



**PILRIG St PAUL'S CHURCH
MAY 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 MAY 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 2nd May - 7pm Alpha Course, open doorway

Sunday 5th May - Joint Service at Leith St Andrews

Sunday 12th May- Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday 9th May - 10.30-12noon Open Doorway

7pm final Alpha Course, Open Doorway

Sunday 19th May - Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday 16th May - 1.30pm, McLaren Halls

St Margaret's Restalrig Film see page 6

7.30pm Congregational Board

Thursday 23rd May -10.30-12noon Open Doorway

Sunday 26th May - 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. See article on page 10



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:

There is peace within a garden, a peace so deep and calm.
That when the heart is troubled, It's like a soothing balm.
There's life within a garden, A life that still goes on.
Filling the empty places, when older plants have gone.
There's glory in the garden, at every time of year,
Spring, summer, autumn, winter, it fills the heart with cheer.
So everyone tend your garden, its beauty to increase.
For in it you will find solace, and in it you will find peace.

- Lady Langham Rosamund

Dear All,

Spring has sprung! There are blossoms on the branches and flowers appearing in the gardens. Green leaves are developing on the trees and the grass is growing. The gardeners among you will know only too well that this heralds a period of increased activity. Grass and hedges need to be cut and trimmed. Old growth needs to be pruned back. Seedlings are planted and emerging shoots need to be trained and supported.

The same can be said for the gardens of our lives. God may have planted the first seeds of love in each of us and provided us with the support and encouragement that we needed to grow, but we still need to look after ourselves. Whatever the season, and whatever we are having to weather in life, there is always work needing to be done.

At the start of another season in the church calendar we are invited to take time to tend the gardens of our lives – to weed out the things that suffocate our love; to prune back the feelings that shade out our compassion; and to feed and nourish all that is good in our lives, so that we may grow, blossom, and bear the fruits of our faith.

As Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit... Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.' (John 15)

It is the same too for our church community. If we wish to grow and flourish, we need to reflect on where we need to weed and prune; and what we need to feed and nourish as we look towards the union of Pilrig St. Paul's, Leith St. Andrew's, and St. Margaret's. As part of this process, we need to reflect on the ways in which we care for one another; how we use the talents of everyone in the tasks we do; and how we serve the community in which we live, work, and worship.

As the Steering Group seeks to pursue new ventures and new ways of being the church to our local community we will be asking for your help and support, so that together we may bear the fruits of our faith in the gardens of our lives and the community of our church.

Our faith reminds us that when prayers and people are brought together great things can be achieved. Grafted into the life of Christ, and the lives of one another, we have the power to make many of our plans come true, as we work side by side to share the good news of God's love across our local community.

Blessings
Mark

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel!

Join us at St Margaret's for a free film afternoon on Thursday the 16th May at 1.30pm in the McLaren Halls



The film is rated PG-13 and is free for all attendees. It will be followed by a cream tea for the small fee of £2.50

For more info please call the church office on 0131 554 7400 or email flaoshe@churchofscotland.org.uk



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

ALPHA AT PILRIG ST PAUL'S

Every Thursday at 7pm – 8.30pm from 22nd February 2024 for 11 weeks.
Last day 9th May.



PILRIG ST. PAUL'S GUILD

It is with regret that the Guild at Pilrig St. Paul's is having to disband after approximately 100 years, we think.

We have been struggling with very low numbers for a few years, but as the Secretary/Convenor and Treasurer have decided that they are no longer able to continue it, means the Guild can no longer go on.

We would like to thank all who have supported the Guild over the years, by coming to our Fund Raising events, thus enabling us in turn to support the Guild Projects and to give a little to Our Church.

Thanks to all from "The Guild"

PROJECTS 2021 - 2024
LOOK FORWARD IN FAITH

	<u>PROJECT FIGURES</u>	
	From	01-Jun-21
	To	31-Mar-24
		<u>TOTAL</u>
BEAT		
There is Hope		£67,720.47
(UK)		
PIONEERS		£51,332.18
Chocolate Heaven		
(South East Asia)		
STARCHILD		£67,850.15
Finding the Light in Every Child		
(Uganda)		
VINE TRUST		£72,121.55
Kazuznu Village of Hope		
(Tanzania)		
HOME FOR GOOD		£89,829.32
A Home for Good		
(Scotland)		
UNIDA		£45,413.43
Hear our Voice		
(Brazil)		
		<u>£394,267.10</u>

Guild Project for the last 3 years, to which our Guild contributed.

CROSSREACH IN EDINBURGH

Dear Fellow Members,

As you know, Crossreach offers many and varied services to help those in need all over Scotland. It occurred to me, however, that you might be interested to know about the work which Crossreach does right here in our home town of Edinburgh. The scope and diverse nature of the services offered is, I think, quite amazing, as you will see from the list below.

THRESHOLD

20 Westfield Avenue

Support at home and day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities.

ESKMILLS

The Gate Lodge

27 Milton Road East

Supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities in Musselburgh and Portobello. Support at home for those learning disabilities.

MORLICH HOUSE

11 Church Hill

23 bedroom residential care home for older ladies.

QUEEN'S BAY LODGE

49 Milton Road East

28 bedroom residential care home for older people.

THE ELMS

148 Whitehouse Loan

Residential care home for older people with dementia.

Dementia Clinics provide training for families on caring for a loved one with dementia.

RESPIRE CARE All care homes can provide respite care.

HEART FOR ART

Charteris Centre

140 The Pleasance

and

Morningside Parish Church

2 Cluny Gardens

Creative art groups for people with dementia.

CROSSREACH PERINATAL SERVICE

8a Palmerston Place

Confidential perinatal counselling and therapy for anyone suffering due to pregnancy or early parenthood.

SUNFLOWER GARDEN

Simpson House

52 Queen Street

Counselling for children and young people affected by drug and alcohol use in their families.

COUNSELLING AND RECOVERY SERVICE

Simpson House

52 Queen Street

Confidential counselling and recovery services for adults affected by drug use.

CROSSREACH RANKEILLOR

10 Palmerston Place

Accommodation, advice and support for people moving towards more secure and settled housing.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

205 Cowgate

Safe and supportive hostel accommodation for up to 2 years for homeless adults.

If anyone would like further information about any of the above services, I will do my best to help.

Our Christian Faith tells us that love should be the driving force behind all that we do. In the work of Crossreach, we see what can happen when that love translates into action. Lives can be and are being transformed, and many in need can be touched by comfort and hope. Crossreach is, in part, funded by the offerings which you give Sunday by Sunday, and so I hope, dear members, that you feel that you play a part in what Crossreach is doing.

May God bless us all as we strive in our many and different ways to put our faith into action.

Christine Edington (Crossreach contact)



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello,

It is sad news that our Guild has disbanded after about 100 years, see pages 8 and 9. The Guild and their projects have been an inspiration to us all over the years. We wish all the members well and hope that they are able to continue meeting up at services.

The three churches Alpha Course finishes its eleven week run on May 9th. Thanks to Fadz and her team who have run it.

The film Best Exotic Marigold Hotel will be shown at St Margaret's Church on 16th may. See page 6
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 available on line for reasons of confidentiality.

Please may I have articles for the June magazine by 19th May, thank you. There will be no magazine in July or August.

Catriona Blackwood
Pastoral Committee member and Magazine Editor

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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**

9th MAY

23rd MAY

13th JUNE

27TH JUNE

10.30am – 12noon

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
PILRIG STREET, MIDDLE DOOR,
PLEASE RING THE BELL**

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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