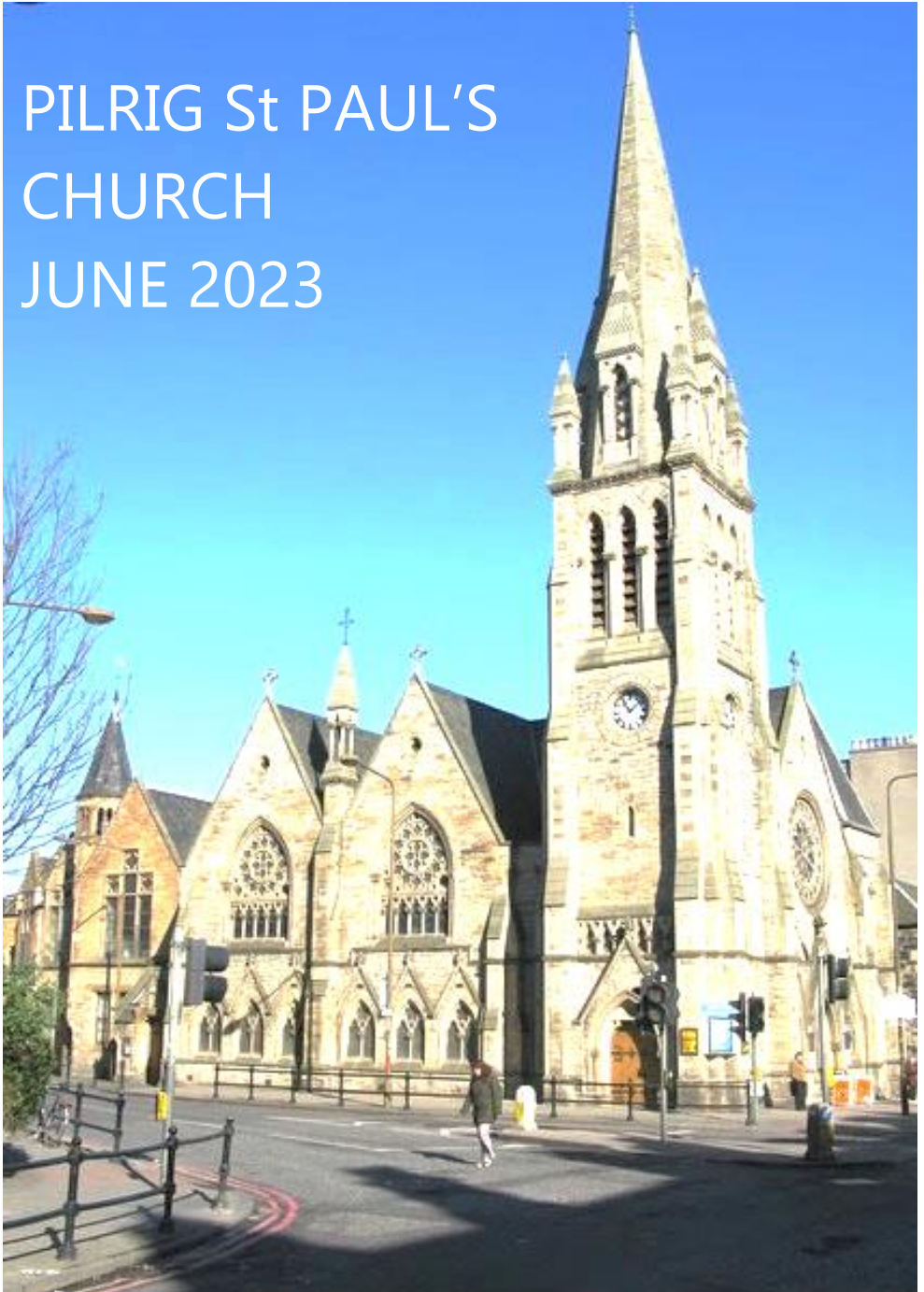


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PILRIG St PAUL'S MAGAZINE

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 JUNE 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 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 4th JUNE
JOINT SERVICE AT ST MARGARET'S RESTALIRG
At 10.30am

SUNDAY 25th JUNE HOLY COMMUNION at 11am
Please also see centre pages



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 Duke Street URC on Thursday 8th June



Our foodbank at Pilrig St Paul's continues to be open for clients. 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 REALLY HELPFUL. PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE DONATIONS BASKET.

From our minister

Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' – Matthew 8:20

Dear All,

I love to travel, but travel can be exhausting. There are so many things that can disrupt and drain you when you are on the move: timetable delays; security checks; keeping track of your baggage; and detours, to name but a few. I suspect that for many people travel is just something we must endure until we get to our destination and can recover.

However, when we look at the gospels, we clearly see that Jesus spent very little time staying in any place. He was almost constantly on the move from town to town, travelling from city to countryside and back again. The only modern-day equivalent of such constant travelling that I can think of would be the lives of refugees fleeing from home and country, travelling long distances in search of somewhere safe to stay. But Jesus' travelling wasn't enforced on him by the actions of others. Instead, it was something that he seemed to embrace. It seems that for Jesus that the journey was just as important as the destination.

We shouldn't be surprised then that early Christians called the Church, the *Way*. They didn't so much belong to it but travelled with it. It was a movement and not a static

organisation. Perhaps there's a lesson in this for us today? If as a Church, we rarely travel then we will never reach our destination. If there's no movement in our imagination, our conscience, our opinions, our desires, our worship, and our commitments, then we will always have a long way to go.

Yes, travel can be exhausting, but it broadens our lives, our minds, and our relationship with God. Travel opens us up to new opportunities and experiences. Ultimately, travel brings us nearer to our ultimate destination of bringing the Kingdom of heaven to earth.

Whenever we travel, we do so in the knowledge that the risen Christ travels alongside us every step of the journey – guiding, encouraging, and supporting us on the journey.

Blessings
Mark



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.

EVENTS OVER THE SUMMER



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.

**Thursday 13th July Newhaven Church of Scotland
We meet at 1pm. All welcome!**

The August date and venue will be announced in the intimations.

**ON WEEK 1 OF THE MONTH WE MEET JOINTLY WITH
LEITH St ANDREW'S AND St MARGARET'S RESTALIRG
IN TURN. THE SUMMER DATES AND DETAILS ARE:**

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

**The Minister and Kirk Session of Pilrig St
Paul's Church**

invite you

to

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

on

Sunday 25th June 2023 at 11 am

**This is the Lord's Table. Anyone who loves
God and responds to Christ's invitation to
join together in this feast is welcome to join
us in the celebration.**

**As well as wine, there are cups of plain
water on the serving trays, please take
whichever you prefer.**



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello Everyone,

We have been able to send flowers and greetings to members of the congregation and it is lovely to see so many people at tea and coffee after the service. As usual, we have welcomed visitors from home and further afield to our worship.

There is no magazine in July and August. Thank you for the articles and information I have received this year.

Special thanks to Mark Foster for his regular letters, to John Innes and Maria Croall who keep me up to date with articles and information and also for John for printing the magazine and to my husband for proof reading it.

Please may I have articles for September by 20th August.

Catriona Blackwood

Pastoral Committee member and Magazine Editor

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Donating to the Flower Fund recently:

David and Margaret Fraser, Maria Croall, Catriona Blackwood and others who did not add their name.

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



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.

This will be revised and updated over the summer. Please advise the minister or Catriona Blackwood of any changes you would like to make.

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.

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