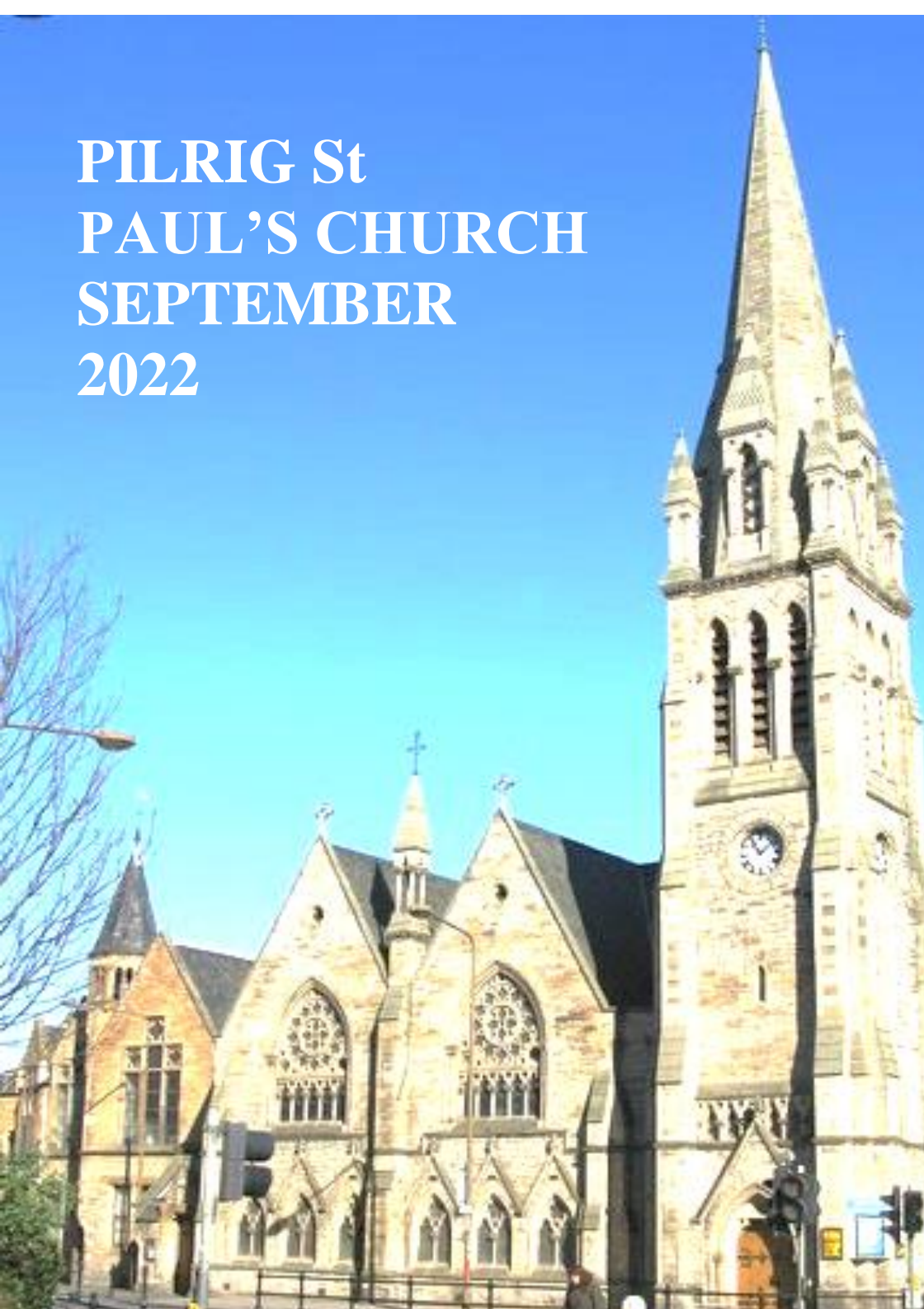


**PILRIG St  
PAUL'S CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER  
2022**



## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pilrigstpauls/>

If you wish to follow the readings that we use in church each Sunday you can access them at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu//>

For information regarding Girl Guiding and Scouts:

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

[hello@scouts.scot](mailto:hello@scouts.scot)

Sign up to our mailing list here:

<https://mailchi.mp/f8740e88c94b/pilrig>

Our organisations and groups are starting up after the summer. For more information, find contact details on page 2 and the back page. Hand sanitizer and 1 metre spaced seating are available. You are welcome to wear a mask while walking round or during the service.

