



EASTER AT PILRIG St PAUL'S



APRIL 2023

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 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, either names and other details are omitted or specific permission to use details has been received). 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.

PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH APRIL 2023

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WE MEET JOINTLY WITH LEITH St ANDREW'S AND St MARGARET'S RESTALRIG IN TURN. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS AND TIMES

From the second Sunday 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 2nd APRIL 2023 at 11am

**JOINT SERVICE AT LEITH St ANDREWS, EASTER ROAD
THERE IS NO SERVICE IN PILRIG St PAUL'S THIS DAY**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES, SEE PAGE 7

SUNDAY 9th APRIL EASTER WORSHIP AT 11 AM



**Tuesday April 11th GUILD AGM
See also page 8**



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 St James Scottish Episcopal Church on Thursday 13th April at 1pm.

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL HOLY COMMUNION AT 11. AM



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.

From our minister:

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” – Matthew 23: 12

Dear All,

John Calvin (1509-1564) was the French pastor, theologian, and reformer who based his ministry in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation. Today he is remembered as the principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology that bears his name: *Calvinism*, which was at the heart of the Scottish Reformation and is still to be found in the theology and practices of The Church of Scotland today.

It was a privilege and a blessing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday 19 March. And 25 years of ministry has taught me that the Church and its people are at our best when, like Calvin, we abandon our “know-it-all” mentality and embrace a “learn-it-all” curiosity.

Our faith includes many heartfelt convictions, but that doesn’t mean that we have all the answers. We grow in our faith and our relationship with God when we stop recycling the old answers that we learnt off by heart and start asking new questions of ourselves and our beliefs. When adopting an open mind, we quickly discover that there are many more questions than we had previously

imagined, and that coming to faith might mean we experience a greater alertness to life and to the holy than we've known ever before.

After 25 years of ministry, I still have much to learn and many questions that remain unanswered. However, I hope and pray that I will keep my own "teachable frame" and always encourage others to do the same.

Blessings

Mark

Joint Social at Leith St. Andrew's

You are warmly invited to join us all at Leith St. Andrew's for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment on Sunday 23rd April after worship.

This event is free but tickets are essential so we know numbers for catering.

Lunch will be served from approximately 12.15.

Please see John Innes for tickets.

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.



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello Everyone,

It is lovely to see more people in Church with the warmer weather and easier accessibility by bus. 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 gate via the minister, your Elder or me. Please may I have articles for May by 23rd April? Thank you.

Catriona Blackwood

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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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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE SHARED OVER THE THREE
CHURCHES**

Wed 5 Apr - Pilrig St Paul's Church

Thur 6 Apr - Leith St. Andrew's Church

Fri 7 Apr - St. Margaret's Church

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

We are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 10th June at the **LEITH FESTIVAL TEA TENT** which is run by the Church of Scotland Leith Churches.

We require people for the following duties:-

- Transport tables and chairs before 8.30am and after 4pm
- Help set up from 8.30am and clear up after 4pm
- Be on the stall from 9.30am until 4pm
- Supply home baking
- Help make the filled roll

If you can help in any way please can you contact Michelle Doig towardsournewparish@gmail.com

I have pencilled in a meeting with everyone involved for Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

Thanks

Michelle

Tea tent co-ordinator for Leith Churches



Our members take part in the projects run by the whole Guild. The current three year projects are as below, with the amounts raised so far:

PROJECTS 2021- 2024 LOOK FORWARD IN FAITH

	<u>TOTALS</u>
BEAT There is Hope (UK)	£35,773.10
PIONEERS Chocolate Heaven (South East Asia)	£25,135.38
STARCHILD Finding the light in Every Child (Uganda)	£34,884.20
VINE TRUST Kazuznu Village of Hope (Tanzania)	£40,526.84
HOME FOR GOOD A home for good (Scotland)	£47,242.20
UNIDA Hear our Voice (Brazil)	£16,148.55
	£199,710.27



Congratulations to Mark on the 25th Anniversary of his ordination.



*A Service of
Thanksgiving and Remembrance*

in

PILRIG ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
Pilrig Street x Leith Walk

Sunday 7 May 2023
at 2:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



Edinburgh Northeast Foodbank needs drivers and driver's mate/assistant

Are you looking for a new challenge this Year?

Are you able to spare a few hours each week?

**Are you enthusiastic and able to build good relationships
and**

**Are you someone like us who believes good food should be
accessible to all and food poverty is an injustice?**

**Edinburgh NE Foodbank works with local supermarkets
and businesses who are willing to donate food to our Leith
warehouse, foodbank centres and Pantry. In supporting
the operation of the Foodbank, they also help to reduce
food waste in our City.**

**Pickups and distributions usually happen each Tuesday
and Friday morning, however, don't let this stop you
applying we may need you other times!**

**There is a level of fitness required to help move load and
unload crates of food donations in loaded crates**

If you cannot drive we can still use your strength.

**If you are able and willing to drive a transit van, you will need
to hold a full driving licence.**

Sounds like you?

**Please contact info@edinburghne.foodbank.org.uk or call
0131 553 5694 for more information**

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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

Please help to keep this up to date by letting the minister or Catriona Blackwood know of any changes we should make to this section, thank you.



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HALL LETS –contact psp.halluse@gmail.com to make a booking.

Note the main hall is fully booked for the rest of 2023

Scottish Charity no. SCO07277

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 the diligence of one of our Elders 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, THANK 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 put them in an envelope in the plate, contact the Treasurer direct with donations, or speak to me.

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

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