Scotland will have to wrestle with some serious issues of change and adjustment which are set to help shape the future of the Church. Yet, as Her Majesty's letter reminded us, the Church's main mission must be to continue Christ's ministry of proclaiming the gospel by 'welcoming the stranger' and caring for others.

The Church needs to go through a series of radical reforms and changes at all levels. Some of these will be difficult and painful changes to make. Yet at the heart of all we do we must keep welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and clothing the naked as we seek to follow Christ's teachings and example.

Blessings
Mark

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 send flowers or plants to members and friends to support them through joyous or difficult times. Donations to the flower fund are welcomed, see page 9. Please contact me if you prefer to donate to the flower fund in a particular month.

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS KEEP ME UP TO DATE RE SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES, OF FELLOW MEMBERS. IT IS THE BEST WAY TO INCLUDE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU

Catriona Blackwood

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GETTING THINGS BACK TO NORMAL

Now that our halls are opening again, we are seeking to appoint someone to clean the buildings each week. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to send their details to psp.halluse@gmail.com

We are looking for people comfortable working on ladders to assist us with replacing the curtains and blinds which were removed from the hall and Session Room during the repairs and redecoration, let Mark Wexelstein know if you are able to help.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE?

Yes please, as soon as possible!

If you are able to help with this, please contact the minister. If you were on the rota pre-lockdown, please let him know if you can still take part. Thank you.

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.

You are warmly invited to a Songs of Praise recording of hymns and songs at **Canongate Kirk**. All are welcome so please join us!
Recording: Friday 10th June 2022, 18:30-21:30.
Where: Canongate Kirk, 153 Canongate Edinburgh H8 8BN

To apply for free tickets, please send your **name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested** to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. Please include '**Songs of Praise Edinburgh**' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on **07734 030 888** to book your tickets. We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you know you are able to come.

CALTON YOUTH MINISTRY TRUST
UPDATE TO THE FULL ARTICLE IN THE LAST MAGAZINE

In April of 2022 the Trust came to an end after distributing all its remaining funds. The total amount awarded to local charities is £321,586. Isabel McNab



PASTORAL CARE AND MAGAZINE

Hello Everyone,

OUR HALLS ARE NOW BACK IN USE! See page 6 about setting up again.

It has been so good to see more people at church, have Board and Session meetings on the premises, and generally get back to a bit of normality. We have had it harder than many other congregations with having had the fire at the end of November. The halls look great, and all the furniture is back.

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

There will not be a magazine in July or August. This is a good time to thank all the people who have helped me with it over the year – the minister who writes a pastoral letter and supplies a great deal of information and guidance, John Innes who prints it and put it together in February when I was ill, and my husband who proof reads it.

Articles for September, should be with me by 21st August, please. I am reviewing and updating the prayer corner, please let me know of any changes I should make to this. Thank you.

Catriona Blackwood
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Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Wexelstein

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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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HALL LETS – Our halls are finally able to open again now the repairs are complete, contact psp.halluse@gmail.com to make a booking.

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