### **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.

This is a reduced version of the magazine for general publication. Members and adherents who would like a full prayer, pastoral and bereavement or thank you list, or a financial update.



## PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2022

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT 11AM EVERY SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY AND ARE ALSO LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK, TO WATCH LIVE OR LATER. ALL WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US FOR TEA, COFFEE AND A CHAT IN THE SESSION ROOM AFTER THE SERVICE**

Leith Churches Together lunchtime ecumenical services are hosted and led monthly by different churches in turn.

The service usually lasts 25-30 minutes and is followed by lunch together. Please bring your own lunch.

The next service is on **Thursday 8th September** at Newhaven Church

The Guild will commence their new Session at **1pm** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please see article later in the magazine.



Our foodbank at Pilrig St Paul's continues to be open for clients on a Wednesday afternoon. We are delighted that Maria is now well enough to lead this again. Please continue to bring donations and put them in the basket in the church vestibule.

From our minister

*"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance."*

– Revelation 2:19a (NRSV)

Dear All.

These are not easy times to be the Church, both locally and at a national level. The financial bottom line is nipping at our heels and membership numbers continue to decline. We are tired and we are worried about the future of our faith communities.

So here are words of encouragement and appreciation for us and our church: *"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance."* God is watching. God sees all that we are doing. Most importantly God believes in us and the amazing work that we are doing.

In every congregation I know, people are working hard to show the love of God in action. The hungry are being fed; children are being taught; those who mourn are given support and comfort; visitors are welcomed; people are being supported; and communities are being served. All these things, and many more, are being done against the backdrop of increasing poverty, soaring costs, and other additional pressures from the world around us.

Much of our work goes unreported and unwitnessed by the wider community. Sadly, we too often overlook the goodness and faithfulness that takes place daily in our own congregations. But God sees these amazing deeds and our endurance in the face of many difficulties.

Thank you for all that you do that helps keep the church going: the acts of kindness you show to others; the words of encouragement you give; the money you offer; and the time and skills you devote to the work and worship of the church. You are amazing!

Amid all that is going on in our world, our country, and our Church in these uncertain times, 'our works, our toil and our patient endurance' are needed more than ever before. So, thank you for all that you are doing in God's name.

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. 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

Catrina Blackwood

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**THANK YOU**

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



**THE GUILD** will commence their new Session at **1pm** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September with a get-together lunch and live entertainment from Eric. We look forward to seeing all members and welcome new members, Ladies or Gents.

Please note earlier time for this meeting.

Marjory



In July there was a foodbank collection over 2 days showing the presence of the local foodbank on the store floor to Tesco customers and Leith folks. The invitation to donate and accept a shopping list from the volunteers at the door was largely well received.

1272kg was donated filling 41 crates (539kg) on Friday and 51 crates (733kg) on Saturday. A total of 92 crates!

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated on the store floor and also the sorting team at Stewartfield.

## **MARLYN TAIT**

The sad news that Marlyn Tait has died came as a big shock to us all. We remember very fondly her vibrant personality and enthusiasm for life in all she said and did, whether on a personal level or as a member of the church and the minister's wife. She was always a very good listener and showed real interest in anything she was told. She also remembered to ask later on how something had worked out. We send our condolences to John, Colin and Alan and the rest of the family at this time.

Catriona Blackwood, Editor



## **PASTORAL CARE AND MAGAZINE**

Hello Everyone,

I really enjoyed my cup of coffee and chat after the service on Sunday! We continue to send flowers, cards and plants to members at times of celebration, sorrow and achievement.

Articles for October, should be with me by 18<sup>th</sup> September, please.

Thank you.

Catriona Blackwood

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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

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.

## GIVING TO PILRIG ST PAUL'S

Please consider making a donation by visiting our website [www.pilrigstpauls.org.uk](http://www.pilrigstpauls.org.uk) and donate using the PayPal button. You can also use the QR code below by scanning it on your mobile phone.



We have set up a JustGiving page, the url is <https://www.justgiving.com/edinburghpilrigstpaulsparishchurch>  
We do have to pay a handling fee for any donations received through PayPal or JustGiving so don't receive the full amount donated.

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.

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