



PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH
APRIL 2024

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.

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 should contact magazine Editor. For more information about our groups and organisations, find contact details at the back of the magazine. Although no longer a requirement, hand sanitizer and 1 metre spaced seating are available. You are welcome to wear a mask while with us.

PILRIG ST PAUL'S CHURCH APRIL 2024

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, Sunday services take place in each church. At Pilrig St Paul's, doors open 10.35am with services also on Facebook, to watch live or later.

ALL WELCOME TO EVERY SERVICE

Thursday 4th April - 7pm Alpha Course, open doorway

Sunday 7th April - Joint Service at Pilrig St Paul's

Tuesday 9th April - Guild AGM. Singing of Favourite Hymns

Thursday 11th April - 10.30-12noon Open Doorway

7pm Alpha Course, Open Doorway

7.30 pm Session meeting, Session Room

Sunday 14th April - Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday 18th April - 7pm Alpha Course, open doorway

7.30pm Board Meeting, Session Room

Sunday 21st April - Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday 25th April -10.30-12noon Open Doorway

7pm Alpha Course Open Doorway

Sunday 28th April - Communion Service in the Sanctuary

CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

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.

From our Minister:

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- Mark 16:8

Dear All,

The four gospels all agree that Jesus died and that his body was laid in a tomb. But then they diverge. Each one gives us a slightly different account of what happened next. The gospel of Mark finishes abruptly with the women fleeing in terror from the empty tomb. The gospel of Matthew has Jesus appearing to the women at the empty tomb and then to his disciples in Galilee. The gospel of Luke has Jesus appearing to two of his followers on the road to Emmaus and then to his disciples in Jerusalem, before leading them out to Bethany where he ascends into heaven. The gospel of John has Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, then on several further occasions to his disciples in Jerusalem and by lake Galilee. It looks as if we have one story, but with four different endings!

Such differences and discrepancies have resulted in many people questioning the gospel accounts over the years. But here's the truth: It doesn't matter. The authors of the gospels weren't trying to write endings to their gospels that matched neatly with one another. Instead, they were writing beginnings. Each of the gospel accounts describe how different people experienced Easter in their own unique way.

The same is true today. Easter is not a history lesson with a tidy ending. Easter is never the end of the story. Instead, it is an invitation for us to have a new beginning in our lives. This new beginning will take different forms and will have different storylines for each one of us – depending on our own lives and situations.

This Easter I hope that the resurrection of Christ has a transforming effect on your own life – that you too will have the potential for new beginnings and a new relationship with God.

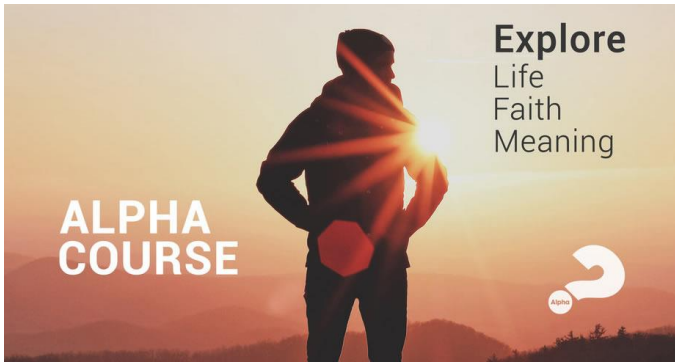
Blessings,

Mark

**The Minister and Kirk Session of
Pilrig St Paul's Church
invite you
to
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
On
Sunday 28 April 2024 at 11am**

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.



ALPHA AT PILRIG ST PAUL'S

Address: 1B Pilrig Street EH6 5AH

**Every Thursday at 7pm – 8.30pm from 22nd
February 2024 for 11 weeks**

Come along to our Alpha course for a lively discussion in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Free food/refreshments will be provided.

Alpha is an invitation to explore life's biggest questions and a chance to look at the life and message of Jesus.

For more information or to book a place please email

flaoshe@churchofscotland.org.uk



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



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello,

The evenings are longer, but it is still quite cold and wet. Hopefully our less able members have been able to keep warm and dry. Thanks to those who make sure the heating is on in the right place at the right time.

The Open Doorway is busy with the weekly foodbank and Alpha course, and the drop in continues two Thursday mornings a month.

Details are on page 3.

For those members and adherents who read the magazine online, I am happy to supply a full prayer and thank you list or extra contact details. This is not made generally available for reasons of confidentiality.

Please may I have articles for the May magazine by 21st April, thank you.

Catriona Blackwood
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Sir James MacMillan talk: “Chant, the music of Faith, and its influence on the history of music”, Tuesday 23 April, 7:30pm, St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral, Broughton Street, Edinburgh
Sir James MacMillan’s concert music is broadcast and performed throughout the world and he travels the globe working with some of classical music’s top ensembles as a conductor. Join music lovers across the city for a rare opportunity to hear insights from one of the world’s most acclaimed classical music composers.
All are welcome, you can book free tickets here: <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

Pilrig St Paul's Church

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
YOU JOINING US IN THE
OPEN DOORWAY TO
RELAX AND CHAT OVER
TEA AND COFFEE**

OPEN TO ALL

11th APRIL 2024

25th APRIL 2024

9th MAY 2024

23rd MAY 2024

13th JUNE 2024

27th JUNE 2024

10.30am – 12noon

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

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Scottish Charity no. SCO07277

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