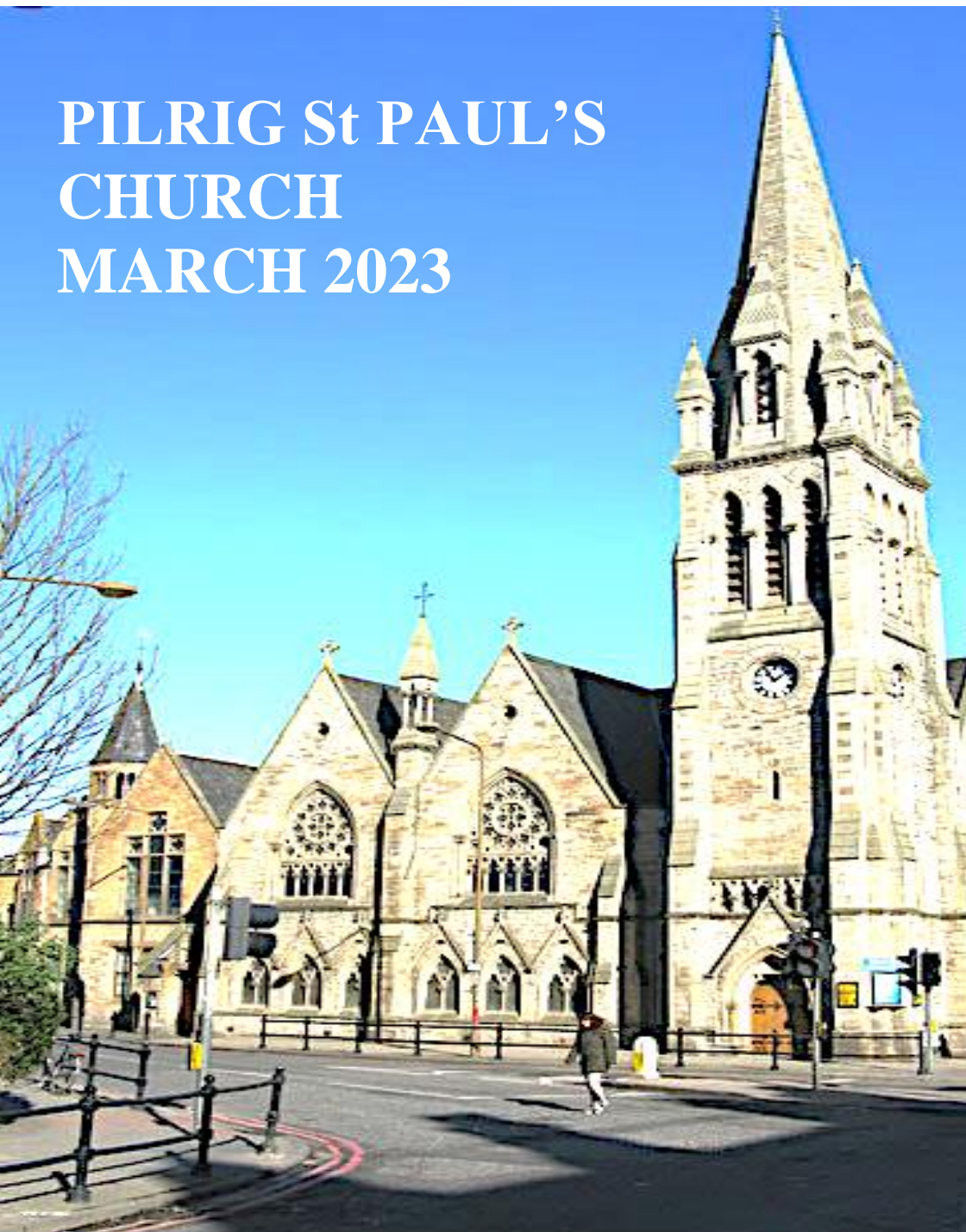


**PILRIG St PAUL'S
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PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE

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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

hello@scouts.scot

Sign up to our mailing list here:

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

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. For more information about our groups and organisations, find contact details on the back cover. Although no longer a requirement, 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 CHURCH MARCH 2023

ON WEEK 1 OF THE MONTH WE MEET JOINTLY WITH LEITH St ANDREW'S AND St MARGARET'S RESTALIRG IN TURN. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS AND TIMES

From week 2 of every month services take place at 11am on Sunday in each sanctuary. Pilrig St Paul's services are live streamed on Facebook, to watch then or later.

ALL WELCOME TO EVERY SERVICE

**SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023 at 10.30am
JOINT SERVICE AT St MARGARET'S CHURCH, RESTALIRG
PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME
THERE IS NO SERVICE IN PILRIG St PAUL'S THIS DAY**



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 at Pilrig St Paul's Church on Thursday 9th March at 1pm, led by Rev Jennifer Booth.



