



**JOINT HARVEST
SERVICE
SUNDAY
1ST OCTOBER
LEITH
ST ANDREWS
CHURCH 11AM**

**PILRIG ST PAUL'S
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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

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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 OCTOBER 2023

ON WEEK 1 OF THE MONTH WE MEET JOINTLY WITH LEITH St ANDREW'S AND St MARGARET'S RESTALRIG IN TURN. 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

**Joint Harvest Service – Sunday 1st October Leith
St Andrews Church 11am. ***



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 12 October at Leith St Andrew's.

Tuesday 10th October 1pm The Guild, see page 6

**Thursday 12th October 7.30pm Session Meeting,
Open Doorway**

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



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.

***WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 10th BIRTHDAY WITH THE HARVEST FESTIVAL. SEE PAGE 7**

From our minister:

Dear All,

Some people like to travel light. They take the minimum number of items with them when going away. They count the number of days they will be away and pack just that number of pairs of socks, etc. No more and no less. While others have an “in case” attitude towards traveling. They will pack numerous different outfits to cover any possible changes to the weather, planned activities, and social engagements that may or may not occur while they are away.

Jesus was clearly in the former category. When sending his disciples on their first journey without him, he gave them instructions about what they should take and what they should leave behind. The list was brief and certainly didn't contain any “in case” items.

Some people believe that Jesus gives this advice to his disciples so that they would learn to trust others. It was Jesus' way of encouraging them to engage with the people they met. After all, when you don't have enough to go on, you must turn to those around you for what you need.

But there is another possible explanation. The items that Jesus told his disciples to leave behind are the same items that worshipers were told to leave outside the temple before they entered. People were to divest themselves of their money, their sandals, their cloaks, and staffs before stepping on holy ground. So, when Jesus told his disciples to travel light, he was perhaps encouraging them to approach the whole world as if it is holy ground, a place where they could expect to encounter God.

Every time we leave our homes, we decide what to wear and what to take with us – whether we are heading to do the weekly shopping,

to meet friends for a coffee, or going to work. What if we stepped out into the world each day with the mindset that we were going to be stepping on holy ground? Not dressed in our “Sunday Best” as if we were going to church. But as if we were going to encounter God in every place, in every moment, and in every person we met. What then?

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.

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



The Guild recommences on Tuesday 10th October at 1 o'clock with a soup and sandwich lunch. The guild meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Church Session House and new members, Ladies and Gents will be made very welcome. Marjory

ST. MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Fayre will be held on Saturday, 18th November, from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. in the McLaren Halls. We are looking for donations of bottles of wine, books and jigsaws and unwanted **NEW** gifts (no bric-a-brac). Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help out, please speak to one of the Fellowship Team, or phone the Church Office on 0131 554 7400. Alternatively, just come along and enjoy the Fayre. Everyone will be most welcome. Many thanks.



Life and Work is available monthly. To purchase it from the church, or for details of having it posted or sent electronically, please contact me. The cost for 2024 remains at £42, or can be shared with another at £21 each.
Catriona Blackwood

Joint Harvest Service – Sunday 1st October Leith

St Andrews Church 11am

To mark the 10th Anniversary of the Edinburgh NE Foodbank we are holding a joint Harvest Service with the 6 churches across Leith (South Leith, North Leith, Newhaven, Pilrig St Pauls, Leith St Andrews and St Margarets). We hope as many people as possible, from foodbank volunteers to family and friends will come and join us in this thanksgiving service.

We will be having a food collection at the service, if you are able to bring something along to support this collection here is a list of some of the foods, we are currently in need of.

- **Tinned/Cup a Soup**
- **Tinned Meat**
- **Tinned Fish**
- **Tinned Rice pudding**
- **Rice**
- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Jam**
- **Cereal**
- **Chocolate Biscuits**
- **Coffee**
- **Hot Chocolate**

**Alison Roxburgh,
Edinburgh NE Foodbank General Manager**



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello,

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the late summer sunshine and warmth, whether by being out and about or sitting at a window. Thank you for keeping us up to date with congregational news, so that we can keep in touch with members. Lisa Innes is organising fresh flowers in the church again, when possible. Please contact her for details. If you prefer to donate money, please put it in a separately labelled envelope in the collection plate. Please may I have articles for November by October 22nd, thank you.

Catriona Blackwood

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