



**HARVEST 2024 AT
PILRIG St PAUL'S**

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 with us.

PILRIG ST PAUL'S CHURCH OCTOBER 2024

ALL WELCOME TO EVERY SERVICE

Sunday 6th October 11am Service in the Sanctuary
Mark Foster's final Service

Thursday 10th October 10.30-12noon Open Doorway
7pm Induction of Mark Foster into Pitlochry
Parish Church joined with Blair Atholl and Struan

Sunday 13th October **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
11am, in the sanctuary joined by our friends from Leith St Andrew's and
St Margaret's Restalrig. Donations of tins and long life goods for the
Foodbank welcomed

Sunday 20th October 11am Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday 24th October 10.30-12noon Open Doorway
7.30pm - Session Meeting Open Doorway
Please note change of date

Sunday 27th October 11am Communion Service in the sanctuary
Please see page 8.

CROSSREACH
Care you can put your faith in

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

Christine Edington will be happy to show a catalogue to anyone wanting
to order Christmas items from Crossreach.



Our foodbank at Pilrig St Paul's continues to be open for clients. Please bring donations of non-perishable item and put them in the basket in the church vestibule.

From our Minister:

Dear All,

In chapter 20: 17 - 36 of the Book of Acts, Paul gives his farewell message to the leaders from the Church in Ephesus before he heads off to pastures new in Jerusalem. This was a change that they needed to prepare for.

Although I'm not moving as far away as Paul did, I'm still heading off to pastures new, and as a result we too will be challenged with change.

Change isn't easy. It isn't supposed to be. That's often an important part of why we need it. In the face of our own change, perhaps we should let the advice from Paul be our guide? Although Paul doesn't know what the future holds for him in Jerusalem – he tells those he leaves behind that he is leaving in faith: -

- Faith that the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding him.
- Faith that he is doing Christ's work.
- Faith in the good news of God's grace.

Both you and I must trust ourselves to our faith as we go on different, yet similar, journeys. We too must have faith that the Holy Spirit is with us to guide us. Faith to pursue the work of Christ in whatever ways we can. And faith in the good news of God's grace.

As you enter yet another new chapter in the history of this congregation, stay alert to the opportunities that will arise for growing and developing your faith – and be ready to respond to them as I know you have done before.

Blessings

Mark



PASTORAL CARE and MAGAZINE

Hello,

It is certainly a time of change. We are about to say goodbye to Mark and Joanne and also to embark on the next part of our own journey. I am enjoying getting to know the members of Leith St Andrew's and St Margaret's Restalrig at joint services and events. Whatever the actual arrangements are, please be assured that pastoral care will continue for our members.

We have given out flowers, sent cards and made calls and phone calls over the past month.

Thank you for articles for this magazine. Please may I have articles for November by 20th October?

Anyone going to Pitlochry for Mark's induction, the Elders have have details of parking, which will be limited.

Catriona Blackwood

Pastoral Committee member and Magazine Editor

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Dear All

After 11 years I am now required to break this pastoral tie.

And as I look back in reflection, I picture your lives entwined with mine.

Across the generations you have shared with me:
 your hopes and dreams
 your worries and woes
 your joys and delights.

And with God's help, I have attempted, never perfectly, to....

 feed and nourish you
 inspire and motivate you
 laugh and cry with you
 love and walk with you
along God's narrow path of discipleship
through the wide, open highway of life.

Throughout the years you have
 shaped and fashioned me
 taught and challenged me
 loved and embraced me
as together we've grown.

And through it all I have become
a better Minister,
a better Christian,
and a better person.

Now the time has come for moving onwards,
along new paths
discovering new ways
experiencing new joys
stepping out with new faith –
still united in Christ – but now journeying apart.

So now I place you into God's hands –
For you belong to God, and always have done,
and I'm just grateful for the privilege of helping God hold
you for the past 11 years.

Thank you.

Mark

As we say goodbye to Mark and Joanne, we thank them for all they
have meant to us over the past 11 years. We hope that the
congregation in Pitlochry linked with Blair Atholl and Struan will gain
as much spiritual support and inspiration from them as we have had.
Editor

**The Kirk Session of
Pilrig St Paul's Church
invite you**

to

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

on

Sunday 27th October 2024 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.**

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Mark Wexelstein

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We have received thank you notes 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 me know of someone to include in this section. Catriona Blackwood



Edinburgh Northeast Foodbank needs drivers and driver's mate/assistant

Are you looking for a new challenge?

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 alison@edinburghne.foodbank.org.uk or
call 07723 325 311 for more informati**



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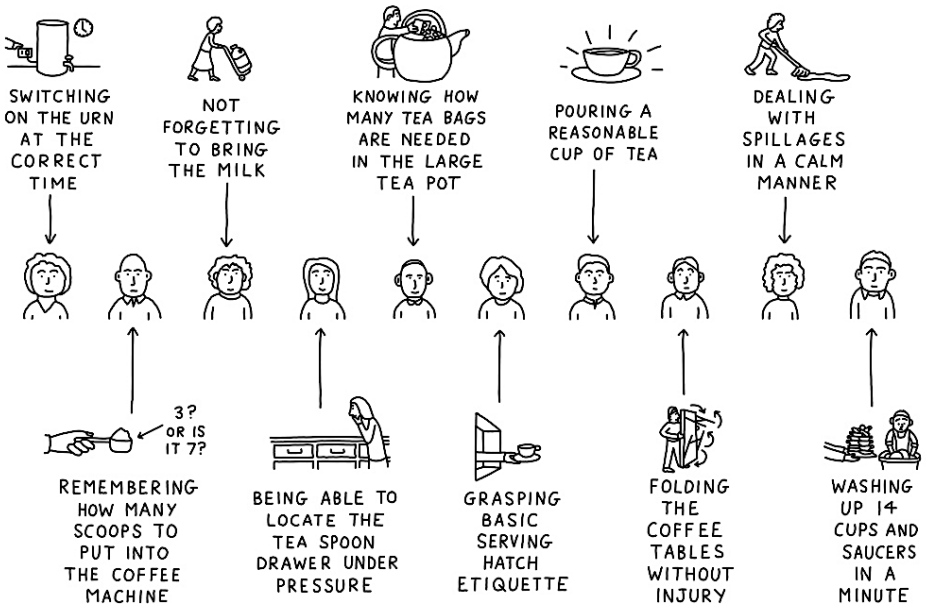
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