**Tuesday March 14th - Talk by MARGARET BOA
Chairperson Edinburgh Guilds Together**

The first **Worship Workshop will take place on Saturday 18 March 10am-12 noon. Please see page 5**



Our foodbank at Pilrig St Paul's continues to be open for clients on a Wednesday afternoon. Please bring donations of non-perishable items and put them in the basket in the church vestibule. Cash donations are also welcomed, please put them in an envelope marked Foodbank in the offering plate.

Thank you.

From our minister:

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter
under heaven”
– Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear All,

Time famine, or time poverty, is the feeling of not having enough time to do all you want to. Sleep, work, childcare, cooking, cleaning, shopping, gardening . . . the list goes on. Even those who are retired often find themselves complaining that they don't have enough hours in the day. Our time is precious and many of us will feel robbed when we lose an hour with the changing of the clocks this month.

Amid our busy, clock-watching lives we often find it hard to devote time to prayer, reflection, and worship. We plug along, promising ourselves that tomorrow will be different, while knowing that it will not be. But if we care about someone or something enough, we will find a way to make time. I'm not saying this to make anyone feel guilty. It's just a fact of life.

Lent is the season in the church year, when we are asked to look at our lives, and get rid of the things that aren't working or at least re-adjust the balance of our lives between the things that keep us busy and the things that feed our souls. We have 168 hours every week and it seems only right that we set aside some of this time for God. Making time for moments of prayer, personal reflection, and joining others in worship are all things that help replenish us in body, mind, and spirit.

So, take a moment for prayer before you rush into each day. Pause for reflection every now and then. Make time for worship before the start of another busy week ahead. Your soul will thank you for it.

Blessings

Mark

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.

The **Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance** is open to all those who have lost a loved one in their lives since our last service in 2019. This service will take place on Sunday 7 May at 2:30 pm.

The first **Worship Workshop** will take place on Saturday 18 March 10am-12 noon (enter via the second set of blue doors on Pilrig Street). This will be a hymn writing workshop. No musical experience or knowledge is required to take part.

Providing for the flower fund recently:

Scott Gillies

Catrina Blackwood

FROM THE CrossReach website:

Care you can put your faith in



About us

At CrossReach we offer loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances.

We have been at the forefront of high quality social care for over 150 years. During that time we have worked hard to understand the needs of the people who turn to us for help and with them have been at the forefront of pioneering services which have literally changed thousands of lives for the better.

Today we are one of the largest care providers in Scotland, with experience across a broad range of services. We are still growing, learning and improving, thanks to the incredible people we have the privilege to support, and all those who support us.

Our Christian Ethos

We aim to show the practical side of our Christian faith by reflecting Christian love to those we support, through our leadership, management and working relationships.

The Church of Scotland's Social Care Council

The Church's [Social Care Council](#) is accountable for the work of

CrossReach. Its remit is to provide social care services and specialist resources in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in challenging circumstances. It also helps to identify areas of need and guides the Church in new approaches to relevant problems in society as well as responding on issues arising in the Council's areas of concern.

The Convener of the Social Care Council is Rev. Thom Riddell who is assisted by Vice Convener, Mrs Sarah Wood.

Copies of the current CrossReach news can be found in the open doorway.



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.

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

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

We changed our system to artificial flowers when we were restricted during lockdown. Although not now necessary from that point of view, we have kept this up for most services, thanks to one elder's diligence in sourcing an adequate number of realistic displays.

In the past, when donors put actual flowers in the Sanctuary, it could be difficult to select a date that suited you.

YOU CAN NOW PAY INTO THE FUND AT A TIME THAT SUITS YOU,

We show names of recent donors in the magazine. I have been asked about making up a rota to remind people of when their month is. Please let me know if you would find this helpful.

WE DELIVER OR SEND FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS TO MEMBERS AND THIS HAS TO BE PAID FOR.

To donate to the flower fund, please contact the Treasurer direct with donations, put them in an envelope in the plate, or speak to me.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS PART OF OUR WORK.

Catriona Blackwood 554 6183
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PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello Everyone,

The good news is that traffic, including buses, is back to going both ways in Leith Walk, which may make it easier to get to and from church and church events. There is some parking, but how that will work out is not yet fully clear. The pastoral care group has been available to support members who are going through happy, sad or thoughtful times, including sending flowers and cards. As ever, we can only do this if we know something has happened. Thank you for keeping us up to date via the minister, your Elder, or me. Please may I have articles for April by 19th March? Thank you.

Catriona Blackwood
Pastoral Committee Member and Magazine Editor
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GIVING TO PILRIG ST PAUL'S

Please consider making a donation by visiting our website 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. Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Wexelstein

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Please note that the main hall is fully booked for the rest of 2023

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