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PILRIG ST PAULS CHURCH

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, for the online version, 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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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>

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 MAY 2023

ON WEEK 1 OF THE MONTH WE MEET JOINTLY WITH LEITH St ANDREW'S AND St MARGARET'S RESTALING IN TURN. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS AND TIMES THIS MONTH
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 7th MAY 2023 at 11am
JOINT SERVICE AT PILRIG St PAUL'S
SUNDAY 7th MAY at 2.30pm
BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

(please note this service will NOT be on facebook)

Tuesday May 9th 2pm GUILD. DVD



Christian Aid Week is 14-20 May 2023. Your gifts this year could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children. PLEASE PUT DONATIONS IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED CHRISTIAN AID IN THE OFFERING PLATE.



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 South Leith Church, CofS, on Thursday 11th May at 1pm.

Please see page 5 re foodbank

From our minister:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' – John 20:19

Dear All,

Sometimes when we've had a series of tough knocks in life, all we want to do is hide away from others. Great disappointments can be such a cruel blow that all we want to do is lock ourselves away from the world and stop trying new things because of the fear that we will experience further heartache and pain in our lives. It seems easier to stay within the confines of our current situation rather than open our hearts to the possibilities of something new or something better, but in doing so we often end up suffocating our souls and stop living our lives.

The Easter message calls us out of heartache, pain, and death to the possibility of new life. Jesus called this kind of life "abundant life", or, as the New English Bible phrases it, "life in all its fullness." It is life full of meaning, full of purpose; a life that empowers us to healthy, spiritually centered lifestyles, staying fully alive ourselves, and contributing to the well-being of the families, communities, and society we belong to.

The Easter message reminds us that the man who suffered his own heartache and pains, and who even gave up his life for the sake of love, is paradoxically the most 'alive' person the planet has ever known. The hope that the Easter story gives us today, is that God does not let death and despair have the final word.

Whenever we are hit by the heartaches of life, we can lock ourselves away from the world and stifle our spirits, or we can open ourselves up to the transforming power of resurrection and live life in all its fullness.

Resurrection happens because God is Spirit and is not bound by mortality. The promise of new life, even life beyond death, is real because those who live in God live beyond the boundaries of our own mortality.

Resurrection happens whenever we open our lives to the transforming love of God in our lives. It happened in the lives of the fearful, confused, and grieving followers of Jesus over 2,000 years ago, and it can happen in the lives of all those who follow his message of living “life in all its fullness” today.

May you know the power and blessing of God’s resurrection presence in your lives this Season.

Blessings
Mark



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. ANY PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS YOU HAVE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE DONATIONS BASKET.



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello Everyone,

May sees the joint service with Leith St Andrew's and St Margaret's returning to Pilrig St Paul's. We look forward to welcoming members from the other churches as well as our own congregation and visitors. As I have been asked for the whole year plan, I have reprinted it on page 7 of this magazine, and also made copies which can be uplifted from the doorway. I hope this is helpful. Thank you to those who have sent contributions this month. Please may I have articles for June by May 22nd. There is a 2 month break in July and August.

We have been able to send or deliver flowers and have sent cards to members, some celebrating, some needing support at less happy times in their lives.

Catriona 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 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.

WORSHIP ROTA 2023

DATE	Venue	Time
05/02/2023	Pilrig St. Paul's	11:00 am
05/03/2023	St. Margaret's	10:30am
02/04/2023	Leith, St. Andrew's	11:00am
07/05/2023	Pilrig St. Paul's	11:00am
04/06/2023	St. Margaret's	10:30am
02/07/2023	Leith, St. Andrew's	11:00am
06/08/2023	Pilrig St. Paul's	11:00am
03/09/2023	St. Margaret's	10:30am
01/10/2023	Leith St. Andrew's	11:00am
05/11/2023	Pilrig St. Paul's	11:00am
03/12/2023	St. Margaret's	10:30am

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, THANK YOU. Every few months 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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From a letter sent by Pauline Robertson, Sailor's Society:

I've got an update regarding the future of the Sailors' Society and my appointment.

The society has made the difficult decision to cease 'face to face' chaplaincy, globally. This is to concentrate on online digital platforms of support for seafarers. Sadly the funding is just not there anymore.

This means my appointment ends at the beginning of June, and so does the work of the wonderful ship visitor volunteers.

LCT and the society have a long history and been great contributors/ support to the chaplaincy over the years. I have personally appreciated the Christmas appeals that have been so successful as congregations have 'been there' for the seafarers and contributed so much.

It's been an honour to serve the seafarers and walk with them, even for a short time.

A huge thank you for all the support congregations have provided over my nearly eight years and before that for Tim.

Blessings

Pauline Robertson DCS.

It is very sad that this valuable service is closing. Thank you to Pauline and Tim who have done so much work and kept us up to date. Ed



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**

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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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.

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*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